

INCARNATION LUTHERAN CHURCH

✠ Fourth Sunday in Lent • March 30th, 2025 ✠

Worship Notes: • Our Lector is Cheryl Behymer • Our Crucifer is Jimmy McFarland • Our Worship Assistant is Maggie Murdock • Our Organist and Choir Director is Janet Marks •

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Prelude au Kyrie

Jean Langlais

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever. **Amen.**

Let us return to God, confessing our sin in the assurance of God's abiding love.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Compassionate One, **you are slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love, but our lives do not always reflect you and your love for the world. We do not show others the tender compassion you have shown to us. We do not welcome others with the radical hospitality you grant to all people. We oppress others, even though you have set us free again and again. We squander the abundant gifts of the earth. Transform our lives and guide us again in the way of the cross. Amen.**

Beloved in Christ, God's arms are always stretched open wide to welcome the wandering ones home. In ✠ Christ your sins are forgiven. You have a place in God's house forever. **Amen.**

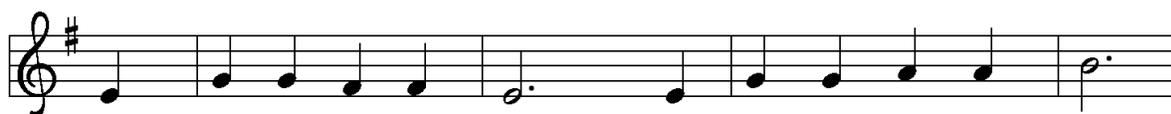
GATHERING HYMN: ELW 321

Eternal Lord of Love, Behold Your Church
OLD 24TH

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

God of compassion, **you welcome the wayward, and you embrace us all with your mercy. By our baptism clothe us with garments of your grace, and feed us at the table of your love, through 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: Joshua 5:9-12

⁹The LORD said to Joshua, "Today I have rolled away from you the disgrace of Egypt." And so that place is called Gilgal to this day. ¹⁰While the Israelites were camped in Gilgal they kept the passover in the evening on the fourteenth day of the month in the plains of Jericho. ¹¹On the day after the passover, on that very day, they ate the produce of the land, unleavened cakes and parched grain. ¹²The manna ceased on the day they ate the produce of the land, and the Israelites no longer had manna; they ate the crops of the land of Canaan that year.

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

PSALM: Psalm 32

Read responsively.

¹Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven,
and whose sin is put away!

²**Happy are they to whom the LORD imputes no guilt,
and in whose spirit there is no guile!**

³While I held my tongue, my bones withered away,
because of my groaning all day long.

⁴**For your hand was heavy upon me day and night;
my moisture was dried up as in the heat of summer.**

⁵Then I acknowledged my sin to you, and did not conceal my guilt.

I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD." Then you forgave me the guilt of my sin.

⁶**Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in time of trouble;
when the great waters overflow, they shall not reach them.**

⁷You are my hiding-place; you preserve me from trouble;
you surround me with shouts of deliverance.

⁸**"I will instruct you and teach you in the way that you should go;
I will guide you with my eye.**

⁹Do not be like horse or mule, which have no understanding;
who must be fitted with bit and bridle, or else they will not stay near you."

¹⁰**Great are the tribulations of the wicked;
but mercy embraces those who trust in the LORD.**

¹¹Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in the LORD;
shout for joy, all who are true of heart.

SECOND READING: 2 Corinthians 5:16-21

¹⁶From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. ¹⁷So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! ¹⁸All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; ¹⁹that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. ²⁰So we are ambassadors

for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. ²¹ For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: p. 151b



Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for he is gra - cious and mer - ci - ful,
slow to an - ger, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

GOSPEL: Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

Please stand as able.

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

¹ Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to [Jesus.] ² And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them." ³ So he told them this parable: ^{11b} "There was a man who had two sons. ¹² The younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me.' So he divided his property between them. ¹³ A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and traveled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living. ¹⁴ When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need. ¹⁵ So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. ¹⁶ He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything. ¹⁷ But when he came to himself he said, 'How many of my father's hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! ¹⁸ I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; ¹⁹ I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands.'"

²⁰ So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. ²¹ Then the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' ²² But the father said to his slaves, 'Quickly, bring out a robe—the best one—and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. ²³ And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; ²⁴ for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!' And they began to celebrate.

²⁵ "Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. ²⁶ He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. ²⁷ He replied, 'Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound.' ²⁸ Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. ²⁹ But he answered his father, 'Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command; yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. ³⁰ But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!' ³¹ Then the father said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. ³² But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found.'"

