



# Lutheran Church of the Incarnation

## Service of Holy Communion

February 25, 2018 10:00AM

Second 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

*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.*

**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



*Otče 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.

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## PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God, by the passion of your blessed Son you made an instrument of shameful death to be for us the means of life. Grant us so to glory in the cross of Christ that we may gladly suffer shame and loss for the sake of your Son, 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 17:1-7, 15-16

*As with Noah, God makes an everlasting covenant with Abraham and Sarah. God promises this old couple that they will be the ancestors of nations, though they have no child together. God will miraculously bring forth new life from Sarah's old womb. The name changes emphasize the firmness of God's promise.*

<sup>1</sup>When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the LORD appeared to Abram, and said to him, "I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless. <sup>2</sup>And I will make my covenant between me and you, and will make you exceedingly numerous." <sup>3</sup>Then Abram fell on his face; and God said to him, <sup>4</sup>"As for me, this is my covenant with you: You shall be the ancestor of a multitude of nations. <sup>5</sup>No longer shall your name be Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you the ancestor of a multitude of nations. <sup>6</sup>I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you. <sup>7</sup>I will establish my covenant between me and you, and your offspring after you throughout their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you."

<sup>15</sup>God said to Abraham, "As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. <sup>16</sup>I will bless her, and moreover I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall give rise to nations; kings of peoples shall come from her."

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

### PSALM 22:23-31

*It is sung by all, with the congregation singing the bold verses.*



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<sup>23</sup>You who fear the LORD, give praise! All you of Jacob's | line, give glory.  
Stand in awe of the LORD, all you off- | spring of Israel.

<sup>24</sup>**For the LORD does not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty; neither is the LORD's face hid- | den from them;**  
**but when they cry out, | the LORD hears them.**

<sup>25</sup>From you comes my praise in the | great assembly;  
I will perform my vows in the sight of those who | fear the LORD.

<sup>26</sup>**The poor shall eat | and be satisfied,**  
**Let those who seek the LORD give praise! May your hearts | live forever!**

<sup>27</sup>All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn | to the LORD;  
all the families of nations shall bow | before God.

<sup>28</sup>**For dominion belongs | to the LORD,**  
**who rules o- | ver the nations.**

<sup>29</sup>Indeed, all who sleep in the earth shall bow | down in worship;  
all who go down to the dust, though they be dead, shall kneel be- | fore the LORD.

<sup>30</sup>Their descendants shall | serve the LORD,  
whom they shall proclaim to genera- | tions to come.

<sup>31</sup>They shall proclaim God's deliverance to a people | yet unborn,  
saying to them, "The | LORD has acted!"

## THE SECOND LESSON: Romans 4:13-25

*Paul presents Abraham as the example for how a person comes into a right relationship with God not through works of the law but through faith. Though Abraham and Sarah were far too old for bearing children, Abraham trusted that God would accomplish what God had promised to accomplish.*

<sup>13</sup>The promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. <sup>14</sup>If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. <sup>15</sup>For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

<sup>16</sup>For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, <sup>17</sup>as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations")—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. <sup>18</sup>Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become "the father of many nations," according to what was said, "So numerous shall your descendants be." <sup>19</sup>He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb. <sup>20</sup>No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, <sup>21</sup>being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. <sup>22</sup>Therefore his faith "was reckoned to him as righteousness." <sup>23</sup>Now the words, "it was reckoned to him," were written not for his sake alone, <sup>24</sup>but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, <sup>25</sup>who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

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 Mark 8:31-38

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

*After Peter confesses his belief that Jesus is the Messiah, Jesus tells his disciples for the first time what is to come. Peter's response indicates that he does not yet understand the way of the cross that Jesus will travel.*

<sup>31</sup>[Jesus] began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. <sup>32</sup>He said all this

quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. <sup>33</sup>But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

<sup>34</sup>He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. <sup>35</sup>For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. <sup>36</sup>For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? <sup>37</sup>Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? <sup>38</sup>Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

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 667**

Take Up Your Cross, the Savior Said

**BOURBON**

### **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.

### **. RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS**

*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

If We Desire a Better Life

Hudson/Weed

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

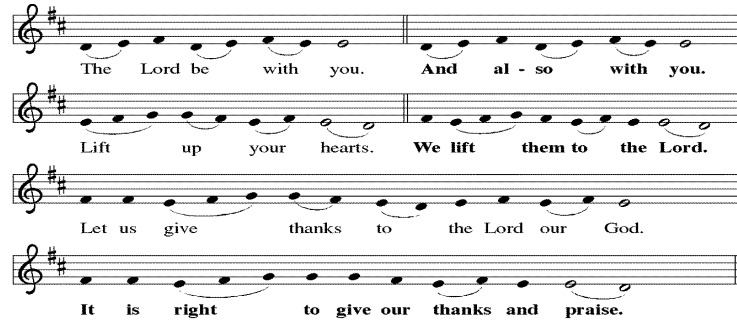
### Create in Me a Clean Heart *Offering Song*

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 has two flats (B-flat and E-flat), and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are: "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."

