



Lutheran Church of the Incarnation

Service of Holy Communion

March 18, 2018 10:00AM

Fifth Sunday in Lent

A **WARM WELCOME** is extended to all who are visiting with us today. We hope that your worship experience is meaningful and that you will come again. We invite you to fill out a Welcome Card located in the pew and place in the offering plate. If you're looking for a church home, we encourage you to contact Pastor Jane or the church office (803) 256-2381.

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GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE: Dirge on "MADRID" Alec Wyton (1921-2007)

The assembly stands and faces the Processional Cross.

CONFESSION

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

Amen.

God of heaven and earth, you come in close and make us yours. Equip us by your Spirit to confess our sin, embrace your forgiveness, and seek the way you set before us in your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

With honesty of heart, let us confess our sin. Merciful God,
forgive us. Our will is handcuffed to sin, and we cannot break free. We have spoken when we should have kept quiet.

Silence.

O God, hear us.

We were silent when we should have said something.

Silence.

O God, hear us.

We acted when we knew better.

Silence.

O God, hear us.

We were still when we know we should have moved.

Silence.

O God, hear us.

For the wrong we have done, for the good we have failed to do, have mercy on us, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

People of God, look to the ✝ Son, given to heal you and set you free because God loved the world so much. Take hold of life—eternal life! **Amen.**

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

Your Heart, O God, Is Grieved

Vieme to, Panez Bože náš

Leader



Oče nebeský, Svoritel' u sveta, Bo - že, zmi - luj sa nad na - mi.

1 O God, Father in heav - en, have mer - cy up - on us.
 2 O Son of God, redeemer of the world, have mer - cy up - on us.
 3 O God, Holy Spir - it, have mer - cy up - on us.

All



Vi - me to, Pa - ne Bo - že náš, že sa na
 Your heart, O God, is grieved, we know, by ev - 'ry
 Your arms ex - tend, O Christ, to save from sting of
 O lav - ish Giv - er, come to aid the chil - dren



nás hrieš - nych hne - váš, sved - či o tom smrt'
 e - vil, ev - 'ry woe; up - on your cross - for -
 death and grasp of grave; your scars be - fore the
 that your word has made. Now make us grow and



ne - vin - ná Tvoj - ho je - di - né - ho Sy - na.
 sak - en Son our death is laid, and peace is won.
 Fa - ther move his heart to mer - cy at such love.
 help us pray; bring joy and com - fort, come to stay.

Text: Jiří Tranovský, 1591–1637; tr. Jaroslav J. Vajda, b. 1919
 Music: ZNAME TO, PANE BOŽE NÁŠ, *Tranoscius*, 1636
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PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God, with steadfast love you draw us to yourself, and in mercy you receive our prayers. Strengthen us to bring forth the fruits of the Spirit, that through life and death we may live 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.**

- ¹⁰**Create in me a clean | heart, O God,
and renew a right spir- | it within me.**
- ¹¹Cast me not away | from your presence,
and take not your Holy Spir- | it from me.
- ¹²**Restore to me the joy of | your salvation
and sustain me with your boun- | tiful Spirit.**

THE SECOND LESSON: Hebrews 5:5-10

Using priestly imagery and references to the Old Testament, the author explains how Christ lived in trusting obedience to God, and so God has made Christ the source of our eternal salvation.

⁵Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest but was appointed by the one who said to him, “You are my Son, today I have begotten you”; ⁶as he says also in another place, “You are a priest forever, according to the order of Melchizedek.”

⁷In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. ⁸Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; ⁹and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, ¹⁰having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

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

The assembly stands.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for he is gra - cious and mer - ci - ful,
slow to an - ger, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

GOSPEL John 12:20-33

The Holy Gospel according to John. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus entered Jerusalem for the last time to celebrate the Passover festival. Here Jesus' words about seeds planted in the ground turn the disaster of his death into the promise of a harvest in which everyone will be gathered.

²⁰Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. ²¹They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, “Sir, we wish to see Jesus.” ²²Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. ²³Jesus answered them, “The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. ²⁴Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. ²⁵Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. ²⁶Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor. ²⁷“Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say—‘Father, save me from this hour’? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. ²⁸Father, glorify your name.” Then a voice came from heaven, “I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.” ²⁹The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was

thunder. Others said, "An angel has spoken to him." ³⁰Jesus answered, "This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. ³¹Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. ³²And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself." ³³He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

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

The assembly is seated.

THE SERMON

PASTOR JANE

Silence for reflection follows the sermon.

The assembly stands.

HYMN OF THE DAY 334

Tree of Life and Awesome Mystery

THOMAS

THE 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.

Renewed in the promise of baptism, let us pray for the church, world and all who are in need. Kneeling as you are able.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Each petition ends, "Lord, in your mercy." All respond, "hear our prayer."

PEACE *The presiding minister and the assembly greet each other in the peace of the risen Christ.*

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

The assembly is seated.

