#### INCARNATION LUTHERAN CHURCH

# + Palm Sunday • March 24<sup>th</sup>, 2024 +

Worship Notes: • Our Lector for today is Leslie Skinner • Our Crucifer for today is Amy Kehl • Our Seminarian is Beth Sheedy • We are in Setting 1 of the ELW •

#### ACCLAMATION

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. **Hosanna in the highest.** 

#### **BLESSING OF PALMS**

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.** 

Let us pray, We praise you, O God, for redeeming the world through our Savior Jesus Christ. Today he entered the holy city in triumph and was proclaimed messiah and king by those who spread garments and branches along his way. Bless these branches and those who carry them. Grant us grace to follow our Lord in the way of the cross, so that, joined to his death and resurrection, we enter into life with you; through the same Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.



Text: Theodulph of Orleans, c. 760–821; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818–1866, alt. Music: VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN, Melchior Teschner, 1584–1635

#### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

# INTROIT: We Are Marching in The Light

# **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Blessed be the holy Trinity,  $\pm$  one God, who writes the law on our hearts, who draws all people together through Jesus.

# Amen.

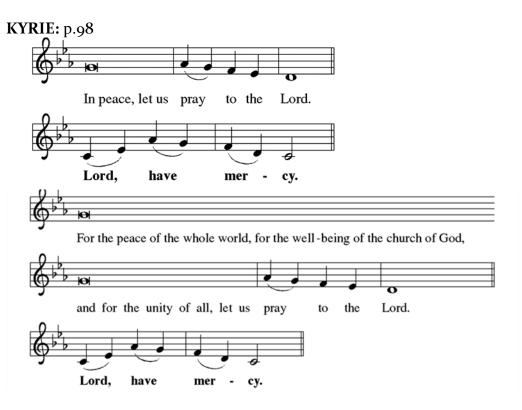
Held in God's mercy, let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. Holy God, we confess that we are caught in snares of sin and cannot break free. We hoard resources while our neighbors are hungry and cold. We speak in ways that silence others. We are silent when we should speak up. We keep score in our hearts. We let hurts grow into hatred. For all these things and for sins only you know, forgive us, Lord. Amen.

Here is a flood of grace: Out of love for the whole world, God draws near to us, breaks every snare of sin, washes away our wrongs, and restores the promise of life through + Jesus Christ. **Amen.** 

# GREETING

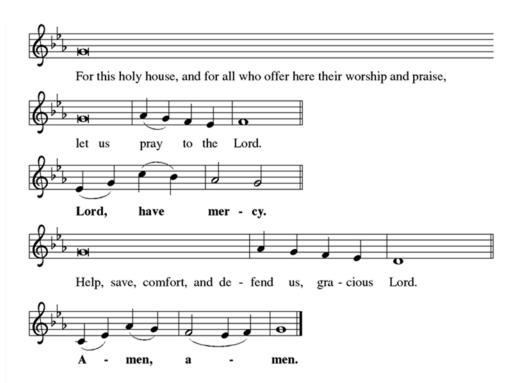
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

# And also with you.



# Children's Choir

Please stand as able.



#### PRAYER OF THE DAY

Everlasting God, in your endless love for the human race you sent our Lord Jesus Christ to take on our nature and to suffer death on the cross. In your mercy enable us to share in his obedience to your will and in the glorious victory of his resurrection, 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: Isaiah 50:4-9a

<sup>4</sup>The Lord GOD has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he wakens— wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught. <sup>5</sup>The Lord GOD has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backward. <sup>6</sup>I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting. <sup>7</sup>The Lord GOD helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame; <sup>8</sup>he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. <sup>9a</sup>It is the Lord GOD who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.



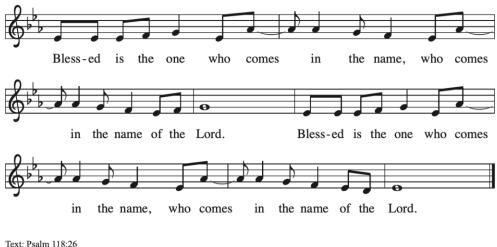
<sup>9</sup>Have mercy on me, O LORD, for I | am in trouble; my eye is consumed with sorrow, and also my throat | and my belly. <sup>10</sup>For my life is wasted with grief, and my | years with sighing; my strength fails me because of affliction, and my bones | are consumed. **R** <sup>11</sup>I am the scorn of all my enemies, a disgrace to my neighbors, a dismay to <sup>1</sup> my acquaintances; when they see me in the street | they avoid me. <sup>12</sup>Like the dead I am forgotten, <sup>|</sup> out of mind; I am as useless as a | broken pot. R <sup>13</sup>For I have heard the whispering of the crowd; fear is | all around; they put their heads together against me; they plot to | take my life. <sup>14</sup>But as for me, I have trusted in <sup>|</sup> you, O LORD. I have said, "You | are my God.  $\hat{\mathbf{R}}$ <sup>15</sup>My times are <sup>|</sup> in your hand; rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who | persecute me. <sup>16</sup>Let your face shine up- | on your servant; save me in your | steadfast love." R

