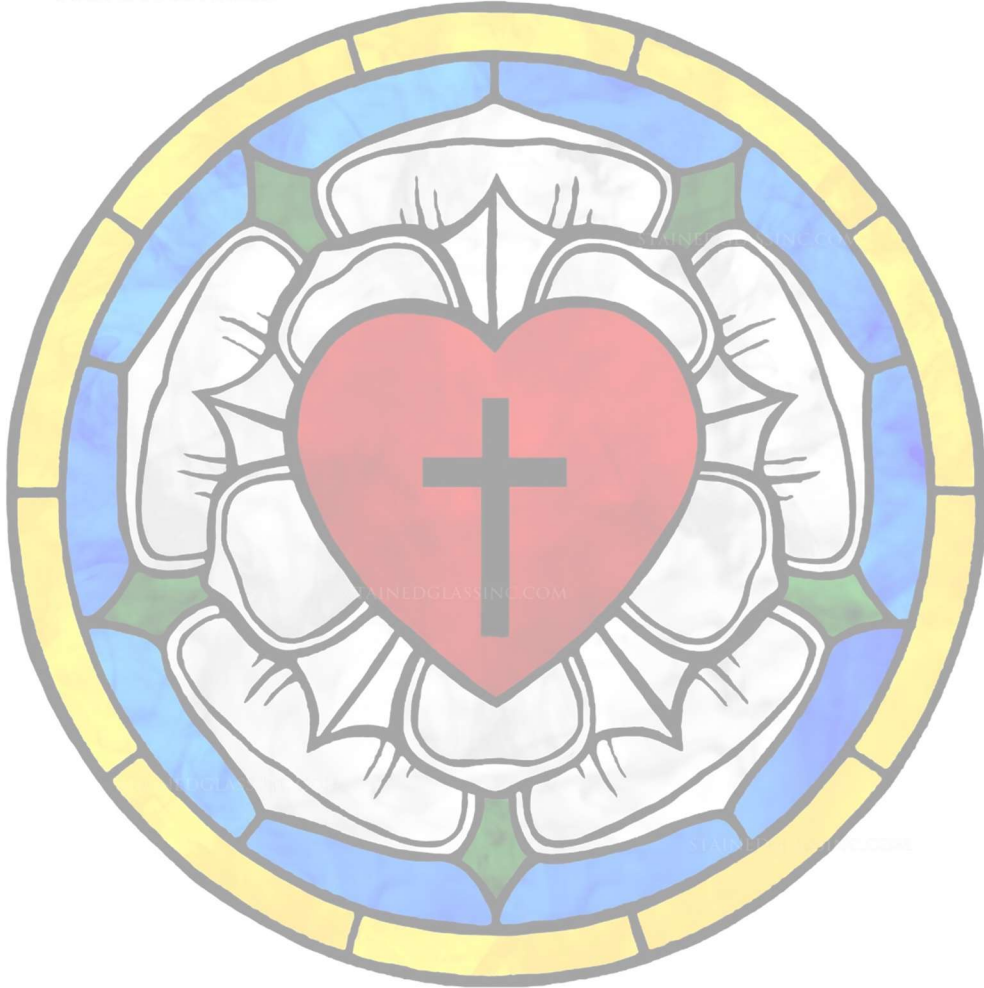


# INCARNATION LUTHERAN CHURCH

## ✠ Pentecost 3 Sunday ✠ June 13<sup>th</sup>, 2021

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## GATHERING

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

**VOLUNTARY**

Chorale Prelude on "Bread of Life"

Seth Bingham

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

*Please stand as able.*

In the name of the Father, and of the ✝ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

Most merciful God,

**we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.**

**Amen.**

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ✝ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

**GATHERING HYMN: ELW 635**

We Walk by Faith  
*SHANTI*

### 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. 203

*The congregation is invited to sing.*

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

O God, you are the tree of life, offering shelter to all the world. Graft us into yourself and nurture our growth, that we may bear your truth and love to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

