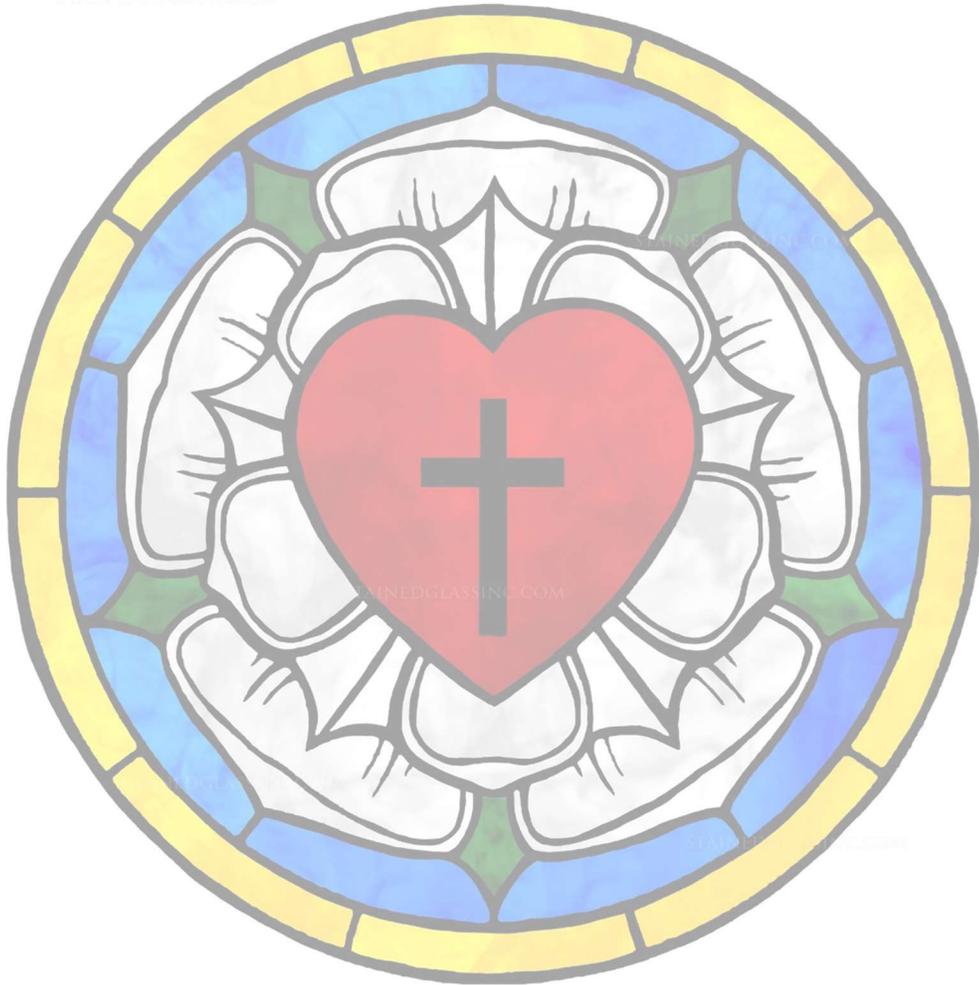


INCARNATION LUTHERAN CHURCH

✝ Third Sunday in Lent ✝ March 7th, 2021

To facilitate our safe worship together, please follow all guidelines set forth by church staff; remain six feet away from others at all times, wear a mask, and if you are considered high-risk, or have an immediate family member in isolation or quarantine, please stay home and join us via Facebook for Worship at 10am. Bulletins, Communion cups, hand sanitizer, and extra masks are available at the entrance.



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GATHERING

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Prelude in E Minor

Johann Seb. Bach
(1685-1750)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING HYMN: ELW 324

In the Cross of Christy I Glory

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God, the keeper of the covenant, the source of steadfast love, our rock and our redeemer. **Amen.**

God hears us when we cry, and draws us close in Jesus Christ. Let us return to the one who is full of compassion.

