



# Incarnation Lutheran Church

## Service of Holy Communion

November 12, 2017; 10am – 23d Sunday After Pentecost

### GATHERING

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

#### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Please silence your devices at this time.*

#### TEMPLE TALK

LINDA BLAZEK

#### PRELUDE

*The assembly stands.*

#### CONFESSION

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God,  
who calls us into an everlasting hope,  
who guides us to springs of the water of life,  
who enlightens us with the spirit of wisdom.

**Amen.**

One with the communion of saints in all times and places,  
let us confess our sin against God and one another.

*Silence for reflection and self-examination.*

O God, our merciful redeemer,  
**we confess the ways we live only for ourselves.**

**We fail to see you in our neighbor's face.**

**We turn our ears from voices that cry out.**

**We pass by the hungry and the oppressed.**

**In your great mercy, forgive our sin  
and strengthen us for service to all in need;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

In the mercy of almighty God,  
Jesus Christ was given to die for you,  
and for ✠ his sake,

God forgives you all your sin.

Blessed are you! Rejoice and be glad,  
beloved people of God. **Amen.**

GATHERING SONG 625

Come, We That Love the Lord

MARCHING TO ZION

## 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 of justice and love, you illumine our way through life with the words of your Son. Give us the light we need, and awaken us to the needs of others, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**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.*

## FIRST READING: Amos 5:18-24

<sup>18</sup>Alas for you who desire the day of the LORD!

Why do you want the day of the LORD?

It is darkness, not light;

<sup>19</sup>as if someone fled from a lion,

and was met by a bear;

or went into the house and rested a hand against the wall,

and was bitten by a snake.

<sup>20</sup>Is not the day of the LORD darkness, not light,

and gloom with no brightness in it?

<sup>21</sup>I hate, I despise your festivals,

and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies.

<sup>22</sup>Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and grain offerings,

I will not accept them;

and the offerings of well-being of your fatted animals

I will not look upon.

<sup>23</sup>Take away from me the noise of your songs;

I will not listen to the melody of your harps.

<sup>24</sup>But let justice roll down like waters,

and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

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

**Joseph Parry**  
**Arr. Hal H. Hopson**

**REFRAIN**

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Lord, I call to you for help;  
In your mercy hear my prayer.

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*We begin singing the refrain and repeat after verses 2&5.*

<sup>1</sup>Be pleased, O God, to deliver me;

O LORD, make haste to help me.

<sup>2</sup>Let those who seek my life be put to shame and confounded;

let those who take pleasure in my misfortune draw back and be disgraced. **R**

<sup>3</sup>Let those who say to me "Aha!" and gloat over me

turn back because of their shame.

<sup>4</sup>Let all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you;

let those who love your salvation say forever, "Great is the LORD!"

<sup>5</sup>But as for me, I am poor and needy; come to me quickly, O God.

You are my helper and my deliverer; O LORD, do not tarry. **R**

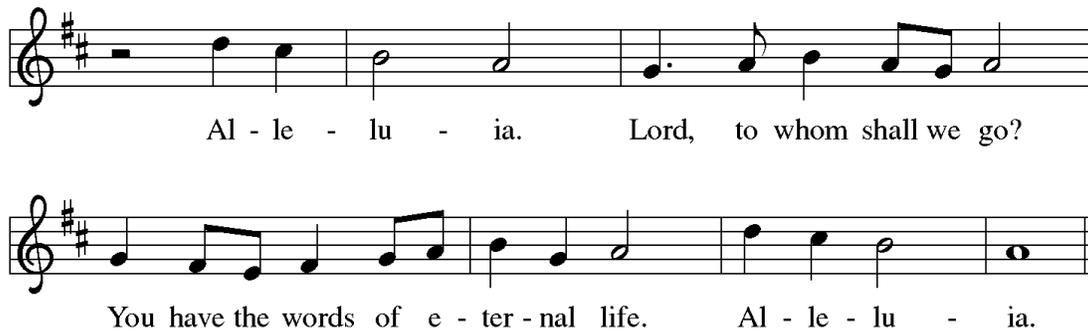
**SECOND READING: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18**

<sup>13</sup>We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. <sup>14</sup>For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. <sup>15</sup>For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. <sup>16</sup>For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. <sup>17</sup>Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord forever. <sup>18</sup>Therefore encourage one another with these words.

