

INCARNATION LUTHERAN CHURCH

✠ Fifth Sunday after Pentecost • July 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2023 ✠

**Worship Notes:** • Our Lector for today is Mary Kehl • Our Crucifer for today is Jeff Shealy •  
• Our Worship Leader is Stefanie Seebauer • Our Guest Preacher is Gina Schaefer •  
• We are using Setting 10 from the ELW •

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

“O Beautiful for Spacious Skies”

Charles Callahan

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

*Please stand as able and face the back of the church.*

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God, who greets us in this and every season, whose word never fails, whose promise is sure. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of our neighbors. Merciful God, **we confess that we have sinned. We have hurt our community. We have squandered your blessings. We have hoarded your bounty. In the name of Jesus, forgive us and grant us your mercy. We confess that we have sinned. We have failed to be honest. We have lacked the courage to speak. We have spoken falsely. In the name of Jesus, forgive us and grant us your mercy.**

God is a cup of cold water when we thirst. God offers boundless grace when we fail. Claim the gift of God’s mercy: you are freed and forgiven in the name of ✠ Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

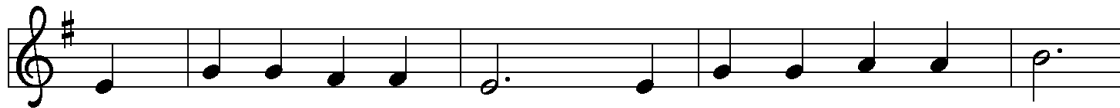
GATHERING HYMN: ELW 888

O Beautiful for Spacious Skies  
MATERNA

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.203



1 Have mer - cy on us, Lord, and hear our sol - emn prayer.  
2 Have mer - cy on us, Christ, and wash a - way our sin.  
3 Have mer - cy on us, Lord; make sin and shame de - part.



We come to hear your liv - ing word; it saves us from de - spair.  
Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may be - gin.  
Re - new us with your sav - ing pow'r; cre - ate in us new hearts!

GLORIA: p.204



1 Glo-ry be to God in heav-en; peace, good-will to all the earth.  
2 Glo-ry be to Christ for - ev - er, Lamb of God and Lord of love.  
3 Ho - ly One we now ac-claim you; Lord a - lone, to you we call;



Might-y God of all cre - a - tion, Fa - ther of sur - pass - ing worth:  
Son of God and gra - cious Sav - ior, you have come from heav'n a - bove;  
Ho - ly One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all:



we ex - alt you, we a - dore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.  
on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand.  
Je - sus Christ, with God the Spir - it, in the Fa - ther's splen - dor bright.



Saints and an - gels bow be - fore you; here on earth our songs we raise.  
Hear our prayer; re - store, for - give us; in your prom - ise firm we stand.  
For the peace that we in - her - it, glo - ry be to God on high!

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**O God, you direct our lives by your grace, and your words of justice and mercy reshape the world. Mold us into a people who welcome your word and serve one another, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

**WORD**

**CHILDREN'S SERMON**

**FIRST READING: Jeremiah 28:5-9**

<sup>5</sup>The prophet Jeremiah spoke to the prophet Hananiah in the presence of the priests and all the people who were standing in the house of the LORD; <sup>6</sup>and the prophet Jeremiah said, "Amen! May the LORD do so; may the LORD fulfill the words that you have prophesied, and bring back to this place from Babylon the vessels of the house of the LORD, and all the exiles. <sup>7</sup>But listen now to this word that I speak in your hearing and in the hearing of all the people. <sup>8</sup>The prophets who preceded you and me from ancient times prophesied war, famine, and pestilence against many countries and great kingdoms. <sup>9</sup>As for the prophet who prophesies peace, when the word of that prophet comes true, then it will be known that the LORD has truly sent the prophet."

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

**PSALM:** Psalm 89:1-4, 15-18

*Read responsively.*

<sup>1</sup>Your love, O LORD, forever will I sing;

from age to age my mouth will proclaim your faithfulness.

<sup>2</sup>**For I am persuaded that your steadfast love is established forever;**

**you have set your faithfulness firmly in the heavens.**

<sup>3</sup>I have made a covenant with my chosen one;

I have sworn an oath to David my servant:

<sup>4</sup>**I will establish your line forever,**

**and preserve your throne for all generations.’”**

<sup>5</sup>Happy are the people who know the festal shout!

They walk, O LORD, in the light of your presence.

<sup>6</sup>**They rejoice daily in your name;**

**they are jubilant in your righteousness.**

<sup>7</sup>For you are the glory of their strength,

and by your favor our might is exalted.

<sup>8</sup>**Truly, our shield belongs to the LORD;**

**our king to the Holy One of Israel.**

**SECOND READING:** Romans 6:12-23

<sup>12</sup>Do not let sin exercise dominion in your mortal bodies, to make you obey their passions. <sup>13</sup>No longer present your members to sin as instruments of wickedness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and present your members to God as instruments of righteousness. <sup>14</sup>For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace. <sup>15</sup>What then? Should we sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! <sup>16</sup>Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? <sup>17</sup>But thanks be to God that you, having once been slaves of sin, have become obedient from the heart to the form of teaching to which you were entrusted, <sup>18</sup>and that you, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness. <sup>19</sup>I am speaking in human terms because of your natural limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and to greater and greater iniquity, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness for sanctification. <sup>20</sup>When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. <sup>21</sup>So what advantage did you then get from the things of which you now are ashamed? The end of those things is death. <sup>22</sup>But now that you have been freed from sin and enslaved to God, the advantage you get is sanctification. The end is eternal life. <sup>23</sup>For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: p.205**



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav - ing word.



