



Incarnation Lutheran Church

Service of Holy Communion

January 7, 2018 10AM Baptism of Our Lord

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please silence your devices at this time

INSTALLATION OF COUNCIL MEMBERS AND OFFICERS

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 673

God Whose Almighty Word

ITALIAN HYMN

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

Holy God, creator of light and giver of goodness, your voice moves over the waters. Immerse us in your grace, and transform us by your Spirit, that we may follow after your Son, 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.

CHILDREN'S TIME ALL AGES children 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: Genesis 1:1-5

¹In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, ²the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. ³Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. ⁴And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. ⁵God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

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

PSALM 29

We sing the Refrain after vs. 4, 8&11

John Hughes
Arr. Hal H. Hopson

REFRAIN

66

May God's deeds of love — and — mer - cy
be our song for - ev - er - more.

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- ¹Ascribe to the | LORD, you gods,
ascribe to the LORD glo- | ry and strength.
- ²Ascribe to the LORD the glory | due God's name;
worship the LORD in the beau- | ty of holiness.
- ³The voice of the LORD is upon the waters; the God of | glory thunders;
the LORD is upon the | mighty waters.
- ⁴The voice of the LORD is a pow- | erful voice;
the voice of the LORD is a | voice of splendor. **R**
- ⁵The voice of the LORD breaks the | cedar trees;
the LORD breaks the ce- | dars of Lebanon;
- ⁶the LORD makes Lebanon skip | like a calf,
and Mount Hermon like a | young wild ox.
- ⁷The voice | of the LORD
bursts forth in | lightning flashes.
- ⁸The voice of the LORD | shakes the wilderness;
the LORD shakes the wilder- | ness of Kadesh. **R**
- ⁹The voice of the LORD makes the oak trees writhe and strips the | forests bare.
And in the temple of the LORD all are | crying, "Glory!"
- ¹⁰The LORD sits enthroned a- | bove the flood;
the LORD sits enthroned as king for- | evermore.
- ¹¹O LORD, give strength | to your people;
give them, O LORD, the bless- | ings of peace. **R**

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HYMN OF THE DAY 311

Hail to the Lord's Anointed

Sung to AURELIA

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.

It is indeed right, our duty and joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. By the leading of a star he was shown forth to all nations; in the waters of Jordan you proclaimed him your beloved Son. And in the miracle of water turned to wine he revealed your glory. And so with all the choirs of all 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, 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, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

PREFACE

Holy One, the beginning and the end, the giver of life: Blessed are you for the birth of creation, Blessed are you for your promise to your people. Blessed are you in the prophets' hopes and dreams. Blessed are you for Mary's openness to your will. Blessed are you for your Son Jesus, the Word made flesh.

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 to 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.

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

With this bread and cup we remember your Word dwelling among us, full of grace and truth. We remember our new birth in his death and resurrection. We look with hope for his coming/
Come, Lord Jesus.

Holy God, We long for your Spirit. Come among us. Bless this meal. May your Word take flesh in us. Awaken your people. Fill us with your light. Bring the gift of peace on earth.
Come, Holy Spirit.

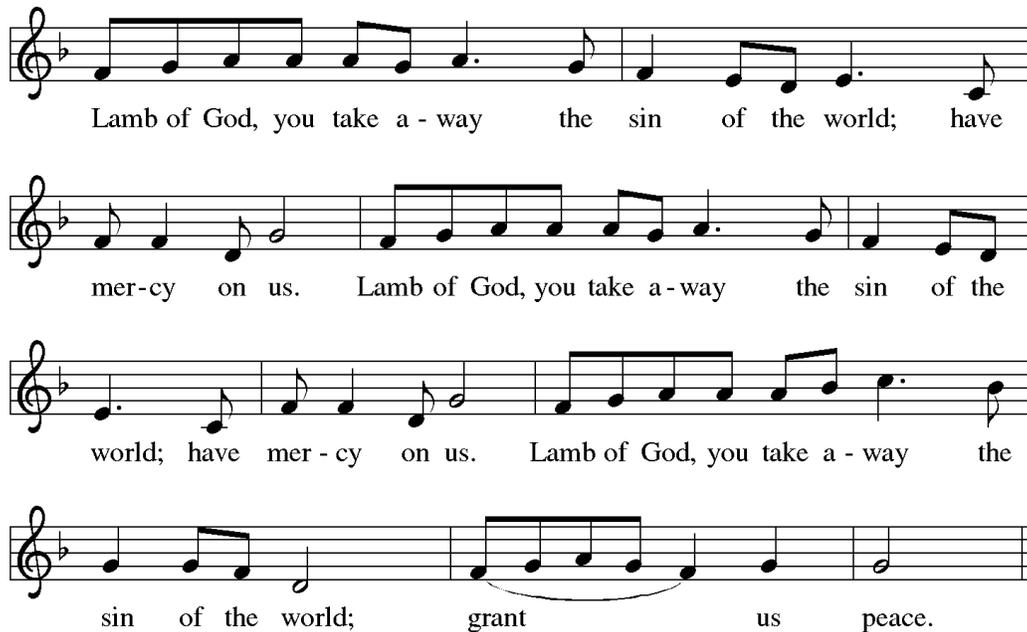
LORD'S PRAYER

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

We who are many are one body, for we all partake of the one bread. Come. Be filled with light and life. Thanks be to God.

