

Entry into Jerusalem

Illuminated Armenian

Gospels Bodleian Library Oxford, England

Sunday, March 29th Sixth Sunday in Lent

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Sunday School (all ages): 9:00 am

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

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

✠ Palm Sunday • March 29th, 2026 ✠

Worship Notes: • Our Lector is Ed Skinner • Our Crucifer is Teresa Boykin • Our Worship Assistant is Janet Hoffman •

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.**


PROCESSIONAL: ELW 344

All Glory, Laud, and Honor
VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN


Refrain




All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to you, re-deem-er, king,



to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho - san - nas ring.



1 You are the king of Is - rael and Da - vid's roy - al Son,
2 The com - pa - ny of an - gels are prais - ing you on high;
3 The mul - ti - tude of pil - grims with palms be - fore you went;
4 To you, be - fore your pas - sion, they sang their hymns of praise.
5 Their prais - es you ac - cept - ed; ac - cept the prayers we bring,



Refrain

now in the Lord's name com - ing, our King and Bless-ed One.
cre - a - tion and all mor - tals in cho - rus make re - ply.
our praise and prayer and an - thems be - fore you we pre - sent.
To you, now high ex - alt - ed, our mel - o - dy we raise.
great au - thor of all good - ness, O good and gra - cious King.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Please stand as able.

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

Let us confess our sin before God, who removes our guilt and blots out all offenses.

Gracious God,

have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.

For seeking worldly delights that deceive us and dishonor you: Gracious God,

have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.

For desiring self-reliance instead of hungering for your word: Gracious God,

have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.

For failing to recognize your coming reign, and for hindering the work of the Spirit: Gracious God,

have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.

For drawing from the well of self-serving ambition, and for disdain the living water Christ offers:

Gracious God,

have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.

For disregarding voices from the margin, and for distrusting signs of your healing and hope in the world: Gracious God,

have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.

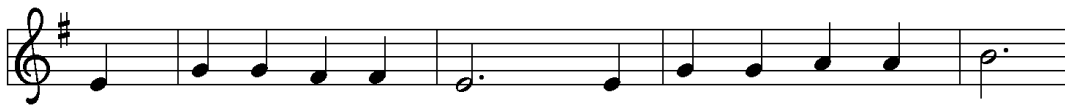
For dwelling in tombs of self-pity and discontent, and for disregarding Christ's call to come forth to life:

Gracious God,

have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.

God's steadfast love, grace, and forgiveness abound. Through faith, the free gift of God, you have been clothed in the righteousness of Christ. In the name of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. The Spirit of the One who raised Christ from the dead dwells in you, pours God's love into your hearts, and gives you life and peace. **Amen.**

KYRIE: s203



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!

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

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

⁴ The Lord GOD has given me a trained tongue, 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. ⁵ The Lord GOD has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious; I did not turn backward. ⁶ 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.

⁷ 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; ⁸ he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand in court together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. ^{9a} It is the Lord GOD who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

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

PSALM 31:9-16

Read responsively

⁹ Have mercy on me, O LORD, for I am in trouble;

my eye is consumed with sorrow, and also my throat and my belly.

¹⁰ **For my life is wasted with grief, and my years with sighing;**

my strength fails me because of affliction, and my bones are consumed.

¹¹ I am the scorn of all my enemies, a disgrace to my neighbors, a dismay to my acquaintances; when they see me in the street they avoid me.

¹² **Like the dead I am forgotten, out of mind;**

I am as useless as a broken pot.

¹³ 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.

¹⁴ **But as for me, I have trusted in you, O LORD.**

I have said, "You are my God.

¹⁵ My times are in your hand;

rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who persecute me.

¹⁶ **Let your face shine upon your servant;**

save me in your steadfast love."

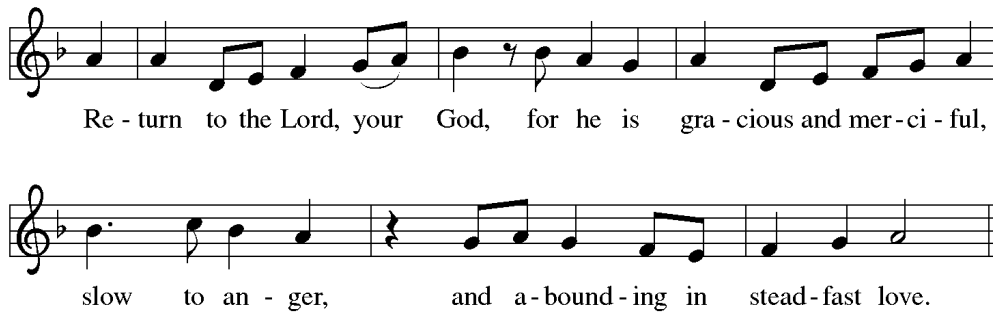
SECOND READING: Philippians 2:5-11

⁵ Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, ⁶ who, though he existed in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be grasped, ⁷ but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, assuming human likeness. And being found in appearance as a human, ⁸ he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death— even death on a cross.