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.

## GOSPEL: Matthew 25:1-13

The holy gospel according to Matthew. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said to the disciples:] <sup>1</sup>“Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. <sup>2</sup>Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. <sup>3</sup>When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; <sup>4</sup>but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. <sup>5</sup>As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. <sup>6</sup>But at midnight there was a shout, ‘Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.’ <sup>7</sup>Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. <sup>8</sup>The foolish said to the wise, ‘Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.’ <sup>9</sup>But the wise replied, ‘No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.’ <sup>10</sup>And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. <sup>11</sup>Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, ‘Lord, lord, open to us.’ <sup>12</sup>But he replied, ‘Truly I tell you, I do not know you.’ <sup>13</sup>Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.”

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

*The assembly is seated.*

SERMON

PASTOR JANE

*The assembly stands at the introduction to the hymn.*

HYMN OF THE DAY 244

Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers

HAF TRONES LAMPA FÄRDIG

**HOLY BAPTISM OF CAROLINE SHUMAN THEBO Pg. 227-231**

*The assembly joins in responses in bold.*

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Each petition concludes "Lord, in your mercy," We respond: **hear 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

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

### OFFERTORY



Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of  
bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be  
fed with the bread of life. Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u -  
nite them with the prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your  
pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

### OFFERING PRAYER

Creator God, you made everything, and you provide for every need.

The bread we break and the wine we pour come from you.

As we eat and drink with thanksgiving, fill us with your love;

let that love flow through us to others; and join us to the saints before us

in a holy and boundless communion; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

# THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

## DIALOGUE

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:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,

heav'n 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.

## EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

...with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, 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

Speak to us, O Lord, in the breaking of the bread, and make us one with you.

## 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. 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.**

**COMMUNION HYMN 488**

Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness

SCHMÜCKE DICH

*The Assembly Stands*

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Sovereign God, in this meal you give us a foretaste of the great feast to come. Keep us faithful to you, that we, with all your saints, may at length celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## 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

The love of God surround you; the grace of ✝ Christ release you; and the Holy Spirit be your guide and strength, now and forevermore. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN 441

Oh, Happy Day When We Shall Stand

LOBT GOTT, IHR CHRISTEN

### DISMISSAL

Led on by the saints before us, go in peace to serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

### POSTLUDE

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*Please stay for refreshments and fellowship in the Parish Hall following worship.*

*Nursery is available today from 9:30a-12:30p in the CDC Building Next Door*

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**PW: @ilc1921**

## *Sunday School Opportunities at 11:30a*

*All Welcome*

### *Children and Youth:*

Pre-school Class (Downstairs CDC)

K-2d Grade Class (Downstairs CDC)

3d-5<sup>th</sup> Grade Class (Upstairs CDC)

Middle School Class (Upstairs CDC)

High School Class (Up, In & Out Room)

### *Adults:*

Sermon Reflections (Upstairs Conference Room)

Parents Class (Fellowship Hall)

<b>Financial Report:</b>	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Plan</b>	<b>Difference</b>
<b>Last Week</b>	<b>\$ 8,066</b>	<b>\$ 4,738</b>	<b>\$ 3,322</b>
<b>Year-to-Date</b>	<b>\$ 184,829</b>	<b>\$ 194,259</b>	<b>\$ -9,430-</b>

### WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Ushers:	Team 1
Crucifer:	Aidan DeJames
Acolytes:	Gabi Nester
Lector:	Aidan DeJames
Communion Assistants:	Walter and Shirley Lindler
Eucharist Minister:	Laura Jackson

### BIRTHDAYS

Michael Cramer	11/14	Elizabeth Justice	11/17
Luke Willhide	11/15	Troy Crider	11/18
Mia Snyder	11/16		

### BAPTISM ANNIVERSARIES

Mary Powers	11/14
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### **SPECIAL WORSHIP NOTES**

*Make plans to welcome Bishop Yoos Sunday, November 19<sup>th</sup> as he will be preaching for our worship service. Council will meet with the bishop following service to discuss current happenings in the SC Synod.*

