



Christ on the Road to Emmaus
ca. 1725-1730

Sunday, April 19th Third Sunday after Easter

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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 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

✝ Third Sunday after Easter • April 19th, 2026 ✝

Worship Notes: • Our Lector for today is Ben Willhide • Our Crucifer for today is Amy Kehl • Our Worship Assistant for today is Janet Hoffman • Our Acolyte for today is Dargan Thebo • We are in setting 4 of the ELW • Our Guest Pastor for today is Pastor Jesse Canniff-Kuhn •

PRELUDE: Christ Lag in Todesbanden (Christ Jesus Lay in Death's Strong Bands)

J.S. Bach

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Please stand as able.

Alleluia! Christ is risen. **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne and to the Lamb! **Amen.**

Let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism.

Merciful God, you are the one who was, who is, and who is to come. You lead us beside still waters. We thank you for the waters of creation: morning dew, gentle rain, roaring waves. We thank you for the waters that nourish us. Blessed are you.

You guide us to springs of the water of life.

Jesus Christ, you are the faithful witness who accompanies us on our journeys. We give you thanks for your life-giving death and resurrection. We praise you for joining us in joy and sorrow. Blessed are you.

You guide us to springs of the water of life.

Holy Spirit, you anoint our head with oil and our cup overflows. Break down barriers that divide us. Fill us with the breath of peace. Blessed are you.

You guide us to springs of the water of life.

Holy One, we thank you for the gifts and grace of baptism, and for making us a new creation. We join with saints and angels, giving you honor and praise, now and forever.

Amen.

GATHERING HYMN: ELW 449

We Know That Christ Is Raised
ENGELBERG

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.**

CANTICLE OF PRAISE: S149

Refrain
Assisting minister



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.

All



1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo-ple of God. Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and



strength, and hon - or and bless-ing and glo - ry are his.

Refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.



2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God and join in the



hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless-ing and hon - or and glo - ry and



might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

Final refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain



has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God, your Son makes himself known to all his disciples in the breaking of bread. Open the eyes of our faith, that we may see him in his redeeming work, 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 2:14a, 36-41

^{14a} Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed [the crowd]: ³⁶ “Therefore let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified.”

³⁷ Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, “Brothers, what should we do?” ³⁸ Peter said to them, “Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. ³⁹ For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him.” ⁴⁰ And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, “Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.” ⁴¹ So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added.

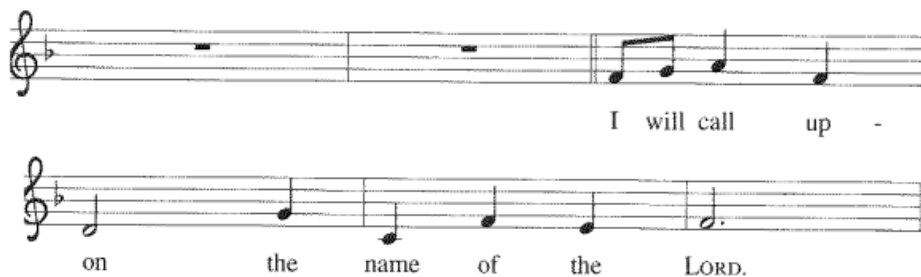
The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 116:1-4, 12-19

Sung responsively



Refrain



¹ I love the LORD, who has | heard my voice,
and listened to my | supplication,

² **for the LORD has given | ear to me**
whenev- | er I called.

³ The cords of death entangled me; the anguish of the grave | came upon me;
I came to | grief and sorrow.

⁴ **Then I called upon the name | of the LORD:**
“O LORD, I pray you, | save my life.” R

¹² How shall I re- | pay the LORD
for all the good things God has | done for me?

¹³ **I will lift the cup | of salvation
and call on the name | of the LORD.**

¹⁴ I will fulfill my vows | to the LORD
in the presence of | all God's people.

¹⁵ **Precious in your | sight, O LORD,
is the death | of your servants.**

¹⁶ O LORD, truly I | am your servant;
I am your servant, the child of your handmaid; you have freed me | from my bonds.