#### SECOND READING: Philippians 2:5-11

<sup>5</sup>Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, <sup>6</sup>who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, <sup>7</sup>but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, <sup>8</sup>he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross. <sup>9</sup>Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, <sup>10</sup>so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, <sup>11</sup>and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:** ACS 929



Music: BLESSED IS THE ONE, Nathan Houge, b. 1977

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#### GOSPEL: Mark 11:1-11 Please stand as able. Before the Reading: The Holy Gospel according to Mark. Glory to you, O Lord.

<sup>1</sup>When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, [Jesus] sent two of his disciples <sup>2</sup>and said to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately as you enter it, you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden; untie it and bring it. <sup>3</sup>If anyone says to you, 'Why are you doing this?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately.'" <sup>4</sup>They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, <sup>5</sup>some of the bystanders said to them, "What are you doing, untying the colt?" <sup>6</sup>They told them what Jesus had said; and they allowed them to take it. <sup>7</sup>Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it; and he sat on it. <sup>8</sup>Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. <sup>9</sup>Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting,

"Hosanna!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

<sup>10</sup>Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David!

Hosanna in the highest heaven!"

<sup>11</sup>Then he entered Jerusalem and went into the temple; and when he had looked around at everything, as it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the twelve.

*After the Reading:* The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.** *Please be seated.* 

# SERMON

# Pastor Emily Willhide



Text: Willard F. Jabusch

Music: THE KING OF GLORY, Israeli traditional

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#### **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 "Hear us, O God," We respond: "Your mercy is great."

#### PEACE

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

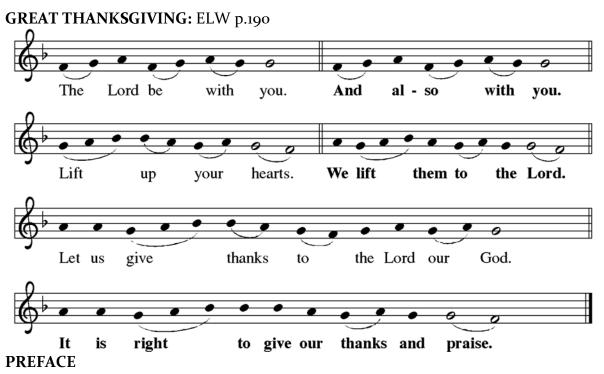
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#### MEAL

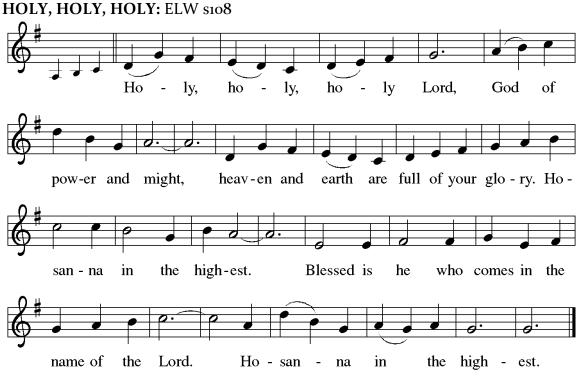
OFFERING	The offering plate will be passed t	The offering plate will be passed throughout the Congregation.		
Please stand as able. ANTHEM:	"Hosanna To The Living Lord"	Raymond H. Haan		

#### **OFFERING PRAYER**

Jesus, you are the bread of life and the host of this meal. Bless these gifts that we have gathered that all people may know your goodness. Feed us not only with this holy food but with hunger for justice and peace. We pray this in your name. **Amen.** 



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





#### 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.

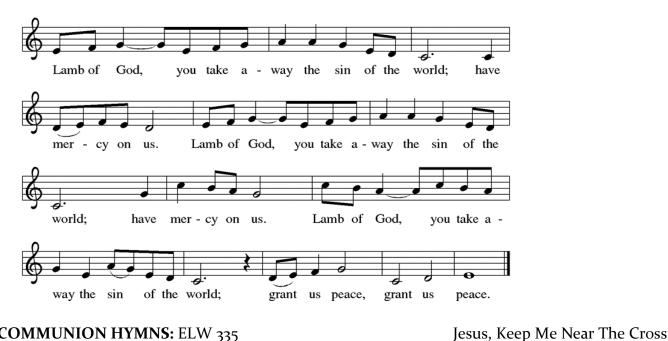
#### INVITATION TO COMMUNION

The gifts of God for the people of God. Welcome to the table of the Lord. **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. The communion cups are in trays at the front of the church. There are discard trays by the side aisles. Please follow the directions of the Ushers.

