



Lutheran Church of the Incarnation

Service of Holy Communion

February 18, 2018 10:00AM

First 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

Please silence your devices at this time.

PRELUDE

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.

We were silent when we should have said something.

Silence.

We acted when we knew better.

Silence.

We were still when we know we should have moved.

Silence.

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



Oľce 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.



Vie - 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 - vás, 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. Jareoslav J. Vajda, b. 1919
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PRAYER OF THE DAY

Holy God, heavenly Father, in the waters of the flood you saved the chosen, and in the wilderness of temptation you protected your Son from sin. Renew us in the gift of baptism. May your holy angels be with us, that the wicked foe may have no power over us, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

The assembly is seated.

CHILDREN'S TIME *ALL AGES of children are invited to come to the altar steps for conversation and bucket offering.*

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

THE FIRST LESSON: Genesis 9:8-17

God said to Noah and to his sons with him, ⁹“As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, ¹⁰and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. ¹¹I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth.” ¹²God said, “This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: ¹³I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. ¹⁴When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, ¹⁵I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. ¹⁶When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth.” ¹⁷God said to Noah, “This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth.”

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

PSALM 25:1-10

¹To | you, O LORD,

I lift | up my soul.

²My God, I put my trust in you; let me not be | put to shame,
nor let my enemies triumph | over me.

³Let none who look to you be | put to shame;
rather let those be put to shame | who are treacherous.

⁴Show me your | ways, O LORD,
and teach | me your paths.

⁵Lead me in your | truth and teach me,
for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all | the day long.

⁶Remember, O LORD, your compas- | sion and love,
for they are from | everlasting.

⁷Remember not the sins of my youth and | my transgressions;
remember me according to your steadfast love and for the sake of your good- | ness, O LORD.

⁸You are gracious and up- | right, O LORD;
therefore you teach sinners | in your way.

⁹You lead the low- | ly in justice
and teach the low- | ly your way.

¹⁰All your paths, O LORD, are steadfast | love and faithfulness
to those who keep your covenant and your | testimonies.

THE SECOND LESSON: 1 Peter 3:18-22

⁸Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, ¹⁹in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, ²⁰who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. ²¹And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, ²²who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him

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

The assembly stands.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Let your stead - fast love come to us, O Lord.

Save us as you prom - ised; we will trust your word.

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GOSPEL Mark 1:9-15

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

⁹In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. ¹⁰And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. ¹¹And a voice came from heaven, “You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.” ¹²And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. ¹³He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him. ¹⁴Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, ¹⁵and saying, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.”

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 613

Thy Mighty Wings

BRED DINA VIDA VINGAR

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.

Please kneel or sit.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

*Each petition concludes "Lord in your mercy." We 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

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

OFFERTORY 188

Create in Me a Clean Heart

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.

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.

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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.**

COMMUNION HYMN 325

I Want Jesus to Walk with Me

SOJOURNER

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 624

JESUS, STILL LEAD ON

EELENBRAUTICAM

DISMISSAL

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

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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 2
 Lay Assistant: Janet Hoffman
 Crucifer: Amy Kehl
 Acolytes: Porter Boepple, Gabi Nestor
 Lector: Mary Kehl

BIRTHDAYS

Grace & Katie Sawicki 02/19, Justin Skinner 02/22,
 Mary Karl Boepple 02/24, Charles Viohl 02/24

BAPTISM ANNIVERSARIES

Beverly Browder 02/21

Financial Update:	Actual	Plan	Difference
Last Week	\$ 3,912.36	\$ 4,479.17	\$ 566.81-
Month-to-Date	\$ 7,172.59	\$ 8,958.34	\$ 1,785.75-
Year-to-Date	\$ 22,335.31	\$ 26,875.01	\$ 4,539.70-

Sunday Schedule

10:00am-11:15am: Worship
 11:15am-11:45am: Sunday School in CDC building
 11:30am-12:30pm Adult Class – Ten Commandments – Gathering Room (Parlor)
 11:30am-1:230pm Worship Reflections – Fellowship Hall

