



Lutheran Church of the Incarnation

Service of Holy Communion

February 4, 2018 10:00AM

Fifth Sunday After Epiphany

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.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please silence your devices at this time.

Presentation of OctoberFest Gift to Lutheran Services Carolinas

PRELUDE

CONFESSION

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✚ one God, who stretches out the heavens,
who sends light to the nations, who gives breath to us all.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

Loving God,

we confess that we have turned from your way to follow our own ways. Forgive us for the times we have spoken or acted too quickly; we have not spoken or acted at all; we have hurt those closest to us; we have hurt those we have yet to know; we have thought more about ourselves than others; we have thought less of ourselves than we ought. Turn us around, and give us a fresh start, so that we can live again as your children. Amen.

Even when we have done wrong, God makes us right. Even when we have messed up, God puts us together. God's love never runs out. God never tires of calling us beloved children. Hear God say to you now: Your sins are forgiven, for the sake of ✚ Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN 858

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

LOBE DEN HERREN

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.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Everlasting God, you give strength to the weak and power to the faint. Make us agents of your healing and wholeness, that your good news may be made known to the ends of your creation, 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.

THE FIRST LESSON: Isaiah 40:21-31

Have you not known? Have you not heard? Has it not been told you from the beginning? Have you not understood from the foundations of the earth? ²²It is he who sits above the circle of the earth, and its inhabitants are like grasshoppers; who stretches out the heavens like a curtain, and spreads them like a tent to live in; ²³who brings princes to naught, and makes the rulers of the earth as nothing. ²⁴Scarcely are they planted, scarcely sown, scarcely has their stem taken root in the earth, when he blows upon them, and they wither, and the tempest carries them off like stubble. ²⁵To whom then will you compare me, or who is my equal? says the Holy One. ²⁶Lift up your eyes on high and see: Who created these? He who brings out their host and numbers them, calling them all by name; because he is great in strength, mighty in power, not one is missing. ²⁷Why do you say, O Jacob, and speak, O Israel, "My way is hidden from the LORD, and my right is disregarded by my God"? ²⁸Have you not known? Have you not heard? The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable. ²⁹He gives power to the faint, and strengthens the powerless. ³⁰Even youths will faint and be weary, and the young will fall exhausted; ³¹but those who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.

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

Psalm 147:1-11, 20c

Traditional Dutch melody
Arr. Hal H. Hopson

REFRAIN

There's a wide-ness in God's mer-cy
like the wide-ness of the sea.

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¹Hallelujah! How good it is to sing praises | to our God!

How pleasant it is to honor | God with praise!

²The LORD re- | builds Jerusalem,
and gathers the ex- | iles of Israel.

³The LORD heals the | brokenhearted
and binds | up their wounds.

⁴The LORD counts the number | of the stars
and calls them all | by their names. **R**

⁵Great is our LORD and might- | y in power;
there is no limit | to God's wisdom.

⁶The LORD lifts | up the lowly,
but casts the wicked | to the ground.

⁷Sing to the LORD | with thanksgiving;
make music upon the harp | to our God,

⁸who covers the heav- | ens with clouds
and prepares rain for the earth, making grass to grow up- | on the mountains. **R**

⁹God provides food | for the cattle
and for the young ravens | when they cry.

¹⁰God is not impressed by the might | of a horse,
and has no pleasure in the speed | of a runner,

¹¹but finds pleasure in those who | fear the LORD,
in those who await God's steadfast love. ^{20c} | Hallelujah! **R**

THE SECOND LESSON: 1 Corinthians 9:16-23

If I proclaim the gospel, this gives me no ground for boasting, for an obligation is laid on me, and woe to me if I do not proclaim the gospel! ¹⁷For if I do this of my own will, I have a reward; but if not of my own will, I am entrusted with a commission. ¹⁸What then is my reward? Just this: that in my proclamation I may make the gospel free of charge, so as not to make full use of my rights in the gospel. ¹⁹For though I am free with respect to all, I have made myself a slave to all, so that I might win more of them. ²⁰To the Jews I became as a Jew, in order to win Jews. To those under the law I became as one under the law (though I myself am not under the law) so that I might win those under the law. ²¹To those outside the law I became as one outside the law (though I am not free from God's law but am under Christ's law) so that I might win those outside the law. ²²To the weak I became weak, so that I might win the weak. I have become all things to all people, that I might by all means save some. ²³I do it all for the sake of the gospel, so that I may share in its blessings.

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

The assembly stands.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL Mark 1:29-39

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

As soon as [Jesus and the disciples] left the synagogue, they entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. ³⁰Now Simon's mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they told him about her at once. ³¹He came and took her by the hand and lifted her up. Then the fever left her, and she

began to serve them. ³²That evening, at sunset, they brought to him all who were sick or possessed with demons. ³³And the whole city was gathered around the door. ³⁴And he cured many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons; and he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him. ³⁵In the morning, while it was still very dark, he got up and went out to a deserted place, and there he prayed. ³⁶And Simon and his companions hunted for him. ³⁷When they found him, they said to him, "Everyone is searching for you." ³⁸He answered, "Let us go on to the neighboring towns, so that I may proclaim the message there also; for that is what I came out to do." ³⁹And he went throughout Galilee, proclaiming the message in their synagogues and casting out demons.

