



# Lutheran Church of the Incarnation

## Service of Holy Communion

June 3, 2018

Second 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:** Trio and Elegy for Organ Adrian Self (b. 1952)

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

**GATHERING SONG:** ELW 800 Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart MORECAMBE  
*(sung by all – please remain seated.)*

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 513

Listen, God Is Calling

NENO LAKE MUNGU

### 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 and ever-living God, throughout time you free the oppressed, heal the sick, and make whole all that you have made. Look with compassion on the world wounded by sin, and by your power restore us to wholeness of life, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **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.*

### FIRST READING: A Reading from Deuteronomy

Deuteronomy 5:12-15

*Part of the Ten Commandments, these verses instruct the Israelites to keep the Sabbath. The Israelites are to rest and they are to allow their slaves, their livestock, and the foreigners living among them to do the same. They were once slaves, and so they are to treat their own slaves justly.*

<sup>12</sup>Observe the sabbath day and keep it holy, as the LORD your God commanded you. <sup>13</sup>Six days you shall labor and do all your work. <sup>14</sup>But the seventh day is a sabbath to the LORD your God; you shall not do any work—you, or your son or your daughter, or your male or female slave, or your ox or your donkey, or any of your livestock, or the resident alien in your towns, so that your male and female slave may rest as well as you. <sup>15</sup>Remember that you were a slave in the land of Egypt, and the LORD your God brought you out from there with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm; therefore the LORD your God commanded you to keep the sabbath day.

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

### Psalm: 81:1-10

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



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<sup>1</sup>Sing with joy to | God our strength  
and raise a loud shout to the | God of Jacob.

<sup>2</sup>**Raise a song and | sound the timbrel,  
the merry harp, | and the lyre.**

<sup>3</sup>Blow the ram's horn at | the new moon,  
and at the full moon, the day | of our feast;

<sup>4</sup>**for this is a stat- | ute for Israel,  
a law of the | God of Jacob.**

<sup>5</sup>God laid it as a solemn charge upon Joseph, going out over the | land of Egypt,  
where I heard a voice I | did not know:

<sup>6</sup>**"I eased your shoulder | from the burden;  
your hands were set free from the grave- | digger's basket.**

<sup>7</sup>You called on me in trouble, and I de- | livered you;  
I answered you from the secret place of thunder and tested you at the wa- | ters of Meribah.

<sup>8</sup>**Hear, O my people, and I will ad- | monish you:  
O Israel, if you would but lis- | ten to me!**

<sup>9</sup>There shall be no strange | god among you;  
you shall not worship a | foreign god.

<sup>10</sup>**I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the | land of Egypt.  
Open your mouth wide, and | I will fill it.**

**SECOND READING: A Reading from 2<sup>nd</sup> Corinthians**

2 Corinthians 4:5-12

*When we carry out God's ministry we do so not for our glory but for the sake of Jesus Christ whom we proclaim as Lord. The power for ministry comes from God, not us, so that we persevere no matter what, trusting in God's power and promises at work through us.*

<sup>5</sup>We do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. <sup>6</sup>For it is the God who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

<sup>7</sup>But we have this treasure in clay jars, so that it may be made clear that this extraordinary power belongs to God and does not come from us. <sup>8</sup>We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; <sup>9</sup>persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; <sup>10</sup>always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be made visible in our bodies. <sup>11</sup>For while we live, we are always being given up to death for Jesus' sake, so that the life of Jesus may be made visible in our mortal flesh. <sup>12</sup>So death is at work in us, but life in you.

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

*The assembly stands.*

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: S205a****GOSPEL: Mark 2:23--3:6**

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

*Jesus challenges the prevailing interpretation of what is lawful on the sabbath and tells his critics that the sabbath was made for humankind, not the other way around. Healing the man with the withered hand is work that cannot wait until the next day.*

<sup>23</sup>One sabbath [Jesus] was going through the grainfields; and as they made their way his disciples began to pluck heads of grain. <sup>24</sup>The Pharisees said to him, "Look, why are they doing what is not lawful on the sabbath?" <sup>25</sup>And he said to them, "Have you never read what David did when he and his companions were hungry and in need of food? <sup>26</sup>He entered the house of God, when Abiathar was high priest, and ate the bread of the Presence, which it is not lawful for any but the priests to eat, and he gave some to his companions." <sup>27</sup>Then he said to them, "The sabbath was made for humankind, and not humankind for the sabbath; <sup>28</sup>so the Son of Man is lord even of the sabbath."

<sup>3:1</sup>Again he entered the synagogue, and a man was there who had a withered hand. <sup>2</sup>They watched him to see whether he would cure him on the sabbath, so that they might accuse him. <sup>3</sup>And he said to the man who had the withered hand, "Come forward." <sup>4</sup>Then he said to them, "Is it lawful to do good or

to do harm on the sabbath, to save life or to kill?" But they were silent. <sup>5</sup>He looked around at them with anger; he was grieved at their hardness of heart and said to the man, "Stretch out your hand." He stretched it out, and his hand was restored. <sup>6</sup>The Pharisees went out and immediately conspired with the Herodians against him, how to destroy 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 526

God Is Here!