## 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.

## 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

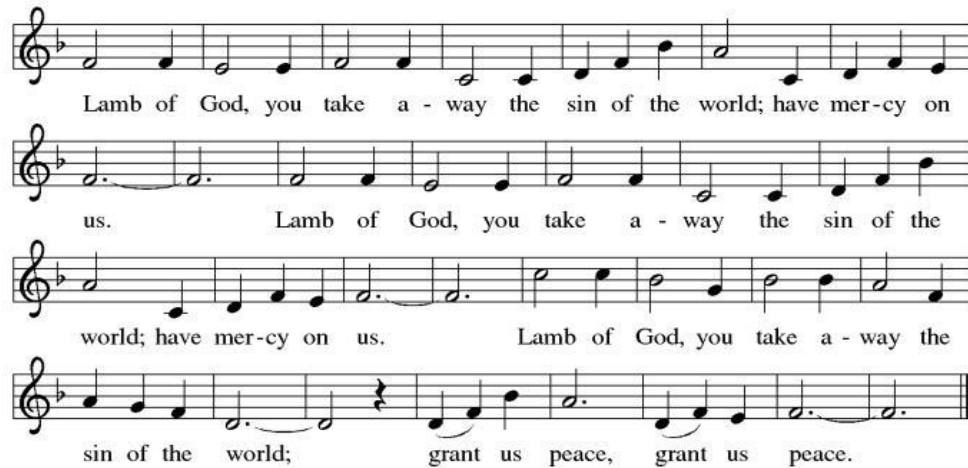
*All are welcome to join in communion, trusting that Christ promises to be truly present. Whole wheat communion bread is served. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request. Red communion wine is served: the first cup is a common cup (for drinking from) and the second cup is for intinction (dipping 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.

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COMMUNION HYMN 808

Lord Jesus, You Shall be my Song

LES PETITES SOEURS

### 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 338

Beneath the Cross of Jesus

ST. CHRISTOPHER

## DISMISSAL

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

Thanks be to God.

## POSTLUDE

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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 2
Lay Assistant:	Cole Snyder
Crucifer:	Ethan Johnson
Acolytes:	Steven Cook, Noah Meyer
Lector:	Lorri Shields

### BIRTHDAYS

Mary Scruggs 02/25, George Rushie 02/29, Steve Cook 02/29, Creighton Cook 02/26  
Walter Lindler 03/01, Nathan Boykin 03/02, Ryan Black 03/02

### BAPTISM ANNIVERSARIES

Laurence Rushie 02/26, Anne Spratlin 03/01, Elizabeth Thebo 03/01,  
Rhetta Whitaker 03/03, Kimberly Yerrick 03/01

<b>Financial Update:</b>	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Plan</b>	<b>Difference</b>
<b>Last Week</b>	<b>\$ 2,900</b>	<b>\$ 4,479</b>	<b>\$ 1,579-</b>
<b>Month-to-Date</b>	<b>\$ 10,072</b>	<b>\$ 13,437</b>	<b>\$ 3,365-</b>
<b>Year-to-Date</b>	<b>\$ 25,235</b>	<b>\$ 31,354</b>	<b>\$ 6,119-</b>

### 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 Adult Class – Ten Commandments – Gathering Room (Parlor)

11:30am-1:230pm Worship Reflections – Fellowship Hall

## Wednesday Schedule during Lent

5:30 Supper

*(\$6 pp adult, \$4 pp children 12 and under, \$20 per family) Cash 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 this year is 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.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today at the 10:00am service, the following new members will be received into our congregation.

Please introduce yourselves and welcome them to Incarnation.

Jason and Sarah Harris and children Moira and Bruce

Isaac Savitz

Anna Nemeth and daughter Ashleigh

Marc and Elizabeth McKenna

Chris and Susan Wood and children Caleb and Luke

Thank you to Susan McArver for serving as our interim musician this morning.

**Director of Music Update:** During this interim time, Dr. Susan McArver is again serving as coordinator for worship and music. We thank her for her willingness to serve in this capacity. Interim organists also are in place through Pentecost. Dr. Patrick Hawkins will be with us March 4 thru April 1 (Easter Sunday). Dr. Sarah Matheson will be with us starting April 15 thru May 27.

Congregational sympathy is expressed to the family of Mac Carroll. Mac died Sunday, February 18, and his funeral was held at Incarnation on Thursday, February 22. Please keep Sara, Scott, Laura and the family in your prayers.

**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](mailto: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](mailto:office@incarnationlutheran.com)

**Assisting Minister Needed** Anyone interested in serving as an Assisting Minister 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.

**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 4<sup>th</sup>. A \$100 deposit is needed to secure your space. The balance is due April 15<sup>th</sup>. 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](mailto:jmhoff@bellsouth.net) or Emily Black: 803-467-4032 email: [emily.duncan4@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:office@incarnationlutheran.com).

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

### *Current Concerns*

The Rev. Ginny Aebischer, Assistant to Bishop, The family of 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), 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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# 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** \_\_\_\_\_