

INCARNATION LUTHERAN CHURCH

✠ First Sunday in Lent • February 18th, 2024 ✠

Worship Notes: • Our Lector is Mimi Fisher • Our Crucifer is Amy Kehl • Our Banner Bearer is Jeff Shealy • We are in Setting 1 of the ELW •

VOLUNTARY: Notre Père, from Petit Livre de Prières Rolande Falcinelli

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God, who writes the law on our hearts, who draws all people together through Jesus. **Amen.**

Held in God's mercy, let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Holy God, we confess that we are caught in snares of sin and cannot break free. We hoard resources while our neighbors are hungry and cold. We speak in ways that silence others. We are silent when we should speak up. We keep score in our hearts. We let hurts grow into hatred. For all these things and for sins only you know, forgive us, Lord. Amen.

Here is a flood of grace: Out of love for the whole world, God draws near to us, breaks every snare of sin, washes away our wrongs, and restores the promise of life through Christ. It is through the name of ✠ Jesus Christ that I declare to you that your sins are forgiven. **Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN: ELW 238

The Great Litany

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

Holy God, heavenly Father, **in the waters of the flood you saved the chosen, and in the wilderness of temptation you protected your Son from sin. Renew us in the gift of baptism. May your holy angels be with us, that the wicked foe may have no power over us, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

Please be seated.

WORD

CHILDREN'S SERMON

FIRST READING: Genesis 9:8-17

⁸God said to Noah and to his sons with him, ⁹“As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, ¹⁰and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. ¹¹I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth.” ¹²God said, “This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: ¹³I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. ¹⁴When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, ¹⁵I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. ¹⁶When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth.” ¹⁷God said to Noah, “This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth.”

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

PSALM: Psalm 25:1-10

Spoken responsively.

¹To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul.

²**My God, I put my trust in you; let me not be put to shame, nor let my enemies triumph over me.**

³Let none who look to you be put to shame; rather let those be put to shame who are treacherous.

⁴**Show me your ways, O LORD, and teach me your paths.**

⁵Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all the day long.

⁶**Remember, O LORD, your compassion and love, for they are from everlasting.**

⁷Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; remember me according to your steadfast love and for the sake of your goodness, O LORD.

⁸**You are gracious and upright, O LORD; therefore you teach sinners in your way.**

⁹You lead the lowly in justice and teach the lowly your way.

¹⁰**All your paths, O LORD, are steadfast love and faithfulness to those who keep your covenant and your testimonies.**

SECOND READING: 1 Peter 3:18-22

¹⁸Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, ¹⁹in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, ²⁰who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. ²¹And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, ²²who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: ELW p.103

Let your stead-fast love come to us, O Lord.

Save us as you prom-ised; we will trust your word.

GOSPEL: Mark 1:9-15

Please stand as able.

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

⁹In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. ¹⁰And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. ¹¹And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased." ¹²And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. ¹³He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him. ¹⁴Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, ¹⁵and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news."

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 810

O Jesus, I Have Promised
MUNICH

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 "*Hear us, O God.*" We respond: "**Your mercy is great.**"

PEACE

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

MEAL

The offering plate will be passed throughout the Congregation for those not using online giving.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM:

“A Lenten Walk”

arr. Hal Hopson

Please stand as able.

OFFERING PRAYER

Jesus, you are the bread of life and the host of this meal. Bless these gifts that we have gathered that all people may know your goodness. Feed us not only with this holy food but with hunger for justice and peace. We pray this in your name. **Amen.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING: ELW p.190

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: ELW p.108

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. Blessed is he who comes in the
name of the Lord. 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. Please take an empty communion glass from the trays at the front of the church. The innermost ring of glasses are pre-filled with grape juice for those who prefer juice to wine. There are discard trays by the side aisles. Please follow the directions of the Ushers.*

LAMB OF GOD: ELW p.112



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 HYMNS: ELW 325

ELW 517

I Want Jesus to Walk with Me

SOJOURNER

Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word

ERHALT UNS, HERR

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Please stand as able.

