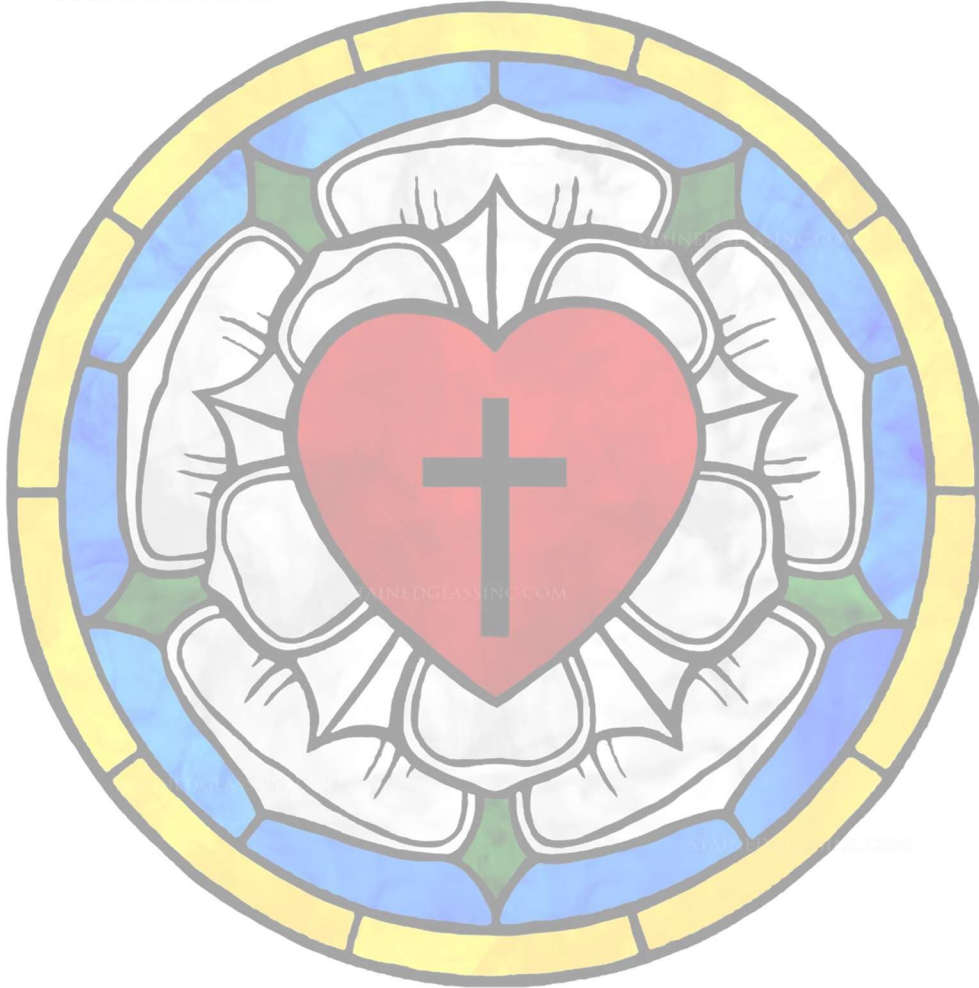


# INCARNATION LUTHERAN CHURCH

## ✝ Good Friday ✝ April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2021

To facilitate our safe worship together, please follow all guidelines set forth by church staff; remain six feet away from others at all times, wear a mask, and if you are considered high-risk, or have an immediate family member in isolation or quarantine, please stay home and join us via Facebook for Worship at 10am. Bulletins, Communion cups, hand sanitizer, and extra masks are available at the entrance.



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## GATHERING

At the heart of the Good Friday liturgy is the passion according to John, which proclaims Jesus as a triumphant king who reigns from the cross. The ancient title for this day—the triumph of the cross—reminds us that the church gathers not to mourn this day but to celebrate Christ’s life-giving passion and to find strength and hope in the tree of life. In the ancient bidding prayer, we offer petitions for all the world for whom Christ died. The music heard in this service was composed by Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750). Our guest flutist is Cynthia Hopkins and our soprano soloist is Emma Schwertfuehrer.

## LITURGY

We remember this day the crucifixion of our Lord.

**Our Lord Jesus, who for our sake was obedient unto death.**

We focus on the cross He carried in our place.

**And the weight of sins which He bore for us.**

Tonight we contemplate Jesus’ suffering and death;

**that we might die to ourselves through Him and be raised to new Life.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Almighty God, we ask you to look with mercy on your family, for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed and to be given over to the hands of sinners and to suffer death on the cross; who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

## PSALM 51

*Please be seated.*

## MEDITATION

### THE SEVEN LAST WORDS

**THE FIRST WORD:**

*“Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do.”*

**SCRIPTURE READING:**

Luke 23:20-34

<sup>20</sup>Pilate, wanting to release Jesus, addressed them again; <sup>21</sup>but they kept shouting, "Crucify, crucify him!" <sup>22</sup>A third time he said to them, "Why, what evil has he done? I have found in him no ground for the sentence of death; I will therefore have him flogged and then release him." <sup>23</sup>But they kept urgently demanding with loud shouts that he should be crucified; and their voices prevailed. <sup>24</sup>So Pilate gave his verdict that their demand should be granted. <sup>25</sup>He released the man they asked for,

the one who had been put in prison for insurrection and murder, and he handed Jesus over as they wished.

