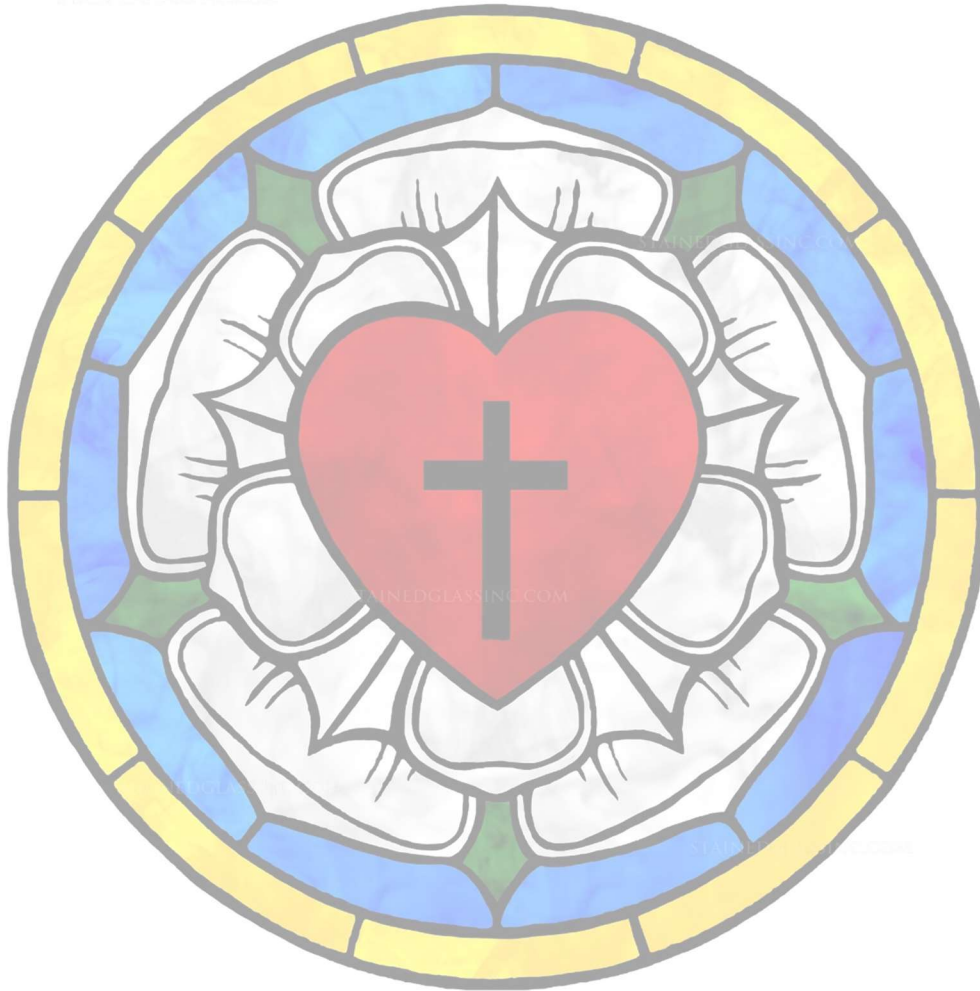


# INCARNATION LUTHERAN CHURCH

## ✝ Second Sunday in Lent ✝ March 13<sup>th</sup>, 2022

To facilitate our safe worship together, please follow all guidelines set forth by church staff; remain six feet away from others at all times and wear a mask. If you are considered high-risk, or have an immediate family member in isolation or quarantine, then please stay home and join us via Facebook for Worship at 10am. Bulletins, Communion cups, hand sanitizer, and extra masks are available at the entrance.



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**Worship Notes:**

Setting 12 from All Creation Sings (ACS) • Our Lector for today is Janet Hoffman  
Our Crucifer for today is Teresa Boykin • Our Cantors for today are Emma Schwertfuehrer and Kevin Piner •  
Seminarian Gina Schaefer • Congregational responses are in **bold**.

