

Incarnation Lutheran Church
Twelfth Sunday of Pentecost
August 23, 2020

To facilitate our safe worship together, please follow all guidelines set forth by church staff; remain six feet away from others at all times, please wear a mask, and if you are considered high-risk, consider staying home and joining us via Facebook for Worship. Bulletins, Communion cups, and extra masks are available at the entrance. Please maintain six feet of distance between households. If you are feeling sick please stay home. We're so glad that you are able to join us for worship today. We look forward to worshipping together.

GATHERING

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

In the name of the Father,
and of the ✝ Son,
and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Almighty God,
to whom all hearts are open,
all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid:
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Most merciful God,

we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves.

We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone.

We have not loved you with our whole heart;

we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us.

Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.

Amen.

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us,
and for his sake God forgives us all our sins.

As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority,

I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ✝ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

GATHERING HYMN

Built on a Rock



1 Built on a rock the church shall stand, e - ven when stee - ples are
2 Sure - ly, in tem - ples made with hands God the Most High is not
3 Christ builds a house of liv - ing stones; we are his own hab - i -
4 Yet in this house, an earth - ly frame, Je - sus the chil - dren is
5 Through all the pass - ing years, O Lord, grant that, when church bells are



fall - ing; crum - bled have spires in ev - 'ry land, bells still are
dwell - ing— high in the heav'ns his tem - ple stands, all earth - ly
ta - tion; he fills our hearts, his hum - ble thrones, grant - ing us
bless - ing; hith - er we come to praise his name, faith in our
ring - ing, man - y may come to hear your Word, who here this



chim - ing and call - ing— call - ing the young and old to rest, call - ing the
tem - ples ex - cel - ling. Yet God who dwells in heav'n a - bove deigns to a -
life and sal - va - tion. Where two or three will seek his face, he in their
Sav - ior con - fess - ing. Je - sus to us his Spir - it sent, mak - ing with
prom - ise is bring - ing: "I know my own, my own know me; you, not the



souls of those dis - tressed, long - ing for life ev - er - last - ing.
bide with us in love, mak - ing our bod - ies his tem - ple.
midst will show his grace, bless - ings up - on them be - stow - ing.
us his cov - e - nant, grant - ing his chil - dren the king - dom.
world, my face shall see; my peace I leave with you. A - men."

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 *Found on the insert*

WORD

FIRST READING: Isaiah 51:1-6

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

PSALM Psalm 138

Emmett Kirwan

SECOND READING: Romans 12:1-8

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

GOSPEL READING: Matthew 16:13-20

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

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

SERMON

Pastor Emily Willhide

HYMN OF THE DAY

Meditation for Matthew 16:13-20

- 1 What do people say of Jesus,
now as centuries have passed—
In the pulsing world around us,
is the question often asked?
- 2 What do others' answers tell us
of the world and of the Church—
is the Christ of our confession
one for whom the world would search?
- 3 Has the Seed the Spirit scatters
taken root in us and grown—
Who is Jesus? May we know him
well enough to make him known.

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 "Lord, in your mercy" We respond: "**hear our prayer.**"*

SHARING THE 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.**

OFFERING PRAYER

God of goodness and growth, all creation is yours, and your faithfulness is as firm as the heavens.
Water and word, wine and bread: these are signs of your abundant grace. Nourish us through
these gifts, that we might proclaim your steadfast love in our communities and in the world,
through Jesus Christ, our strength and our song. **Amen.**

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

These are the gifts of God, for the people of God. Welcome to the table of the Lord.

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.

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

On What Has Now Been Sown

1 On what has now been sown your bless-ing Lord, be - stow; the
 2 To you our wants are known, from you are all our pow'rs; ac -
 3 Oh, grant that each of us, now met be - fore you here, may
 pow'r is yours a - lone to make it sprout and grow. O Lord, in
 cept what is your own and par-don what is ours. Our prais - es,
 meet to - geth - er thus when you and yours ap - pear, and fol - low
 grace the har - vest raise, and yours a - lone shall be the praise!
 Lord, and prayers re - ceive and to your word a bless - ing give.
 you to heav'n, our home. E'en so, A - men! Lord Je - sus, come!

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Love and serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Announcements!

Beloved Ministry is a worshipping community for children, young adults, and their families in the Midlands area. Beloved will be hosting a Zoom Scavenger Hunt this Sunday, August 23rd at 4:00pm if you are interested in participating please let the office or Pastor Emily know so that we can send you the Zoom link!

Incarnation's Sanctuary will be open from 10 am to 1pm on Tuesday and Thursday of this week to allow time for Self-Guided Worship. Bulletins will be available, we ask that all worshippers please wear masks and remain socially distant from others.

If you schedule a meeting for any church committee or task force, please contact the office to inform the church of your meeting. We would like to have all meetings added to the church calendar, virtual meetings included.

Blessing of the Backpacks will be held next Sunday, August 30th. We understand that not all parents feel comfortable attending in-person worship yet so for this year's Blessing of the Backpacks we will mail out our wooden crosses with some other back-to-school goodies and hold a time during service on the 30th!

Enter the logo contest!

Submit your ideas for an anniversary logo and slogan which will be used all year to highlight our centennial. It will appear everywhere – bulletins, shirts, bags, ornaments, etc. Use your creativity and submit ideas for either a logo, slogan, or both to Leslie Skinner (drlwskinner@gmail.com).

This year we will be joined by a new Field Education student, Lorie Gladyness. Lorie is a second-year student at LTSS and will be joining us for worship and faith formation education beginning in September.

The office is currently putting together a photo directory! We only need a few things from you!

- A current picture of you and your family! It does not have to be a professional picture, just make sure everyone in your household is included!
- We also need updated contact information, even if you recently gave updated information. We want all information to be up-to-date! Please include your family's primary address, preferred phone numbers for all adults in the household, and current email addresses for all adults.

Please send all information with pictures attached to Savannah at office@incarnationlutheran.com If you are a household with adult children, please forward this information to them so we can have their updated information and images as well!

Online Giving!

We look forward to the day when we can worship together as a family again, but until then, please continue to support the mission of the church. You can use this image by scanning the QR Code with your smart phone's camera which will lead you to our Website for Online Giving!

Prayer List

Current: Mavis Turner, The family of Eloise Justice, The Norton Family, Esther Allen, Gary Todd, and all those that are home bound.

Continuing: Arlene and Don Phillips, Emily Prince, and Jenny Gantt.

Military:

Michael Willhide

Chandler Turner; Mavis Turner's Grandson

Edward Wilson; George Rushe's best friend

Hilary Compton; Kim Yerrick's niece, Tyler Owens; Kim Yerrick's nephew

Birthdays: Doris Garber 08/25



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