



Lutheran Church of the Incarnation

Service of Holy Communion

May 27, 2018

The Holy Trinity

First Sunday after Pentecost

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.

GATHERING

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

PRELUDE: Allein Gott in der Höh sei Ehr (4 variations) Jan P. Sweelinck (1562-1621)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING SONG: ELW 800 Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart MORECAMBE
(sung by all)

Spirit of God descend upon my heart;
Wean it from earth, through all its pulses move;
Stoop to my weakness, strength to me impart,
And make me love you as I ought to love.

CONFESSION

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✚ one God, full of compassion and mercy,
abounding in steadfast love. **Amen.**

Trusting God's promise of forgiveness,
let us confess our sin against God and one another.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

Eternal God our creator,
in you we live and move and have our being.
Look upon us, your children,
the work of your hands.
Forgive us all our offenses,
and cleanse us from proud thoughts and empty desires.
By your grace draw us near to you,
our refuge and our strength;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Since we are justified by faith,
we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.
God's love has been poured into our hearts

through the Holy Spirit given to us.
In the mercy of almighty God,
Christ died for us while we still were sinners;
and for his sake, God ✝ forgives you all your sins.
Amen.

GATHERING HYMN: ELW 410 All Glory Be to God on High **ALLEIN GOTT IN DER HOH**

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.**

GLORIA: S204b



1 Come, let us join our cheer-ful songs with an-gels round the throne;
2 "Wor - thy the Lamb that died," they cry, "to be ex - alt - ed thus!"
3 Je - sus is wor - thy to re-ceive hon - or and pow'r di - vine;
4 Let all cre - a - tion join in one to bless the sa - cred name



ten thou-sand thou-sand are their tongues, but all their joys are one.
"Wor - thy the Lamb," our lips re - ply, "for he was slain for us!"
and bless-ings, more than we can give, be, Lord, for - ev - er thine.
of God who sits up - on the throne, and to a - dore the Lamb.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty Creator and ever-living God: we worship your glory, eternal Three-in-One, and we praise your power, majestic One-in-Three. Keep us steadfast in this faith, defend us in all adversity, and bring us at last into your presence, where you live in endless joy and love, Father, Son, and 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.

the LORD shakes the wilder- | ness of Kadesh.

⁹The voice of the LORD makes the oak trees writhe and strips the | forests bare.

And in the temple of the LORD all are | crying, "Glory!"

¹⁰**The LORD sits enthroned a- | bove the flood;
the LORD sits enthroned as king for- | evermore.**

¹¹O LORD, give strength | to your people;
give them, O LORD, the bless- | ings of peace.

SECOND READING: A Reading from Romans

Romans 8:1-17

In describing the new life of faith, Paul refers to all three persons of the Trinity: the Spirit leads us to recognize that we are children of God the Father and sisters and brothers with Christ the Son.

¹²Brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh—¹³for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. ¹⁴For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. ¹⁵For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, "Abba! Father!" ¹⁶it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, ¹⁷and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ—if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

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

The assembly stands.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: S205a

Al - le - lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav - ing word.

Let it burn like fire with - in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.

Al - le - lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

GOSPEL: John 3: 1-17

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

Jesus' miracles prompt Nicodemus to visit him in secrecy. Jesus tells him about being born of the Spirit and about the Son who has been sent by God to save.

¹Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. ²He came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God." ³Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above." ⁴Nicodemus said to him, "How can

anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?" ⁵Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. ⁶What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. ⁷Do not be astonished that I said to you, 'You must be born from above.' ⁸The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit." ⁹Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" ¹⁰Jesus answered him, "Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?

¹¹"Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. ¹²If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? ¹³No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. ¹⁴And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

¹⁶"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

¹⁷"Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him."

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

The assembly is seated.

SERMON

Pastor Jane

Silence for reflection follows the sermon.

The assembly stands at the introduction to the hymn.

HYMN OF THE DAY: ELW 412 Come, Join the Dance of Trinity

KINGSFOLD

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.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Each petition concludes "Hear us, O God."

*We respond: **Your mercy is great.***

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

OFFERTORY ANTHEM:

The Holy Trinity

Bradley Ellingboe

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

OFFERTORY HYMN: ELW 686 VERSE 2

OFFERING PRAYER

Merciful God, you open wide your hand and satisfy the need of every living thing. You have set this feast before us. Open our hands to receive it. Open our hearts to embrace it. Open our lives to live it. We pray this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE 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

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

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of
 pow - er and might, heaven 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.

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EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

Holy God, you alone are holy, you alone are God.

The universe declares your praise:

beyond the stars; beneath the sea;
 within each cell; with every breath.

We praise you, O God.