We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

SENDING

BLESSING

Beloved, we are God’s own people, holy, washed, renewed. God bless you and keep you, shower you with mercy, fill you with courage, and † give you peace. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN: ELW 319

O Lord, throughout These Forty Days
CONSOLATION

DISMISSAL:

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

VOLUNTARY:

Jesus, I will Ponder Now, Op. 100

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Join us for Coffee Time in the Fellowship Hall

Our Ministry Staff contacts are:

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Worship: Sundays at 10 a.m.

(10 a.m. Worship is also live streamed on Facebook.)

Office Hours: Monday - Friday, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Adult and Children's Sunday School: 9:00 am

Worship: 10:00 am

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

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Prayer List

- Current Concerns: Debby Muller, Tracey Smith, Tammy Baldwin, Jeff Shealy, Sue DeMichael, Bill Lamb, Peace in all places experiencing conflict, and all homebound and caregivers.
- Continuing Concerns: The family of Glenda Goings, The Hawkins Family, George Meetze, Grady Lindler, Chris Williams, Mary Kehl, Luzie Arnold, Sue Anderson, Joe DeMichael, Harry Evans, Military: Ken Custer, Andrew Peterson, Hilary Compton, Kim Yerrick's niece; Tyler Owens, Kim Yerrick's nephew.

Financial Update - General Fund

	Actual	Plan	Difference
Last Week	\$4,790	\$5,392	\$602-
February	\$11,992	\$10,784	\$1,207+
Year-to-Date	\$30,780	\$32,352	\$1,572-

Hospitality Meeting

The church that plays together stays together! Anyone interested in helping to plan and carry out fellowship and hospitality events for 2024 is invited to come to an initial meeting on Feb 18th after worship. We're looking forward to hearing your ideas and forming small teams to oversee each event.

Palmetto Chamber Orchestra Concert

VALENTINES FOREVER: DANCE IS IN THE AIR! is a romantic journey through dance music of Arensky, J. Strauss (father and son), Bizet, Layadov, Chopin, Tchaikovsky and more . The program is fun, educational and accessible to everyone. General admission: \$15, VIP- \$25, Students with ID - \$5. Cash or check at the door!



Upcoming Events:

Sunday, February 18th:

Hospitality Meeting after Worship
4:00 pm Beloved Worship & Dinner

Monday, February 19th:

Office Closed - Presidents Day

Wednesday, February 21st:

6:00 pm Lenten Meal & Worship

Thursday, February 22nd:

6:00 pm Holy Guacamole

Giving to ILC

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



Stewardship Snippet

February 18th, 2024

Stewardship is the bridge between our hearts and the needs of the world.

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.

Lent Schedule

Shrove Tuesday - February 13th

Join us for a pancake supper at 6:00 pm

Ash Wednesday - February 14th

Worship with the imposition of ashes at 12:00 pm and
6:00 pm

Wednesdays -

(Mid-Week Lenten Meal and Worship)

February 21st, 28th, March 6th, 13th, and 20th

A light meal will be served beginning at 5:45 pm with
Worship at 6:30 pm

Holy Week

Palm Sunday - March 24th at 10:00 am

Maundy Thursday - March 28th at 6:00 pm

Good Friday - March 29th at 6:00 pm

Holy Saturday Activities - March 30th from 10-12pm

Easter Sunday - March 31st at 10:00 am

Beloved at ILC



What is Beloved?

Beloved was formed by families with special needs children who know the realities they face in raising their whole family in the Christian faith. Therefore, Beloved is committed to providing a worship and faith nurturing environment which is:

- Safe,
- Supervised,
- Holy Ground
- Whole family-centered
- Needs-focused
- Loving
- Welcoming
- Inclusive
- Celebratory
- Informal
- Flexible
- Active
- Non-judgmental
- and Fun!

Join us:

When: Sunday-February 18th

Where: Incarnation Lutheran Church

(3005 Devine St Columbia, SC 29205)

Time: 4 to 6 pm

For more information check our Facebook Page

<https://www.facebook.com/BelovedMinistry>