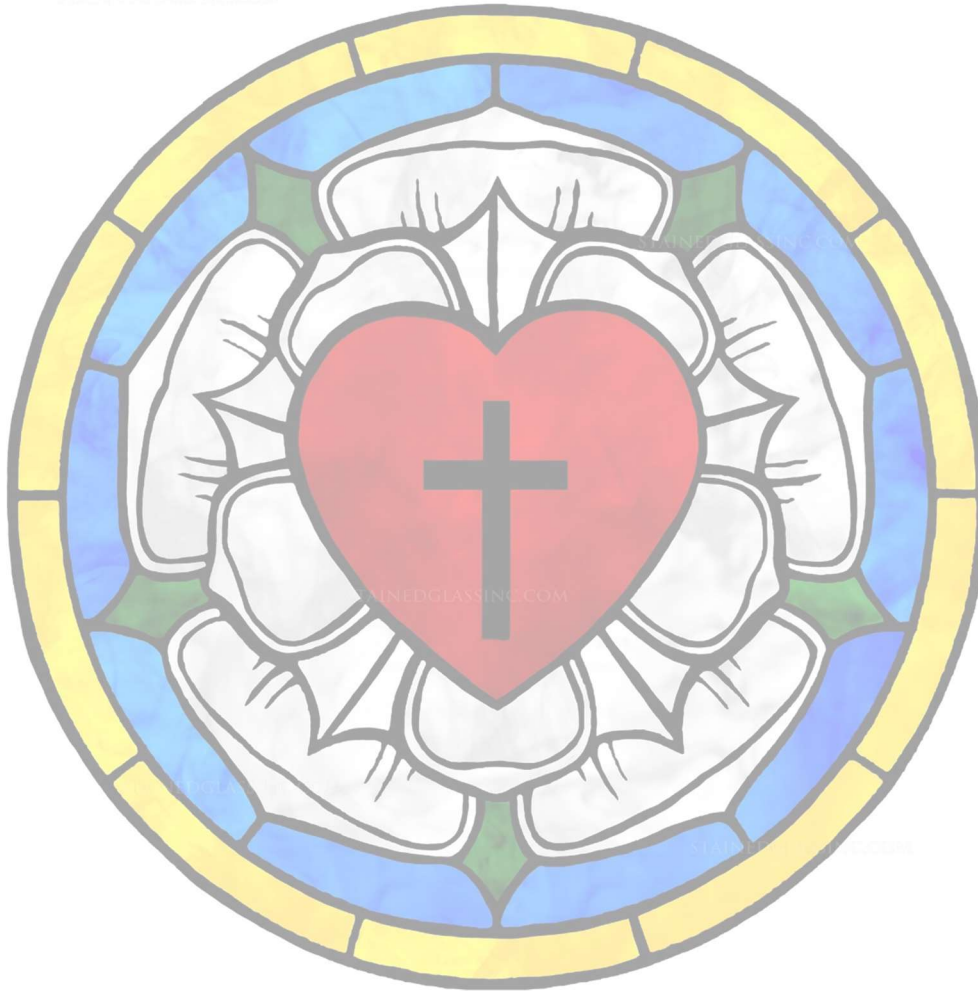


INCARNATION LUTHERAN CHURCH

✝ Ash Wednesday ✝ February 17th, 2021 Online Service



GET CONNECTED, STAY CONNECTED!

Like and follow us on Facebook and **Subscribe** to us on YouTube!



South Carolina Synod
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
God's work. Our hands.

Incarnation Lutheran Church
3005 Devine Street, Columbia, SC 29205
Office Hours: M-F 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. • 803-256-2381 •
office@incarnationlutheran.com
www.incarnationlutheran.com



Celebrating A Century of Faith, Love and Service
INCARNATION LUTHERAN CHURCH
1921-2021



@INCARNATIONLUTHERAN

GATHERING

VOLUNTARY

Aus tiefer Not schrei ich zu dir

Johann G. Walther
(1684-1748)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING HYMN: Psalm 51

David Clark Isele
(1946-2016)

GREETING

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty and ever-living God, you hate nothing you have made, and you forgive the sins of all who are penitent. Create in us new and honest hearts, so that, truly repenting of our sins, we may receive from you, the God of all mercy, full pardon and forgiveness through your Son, 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: Joel 2:1-2, 12-17

¹Blow the trumpet in Zion; sound the alarm on my holy mountain! Let all the inhabitants of the land tremble, for the day of the Lord is coming, it is near— ²a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and thick darkness! Like blackness spread upon the mountains a great and powerful army comes; their like has never been from of old, nor will be again after them in ages to come.