Generations bless your faithfulness:
 through the water; by night and day;
 across the wilderness; out of exile; into the future.

We bless you, O God.

We give you thanks for your dear Son:
 at the heart of human life; near to those who suffer;
 beside the sinner; among the poor; with us now.

We thank you, O God.

In the night in which he was betrayed,
 our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
 broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
 Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
 Do this for the remembrance of me.
 Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
 and gave it for all to drink, saying:
 This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
 shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering his love for us on the way, at the table, and to the end,
 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

We pray for the gift of your Spirit:

in our gathering; within this meal;

among your people; throughout the world.

Blessing, praise, and thanks to you, holy God, through Christ Jesus,

by your Spirit, in your church, without end.

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

Come, let us eat, for now the feast is spread.

LAMB OF GOD: S208



1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.
e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

COMMUNION

All are welcome to join in communion, trusting that Christ promises to be truly present. Whole wheat communion bread is served. Gluten-free bread is 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 to the altar railing 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.**

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

HYMN: ELW 460

Now the Silence

NOW

The Assembly Stands

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Jesus Christ, host of this meal, you have given us not only this bread and cup, but your very self, that we may feast on your great love. Filled again by these signs of your grace, may we hunger for your reign of justice, may we thirst for your way of peace, for you are Lord forevermore.

Amen.

SENDING

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

SENDING PRAYER

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, whose power working in us can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine, grant you the gifts of faith and hope. Almighty God, Father, ✝ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN: ELW 413

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty!

NICAEA

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. The Spirit sends us forth to serve.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE: Allein Gott in der Höh sei Ehr

Johann Pachelbel (1653-1706)

Serving This Morning in Worship

Ministers:	The People of Incarnation
Presiding Minister:	Pastor Jane
Music Director:	Dr. Patrick Hawkins
Ushers:	Team 2
Crucifer:	Amy Kehl
Acolytes:	Pierson DeJames, TBA
Lay Assistant:	Janet Hoffman
Lector:	Susan McArver
Communion Assistants:	Welda McCullough, TBA
Eucharistic Minister:	Mary Kehl

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Financial Audit

At its May meeting, Church Council received an excellent audit report for 2016 from our Audit Committee. Many thanks to Sue DeMichael, Alec Giles and Susan Cramer for their dedicated, hard, and tireless work. The committee commended our bookkeeper, Amy Kehl, and all connected with our financial record-keeping and made helpful recommendations for the future, which Council will address. A copy is available in the Church Office if you would like to read it.

A Thank You from Scout Troop 8

“Dear Lutheran Incarnation Church,

Thank you so much for all you do for us. Thank you for letting us use your premises every Monday. Thank you for letting us store our equipment on your property. Thank you for your recent \$1500 donation to our troop. Thank you for all you do for our troop.”

Hold the date: On Sunday, June 3, we will hold our regular summer worship in the sanctuary and then join together for a cookout with games and conversation sponsored by the Lutheran Men in Mission. The new gaga pit will be up and ready so you don't want to miss this opportunity to see our confirmation youth enjoy this game!

Placing flowers on the altar for our worship services is a wonderful way to honor someone you love and appreciate or to remember a departed loved one. Arranging to place flowers is as simple as signing up at the flower chart on the door of the sacristy or a phone call (256-2381) or email (office@incarnationlutheran.com) to the church office. Tell us what information you would like printed in the bulletin. Have a nice garden or access to floral arrangements, not a problem. All arrangements have to be delivered to the Sanctuary prior to services.

Current Concerns

Tom Williamson, Leon Tokunaga, Walter Lindler, Cecilia Eaddy(CDC mother), Delores DeJames (mother of Jeff DeJames), Sarah Parker (mother of Mike Parker)

New Prayer List Guidelines: Names will be on the prayer list and prayed for during the intercessory prayers for four Sundays. If you wish the name you submitted to continue, please notify the office at the end of the four weeks.

BIRTHDAYS

Nicholas Boykin 5/28, Jordan Hall 5/29, John Huth 6/02

BAPTISM ANNIVERSARIES

Cal Johnson 6/01, Gloria Nester 6/01, John Sawicki 6/01, Emmett Sowell 5/28

SAVE THE DATES

May 31 – June 2 South Carolina Synod Assembly

Sunday, June 3 – Cookout immediately following worship

Monday, June 11, 6pm – OctoberFest meeting in the parish hall

Financial Update:	Actual	Plan	<i>Difference</i>
Last Week	\$ 2,621	\$ 4,479	\$ 1,858-
Month-to-Date	\$ 7,941	\$ 8,958	\$ 1,017-
Year-to-Date	\$ 77,815	\$ 80,625	\$ 2,810-



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