¹⁷ **I will offer you the sacrifice | of thanksgiving
and call upon the name | of the LORD. R**

¹⁸ I will fulfill my vows | to the LORD
in the presence of | all God's people,

¹⁹ **in the courts of | the LORD's house,
in the midst of you, O Jerusalem. | Hallelujah! R**

SECOND READING: 1 Peter 1:17-23

¹⁷ If you invoke as Father the one who judges impartially according to each person's work, live in fear during the time of your exile. ¹⁸ You know that you were ransomed from the futile conduct inherited from your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold ¹⁹ but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without defect or blemish. ²⁰ He was destined before the foundation of the world but was revealed at the end of the ages for your sake. ²¹ Through him you have come to trust in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your trust and hope are in God.

²² Now that you have purified your souls by your obedience to the truth so that you have genuine mutual affection, love one another deeply from the heart. ²³ You have been born anew, not of perishable but of imperishable seed, through the living and enduring word of God.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: 151a



GOSPEL: Luke 24:13-35

Please stand as able.

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

¹³ Now on that same day two [disciples] were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, ¹⁴ and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. ¹⁵ While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, ¹⁶ but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. ¹⁷ And he said to them, "What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?" They stood still, looking sad. ¹⁸ Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?" ¹⁹ He asked them, "What things?" They replied, "The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet

mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, ²⁰ and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. ²¹ But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. ²² Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, ²³ and when they did not find his body there they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. ²⁴ Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but they did not see him.” ²⁵ Then he said to them, “Oh, how foolish you are and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! ²⁶ Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?” ²⁷ Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

²⁸ As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. ²⁹ But they urged him strongly, saying, “Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over.” So he went in to stay with them. ³⁰ When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. ³¹ Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him, and he vanished from their sight. ³² They said to each other, “Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?” ³³ That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem, and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. ³⁴ They were saying, “The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!” ³⁵ Then they told what had happened on the road and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

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

Please be seated.

SERMON

Pastor Jesse Canniff-Kuhn

HYMN OF THE DAY: ELW 462

Now We Join in Celebration
SCHMÜCKE DICH

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 “Merciful God,” 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:

Day of Arising

Incarnation Choir

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

Merciful God, accept the fruits of our labor, gathered to give you glory. You have set a table before us, a glimpse of that great day when we will hunger and thirst no more. Nourish us with the body and blood of Jesus, that goodness and mercy may follow us and bless the world you love. In the name of Jesus, **Amen.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING S107

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 S153

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r 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.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

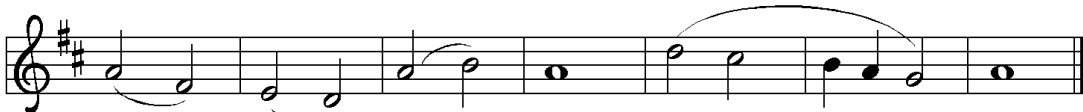
You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God...

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup,
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.



Christ has died. Christ is ris - en. Christ will come a - gain.

To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
Be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forver.



A - men, a - men, a - men.

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.**

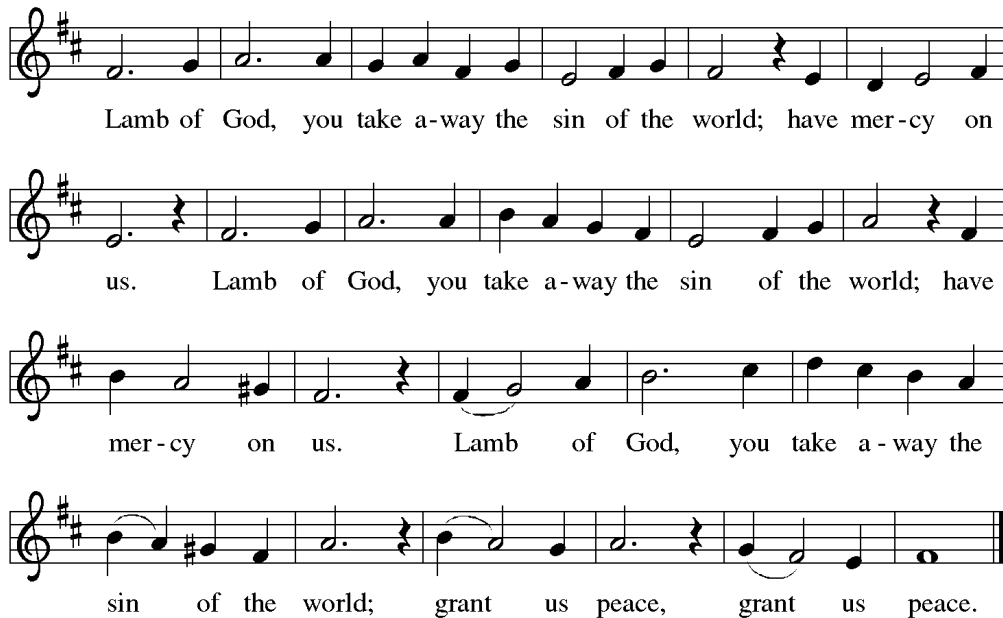
INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Come to the table of new life. Receive the risen Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Please be seated.