<sup>26</sup>As they led him away, they seized a man, Simon of Cyrene, who was coming from the country, and they laid the cross on him, and made him carry it behind Jesus. <sup>27</sup>A great number of the people followed him, and among them were women who were beating their breasts and wailing for him. <sup>28</sup>But Jesus turned to them and said, "Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me, but weep for yourselves and for your children. <sup>29</sup>For the days are surely coming when they will say, 'Blessed are the barren, and the wombs that never bore, and the breasts that never nursed.' <sup>30</sup>Then they will begin to say to the mountains, 'Fall on us'; and to the hills, 'Cover us.' <sup>31</sup>For if they do this when the wood is green, what will happen when it is dry?"

<sup>32</sup>Two others also, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with him. <sup>33</sup>When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. [[ <sup>34</sup>Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing."]] And they cast lots to divide his clothing.

Adagio, from Sonata in C Major for flute and continuo (BWV 1033)

**THE SECOND WORD:**                    *"Truly I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise."*

SCRIPTURE READING:                Luke 23:35-43

<sup>35</sup>And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, "He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!" <sup>36</sup>The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, <sup>37</sup>and saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!" <sup>38</sup>There was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews." <sup>39</sup>One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, "Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!" <sup>40</sup>But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? <sup>41</sup>And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong." <sup>42</sup>Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." <sup>43</sup>He replied, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise."

Kyrie, Gott Vater in Ewigkeit (BWV 669)

**THE THIRD WORD:**                    *"Woman behold your son...behold your mother."*

SCRIPTURE READING:                John 19:23-27

<sup>23</sup>When the soldiers had crucified Jesus, they took his clothes and divided them into four parts, one for each soldier. They also took his tunic; now the tunic was seamless, woven in one piece from the top. <sup>24</sup>So they said to one another, "Let us not tear it, but cast lots for it to see who will get it." This was to fulfill what the scripture says, "They divided my clothes among themselves, and for my clothing they cast lots." <sup>25</sup>And that is what the soldiers did. Meanwhile, standing near the cross of Jesus were his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. <sup>26</sup>When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved

standing beside her, he said to his mother, "Woman, here is your son." <sup>27</sup>Then he said to the disciple, "Here is your mother." And from that hour the disciple took her into his own home.

Kyrie, Gott Vater in Ewigkeit (BWV 672)

**THE FOURTH WORD:**                    *"My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"*

SCRIPTURE READING:                Matthew 27:45-49

<sup>45</sup>From noon on, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. <sup>46</sup>And about three o'clock Jesus cried with a loud voice, "Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?" that is, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" <sup>47</sup>When some of the bystanders heard it, they said, "This man is calling for Elijah." <sup>48</sup>At once one of them ran and got a sponge, filled it with sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink. <sup>49</sup>But the others said, "Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to save him."

HYMN:                                    "O Sacred Head, Now Wounded"                                   ELW 351

**THE FIFTH WORD:**                    *"I thirst."*

SCRIPTURE READING:                John 19:28-29

<sup>28</sup>After this, when Jesus knew that all was now finished, he said (in order to fulfill the scripture), "I am thirsty." <sup>29</sup>A jar full of sour wine was standing there. So they put a sponge full of the wine on a branch of hyssop and held it to his mouth.

Sarabande, from Sontata in A minor for flute (BWV 1013)

**THE SIXTH WORD:**                    *"It is finished."*

SCRIPTURE READING:                John 19:30

<sup>30</sup>When Jesus had received the wine, he said, "It is finished." Then he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

Da Jesus an dem Krueze stund (BWV 621)

**THE SEVENTH WORD:**                *"Father, into your hands I commend my spirit."*

SCRIPTURE READING:                Luke 23:44-49

<sup>44</sup>It was now about noon, and darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon, <sup>45</sup>while the sun's light failed; and the curtain of the temple was torn in two. <sup>46</sup>Then Jesus, crying with a loud voice, said, "Father, into your hands I commend my spirit." Having said this, he breathed his last. <sup>47</sup>When the centurion saw what had taken place, he praised God and

said, "Certainly this man was innocent." <sup>48</sup>And when all the crowds who had gathered there for this spectacle saw what had taken place, they returned home, beating their breasts. <sup>49</sup>But all his acquaintances, including the women who had followed him from Galilee, stood at a distance, watching these things.