¹²Yet even now, says the Lord, return to me with all your heart, with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning; ¹³rend your hearts and not your clothing. Return to the Lord, your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and relents from punishing.

¹⁴Who knows whether he will not turn and relent, and leave a blessing behind him, a grain offering and a drink offering for the Lord, your God?

¹⁵Blow the trumpet in Zion; sanctify a fast; call a solemn assembly; ¹⁶gather the people. Sanctify the congregation; assemble the aged; gather the children, even infants at the breast. Let the bridegroom leave his room, and the bride her canopy.

¹⁷Between the vestibule and the altar let the priests, the ministers of the Lord, weep. Let them say, "Spare your people, O Lord, and do not make your heritage a mockery, a byword among the nations. Why should it be said among the peoples, 'Where is their God?' "

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

SECOND READING: 2 Corinthians 5:20b--6:10

^{20b}We entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. ²¹For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

^{6:1}As we work together with him, we urge you also not to accept the grace of God in vain. ³For he says,

“At an acceptable time I have listened to you,
and on a day of salvation I have helped you.”

See, now is the acceptable time; see, now is the day of salvation! ³We are putting no obstacle in anyone’s way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, ⁴but as servants of God we have commended ourselves in every way: through great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, ⁵beatings, imprisonments, riots, labors, sleepless nights, hunger; ⁶by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, holiness of spirit, genuine love, ⁷truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; ⁸in honor and dishonor, in ill repute and good repute. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; ⁹as unknown, and yet are well known; as dying, and see—we are alive; as punished, and yet not killed; ¹⁰as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing everything.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: p. 176

Let your steadfast love come to us, O Lord.

Save us as you promised; we will trust your word.

Text: Evangelical Lutheran Worship
 Music: Robert Buckley Farlee, b. 1950
 Text and music © 2006 Augsburg Fortress.

Duplication in any form prohibited without permission or valid license from copyright administrator.

GOSPEL READING: Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

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

¹“Beware of practicing your piety before others in order to be seen by them; for then you have no reward from your Father in heaven.

²“So whenever you give alms, do not sound a trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, so that they may be praised by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. ³But when you give alms, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, ⁴so that your alms may be done in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

⁵“And whenever you pray, do not be like the hypocrites; for they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and at the street corners, so that they may be seen by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. ⁶But whenever you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

¹⁶“And whenever you fast, do not look dismal, like the hypocrites, for they disfigure their faces so as to show others that they are fasting. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. ¹⁷But when you fast, put oil on your head and wash your face, ¹⁸so that your fasting may be seen not by others but by your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

¹⁹“Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal; ²⁰but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal. ²¹For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.”

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

SERMON

Pastor Emily Willhide

HYMN OF THE DAY: ELW 600

Out of the Depths I Cry to You



1 Out of the depths I cry to you; O Lord God, hear me call - ing.
2 All things you send are full of grace; you crown our lives with fa - vor.
3 In you a - lone, O God, we hope, and not in our own mer - it.
4 My soul is wait - ing for you, Lord, as one who longs for morn - ing;



In - cline your ear to my dis - tress in spite of my re - bel - ling.
All our good works are done in vain with - out our Lord and Sav - ior.
We rest our fears in your good Word and trust your Ho - ly Spir - it.
no watch - er waits with great - er hope than I for your re - turn - ing.



Do not re - gard my sin - ful deeds. Send me the grace
We praise you for the gift of faith; you save us from
Your prom - ise keeps us strong and sure; we trust the cross,
I hope as Is - rael in the Lord, who sends re - demp -



my spir - it needs; with - out it I am noth - ing.
the grip of death; our lives are in your keep - ing.
your sig - na - ture, in - scribed up - on our tem - ples.
tion through the Word. Praise God for grace and mer - cy!

