

Incarnation Lutheran Church
Thirteenth Sunday of Pentecost
August 30, 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

Let Streams of Living Justice



1 Let streams of liv - ing jus - tice flow down up - on the earth;
2 For heal - ing of the na - tions, for peace that will not end,
3 Your ci - ty's built to mu - sic; we are the stones you seek;

give free - dom's light to cap - tives, let all the poor have worth.
for love that makes us lov - ers, God grant us grace to mend.
your har - mo - ny is lan - guage; we are the words you speak.

The hun - gry's hands are plead - ing, the work - ers claim their rights,
Weave our var - ied gifts to - geth - er; knit our lives as they are spun;
Our faith we find in ser - vice, our hope in oth - ers' dreams,

the mourn - ers long for laugh - ter, the blind - ed seek for sight.
on your loom of time en - roll us till our thread of life is run.
our love in hand of neigh - bor; our home - land bright - ly gleams.

Make lib - er - ty a bea - con, strike down the i - ron pow'r;
O great weav - er of our fab - ric, bind church and world in one;
In - scribe our hearts with jus - tice; your way—the path un - tried;

a - bol - ish an - cient ven - geance; pro - claim your peo - ple's hour.
dye our tex - ture with your ra - diance, light our col - ors with your sun.
your truth—the heart of strang - er; your life—the Cru - ci - fied.

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

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: Jeremiah 15:15-21

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

PSALM Psalm 26: 1-8 *The Psalm will be read responsively.*

SECOND READING: Romans 12:9-21

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

GOSPEL READING: Matthew 16:21-28

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

Take My Life, That I May Be


Refrain/Estrillo



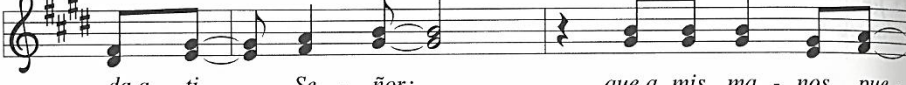
To - ma, oh Dios, mi vo - lun - tad, y haz - la tu - ya, na - da más;
Take my life, that I may be con - se - crat - ed, Lord, to thee;




to - ma, sí, mi co - ra - zón y tu tro - no en él ten - drás.
take my mo - ments and my days; let them flow in cease - less praise.



1 Que mi vi - da en - te - ra es - té con - sa - gra -
1 Take my hands and let them move at the im -
2 Take my sil - ver and my gold, not a mite
3 Take my voice and let me sing al - ways, on -
4 Take my will and make it thine; it shall be



da a ti, Se - ñor; que a mis ma - nos pue -
pulse of thy love; take my feet and let
would I with - hold; take my in - tel - lect
ly for my King; take my lips and let
no lon - ger mine; take my heart, it is



Refrain/Estrillo
da guiar el im - pul - so de tu a - mor.
them be swift and beau - ti - ful for thee.
and use ev - 'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose.
them be filled with mes - sag - es from thee.
thine own; it shall be thy roy - al throne.

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

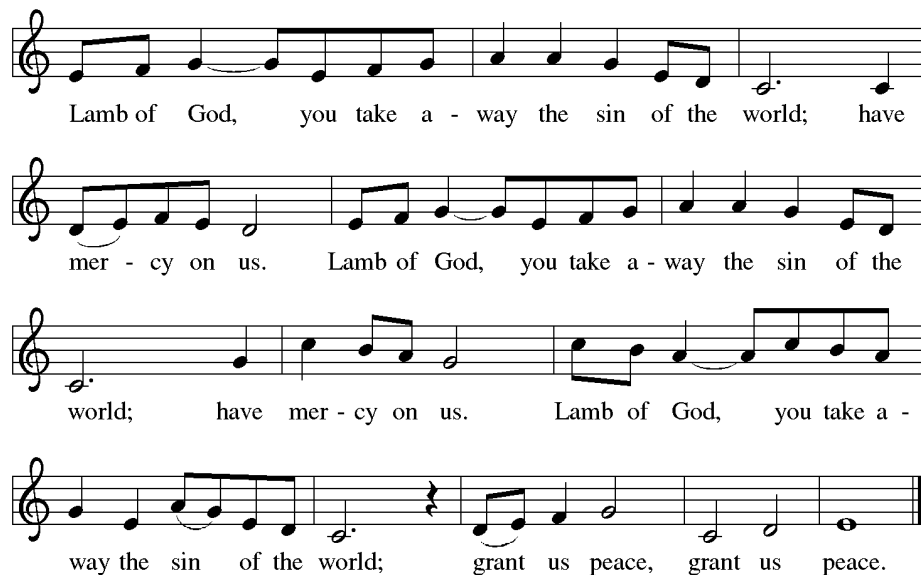
THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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

