

INCARNATION LUTHERAN CHURCH

✠ Seventh Sunday after Epiphany • February 23rd, 2025 ✠

Worship Notes: • Our Lector for today is Cheryl Carroll • Our Crucifer for today is Ken Custer • Our worship assistant for today is Stefanie Seebauer • We are in setting 4 of the ELW •

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND TEMPLE TALK

PRELUDE The Prayer of St. Francis music by John Sanders Solo: Elliott Stewart

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS *Please stand as able and face the back of the church.*
Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God, our creator, our protector, our wellspring of life. **Amen.**

Trusting that God receives our words and the meditations of our hearts, let us confess our sin.

Merciful God, **you speak blessing and compassion into the world. Forgive us for the ways we act with judgment, cruelty, or indifference. We ignore the needs of our neighbors; we resist your call to oppose injustice; we give in to scarcity and fear; we assume the worst about one another. Cleanse us from our faults and release us from their grasp. Grant us your grace. Restore our hearts and repair your world, that we may live in Christ's ways. Amen.**

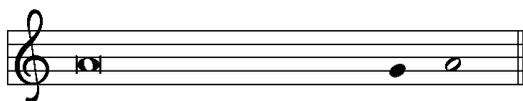
God proclaims these words of assurance: "Do not fear, for I have redeemed you. I have called you by name. You are mine." In ✠ Christ, you are forgiven. In the Spirit, you are made free. Refreshed by the waters of mercy, live anew as beloved children of God. **Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN: ELW 707 Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us
HYFRYDOL

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: p.147



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



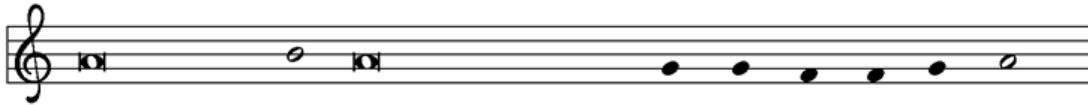
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. Lord have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de-fend us, gra-cious Lord. A - men.

THIS IS THE FEAST: p.148

Refrain
Assisting minister



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.

All



1 Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo-ple of God. Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and



strength, and hon - or and bless-ing and glo - ry are his.



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.



2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God and join in the



hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing and hon - or and glo - ry and



might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain



has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

O Lord Jesus, **make us instruments of your peace, that where there is hatred, we may sow love, where there is injury, pardon, and where there is despair, hope. Grant, O divine master, that we may seek to console, to understand, and to love in your name, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

Please be seated.

WORD

CHILDREN'S SERMON

FIRST READING: Genesis 45:3-11, 15

³ Joseph said to his brothers, "I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?" But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence. ⁴ Then Joseph said to his brothers, "Come closer to me." And they came closer. He said, "I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. ⁵ And now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life. ⁶ For the famine has been in the land these two years; and there are five more years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. ⁷ God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. ⁸ So it was not you who sent me here, but God; he has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of

Egypt. ⁹ Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, 'Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me, do not delay. ¹⁰ You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children's children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. ¹¹ I will provide for you there—since there are five more years of famine to come—so that you and your household, and all that you have, will not come to poverty.' ¹⁵ And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them; and after that his brothers talked with him.

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

PSALM: Psalm 37:1-11, 39-40

Sung responsively

The low - ly shall pos - sess the land; they will de -
light in a - bun - dance of peace.

- ¹ Do not be provoked by ¹ evildoers;
do not be jealous of those ¹ who do wrong.
- ² **For they shall soon wither ¹ like the grass,
and like the green grass ¹ fade away.**
- ³ Put your trust in the LORD ¹ and do good;
dwell in the land and ¹ find safe pasture.
- ⁴ **Take delight ¹ in the LORD,
who shall give you your ¹ heart's desire. R**
- ⁵ Commit your way to the LORD; put your trust ¹ in the LORD,
and see what ¹ God will do.
- ⁶ **The LORD will make your vindication as clear ¹ as the light
and the justice of your case like the ¹ noonday sun.**
- ⁷ Be still before the LORD and wait ¹ patiently.
Do not be provoked by the one who prospers, the one who succeeds in ¹ evil schemes.
- ⁸ **Refrain from anger, leave ¹ rage alone;
do not be provoked; it leads on - ¹ ly to evil. R**
- ⁹ For evildoers shall ¹ be cut off,
but those who hope in the LORD shall pos - ¹ sess the land.
- ¹⁰ **In a little while the wicked shall ¹ be no more;
even if you search out their place, they will ¹ not be there.**
- ¹¹ But the lowly shall pos - ¹ sess the land;
they will delight in abun - ¹ dance of peace.
- ³⁹ **But the deliverance of the righteous comes from ¹ you, O LORD;
you are their stronghold in ¹ time of trouble.**
- ⁴⁰ You, O LORD, will help them and ¹ rescue them;
you will rescue them from the wicked and deliver them, because in you ¹ they seek refuge. **R**

HYMN OF THE DAY: ELW 575

Please stand as able.
In Christ Called to Baptize
ST. DENIO

WELCOMING NEW MEMBERS p.234

Please be seated.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Each petition concludes “*God of grace,*” We respond: “**hear 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.

ANTHEM:

Whoever Would Be Great Among You

Ronald Nelson

OFFERTORY HYMN: ELW 884

Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow
Old Hundredth

OFFERING PRAYER

God of grace, your love reaches to the heavens, and your abundance to the depths of the seas. Bless what we offer to your service: our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts. Let us overflow with gratitude and generosity, now and always. **Amen.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING: p.152

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

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

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY: p.153



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,



heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.



Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes



in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

EUCCHARISTIC 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 joy of the Lord is our strength. Come, eat this meal of gladness. **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: p.154



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on



us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the



sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

COMMUNION HYMNS:

ELW 607

Come Ye Disconsolate
CONSOLATION

ELW 481

Come to the Table
JERUSALEM

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Nourishing God, at this table you have refreshed us with holy gifts of food and drink. Strengthen us for service, and send us out to embody your good news of liberation and healing for the sake of the world. In the name of Christ we pray, **Amen.**

SENDING

BLESSING

The Spirit of the triune God ✠ bless you with joy, anoint you with compassion, and send you in love. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN: ELW 711

O Day of Peace
JERUSALEM

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Live in hope. **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

The Rejoicing

Charles Callahan

Please join us after Worship for Coffee Time in the Fellowship Hall.