



Incarnation Lutheran Church

Service of Holy Communion

November 19, 2017; 10am – 24th 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.

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 632

All vs. 1, 2, 3, & 6

O God, Our Help in Ages Past

Men vs. 4

Women vs. 5

ST. ANNE

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

Righteous God, our merciful master, you own the earth and all its peoples, and you give us all that we have. Inspire us to serve you with justice and wisdom, and prepare us for the joy of the day of your coming, 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: Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18

⁷Be silent before the Lord GOD!

For the day of the LORD is at hand;
the LORD has prepared a sacrifice,
he has consecrated his guests.

¹²At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps,
and I will punish the people
who rest complacently on their dregs,
those who say in their hearts,

"The LORD will not do good,
nor will he do harm."

¹³Their wealth shall be plundered,
and their houses laid waste.

Though they build houses,
they shall not inhabit them;
though they plant vineyards,
they shall not drink wine from them.

¹⁴The great day of the LORD is near,
near and hastening fast;
the sound of the day of the LORD is bitter,
the warrior cries aloud there.

¹⁵That day will be a day of wrath,
a day of distress and anguish,
a day of ruin and devastation,
a day of darkness and gloom,
a day of clouds and thick darkness,

¹⁶a day of trumpet blast and battle cry
against the fortified cities
and against the lofty battlements.

¹⁷I will bring such distress upon people
that they shall walk like the blind;

because they have sinned against the LORD,
 their blood shall be poured out like dust,
 and their flesh like dung.
¹⁸Neither their silver nor their gold
 will be able to save them
 on the day of the LORD's wrath;
 in the fire of his passion
 the whole earth shall be consumed;
 for a full, a terrible end
 he will make of all the inhabitants of the earth.
 The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God**

Psalm 90:1-8, 12

Henri F. Hemy
Arr. Hal H. Hopson

REFRAIN

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Teach us, O Lord, — to count — our days;
 O set our hearts on all — your ways.

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We begin singing the refrain and repeat after verses 4&12.

¹Lord, you have | been our refuge
 from one generation | to another.
²Before the mountains were brought forth, or the land and the | earth were born,
 from age to age | you are God.
³You turn us back to the | dust and say,
 "Turn back, O child- | ren of earth."
⁴For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when | it is past
 and like a watch | in the night; **R**
⁵you sweep them away | like a dream,
 they fade away suddenly | like the grass:
⁶in the morning it is | green and flourishes;
 in the evening it is dried | up and withered.
⁷For we are consumed | by your anger;
 we are afraid because | of your wrath.
⁸Our iniquities you have | set before you,
 and our secret sins in the light | of your countenance.
¹²So teach us to num- | ber our days
 that we may apply our | hearts to wisdom. **R**

did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? ²⁷Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. ²⁸So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. ²⁹For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. ³⁰As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'"

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 688

Lord of Light

ABBOT'S LEIGH

APOSTLES' CREED

With the whole church, we confess our faith.

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: 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.**

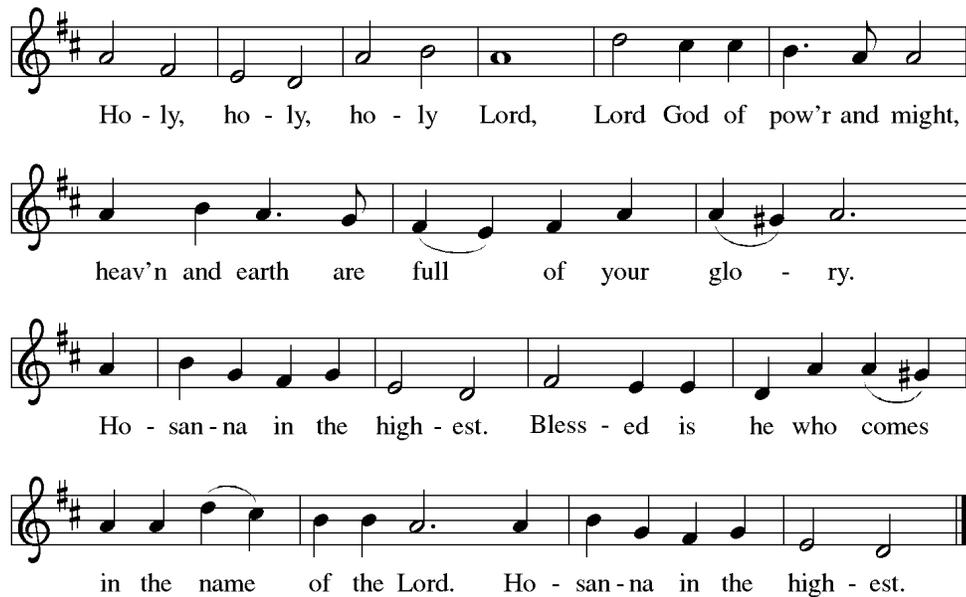
THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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.**

