

INCARNATION LUTHERAN CHURCH

✠ Sixth Sunday after Epiphany • February 12<sup>th</sup>, 2023 ✠

**Worship Notes:**

• Our Lector for today is Mary Kehl • Our Crucifer for today is Jeff Shealy •

**PRELUDE**

Prelude in G minor

Nicolaus Bruhns

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**LITTLE FREE PANTRY TEMPLE TALK**

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

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

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God, who makes all things new, whose mercy endures forever.  
**Amen.**

Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin.

Holy One, source of our renewal, **we confess that we are wrapped up in sin, and cannot free ourselves. We have not practiced your righteousness. Our hearts have turned away from you. For the sake of the world you so love, forgive us, that we may be reconciled to one another for 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.

**GATHERING HYMN: ELW 582**

Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling  
*IN BABILONE*

**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**

O God, **the strength of all who hope in you, we accomplish nothing good without you. Help us to see and understand the things we ought to do, and give us grace and power to do them, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

**WORD**

**CHILDREN'S SERMON**

**FIRST READING:** Deuteronomy 30:15-20

<sup>15</sup>See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, death and adversity. <sup>16</sup>If you obey the commandments of the LORD your God that I am commanding you today, by loving

the LORD your God, walking in his ways, and observing his commandments, decrees, and ordinances, then you shall live and become numerous, and the LORD your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to possess. <sup>17</sup>But if your heart turns away and you do not hear, but are led astray to bow down to other gods and serve them, <sup>18</sup>I declare to you today that you shall perish; you shall not live long in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess. <sup>19</sup>I call heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, <sup>20</sup>loving the LORD your God, obeying him, and holding fast to him; for that means life to you and length of days, so that you may live in the land that the LORD swore to give to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.

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

**PSALM:** Psalm 119

The image shows a musical score for Psalm 119. It consists of two systems of music. The first system has a vocal line on a single staff and a piano accompaniment on two staves (treble and bass clef). The second system also has a vocal line on a single staff and a piano accompaniment on two staves. The key signature is G major (one sharp) and the time signature is 3/4. The lyrics are: "Hap - py are they, hap - py are they who walk in the law, the law of the Lord."

1. Happy are they whose way is blameless,  
who walk in the law of the Lord!  
Happy are they who observe | his decrees  
and seek him with all their hearts! (**Refrain**)

2. Who never do any wrong,  
but always walk in his paths.  
You laid down your commandments,  
that we should fully keep them. (**Refrain**)

3. Oh, that my ways were made so direct  
that I might keep your statutes!  
Then I should not be put to shame,  
when I regard all your commandments. (**Refrain**)

4. I will thank you with an unfeigned heart,  
when I have learned your righteous judgments.  
I will keep your statutes;  
do not utterly forsake me. (**Refrain**)

**SECOND READING:** 1 Corinthians 3:1-9

<sup>1</sup>Brothers and sisters, I could not speak to you as spiritual people, but rather as people of the flesh, as infants in Christ. <sup>2</sup>I fed you with milk, not solid food, for you were not ready for solid food. Even now you are still not ready, <sup>3</sup>for you are still of the flesh. For as long as there is

jealousy and quarreling among you, are you not of the flesh, and behaving according to human inclinations? <sup>4</sup>For when one says, “I belong to Paul,” and another, “I belong to Apollos,” are you not merely human? <sup>5</sup>What then is Apollos? What is Paul? Servants through whom you came to believe, as the Lord assigned to each. <sup>6</sup>I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. <sup>7</sup>So neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth. <sup>8</sup>The one who plants and the one who waters have a common purpose, and each will receive wages according to the labor of each. <sup>9</sup>For we are God’s servants, working together; you are God’s field, God’s building.

