INCARNATION LUTHERAN CHURCH

+ Second Sunday after Epiphany • January 14th, 2024 +

Worship Notes: • Our Lector is Carrie Wood • Our Crucifer is Amy Kehl • We are in Setting 8 of the ELW •

PRELUDE: Prelude on "Here, I am, Lord" Janet Linker

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS Please stand as able and face the back of the church. Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, the Word made flesh, our life and our salvation. **Amen.** Trusting the goodness and lovingkindness of God our Savior,let us confess our sin.

God of life, you promise good news of great joy for all people, and call us to be messengers of your peace. We confess that too often we hoard our joy, our resources, and our security. We nurture conflict and build barriers. We neglect the needs of our neighbors and ignore the groaning of creation. Have mercy on us. Where we are self-centered, open our hearts. Where we are reluctant, give us courage. Where we are cynical, restore our trust. Renew us with your grace and give us again the hope of eternal life in you. Amen.

Hear the good news: We are children of God and heirs of God's promises through the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. In \pm Jesus we are forgiven and redeemed. Sing with joy, for all the ends of the earth shall know the salvation of God. **Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN: ELW 574

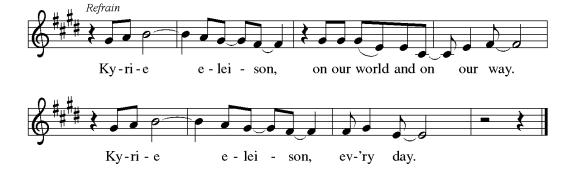
Here I Am, Lord

HERE I AM, LORD

GREETING

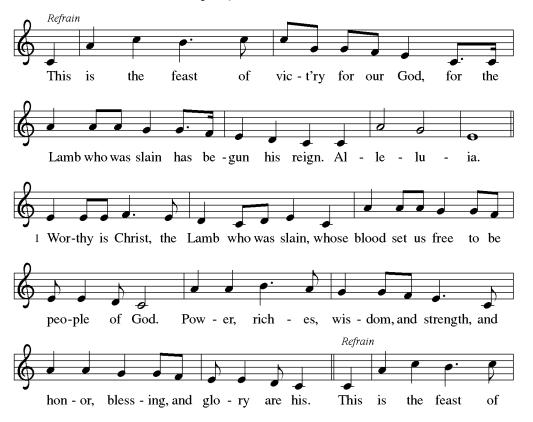
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

KYRIE: ELW p.184





CANTICLE OF PRAISE: ELW p.187





PRAYER OF THE DAY

Thanks be to you, Lord Jesus Christ, most merciful redeemer, for the countless blessings and benefits you give. May we know you more clearly, love you more dearly, and follow you more nearly, day by day praising you, with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Please be seated.

WORD

CHILDREN'S SERMON

FIRST READING: 1 Samuel 3:1-10 [11-20]

¹Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the LORD under Eli. The word of the LORD was rare in those days; visions were not widespread. ²At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; ³the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the LORD, where the ark of God was. ⁴Then he LORD called, "Samuel! Samuel!" and he said, "Here I am!" ⁵and ran to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call; lie down again." So he went and lay down. ⁶The LORD called again, "Samuel!" Samuel got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call, my son; lie down again." ¬Now Samuel did not yet know the LORD, and the word of the LORD had not yet been revealed to him. ⁸The LORD called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." Then Eli perceived that the LORD was calling the boy. ⁹Therefore Eli said to Samuel, "Go, lie

