

INCARNATION LUTHERAN CHURCH

✠ Palm Sunday • April 2nd, 2023 ✠

Worship Notes: • Our Lector for today is Stefanie Seebauer • Our Crucifer for today is Bill Williamson •

GATHERING

ACCLAMATION

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

BLESSING OF PALMS

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

We praise you, O God, for redeeming the world through our Savior Jesus Christ. Today he entered the holy city in triumph and was proclaimed messiah and king by those who spread garments and branches along his way. Bless these branches and those who carry them. Grant us grace to follow our Lord in the way of the cross, so that, joined to his death and resurrection, we enter into life with you; through the same Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

PROCESSION OF PALMS: ELW 344

All Glory, Laud, and Honor
VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Please stand as able.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God, who journeys with us these forty days, and sustains us with the gift of grace. **Amen.**

Let us acknowledge before God and one another our need for repentance and God's mercy.

Holy God, we confess to you our faults and failings. Too often we neglect and do not trust your holy word; we take for ourselves instead of giving to others; we spoil rather than steward your creation; we cause hurt though you call us to heal; we choose fear over compassion.

Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, as we seek to follow in your way of life. **Amen.**

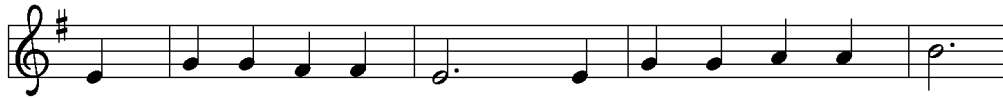
Hear the good news: God so loved the world that God gave the only Son, so that all may receive life. This promise is for you! God embraces you with divine mercy, ✠ forgives you in Christ's name, and revives you in the Spirit's power. **Amen.**

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!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Everlasting God, **in your endless love for the human race you sent our Lord Jesus Christ to take on our nature and to suffer death on the cross. In your mercy enable us to share in his obedience to your will and in the glorious victory of his resurrection, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.** *Please be seated.*

WORD

CHILDREN'S SERMON

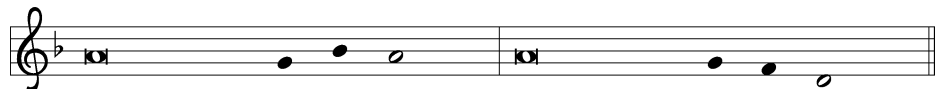
FIRST READING: Isaiah 50:4-9a

⁴The Lord GOD has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he wakens— wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught. ⁵The Lord GOD has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backward. ⁶I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting. ⁷The Lord GOD helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame; ⁸he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. ^{9a}It is the Lord GOD who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

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

PSALM: Psalm 31:9-16

Robert Buckley Farlee



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⁹Have mercy on me, O LORD, for I | am in trouble;
 my eye is consumed with sorrow, and also my throat | and my belly.
¹⁰**For my life is wasted with grief, and my | years with sighing;
 my strength fails me because of affliction, and my bones | are consumed.**
¹¹I am the scorn of all my enemies, a disgrace to my neighbors, a dismay to | my acquaintances;
 when they see me in the street | they avoid me.
¹²**Like the dead I am forgotten, | out of mind;
 I am as useless as a | broken pot. R**
¹³For I have heard the whispering of the crowd; fear is | all around;
 they put their heads together against me; they plot to | take my life.
¹⁴**But as for me, I have trusted in | you, O LORD.
 I have said, "You | are my God.**
¹⁵My times are | in your hand;
 rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who | persecute me.
¹⁶**Let your face shine up- | on your servant;
 save me in your | steadfast love." R**

SECOND READING: Philippians 2:5-11

⁵Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, ⁶who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, ⁷but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, ⁸he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross. ⁹Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: ACS 929

Blessed Is the One

Bless-ed is the one who comes in the name, who comes
 in the name of the Lord. Bless-ed is the one who comes
 in the name, who comes in the name of the Lord.

