

✝ Third Sunday in Easter • April 14th, 2024 ✝

Worship Notes: • Our Lector for today is Cheryl Carroll • Our Crucifer for today is Bill Williamson • We are in Setting 9 of the ELW • Flowers on the altar are given by the Seal family in honor of Matt and Tricia to celebrate their 10-year anniversary •

VOLUNTARY Christ lag in Todesbanden (verses 1 and 2) Heinrich Scheidemann

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM Please stand as able and face the back of the church.
Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God, the wellspring of grace, our Easter and our joy. **Amen.**

Look, here is water! **Here is our water of life! Alleluia!**

Immersed in the promises of baptism, let us give thanks for what God has done for us.

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your voice thundered over the deep and water became the essence of life. Adam and Eve beheld Eden's verdant rivers. The ark carried your creation through the flood into a new day. Miriam led the dancing as your people passed through the sea into freedom's land. In a desert pool the Ethiopian official entered your boundless baptismal life.

Look, here is water! **Here is our water of life! Alleluia!**

At the river your beloved Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you opened the floodgates of your reconciling love, freeing us to live as Easter people. We rejoice with glad hearts, giving all honor and praise to you, through the risen Christ, our source of living water, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

Look, here is water! **Here is our water of life! Alleluia!**

GATHERING HYMN: ELW 383

Christ is risen! Shout hosanna!
TURNBULL

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.**

CANTICLE OF PRAISE: p.196

Refrain



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.

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

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Holy and righteous God, **you are the author of life, and you adopt us to be your children. Fill us with your words of life, that we may live as witnesses to the resurrection 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.** *Please be seated.*

WORD

CHILDREN'S SERMON

FIRST READING: Acts 3:12-19

¹²[Peter] addressed the people, "You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk?"¹³The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. ¹⁴But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, ¹⁵and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. ¹⁶And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you. ¹⁷"And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. ¹⁸In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. ¹⁹Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out."

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

PSALM: Psalm 4

Adapted from *Psalms from Taizé*

♩ = 100 In the night I can take my rest, you a - lone keep my life se - cure.

¹When I call, you give heed, O Lord, righteous God;
free me from my anguish, pity, hear my prayer.

²How long will they all remain hard of heart?
How long will their lies and their vanity endure? **R.**

³Remember, the Lord does wonders for the godly,
the Lord will hear when I call on the holy name.

⁴Do not sin but tremble;
as you lie on your bed, in silence reflect. **R.**

⁵Offer praise and worship to God, put your trust in the Lord.

⁶Many sigh as they pray: Lord, show us your joy;
when shall we see the light of your face? **R.**

⁷In my heart you have poured the fullness of joy,
far richer than their harvests of grain and wine.

⁸In peace I lie down and sleep comes at once,
for you, Lord, alone, keep my life secure. **R.**

SECOND READING: 1 John 3:1-7

¹See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. ²Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. ³And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure. ⁴Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. ⁵You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. ⁶No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him. ⁷Little children, let no one deceive you. Everyone who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: ELW p.198



GOSPEL: Luke 24:36b- 48

Please stand as able.

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

^{36b}Jesus himself stood among [the disciples] and said to them, "Peace be with you." ³⁷They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. ³⁸He said to them, "Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? ³⁹Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have." ⁴⁰And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. ⁴¹While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" ⁴²They gave him a piece of broiled fish, ⁴³and he took it and ate in their presence. ⁴⁴Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled." ⁴⁵Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, ⁴⁶and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, ⁴⁷and that repentance and

forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸You are witnesses of these things.”

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

Please be seated.

SERMON

Pastor Emily Willhide

HYMN OF THE DAY: ACS 939

Touch That Soothes and Heals
CIVILITY



1 Touch that soothes and heals the hurt - ing, hands that
2 Feed the hun - gry, clothe the na - ked, vis - it
3 Love and serve with - out dis - tinc - tion all earth's
4 Hands that beck - on lit - tle chil - dren, bind a



break a loaf of bread; steps that walk be - side the
ones in need of care, give the home - less warmth and
peo - ple, first and last. Know with - in each act of
wound, pre - pare a meal, feet that rush to share good



wea - ry, bear - ing bur - dens in their stead:
shel - ter: Christ will find a wel - come there.
kind - ness hope and whole - ness are in - creased.
tid - ings, Christ a - ris - en, still re - veal.