Text: Martin Luther, 1483–1546; tr. composite
Music: AUS TIEFER NOT, attr. Martin Luther
Text © 1978, 2006 *Lutheran Book of Worship*, admin. Augsburg Fortress.

Duplication in any form prohibited without permission or valid license from copyright administrator.

INVITATION TO LENT

The presiding minister invites the assembly into the discipline of Lent.

Friends in Christ, today with the whole church we enter the time of remembering Jesus' passover from death to life, and our life in Christ is renewed.

We begin this holy season by acknowledging our need for repentance and for God's mercy. We are created to experience joy in communion with God, to love one another, and to live in harmony with creation. But our sinful rebellion separates us from God, our neighbors, and creation, so that we do not enjoy the life our creator intended.

As disciples of Jesus, we are called to a discipline that contends against evil and resists whatever leads us away from love of God and neighbor. I invite you, therefore, to the discipline of Lent—self-examination and repentance, prayer and fasting, sacrificial giving and works of love—strengthened by the gifts of word and sacrament. Let us continue our journey through these forty days to the great Three Days of Jesus' death and resurrection.

CONFESSION OF SIN

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Most holy and merciful God, **we confess to you and to one another, and before the whole company of heaven, that we have sinned by our fault, by our own fault, by our own most grievous fault, in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone.**

We have not loved you with our whole heart, and mind, and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have not forgiven others as we have been forgiven.

Have mercy on us, O God.

We have shut our ears to your call to serve as Christ served us. We have not been true to the mind of Christ. We have grieved your Holy Spirit.

Have mercy on us, O God.

Our past unfaithfulness, the pride, envy, hypocrisy, and apathy that have infected our lives, we confess to you.

Have mercy on us, O God.

Our self-indulgent appetites and ways, and our exploitation of other people, we confess to you.

Have mercy on us, O God.

Our negligence in prayer and worship, and our failure to share the faith that is in us, we confess to you.

Have mercy on us, O God.

Our neglect of human need and suffering, and our indifference to injustice and cruelty, we confess to you.

Have mercy on us, O God.

Our false judgments, our uncharitable thoughts toward our neighbors, and our prejudice and contempt toward those who differ from us, we confess to you.

Have mercy on us, O God.

Our waste and pollution of your creation, and our lack of concern for those who come after us, we confess to you.

Have mercy on us, O God.

O God, you are our hope in the midst of despair, our help in the midst of sorrow, and our consolation in the midst of affliction. Grant comfort to all who suffer in body, mind, or spirit and support caregivers who attend to all in need. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

O God, you are love, and you call us to love one another. Accompany with your grace those journeying toward baptism and call us all to repentance as we prepare to celebrate Christ's death and resurrection. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

O God, you are our life and our salvation. We give you thanks for the righteous who have died in faith. Inspire us by their example to proclaim your steadfast love. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Merciful God, accompany our journey through these forty days. Renew us in the gift of baptism, that we may provide for those who are poor, pray for those in need, fast from self-indulgence, and above all that we may find our treasure in the life of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen.

We entrust ourselves and all our prayers to you, O faithful God, through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

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.**

SENDING

BLESSING

You are what God made you to be:
created in Christ Jesus for good works,
chosen as holy and beloved,
freed to serve your neighbor.
God bless you ✝ that you may be a blessing,
in the name of the holy and life-giving Trinity.
Amen.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Share the good news.

Thanks be to God.

VOLUNTARY

Pange, Lingua, *Opus. 75, No. 7*

Flor Peeters
(1903-1986)



Worship Note

Our Cantor for the day is Alexa Cotran
Our worship setting for today is Ash Wednesday



Announcements

Our office is closed except by appointment due to the massive rise in case numbers in our county. You can email or call us, and our mailbox is a safe place to drop things off. We will be open on Friday's between 9 am – 1 pm for pick-up and drop-off.

Scout Sunday is February 21st.

100th Anniversary Meeting will be Sunday, February 21st at 2 p.m. via Zoom.

Self-directed Worship is suspended but a weekly devotional will be included in our E-Blast's.

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.

Do you know any former members of Incarnations' email addresses? We would love to send them an invite to the 100th anniversary!