*Caroline Shuman Thebo is welcomed through the waters of baptism today! Proud parents are Elizabeth and Paul Thebo with sponsors Greg Tunnicliff and Naama Wrightman. Celebrating with Caroline today are big brother Dargan and grandparents, Joe and Gena Ervin, Mary Thebo, and Larry and Joan Thebo. Caroline was born September 28, 2017. Congratulations and blessings to all.*

### **Current Concerns**



The family and friends of Pastor Tim Glenham, friend of Pastor Jane

The family and friends of John C. Rogers (John's father)

Susan Cramer

Mel Eargle

Walter Lindler

Pam Grigsby, friend of Sara Sutton

San Pablo Lutheran Church, Old San Juan, Puerto Rico

Harry Evans

Alden Pratt

Julia Austin, friend of Torin DeJames

*Our Ongoing Prayer List is placed on the altar with a copy available in the Narthex.*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Stewardship Campaign:** We are called by scripture to share our time, talent and treasure to support God's work in the world. Our stewardship theme this year is *10 Stewardship Principles*. These principles are daily reminders of how we are to give of ourselves and share our gifts. We look forward to sharing these principles and tools to assist in determining your financial support of Incarnation in the coming year. As your Council embarks on the budget process, we are asking all members to complete a pledge card, included in today's bulletin, to help as we plan for 2018. Your pledge is crucial for our success, thank you in advance for your participation!

**Mid-Year Evaluation** Please take a few minutes to complete the brief survey on our Sunday and Wednesday programming for children, families and adults. Your input is vital to our planning in the coming year. If you did not complete the survey online, there are some printed copies in the fellowship hall that can be completed today after worship. Thanks so much for your participation. If you prefer, the online link is: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/O6D2F76>. Results are being tabulated tomorrow!

**Prime Rib Dinner Night** will be Thursday, November 16<sup>th</sup> beginning at 6:30p in the parish hall. Tickets are available now, \$15 each (2 for \$25), in the office or *see Ed Skinner or Porter Kinard today*.

**The Communications Ministry Team** is looking for those who share an interest in keeping all Incarnation parishioners and friends informed and updated on events and happenings within our church and the community. Ministry Teams form the backbone of our Church. Your participation means contact with people of common interests in a small group setting. If you are interested in serving on this important ministry of Incarnation, please contact Communications Chair, John Edwards (843) 475-5258 cell/text or email: [jwe1829@yahoo.com](mailto:jwe1829@yahoo.com)

**San Pablo Lutheran Church**--The council unanimously and enthusiastically has "adopted" San Pablo Lutheran Church in Old San Juan, Puerto Rico to help them, as we are able, in their recovery following the devastation of Hurricane Maria. Our big kick-off for this project is TODAY. We have a special Thanksgiving banner that we invite all to sign that will be sent to our brothers and sisters in Christ. We will have additional opportunities to help as Pastor Jane will explain today during worship. More information will follow.

**HOLD THE DATE!** As you know, we are moving from a staff-led model of ministry to a discipleship model where the gifts of all are used for the sake of the gospel in the world. On **Saturday, January 20, 2018 from 9am through 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- Proclamation (worship related), Discipleship (Faith Formation for all ages), Stewardship /Finance, Inreach (ministries within the congregation). Outreach (synodical/churchwide ministries), and Property - *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!

**Please note** that our Youth Group will *NOT* be selling Christmas trees this year. A thank you to all who have supported this effort over the past several years. Please patronize any of the local groups that have lots set up such as the Optimist Club and other church youth groups. Thank you again for your past support.

*Please feel free to tear this page out and take home!*

## SAVE THE DATE!

Nov 12	Stewardship Sunday! Council (12:30p); Potluck Dinner (12:30p)—bring a dish
Nov 16	Men in Mission Prime Rib Dinner (6:30p); tickets \$15 (2 for \$25)
Nov 18	Bowers Farm Tour—Family Event (leave at 2p); see Ethan for information
Nov 19	Bishop Yoos joins us and will be preaching
Nov 26	Hanging of the Greens; Chrismon Lesson (11:30a), Chili lunch (12:30p)
Nov 28	#GivingTuesday—don't forget ILC when contemplating your charitable donations!
Dec 3	Annual Congregational Meeting and Potluck (11:30a)

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