**GATHERING**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**VOLUNTARY:** Preamble; Opus 31, 1 Louis Vierne

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS** *Please stand as able.*

In the name of God, who makes a way in the wilderness, walks with us, and guides us in our pilgrimage. **Amen.**

**Holy One, we confess that we have wandered far from you: we have not trusted your promises, we have ignored your prophets in our own day, we have squandered our inheritance of grace, we have failed to recognize you in our midst. Have mercy on us! Forgive us and turn us again to you. Teach us to follow in your ways, assure us again of your love, and help us to love our neighbor. Amen.**

Beloved in Christ, the Word draws near to you, and all who call out to God shall be saved. In Jesus, God comes to you again and again and gathers you under wings of love. In **+** Jesus' name, your sins are forgiven. God journeys with you and teaches you how to live in love. **Amen.**

**GATHERING HYMN: ELW 321** Eternal Lord of Love, Behold Your Church  
*OLD 124<sup>TH</sup>*

**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: ACS p.708**

Ky - ri - e e - lei - son. Lord, have mer - cy.  
Chris - te e - lei - son. Christ, have mer - cy.  
Ky - ri - e e - lei - son. Lord, have mer - cy.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

God of the covenant, **in the mystery of the cross you promise everlasting life to the world. Gather all peoples into your arms, and shelter us with your mercy, that we may rejoice in the life we share in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.**

**Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

## WORD

## CHILDREN'S SERMON

### FIRST READING: Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18

<sup>1</sup>After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." <sup>2</sup>But Abram said, "O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" <sup>3</sup>And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." <sup>4</sup>But the word of the LORD came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir." <sup>5</sup>He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." <sup>6</sup>And he believed the LORD; and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness. <sup>7</sup>Then he said to him, "I am the LORD who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to possess." <sup>8</sup>But he said, "O Lord GOD, how am I to know that I shall possess it?" <sup>9</sup>He said to him, "Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtledove, and a young pigeon." <sup>10</sup>He brought him all these and cut them in two, laying each half over against the other; but he did not cut the birds in two. <sup>11</sup>And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away. <sup>12</sup>As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram, and a deep and terrifying darkness descended upon him. <sup>17</sup>When the sun had gone down and it was dark, a smoking fire pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces. <sup>18</sup>On that day the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying, "To your descendants I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates."

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

### PSALM: Psalm 27

The image shows a musical score for Psalm 27. It consists of three staves. The top staff is labeled 'desc.' and contains a melodic line with a long slur over it. The middle staff is labeled 'Choir' and contains the lyrics: 'In the day of trou- ble the Lord shall keep me safe.' The bottom staff is a bass line. The key signature has two flats (B-flat and E-flat) and the time signature is 3/4. The lyrics are written below the choir staff.



- 1 The LORD is my light and my salvation; ... whom then [shall] I fear?\*
- The LORD is the strength of my life; ... of whom then shall I [be] afraid?
- 2 When evildoers came upon me to [eat up] my flesh,\*
- it was they, ... my foes and my adversaries, ... who [stumbled] and fell.
- 3 Though an army should en-[camp] against me,\*
- yet my heart shall [not be] afraid;
- 4 and though war should [rise up] against me,\*
- yet will I [put] my trust in him.
- 5 One thing have I asked of the LORD; ... one [thing] I seek;\*
- that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the [days of] my life;
- 6 to behold the fair beauty [of] the LORD\*
- and to seek him [in] his temple.

*Antiphon*

- 7 For in the day of trouble he shall keep me [safe in] his shelter;\*
- he shall hide me in the secrecy of his dwelling, ... and set me high up-[on] a rock.
- 8 Even now he [lifts up] my head\*
- above my enemies [round] about me.
- 9 Therefore I will offer in his dwelling an oblation with [sounds of] great gladness;\*
- I will sing and make music [to] the LORD.
- 10 Harken to my voice O [LORD when] I call;\*
- have mercy on [me] and answer me.
- 11 You speak in my heart and say ["Seek] my face."\*
- Your face LORD [will] I seek.
- 12 Hide [not] your face from me,\*
- nor turn away your servant [in] displeasure.