Refrain



“See my hands and feet,” said Je - sus, love a - ris - en from the



grave. “Be my hands and feet,” said Je - sus, “live as



ones I died to save.”

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 “*God of grace.*” We respond: “**Hear 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 for those not using online giving

OFFERTORY

“They’ll Know We Are Christians”

Arr. Denise Carter

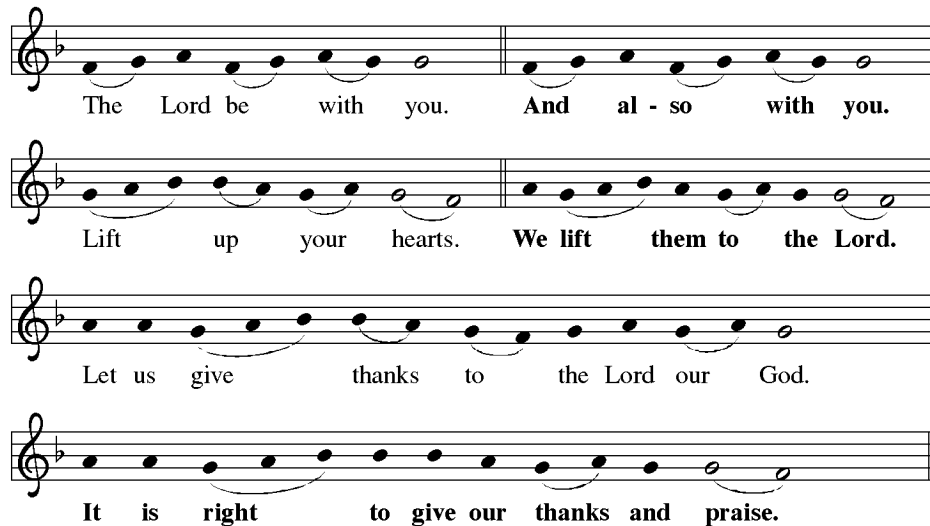
Please stand as able.

OFFERING PRAYER

Risen One, you call us to believe and bear fruit. May the gifts that we offer here be signs of your abiding love. Form us to be your witnesses in the world, through Jesus Christ, our true vine.

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.**

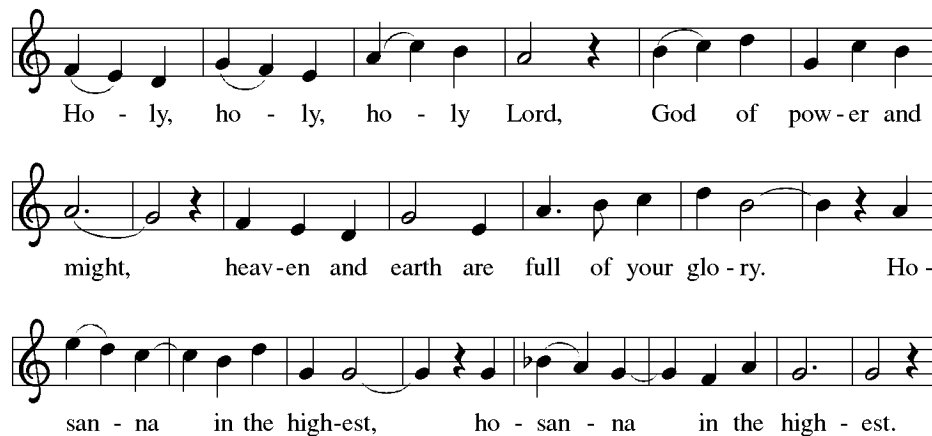
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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 risen Christ is made known to us in the breaking of the bread. Come and eat at God's table.
 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: 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 470

Draw us in the Spirit's tether
UNION SEMINARY
God Bestows on Every Sense
ALL CREATION NEW

COMMUNION HYMN: ACS 1069

1 God be - stows on ev - 'ry sense beau - ty as hope's
2 Catch a fleet - ing glimpse of grace in an un - ex -
3 Vi - brant pic - tures in our dreams, brushed with crys - tal
4 In a burnt and black - ened field bro - ken ground be -
5 God makes all cre - a - tion new, turn - ing back what
ev - i - dence: signs of what the earth will
pect - ed place: just a taste, the small - est
col - or schemes, van - ish from a wak - ing
gins to yield ti - ny, frag - ile sprouts of
peo - ple do, build - ing up what we de -
be just be - yond what we can see.
crumb of the ban - quet yet to come.
mind, leav - ing just a trace be - hind.
green: hints of for - ests yet un - seen.
stroy, sing - ing sor - row in - to joy.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Please stand as able.

