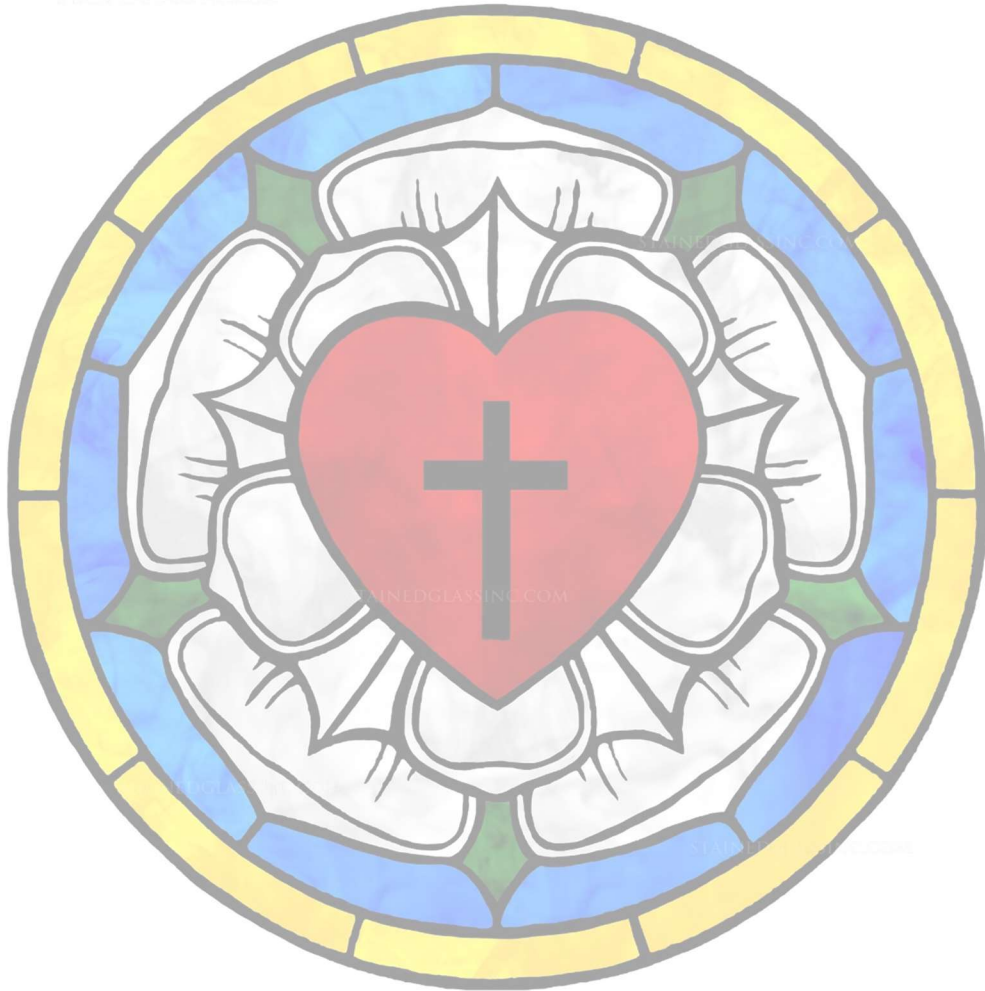


# INCARNATION LUTHERAN CHURCH

## ✠ Seventh Sunday in Epiphany ✠ February 20<sup>th</sup>, 2022

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**Worship Notes:**

Our Lector for today is Cheryl Carroll

Our Crucifer for today is Amy Kehl

Our Cantors for today are Emma Schwertfuehrer and Kevin Piner

Seminarian Gina Schaefer

ELW Setting 10

Altar Flowers are given by Mady Smith in memory of Ingrid E Smith

**GATHERING**

*The congregation is invited to sing all hymns and all parts of the liturgy.*

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**VOLUNTARY:**

Adagio, from Sonata in A minor, Wq. 70/4

CPE Bach  
(1714-1788)

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

*Please stand as able.*

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✚ one God, who creates us, redeems us, and calls us by name.

**Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Most merciful God, **we confess that we have sinned against you and your beloved children. We have turned our faces away from your glory when it did not appear as we expected. We have rejected your word when it made us confront ourselves. We have failed to show hospitality to those you called us to welcome. Accept our repentance for the things we have done and the things we have left undone. For the sake of Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us and lead us, that we may live in the glory of your Son born among us, and reflect your love for all creation. Amen.**

Rejoice in this good news: In ✚ Christ Jesus, your sins are forgiven. You are descendants of the Most High, adopted into the household of Christ, and inheritors of eternal life. Live as forgiven children of God. **Amen.**

**GATHERING HYMN: ACS 1043**

Spirit, Open My Heart  
*V.1: Sung by Choir, V. 2-3: All Sing*

*Refrain*

Spir-it, o - pen my heart to the joy and pain of

liv-ing. As you love may I love, in re - ceiv - ing

and in giv - ing. Spir - it, o - pen my heart.



1 God, re - place my ston - y heart with a heart that's  
 2 Write your love up - on my heart as my law, my  
 3 May I weep with those who weep; share the joy of



kind and ten - der. All my cold - ness and  
 goal, my sto - ry. In each thought, word, and  
 friend and neigh - bor. As I live from day to



fear to your grace I now sur - ren - der.  
 deed, may my liv - ing bring you glo - ry.  
 day, love will be my fin - est la - bor.

### 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.**

**CANTICLE OF PRAISE:** ELW p.204a

### 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

<sup>3</sup>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. <sup>4</sup>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. <sup>5</sup>And now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life. <sup>6</sup>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. <sup>7</sup>God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. <sup>8</sup>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. <sup>9</sup>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. <sup>10</sup>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. <sup>11</sup>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.' " <sup>15</sup>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.**

<sup>1</sup>Do not be provoked by | evildoers;  
do not be jealous of those | who do wrong.  
<sup>2</sup>For they shall soon wither | like the grass,  
and like the green grass | fade away. **R**

*Refrain 1*

Com - mit your way to the LORD; \_\_\_\_\_ put your

trust in the LORD, and see what God \_\_\_\_\_ will do.

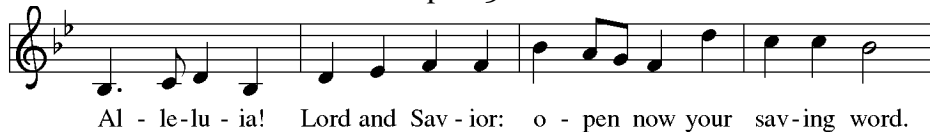
<sup>3</sup>Put your trust in the LORD | and do good;  
dwell in the land and | find safe pasture.  
<sup>4</sup>Take delight | in the LORD,  
who shall give you your | heart's desire. **R**  
<sup>5</sup>Commit your way to the LORD; put your trust | in the LORD,  
and see what | God will do.  
<sup>6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

**SECOND READING:** 1 Corinthians 15:35-38, 42-50

<sup>35</sup>But someone will ask, "How are the dead raised? With what kind of body do they come?" <sup>36</sup>Fool! What you sow does not come to life unless it dies. <sup>37</sup>And as for what you sow, you do not sow the body that is to be, but a bare seed, perhaps of wheat or of some other grain. <sup>38</sup>But God gives it a body as he has chosen, and to each kind of seed its own body. <sup>42</sup>So it is with the resurrection of the dead. What is sown is perishable, what is raised is imperishable. <sup>43</sup>It is sown in dishonor, it is raised in glory. It is sown in weakness, it is raised in power. <sup>44</sup>It is sown a physical body, it is raised a spiritual body. If there is a physical body, there is also a spiritual body. <sup>45</sup>Thus it is written, "The first man, Adam, became a living being"; the last Adam became a life-giving spirit. <sup>46</sup>But it is not the spiritual that is first, but the physical, and then the spiritual. <sup>47</sup>The first man was from the earth, a man of dust; the second man is from heaven. <sup>48</sup>As was the man of dust, so are those who are of the dust; and as is the man of heaven, so are those who are of heaven. <sup>49</sup>Just as we have borne the image of the man of dust, we will also bear the image of the man of heaven. <sup>50</sup>What I am saying, brothers and sisters, is this: flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable.