Aria: Jesus Chrsitus, Gottes Sohn (BWV 4)

### THE PRAYERS

*On Good Friday, the church's ancient Bidding Prayer is sung or spoken.*

*Each petition ends with: We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.***

### THE 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.**

### PERIOD OF SILENT CONTEMPLATION

### PRAYER

Oh God, were it not for your love, our lives would be lived in darkness for all eternity. Were it not for your Son, Jesus Christ, who suffered and died on this day, our lives would be lost in a dark pit of sin and human selfishness. Help us never to forget the price of our redemption and the costly love you poured out for us on the cross. In the name of Jesus Christ, we pray. **Amen.**

Contrapunctus I, from The Art of Fugue (BWV 1080)

### EXTINGUISHING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

Christ has died.

**We await His resurrection.**

*The congregation departs in silence*



## Announcements

**We will welcome Bishop Kevin Strickland** to our Easter worship next Sunday on April 4th at our 9 am and 11 am services

**10 am Easter Reception** in the Memorial Garden and Egg Hunt for kids of all ages. We will gather for the first hunt in front of the CDC with children 5 and under, followed by the older groups on the playground and in the backyard.

**Remember** to bring a flower with you on Easter to leave at the cross outside.

**A daily devotional** will be emailed to you daily. These are also available on Facebook.

**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.

**Office Closed on Monday, April 5<sup>th</sup>** for Easter

**Distanced Donuts**; Youth and families are invited to join us in the Memorial Garden after worship on Sunday, April 11<sup>th</sup> for donuts enjoyed at a distance.

**Executive Council Meeting at** on Sunday, April 11<sup>th</sup> at 11 a.m.

**Decorating Committee Meeting** on Sunday, April 18<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 a.m.

**Council Meeting** on Monday, April 19<sup>th</sup>.

**Personnel Meeting** on Thursday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> 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!

**Do you want to join Incarnation?** If so, please contact the office at [office@incarnationlutheran.com](mailto:office@incarnationlutheran.com) so that we can gather your contact information and reach out to you.

### Prayer List

**Current:** Laura Pfefferkorn, David Wood, Esther Allen, Bill Ashe, all those caring for elderly parents, and all those that are home bound.

**Continuing:** Sarah Sutton, Sam Hall, Ed Skinner, Lily Hoffman, Emily Prince, Diane Smith, Emily Wright, Gary Todd, Linda Blazek, 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).



### **100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Chrismon Tree Skirt Cross Stitch Project**

Thank you ILC family! All cross-stitch kits have been picked up.

**The Deadline for designs: no later than Sunday, April 4, 2021 (Easter Sunday)**

### **Facts from the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee**

In 1931, the church sponsored a show called "Madame Queen versus Andrew Brown" at the city's newly completed Township Auditorium (the city also had embarked on a building program at an unfortunate economic time) that netted enough profit to fully repay the debt owed the well-known local architectural firm of Lafaye and Lafaye and partially repaid the builder. Mortgage foreclosure was averted by the Savings and Loan's generous offer to trade Incarnation's adjacent vacant lot (bounded by Devine at the front and Kirkwood to the side) for a reduction in the new sanctuary's mortgaged amount with the option to repurchase later, freeing the congregation to eventually refinance the remaining mortgage debt on the new building at better terms. Interestingly, the Ladies' Auxiliary was the organization within the church that made the mortgage payments to repurchase the lot.

### **Online Giving!**

Please continue to support the mission of the church. You can use this image below by scanning the QR Code with your smart phone's camera which will lead you to our Website for Online Giving or look for our new Paypal button on our Facebook page!



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## **April Plans from the 100th Anniversary Committee!**

The 100th Anniversary Committee continues to find ways to celebrate our centennial, even in the midst of a pandemic year. Check out our latest effort: two historical banners, posted outdoors on the iron fence in front of the CDC building, featuring the 1920s and 1930s. Throughout the year, each decade will follow! The Committee has voted to **postpone** our originally scheduled Homecoming Event on April 18th, because of continued uncertainty around very large gatherings. It will be rescheduled at a later time.

### **Easter Sunday, April 4th**

We will hold a modified and still socially-distanced outdoor celebration between our two services. Our April guest preacher will be Southeastern Synod Bishop Kevin Strickland (and our former Youth Director at ILC).

The event will be celebratory and joyful, featuring cupcakes, mimosas for adults and orange juice for children, balloons, Easter egg hunts, and the sharing of some wonderful anniversary items with all who attend. We hope you will join us!

### **The April 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Challenge!**

We are focusing each month on a different “challenge” in honor of our 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary. **In April, celebrate new life and resurrection!** Celebrate the new life of the Resurrection this month by first attending Easter services on April 4<sup>th</sup>, either in person or online. On Easter, we will celebrate with a socially-distanced outdoor celebration between our two services. Many wonderful surprises await!

**Our April challenge is to plant a garden or outdoor plant to celebrate new life.** Plan to share your bounty with others as the season progresses. **Send pictures of planting your garden and how it is growing to the Church office at [office@incarnationlutheran.com](mailto:office@incarnationlutheran.com).** We will put them on our Facebook page!