



Lutheran Church of the Incarnation

Service of Holy Communion

April 22, 2018 10:00AM

Fourth Sunday of Easter

A WARM WELCOME is extended to all who are visiting with us today. We hope that your worship experience is meaningful and that you will come again. We invite you to fill out a Welcome Card located in the pew and place in the offering plate. If you're looking for a church home, we encourage you to contact Pastor Jane or the church office (803) 256-2381.

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GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE Sonatine pour piano, 1 and 2 movement Maurice Ravel (1875-1937)

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

The assembly stands. All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism.

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Amen.

Just as God's work of creation never ends,
so the gifts received in baptism are renewed every day.
Let us give thanks together for the life given in baptism.
We give you thanks, O God, for the waters of life:
for water to bathe in, water to drink,
for waters to play in and waters that inspire wonder,
for water that gives life to our planet.

We give you thanks, O God, for the waters of life.

We give you thanks, O God, for the waters of this place:
for water from our tap, for rain [and snow],
for [*local water sources may be named*].

We give you thanks, O God, for the waters of this place.

We give you thanks for your salvation through water:
for delivering Noah and his family through the floodwaters,
for leading your people Israel through the sea into freedom,
for preserving your prophet Elijah through the time of drought,
for guiding your people across the Jordan into a new land,
for quenching the Samaritan woman's thirst with living water.

We give you thanks for your salvation through water.

We give you thanks for the life of all the baptized,
and for all who gather here;
for godparents and baptismal sponsors,
for children and grandchildren,
[for those newly baptized *at the Easter Vigil in this holy season*]; for our brothers and sisters in Christ
whom we have never seen but to whom we are bound.

We give you thanks for the life of all the baptized.

We give you thanks for life in Christ through your Holy Spirit:
for our entry into Jesus' death through these waters,
for our new birth into a life of freedom and service,
for our calling to be your people, sent out for the life of the world.

We give you thanks, blessed and holy Trinity, now and forever. Amen.

GATHERING HYMN: ELW 883 All People That on Earth Do Dewell OLD HUNDREDTH

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

O Lord Christ, good shepherd of the sheep, you seek the lost and guide us into your fold. Feed us, and
we shall be satisfied; heal us, and we shall be whole. Make us one with you, for you live and reign with
the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

The assembly is seated.

CHILDREN'S TIME *ALL AGES of children are invited to come to the altar steps for conversation and bucket offering.*

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

FIRST READING: Acts 4: 5-12

*Peter and John had been arrested the previous day because they were proclaiming the news of the resurrection to the people. In today's
reading, Peter is filled with the Holy Spirit so that he is able to proclaim salvation in Jesus' name to the religious authorities.*

⁵The next day [the] rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, ⁶with Annas the high priest,
Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. ⁷When they had made
the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, "By what power or by what name did you do
this?" ⁸Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders, ⁹if we are
questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man
has been healed, ¹⁰let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing
before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God
raised from the dead. ¹¹This Jesus is 'the stone that was rejected by you, the builders;
it has become the cornerstone.' ¹²There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under
heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved."

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

PSALM 23

(Read responsively)

¹The LORD is my shepherd;
I shall not be in want.

²The LORD makes me lie down in green pastures
and leads me beside still waters.

³You restore my soul, O LORD,
and guide me along right pathways for your name's sake.

⁴Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil;
for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

⁵You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is running over.

⁶Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

SECOND READING: 1 John 3:16-24

Jesus' death on our behalf is the clearest demonstration of divine love. This is the very love we share with others, not just through our words but especially through our deeds. In sharing such love we fulfill God's commandments.

¹⁶We know love by this, that [Jesus Christ] laid down his life for us—and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. ¹⁷How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help?

¹⁸Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. ¹⁹And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him ²⁰whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. ²¹Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; ²²and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him.

²³And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. ²⁴All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

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

The assembly stands.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: S124

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. *Repeat alleluia*
Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

GOSPEL: John 10: 11-18

The Holy Gospel according to John. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

In language that recalls the twenty-third psalm, Jesus describes himself as the shepherd who cares for his sheep. He is willing to die for them, and he is able to overcome death for them.

[Jesus said:] ¹¹“I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. ¹²The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. ¹³The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. ¹⁴I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, ¹⁵just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. ¹⁶I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. ¹⁷For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. ¹⁸No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father.”

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

The assembly is seated.

SERMON

The Rev. Dr. Bill Mitcham

Silence for reflection follows the sermon.

The assembly stands at the introduction to the hymn.

HYMN OF THE DAY: ELW 764

Have No Fear, Little Flock

LITTLE FLOCK

NICENE CREED

We believe in one God,

**the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,

**the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,**

**begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.**

For us and for our salvation

**he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the scriptures;**

he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Each petition concludes "Lord, in your mercy,"

We respond: hear our prayer.

PEACE

The presiding minister and the assembly greet each other in the peace of the risen Christ.

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

The assembly is seated.

MEAL

OFFERING

Offertory Anthem: Sonata No. 8, Op. 13, 2 movement Ludwig Beethoven (1770-1827)

The assembly stands at the invitation of the presider as the offering and communion elements are brought forward.

OFFERING PRAYER

Be known to us, O Lord, in the breaking of the bread, as you were made known to the disciples.
Receive these gifts, and the offering of our lives, that we may be your risen body in the world.
Amen.

THE 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

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

SANCTUS:

Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

... With this bread and cup, we remember our Lord's passover from death to life as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died. Christ has risen. Christ will come again.

