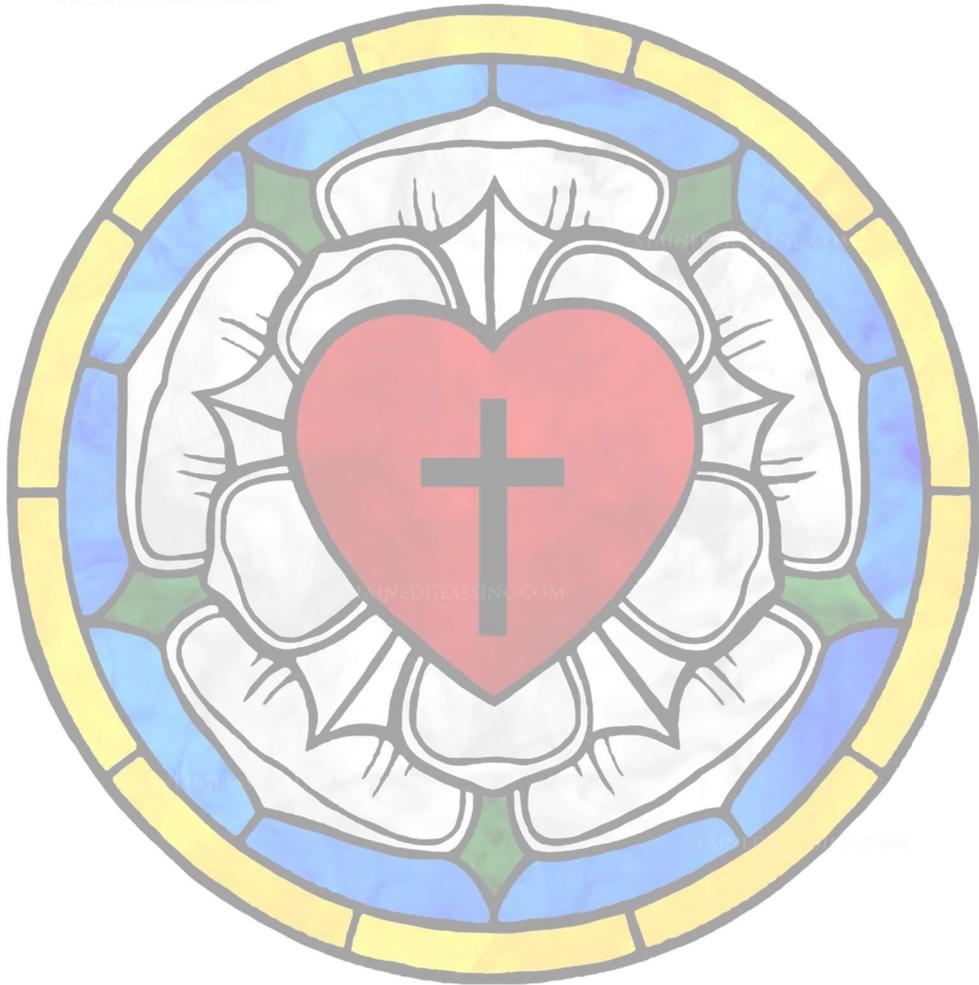


INCARNATION LUTHERAN CHURCH

✝ Fourth Sunday in Lent ✝ March 14th, 2021

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Amazing Grace

David Schleat

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING HYMN: ELW 779

Amazing Grace

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| 1 | Amazing grace! how sweet the sound
that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found;
was blind, but now I see. | 4 | The Lord has promised good to <u>me</u> ;
his word my hope <u>secures</u> ;
he will my shield and portion <u>be</u>
<u>as long as</u> life endures. |
| 2 | 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
and grace my fears relieved;
how precious did that grace appear
the hour I first believed! | 5 | When <u>we've</u> been there ten thousand years,
bright shining as the sun,
we've no less days to sing God's <u>praise</u>
than when <u>we'd</u> first begun. |
| 3 | Through many dangers, toils, and snares
I have already come;
'tis grace has brought me safe thus far,
and grace will lead me home. | | |

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✙ one God, the keeper of the covenant, the source of steadfast love, our rock and our redeemer. **Amen.**