#### LAMB OF GOD: ELW S112



**COMMUNION HYMNS: ELW 335** 

ELW 343

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION** 

Generous God, at this table we have tasted your immeasurable grace. As grains of wheat are gathered into one bread, now make us one to feed the world; in the name of Jesus, the Bread of life.

Amen.

#### **SENDING**

#### **BLESSING**

Beloved, we are God's own people, holy, washed, renewed. God bless you and keep you, shower you with mercy, fill you with courage, and + give you peace.

#### Amen.

SENDING HYMN: ELW 338

#### DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Love and serve the Lord. Thanks be to God.

**VOLUNTARY:** Prelude for the Festival of Palms

Join us for Coffee Time in the Fellowship Hall

My Song is Love Unknown

Beneath the Cross of Jesus ST. CHRISTOPHER

Jeanne Joulain

Please stand as able.

NEAR THE CROSS

LOVE UNKNOWN

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# 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. 3005 Devine Street, Columbia, SC 29205 Office: 803-256-2381 CDC: 803-256-7456 www.incarnationlutheran.com www.facebook.com/IncarnationLutheranChurch **Incarnation Lutheran Church** 

# **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Adult and Children's Sunday School: 9:00 am Worship: 10:00 am Office Hours: 9:00 am – 1:00 pm M-F 3005 Devine Street, Columbia, SC 29205 • (803) 256-2381

# Prayer List

- Current Concerns: The Family of Tammy Baldwin, The Family of Rev. Dr. Philip Whitehead, Tara Heegan, Xander Raymond, Tracey Smith, Bill Lamb, Adam DeMars; Peace in all places experiencing conflict, and all homebound and caregivers.
- Continuing Concerns: Grady Lindler, Mary Kehl, Luzie Arnold, Sue Anderson, Sue DeMichael, Joe DeMichael, Harry Evans
- Military: Ken Custer, Andrew Peterson, Hilary Compton, Kim Yerrick's niece; Tyler Owens, Kim Yerrick's nephew.

	Financial	Update	
	Actual	Plan	difference
Last Week	\$3,986	\$5,392	\$1,406-
March	\$14,857	\$16,176	\$1,319-
Year-to-Da	te \$60,029	\$59,312	\$717+

#### Easter Sunday Flowers

Remember to bring flowers Easter Sunday to "flower" the cross!

#### Easter Lily Forms

Easter Lily Forms are located in the Narthex. Please fill out and put in the designated box in the office or the Narthex. Last day to submit, Thursday March 27th.

# Holy Week Schedule

**March 28th (Maundy Thursday)** 6:00 pm Worship with Footwashing, Communion, and the Stripping of the Altar.

**March 29th (Good Friday)** 6:00 pm Worship continues with candle lighting and prayer

**March 30th (Holy Saturday)** 10:00 am – 12:00 pm The children of the church gather for crafts and learning and to make communion bread for Easter morning.

#### March 31st (Easter Sunday):

8:30 am – Easter Breakfast

10 am – Festival Worship and the baptisms of Lauren and Olivia Peterson

11:30 am – Egg Hunt for Children and Adults

#### Upcoming Events:

Tuesday, March 26th: 10:00 am Quilting Group Wednesday, March 27th: 7:00 pm Chancel Choir Thursday, March 28th 6:00 pm Maundy Thursday Friday, March 29th 6:00 pm Good Friday Saturday March 30th 10:00 am Holy Saturday March 31st 10:00 am Easter

#### Giving to ILC

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





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.



# Like Good Stewards

"Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received." I Peter 4:10

Tickets are \$25 for Oysters, and \$5 for Hot Dogs. (No purchase required ages 2 and under.) You may bring a check to the church office, in the offering plate, or pay online through our secure payment portal. Please designate "Oyster Roast" in your form of payment.

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Please text or email Leslie Skinner at 803-917-3937 or drlwskinner@gmail.com with the names of people attending and if they will be eating oysters or hot dogs after tickets have been purchased. Please bring a side or a dessert. This event is BYOB. Easter Sunday, March 31st will be the last day to purchase tickets so orders can be placed. Would you like to attend the 2024 Synod Assembly from the comfort of home? The 2024 South Carolina Synod Assembly will be held June 8th and will be a one day online event. Please contact Pastor Emily or Russ Rushe if you are interested in representing Incarnation Lutheran Church and hearing updates from all across the synod.



SATURDAY, APRIL 13TH 4-8 PM

\$5 Hot Dogs

\$25 Oyster Eaters

#### Women's History Month

Born in Clarendon County in 1927, Althea Gibson is best known for shattering racial barriers in tennis. In 1956, she became the first African American to win a Grand Slam title winning Wimbledon, the French Open, the Australian Open, and the U.S. Open. She was one of the first Black competitors at Wimbledon. She was inducted into the International Tennis Hall of Fame and the International Women's Sports Hall of Fame.