Wednesday Schedule

5:30pm Dinner
 6:15pm The Trial of Judas

LENTEN WEDNESDAYS SPECIAL EVENT

TRIAL OF JUDAS! This week begins our Wednesday Lenten worship series based on the trial of Judas. You, the congregation, will serve as the jury and the question before you is this: IS GOD'S GRACE SUFFICIENT--EVEN FOR JUDAS? Each week you will listen to witnesses for both the defense and prosecution as they are interviewed and then on the last Wednesday, you will cast your vote! You don't want to miss this! Meal at 5:30; Worship at 6:15.

SAVE THE DATE

Feb 21	5:30PM	Dinner
Feb 21	6:15PM	The Trial of Judas
Feb 25	2:00PM	GraceWorks Reunion at St. Paul's Lutheran Church

ANNOUNCEMENTS

We give thanks for the ministry of music which Nickie Riley has provided for us at Incarnation these past eight months. We are thankful too, for the gift of music which Tim Riley has shared with us as well. We pray God's richest blessings on Nickie and Tim in the days ahead.

Many thanks to Ethan for his Ash Wednesday sermon which invited us to journey together with Jesus toward Jerusalem and the cross.

Needed: Ministry teams are up and running! The aircraft carrier is beginning to turn! But we still have some spots to fill. If God has given you gifts for ministry in any of these areas, please prayerfully consider sharing:

1. Children's Faith Formation Coordinator-
contact Janet Hoffman (803) 727-7202 or email: jmhoff@bellsouth.net
2. Stewardship planners
contact Randy Yaussy (419) 834-4657 or Cal Johnson (803) 528-5584
3. Facebook/Social Media Coordinator
contact John Edwards (803) 256-2381 or email: office@incarnationlutheran.com

Communion Assistants Needed Anyone interested in serving as Communion Assistant in worship, please contact the church office (803) 256-2381 or Pastor Jane.

Please join us each Sunday after the church service for lively discussions in the parlor each week on how we can strive to keep the Ten Commandments and stop making everything about us.

GraceWorks Needs Your Help!

The GraceWorks Reunion is coming up at the end of February and the Lutheran youth of the Midlands need your help! We will be making graduation baskets for clients from Transitions. Incarnation has been asked to collect oven mitts, kitchen towels, and sponges. Please consider picking up some of these items and bringing them to Ethan's office.

The 2018 Incarnation Congregational Retreat will be held at the Coastal Retreat in Isle of Palms, SC May 18 – 20. Space is limited, so don't delay reserving your space. Please register by Sunday, March 4th. A \$100 deposit is needed to secure your space. The balance is due April 15th. Please make your check payable to Incarnation Lutheran Church. Note in the memo line: Beach Retreat. Each room at the Coastal Retreat Center sleeps up to four people and includes a private bath and a mini fridge. Cost per room per night for two nights. \$100/\$200. Questions welcomed! For more information or to register, contact: Janet Hoffmann: 803-727-7202 email: jmhoff@bellsouth.net or Emily Black: 803-467-4032 email: emily.duncan4@gmail.com

Submitting Announcements for Publication. The deadline for submitting announcements for the weekly email is noon each Monday. The deadline for submitting announcements for the Sunday Bulletin is noon each Wednesday. Announcements are subject to editing. All announcements must be sent via e-mail to office@incarnationlutheran.com.

Announcements submitted after the deadline will be considered for the following week.

Current Concerns

Mac Carroll, Mary Kehl, Walter Lindler, Merle Parker, Randy Thompson (son-in-law of Fran Sims) Ken Hoffman (brother of Janet Hoffman), Sandra Pouncey (friend of Janet Hoffman), Cecilia Eaddy (CDC mother), Scot and Lynette LaFalce, Delores DeJames (mother of Jeff DeJames), Naamas Wrightman, (friend of Elizabeth Theo), 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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