**WORD**

**CHILDREN'S SERMON**

**FIRST READING:** Ezekial 17:22-24

<sup>22</sup>Thus says the Lord GOD: I myself will take a sprig from the lofty top of a cedar; I will set it out. I will break off a tender one from the topmost of its young twigs; I myself will plant it on a high and lofty mountain. <sup>23</sup>On the mountain height of Israel I will plant it, in order that it may produce boughs and bear fruit, and become a noble cedar. Under it every kind of bird will live; in the shade of its branches will nest winged creatures of every kind. <sup>24</sup>All the trees of the field shall know that I am the LORD. I bring low the high tree, I make high the low tree; I dry up the green tree and make the dry tree flourish. I the LORD have spoken; I will accomplish it.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM:** Psalm 92:1-4, 12-15

<sup>1</sup>It is a good thing to give thanks to the LORD,  
to sing praise to your name, O Most High;  
<sup>2</sup>to herald your love in the morning  
and your faithfulness at night;  
<sup>3</sup>on the psaltery, and on the lyre,  
and to the melody of the harp.  
<sup>4</sup>For you have made me glad by your acts, O LORD;  
and I shout for joy because of the works of your hands.  
<sup>12</sup>The righteous shall flourish like a palm tree,  
and shall spread abroad like a cedar of Lebanon.  
<sup>13</sup>Those who are planted in the house of the LORD  
shall flourish in the courts of our God;  
<sup>14</sup>they shall still bear fruit in old age;  
they shall be green and succulent;  
<sup>15</sup>that they may show how upright the LORD is,  
my rock, in whom there is no injustice.

**SECOND READING:** 2 Corinthians 5:6-10 [11-13] 14-17

<sup>6</sup>So we are always confident; even though we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord—<sup>7</sup>for we walk by faith, not by sight. <sup>8</sup>Yes, we do have confidence, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. <sup>9</sup>So whether we are at home or

away, we make it our aim to please him. <sup>10</sup>For all of us must appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each may receive recompense for what has been done in the body, whether good or evil.

[<sup>11</sup>Therefore, knowing the fear of the Lord, we try to persuade others; but we ourselves are well known to God, and I hope that we are also well known to your consciences. <sup>12</sup>We are not commending ourselves to you again, but giving you an opportunity to boast about us, so that you may be able to answer those who boast in outward appearance and not in the heart. <sup>13</sup>For if we are beside ourselves, it is for God; if we are in our right mind, it is for you. ] <sup>14</sup>For the love of Christ urges us on, because we are convinced that one has died for all; therefore all have died. <sup>15</sup>And he died for all, so that those who live might live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised for them.

<sup>16</sup>From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. <sup>17</sup>So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!

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

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:** p. 205a  
*The congregation is invited to sing*

**GOSPEL:** Mark 4:26-34  
*Please stand as able.*

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

<sup>26</sup>[Jesus] said, "The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground, <sup>27</sup>and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. <sup>28</sup>The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. <sup>29</sup>But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come." <sup>30</sup>He also said, "With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? <sup>31</sup>It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; <sup>32</sup>yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade." <sup>33</sup>With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; <sup>34</sup>he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.

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

**SERMON**

Pastor Emily Willhide

**HYMN OF THE DAY:** ELW 465

As the Grains of Wheat  
*AS THE GRAINS*

## 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 "*Lord in your mercy.*" We respond: "**Hear our prayer.**"

## PEACE

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

## MEAL

**OFFERTORY:** "We Place upon Your Table" Robert A. Hobby

## OFFERING PRAYER

*Please stand as able.*

Jesus, Bread of life, you have set this table with your very self, and called us to the feast of plenty. Gather what has been sown among us, and strengthen us in this meal. Make us to be what we receive here, your body for the life of the world.  
**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** p.207

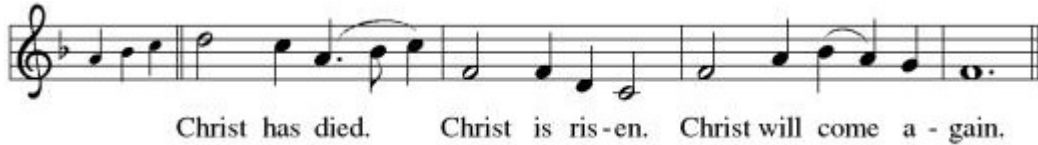
It is indeed right, our duty and our joy... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**HOLY, HOLY, HOLY** p.207

*The congregation is invited to sing*

**THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE** p.207

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup,  
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.



