



Christ Appearing to Mary
Edward Middleton Manigault
ca. 1910

Sunday, April 5th Easter Sunday

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Worship: Sundays at 10:00 a.m.

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

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WELCOME TO INCARNATION LUTHERAN CHURCH! We are a congregation of the South Carolina Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA).

**This is Christ's church.
There is a place for you here.**

We are a church that shares a living, daring confidence in God's grace. Liberated by our faith, we embrace you as a whole person, regardless of race, gender, orientation, ability or disability, socioeconomic status, or citizenship. We affirm that all people are beloved children of God and created in the image of God. Join us as we do God's work in Christ's name for the life of the world.

WORSHIP

- We gather to worship God in community because we believe that in the life, death, and resurrection of Christ all things are made new, including us, and that God has brought us together for a purpose.
- Our worship language is drawn from scripture, and you may recognize many parts of it from your Bible.
- The worship bulletin includes our order of worship and will direct you to hymns/songs (located in our red hymnal), or to different parts of the liturgy (in the front half of the ELW). If you're not sure what something means, please ask a neighbor or an usher.
- During worship, there are directions to be seated or to stand as able. Please do what you are able and what makes you comfortable.

HOLY COMMUNION

We invite you to join with us in the sacrament of Holy Communion, as Jesus invites us all to the table. The Ushers will direct you to the front of the church to receive communion. 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. Gluten free wafers are also available. Children are welcome to participate when they and their families think they are ready, and after a conversation with the pastor. If you are unable to come forward, please indicate that to the Ushers, and the Pastor will bring communion to you in your pew.

CHILDREN ARE ALWAYS WELCOME IN WORSHIP!

The whole church is blessed by the presence of children in worship, wiggle and all. They will learn to participate in church by watching you and the congregation as we stand, sit, pray, and sing together. Coloring pages, crayons, Quiet Mazes, and activity bags are available in the narthex to help them if they get a little restless. There is also a nursery located in our educational building next door, staffed with two qualified caregivers.

RESTROOMS

As you face the altar, the men's restrooms are through the door on the right side and down the hall. The women's restroom and an accessible family restroom are through the door on the left side. A diaper changing station is available in the family restroom.

LIVESTREAM

Worship is live-streamed on Facebook and can be found on Incarnation's Facebook page. A link is also available on our website: incarnationlutheran.com

ASSISTIVE LISTENING IS AVAILABLE IN THE NARTHEX

Please ask the Ushers for help if you have difficulty either in locating the devices or using them.

Welcome to Worship

INCARNATION LUTHERAN CHURCH

✠ Easter Sunday • April 5th, 2026 ✠

Worship Notes: • Our Lector for today is Stefanie Seebauer • Our Crucifer for today is Ken Custer • Our Worship Assistant for today is Jimmy McFarland • Our Banner Bearer for today is Jeff Shealy • Our Bible Bearer for today is John Sawicki • Our Acolyte for today is Callie Custer • We are in setting 4 of the ELW •

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

VOLUNTARY

Excerpt from Der Freischutz

Carl Maria von Weber

LITANY FOR EASTER

Please stand as able and face the back of the church.

Creator of life, we give you praise and glory.

Christ is risen, Alleluia!

You have raised him from the dead.

Christ is risen, Alleluia!

You have made his cross a sign of glory

Christ is risen, Alleluia!

You have made us participants in your life.

Christ is risen, Alleluia!

With Christ, you have buried us in death to sin.

Christ is risen, Alleluia!

He is seated with you in glory.

Christ is risen, Alleluia!

He sends his spirit to guide our lives.

Christ is risen, Alleluia!

Jesus will come again in glory.

Christ is risen, Alleluia!

EASTER PROCLAMATION

Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; Death has no more dominion over him. **Alleluia!**

PROCESSIONAL HYMN: ELW 366

The Strife is O'er, the Battle Done
VICTORY

EASTER GREETING

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

The grace of our risen Savior, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

CANTICLE OF PRAISE: S149

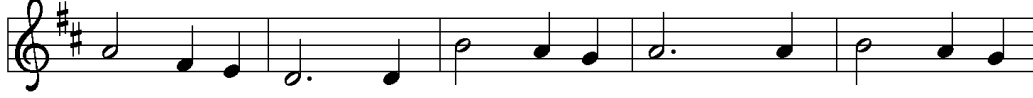
Refrain

Assisting minister



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.

All



1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo-ple of God. Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and



strength, and hon - or and bless-ing and glo - ry are his.

Refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.



2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God and join in the



hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless-ing and hon - or and glo - ry and



might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

Final refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain



has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God, you gave your only Son to suffer death on the cross for our redemption, and by his glorious resurrection you delivered us from the power of death. Make us die every day to sin, that we may live with him forever in the joy of the resurrection, through your Son, Jesus Christ our 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 10:34-43

³⁴ Peter began to speak to [the people]: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵ but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. ³⁶ You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. ³⁷ That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: ³⁸ how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. ³⁹ We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; ⁴⁰ but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, ⁴¹ not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. ⁴² He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. ⁴³ All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

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

PSALM 118: 1-2, 14-24

Sung Responsively



ejram

Bradley Ellingboe



This is the day that the LORD has made;



let us re-joice and be glad in it.

