



# Lutheran Church of the Incarnation

## Service of Holy Communion

May 20, 2018

Pentecost Sunday

*A WARM 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 located in the pew and place in the offering plate. If you're looking for a church home, we encourage you to contact Pastor Jane or the church office (803) 256-2381.*

### GATHERING

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

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

**PRELUDE:** Come, Holy Ghost, Our Souls Inspire Wilbur Held (1914-2015)

### 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: ELW 804** Come Down, O Love Devine **DOWN AMPNEY**

### 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

Mighty God, you breathe life into our bones, and your Spirit brings truth to the world. Send us this Spirit, transform us by your truth, and give us language to proclaim your gospel, through 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 of children are 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:** A Reading from Acts

(Acts 2: 1-21)

*Originally Pentecost was a Jewish thanksgiving-type festival celebrated seven weeks after Passover. On this particular Pentecost, however, the Holy Spirit is poured out upon the entire community of believers just as Jesus had promised and the scriptures had prophesied. Empowered by the Spirit, the entire community bears witness to God's activity in multiple languages.*

<sup>1</sup>When the day of Pentecost had come, [the apostles] were all together in one place. <sup>2</sup>And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. <sup>3</sup>Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. <sup>4</sup>All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

<sup>5</sup>Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. <sup>6</sup>And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. <sup>7</sup>Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? <sup>8</sup>And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? <sup>9</sup>Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, <sup>10</sup>Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, <sup>11</sup>Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." <sup>12</sup>All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" <sup>13</sup>But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine."

<sup>14</sup>But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. <sup>15</sup>Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. <sup>16</sup>No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

<sup>17</sup>In the last days it will be, God declares,  
that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh,  
and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,  
and your young men shall see visions,  
and your old men shall dream dreams.

<sup>18</sup>Even upon my slaves, both men and women,  
in those days I will pour out my Spirit;  
and they shall prophesy.

<sup>19</sup>And I will show portents in the heaven above  
and signs on the earth below,  
blood, and fire, and smoky mist.

<sup>20</sup>The sun shall be turned to darkness  
and the moon to blood,

before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day.

<sup>21</sup>Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.' "

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

**PSALM 104:24-34, 35b**

*Read with the women reading the even verses and men the odd verses.*

<sup>24</sup>How manifold are your | works, O LORD!

In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full | of your creatures.

<sup>25</sup>Yonder is the sea, great and wide, with its swarms too man- | y to number,  
living things both | small and great.

<sup>26</sup>There go the ships | to and fro,  
and Leviathan, which you made for the | sport of it.

<sup>27</sup>All of them | look to you  
to give them their food | in due season.

<sup>28</sup>You give it to them; they | gather it;  
you open your hand, and they are filled | with good things.

<sup>29</sup>When you hide your face, | they are terrified;  
when you take away their breath, they die and return | to their dust.

<sup>30</sup>You send forth your Spirit, and they | are created;  
and so you renew the face | of the earth.

<sup>31</sup>May the glory of the LORD en- | dure forever;  
O LORD, rejoice in | all your works.

<sup>32</sup>You look at the earth | and it trembles;  
you touch the mountains | and they smoke.

<sup>33</sup>I will sing to the LORD as long | as I live;  
I will praise my God while I | have my being.

<sup>34</sup>May these words of | mine please God.  
I will rejoice | in the LORD.

<sup>35b</sup>Bless the LORD, | O my soul.  
Hal- | lelujah!

*The assembly stands.*

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: S124



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. *Repeat alleluia*

Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

## GOSPEL: John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15

### The Holy Gospel according to John. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

*When speaking to his disciples before his death, Jesus referred to the Holy Spirit as "the Helper" and described the difference the Spirit would make in their lives and in the world.*

[Jesus said,] <sup>26</sup>"When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who comes from the Father, he will testify on my behalf. <sup>27</sup>You also are to testify because you have been with me from the beginning.

<sup>16:4b</sup>"I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you. <sup>5</sup>But now I am going to him who sent me; yet none of you asks me, 'Where are you going?' <sup>6</sup>But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your hearts. <sup>7</sup>Nevertheless I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. <sup>8</sup>And when he comes, he will prove the world wrong about sin and righteousness and judgment: <sup>9</sup>about sin, because they do not believe in me; <sup>10</sup>about righteousness, because I am going to the Father and you will see me no longer; <sup>11</sup>about judgment, because the ruler of this world has been condemned.

<sup>12</sup>"I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. <sup>13</sup>When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. <sup>14</sup>He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. <sup>15</sup>All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you."

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

*The assembly is seated.*

## SERMON

Pastor Jane

*Silence for reflection follows the sermon.*

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

1. Fresh fire falls from heaven, a sign from above  
that now is the moment to burn with God's love  
and carry the brightness out into the world,  
like stars through the vast, spreading universe hurled.
2. Now Wisdom is calling and gathers her friends  
to share in the movement of grace God intends.  
We come in all colors, from faraway lands,  
yet each hears a language the soul understands.
3. Praise God for this moment! and leap at the chance  
to join in the Spirit's great, spiraling dance -  
One spark lights another until all acquire  
this bright, blessed, heart-waking Pentecost fire.