*Antiphon*

- 13 You have been my helper; ... cast me [not] away;\*
- do not forsake me, ... O God of [my] salvation.
- 14 Though my father and my [mother] forsake me,\*
- the [LORD will] sustain me.
- 15 Show me your [way] O LORD;\*
- lead me on a level path be-[cause of] my enemies.
- 16 Deliver me not into the [hand of] my adversaries,\*
- for false witnesses have risen up against me, ... and also [those who] speak malice.
- 17 What if I had not believed that I should see the goodness [of] the LORD\*
- in the [land of] the living!
- 18 Oh tarry and await the LORD's pleasure; ... be strong and he shall [comfort] your heart;\*
- wait patiently [for] the LORD.

*Antiphon*

**SECOND READING:** Philippians 3:17--4:1

<sup>17</sup>Brothers and sisters, join in imitating me, and observe those who live according to the example you have in us. <sup>18</sup>For many live as enemies of the cross of Christ; I have often told you of them, and now I tell you even with tears. <sup>19</sup>Their end is destruction; their god is the belly; and their glory is in their shame; their minds are set on earthly things. <sup>20</sup>But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>21</sup>He will transform the body of our humiliation that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to himself. <sup>4:1</sup>Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

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

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:** ACS p.712



Noth-ing in all cre - a - tion can sep - a - rate us from the love of God.



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**GOSPEL:** Luke 13:31-35

*Please stand as able.*

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

<sup>31</sup>At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to [Jesus,] “Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you.” <sup>32</sup>He said to them, “Go and tell that fox for me, ‘Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. <sup>33</sup>Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed outside of Jerusalem.’ <sup>34</sup>Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! <sup>35</sup>See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, ‘Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.’”

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

*Please be seated.*

**SERMON**

Emma Wagner, M.A., Manager of Congregational Engagement for LWR

**HYMN OF THE DAY:** ELW 613 (v. 1 & 2)

Thy Holy Wings  
*BRED DINA VIDA VINGAR*



## 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 "*Merciful God,*" We respond: "**Receive our prayer.**"

### PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

*Please be seated.*

### MEAL

**ANTHEM:**

"That Priceless Grace"

John Helgen

**OFFERING**

*The offering plate will be passed throughout the Congregation.*

**OFFERTORY:** ELW 692

We Are an Offering  
*OFFERING*

### OFFERING PRAYER

Extravagant God, you have blessed us with the fullness of creation. Now we gather at your feast where you offer us the food that satisfies. Take and use what we offer here, come among us, and feed us with the body and blood of Christ, in whose name we pray.

**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: ACS p.713



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and  
God of might, heav - en and earth are full of your  
glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
Bless - ed is the one who comes in the name of the  
Lord. Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.  
Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

## 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

Here is food and drink for the journey. Take and be filled.

## COMMUNION

We invite you to either take communion in your pew with the communion pods, or to come to the front of the church to receive a wafer and wine. The communion cups are in trays at the front of the church. There are discard trays by the side aisles.

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

**Amen.**

## COMMUNION HYMN: ACS 967

This Is Christ's Body



This is Christ's bod - y, bro - ken and blest. Feed us with  
mer-cy and love. We are Christ's bod - y,  
bro-ken and blest. Heal us and make us one.

## COMMUNION HYMN: ELW 791

We Sing to You, O God

LOVE UNKNOWN

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

*Please stand as able.*

Blessed Jesus, in this rich meal of grace, you have fed us with your body, the bread of life. Now send us forth to bear your life-giving hope to a world in need. **Amen.**

## SENDING

## BLESSING

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and ✝ grant you peace.

**Amen.**

## SENDING HYMN: ELW 724

All Who Love and Serve Your City

NEW ORLEANS

## DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## POSTLUDE:

Harken, Merciful Creator

Marcel Dupre

*Join us in the Fellowship Hall for coffee and donuts. Exit through the door at the front left of the Sanctuary.*