Let us Ever Walk with Jesus



1 Let us ev - er walk with Je - sus, fol - low his ex - am - ple pure,
2 Let us suf - fer here with Je - sus, and with pa - ti - ence bear our cross,
3 Let us glad - ly die with Je - sus. Since by death he con - quered death,
4 Let us al - so live with Je - sus. He has ris - en from the dead



through a world that would de - ceive us and to sin our spir - its lure.
Joy will fol - low all our sad - ness; where he is there is no loss,
he will free us from de - struc - tion, give to us im - mor - tal breath,
that to life we may a - wak - en. Je - sus, you are now our head,



On - ward in his foot - steps tread - ing, trav - 'lers here, our home a - bove,
Though to - day we sow no laugh - ter, we shall reap ce - les - tial joy;
Let us mor - ti - fy all pas - sion that would lead us in - to sin;
we are your own liv - ing mem - bers; where you live, there we shall be



full of faith and hope and love, let us do our Sav - ior's bid - ding,
all dis - com - forts that an - noy shall give way to mirth here - af - ter,
and the grave that shuts us in shall but prove the gate of heav - en,
in your pres - ence con - stant - ly, liv - ing there with you for - ev - er.



Faith - ful Lord, with me a - bide; I shall fol - low where you guide,
Je - sus, here I share your woe; help me there your joy to know,
Je - sus, here with you I die, there to live with you on high,
Je - sus, let me faith - ful be; life e - ter - nal grant to me.

DISMISSAL

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

Announcements!

Blessing of the Backpacks is today. 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!

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.

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: Alice Middleton, 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: Carroll Eargle 08/30, Debby Muller 08/30, Richard Elam 08/31, Nancy White 08/31, Ashleigh Nemeth 09/04

Baptismal Anniversaries: Bill Williamson 09/05, Jason Snyder 09/01, John Spratlin 09/01, John Huth 09/05



Incarnation Lutheran Church
in justis, sanctis, amplexibus

3005 Devine St., Columbia, SC
803-256-2381
incarnationlutheran.com

To Give online:
Focus your cell phone camera on the QR code below.
An ILC banner will appear at the top of the screen. Press on the banner to continue to ILC ONLINE GIVING / OFFERING. Press on the banner to create a profile and / or Login to give.

Financial Update - General Fund Contributions

	Actual	Plan	Difference
Month-to-Date	\$21,968	\$19,232	\$2,736+
Year-to-Date	\$128,466	\$163,472	\$35,006-

Our 100th Anniversary is Coming!

Did you know that in 2021, Incarnation will turn 100 years old? Pandemic or no pandemic, we are preparing to celebrate - and we want your contributions to help make it festive!

While our original timetable has already been changed by the course of world events – and may change again - here are some things you can do now:

- **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).
- **Contribute to the “One Hundred Reasons” project:** What are “100 reasons” to be a member of Incarnation? What are some concrete ways we can show our thanks to God for our congregation? What ministries can we do for others to celebrate? Contribute your ideas, large and small, of things we can do as individuals, families, or a congregation to honor the last century and lead into the next one. Send your ideas to Mimi Fisher (Fisherm173@aol.com) or Elizabeth Johnson (elmjohnson01@gmail.com).
- **Gather “historic artifacts”:** Do you have mementos of life at Incarnation over the last 100 years? Old pictures? Confirmation certificates? Decades-old Sunday bulletins or wedding announcements? We would love to see and display them (and you can have them back, of course!) Contact Susan McArver (swmcarver@mac.com) if you have treasures to share.
- **Put these dates on your calendar:** (and hope and pray the pandemic is under control by then)
 - **January 3, 2021: Covered Dish lunch**, on the day closest to the actual date of Incarnation’s organization on January 2, 1921. While this is our actual kickoff date, larger events follow later in the year.
 - **April 18, 2021: Homecoming**, a day filled with a catered meal, outdoor seating, and celebratory worship. Invite your friends, neighbors and former members!
 - **October 31, 2021: Reformation Sunday**, a day to wear red and celebrate the past century as we look forward to the next one!
- **Join the anniversary Committee:** Our next meeting is Wednesday, August 26th at 6:00 pm by Zoom. Contact Susan McArver (swmcarver@mac.com) if you would like to join us, or would merely like to send some suggestions!



South Carolina Synod
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
God's work. Our hands.

Lutheran Church of the Incarnation

3005 Devine Street, Columbia, SC 29205

Office Hours: M-F 9:00 am - 1:00 pm

www.incarnationlutheran.com

email: office@incarnationlutheran.com

803-256-2381

Like and Follow us on Facebook and **Subscribe** to us on Youtube!



Incarnation Lutheran Church



Incarnation Lutheran Church Columbia, SC