INCARNATION LUTHERAN CHURCH

+ Sixth Sunday in Easter • May 5th, 2024 +

Worship Notes: • Our Lector for today is Sabra Custer • Our Crucifer for today is Teresa Boykin • We are in Setting 4 of the ELW • Our Seminarian is Beth Sheedy • Flowers on the altar are given by Jeff and Nora Shealy in honor of their 36th wedding anniversary •

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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISMPlease stand as able and face the front of the church.Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, by whose hand we are given new birth, by whose speaking
we are given new life. **Amen.**

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are welcomed, restored, and supported as citizens of the new creation. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

Holy God, **holy and merciful**, **holy and mighty**, **you are the river of life**, **you are the everlasting wellspring**. In mercy and might you have freed us from death and raised us with Jesus, the firstborn of the dead. **In baptismal waters our old life is washed away**, and in them we are born anew.

Glory to you for oceans and lakes, for rivers and streams. **Honor to you for waters that wash us clean, quench our thirst, and nurture both crops and creatures.** Praise to you for the lifegiving water of baptism, the outpouring of the Spirit of the new creation.

Wash away our sin and all that separates us from you. Empower our witness to your resurrection. Strengthen our resolve in seeking justice for all.

Satisfy the world's need through this living water. Where drought dries the earth, bring refreshment. Where despair prevails, grant hope. Where chaos reigns, bring peace. We ask this through Christ, who with you and the Spirit reigns forever. **Amen.**

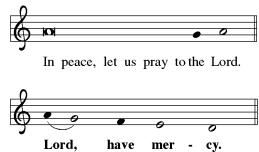
GATHERING HYMN: ELW 625

Come, We That Love the Lord MARCHING TO ZION

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: ELW p.147







PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God, you have prepared for those who love you joys beyond understanding. Pour into our hearts such love for you that, loving you above all things, we may obtain your promises, which exceed all we can desire; through Jesus Christ, your Son and our 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: Acts 10:44-48

⁴⁴While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. ⁴⁵The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, ⁴⁶for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, ⁴⁷"Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who

have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?" ⁴⁸So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 98	Read responsively.
Sing a new song to the LORD, who has done marvelous things,	
whose right hand and holy arm have won the victory.	
² O LORD, you have made known your victory,	
you have revealed your righteousness in the sight of the nations.	
³ You remember your steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel;	
all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.	
⁴ Shout with joy to the LORD, all you lands;	
lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.	
⁵ Sing to the LORD with the harp,	
with the harp and the voice of song.	
⁶ With trumpets and the sound of the horn	
shout with joy before the king, the LORD.	
⁷ Let the sea roar, and all that fills it,	
the world and those who dwell therein.	
⁸ Let the rivers clap their hands,	
and let the hills ring out with joy before the LORD, who comes to jud	ge the earth.
⁹ The LORD will judge the world with righteousness	
and the peoples with equity.	

Cantate Domino (for Bass duet)

Giovanni Paulo Cima (c. 1570-1630, pub. 1610)

Cantate Domino canticum novum, Cantate et benedicite nomini ejus: Quia mirabilia fecit. Cantate et exultate et psallite in cythara et voce psalmi: Quia mirabilia fecit.

Sing to the Lord a new song, Sing and give praise to his name: for he has done marvelous deeds. Sing and exult and praise. in songs with the harp and the voice: for he has done marvelous deeds.

SECOND READING: 1 John 5:1-6

¹Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. ²By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. ³For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, ⁴for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. ⁵Who is it that conquers the world but the one who

believes that Jesus is the Son of God? ⁶This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

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GOSPEL: John 15:9-17

Please stand as able.

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

[Jesus said:] ^{9"}As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. ¹⁰If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. ¹¹I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete. ^{12"}This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. ¹³No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. ¹⁴You are my friends if you do what I command you. ¹⁵I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. ¹⁶You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. ¹⁷I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another."

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 804	<i>Please stand as able.</i> Come down, O Love Divine <i>DOWN AMPNEY</i>
THE APOSTLES' CREED	DOWIN AMIFINET
I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and ear	rth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was con	ceived 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 of grace." We respond: "Hear our prayer."

PEACE

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

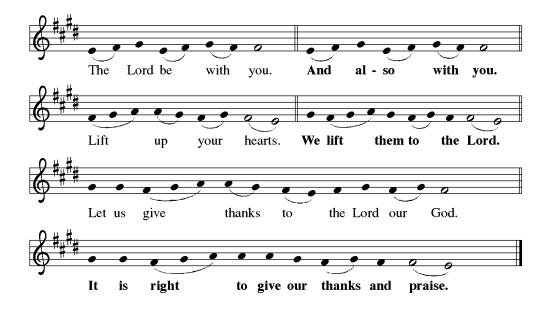
MEAL

The offering plate will be passed throughout the Congregation for those not using online giving Please stand as able. OFFERTORY HYMN: ELW 367 (v.1 & 2) Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds LASST UNS ERFREUEN

OFFERING PRAYER

Risen One, you call us to believe and bear fruit. May the gifts that we offer here be signs of your abiding love. Form us to be your witnesses in the world, through Jesus Christ, our true vine. **Amen.**