down; and if he calls you, you shall say, 'Speak, LORD, for your servant is listening.'" So Samuel went and lay down in his place. ¹⁰Now the LORD came and stood there, calling as before, "Samuel! Samuel!" And Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant is listening." ["Then the LORD said to Samuel, "See, I am about to do something in Israel that will make both ears of anyone who hears of it tingle. ¹²On that day I will fulfill against Eli all that I have spoken concerning his house, from beginning to end. ¹³For I have told him that I am about to punish his house forever, for the iniquity that he knew, because his sons were blaspheming God, and he did not restrain them. ¹⁴Therefore I swear to the house of Eli that the iniquity of Eli's house shall not be expiated by sacrifice or offering forever." ¹⁵Samuel lay there until morning; then he opened the doors of the house of the LORD. Samuel was afraid to tell the vision to Eli. ¹⁶But Eli called Samuel and said, "Samuel, my son." He said, "Here I am." 17Eli said, "What was it that he told you? Do not hide it from me. May God do so to you and more also, if you hide anything from me of all that he told you." 18 So Samuel told him everything and hid nothing from him. Then he said, "It is the LORD; let him do what seems good to him." 19 As Samuel grew up, the LORD was with him and let none of his words fall to the ground. 20 And all Israel from Dan to Beer-sheba knew that Samuel was a trustworthy prophet of the LORD.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18



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¹LORD, you have | searched me out;

O LORD, you | have known me.

²You know my sitting down and my | rising up; you discern my thoughts | from afar.

³You trace my journeys and my | resting-places and are acquainted with | all my ways.

⁴Indeed, there is not a word | on my lips, but you, O LORD, know it | altogether. R

⁵You encompass me, behind | and before, and lay your | hand upon me.

⁶Such knowledge is too wonder- | ful for me; it is so high that I cannot at- | tain to it.

¹³For you yourself created my | inmost parts; you knit me together in my | mother's womb.

¹⁴I will thank you because I am mar- | velously made; your works are wonderful, and I | know it well. R

¹⁵My body was not hid- den from you,

while I was being made in secret and woven in the depths | of the earth.

¹⁶Your eyes beheld my limbs, yet unfinished in the womb; all of them were written | in your book; my days were fashioned before they | came to be.

¹⁷How deep I find your | thoughts, O God!

How great is the | sum of them!

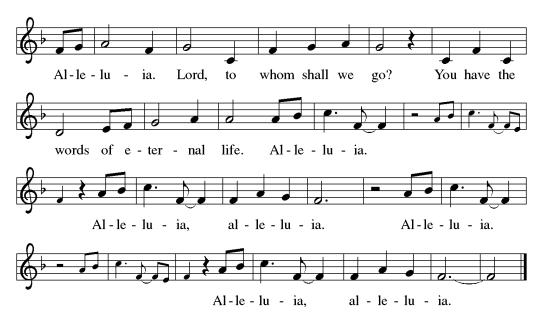
¹⁸If I were to count them, they would be more in number | than the sand; to count them all, my life span would need to | be like yours. **R**

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 6:12-20

¹²"All things are lawful for me," but not all things are beneficial. "All things are lawful for me," but I will not be dominated by anything. ¹³"Food is meant for the stomach and the stomach for food," and God will destroy both one and the other. The body is meant not for fornication but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. ¹⁴And God raised the Lord and will also raise us by his power. ¹⁵Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Should I therefore take the members of Christ and make them members of a prostitute? Never! ¹⁶Do you not know that whoever is united to a prostitute becomes one body with her? For it is said, "The two shall be one flesh." ¹⁷But anyone united to the Lord becomes one spirit with him. ¹⁸Shun fornication! Every sin that a person commits is outside the body; but the fornicator sins against the body itself. ¹⁹Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, which you have from God, and that you are not your own? ²⁰For you were bought with a price; therefore glorify God in your body.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: ELW p.188



GOSPEL: John 1:43-51 Please stand as able. Before the Reading: The Holy Gospel according to John. Glory to you, O Lord."

⁴³The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, "Follow me." ⁴⁴Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. ⁴⁵Philip found Nathanael and said to him, "We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth." ⁴⁶Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." ⁴⁷When Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him, he said of him, "Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!" ⁴⁸Nathanael asked him, "Where did you get to know me?" Jesus answered, "I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you." ⁴⁹Nathanael replied, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" ⁵⁰Jesus answered, "Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these." ⁵¹And he said to him, "Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man."