Michael Hudson

**NICENE CREED**

**We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.  
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary  
and became truly human.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,**

and his kingdom will have no end.  
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

*Each petition concludes "Hear us, O God."*

*We respond: Your mercy is great.*

## 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

**OFFERTORY HYMN:** ELW 406      Veni Sancte Spiritus      Taize Veni Sancte

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

### OFFERING PRAYER

Be known to us, O Lord, in the breaking of the bread, as you were made known to the disciples.  
Receive these gifts, and the offering of our lives, that we may be your risen body in the world.  
**Amen.**

### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: S129

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.

## THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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 for 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.

## 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

Now let us feast this Easter day on Christ, the bread of heaven. Hallelujah!

## LAMB OF GOD: S135a



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 bread is 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.**

## MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

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**HYMN:** ELW 396

Spirit of Gentleness

SPIRIT

*The Assembly Stands*

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Life-giving God, in the mystery of Christ's death and resurrection you send light to conquer darkness, water to give new life, and the bread of heaven to nourish your people. Send us forth as witnesses to Jesus' resurrection that we may show your glory to all the world; through the same Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. **Amen.**

## SENDING

*God send us out to be Christ's body in the world, sharing what we have heard and seen.*

## SENDING PRAYER

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 God who has brought us from death to life fill you with great joy.

Almighty God, Father, ✠ Son, and Holy Spirit,  
bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

**SENDING HYMN:** ELW 400

God of Tempest, God of Whirlwind

CWM RHONDDA

## DISMISSAL

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

You are the body of Christ raised up for the world.

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

## WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Ushers:	Team 2
Acolytes:	TBA
Lay Assistant:	Mel Eargle
Lector:	Susan McArver
Communion Assistants:	TBA

**Following our worship service today**, we will all gather in the parish hall for a pizza lunch and congregational conversations. Bring your comments, questions and suggestions as we discuss how we can fulfill our future ministry as a church. Your voice is both wanted and needed as we discuss the future of Incarnation. There is no charge for the lunch.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Today's altar flowers** are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of my parents, Henry M. G. Walker and Helen Walker by Mary Kehl.

**Please get your June Contact newsletter information** or articles in to the office by Tuesday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>. Email your information to the church office: [office@incarnationlutheran.com](mailto:office@incarnationlutheran.com)

**Our summer worship schedule begins next Sunday, May 27.** We will move to a more casual yet properly liturgical service. An altar table closer to the congregation, a new seating arrangement for the choir, a more familiar liturgy, and other helpful changes await! As you make your summer plans, please remember to make Sunday worship a priority.

**Hold the date: On Sunday, June 3**, we will hold our regular summer worship in the sanctuary and then join together for a cookout with games and conversation sponsored by the Lutheran Men in Mission. The new gaga pit will be up and ready so you don't want to miss this opportunity to see our confirmation youth enjoy this game!

**Placing flowers on the altar** for our worship services is a wonderful way to honor someone you love and appreciate or to remember a departed loved one. Arranging to place flowers is as simple as signing up at the flower chart on the door of the sacristy or a phone call (256-2381) or email ([office@incarnationlutheran.com](mailto:office@incarnationlutheran.com)) to the church office. Tell us what information you would like printed in the bulletin. Have a nice garden or access to floral arrangements, not a problem. All arrangements have to be delivered to the Sanctuary prior to services.

**Congregational Conversations dates:** Your voice is both wanted and needed as we process together information shared in the temple talks. The schedule is listed below:

**Wednesday, May 23** – 6pm supper and congregational conversations

**Sunday, May 27** - Immediately following worship will be congregational conversations

### **BIRTHDAYS**

Carol Black 05/22, Welda McCullough 05/25, Lina Mooney 05/21

### **BAPTISM ANNIVERSARIES**

Sydney Cramer 5/23, Bruce Harris 5/22

### **SAVE THE DATES**

**Monday, May 21** – Deadline to receive articles/dates for our June newsletter

**Wednesday, May 23** – 6pm supper and congregational conversations

**Thursday, May 24** – 6pm Holy Guacamole gathering at CasaLinda Mexican Restaurant

**Sunday, May 27** - Immediately following worship congregational conversations

**May 31 – June 2** South Carolina Synod Assembly

**Monday, June 11, 6pm** – OctoberFest meeting in the parish hall

### **Current Concerns**

Tom Williamson, Abigail Murdock, Leon Tokunaga, Walter Lindler, Cecilia Eaddy(CDC mother), Delores DeJames (mother of Jeff DeJames), Sarah Parker (mother of Mike Parker), Harry Evans

**New Prayer List Guidelines:** Names will be on the prayer list and prayed for during the intercessory prayers for four Sundays. If you wish the name you submitted to continue, please notify the office at the end of the four weeks.

<b>Financial Update:</b>	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Plan</b>	<b><i>Difference</i></b>
<b>Last Week</b>	\$ 2,621	\$ 4,479	\$ 1,858-
<b>Month-to-Date</b>	\$ 7,941	\$ 8,958	\$ 1,017-
<b>Year-to-Date</b>	\$ 77,815	\$ 80,625	\$ 2,810-



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