¹Give thanks to the LORD, for | he is good;*
his mercy en- | dures forever.

²Let Israel | now proclaim,*
"His mercy en- | dures forever."

¹⁴The LORD is my strength | and my song,*
and he has become | my salvation.

¹⁵There is a sound of exulta- | tion and victory*

in the tents | of the righteous:

¹⁶“The right hand of the | LORD has triumphed!*

The right hand of the LORD is exalted!

The right hand of the | LORD has triumphed!”

¹⁷**I shall not | die, but live,***

and declare the works | of the LORD. R.

¹⁸The LORD has pun- | ished me sorely,*

but he did not hand me o- | ver to death.

¹⁹**Open for me the | gates of righteousness;***

I will enter them; I will offer thanks | to the LORD.

²⁰“This is the gate | of the LORD;*

he who is right- | eous may enter.”

²¹**I will give thanks to you, for you | answered me***

and have become | my salvation. R.

²²The same stone which the build- | ers rejected*

has become the chief | cornerstone.

²³**This is | the LORD’s doing,***

and it is marvelous | in our eyes.

²⁴On this day the | LORD has acted;*

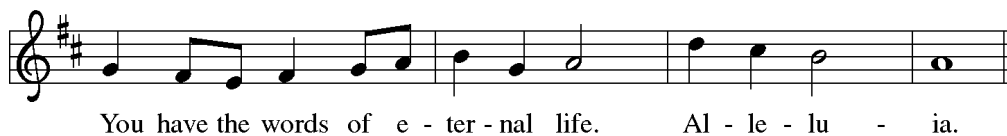
we will rejoice and be | glad in it. R.

SECOND READING: Colossians 3:1-4

¹ If you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. ² Set your minds on the things that are above, not on the things that are on earth, ³ for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. ⁴ When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: 151a



GOSPEL: Matthew 28:1-10

Please stand as able.

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

¹ After the Sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. ² And suddenly there was a great earthquake, for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. ³ His appearance was like lightning and his clothing white as snow. ⁴ For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. ⁵ But the angel said to the women, “Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. ⁶ He is not here, for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. ⁷ Then go quickly and tell his

disciples, 'He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.' This is my message for you." ⁸ So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy and ran to tell his disciples. ⁹ Suddenly Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!" And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. ¹⁰ Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers and sisters to go to Galilee; there they will see me."

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 367

Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds
LASST UNS ERFREUEN

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.**

MEAL

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

ANTHEM:

The Day of Resurrection
*The day of resurrection!
Earth, tell it out abroad;*

Incarnation Choir

*The Passover of gladness, the Passover of God.
From death to life eternal, from earth unto the sky,
Our Christ has brought us over, with hymns of victory.*

*Our hearts be pure from evil, that we may see aright
The Lord in rays eternal of resurrection light;
And listening to His accents, may hear so calm and plain,
His own "All hail!" and, hearing, may rise the victor strain.*

*Now let the heavens be joyful!
Let earth the song begin!
The round world keep high triumph, and all that is therein!
Let all things unseen their notes in gladness blend,
For Christ the Lord is risen, our joy that hath no end.*

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

Merciful God, accept the fruits of our labor, gathered to give you glory. You have set a table before us, a glimpse of that great day when we will hunger and thirst no more. Nourish us with the body and blood of Jesus, that goodness and mercy may follow us and bless the world you love. In the name of Jesus, **Amen.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING S107

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 S153

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.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

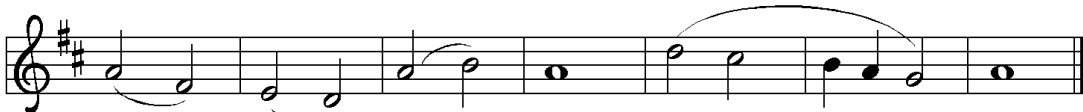
You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God...

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup,
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.



Christ has died. Christ is ris - en. Christ will come a - gain.

To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
Be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forver.



A - men, a - men, a - men.

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.**

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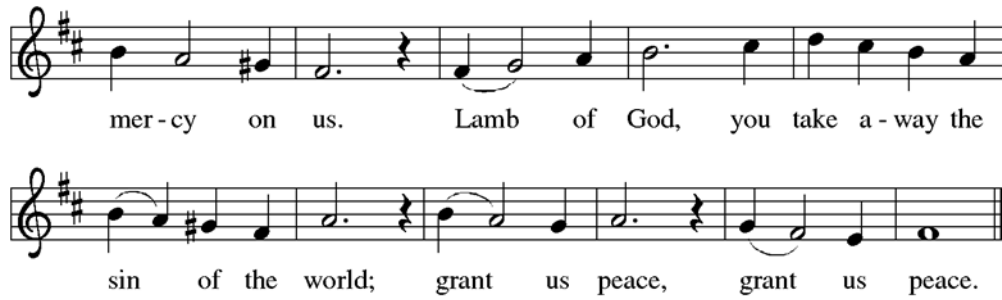
LAMB OF GOD S154



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



COMMUNION MEDITATION: Come Christians, Join to Sing

Incarnation Ringers

COMMUNION HYMN: ELW 379

Now the Green Blade Rises
NOËL NOUVELET

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Please stand as able.