MEAL

OFFERING

ANTHEM: My Hope is Built on Nothing Less

THE SOLID ROCK
William B. Bradbury (1816-1868)

The assembly stands at the invitation of the presider as the offering and communion elements are brought forward.

Create in Me a Clean Heart Offering Song

Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right
spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your
pres-ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re -
store un - to me the joy of your sal - va - tion,
and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It consists of five systems of music. Each system has a vocal line on a treble clef staff and a piano accompaniment on a bass clef staff. The key signature is one flat (B-flat major or D minor), and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are printed below the vocal line.

OFFERING PRAYER

Merciful God, receive the sacrifice of our praise and thanksgiving and the offering of our lives, that following in the way of the cross, we may know the joy of the resurrection; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING

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.....And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, Holy, Holy Great Thanksgiving

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

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THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

Blessed are you, O God of the universe. Your mercy is everlasting and your faithfulness
With this bread and cup we remember our Lord's passover from death to life as we proclaim the
mystery of faith:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

O God of resurrection and new life: Pour out your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts of bread and wine. Bless this feast. Grace our table with your presence.

Come, Holy Spirit.

Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread. Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world. Breathe new life into us. Send us forth, burning with justice, peace, and love.

Come, Holy Spirit.

With your holy ones of all times and places, with the earth and all its creatures, with sun and moon and stars, we praise you, O God, blessed and holy Trinity, now and forever.

Amen.

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

Return to God with all your heart. Receive bread for the journey, drink for the desert.

Thanks be to God.

The assembly is seated.

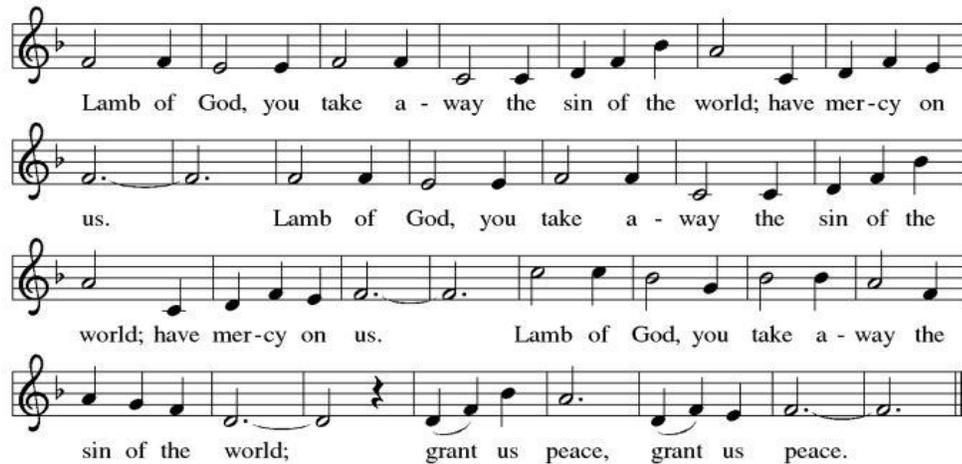
COMMUNION

All are welcome to join in communion, trusting that Christ promises to be truly present. Whole wheat communion bread is served. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request. Red communion wine is served: the first cup is a common cup (for drinking from) and the second cup is for intinction (dipping the bread). Those unable to partake of both elements are assured that the Church affirms our Lord's full presence in, with, and under each element alone. Those who choose not to receive Communion are welcome to come forward for a blessing.

When giving the bread and cup, the communion ministers say:

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

Lamb of God



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.

Music: *Bread of Life*, Jeremy Young, b. 1948
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COMMUNION HYMN 506 The Word of God Is Source and Seed GAUDEAMUS DOMINO

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Compassionate God, you have fed us with the bread of heaven. Sustain us in our Lenten pilgrimage: may our fasting be hunger for justice, our alms, a making of peace, and our prayer, the song of grateful hearts; through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

SENDING

God, send us out to be Christ's body in the world, sharing what we have heard and seen.

SENDING OF COMMUNION

Gracious God, loving all your family with a mother's tender care: As you sent the angel to feed Elijah with heavenly bread, assist those who set forth to share your word and sacrament with those who are *sick, homebound, and imprisoned*. In your love and care, nourish and strengthen those who will receive this sacrament, and give us all the comfort of your abiding presence through the body and blood of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

BLESSING

May God who has called us forth from the dust of the earth, and claimed us as children of the light, strengthen you on your journey into life renewed. The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine upon you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you ✝ peace.

Amen.

SENDING HYMN 339

Christ, the Life of All the Living

JESU, MEINES LEBENS LEBEN

DISMISSAL

Marked with the cross of Christ, go forth to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE:

Trumpet Tune

David N. Johnson (1922-1987)

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Welcome to worship, welcome to Lent, welcome to this journey that takes us to a beautiful destination – resurrection morning – but before we can get there, we have to journey, and we have to journey with our sin. Resurrection, we know, doesn't begin with toppled stones, empty tombs, fragrant lilies, and trumpet calls, it begins first with death. That is where we start here on day one. We don't start with Jesus' death, we start with death itself for all of us. We start with woundedness and betrayal, things done and left undone, with the understanding that dust and disaster and deceit are all around us.