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 779

Amazing Grace
NEW BRITAIN

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, in your mercy.*" 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:

"Come, Ye Sinners"

arr. David Ashley White

OFFERTORY HYMN: ELW 686 (verse 1)

We Give Thee But Thine Own
HEATH

OFFERING PRAYER

Please stand as able.

Let us pray.

Gracious Provider, **you set your immense treasures among us, opening your heart to the world. As we prepare to come to your table, deepen our commitment to sharing those treasures with others, through our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

ELW 642

Ubi Caritas Et Amor
TAIZÉ UBI CARITAS

In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

ELW 642

Ubi Caritas Et Amor
TAIZÉ UBI CARITAS

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

ELW 642

Ubi Caritas Et Amor
TAIZÉ UBI CARITAS

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

These are the gifts of God for the people of God. Welcome to the table of the Lord. **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.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 HYMNS: ELW 335

Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross
NEAR THE CROSS

ELW 471

Let Us Break Bread Together
BREAK BREAD TOGETHER

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Please stand as able.

Generous Host, you have shared your feast with us and made us new. Send us now to set tables of love and grace in our communities, that your liberating love might nourish the world into freedom, in the name of the crucified one, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

SENDING

BLESSING

God our tender parent, God the crucified one, God the reconciling Spirit, † bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN: ELW 645

Christ is Made the Sure Foundation
WESTMINSTER ABBEY

DISMISSAL:

Go forth into the world to serve God with gladness; be of good courage; hold fast to that which is good; render to no one evil for evil; strengthen the fainthearted; support the weak; help the afflicted; honor all people; love and serve God, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Prelude and Fugue in g minor

J S Bach

Join us for Coffee Time in the Fellowship Hall

Our Ministry Staff contacts are:

- Rev. Emily Willhide.....pastoremily@incarnationlutheran.com
- Kimi Dail; Faith Formation Coordinator.....youth@incarnationlutheran.com
- Teresa Boykin; CDC Director.....cdc@incarnationlutheran.com
- Bonnie McDaniel; Parish Administrator.....office@incarnationlutheran.com
- Amy Kehl; Bookkeeper.....bookkeeper@incarnationlutheran.com

Sunday School (all ages): 9:00 am

Nursery (ages 3 and under): 9:45 am- 11:15 am

Worship: Sundays at 10 a.m.

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

Office Hours: Monday - Friday, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

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Prayer List

Current Concerns: The Family of Bill Price, The Family of Brittany Schneck, Bill Behymer, Rhett Sharpe, George Mills, Walter Lindler, Theresa Yaussy, Ken Gehler, Bill Lamb, all homebound and caregivers.

Continuing Concerns: John Carson, Carroll Eargle, Joe DeMichael, Mary Rivers, Chip Schuster, Grady Lindler

Military: Daniel Scruggs, Hilary Compton (Kim Yerrick's niece), Tyler Owens (Kim Yerrick's nephew), Christopher McFarland (Jimmy and Kathy McFarland's Son), James McFarland (Jimmy and Kathy McFarland's Grandson).

Financial Update

General Fund Contributions

| | Actual | Plan | Difference |
|---------------|----------|----------|------------|
| Last week | \$3,978 | \$5,888 | (\$1,910) |
| Month-to-Date | \$18,605 | \$23,552 | (\$4,947) |
| Year-to-Date | \$72,490 | \$70,656 | \$1,834 |

Attendance on 3/23/25:115

Upcoming Events:

Tuesday, April 1st:

10:00 am Quilting Group

6:00 pm Foundation Meeting

Wednesday, April 2nd:

11:00 am Bible Study

5:00 pm Dinner

5:45 Service of Evening Prayer

6:30 pm Handbell Practice

7:15 pm Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, April 3rd:

6:00 pm OFest Meeting

Sunday, April 6th:

