



Lutheran Church of the Incarnation

Service of Holy Communion

April 29, 2018 10:00AM

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Sacrament of Holy Baptism

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 Prelude on a theme of Orlando Gibbons (Song 34) C. V. STANFORD (1852-1924)

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: ELW 449 We Know That Christ is Raised ENGELBERG

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

O God, you give us your Son as the vine apart from whom we cannot live. Nourish our life in his resurrection, that we may bear the fruit of love and know the fullness of your joy, through 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.

TEMPLE TALKS

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: Acts 8:26-40

Led by the Spirit, Philip encounters an Ethiopian official who is returning to his African home after having been to Jerusalem to worship. Philip uses their encounter to proclaim the gospel to him. Upon coming to faith in Jesus, the Ethiopian is baptized by Philip.

²⁶An angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Get up and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." (This is a wilderness road.) ²⁷So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship ²⁸and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. ²⁹Then the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over to this chariot and join it." ³⁰So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?" ³¹He replied, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. ³²Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this:

"Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter,
and like a lamb silent before its shearer,
so he does not open his mouth.

³³In his humiliation justice was denied him.

Who can describe his generation?

For his life is taken away from the earth."

³⁴The eunuch asked Philip, "About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?" ³⁵Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. ³⁶As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, "Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?" ³⁸He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. ³⁹When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. ⁴⁰But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: S124



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

GOSPEL: John 15: 1-8

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

On the night of his arrest, Jesus taught his disciples about the relationship they would have with him. Those who abide in his word and love would bear fruit, for apart from him, they could do nothing.

[Jesus said:] ¹"I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine grower. ²He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. ³You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. ⁴Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. ⁵I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. ⁶Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. ⁷If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. ⁸My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples."

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 397

Loving Spirit

RESTORATION

SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM pg. 227-231

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

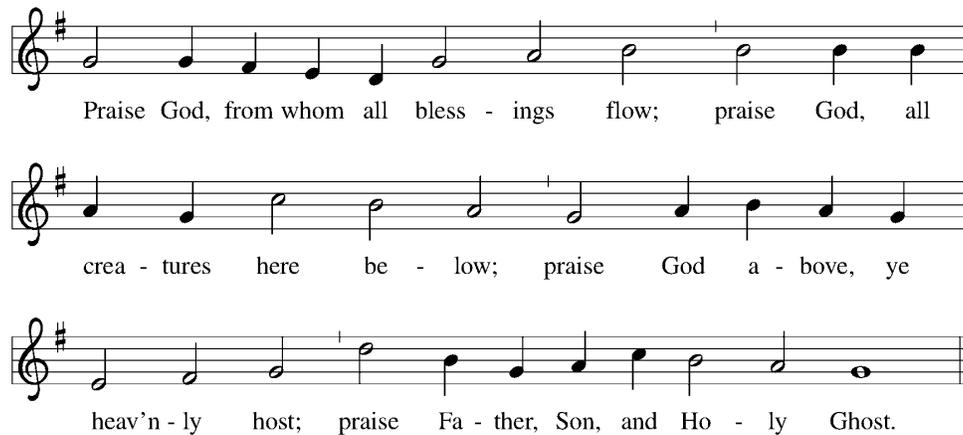
Offertory Anthem:

Be Present At Our Table Lord

Robert Lau

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

OFFERTORY



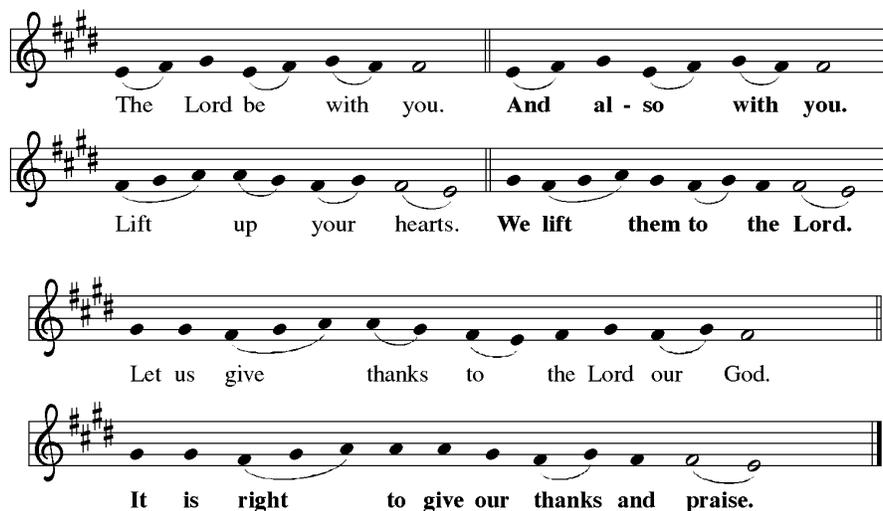
Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise God, all
crea - tures here be - low; praise God a - bove, ye
heav'n - ly host; praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

OFFERING PRAYER

Be known to us, O Lord, in the breaking of the bread, as you were made known to the disciples. Receive these gifts, and the offering of our lives, that we may be your risen body in the world.

Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

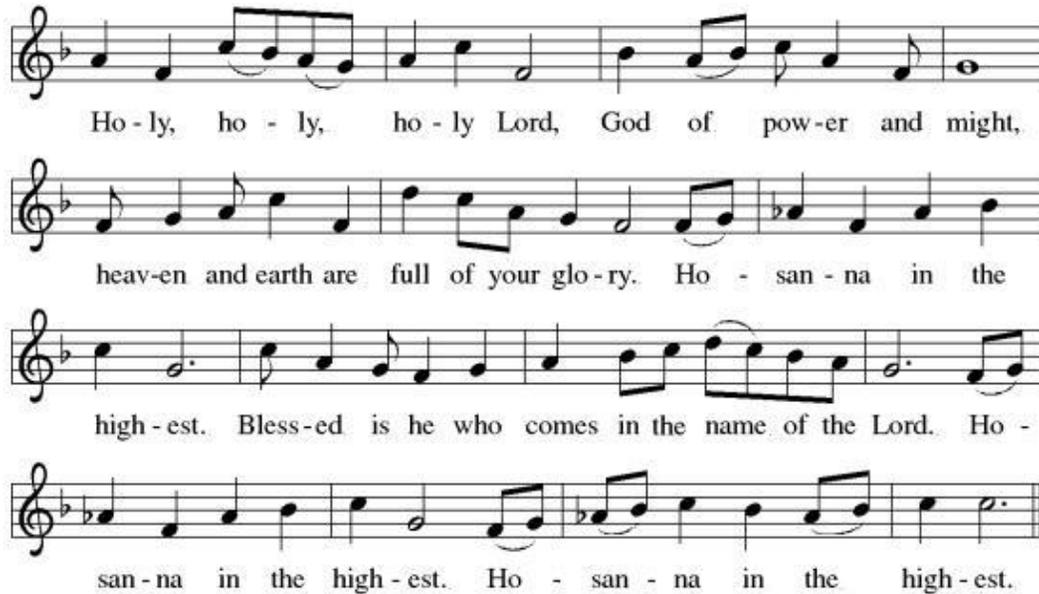


The Lord be with you. **And** al - so with you.
Lift up your hearts. **We lift** them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

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

SANCTUS: S130



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
heav - en 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. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

... 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 has 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.**

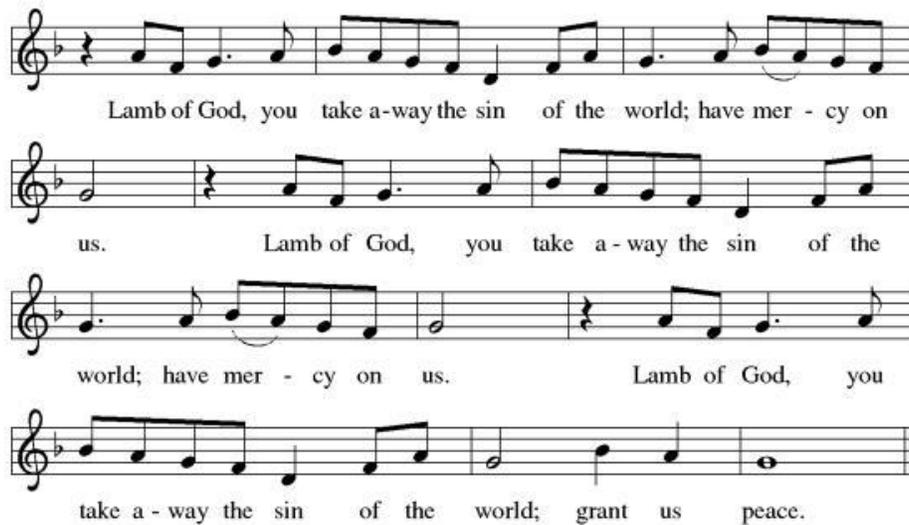
LORD'S PRAYER

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

Now let us feast this Easter day on Christ, the bread of heaven. Hallelujah!

LAMB OF GOD: S135a



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.

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

Handbells Anthem: Risen Lord Composer Joel Raney, arranged by Arnold Sherman

HYMN: ELW 690 We Raise Our Hand to You VI REKKER VARE HENDER FREM

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Life-giving God, in the mystery of Christ's death and resurrection you send light to conquer darkness, water to give new life, and the bread of heaven to nourish your people. Send us forth as witnesses to Jesus' resurrection that we may show your glory to all the world; through the same Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. **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 who has brought us from death to life fill you with great joy.
Almighty God, Father, **+** Son, and Holy Spirit,
bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN: ELW 389

Christ Is Alive!

TRURO

DISMISSAL

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

You are the body of Christ raised up for the world.

