



# Lutheran Church of the Incarnation

## Service of Holy Communion

June 24, 2018

Fifth 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:**

Lament

John E. West (1863-1929)

### 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 398

Holy Spirit, Truth Devine

SONG 13

## 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

O God of creation, eternal majesty, you preside over land and sea, sunshine and storm. By your strength pilot us, by your power preserve us, by your wisdom instruct us, and by your hand protect us, 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 Job

Job 38:1-11

At the end of the book of Job, after Job and his companions have argued about the cause of the great suffering Job endures, God finally speaks. These verses begin that speech, which is a grand vision of creation, describing God's ordering of the cosmos and inviting Job to marvel at its beauty.

<sup>1</sup>The LORD answered Job out of the whirlwind:

<sup>2</sup>“Who is this that darkens counsel by words without knowledge?

<sup>3</sup>Gird up your loins like a man,

I will question you, and you shall declare to me.

<sup>4</sup>“Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth?

Tell me, if you have understanding.

<sup>5</sup>Who determined its measurements—surely you know!

Or who stretched the line upon it?

<sup>6</sup>On what were its bases sunk,

or who laid its cornerstone

<sup>7</sup>when the morning stars sang together

and all the heavenly beings shouted for joy?

<sup>8</sup>“Or who shut in the sea with doors

when it burst out from the womb?—

<sup>9</sup>when I made the clouds its garment,

and thick darkness its swaddling band,

<sup>10</sup>and prescribed bounds for it,

and set bars and doors,

<sup>11</sup>and said, ‘Thus far shall you come, and no farther,

and here shall your proud waves be stopped?’”

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

**PSALM: Psalm 107:1–3, 23–32**

*Congregation is singing the bold verses.*

Choir sings

Evangelical Lutheran Worship tone 9



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You stilled the storm and si - lenced the waves of the sea.

Psalm 107:29

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<sup>1</sup>Give thanks to the LORD, for the <sup>1</sup> LORD is good,  
for God's mercy en- <sup>1</sup>dures forever.

<sup>2</sup>**Let the redeemed of the <sup>1</sup> LORD proclaim  
that God redeemed them from the hand <sup>1</sup> of the foe,**

<sup>3</sup>gathering them in <sup>1</sup> from the lands;  
from the east and from the west, from the north and <sup>1</sup> from the south.

<sup>23</sup>**Some went down to the <sup>1</sup> sea in ships,  
plying their trade <sup>1</sup> in deep waters.**

<sup>24</sup>They beheld the works <sup>1</sup> of the LORD,  
God's wonderful works <sup>1</sup> in the deep.

<sup>25</sup>**Then God spoke, and a stormy <sup>1</sup> wind arose,  
which tossed high the waves <sup>1</sup> of the sea.**

<sup>26</sup>They mounted up to the heavens and descended <sup>1</sup> to the depths;  
their souls melted away <sup>1</sup> in their peril.

<sup>27</sup>**They staggered and <sup>1</sup> reeled like drunkards,  
and all their skill was of <sup>1</sup> no avail.**

<sup>28</sup>Then in their trouble they cried <sup>1</sup> to the LORD,  
and you delivered them from <sup>1</sup> their distress.

<sup>29</sup>**You stilled the storm <sup>1</sup> to a whisper  
and silenced the waves <sup>1</sup> of the sea.**

<sup>30</sup>Then were they glad when <sup>1</sup> it grew calm,  
when you guided them to the harbor <sup>1</sup> they desired.

<sup>31</sup>Let them give thanks to you, LORD, for your <sup>1</sup> steadfast love  
and your wonderful works <sup>1</sup> for all people.

<sup>32</sup>Let them exalt you in the assembly <sup>1</sup> of the people;  
in the council of the elders, let them sing <sup>1</sup> hallelujah!

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

2 Corinthians 6:1-13

*Paul and his fellow workers experience great hardships and even rejection while carrying out their missionary work. Nevertheless, Paul continuously proclaims that God has not rejected us but is graciously working for our salvation.*

<sup>1</sup>As we work together with him, we urge you also not to accept the grace of God in vain. <sup>2</sup>For he says,  
“At an acceptable time I have listened to you,  
and on a day of salvation I have helped you.”

See, now is the acceptable time; see, now is the day of salvation! <sup>3</sup>We are putting no obstacle in anyone’s way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, <sup>4</sup>but as servants of God we have commended ourselves in every way: through great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, <sup>5</sup>beatings, imprisonments, riots, labors, sleepless nights, hunger; <sup>6</sup>by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, holiness of spirit, genuine love, <sup>7</sup>truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; <sup>8</sup>in honor and dishonor, in ill repute and good repute. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; <sup>9</sup>as unknown, and yet are well known; as dying, and see—we are alive; as punished, and yet not killed; <sup>10</sup>as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing everything.

<sup>11</sup>We have spoken frankly to you Corinthians; our heart is wide open to you. <sup>12</sup>There is no restriction in our affections, but only in yours. <sup>13</sup>In return—I speak as to children—open wide your hearts also.