Camp Sunday

9:00 am Sunday School

10:00 am Worship

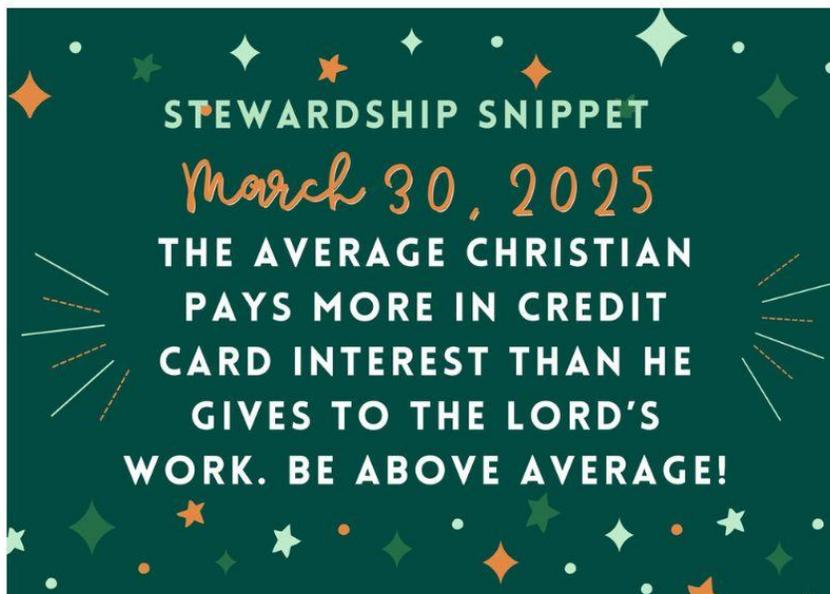
11:30 am Confirmation

11:30 am W&M Meeting after worship

11:30 am Executive Council meeting after worship

Giving to ILC:

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



Lent and Holy Week at ILC

Wednesdays

(Mid-Week Lenten Meal and Worship)
March 26, April 2, April 9
Dinner at 5:00pm with Worship at 5:45pm

Holy Week

Palm Sunday - April 13th at 10:00 am
Maundy Thursday - April 17th at 6:00 pm
Good Friday - April 18th at 6:00 pm
Holy Saturday - April 19th from 10-12pm
Easter Sunday - April 20th at 10:00 am
Egg Hunt and Champagne reception to follow.



WHO'S WHO OUTSIDE THE PEWS

HOLY GUACAMOLE!

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### CASA LINDA MEXICAN RESTAURANT

**2009 N BELTLINE BLVD.**  
**MAR. 27TH | 6 PM- 8 PM**

## CDC IS HIRING

### WHO DO YOU KNOW?

We are hiring full-time and part-time caregivers for our preschool and school age programs. We offer flexible scheduling, benefits, a friendly work environment, and serve the best families in the city. We are located near the university campus and are happy to work around class schedules. We would love to talk to you. Incarnation Lutheran Child Development

Center is licensed by DSS # 21329.

Resumes should be forwarded to  
[cdc@incarnationlutheran.com](mailto:cdc@incarnationlutheran.com)

Reach out for a chat to 803.422.1905

# Nehemiah Action

## Monday-May 12

Doors Open at 5:00 pm

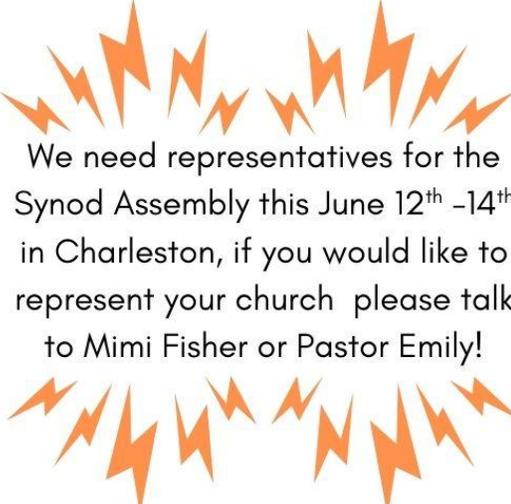
Event Starts at 6:00 pm

Eau Claire High School  
4800 Monticello Rd.

### Be a part of standing for justice and equality.

Join us for the 2025 Nehemiah Action, where hundreds of community members will gather and ask public officials to take measurable action steps to implement a solution to our communities most pressing problems

Contact Marcy Coster-Schulz or Kimi Dail if you are interested in attending



We need representatives for the Synod Assembly this June 12<sup>th</sup> -14<sup>th</sup> in Charleston, if you would like to represent your church please talk to Mimi Fisher or Pastor Emily!

## HOLY SATURDAY

**SATURDAY, APRIL 19TH**  
**10:00 am - 12:00 pm**



We are hosting a family Holy Saturday event where we will be telling the story of Easter and baking Communion Bread. Please email Kimi at [youth@incarnationlutheran.com](mailto:youth@incarnationlutheran.com) or scan the QR code to RSVP and to volunteer! This is not a drop off event.