⁹ Therefore God exalted him even more highly and gave him the name that is above every other name, ¹⁰ so that at the name given to Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹ 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: s151b



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: Matthew 21:1-11

Please stand as able.

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

¹ When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, ² saying to them, “Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. ³ If anyone says anything to you, just say this, ‘The Lord needs them.’ And he will send them immediately.” ⁴ This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet:

⁵ “Tell the daughter of Zion,
Look, your king is coming to you,
humble and mounted on a donkey,
and on a colt, the foal of a donkey.”

⁶ The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; ⁷ they brought the donkey and the colt and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. ⁸ A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. ⁹ The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting,

“Hosanna to the Son of David!
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!
Hosanna in the highest heaven!”

¹⁰ When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, “Who is this?” ¹¹ The crowds were saying, “This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee.”

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 793

Be Thou My Vision
SLANE

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Each petition concludes “Hear us, O God.” We respond: “Your mercy is great.”

Reconciled by God’s mercy and sustained by God’s presence, let us pray for the world and its needs.

HYMN: ELW 751 (sung before and after the intercessions)

O Lord, Hear My Prayer
HEAR MY PRAYER

O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer: when I call, an - swer me.
or *The Lord is my song, the Lord is my praise: all my hope comes from God.*

O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer: come and lis - ten to me.
The Lord is my song, the Lord is my praise: God, the well-spring of life.

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:

“Hosanna to the Son of David”

Incarnation Choir

OFFERTORY HYMN: ELW 686 (verse 1)

We Give Thee But Thine Own
HEATH

OFFERING PRAYER

O God, maker of heaven and earth, your steadfast love embraces all creation. You send rain and sunshine to nourish the earth and bring forth its bounty. Through these gifts of bread and wine, draw us into the death and life of your Son, who calls us to bear witness to his saving work. We ask this in Jesus’ name. **Amen.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING: s152

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

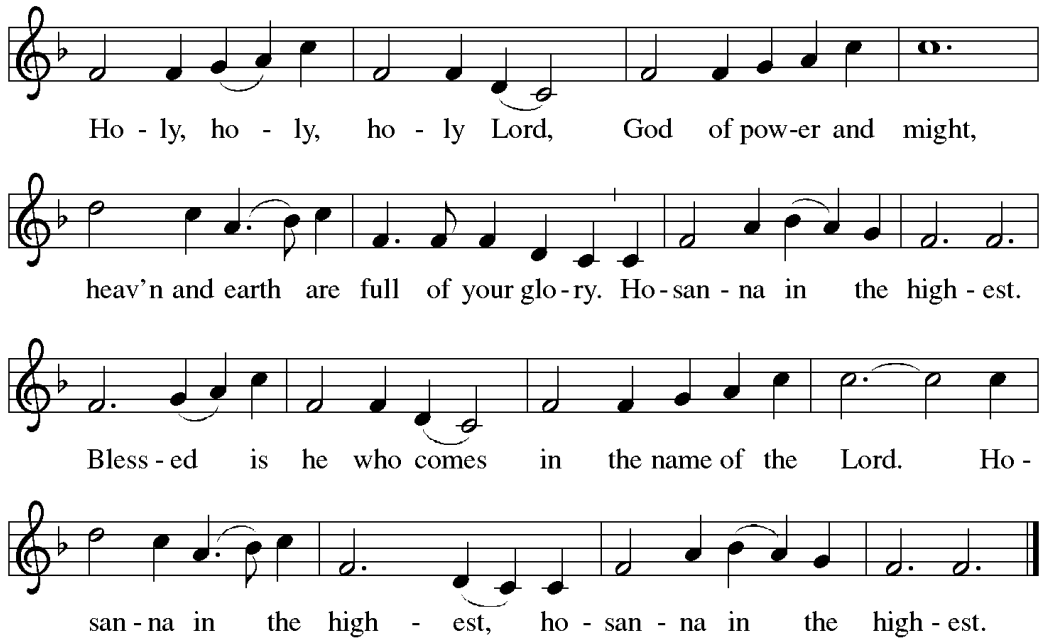
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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: s207



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er 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, ho - san - na in the high - est.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