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

The assembly is seated

THE SERMON

THE REV. DR. BILL MITCHAM

Silence for reflection follows the sermon.

The assembly stands.

HYMN OF THE DAY 787

On Eagle's Wings

ON EAGLE'S WINGS

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 "let us pray." We respond: **Have mercy, O God.***

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 302

As With Gladness Men of Old vs.3

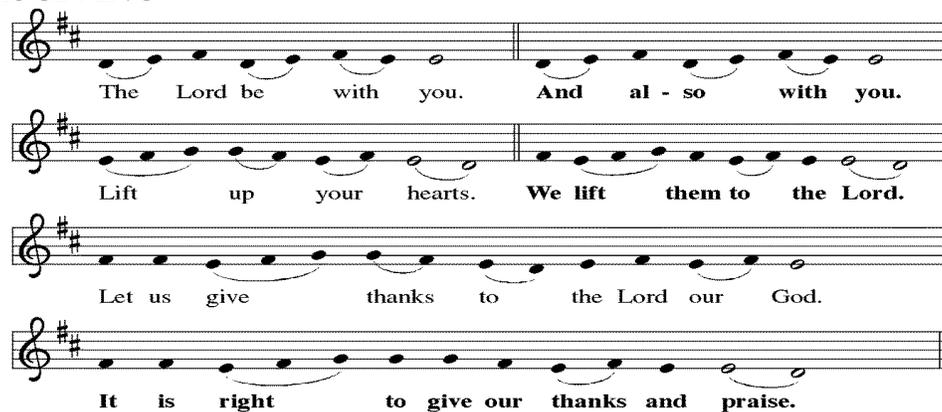
DIX

As they offered gifts most rare at thy cradle, rude and bare, so may we with holy joy,
pure and free from sin's alloy, all our costliest treasures bring, Christ, to thee, our heavenly king.

OFFERING PRAYER

Merciful God, receive the gifts we bring, ourselves, our time, and our possessions. Through this meal unite us as your body, shining with the light of your justice and mercy; for the sake of him who gave himself for us, Jesus 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:



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

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

Holy One, the beginning and the end, the giver of life: Blessed are you for the birth of creation,

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. You are invited to kneel or stand at the altar rail and receive the bread followed by the wine. A worship assistant will collect your empty cup. 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.**

COMMUNION HYMN 617

We Come to You for Healing, Lord

MARTYRDOM

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

O Morning Star, fair and bright, you have refreshed us again with heavenly food. You are our dearest treasure. Go with us now—today, tomorrow, every day—that we tell the story of your never-ending love and sing your praise both now and forever. **Amen.**

POST COMMUNION CANTICLE

Leader
Free to go in peace as you have prom - ised.

All
Free to go in peace as you have prom - ised.

Leader or All
Now, Lord, you have set your ser - vant free, free to go in peace as you have

All
prom - ised. Free to go in peace as you have prom - ised.

Leader or All
For these eyes of mine have seen the Savior

whom you have prepared for all the world to see:

All
Free to go in peace as you have prom - ised.

Leader or All
a light to en - lighten the nations, and the glory of your peo - ple Is - ra - el.

All
Free to go in peace as you have prom - ised.

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 the Lord bless and keep you. May God's face shine upon you and be gracious to you. May God give you the grace never to sell yourself short; Grace to risk something big for something good. Grace to remember the world is too dangerous for anything but truth, And too small for anything but love. So, may God take your minds and think through them; May God take your lips and speak through them. May God take your hearts and set them free. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN 314

Arise, Your Light Has Come

FESTAL SONG

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Be the light of Christ. **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

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Nursery will be available today in the CDC Building from 9:30-12:30!

Visit www.incarnationlutheran.com for bulletins, online giving, and more

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WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

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Lay Assistant:	Mel Eargle
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Acolytes:	Cole Snyder, Noah Meyer
Lector:	Henry Murdoch
Communion Assistants:	Amy Kehl, Mary Kehl

BIRTHDAYS

Debra Adair 02/04, Linda Blazek 02/05, Joshua Boepple 02/09, Amy Kehl 02/09,
Harry Scruggs 02/10, Sarah Whitehead 02/07, Bill Williamson 02/08

BAPTISM ANNIVERSARIES

Rick Smoak 02/06, Thomas Rabern 02/07

Financial Update:	Actual	Plan	Difference
Last Week	\$ 3,212	\$ 4,479	\$ 1,267-
Month-to-Date	\$ 14,887	\$ 17,917	\$ 3,040-