LAMB OF GOD



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 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.**

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

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



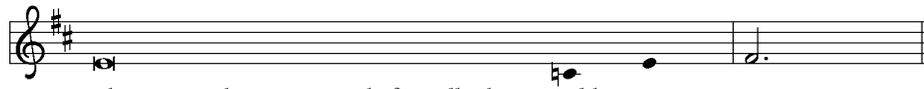
prom - ised. Free to go in peace as you have prom - ised.

Leader or All



For these eyes of mine have seen the Savior

Leader or All



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 551

The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve

CHESTERFIELD

DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE

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A WARM AND SINCERE 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 which is located in the pew and can be placed in the offering plate. If you're looking for a church home, we encourage you to contact Pastor Jane or the church office.

Come be a part of us and share life at Incarnation Lutheran Church.

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Ushers:	Team 3
Lay Assistant:	Ethan Overcash
Crucifer:	Amy Kehl
Acolytes:	Porter Boepple, McNally Sowell
Lector:	Mary Kehl
Communion Assistants:	Mary Kehl, Amy Kehl
Eucharist Minister:	Mary Kehl

BAPTISM ANNIVERSARIES

Chandler Coppens	1/08	Susan McArver	1/10
Alexander Meyer	1/10	Holden Meyer	1/10
Noah Meyer	1/10	Ashley Chambers	1/11
Kassidy Kimble	1/11	Kennadi Kimble	1/11

BIRTHDAYS

Helen Eargle	1/8	Ken Gehler	1/10
Laura Viohl	1/10	Steven Cook	1/10
Jan Davis	1/11		

Congratulations to Catherine Sexton who was elected to the Foundation Board.

2018 Council Officers: Steve Cook, Chair
 Leslie Skinner, Vice Chair
 Randy Yaussy, Financial Secretary
 Cal Johnson, Treasurer
 Janet Hoffman, Walter Lindler, Susan McArver Eugenie Parker
 Newly elected: Shawn DeJames

Financial Report: as of 12/31	Actual	Plan	Difference
Last Week	\$ 1,652	\$ 3,790	\$ -2,138
Month-to-Date	\$ 20,093	\$ 18,952	\$ +1,141
Year-to-Date	\$ 216,360	\$ 227,425	\$ -11,065

Approximately \$4700 contributions have been received toward San Pablo Lutheran Church, Old San Juan, Puerto Rico

NEW 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: Childrens's Music
 11:30am-12:30pm: Adult Classes – Gathering Room (Parlor)
 Worship Reflections – Conference Room (2nd floor)

NEW Wednesday Schedule

4:45pm-5:30pm: Youth Choir (6th-12th grades)
 5:30: Dinner provided
 6:15 – 7:00pm Handbell Choir
 7:15 – 8:15pm Adult Choir

Current Concerns

Walter Lindler – upcoming surgery
 Mary Kehl – upcoming surgery
 Rick Smoak – recovering from surgery
 Naama Wrightman, friend of Elizabeth Thebo
 Sarah Parker, Mike Parker's mother
 Mary Steadman, friend of Mary Crosby
 Bobby Wierich Harry Evans Alden Pratt

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ANNUAL REPORTS ARE PAST DUE! *Please do not delay in getting these reports in to the office (Word .docx, .doc file or .pdf for financial reports). Reports are required from all staff, council officers, partner ministries, ministry team chairpersons, and other essential committees. Talk to Pastor Jane or the office if you have questions.*

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

Spaghetti Supper Take Out is Friday, January 19th with pick-up from 5-6:30p. Pre-orders must be in by Wednesday, January 17th. Cost is \$8 per meal payable to ILC with memo-spaghetti. This event benefits the Confirmation Class. Order forms in the narthex.

Council and Ministry Team Retreat! As you know, we are moving to a discipleship ministry model where the gifts of all are used for the sake of the gospel in the world. *On **Saturday, January 20, 2018 from 9am-lunch** at the council retreat, we will be focusing on the structure and function of ministry teams. If you are interested in serving on any of these teams- please plan to attend this morning session. Please notify the office if you plan to attend so we can adequately plan for lunch. All are welcome! Meeting at Resurrection Lutheran, 3707 Moss St.*

Pre-printed 2018 Offering Envelopes are in the Narthex—please pick yours up today! This list was reduced for 2018 as many now use e-giving, pew envelopes, etc. If you would like to be ADDED to the list for next year, please advise the office.

Updated Contact Information Needed! The Communications Ministry Team is updating and consolidating our databases in preparation for a new church directory. If you need to update your contact information due to a new address, email or phone number change, email the office or complete a new “Welcome” pew cards that do several things—ask for a hospital visit or prayer request, change address, or get membership information, just to name a few.

SAVE THE DATE

Jan 20	9a	Council/Team Retreat at Resurrection Lutheran
Jan 22	6p	Council Meeting
Jan 26		Oyster Roast, details soon
Feb 4	11:30a	Congregational Annual Meeting
Feb 10		Family Tubing Trip

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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 _____