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

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:** ELW p.205a



**GOSPEL:** Luke 6:27-38

*Please stand as able.*

*Before the Reading:* The Holy Gospel according to Luke. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said:] <sup>27</sup>"But I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, <sup>28</sup>bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. <sup>29</sup>If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. <sup>30</sup>Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. <sup>31</sup>Do to others as you would have them do to you. <sup>32</sup>"If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. <sup>33</sup>If you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. <sup>34</sup>If you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. <sup>35</sup>But love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. Your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. <sup>36</sup>Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful. <sup>37</sup>"Do not judge, and you will not be judged; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven; <sup>38</sup>give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap; for the measure you give will be the measure you get back."

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

*Please be seated.*

HYMN OF THE DAY: ELW 453

Baptized and Set Free  
*BAPTIZED AND SET FREE*

**APOSTLES' CREED**

**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: "**Hear our prayer.**"

**PEACE**

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

*Please be seated.*

**MEAL**

**ANTHEM:**

"Come unto Christ"

Sally DeFord  
*(b.1959)*

**OFFERTORY:** ELW 885

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow  
*OLD HUNDRETH*

**OFFERING PRAYER**

Blessed are you, O God, Sovereign of the universe. You offer us new beginnings and guide us on our journey. Lead us to your table, nourish us with this blessed meal, and prepare us to carry your love to a hungry world, in the name of Christ our light.  
**Amen.**

**GREAT THANKSGIVING**

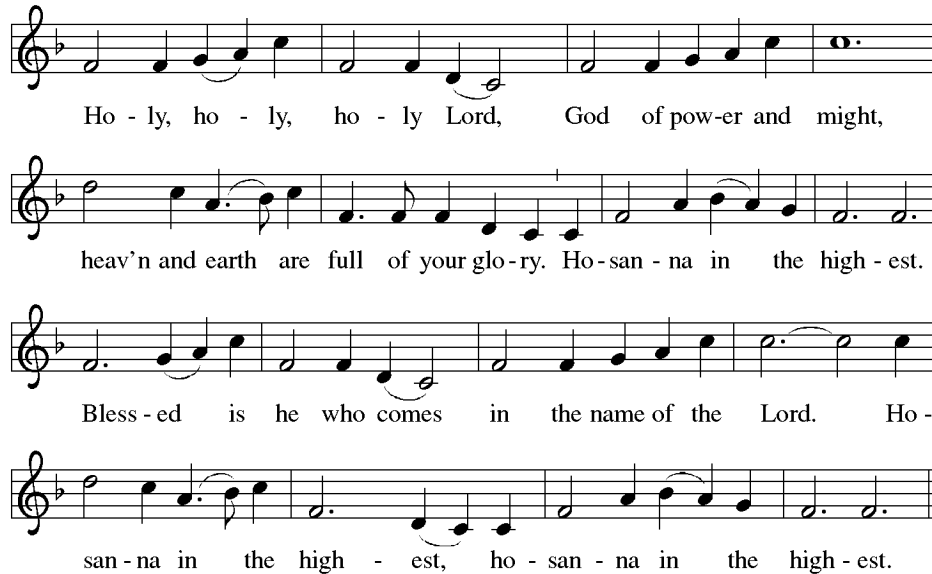
The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**  
Lift up your hearts.  
**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

**PREFACE ELW p.108**

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

**HOLY, HOLY, HOLY: ELW p.207**



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er 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, 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 gifts of God for the people of God. Welcome to the table of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## COMMUNION

*We invite you to take communion in your pew with the communion pods.*

The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you.

**Amen.**

## LAMB OF GOD: ELW p.201

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.

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

*Please stand as able.*

We give you thanks, gracious God, for we have been blessed by the abundance of your table.

Send us to bring good news and to proclaim your favor to all, strengthened with the richness of your grace in your Son, Jesus Christ.

**Amen.**

## SENDING

### BLESSING

God, who leads you in pathways of righteousness, who rejoices over you, and who calls you by name, ✠ bless your going out and your coming in, today and forever.

**Amen.**

## SENDING HYMN: ELW 603

God, When Human Bonds Are Broken  
*MERTON*

### DISMISSAL

Go with Christ. Share the good news.

**Thanks be to God.**

## POSTLUDE:

Allegro, from Sonata in A minor

CPE Bach

*Join us in the Fellowship Hall for coffee and donuts.*