To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,  
be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever.



**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.

**COMMUNION**

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

*Please be seated.*

**LAMB OF GOD** p.208

*The congregation is invited to sing*

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Jesus, Bread of life, we have received from your table more than we could ever ask.

As you have nourished us in this meal, now strengthen us to love the world in the same way that you love us. In your name we pray.

**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 ✝ give you peace.

**Amen.**

**SENDING HYMN:** ELW 663

Spread, Oh, Spread, Almighty Word  
*GOTT SEI DANK*

**DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Love and serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**VOLUNTARY**

Prelude on "Foundation"

David Schelat

*Join us in the Memorial Garden for Distanced Donuts. (Weather permitting.)*

**Worship Notes**

Our Lector for today is Janet Hoffman

ELW Setting 10

Altar Flowers this week are provided by Mimi Fisher in memory of her husband, Ken Fisher.

**Announcements**

We are aware of continuing sound issues in the sanctuary and are working towards a solution. We will provide periodic updates as we get new information.

**Summer Outdoor Worship** will be starting Sunday, June 27<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 am (weather permitting) before our 10:00 am worship service. Please bring chairs for your family.

**Adult Choir** will be meeting Sunday at 9 a.m. before service.

**Quilting Group** meets Tuesdays in the Fellowship Hall at 10:00 am.

**Worship and Music** meets today at 11:30 am after worship.

**Council** will be meeting Monday, June 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm via Zoom.

**Personnel Committee** will be meeting Tuesday, June 15<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 pm via Zoom.

**We will be welcoming Rev. Jessica Darty** as a guest preacher on June 20<sup>th</sup>.

**Baking for Oktoberfest** will be Friday, June 25<sup>th</sup>, and Saturday, June 26<sup>th</sup>.

**Distanced Donuts** will be hosted weekly (weather permitting) after worship. If you would like to supply donuts, please contact Savannah at [youth@incarnationlutheran.com](mailto:youth@incarnationlutheran.com).

**Registration for the 2021 SCLCY Convention** is now available at <https://sclcy.link/lcyconvention>. The one-day event will be held at St. David Lutheran West Columbia on Saturday, June 19<sup>th</sup> from 10:30 am - 4:30 pm. All youth in 6<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> grades are invited along with our 2020 High School graduates! Adults are welcome to attend as visitors or small group leaders. There is no cost to attend. Churches are welcome to send donations to the synod office to help defer costs.

**Family Pizza Party** June 27<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 am – everyone is welcome.

**Campfirmation Youth** will be leaving Sunday, June 20<sup>th</sup> after worship for Lutherock.

**Do you want to join Incarnation?** If so, please contact the office at [office@incarnationlutheran.com](mailto:office@incarnationlutheran.com) so that we can gather your contact information and reach out to you.

#### **Prayer List**

**Current:** Ken Hoffman, The Family of Sarah Parker, Ravenel Godbold Khasram, Victoria, Raymond Turner, Lynne McCartha, Laura Pfefferkorn, all those caring for elderly parents, and all those that are home bound.

**Continuing:** Ed Skinner, Emily Prince, Gary Todd, Ann Ford, Jenny Gantt, David Wood, and all those that are quarantined and suffering from COVID-19.

**Military:** Michael Willhide, Mike Turner, (Mavis Turner's son), Hilary Compton, (Kim Yerrick's niece), Tyler Owens, (Kim Yerrick's nephew).

### **Online Giving!**

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Financial Update:

	Actual	Plan	Difference
Last Week	\$5,127	\$5,000	\$127+
Year-To-Date	\$90,422	\$115,000	\$24,578-