Go in peace. Share the good news. **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE:

Pavana

Orlando Gibbons (1583-1625)

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Lay Assistant:	Janet Hoffman
Lector:	Linda Blazek
Communion Assistants:	TBA

BIRTHDAYS

Aidan DeJames 05/05, Mark Hall 05/03,
Sarah Harris 05/03, Porter Kinard 04/29, John Spratlin 05/04

BAPTISM ANNIVERSARIES

Debra Adair 04/30, Mark Boepple 05/01, Jim Couillard 05/01
Amy Ely 05/04, Christy Fossum 05/01, Ed Skinner 05/01

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today we rejoice with the Wood family as Susan, Caleb and Luke are baptized in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. We welcome Susan's parents, Curt and Karen Howell and their grandmother, Joyce Howell, worshipping with them this day.

Congratulations to Daniel O'Hara for completing the requirements for his Eagle Scout badge. We're glad for you, Daniel!

The Murdock family shares these words with us: Out of all the emotions, fears, trials, and unknowns Abigail and her family have faced recently, one thing we have never felt is — alone. Thank you! We are thankful for Abigail's strength and courage in these days of her recovery and our prayers continue for her and her family as they walk this journey.

At Lutheridge, in addition to their study of the various sections of Luther's Small Catechism, our confirmands enjoy playing Gaga Ball. It's a game somewhat like dodge ball played within a wooden octagonal pit. The floor is covered with wood chips. All nine of these youth have faithfully attended the four Faith Alive weekend events and are looking forward to Campfirmation this summer and four more Faith Alive weekends next year. We would like to honor them by purchasing the equipment for a Gaga court here at Incarnation. The cost is roughly \$1500. If you would like to help with this project, a gaga bucket will be available for the next few Sundays! Thanks - and I can promise you will be amazed at their skill!

Save the date: On Sunday, June 3, we will join with Resurrection Lutheran Church in an outdoor worship service at Sims Park. The Rev. Kevin Strickland will be the preacher for the day. Other details will be forthcoming!!!

Financial Update:	Actual	Plan	Difference
Last Week	\$ 3,693	\$ 3,583	\$ 110+
Month-to-Date	\$ 17,275	\$ 14,333	\$ 2,942+
Year-to-Date	\$ 66,265	\$ 68,083	\$ 1,81-

Current Concerns

Abigail Murdock, Walter Lindler, Cecilia Eaddy(CDC mother),
Delores DeJames (mother of Jeff DeJames), Sarah Parker (mother of Mike Parker), Harry Evans

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.



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Beloved Incarnation Lutheran Church Community,

It is with great emotion that I announce that I will be resigning my position as Youth Minister of Incarnation Lutheran Church effective Sunday, July 22nd. I have received the joyous news that I will be moving to Boone, NC in August to serve my internship year as Vicar at Grace Lutheran Church. As joyous as such news is, it also bears with it the news that my time with you will be coming to an end. Cassie and I are grateful for all the love and support that you have extended to us during these years together.

I cannot begin to express my love, gratitude, and appreciation for the incredible invitation and opportunity to be a part of this phenomenal community these last three years. The love that you have shown me will go with me and carry me forward as I move on to this next part of my faith journey and this journey of becoming a pastor in the ELCA. As I have discerned this new and exciting call to pastoral ministry while here at ILC I also cannot thank you enough for all your support as I enrolled in seminary and during these last years as I balanced coursework and my work at ILC. Thank you all!

I have thoroughly been blessed to work with such amazing children, youth, and families here at ILC who have welcomed me into their lives and as much as it was my job to teach, model, and walk alongside you all in faith, it has also been my great joy to have learned so much about what it means to be disciples from each of you. I really do believe that this community is truly blessed to have such amazing young people in its midst and I have no doubt of the incredible young women and men of faith they will continue to become as they are nurtured by such a community of faith as this.

All that being said, I will truly miss you all but I am assured that God is doing incredible things at Incarnation Lutheran and I cannot wait to see where God leads this community in the future! Please know that I am eager to communicate with any and all of you who wish to spend time with me before my last Sunday, July 22nd. I continue to be excited for these next months together and for all that God will continue to do in our midst during that time. I thank you for our shared ministry together and for how you have been for me the Body of Christ in this place. You will forever be a part of my faith story and will always be in my heart and in my prayers.

With much love,

Ethan Overcash

Congregational Council of Lutheran Church of the Incarnation,

This is to inform you that I will be resigning my position as Youth Minister effective July 22nd. Attached you will find my resignation letter addressed to the whole community of Incarnation. As some of you have likely learned, I have been assigned to serve my internship year as Vicar at Grace Lutheran Church in Boone, NC. I have chosen not to publicize this news on social media out of respect for the ILC community as I would rather members of our community who are not aware not discover I am resigning in that way. I request that you please inform me of your preferred timeline for announcing my resignation.

I am extremely grateful to all the support and ways that Council has contributed to my ministry experience here. I have never felt that I have not had the full support of council to try new things and to think creatively as we have sought to form faithful disciples of children and youth together. It has truly been an immense joy to be a part of this faith community and as much as I am excited to begin this next part of my educational and formational journey, it is difficult to imagine myself leaving such a community.

I am excited to continue to learn how God is moving among you in the future and for where God is calling you to participate in such holy endeavors.

With Love,

Ethan Overcash
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