O God of resurrection and new life:

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us
and on these gifts of bread and wine.

Bless this feast.

Grace our table with your presence.

Come, Holy Spirit.

Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread.

Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world.

Breathe new life into us.

Send us forth,

burning with justice, peace, and love.

Come, Holy Spirit.

With your holy ones of all times and places,

with the earth and all its creatures,

with sun and moon and stars,

we praise you, O God,

blessed and holy Trinity,

now and forever. **Amen.**

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

Now let us feast this Easter day on Christ, the bread of heaven. Hallelujah!

COMMUNION

All are welcome to join in communion, trusting that Christ promises to be truly present. Whole wheat communion bread is served. Gluten-free bread is available upon request. Red communion wine is served: the first cup is a common cup (for drinking from) and the second cup is for intinction (dipping the bread). Those unable to partake of both elements are assured that the Church affirms our Lord's full presence in, with, and under each element alone. Those who choose not to receive Communion are welcome to come forward to the altar railing for a blessing.

When giving the bread and cup, the communion ministers say:

The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you. **Amen.**

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

HYMN: ELW 502

The King of Love, My Shepherd Is

ST. COLUMBIA

The Assembly Stands

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Life-giving God, in the mystery of Christ's death and resurrection you send light to conquer darkness, water to give new life, and the bread of heaven to nourish your people. Send us forth as witnesses to Jesus' resurrection that we may show your glory to all the world; through the same Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. **Amen.**

SENDING

God send us out to be Christ's body in the world, sharing what we have heard and seen.

SENDING PRAYER

Gracious God, loving all your family with a mother's tender care: As you sent the angel to feed Elijah with heavenly bread, assist those who set forth to share your word and sacrament with those who are *sick, homebound, and imprisoned*. In your love and care, nourish and strengthen those who will receive this sacrament, and give us all the comfort of your abiding presence through the body and blood of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

BLESSING

May God who has brought us from death to life fill you with great joy.

Almighty God, Father, ✝ Son, and Holy Spirit,

bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN: 536

God Be with You Till We Meet Again

GOD BE WITH YOU

DISMISSAL

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

You are the body of Christ raised up for the world.

Go in peace. Share the good news. **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE:

Ballade No. 1 in G minor, Op. 23

Frederick Chopin (1810-1849)

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BIRTHDAYS

Abigail Huth 04/25, Caleb Wood 04/25

BAPTISM ANNIVERSARIES

Joshua Boepple 04/25, Joshua Kehl 04/26, Mary Scruggs 04/28

ANNOUNCEMENTS

We welcome Pastor Bill Mitcham as supply pastor this morning. Pastor Jane and Ethan are with the confirmation youth at Lutheridge for their Faith Alive weekend. Welcome, Pastor Mitcham!

Dr. Hawkins is also away this weekend. We welcome his student, Trado Mayson, as our pianist for today.

Church Council will have its monthly meeting tomorrow (Monday) at 6:00pm. All council members are encouraged to attend.

Lutheran Men's Night for April is at Porter Kinard's on Thursday, April 26. Always great food and great time. Meeting between 5:30 and 6 and dinner will be at 6:30. All men are welcome. For more info email Jason Snyder at jsnyder@learfield.com.

Sandlapper Singers. Thursday, April 26, 7:30 PM at Incarnation. Tickets \$15
Veterans (with Military ID) and Students \$5 Children (12 and under) Free

Holy Guacamole Gathering at Casa Linda Mexican Restaurant,
2009 N. Beltline, Columbia Thursday, April 26 as 6pm

Financial Update:	Actual	Plan	Difference
Last Week	\$ 4,500	\$ 3,583	\$ 917+
Month-to-Date	\$ 13,582	\$ 10,750	\$ 2,832+
Year-to-Date	\$ 61,907	\$ 64,500	\$ 2,593-

Current Concerns

Abigail Murdock, Anne Sas, Walter Lindler, Cecilia Eaddy(CDC mother),
 Delores DeJames (mother of Jeff DeJames), Sarah Parker (mother of Mike Parker), Harry Evans
 Family of Shirley Lindler at the death of her mother,
 Family of Eugenie Parker at the death of her aunt

New Prayer List Guidelines: Names will be on the prayer list and prayed for during the intercessory prayers for four Sundays. If you wish the name you submitted to continue, please notify the office at the end of the four weeks.

Today is Scout Sunday. We welcome our Troop 8 and cub pack boys who are here and all our scout leaders. A reception follows worship as we continue to celebrate our long partnership in this community ministry. Please join us!

A History of Troop 8 at Incarnation

Founded in 1914 at St. Stevens Church, Boy Scout Troop 8 has gone through many transformations. The troop was given a charter by the Lutheran Church of the Incarnation on October 1, 1947. Starting in the late 1960's, Mr. James Wilds led Troop 8 as scoutmaster at Incarnation. After a period of dormancy starting in the late 1970's, the troop, led by Rusty Kehl, reactivated on December 1, 1995, and has been active ever since. Numerous Incarnation members have participated as cub scouts, boy scouts and leaders in the troop. Current scoutmaster, Kirby Shealy, joins the members of Troop 8 in sincerely thanking Incarnation for its continued support.

We have 27 active scouts in the Troop. We have 19 adults actively serving in various capacities. We have been chartered through 2018. We have had five scouts earn their Eagle since 2016, and several others are in the process of doing so.



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