Holy One, through this meal you have made your home among us and are making all things new. Send us now to speak peace to anxious hearts, to love our enemies, and to bring your healing to the nations. In the name of Jesus, **Amen.**

SENDING

BLESSING

God Almighty, who is the beginning and the end, Jesus Christ, the firstborn of the dead, and the Spirit, our advocate and peace, ✝ bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

RECESSIONAL HYMN: ELW 365

Jesus Christ is Risen Today
EASTER HYMN

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Praise the Lord. Alleluia!
Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

VOLUNTARY

Improvisation: Psalm 118

Matthew Whitehouse

Please join us in the Memorial Garden for a champagne reception and the egg hunt.

The hydrangeas gracing our reception hall tables this morning are dedicated to the glory of our God on his day of Resurrection, in loving memory of those who have passed to His deeper presence, and in deepest gratitude for our family and friends (that are family), especially at Incarnation Lutheran Church, who walk with us as we try through grace to become better servants of our Savior in His world!



LILYS

Given by Maureen and Caleb in memory of Robert and Agnes Kelly, and Paul O'Neill.

Given by Mr. and Mrs. Von Boozer in memory of friends and loved ones.

Given by Richard Schulz and Marcy Coster-Schulz in memory of Leonard and Thelma Coster and Edward and Marie Schulz.

Given by Porter and Mimi Kinard in memory of their parents; Dr. Karl and Ester Kinard, Gus and Amelia Speth, and sister Claire S. Bowie.

Given by Kimberly Yerrick and Randy Yaussy in memory of Miriam Yaussy and Marcie Walton.

Given by Dick and Connie Hinson in memory of their parents, Irene and Bob Hinson, and Florence and Ed White.

Given by Mimi Fisher in memory of Ted Fisher and family members.

Given in memory of James T. and Betty Wilds by their children and grandchildren.

Given by Betty Hollingsworth in memory of Paul Hollingsworth and John and Annie Watkins.

Given by Cal and Elizabeth Johnson in memory of Elizabeth's father Larry Morton, and Cal's parents Mary Virginia and Robert Johnson.

Given by Bill and Christel Lamb in memory of Ernst Suter.

Given by Mark and Mary Karl Boepple in memory of Mark's parents, Bob and Judy Boepple.

Given by Beverly Crider in memory of Donnie Crider and Raymond and Juanita McCartha.

Given by Eugenie and Mike Parker in memory of Hoyt and Sarah Parker and Eugenie Regnery.

Given by Stefanie and Andy Seebauer in memory of Kenny, Danny, Donny, and Linda Lamb.

Given by Garet, Ryan and McCoy Hedlund in memory of Tom Fryar.





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Given by Mary W. Kehl in memory of Lt. Col. Henry M.G. Walker Jr. and Phillip L. Walker.

Given by Kay and Russ Rushe in memory of Daphne and George Rushe.

Given Kay and Russ Rushe in memory of Mary Ellen and Clyde Powell.

Given by Shawn DeJames in memory of her husband, Jeffery DeJames.

Given by Jeff and Nora Shealy in memory of Teddy Shealy.

Given by Amy Johnson in memory of Bill Johnson.

Given by Linda and Ashley Crocker in memory of Lathene McLemore, Gwen Crocker, Billy Crocker, Jack McLemore Sr.

Given by Micah and Joy Stevens in memory of Marjorie Marmoustein.

Given by Bill and Anjay Williamson in honor of Ryder.

Given by Porter and Mimi Kinard in honor of their children and grandchildren; Mark and Mary Karl Boepple, Amy S. Kinard, and Porter Boepple.

Given by Mary Karl and Mark Boepple in honor of Porter, Ashlee and Teddy, Tera and Joshua and their granddaughter Gracie, Memi, Porter and Amy.

Given by Dick and Connie Hinson in honor of Incarnation Staff.

Given by Bill and Christel Lamb in honor of Pam and Chris Williams.

Given by Linda and Paul Schroeder in honor of Madelyn Schroeder's baptism.

Given by Susan Burris in honor of Mitsuko Pridgen.

Given by Allan Russell in honor his grandson, of Teddy Russell.

Given by Matt and Tricia Seal in honor of the blessing of their beautiful children Rhett, Sibley, and Mira.

Given by Kay and Russ Rushe in honor of Thomas and Amelia Rushe.