Fountain of living water, **pour out your mercy over us. Our sin is heavy, and we long to be free. Rebuild what we have ruined and mend what we have torn. Wash us in your cleansing flood. Make us alive in the Spirit to follow in the way of Jesus, as healers and restorers of the world you so love. Amen.**

Beloved, God's word never fails. The promise rests on grace: by the saving love of Jesus Christ, the wisdom and power of God, your sins are ✝ forgiven, and God remembers them no more. Journey in the way of Jesus. **Amen.**

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.**

KYRIE: p. 213

CANTICLE OF PRAISE

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Holy God, through your Son you have called us to live faithfully and act courageously. Keep us steadfast in your covenant of grace, and teach us the wisdom that comes only through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

WORD

CHILDREN'S TIME

FIRST READING: Exodus 20:1-17

¹God spoke all these words:

²I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; ³you shall have no other gods before me.

⁴You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. ⁵You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I the LORD your God am a jealous God, punishing children for the iniquity of parents, to the third and the fourth generation of those who reject me, ⁶but showing steadfast love to the thousandth generation of those who love me and keep my commandments.

⁷You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the LORD your God, for the LORD will not acquit anyone who misuses his name.

⁸Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. ⁹Six days you shall labor and do all your work. ¹⁰But the seventh day is a sabbath to the LORD your God; you shall not do any work—you, your son or your daughter, your male or female slave, your livestock, or the alien resident in your towns. ¹¹For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but rested the seventh day; therefore the LORD blessed the sabbath day and consecrated it.

¹²Honor your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you.

¹³You shall not murder.

¹⁴You shall not commit adultery.

¹⁵You shall not steal.

¹⁶You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

¹⁷You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

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

PSALM: Psalm 19

¹The heavens declare the glory of God,
and the sky proclaims its maker's handiwork.

²**One day tells its tale to another,
and one night imparts knowledge to another.**

³Although they have no words or language,
and their voices are not heard,

⁴**their sound has gone out into all lands, and their message to the ends of the world,
where God has pitched a tent for the sun.**

⁵It comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber;
it rejoices like a champion to run its course.

⁶It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens and runs about to the end of it again;
nothing is hidden from its burning heat.

⁷The teaching of the LORD is perfect and revives the soul;
the testimony of the LORD is sure and gives wisdom to the simple.

⁸**The statutes of the LORD are just and rejoice the heart;
the commandment of the LORD is clear and gives light to the eyes.**

⁹The fear of the LORD is clean and endures forever;
the judgments of the LORD are true and righteous altogether.

¹⁰**More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold,
sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb.**

¹¹By them also is your servant enlightened,

and in keeping them there is great reward.

¹²**Who can detect one's own offenses?**

Cleanse me from my secret faults.

¹³Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins; let them not get dominion over me; then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a great offense.

¹⁴**Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, O LORD, my strength and my redeemer.**

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians:18-25

¹⁸The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. ¹⁹For it is written,

“I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,
and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.”

²⁰Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? ²¹For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. ²²For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, ²³but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, ²⁴but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. ²⁵For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: p. 160

GOSPEL READING: John 2:13-22

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

¹³The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. ¹⁴In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money changers seated at their tables. ¹⁵Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. ¹⁶He told those who were selling the doves, “Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father's house a marketplace!” ¹⁷His disciples remembered that it was written, “Zeal for your house will consume me.” ¹⁸The Jews then said to him, “What sign can you show us for doing this?” ¹⁹Jesus answered them, “Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.” ²⁰The Jews then said, “This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?” ²¹But he was speaking of the temple of his body. ²²After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this; and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

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

SERMON

Pastor Emily Willhide

HYMN OF THE DAY: ELW 736

God the Sculptor of the Mountains

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

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

Jesus draws the whole world to himself.
Come to this meal and be fed.