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

*The assembly stands*

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:** ELW 794

**GOSPEL:** Mark 4:35-41

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

*Jesus’ calming of the storm on the sea reveals his power over evil, since the sea represents evil and chaos. The boat on the sea is a symbol of the church and invites us to trust God amid life’s turbulence.*

<sup>35</sup>When evening had come, [Jesus said to the disciples,] “Let us go across to the other side.” <sup>36</sup>And leaving the crowd behind, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. Other boats were with him. <sup>37</sup>A great windstorm arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that the boat was already being swamped. <sup>38</sup>But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion; and they woke him up and said to him, “Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?” <sup>39</sup>He woke up and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, “Peace! Be still!” Then the wind ceased, and there was a dead calm. <sup>40</sup>He said to them, “Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?” <sup>41</sup>And they were filled with great awe and said to one another, “Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey 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 756      Eternal Father, Strong to Save

MELITA

**Commissioning and Sending of Youth to the ELCA Youth Gathering**

**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 "Lord, in your mercy."*

*We respond: **Here 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

#### OFFERTORY ANTHEM:

The Quiet Heart

John Ness Beck (1930-1987)

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

#### OFFERTORY HYMN: ELW 686 VS. 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.**

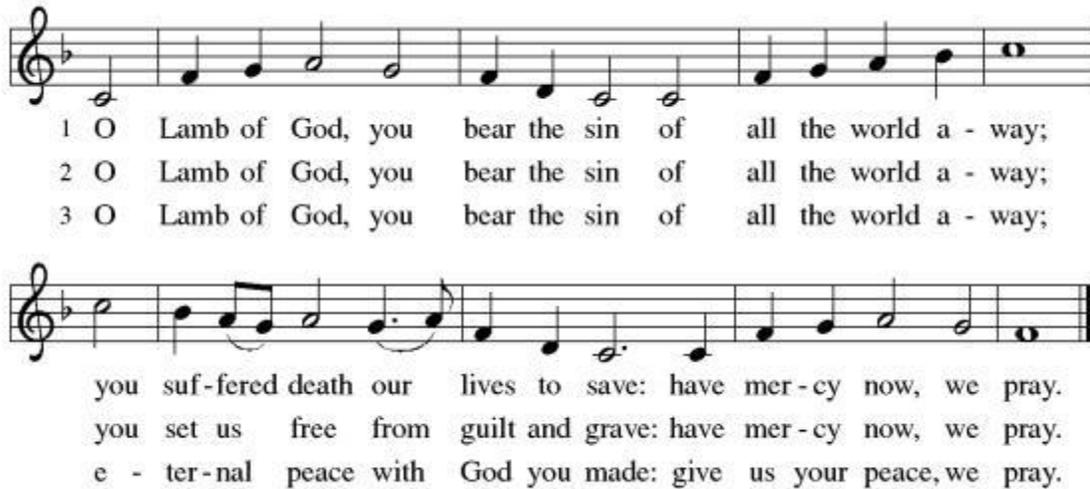
## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

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

*The assembly is seated.*

## LAMB OF GOD: S208

*Sung by all,*



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 785

When Peace like a River

VILLE DU HAVRE

*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 773

Precious Lord, Take My Hand

PRECIOUS LORD

### DISMISSAL

Go in peace. The Spirit sends us forth to serve.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE:**

Fugue in D

George W. Morgan (1822-1892)

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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
Acolyte:	Porter Boepple
Crucifer:	Ethan Johnson
Lay Assistant:	Mel Eargle
Lector:	Mary Kehl
Communion Assistants:	TBA
Eucharistic Minister:	Mary Kehl
Council Person of the Day:	Cal Johnson

**Congregational sympathy** is expressed to the family of Leon Tokunaga. Leon passed away Wednesday morning. His funeral service was here at Incarnation yesterday.

Congregational sympathy is expressed to the family of Dan Dunne (friends of Jeff and Debbie Adair.

The altar flowers are given to the Glory of God and in memory of our loved and missed Aunt Patty Regnery by Eugenie, Mike and Sarah Parker.

**Volunteer and Serve a Meal.** Could you spare an hour each month to help those less fortunate? Incarnation volunteers gather at Transitions Homeless Shelter the first Thursday of each month at 5:15pm. Please contact Teresa Boykin (803) 422-1905 or the church office (803) 256-2381 for more info and to volunteer.

### Current Concerns

Kit Regnery, Earl Olson, Louise Clutterbuck, Margaret McArver,  
Ed Hoffman, Tom Williamson, Walter Lindler

### BIRTHDAYS

Gwendolyn Brinkley 6/29, Leslie Skinner 6/28

Financial Update:	Actual	Plan	Difference
Last Week	\$ 1,790	\$ 4,479	\$ 2,689-
Month-to-Date	\$ 11,452	\$ 13,437	\$ 1,985-
Year-to-Date	\$ 94,300	\$ 103,021	\$ 8,721-

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### ILC ALTAR FLOWERS

Please this submit form and a check to Incarnation Lutheran Church and place in the offering plate or drop off at the office.

DATE OF SUNDAY REQUESTED: \_\_\_\_\_

In HONOR OF       In MEMORY OF      (Check One)

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Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

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SPECIAL REQUEST: (flowers, color etc.) \_\_\_\_\_



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