Text: Psalm 118:26
 Music: BLESSED IS THE ONE, Nathan Houge, b. 1977
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Before the Reading: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

¹When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, ²saying to them, “Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. ³If anyone says anything to you, just say this, ‘The Lord needs them.’ And he will send them immediately.” ⁴This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet, saying, ⁵“Tell the daughter of Zion, Look, your king is coming to you, humble, and mounted on a donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a donkey.” ⁶The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; ⁷they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. ⁸A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. ⁹The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting, “Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest heaven!” ¹⁰When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, “Who is this?” ¹¹The crowds were saying, “This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee.”

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

Please be seated.

SERMON

Pastor Emily Willhide

HYMN OF THE DAY: LBW 94

My Song is Love Unknown



1 My song is love un - known, my Sav - ior's love to me,
2 He came from his blest throne, sal - va - tion to be - stow;
3 Some - times they strew his way and his sweet prais - es sing;
4 Why, what hath my Lord done? What makes this rage and spite?



love to the love - less shown, that they might love - ly be.
but men made strange, and none the longed-for Christ would know.
re - sound - ing all the day ho - san - nas to their King.
He made the lame to run, he gave the blind their sight.



Oh, who am I, that for my sake my Lord should take frail
But, oh, my friend, my friend in - deed, who at my need his
Then “Cru - ci - fy!” is all their breath, and for his death they
Sweet in - ju - ries! Yet they at these them - selves dis - please, and



flesh and die? My Lord should take frail flesh and die?
life did spend; who at my need his life did spend!
thirst and cry, and for his death they thirst and cry.
'gainst him rise; them - selves dis - please, and 'gainst him rise.

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

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

Please be seated.

MEAL

OFFERING

The offering plate will be passed throughout the Congregation.

ANTHEM:

"That Priceless Grace" Ghanaian Traditional, arr. John Helgen

Please stand as able.

OFFERTORY: ELW 884

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

OLD HUNDREDTH

OFFERING PRAYER

God of good gifts, receive these and all our offerings as we present them in faithful service for the sake of your gospel. Prepare our hearts to receive you in this meal as you pour out your very presence through Christ Jesus, the wellspring of eternal life. **Amen.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING:

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

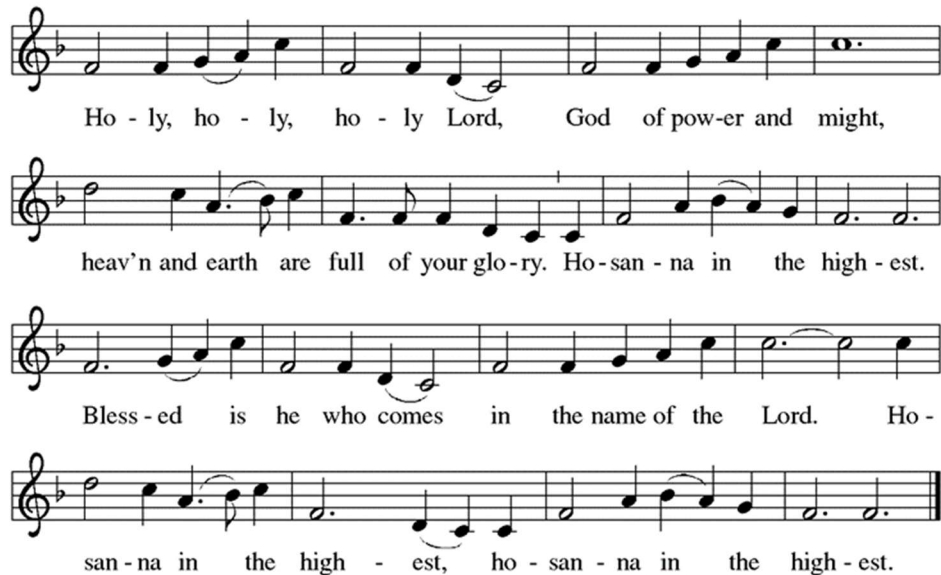
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

PREFACE ELW p.108

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

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY: p.207



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,
heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. 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.