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Ushers:	Team 3
Lay Assistant:	Leslie Skinner
Communion Assistants:	Teresa Boykin, Janet Hoffman
Crucifer:	John Sawicki
Acolytes:	John Sawicki, Henry Murdock
Lector:	Janet Hoffman

BIRTHDAYS

Susan Cramer 03/22, Michael O'Hara 03/23, Aidan Willhide 03/23, Anjay Williamson 03/23

BAPTISM

Jamie Denard 03/18, Mimi Fisher 03/21, Thomas Marcus 03/23

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

10:00am-11:15am: Worship

11:30am-12:15pm: Sunday School in CDC building

12:15pm – 12:30pm Music with Ethan

11:30am-12:30pm Worship Reflections – Fellowship Hall

WEDNESDAYS DURING LENT

5:30 Supper

(\$6 pp adult, \$4 pp children 12 and under, \$20 per family) Cash/Check Only

6:15 Lenten worship and drama "The Trial of Judas"

7:00 - 7:45 Handbell choir rehearsal following the service

7:50 - 8:30 Adult choir rehearsal

LENTEN WEDNESDAYS SPECIAL EVENT

TRIAL OF JUDAS! Our Wednesday Lenten worship service is based on the trial of Judas. You, the congregation, are serving as the jury and the question before you is: IS GOD'S GRACE SUFFICIENT-EVEN FOR JUDAS? Each week you are listening to witnesses for both the defense and prosecution as they are interviewed and then on the last Wednesday, you will cast your vote!

Holy Week Worship Schedule

Palm Sunday, March 25 at 10:00am

Maundy Thursday, March 29 at 6:15 pm

Good Friday, March 30

Resurrection Lutheran at 12Noon

Incarnation at 6:15pm

Holy Saturday, Children's Activities March 31, 10:00am – 12Noon

Easter Sunday

Breakfast 8:00 am

Festival Service 10:00 am

Dates to Remember

Holy Guacamole Gathering - Thursday, March 22 6pm

Golden Agers - Sunday, April 15

Scout Sunday – April 22

Newberry College Sunday – April 29

CDC Sunday – May 6

We welcome Dr. Patrick Hawkins this morning as our guest organist. Dr. Hawkins will be with us thru April 1 Easter Sunday.

Stay informed about all the happenings at Incarnation. Are you receiving our weekly email newsletter (The Incarnation Informer)? If you're not receiving our weekly email newsletter *The Incarnation Informer*, please contact the church office (803)-256-2381 or email: office@incarnationlutheran.com

Financial Update:	Actual	Plan	Difference
Last Week	\$ 3,178	\$ 4,479	\$ 1,301-
Month to Date	\$ 6,776	\$ 8,958	\$ 2,182-
Year-to-Date	\$ 35,385	\$ 44,792	\$ 9,407-

We are in the process of updating our homebound list. If you have family members whose name should be on this list, please let the office know (803) 256-2381 or email: office@incarnationlutheran.com. We would need address, phone number, and whether or not they would like to receive communion monthly at home. Thanks so much!

Current Concerns

The Rev. Dr. Ralph Wallace (father of Leslie Skinner), The Rev. Ginny Aebischer, Assistant to Bishop, Family of Randy & Kim Kerrick, the Miller Family, Carol Taylor, Mary Kehl, Walter Lindler, Ken Hoffman (brother of Janet Hoffman), Sandra Pouncey (friend of Janet Hoffman), Cecilia Eaddy (CDC mother), Dot Bowden, Delores DeJames (mother of Jeff DeJames), Sarah Parker (Mike Parker's mother), Bobby Wierich, Harry Evans, and Alden Pratt

*If you would like to submit a name to the prayer list, please contact the church office.
We will be glad to add it to the prayer list for a period of one month.*

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INCARNATION LUTHERAN CHURCH
CONFIRMATION CLASS WORSHIP RESPONSE

NAME _____ WORSHIP RESPONSE # _____
DATE OF WORSHIP SERVICE _____ DATE RESPONSE TURNED IN _____

MUSIC

What hymn or song had special meaning for you? _____
Why? _____

SCRIPTURE READINGS

First Reading: _____
Second Reading: _____
Gospel: _____

Preacher _____

1. What happened or was described in the Gospel reading today (or in the main scripture used by the preacher)?

2. What did you learn from the sermon about God or Jesus?

3. What was said in the sermon that you think is important for Christians to remember?

4. What part of the worship service felt most “worshipful” to you? (prayers, singing, Confession, Communion, Children’s message, choir music, sermon, offering, greeting others, or some other part)
Why?

I have talked with my student about the worship service and this worship response.

Parent Signature _____