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

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:** ELW p.198

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

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

**GOSPEL:** Matthew 5:21-37

*Please stand as able.*

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

<sup>21</sup>“You have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, ‘You shall not murder’; and ‘whoever murders shall be liable to judgment.’ <sup>22</sup>But I say to you that if you are angry with a brother or sister, you will be liable to judgment; and if you insult a brother or sister, you will be liable to the council; and if you say, ‘You fool,’ you will be liable to the hell of fire. <sup>23</sup>So when you are offering your gift at the altar, if you remember that your brother or sister has something against you, <sup>24</sup>leave your gift there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother or sister, and then come and offer your gift. <sup>25</sup>Come to terms quickly with your accuser while you are on the way to court with him, or your accuser may hand you over to the judge, and the judge to the guard, and you will be thrown into prison. <sup>26</sup>Truly I tell you, you will never get out until you have paid the last penny. <sup>27</sup>“You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall not commit adultery.’ <sup>28</sup>But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lust has already committed adultery with her in his heart. <sup>29</sup>If your right eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away; it is better for you to lose one of your members than for your whole body to be thrown into hell. <sup>30</sup>And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away; it is better for you to lose one of your members than for your whole body to go into hell. <sup>31</sup>“It was also said, ‘Whoever divorces his wife, let him give her a certificate of divorce.’ <sup>32</sup>But I say to you that anyone who divorces his wife, except on the ground of unchastity, causes her to commit adultery; and whoever marries a divorced woman commits adultery. <sup>33</sup>Again, you have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, ‘You shall not swear falsely, but carry out the vows you have made to the Lord.’ <sup>34</sup>But I say to you, Do not swear at all, either by heaven, for it is the throne of God, <sup>35</sup>or by the earth, for it is

his footstool, or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the great King. <sup>36</sup>And do not swear by your head, for you cannot make one hair white or black. <sup>37</sup>Let your word be 'Yes, Yes' or 'No, No'; anything more than this comes from the evil one."

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

*Please be seated.*

**SERMON**

Pastor Emily Willhide

**HYMN OF THE DAY:** ELW 612

Healer of Our Every Ill  
*HEALER OF OUR EVERY ILL*

**INSTALLATION OF COUNCIL**

**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 "*Merciful God,*" We respond: "**receive our prayer.**"

**PEACE**

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

**MEAL**

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

**ANTHEM**

"Alas, and did my Savior Bleed"

arr. Jason W. Krug

*Please stand as able.*

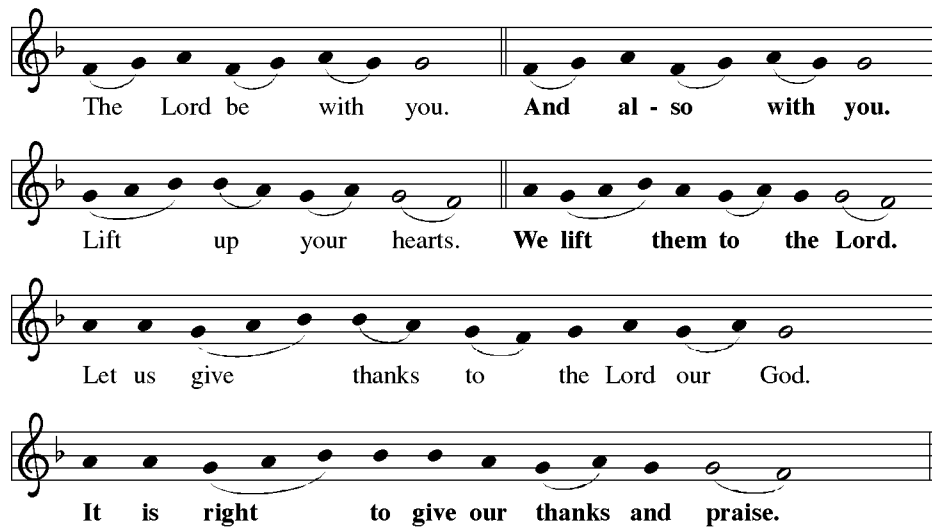
**OFFERTORY:** ELW 460

Now the Silence  
*NOW*

## OFFERING PRAYER

Liberating God, you break the bonds of injustice and let the oppressed go free. Receive these offerings in thanksgiving for all your works of merciful power, and shape us as people of your justice and freedom. You we magnify and adore, through Jesus our Savior. **Amen.**

## GREAT THANKSGIVING: p.199



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.

## PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

## HOLY, HOLY, HOLY: p.200



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and  
might, heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.  
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

# EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

## 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

The gifts of God for the people of God. Welcome to the table of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**  
*Please be seated.*

**COMMUNION** - *We invite you to join with us in the sacrament of Holy Communion, as Jesus invites us all to the table. The communion cups are in trays at the front of the church. There are discard trays by the side aisles. Please follow the directions of the Ushers.*

## LAMB OF GOD: p. 201



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.

COMMUNION HYMN: ELW 490

Light Shone in Darkness  
*LUX IN TENEBRIS*

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

*Please stand as able.*

Holy One, we thank you for the healing that springs forth abundantly from this table. Renew our strength to do justice, love kindness, and journey humbly with you. **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 544

Praise the Lord, Rise Up Rejoicing  
*ALLES IST AN GOTTES SEGEN*

**DISMISSAL:**

Go in peace. Follow the way of Jesus. **Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE**

Fugue in G minor

Nicolaus Bruhns



*Souper Bowl of Caring*  
**Soup Cookoff**



Join us today after Worship for the Congregational Meeting followed by the "Soup Cookoff" for the Souper Bowl of Caring!

## **Lent Worship Schedule at Incarnation**

Shrove Tuesday: Tuesday, February 21st  
5:45 Pancake Supper

Ash Wednesday: Wednesday, February 22nd  
12:00 pm and 5:45 pm Worship

Lent 1: Wednesday, March 1st  
5:00 pm Craft and Learn for kids & 5:45 pm Worship & Dinner

Lent 2: Wednesday, March 8th  
5:00 pm Craft and Learn for kids & 5:45 pm Worship & Dinner

Lent 3: Wednesday, March 15th  
5:00 pm Craft and Learn for kids & 5:45 pm Worship & Dinner

Lent 4: Wednesday, March 22nd  
5:00 pm Craft and Learn for kids & 5:45 pm Worship & Dinner

Lent 5: Wednesday, March 29th  
5:00 pm Craft and Learn for kids & 5:45 pm Worship & Dinner



Incarnation Lutheran Church

# 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 Ron Fulmer, The family of Kitty Ballentine, James Covington Parham, Jr, Logan Puggleise, Susan Kietel, Owen Hernandez, and all homebound and caregivers.
- Continuing: The family of Linda Taylor, Elizabeth Johnson, Gary Willhide, Sandy Richardson, Delores Lee, Carolyn Rast, Brandon Faust, Harry Evans, Meredith Schulz, Leon Hudson, Rachel Mock.
- Military: Mike Turner, (Mavis Turner's son), Hilary Compton, (Kim Yerrick's niece), Tyler Owens, (Kim Yerrick's nephew).
- Congratulations: Garey Fryar Hedlund and her husband Ryan on the birth of little McCoy Hedlund.

### Financial Update

	Actual	Plan	Difference
Last Week	\$7,421	\$5,000	\$2,421+
February	\$7,421	\$5,000	\$2,421+
Year-to-Date	\$25,530	\$25,000	\$530+

### Adult Sunday School

Why do bad things happen? A class on sin and suffering through the lens of Christian literature, taught by Seminarian Gina Schaefer on March 5th, 12th, and 19th in Adult Sunday School.

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**Wednesday, March 1st - Wednesday, March 29th (Weekly)**

5:00 pm Craft and Learn for kids & 5:45 pm Worship & Dinner

SAVE THE DATE



More information and ticket prices to come!

### Upcoming Events

**Sunday, February 12th:**

Congregational Meeting followed by Souper Bowl Cookoff (Super Bowl Watch Party has been cancelled due to lack of response)

### Giving to ILC

Please consider giving to Incarnation Lutheran Church's ministries and projects. We are also continuing to collect \$25 grocery cards for those in need.



### Altar Guild Refresher

We will have an Altar Guild Refresher meeting on Sunday, March 5th after Worship.

## STEWARDSHIP SNIPPET

FEBRUARY 12TH, 2023

“WHATSOEVER YOU RECEIVE AS GOD’S LOVE TO YOU, PART WITH AS A TOKEN OF YOUR LOVE TO HIM.”



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.