LAMB OF GOD

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

God of steadfast love, at this table you gather your people into one body for the sake of the world.
Send us in the power of your Spirit, that our lives bear witness to the love that has made us new in
Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

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: ELW 809

Send me, Lord

DISMISSAL

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

Organ Voluntary:

Fugue in E minor

Johann Seb. Bach



Worship Note:

Our worship setting for today is Setting 6 of the ELW
Cantor for the Day: Emma Schwertfuehrer

Announcements

Worship and Music will be meeting after service.

Bell Choir resumes in person on Wednesday, March 10th after the Wednesday evening service.

A **daily devotional** will be emailed to you daily. These are also available on Facebook.

Wednesdays at noon, Incarnation will be hosting a short devotional Bible study. Bible study will be held over Zoom and the office will email out the link for the meeting each Wednesday morning.

Do you want to join Incarnation? If so, please contact the office at office@incarnationlutheran.com so that we can gather your contact information and reach out to you.

Prayer List

Current: The family of Gloria Cooper (Bonnie Huth,) The Family of Katherine Shephard (Mimi Fischer,) Carrie Robinson, William Singletary, Sarah Sutton, all those caring for elderly parents, and all those that are home bound.

Continuing: Sam Hall, Steve Dotson, Jimmy and Ethel Albergotti, Ed Skinner, Lily Hoffman , Jesse, Emily Prince, Emily Wright, Gary Todd, Maren Milbourne, Ann Ford, Jenny Gantt, The Norton Family, The Family of Kiara Grissom, The Family of Barbara Valle (Marcy Coster-Schulz,) and all those that are quarantined and suffering from COVID-19.

Military: Michael Willhide, Mike Turner, (Mavis Turner's son), Hilary Compton, (Kim Yerrick's niece), Tyler Owens, (Kim Yerrick's nephew).



In March, we will support a cause "worth marching in".

Most of us won't be able to "march" or run in 5K races this spring to support our usual causes, so we will instead "march" in support of the **ELCA Good Gifts catalog** that supports the ministries of the ELCA around the world. **Buy baby chicks, a piglet, honeybees, a goat, school supplies**, or many other options by going to www.elca.org/goodgifts. **Then tell us what you have done so we can keep a list.**

For as little as \$10, you can buy little chicks, a fruit tree seedling, supplies for a backpack, a blanket, a mosquito net, or many other options that make the life of a family better. These make great items to **give in honor of someone you love** - put them in your Easter baskets this year! Also, don't forget to write prayers during Lent for those in our community and around the world who need our support. Deposit them in the wooden church building made by Tom Fryar outside the church office. We will open them for Easter. Happy Marching!



100th Anniversary Chrismon Tree Skirt Cross Stitch Project

Thank you ILC family! All cross-stitch kits have been picked up.

The Deadline for designs: no later than Sunday, April 7, 2021 (Easter Sunday)

The arranging of the completed designs and the making of the Chrismon Tree Skirt will then be in very good and capable hands.

Online Giving!

Please continue to support the mission of the church. You can use this image below by scanning the QR Code with your smart phone's camera which will lead you to our Website for Online Giving or look for our new Paypal button on our Facebook page!

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LENT

- Lent 2: Sunday Mar. 7th at 10am and
Wednesday Mar. 10th at 6:00 pm
- Lent 4: Sunday Mar. 14th at 10am and
Wednesday Mar 17th at 6:00 pm
- Lent 5: Sunday Mar. 21st at 10am and
Wednesday Mar 24th at 6:00 pm



Lilies for Easter to the Glory of God

Please share in gracing our Nave this year with Easter Lilies in memory of loved ones or to honor family or friends. Names will be printed in the bulletin on Easter Sunday

Name: _____ Phone # _____

In Honor of: _____

In Memory of: _____

Number of Lilies _____ @ \$18.00 = _____

Paid: _____ check _____ electronically