ABBOT'S LEIGH

## **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:

"As This Broken Bread"

Wayne L. Wold (b. 1954)

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

#### OFFERTORY HYMN: ELW 686 VERSE 2

May we thy bounties thus as stewards true receive, and gladly, as thou blessest us, to thee our first fruits give.

### 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.**

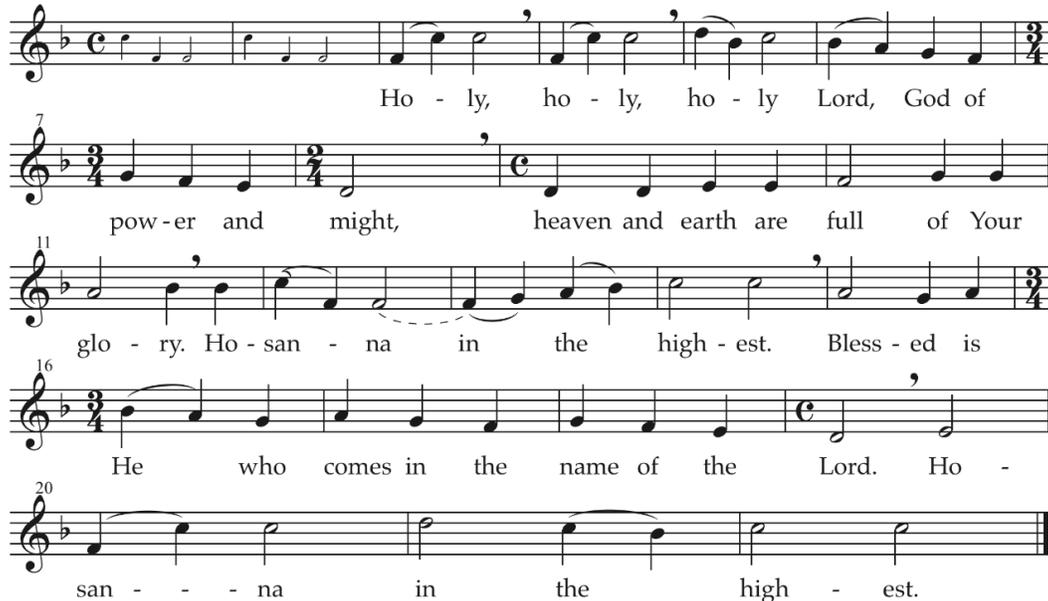
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**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:

David Schelat



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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## **EUCCHARISTIC 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 479

We Come to the Hungry Feast

HUNGRY FEAST

*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 715

Christ, Be Our Light

CHRIST, BE OUR LIGHT

### DISMISSAL

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

**Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE:**

Sarabande

Adrian Self

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## Serving This Morning in Worship

Ministers:	The People of Incarnation
Presiding Minister:	Pastor Jane
Music Director:	Dr. Patrick Hawkins
Ushers:	Team 3
Crucifer:	Ethan Johnson
Acolytes:	Olivia Johnson, Gabi Nester
Lay Assistant:	Mary Kehl
Lector:	Maggie Murdoch
Communion Assistants:	Amy Kehl, Mary Kehl

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Summer Fling Sunday** - plan to stay for a cookout sponsored by LMM and W-ELCA circles following worship this Sunday. Enjoy watching our youth enjoy the Gaga Pit and other games and join in the fellowship time for all!

A big thanks to Kim Yerrick for designing and making our new summer parament.

Thanks to Susan McArver and Leslie Skinner for serving as Incarnation's voting members to the SC Synod Assembly held in Columbia this past week. They and Pastor Jane will share important happenings of the assembly in next week's bulletin.

In accord with the congregational conversations concerning God's plan for the vision and mission of Incarnation, three task forces are now at work carrying out next steps. The three task forces are Finance, Buildings and Activities. See Pastor Jane's Back Page in the June Contact for further details. More hands are needed, so please let Steve Cook or Pastor Jane know where you'd like to serve.

Sincere sympathy is extended to the family and friends of Kathy Boozer Boone on her recent death. A former member, she was baptized, confirmed and married at Incarnation.

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

Ed Hoffman, Tom Williamson, Leon Tokunaga, Walter Lindler,  
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

Lindsey Boozer 06/08, Cherry Couillard 06/05,  
Teresa Elam 06/07, Leon Tokunaga 06/06, Randy Yaussy 06/08

### BAPTISM ANNIVERSARIES

Anjay Williamson 06/06

<b>Financial Update:</b>	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Plan</b>	<b><i>Difference</i></b>
<b>Last Week</b>	\$ 2,576	\$ 4,479	\$ 1,903-
<b>Month-to-Date</b>	\$ 14,449	\$ 17,917	\$ 3,468-
<b>Year-to-Date</b>	\$ 84,323	\$ 89,583	\$ 5,261-



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