Shepherding God, you have prepared a table before us and nourished us with your love. Send us forth from this banquet to proclaim your goodness and share the abundant mercy of Jesus, our redeemer and friend.

Amen.

SENDING

BLESSING

Alleluia! Christ is risen! **Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!** The God of resurrection power, the Christ of unending joy, and the Spirit of Easter hope ✝ bless you now and always. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN: ELW 391

This Joyful Eastertide
VRUECHTEN

DISMISSAL:

Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

VOLUNTARY

Christ lag in Todesbanden (verse 3)

Heinrich Scheidemann

Please join us in the Fellowship Hall after worship for coffee time.

Please remember to bring donations for the little food pantry and leave in the gray box in the hall.

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Worship: Sundays at 10 a.m.

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

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MORE JUSTICE

2024 Nehemiah Action Rally

As many of you know, the More Justice Nehemiah Action Rally occurred on Monday March 18, 2024. The event was held at Eau Claire High School. The three areas addressed during this rally included Gun Violence, Food Insecurities, and Affordable Housing.

- 650 community members of many faiths came together to Do Justice.
- 20 persons representing Incarnation Lutheran Church attended the Rally. Thank you. Thank you.
- The Office of Violent Crime Prevention has undertaken an assessment through the Community Action Fund. While we are still waiting for the results, we are hopeful that this is a strong assessment. More Justice will remain vigilant in our efforts to reduce gun violence.
- Columbia City Councilmembers Will Brennan and Tyler Baily have agreed to increase the number of service locations for the Mobile Market from 3 to 9 and to secure and allocate \$20,000 monthly for food security solutions.
- Richland County Council has put Affordable Housing on their strategic plan for 2024 and created a committee dedicated to using \$4M to increase our number of affordable housing units.

Come September 2024, we will begin the process all over again. More Justice can be achieved when we work together.

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: The Family of Rev. Dr. Philip Whitehead, Bill Lamb, Adam DeMars; Peace in all places experiencing conflict, and all homebound and caregivers.
- Continuing Concerns: The Family of Tammy Baldwin, Xander Raymond, Tara Heegan, Grady Lindler, Luzie Arnold, Sue DeMichael, Joe DeMichael, Harry Evans
- Military: Ken Custer, Andrew Peterson, Hilary Compton, Kim Yerrick's niece; Tyler Owens, Kim Yerrick's nephew.

Financial Update

	Actual	Plan	difference
Last Week	\$13,427	\$5,392	\$8,035+
Year-to-Date	\$78,654	\$75,488	\$3,166+

Upcoming Events:

Tuesday, April 16th:

10:00 am Quilting Group

6:00 pm Oktoberfest Meeting

Wednesday, April 17th:

11:00 am Bible Study

6:00 pm Handbell Choir

7:00 pm Chancel Choir

Friday, April 19th:

6:00 pm Parent's Night Out

Sunday, April 21st:

9:00 am Sunday School

10:00 am Worship

11:30 am Confirmation Class after Worship

4:00 pm Beloved at Mt. Tabor

Giving to ILC:

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

Stewardship Snippet

April 14th, 2024

Real charity doesn't care if it's tax deductible or not.



Would you like to attend the 2024 Synod Assembly from the comfort of home? The 2024 South Carolina Synod Assembly will be held June 8th and will be a one day online event. Please contact Pastor Emily or Russ Rushe if you are interested in representing Incarnation Lutheran Church and hearing updates from all across the synod.



Like Good Stewards

"Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received." | Peter 4:10



Incarnation Lutheran Church
VBS 2024

JUNE 24-27
from 9 am to 12 pm

Scan the QR Code to
register your child or
to sign up to
volunteer!



*those who have completed Kindergarten thru 5th grade

*If your child is registered for Incarnation Summer Program your child is already on the list for VBS

