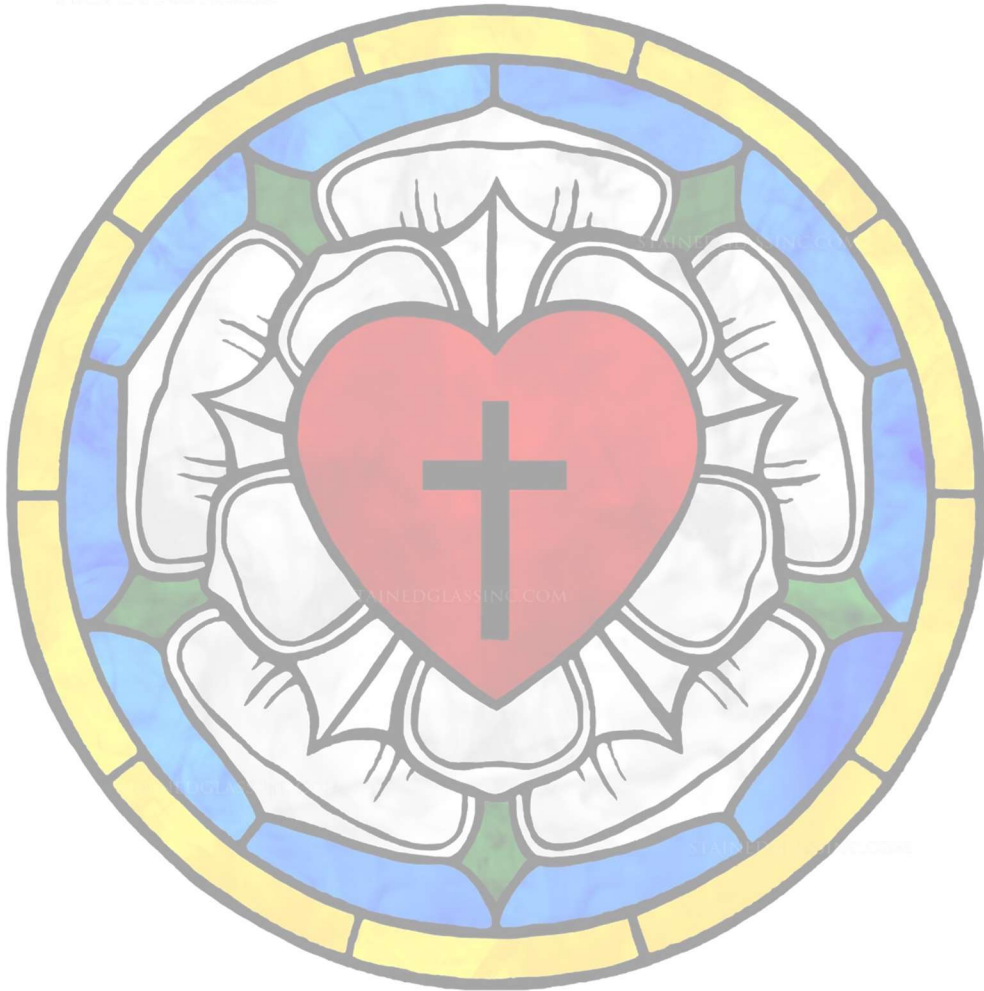


INCARNATION LUTHERAN CHURCH

✝ Third Sunday of Easter ✝ April 18th, 2021

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GATHERING

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

VOLUNTARY

I come, O Savior, to Thy Table

arr. Sandra Eithun

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Please stand as able.

Alleluia! Christ is risen. **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Refreshed by the resurrection life we share in Christ, let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

We thank you, risen Christ, for these waters where you make us new, leading us from death to life, from tears to joy. We bless you, risen Christ, that your Spirit comes to us in the grace-filled waters of rebirth, like rains to our thirsting earth, like streams that revive our souls, like cups of cool water shared with strangers. Breathe your peace on your church when we hide in fear. Clothe us with your mercy and forgiveness. Send us companions on our journey as we share your life. Make us one, risen Christ. Cleanse our hearts. Shower us with life. To you be given all praise, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God, now and forever.

