

Incarnation Lutheran Church
Eighteenth Sunday of Pentecost
October 4, 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 are 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.

Source of all life,
We confess that we have not allowed your grace to set us free.
We fear that we are not good enough.
We hear your word of love freely given to us, yet we expect others to earn it.
We turn the church inward, rather than moving it outward.
Forgive us. Stir us. Reform us to be a church powered by love,
willing to speak for what is right, act for what is just,
and seek the healing of your whole creation. Amen.

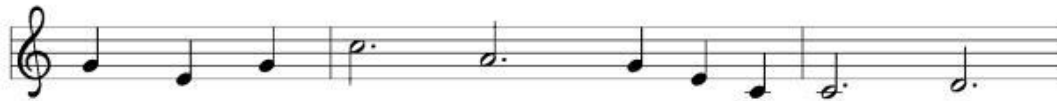
God hears our cry and sends the Son to redeem us, and the Spirit to sanctify us.
As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority,
I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all of your sins,
in the name of the Father, and of the ✝ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen



1 Morn - ing has bro - ken like the first morn - ing;
 2 Sweet the rain's new fall, sun - lit from heav - en,
 3 Mine is the sun - light! Mine is the morn - ing,



black - bird has spo - ken like the first bird.
 like the first dew - fall on the first grass.
 born of the one light E - den saw play!



Praise for the sing - ing! Praise for the morn - ing!
 Praise for the sweet - ness of the wet gar - den,
 Praise with e - la - tion, praise ev - 'ry morn - ing,



Praise for them, spring - ing fresh from the Word!
 sprung in com - plete - ness where God's feet pass.
 God's re - cre - a - tion of the new day!

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 5:1-7

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

PSALM Psalm 80:7-15

SECOND READING: Philippians 3:4b-14

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

GOSPEL READING: Matthew 21:33-46

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 Wayne Kannaday



1 Soft - ly and ten - der - ly Je - sus is call - ing, call - ing for
2 Why should we tar - ry when Je - sus is plead - ing, plead - ing for
3 Oh, for the won - der - ful love he has prom - ised, prom - ised for

you and for me. See, on the por - tals he's wait - ing and watch - ing,
you and for me? Why should we lin - ger and heed not his mer - cies,
you and for me! Though we have sinned, he has mer - cy and par - don,

Refrain

watch - ing for you and for me.
mer - cies for you and for me? "Come home, come home!
par - don for you and for me.

You who are wea - ry, come home." Ear - nest - ly, ten - der - ly,

Je - sus is call - ing, call - ing, "O sin - ner, come home!"

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.**

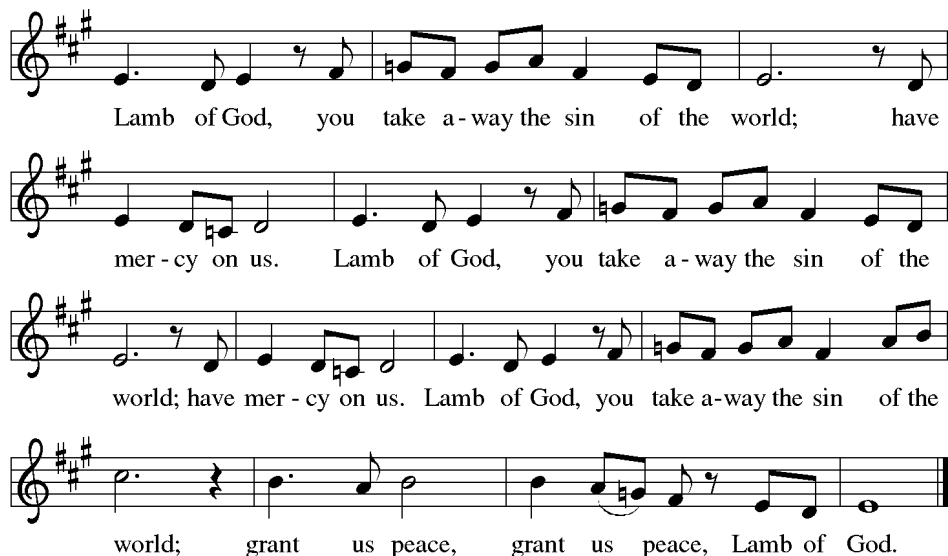
**Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.**

**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, Lamb of God.

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.