Let it burn like fire with - in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

**GOSPEL: Matthew 10:40-42**

*Please stand as able.*

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

<sup>40</sup>“Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. <sup>41</sup>Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet’s reward; and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous; <sup>42</sup>and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple—truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward.”

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

*Please be seated.*

**SERMON**

Gina Schaefer

**HYMN OF THE DAY: ELW 676**

Lord, Speak to Us, That We May Speak  
CANONBURY

**THE APOSTLES’ CREED**

*Please stand as able.*

**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 “*God, in your mercy.*” We respond: “**Hear our prayer.**”

## PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

*The offering plate will be passed throughout the Congregation.*

**ANTHEM:** “Holy Spirit, Hear Us” P. Sohren (d. 1692), arr. Healey Willan

*Please stand as able.*

## THANKSGIVING FOR THE WORD

Let us pray.

Praise and thanks to you, holy God, for by your Word you made all things: you spoke light into darkness, called forth beauty from chaos, and brought life into being. For your Word of life, O God, **we give you thanks and praise.**

By your Word you called your people Israel to tell of your wonderful gifts: freedom from captivity, water on the desert journey, a pathway home from exile, wisdom for life with you. For your Word of life, O God, **we give you thanks and praise.**

Through Jesus, your Word made flesh, you speak to us and call us to witness: forgiveness through the cross, life to those entombed by death, the way of your self-giving love. For your Word of life, O God, **we give you thanks and praise.**

Send your Spirit of truth, O God; rekindle your gifts within us: renew our faith, increase our hope, and deepen our love, for the sake of a world in need. Faithful to your Word, O God, draw near to all who call on you; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory 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.**

## SENDING

### BLESSING

The God who calls across the cosmos and speaks in the smallest seed ✠ bless, keep, and sustain you now and to the end of the age. **Amen.**

**SENDING HYMN:** ELW 551

The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve  
*CHESTERFIELD*

### DISMISSAL:

Go in peace. Serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE:**

Allegro Maestoso

W. Eugene Thayer (1838-1889)

Join us for coffee hour in the Fellowship Hall.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

Worship: 10:00 am

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

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## Prayer List

- Current: The family of Stephen Abbott, The family of Betty Lynn Kirwan, The family of Randy Taylor, Esther Allen, Bonnie Taylor-Shumaker, Rachel Mock, Nadine Jordan, Luzie Arnold, Jeff DeJames, and all homebound and caregivers.
- Continuing: Joe DeMichael, Elizabeth Johnson, Brandon Faust, Harry Evans, Meredith Schulz
- Military: Hilary Compton, (Kim Yerrick's niece), Tyler Owens, (Kim Yerrick's nephew).

## Financial Update

	Actual	Plan	Difference
Last Week	\$3,627	\$5,000	\$1,373-
June	\$19,016	\$20,000	\$984-
Year-to-Date	\$126,439	\$125,000	\$1,439+

## Upcoming Events

**Sunday, July 2nd:** Worship & Music Meeting after Worship

**Tuesday, July 4:** Office Closed - Happy Fourth of July!

**Saturday, July 8th:** Playdate at Owens Field Playground from 9:00 am - 11:00 am

**Monday, July 17th - Friday, July 21st:** Vacation Bible School

## Giving to ILC

Please consider giving to Incarnation Lutheran Church's ministries and projects.



## VBS Donations

will need enough for about 30 children  
\*can be brought to the church the week before.

pretzel rings

prepackaged apple slices\*

clementine oranges\*

prepackaged bags or mini popcorn cakes or rice cakes



We appreciate any donations! I have attached a QR Code that will take you to our Amazon Wish List. In the coming days, more will probably be added to the list.

*Thank you!*



## STEWARDSHIP SNIPPET

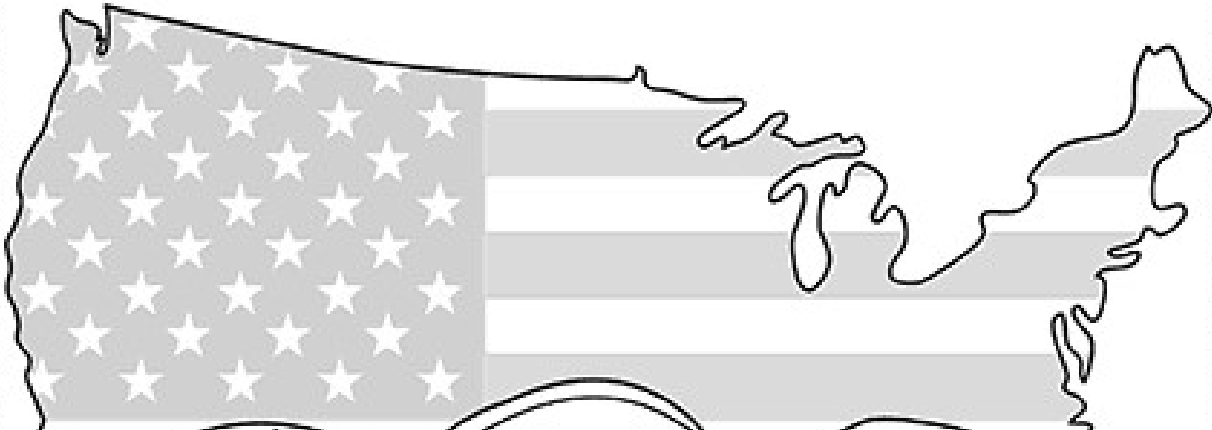
JULY 2ND, 2023

THE ECONOMY IS NOT THE ISSUE,  
BUT THE CONDITION OF THE  
HEART IS WHAT MATTERS.



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

# God Bless



# America!