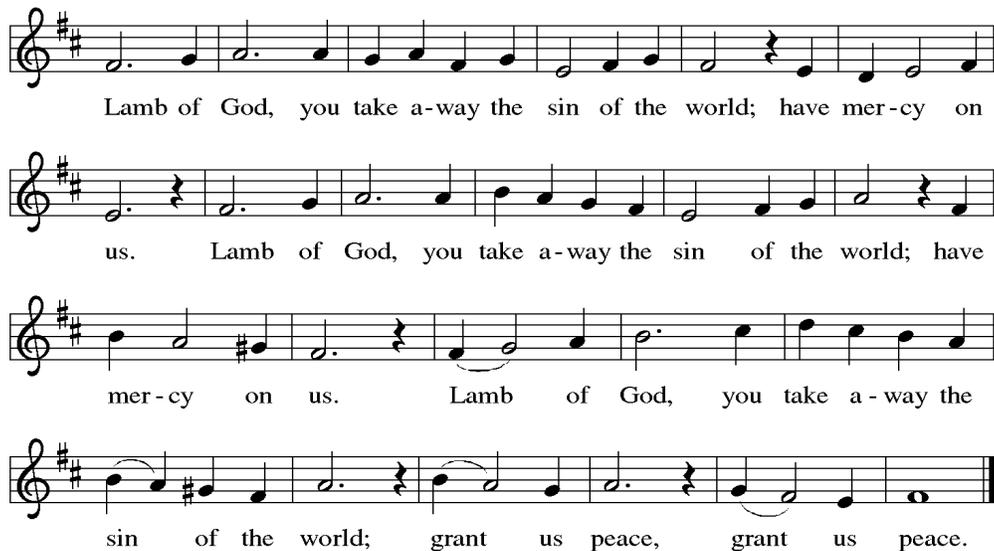
LORD'S PRAYER

**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.

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, 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. 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 715

Christ, Be Our Light

CHRIST, BE OUR LIGHT

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 543

Go, My Children, with My Blessing

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DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE

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

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WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Ushers:	Team 1
Crucifer:	Ethan Johnson
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Eucharist Minister:	Walter Lindler

Financial Report:	Actual	Plan	Difference
Last Week	\$ 5,516	\$ 4,738	\$ 778
Month-to-Date	\$ 13,576	\$ 9,476	\$ 4,100
Year-to-Date	\$ 190,345	\$ 198,997	\$ -8,652-

Sunday School Opportunities at 11:30a

All Welcome

Children and Youth:

Pre-school Class (Downstairs CDC)	K-2d Grade Class (Downstairs CDC)
3d-5 th 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)
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BIRTHDAYS

Jim Couillard	11/19	Rhetta Whitaker	11/20
Mike Ely	11/19	Bonnie Huth	11/21
Kelly Smith	11/19	Elizabeth Johnson	11/23
Jessica McCullough	11/19	Sydney Cramer	11/23
Mary Kehl	11/20	Chappell Fennell	11/24
Heather Sims	11/20		

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

Bishop Yoos is unable to be with us this morning due to a scheduling conflict. We are in the process of setting a new date and will let you know the date when it is in place.

Stewardship Campaign: If you have not filled out a pledge card for 2018, please take a minute to do so today. Your pledge is crucial for our continued financial success, and thank you in advance for your participation!

Thanks to everyone for such a wonderful kick-off to our San Pablo Lutheran Church project last Sunday. Thanks especially to Kim Yerrick for the giant Thanksgiving Card and to David Mattos for teaching a little Spanish to us all. We received a letter this week from the officers of this congregation. They are so appreciative of our partnership with them. As they discover their needs and share them with us, we will determine how we can best be helpful. In the meantime, continue to hold them in your prayers.

Next Sunday morning, November 26, during faith formation time (11:30am-12:30pm) all ages - children - adults - will meet in the sanctuary for a presentation by Dr. Susan McArver on the chrisom decorations. This will be followed by our chili lunch and the Hanging of the Greens! All ages are needed for help in decorating the sanctuary. Thank you in advance for your participation in this fun event!

Adult class on Sundays/Wednesdays 2018: Beginning January 3, there are six Wednesdays before Ash Wednesday, February 14. Pastor Jane is willing to teach a class on those evenings (6-7pm) using the book *Making Sense of the Cross* by David Lose. Also, for those that did not get to join the last *by heart* classes on the small catechism, Pastor Jane will be offering this class on Sundays at 11:30 am. If interested in either class, please let the office know which one (or both) by Sunday, December 3, so books can be ordered. There is a slight charge for materials. Thanks!

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 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

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.

SAVE THE DATE!

Nov 26	<i>Hanging of the Greens; Chrismon Lesson (11:30a), Chili lunch (12:30p)</i>
Nov 28	<i>#GivingTuesday—don't forget ILC when contemplating your charitable donations!</i>
Dec 3	<i>Annual Congregational Meeting (11:30a); NO SUNDAY SCHOOL</i>
Jan 20	<i>Council and Ministry Teams Retreat</i>

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

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