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

Come to the table. Taste God's goodness and mercy. **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: s208



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 MEDIATION: Improvisation on "O Sacred Head, Now Wounded"

Matthew Whitehouse

COMMUNION HYMN: ELW 351

O Sacred Head, Now Wounded
HERZLICH TUT MICH VERLANGEN

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

God of our salvation, we give you thanks for this meal that restores our souls, reconciles us to you, and strengthens us for the journey. Through the body and blood of your Son, may we become Christ's body in the world, bearing witness to your love for all creation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

SENDING

BLESSING

Receive the blessing of the holy Trinity: God, who calls all things into existence, Jesus Christ, who redeems us, and the Holy Spirit, whose breath sustains creation, ✠ bless you now and always. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN: ELW 338

Beneath the Cross of Jesus
ST. CHRISTOPHER

DISMISSAL

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

Please join us in the Fellowship Hall after worship for coffee time.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Adult and Children's Sunday School: 9:00 am

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

Worship: 10:00 am

Office Hours: 9:00 am - 1:00 pm M-F

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Prayer List

Current Concerns: The Family of Codi Crawford, The Family of Lin Hunnicutt, Betsey Hunnicutt, Georgette Fleming, Lee Muthig, Mimi Fisher, Ester Allen, Pete Demeter, Russell Tiller, Jack Younts, Bill Behymer, Walter Lindler, Welda McCullough, Ken Gehler, Bill Lamb, and all homebound and caregivers.

Continuing Concerns: The Family of Rick Richardson, The Family of Calla Parsons, Joe and Sue DeMichael, Russ Rushe, Bishop Ginny Aebischer, Phil Harris, Ray Peterson, Katie Barone, Elliott Milliken, 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

	Actual	Plan	Difference
Last week	\$5,983	\$6,348	(\$365)
Month-to-Date	\$30,149	\$25,393	\$4,756
Year-to-Date	\$85,118	\$76,178	\$8,940

Attendance on 3/22/26: 100

Stewardship Snippet

March 29, 2026

Generosity could be as contagious as the zombie plague as long as enough people were willing to be carriers

Upcoming Events:

Tuesday, March 31st:

No Quilting Group

Wednesday, April 1st:

6:20 pm Handbell Practice

7:10 pm Choir Practice

Thursday, April 2nd:

5:45 pm Maundy Thursday Service

Friday, April 3rd:

5:45 pm Good Friday Service

Saturday, April 4th:

9:00 am Holy Saturday

Sunday, April 5th:

Easter Sunday

8:45 am Easter Breakfast

10:00 am Worship

11:15 am Egg Hunt and

Champagne Reception

Giving to ILC:

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



Next week, April 5th, our worship leaders will be Stefanie Seebauer (Lector), Ken Custer (Crucifer), Jimmy McFarland (Worship Assistant, Jeff Shealy (Banner Bearer), John Sawicki (Bible Bearer), Mia Ely (Acolyte)

Dear camp friends,

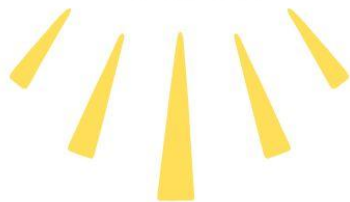
While it may be chilly out right now, it's time to start thinking about Summer Camp! Register soon so that you have the best chance of securing a spot in your preferred camp.

The ILC Foundation will reimburse or cover half the cost of church members who wish to attend camp for all children, youth, and adults to attend.

Don't forget to bring your flowers for the cross on Easter!!



Would you like to represent Incarnation at Synod Assembly in Columbia this year? Hear about the work of the church, help pick the next bishop of South Carolina, and meet folks from churches across the state. It's a win-win-win! Please speak to Pastor Emily if you are interested.



PLAYDATE AT THE PARK

*Join Incarnation at Owen's
Field Play Park
1401 Jim Hamilton Blvd,
Columbia, SC 29205*

Sat. April. 11th | 9:00 am am to 11:00 am

Holy Week

Palm Sunday - March 29th at 10 am
Maundy Thursday - April 2nd at 6 pm
Good Friday - April 3rd at 6 pm
Holy Saturday - April 4th from 10-12pm
Easter Sunday - April 5th at 10 am
Easter breakfast at 8:45 am hosted by
Lutheran Men
Egg Hunt and Champagne reception to
follow.

We are looking for 1-2 people to take over as head of Oktoberfest, they will shadow the current head of Oktoberfest at this years celebration and next year will run Oktoberfest while being advised by the previous head. If you are interested, please contact the church office by emailing Office@incarnationlutheranchurch or by contacting Pastor Emily