After the Reading: The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Please be seated.

HYMN OF THE DAY: ELW 737

He Comes to Us as One Unknown REPTON

THE APOSTLES' CREED

Please stand as able.

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Each petition concludes "God of grace," We respond: "receive our prayer."

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always. And also with you.

MEAL

The offering plate will be passed throughout the Congregation for those not using online giving.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM:

Epiphany Alleluias

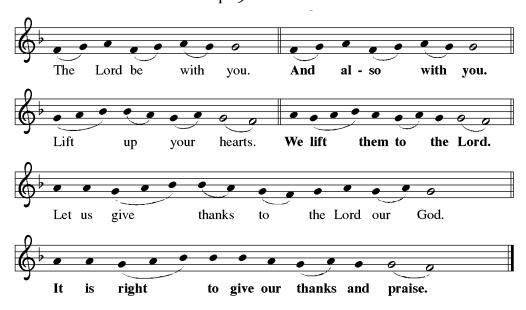
John Weaver

Please stand as able.

OFFERING PRAYER

Blessed are you, Holy One, for all good things come from you. In bread and cup you open heaven to us. Meet us at this table, that we receive what we seek and follow your Son, Jesus, in whose name we pray. **Amen.**

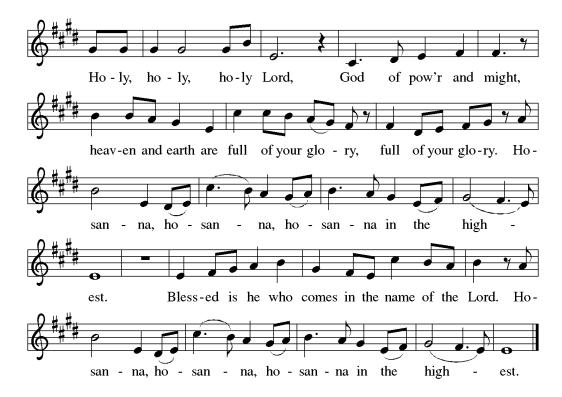
GREAT THANKSGIVING: ELW p.190



PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY: ELW p.190



EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.

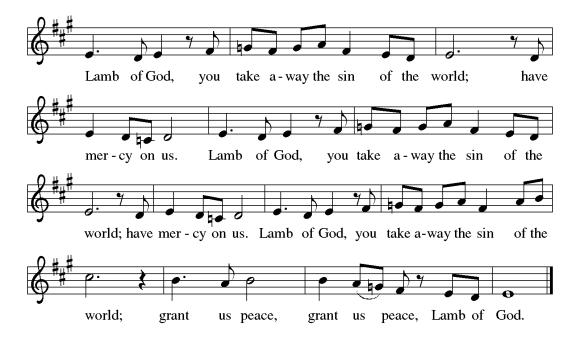
INVITATION TO COMMUNION

The gifts of God for the people of God. Welcome to the table of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Please be seated.

COMMUNION - We invite you to join with us in the sacrament of Holy Communion, as Jesus invites us all to the table. Please take an empty communion glass from the trays at the front of the church. The innermost ring of glasses are pre-filled with grape juice for those who prefer juice to wine. There are discard trays by the side aisles. Please follow the directions of the Ushers.

LAMB OF GOD: ELW p.191



COMMUNION HYMNS: ELW 583

ELW 464

Take My Life, That I May Be TOMA MI VOLUNTAD Bread of Life, Our Host and Meal JESUS, FEED US

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Please stand as able.

Giver of every gift, Christ's body is our food, and we are Christ's body. Raise us to life by your power for the benefit of all and to your glory, now and forever. **Amen.**

SENDING

BLESSING

SENDING HYMN: ELW 676

Lord, Speak to Us, That We May Speak *CANONBURY*

DISMISSAL:

Go in peace. You are God's beloved. **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE: Toccata Prima, from 1635 Girolamo Frescobaldi