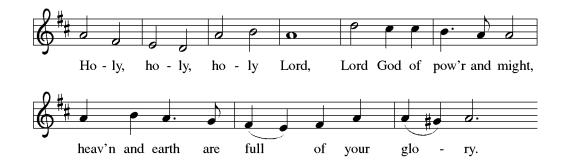
GREAT THANKSGIVING: p.152



PREFACE

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

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY: p.153





EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER

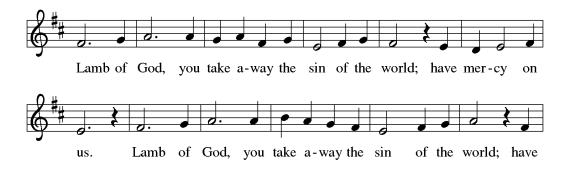
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

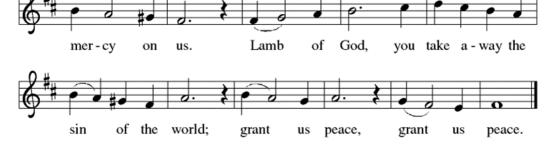
INVITATION TO COMMUNION

The risen Christ is made known to us in the breaking of the bread. Come and eat at God's table. 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.154





COMMUNION HYMN: ELW 838

Beautiful Savior SCHÖNSTER HERR JESU, CRUSADER'S HYMN

> Jesus Loves Me! JESUS LOVES ME, CHINA

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

COMMUNION HYMN: ELW 595

Shepherding God, you have prepared a table before us and nourished us with your love. Send us forth from this banquet to proclaim your goodness and share the abundant mercy of Jesus, our redeemer and friend. **Amen.**

SENDING

BLESSING

Alleluia! Christ is risen! Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

The God of resurrection power, the Christ of unending joy, and the Spirit of Easter hope + bless you now and always. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN: ELW 389

Christ is alive! Let Christians Sing TRURO

DISMISSAL:

Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad. Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

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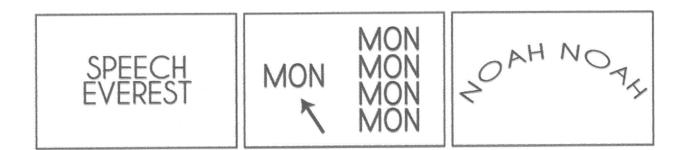
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Please join us in the Fellowship Hall after worship for coffee time. Please remember to bring donations for the little food pantry and leave in the gray box in the hall.

Please stand as able.

PUZZLES OF THE DAY:

Cunningly hidden phrases, names, or sayings that are linked to the Bible. The answers can be hidden in many ways. It could be size, position, or direction; you may need to do some counting or look at the shape, but all you really need to do is say what you see!



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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



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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: Bill Lamb, Warren Powell, Mary Rivers, Robert Dougherty, Lane, The Family of Ramona Engom, Kathy Hornsby, Mary Wood; Peace in all places experiencing conflict, and all homebound and caregivers. Continuing Concerns: Adam DeMars, Tara Heegan, Grady Lindler, Luzie Arnold, Sue DeMichael, Joe DeMichael, Harry Evans Military: Ken Custer, Hilary Compton, Kim Yerrick's niece; Tyler Owens, Kim Yerrick's nephew.

Financial Update							
		Actual	Plan	Difference			
	Last Week	\$2,505	\$5,392	\$2,887-			
	April	\$29,647	\$21,568	\$8,079+			
	Year-to-Date	\$93,860	\$91,664	\$2,196+			

Many hands make light work! Are you interested in serving as a lector, crucifer, banner/Bible bearer or lay leader for Sunday morning worship? If so, please contact Susan McArver or Pastor Emily.



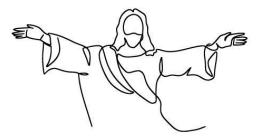
Upcoming Events:

Tuesday, May 7th: **Midlands Gives** 10:00 am Quilting Group Wednesday, May 8th: 11:00 am Bible Study 6:00 pm Handbell Choir 7:00 pm Chancel Choir Thursday, May 9th: 11:00 am CDC 4's Graduation 6:00 pm Mary Martha Saturday, May 11th: 9:00 am Playdate at the Park Sunday, May 12th: 9:00 am Sunday School 10:00 am Worship 11:30 am Confirmation Class after Worship

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.

New Members

We will be welcoming new members in the coming weeks, if you are interested in joining us in ministry please contact Pastor Emily at <u>pastoremily@incarnationlutheran.com</u>



AED/CPR Training

May 24th 8:30am- 12pm



Sign up sheet will be located in office







Midlands Gives will be coming May 7th!

Please consider getting involved and giving to charitable organizations such as Lutheran Family Services in the Carolinas, Lutheran Homes of SC Foundation, Gather SC LLC, and many more. Browse their website to find a charity that speaks to you!



Incarnation Lutheran Church VBS 2024

JUNE 24-27

from 9 am to 12 pm



*those who have completed Kindergarten thru 5th grade off your child is registered for Incarnation Summer Program your child is already on the list for VBS



PLAYDATE AT THE PARK

Join Incarnation for popsicles and play at the Owens Field's Playground (1351 Jim Hamilton Blvd.) Sat. May 11 | 9 am to 11 am *Bring your Star Wars themed things!!



Oktoberfest is looking for people interested in running the kitchen and cook tent as part of a leadership team!

Please contact Pastor Emily, Mary Karl Boepple, or Sarah Sawicki if interested.