Amen.

GATHERING HYMN: ELW 368

With High Delight Let Us Unite

The congregation is invited to sing.

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. 149

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

¹Answer me when I call, O God, defender of my cause;
you set me free when I was in distress; have mercy on me and hear my prayer.

²“You mortals, how long will you dishonor my glory;
how long will you love illusions and seek after lies?”

³Know that the LORD does wonders for the faithful;
the LORD will hear me when I call.

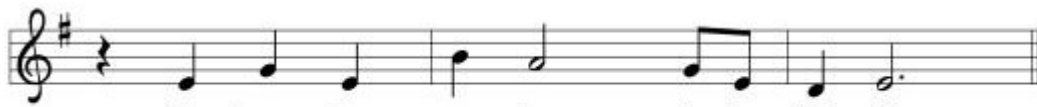
⁴Tremble, then, and do not sin;
speak to your heart in silence upon your bed.

⁵Offer the appointed sacrifices,
and put your trust in the LORD.

⁶Many are saying, “Who will show us any good?”
Let the light of your face shine upon us, O LORD.

⁷You have put gladness in my heart,
more than when grain and wine abound.

⁸In peace, I will lie down and sleep;
for you alone, O LORD, make me rest secure.



The LORD does won - ders for the faith - ful.

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: p. 151

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

ORGAN MEDITATION:

Matins

Healey Willan

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 “*Lord, in your mercy.*” We respond: “**hear our prayer.**”

PEACE

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

MEAL

OFFERTORY ARIA: Christ Being Raised from the Dead” Healey Willan

OFFERING PRAYER

Please stand as able.

God of love, you call us beloved children and welcome us to your table. Receive our lives and the gifts we offer. Abide with us and send us in service to a suffering world; for the sake of your beloved Child, Jesus Christ.

Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The congregation is invited to sing.

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 p.153

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

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY p.153

The congregation is invited to sing.



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r 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.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE p.130

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.

COMMUNION

The body of Christ, given for you.

The blood of Christ, shed for you.

Amen.

Please be seated.

LAMB OF GOD p.154

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Wellspring of joy, through this meal you have put gladness in our hearts. Satisfy the hunger still around us, and send us as joyful witnesses, that your love may bring joy to the hearts of all people, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

SENDING

BLESSING

May our glorious God grant you a spirit of wisdom to know and to love the risen Lord Jesus.

The God of life, Father, ✝ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

Amen.

SENDING HYMN: ELW 389

The congregation is invited to sing.

Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing

DISMISSAL

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Go in peace. Share the good news. Alleluia!

Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

VOLUNTARY

Kyrie, from *An English Organ Mass*

David Liddle

Join us in the Memorial Garden for Distanced Donuts. (Weather permitting.)



Announcements

We are aware of continuing sound issues in the sanctuary and are working towards a solution. We will provide periodic updates as we get new information.

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.

Join the Faith Formation Team for Fireside Fellowship on Saturday, May 1st at 7:00 pm!
Bring a picnic meal for your family to cook over the fire and camping chairs, s'mores will be provided for dessert.

Decorating Committee Meeting on Sunday, April 18th at 11:30 a.m.

Council Meeting on Monday, April 19th at 6 p.m.

Personnel Meeting on Thursday, April 22nd at 5:00 p.m.

Handbell Choir will be meeting Wednesdays at 6 p.m.

Adult Choir will be meeting Sunday at 9 a.m. before service.

South Carolina LCY Events are online this year! The Middle School event is right around the corner, if you're interested in participating contact Savannah or check out the E-Blast for the sign up link!

Distanced Donuts will be hosted weekly (weather permitting) after worship. If you would like to supply donuts, please contact Savannah at youth@incarnationlutheran.com.

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.

Prayer List

Current: Adrian McFadden, Sara Sutton, Lynne McCartha, Laura Pfefferkorn, David Wood, Esther Allen, all those caring for elderly parents, and all those that are home bound.

Continuing: Sam Hall, Ed Skinner, Lily Hoffman, Emily Prince, Gary Todd, Ann Ford, Jenny Gantt, 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).

Online Giving!

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