Sunday Schedule

- 10:00am-11:15am: Worship
- 11:15am-12:30pm: Children's Faith Formation
- 11:15am-11:45am: Sunday School in CDC building
- 11:45am-12:30pm: Children's Music
- 11:30am-12:30pm: Adult Classes – Gathering Room (Parlor)
- Worship Reflections – Conference Room (2nd floor)

Wednesday Schedule

- 5:30pm Dinner provided
- 6:15 – 7:00pm Handbell Choir
- 7:15 – 8:15pm Adult Choir

We welcome Pastor Ray Mohrmann, Development Office at Lutheran Services Carolinas to worship this morning. He is with us to receive our Octoberfest gift to LSC. Welcome Pastor Mohrmann.

**Incarnation's Annual Meeting today
in the sanctuary immediately following worship.**

All members are invited and encouraged to attend.
Please make every effort to be present as we conduct our church business.

After the Annual Meeting, join us for the Souper Bowl of Caring. We'll vote for the best soup. The winner receives the coveted Golden Ladle! Donations will go to the Harvest Hope Food Bank.

A bake sale and auction is taking place today after the service during the Souper Bowl of Caring. All proceeds go to sponsor the ELCA Youth Gathering trip to Houston. This is always a fun event!

LENTEN WEDNESDAY WORSHIP SPECIAL EVENT

Each Wednesday following dinner, from February 21 through March 21, our youth will lead us in the drama, *The Trial of Judas*. A judge, prosecuting and defense attorneys, witnesses, and the jury (you, the congregation) will struggle with the questions "Is God's grace sufficient—even for Judas?" You don't want to miss this special event series!!

SAVE THE DATE

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| Feb 10 | | Family Tubing Trip |
| Feb 13 | 5:30PM | Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper |
| Feb 14 | 6:15PM | Ash Wednesday Service |
| Feb 25 | 2:00PM | GraceWorks Reunion at St. Paul's Lutheran Church |

ANNOUNCEMENTS

We welcome Pastor Bill Mitcham as supply pastor this morning. Pastor Jane and Ethan are with the confirmation youth at Lutheridge for their Faith Alive weekend. Welcome, Pastor Mitcham!

Membership at Incarnation All who are interested in engaging in conversation about membership at Incarnation are invited to the conference room (2nd floor) following worship at 11:30 in the conference room (2nd floor) next Sunday, February 11. All are welcome! No obligations!

THE SIX MARKS OF DISCIPLESHIP Several of you have asked about the six marks of discipleship identified in Pastor Jane's sermon a few Sundays ago to be shared in print. From Michael Foss' book Power Surge, these six marks of discipleship are as follows: daily prayer, daily Bible reading, weekly worship, Christian service, relationships that encourage spiritual growth, and giving (financial giving) in the spirit of generosity.

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

Lay Assistants Needed Anyone interested in serving as the Lay Assistant in worship, please contact Susan McArver (803) 776-6105 or Pastor Jane.

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

Helping Hands Project in need of Volunteers. If you're interested in helping with this important outreach ministry, please contact the church office (803) 256-2381 or email:

office@incarnationlutheran.com

Family Snow Tubing on February 10th! We are again planning to go snow tubing on Feb. 10th. This was a lot of fun last year! The event is open to all aged children, youth, and their families. We should be able to qualify for the group rate which means the cost will be \$25 a person. Our plan is to meet in the morning and take buses to Hendersonville, NC for two hours of tubing followed by a visit to a local pizza buffet. It looks to be a great family and community event. If you are interested, please RSVP to youth@incarnationlutheran.com with how many tickets you will need.

The **2018 congregational retreat** at the beach will be held May 18-20. Space is limited, so please reserve your place as soon as you can! Deadline is February 18. A \$100 deposit is needed. Checks can be made payable to Incarnation Lutheran Church, note: Beach Retreat. Questions welcomed! For more information or to register, just get in touch with: Janet Hoffmann: [803-727-7202](tel:803-727-7202), jmhoff@bellsouth.net or - Emily Black: [803-467-4032](tel:803-467-4032), emily.duncan4@gmail.com

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.

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

Ken Hoffman (brother of Janet Hoffman), Sandra Pouncey (friend of Janet Hoffman)
Mac Carroll, Cecilia Eaddy CDC mother, Mac Carroll, Scot and Lynette LaFalce, Mary Kehl, Walter Lindler,
Rick Smoak, Delores DeJames (mother of Jeff DeJames), Naamas Wrightman, friend of Elizabeth Theo
Sarah Parker, Mike Parker's mother; Mary Steadman, friend of Mary Crosby
Bobby Wierich, Harry Evans, Alden Pratt

Congregational sympathy is expressed to the family of Gerryann Clark Smith, former member of Incarnation, whose graveside service was conducted by Pastor Jane on Wednesday at Crescent Hills Memorial Gardens.

*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 _____