EUCHARISTIC 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.
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.208



1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.
e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

COMMUNION HYMN: ELW 481

Come to the Table
COME TO THE TABLE

COMMUNION HYMN: ELW 592

Just As I Am, without One Plea
WOODWORTH

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Please stand as able.

Holy God, at your table, we have tasted the goodness of Jesus. With the eyes of our hearts open to your promise, empower us to hear the needs of our neighbors and touch the world with your love. **Amen.**

SENDING

BLESSING

God, the giver of love, † Christ, the resurrection and the life, and the Holy Spirit of rebirth bless you in this Lenten journey. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN: ELW 346

Ride On, Ride On in Majesty!
THE KING'S MAJESTY

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve in love.
Thanks be to God.

VOLUNTARY: Fantasia on the chorale "All Glory, Laud and Honor"

J.S. Bach

Join us in the Fellowship Hall for coffee. Exit through the door at the front left of the Sanctuary

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Adult Sunday School: 9:00 am • Children Sunday School: 9:15 am • Worship: 10:00 am

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

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Prayer List

- Current: Duan Sinclair, and all homebound and caregivers.
- Continuing: The family of Ansel Gantt, The family of James Covington Parham, Jr, The family of Susan Kietel, Former President Jimmy Carter, Porter Kinard, Lawrence Spires, Linda Abel, Elizabeth Johnson, Brandon Faust, Harry Evans, Meredith Schulz, Sandy Richardson, Melissa Corbett, James McArver
- Military: Mike Turner, (Mavis Turner's son), Hilary Compton, (Kim Yerrick's niece), Tyler Owens, (Kim Yerrick's nephew).

Financial Update

| | Actual | Plan | Difference |
|--------------|----------|----------|------------|
| Last Week | \$3,723 | \$5,000 | \$1,277- |
| March | \$24,357 | \$20,000 | \$4,357+ |
| Year to Date | \$65,764 | \$60,000 | \$5,764+ |

Easter Flowers

Don't forget to bring flowers for the Easter Cross on Easter Sunday!

Summer Camp

Summer Camp Registration has started for all Lutheridge and Lutherock programs! Register now to get the Early Bird Specials! The Incarnation Foundation will cover half of the cost of camp for any church member.

Synod Assembly

If you're interested in attending this year's synod assembly as a representative of Incarnation, please speak to Pastor Emily. The assembly will be held in Columbia this year at the Marriott, June 8th-10th.

Adult Sunday School - 9:00 am, Fellowship Hall

What does it mean to be Lutheran? We will be using the book "Lutheran Questions, Lutheran Answers" by Martin E. Marty. Bring your questions!

Holy Saturday

We are having a family Holy Saturday event where we will be telling the story of Easter and baking Communion Bread. Please email Kimi to RSVP!

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.

Upcoming Events

Thursday, April 6th 5:45 pm

Maundy Thursday Service

Friday, April 7th: 5:45 pm Good

Friday Service

Saturday, April 8th: 10:00 am -

12:00 pm Holy Saturday Kids

Baking

Sunday, April 9th - Easter:

8:30 am: Easter Breakfast,

10:00 am: Festival Worship,

11:30 am - Egg Hunt for children and adults.

Giving to ILC

Please consider giving to Incarnation Lutheran Church's ministries and projects. We are in need of 2 more credence tables, to match the tables in the chancel, at a cost of \$2500.00. If you are interested in contributing, please make your offering to Alter Guild.



STEWARDSHIP SNIPPET

APRIL 2ND, 2023

"THE EARTH WILL NOT CONTINUE TO OFFER ITS HARVEST, EXCEPT WITH FAITHFUL STEWARDSHIP".