1 Christ is made the sure foun - da - tion, Christ, our head and
 2 To this tem - ple, where we call you, come, O Lord of
 3 Here be - stow on all your ser - vants what they seek from
 4 Praise and hon - or to the Fa - ther, praise and hon - or



cor - ner - stone, cho - sen of the Lord and pre - cious,
 hosts, and stay; come with all your lov - ing - kind - ness,
 you to gain; what they gain from you, for - ev - er
 to the Son, praise and hon - or to the Spir - it,



bind - ing all the church in one; ho - ly Zi - on's
 hear your peo - ple as they pray; and your full - est
 with the bless - ed to re - tain; and here - af - ter
 ev - er three and ev - er one: one in might and



help for - ev - er and our con - fi - dence a - lone.
 ben - e - dic - tion shed with - in these walls to - day.
 in your glo - ry ev - er - more with you to reign.
 one in glo - ry while un - end - ing a - ges run!

DISMISSAL

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

Worship in the sanctuary will be held on October 11th. A link for sign up will be emailed out on Wednesday of this week.

Your prayers & online presence are requested on Sunday, October 4, 2020 at 3:00 p.m., with the preludes starting at 2:30 p.m., for the Service of the Word with the Rite of Installation of the Bishop of the South Carolina Synod, Evangelical Lutheran Church in America The Reverend Virginia Solveig Aebischer.

The Service will be live streamed on the SC Synod website, Facebook page, and YouTube Channel.

A time for Self-directed Worship will be offered on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 11am to 1 pm. We ask that those who attend please wear a mask and remain socially distant from others.

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.

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.

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.

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 or look for our new Paypal button on our Facebook page!

Prayer List


Current: Thom Williamson, Gary Todd, Jesse, Emily Wright, Linda Blazek, Russ Rushe, The Norton Family, all those caring for elderly parents, and all those that are home bound.

Continuing: Thomas Ulmer, Esther Allen, 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

Baptismal Anniversaries: Porter Boepple 10/08, Joanne Cook 10/08, Steven Cook 10/08, and Brian Powers 10/08



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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.

Worship Returns to the Sanctuary on October 11th!

A task force of members and staff have been meeting since May to try to plan our return to our beautiful new sanctuary. With numbers trending down, Council has approved a proposal to return to worship in the sanctuary on October 4th.

How will it work? Please read carefully to ensure a smooth transition.

- Worship will be at 9am and 11am
- Seating will be by reservation only -- we will send out a signup the Wednesday morning before worship. Call the office if you can't access it.
- Ushers will seat your group when you arrive. You may not be able to sit in "your" seat. Please be flexible!
- Masks will be required. We will have extras.
- Please plan to arrive early to allow time for everyone to be seated.
- Bathrooms will be available.
- Entry will be through the front doors only -- please don't come through the Fellowship Hall, even if you have a key.
- Sharing of the Peace will continue through sign language only.
- We will continue using individually-wrapped communion kits, picked up at the entrance along with the bulletin.
- Offering boxes in the Narthex will collect offerings.
- Music will be different -- we will use a spoken liturgy with no congregational singing -- hymns will be anthems or solos.
- CDC cleaning protocols will be followed.

We know this is a difficult time. If you would like to continue worshipping from home, please feel free. Worship will still be livestreamed on Facebook. Definitely don't come if you're feeling sick or have a temperature.

Finally, we still plan to have a church dedication and reception honoring Pastor Jane's ministries with us at a safer time.

Task force members:

Pastor Jane Mitcham, Previous Interim Pastor
Pastor Emily Willhide, Pastor
Patrick Hawkins, Music Director and Organist
Sarah Harris, ILC Church Council
Kim Yerrick, ILC Church Council and Altar Guild

Aubrey Sowell, MD
Sarah Sawicki, ILC Church Council
Carrie Wood, ILC Church Council
Larry Marchant, ILC Church Council
Billy Williamson, Head Usher



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