God hears us when we cry, and draws us close in Jesus Christ. Let us return to the one who is full of compassion. Fountain of living water, **pour out your mercy over us. Our sin is heavy, and we long to be free. Rebuild what we have ruined and mend what we have torn. Wash us in your cleansing flood. Make us alive in the Spirit to follow in the way of Jesus, as healers and restorers of the world you so love. Amen.**

Beloved, God's word never fails. The promise rests on grace: by the saving love of Jesus Christ, the wisdom and power of God, your sins are ✙ forgiven, and God remembers them no more. Journey in the way of Jesus.
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: p. 213

CANTICLE OF PRAISE

PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God, rich in mercy, by the humiliation of your Son you lifted up this fallen world and rescued us from the hopelessness of death. Lead us into your light, that all our deeds may reflect your love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

WORD

CHILDREN'S TIME

FIRST READING: Numbers 21:4-9

⁴From Mount Hor [the Israelites] set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom; but the people became impatient on the way. ⁵The people spoke against God and against Moses, "Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we detest this miserable food." ⁶Then the LORD sent poisonous serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many Israelites died. ⁷The people came to Moses and said, "We have sinned by speaking against the LORD and against you; pray to the LORD to take away the serpents from us." So Moses prayed for the people. ⁸And the LORD said to Moses, "Make a poisonous serpent, and set it on a pole; and everyone who is bitten shall look at it and live." ⁹So Moses made a serpent of bronze, and put it upon a pole; and whenever a serpent bit someone, that person would look at the serpent of bronze and live.

After the Reading: The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM: Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22

¹Give thanks to the LORD, for the LORD is good,
for God's mercy endures forever.

²**Let the redeemed of the LORD proclaim
that God redeemed them from the hand of the foe,**

³gathering them in from the lands;
from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south.

¹⁷**Some were fools and took rebellious paths;
through their sins they were afflicted.**

¹⁸They loathed all manner of food
and drew near to death's door.

¹⁹**Then in their trouble they cried to the LORD
and you delivered them from their distress.**

²⁰You sent forth your word and healed them
and rescued them from the grave.

²¹**Let them give thanks to you, LORD, for your steadfast love
and your wonderful works for all people.**

²²Let them offer sacrifices of thanksgiving
and tell of your deeds with shouts of joy.

SECOND READING: Ephesians 2:1-10

¹You were dead through the trespasses and sins ²in which you once lived, following the course of this world, following the ruler of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work among those who are disobedient. ³All of us once lived among them in the passions of our flesh, following the desires of flesh and senses, and we were by nature children of wrath, like everyone else. ⁴But God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us ⁵even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved—⁶and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, ⁷so that in the ages to come he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. ⁸For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God—⁹not the result of works, so that no one may boast. ¹⁰For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.

After the Reading: The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: p. 160

GOSPEL READING: John 3:14-21

Before the Reading: The Holy Gospel according to John. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said:] ¹⁴“Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

¹⁶“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

¹⁷“Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. ¹⁸Those who believe in him are not condemned; but those who do not believe are condemned already, because they have not believed in the name of the only Son of God. ¹⁹And this is the judgment, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. ²⁰For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be exposed. ²¹But those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God.”

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

SERMON

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| <p>1 Salvation unto us has come
by God's free grace and favor;
good works cannot avert our doom,
they help and save us never.
Faith looks to Jesus Christ alone,
who did for all the world atone,
our only mediator.</p> | <p>4 Faith clings to Jesus' cross alone
and rests in him unceasing;
and by its fruits true faith is known,
with love and hope increasing.
For faith alone can justify;
works serve our neighbor and supply
the proof that faith is living.</p> |
| <p>2 What God did in the law demand
no one could keep unfailling;
great woe arose on ev'ry hand,
and sin grew all-prevailing.
Because the law must be fulfilled,
Christ came as God in mercy willed,
for us the law obeying.</p> | <p>5 All blessing, honor, thanks, and praise
to Father, Son, and Spirit!
Lord, you have saved us by your grace;
all glory to your merit!
O triune God in heav'n above,
you have revealed your saving love;
your blessed name we hallow.</p> |
| <p>3 Since Christ has full atonement made
and brought to us salvation,
we will rejoice, we will be glad
and build on this foundation.
Your grace alone, dear Lord, I plead;
baptized into your death, I'm freed;
your life is mine forever.</p> | <p>6 Your kingdom come, your will be done
in this world as in heaven;
give bread for each new day begun;
our sins be all forgiven,
as we forgive what others do;
in ev'ry trial see us through;
from evil save us. Amen.</p> |