Prayer List

Current: Taylor, Barbara Valle, William Singletary, Steve Dotson, Sarah Sutton, Mady Smith, Sam Hall, The Family of Farnum Edward Thornburg III, The family of Kiara Grissom, all those caring for elderly parents, and all those that are home bound.

Continuing: Ed Skinner, Lily Hoffman, Diane Smith, Ivey Smith, Jesse, Emily Prince, Emily Wright, Gary Todd, Linda Blazek, Maren Milbourne, Ann Ford, Jenny Gantt, The Norton Family, The Family of Mary Thompson, 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).



From the 100th Anniversary Committee

Be on the lookout for a mailing coming soon to your mailbox! Despite the pandemic, the 100th Anniversary Committee has been hard at work preparing to observe the 100th anniversary of Incarnation in 2021. You will be receiving two items soon which we hope will find a place of honor on your family refrigerator:

- 1) The 100th Monthly Challenge
- 2). 100 Things You Can Do to Honor Incarnation

These are designed to give us some fun, concrete, and meaningful ways both to **give thanks** and to **give back** to our church and our community over the coming year. We hope you will participate and enjoy them!

It's February! Time to "Spread the Love"!

The 100th Anniversary Committee and our Youth's Souper Bowl of Caring are combining forces to "spread the love" to those in our community who are experiencing food insecurity in these long pandemic days.

Harvest Hope is a "high need location" in our area, and we invite you to contribute 100 jars of peanut butter and other additional non-perishable foods which we will deliver at the end of the month.

We would also like to raise at least \$100 in donations. The South Carolina Souper Bowl of Caring will match every \$6.00 we donate!

Food donations may be left at the church on Fridays between 9-1, and monetary donations may be made anytime online through the ILC website.

Thanks for supporting our February challenge!

ILC Fun Facts

The original sanctuary for Incarnation was raised in just four days in August 1921. In one of the most famous episodes from Incarnation's early history, Lutherans from St. Paul, Mt Tabor, Holy Trinity, St. Luke, Ascension and Ebenezer all joined with the charter members of the new congregations to build a simple building in less than a week. Wood for the building reportedly came from Ft. Jackson, which had been shut down after World War I.

Incarnation began the year 1922 with a bank balance of \$8.05. Church Council sometimes struggled to pay the pastor's salary.

Twenty men of the church put their own fortunes on the line by endorsing the bank loan necessary to build the first stone sanctuary in 1928. They didn't know the Great Depression was coming.



100th Anniversary Chrismon Tree Skirt Cross Stitch Project

2021 is upon us and filled with events and activities throughout the year celebrating Incarnation Lutheran Church's 100 year anniversary. This project came about when we received a Chrismon Tree Skirt from Resurrection Lutheran after it was sold and the skirt was donated in honor of the former Resurrection members now attending Incarnation. The tree skirt is white and gold and contains small cross-stitched versions of the Chrismons we hang on the tree each year.

It was made members of the S.T.Y.L.E. adult group and all 18 members (men and women) stitched the 90 designs used to make the skirt. The skirt was used with Resurrection sanctuary's Chrismon Tree for many years. (Picture of Chrismon Tree Skirt is attached on next page.)

The Anniversary Committee thought it would be great for the members of ILC to make a matching Chrismon Tree Skirt since we use two trees in our sanctuary. This Cross Stitch Project is an excellent way to get involved, especially if time is an issue.

Your participation in this project is something you can do at home, takes a very small time commitment, and yet gives you a great opportunity to contribute to a project that will be enjoyed by the congregation during the Advent and Christmas season for years to come.

What are you asking me to do?

The Anniversary Committee would like to offer any member of the ILC the opportunity to help by cross stitching one (or more if you wish) designs to be included in the making of the skirt. The designs are small (about 2 inches) and everything you need to make a design is provided for you in packets.

Don't be intimidated or shy away from this project because you have never cross-stitched anything or it has been a long time since you have cross stitched. When Resurrection made the Chrismon tree skirt, most of the members of the S.T.Y.L.E. had never picked up a needle, much less cross stitched anything in their life.

Where can I get a packet?