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LAMB OF GOD S154



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on
us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the
sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

COMMUNION MEDITATION: Improvisation on "Christ lag in Todesbanden" Matthew Whitehouse

COMMUNION HYMN: ELW 370

Christ Jesus Lay in Death's Strong Bands
CHRIST LAG IN TODESBANDEN

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Please stand as able.

Holy One, through this meal you have made your home among us and are making all things new. Send us now to speak peace to anxious hearts, to love our enemies, and to bring your healing to the nations. In the name of Jesus, **Amen.**

SENDING

BLESSING

God Almighty, who is the beginning and the end, Jesus Christ, the firstborn of the dead, and the Spirit, our advocate and peace, ✠ bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN: ELW 385

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing!
GELOBT SEI GOTT, VULPIUS

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Praise the Lord. Alleluia!
Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

POSTLUDE

Improvisation on "Victimae Paschali"

Matthew Whitehouse

*Please join us in the Fellowship Hall after worship for coffee time.
Click on the QR code below to view the cover page art in color.*



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, Lynne Cox (Moser), Meredith Thorndike, Vincent Shaw, Melissa Parker, Russell Tiller, Jack Younts, Bill Behymer, Walter Lindler, Welda McCullough, Ken Gehler, Bill Lamb, and all homebound and caregivers.

Continuing Concerns: The Family of Lin Hunnicutt, Joe and Sue DeMichael, Bishop Ginny Aebischer, Betsey Hunnicutt, Pete Demeter, Mimi Fisher, Esther Allen, 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	8,639.21	\$6,348	\$2,291
Month-to-Date	\$18,052	\$12,696	\$5,356
Year-to-Date	\$108,131	\$95,222	\$12,909

Attendance on 4/12/26: 91

SLED Training will be held Sunday, April 26th after worship at 12:00 pm. While primarily for Ushers anyone who is interested may join!



Upcoming Events:

Tuesday, April 21st:

10:00 am Quilting Group

6:30 pm CDC Board Meeting

Wednesday, April 22nd:

6:00 pm Handbell Practice

7:00 pm Choir Practice

Thursday, April 23rd:

6:00 pm Holy Guacamole

Sunday, April 26th:

9:00 am Sunday School

10:00 am Worship

11:30 am Confirmation

12:00 pm SLED Training

2:00 pm Eagle Scout Ceremony

Giving to ILC:

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



Next week, April 26th, our worship leaders will be Russ Rushe (Lector), Jeff Shealy (Crucifer), Maureen O'Neill (Worship Assistant), Maggie Sowell (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.

The first O-fest meeting of the year will be April 30th at 6pm. Anyone interested is invited to attend.

**PLEASE
RSVP!!!**



WHO'S WHO OUTSIDE THE PEWS

HOLY GUACAMOLE!

CASA LINDA

2009 N BELTLINE BLVD

APR. 23RD | 6 PM- 8 PM

*******PLEASE RSVP BY TUES.-APR. 21ST!**

**BY RESPONDING TO THE EVITE OR EMAIL THE
OFFICE!**

NO LATE RSVPS WILL BE ACCEPTED*****

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



Incarnation Lutheran Church



PEWS, BUTTS, & BREWS!

Come celebrate our graduates with us! Bring a side to share and your own brew!

Sunday, May 17th

10:00 am - Pews

11:30 am - Butts & Brews

**PENTECOST AND RITE OF
CONFIRMATION SUNDAY**

SUNDAY, MAY 24TH

REMEMBER TO WEAR **RED** FOR
PENTECOST, AND JOIN US TO
CELEBRATE MAGGIE SOWELL AS
OUR 2026 CONFIRMAND!