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.***”

SHARING THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

OFFERTORY ARIA “I will at all times praise the Lord,” from *St. Paul* George F. Handel

OFFERING PRAYER

Faithful God, you walk beside us in desert places, and you meet us in our hunger with bread from heaven. Accompany us in this meal, that we may pass over from death to life with Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

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, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

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WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE 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

The gifts of God for the people of God. Welcome to the table of the Lord.

LAMB OF GOD

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

God of steadfast love, at this table you gather your people into one body for the sake of the world. Send us in the power of your Spirit, that our lives bear witness to the love that has made us new in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

SENDING

BLESSING

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN: ELW 593

Drawn to the Light

1 People who walk in darkness have sought
a light in the heart of the darkest night.
Just when we thought all would be lost,
we were drawn to the light of God.

2 How can we tell a heaven from hell
if ev'ryone dwells in the dark of night?
Morning dispels, gently compels,
and we're drawn to the light of God. *Refrain*

Refrain

Dawn is in sight! Gone is the night,
drawn to the light and the morning.
Glorious and bright, oh, what a sight
to be drawn to the light of God.

3 Where is the sun? Oh, there will be none!
The Lamb is the one who is shining bright,
bids us to come! Life has begun
when we're drawn to the light of God. *Refrain*

DISMISSAL

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

Organ Voluntary:

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J.S. Bach

Announcements

A **daily devotional** will be emailed to you daily. These are also available on Facebook.

Wednesdays at noon, Incarnation will be hosting a short devotional Bible study. Bible study will be held over Zoom and the office will email out the link for the meeting each Wednesday morning.

Do you want to join Incarnation? If so, please contact the office at office@incarnationlutheran.com so that we can gather your contact information and reach out to you.

Prayer List

Current: The family of Rita Cline, The Family of Carroll Senn (Aubrey Sowell,) The family of Gloria Cooper (Bonnie Huth,) The Family of Katherine Shephard (Mimi Fischer,) Carrie Robinson,

William Singletary, Sarah Sutton, all those caring for elderly parents, and all those that are home bound.

Continuing: Sam Hall, Steve Dotson, Jimmy and Ethel Albergotti, Ed Skinner, Lily Hoffman , Jesse, Emily Prince, Emily Wright, Gary Todd, Maren Milbourne, Ann Ford, Jenny Gantt, The Norton Family, The Family of Kiara Grissom, The Family of Barbara Valle (Marcy Coster-Schulz,) and all those that are quarantined and suffering from COVID-19.

Military: Michael Willhide, Mike Turner, (Mavis Turner's son), Hilary Compton, (Kim Yerrick's niece), Tyler Owens, (Kim Yerrick's nephew).

In March, we will support a cause "worth marching in".

In March, we will be "marching" in support of the **ELCA Good Gifts catalog** that supports the ministries of the ELCA around the world. **Buy baby chicks, a piglet, honeybees, a goat, school supplies,** or many other options by going to www.elca.org/goodgifts. Also, don't forget to write prayers during Lent for those in our community and around the world who need our support. Deposit them in the wooden church building made by Tom Fryar outside the church office. We will open them for Easter. Happy Marching!

Financial Update - General Fund Contributions

	Actual	Plan	Difference
Last Week	\$8,064.00	\$5,000.00	\$3,064.00
Year-to-Date	\$36,187.00	\$50,000.00	-\$18,133.00

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Lilies for Easter to the Glory of God

Please share in gracing our Nave this year with Easter Lilies in memory of loved ones or to honor family or friends. Names will be printed in the bulletin on Easter Sunday

Name: _____ Phone # _____

In Honor of: _____

In Memory of: _____

Number of Lilies _____ @ \$18.00 = _____

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