Packets are available in the Fellowship Hall. Packets include Easy, Medium, and Advanced designs. None of the designs are hard to stitch, but the advanced uses more color and a few other stitch moves. When you take a packet, please write your name next to the design you took. Please know that this is no questions asked, no shame activity. If for ANY REASON you cannot complete or make the design, simply bring it back and erase and/or scratch your name off the list. It is okay. Your willingness to try will be greatly appreciated. Deadline for designs: no later than Sunday, April 18, 2021. The arranging of the completed designs and the sewing of the Chrismon Tree Skirt will then be in very good and capable hands.

Please Note: If you are not comfortable or are unable to come to the church to get a design, packet(s) can be delivered and picked up from your home. Contact:

Kimberly Yerrick at (803)262-9536; kimyerrick@gmail.com or

Nora Shealy at (803) 238-1620; norak@sc.rr.com



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 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!

Incarnation Lutheran Church
inquit, amen, confiteor

**3005 Devine St., Columbia, SC
803-256-2381
incarnationlutheran.com**

To Give online:
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.

Financial Update - General Fund Offerings

	Actual	Plan	Difference
January 2021	\$17,538	\$25,000	\$7,462-

RFB Presents
COFFEE WITH JESUS
Couldn't Deal

Panel 1: Carl: I thought I'd do the whole Lent thing this year, where you give up something, but I went back on it. I'm sorry, Jesus. I failed. Maybe next year.

Panel 2: Jesus: Not sure you're really getting "the whole Lent thing," Carl.

Panel 3: Carl: And I was doing so well. I made it a whole month just drinking Pepsi, but it's just not as good as Coke. I couldn't deal.

Panel 4: Jesus: That was a high bar, Carl. Maybe next year.

© Rasio Free Babylon®

MUSIC NOTES

Johann Gottfried Walther was one of Johann Sebastian Bach's cousins. The two were quite friendly and shared a variety of musical interests while Sebastian Bach was Music Director at the court in Weimar, Germany. Walther, like his cousin, composed a great number of pieces for the organ including one setting of the Lenten chorale "Aus tiefer Not schrei ich zu dir," or "Out of the depths, I cry unto Thee."

The two Psalm settings sung tonight were composed during the 1970s by American composers, David Clarke Isele and Richard Proulx.

The organ meditation this evening is taken from a collection of pieces entitled *The Book of Hours* by the late American composer and Professor Emeritus at the New England Conservatory of Music in Boston, Daniel Pinkham. The monastic tradition of praying at various specified hours of the day began in the Middle Ages and is still practiced in some Roman Catholic Churches today. There are eight daily services known as the Divine Office or Canonical Hours. These include: Matins, Lauds, Prime, Terce, Sext, None, Vespers, and Compline. The final composition is a modern, serene prayer played upon the softest stops of the organ. The composer wrote about it: "The sinful soul prays to make her peace with God and for protection for the night."

The concluding postlude to the service was composed by the Belgian composer, Flor Peeters. Published in 1954, his setting of the Pange, Lingua is the seventh work in his Opus 75 for organ solo. "Now, My Tongue, the Mystery Telling" is a modern translation of the Gregorian chant, which was found in the Roman Liber Usualis (Mode III) and was set to a Lenten text by St. Thomas Aquinas, c. 1227-1274. In keeping with the modal tune, the composer sets the melody in the tenor range of the instrument played upon rather pungent stops. Above this, he uses compositional techniques such as parallel fifths and fourths to create the sound of Organum, a harmonic technique favored in Europe during the Middle Ages.

This evening we welcome Alexa Cotran as our Cantor. Alexa is a former choral pupil of Dr. Hawkins at Spring Valley High School. Following her graduation, she continued to major in music for her Bachelor and Masters degrees. Ms. Cotran is currently a choral teacher in Richland School District 2.

-Dr. Patrick Hawkins, Music Director



ALL SERVICES WILL BE LIVE-STREAMED ON FACEBOOK AND AVAILABLE ON OUR WEBSITE UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

Ash Wednesday: Feb 17, 2021 at 6pm on Facebook

Lent 1: Sunday Feb. 21st at 10am and
Wednesday Feb. 24th at 6:00 pm

Lent 2: Sunday Feb. 28th at 10am and
Wednesday Mar 3rd at 6:00 pm

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



On Ash Wednesday, we receive
ashes on our foreheads.