



The Tenth Sunday *after* Pentecost *August* 17, 2025

# We're glad you're worshipping with us. \*

Before we begin our services, we observe a time of prayerful reflection and preparation for worship. If you're new or looking to connect, we would love to meet you outside in the foyer before or after the service—simply find a member of the clergy or Connection Minister (look for the yellow lanyards).

# New to Incarnation?



■ We'd love to get you connected. Scan this QR code to fill out the contact form, and we will reach out.

#### **INCARNATION 101**

Find out more about our church and explore membership. Next event is 9/14. Email Ben: bhodges@incarnation.org

## **BAPTISM/CONFIRMATION**

For adult baptism, email *baptism*@ *incarnation.org.* To be confirmed in the church, email jgriesbeck@incarnation.org

### **CONFESSION & RECONCILIATION**

Schedule with any of the priests by emailing our pastoral care team at *nparkhurst*@ incarnation.org

#### WEEKLY EMAIL

Sign up at incarnation.org/enews

# In need of prayer this morning?

- You can write your prayer request on the gold-topped card in the pew rack in front of you, and our clergy team will pray over your request this week.
- Trained Prayer Ministers will be at the back of the Church during Communion ready to pray with you.
- For all seeking healing of mind, body, or spirit, a member of the clergy will be available to anoint you with oil and lay hands upon you. *Trad*: Low Altar after Communion; *Uptown*: Altar Rail after the service.

# Connecting Families

#### NURSERY

8:45 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Infants to Age 3

#### DISCIPLESHIP

8:45 a.m. & 11:15 a.m. Pre-K-2nd grade

# THE HOLY EUCHARIST

### THE WORD OF GOD

SONG

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

## THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

*Celebrant* ■ Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

*People* And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

## Celebrant & People

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

SONG Behold Him

## THE COLLECT

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you. *People* And with your spirit.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty God, you have given your only Son to be for us a sacrifice for sin, and also an example of godly life: Give us grace to receive thankfully the fruits of his redeeming work, and to follow daily in the blessed steps of his most holy life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.** 

All are seated.

### THE LESSONS

### THE OLD TESTAMENT

Jeremiah 23:23-29

Am I a God near by, says the LORD, and not a God far off? Who can hide in secret places so that I cannot see them? says the LORD. Do I not fill heaven and earth? says the LORD. I have heard what the prophets have said who prophesy lies in my name, saying, "I have dreamed, I have dreamed!" How long? Will the hearts of the prophets ever turn back-- those who prophesy lies, and who prophesy the deceit of their own heart? They plan to make my people forget my name by their dreams that they tell one another, just as their ancestors forgot my name for Baal. Let the prophet who has a dream tell the dream, but let the one who has my word speak my word faithfully. What has straw in common with wheat? says the LORD. Is not my word like fire, says the LORD, and like a hammer that breaks a rock in pieces?

The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

THE PSALM Psalm 82

Chorus

The hand of God gave you pow'r to reign So that you might stand for the weak. He made you judge so the fatherless And the poor could rest in your strength. But you have led them in darkness, And the earth cries out, "How long?" Arise, O God, come and take your throne, That the earth may dwell in peace!

God takes his stand in the council of heaven; he gives judgment in the midst of the gods: "How long will you judge unjustly, and show favor to the wicked? Save the weak and the orphan; defend the humble and needy;

Rescue the weak and the poor; deliver them from the power of the wicked.

Chorus

They do not know, neither do they understand; they go about in darkness; all the foundations of the earth are shaken.

Now I say to you, 'You are gods, and all of you children of the Most High;

Nevertheless, you shall die like mortals, and fall like any prince."

Arise, O God, and rule the earth, for you shall take all nations for your own.

Chorus

THE EPISTLE Hebrews 11:29—12:2

By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as if it were dry land, but when the Egyptians attempted to do so they were drowned. By faith the walls of Jericho fell after they had been encircled for seven days. By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had received the spies in peace. And what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets-- who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. Women received their dead by resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to accept release, in order to obtain a better resurrection. Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned to death, they were sawn in two, they were killed by the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, persecuted, tormented-- of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, and in caves and holes in the ground. Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised, since God had provided something better so that they would not, apart from us, be made perfect. Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

People

All stand.

THE GOSPEL Luke 12:49–56

Deacon 

♣ The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. Luke.

*People* Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, "I came to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what stress I am under until it is completed! Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division! From now on five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three; they will be divided: father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law." He also said to the crowds, "When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, 'It is going to rain'; and so it happens. And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, 'There will be scorching heat'; and it happens. You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?"

The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SEQUENCE

Veni Sancte Spiritus

THE SERMON Cn Oliver Lee

## THE NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, ★ and the life of the world to come. Amen.

## THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

An appointed Leader begins the prayers, saying

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Each petition concludes

Leader Lord, in your mercy People Hear our prayer.

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

## THE CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

The Deacon bids the Confession, after which all kneel.

## Deacon & People

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

The Celebrant stands and gives the Absolution, after which all stand.

## THE PEACE

*Celebrant* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People* And with your spirit.

All greet one another in the peace of Christ.

## **WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

# The Children's Blessing 9am only

Almighty God, heavenly Father, you have blessed us with the joy and care of children: Give us calm strength and patient wisdom as we bring them up, that we may teach them to love whatever is just and true and good, following the example of our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

# The Birthday Blessing

Watch over your children, O Lord, as their days increase; bless and guide them wherever they may be. Strengthen them when they stand; comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful; raise them up if they fall; and in their hearts may your peace which passes understanding abide all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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#### THE HOLY COMMUNION

#### THE OFFERTORY

The Minister begins the Offertory with a sentence of Scripture.

SONG How Firm A Foundation

### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
 People And with your spirit.
 Celebrant Lift up your hearts.
 People We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.People It is right to give him thanks and praise.

# The Celebrant continues with the Preface, saying

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, through Jesus Christ our Lord; who on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

## THE SANCTUS & BENEDICTUS

## Celebrant & People

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might;

Heaven and earth are full of Your glory.

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might;

Heaven and earth are full of Your glory.

Hosanna, hosanna in the highest!

Hosanna, hosanna in the highest!

Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. 

■ Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna, hosanna in the highest!

Hosanna, hosanna in the highest!

The People kneel.

## The Celebrant continues with the Eucharistic Prayer, saying

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

## Celebrant & People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

## The Celebrant continues with the Eucharistic Prayer, saying

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. \*Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. *AMEN*.

## THE COMMUNION DEVOTIONS

## Celebrant & People

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, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated bread and a period of silence is kept.

*Celebrant* Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

## Celebrant & People

We do not presume to come to this your table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in your abundant and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table; but you are the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

*Celebrant* The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Persons who wish to have the Holy Eucharist brought to them in their pew should notify an usher. Intercessory Prayer Ministers are available in the back of Ascension Chapel after you receive Holy Communion.

## Instructions for Holy Communion

All Christians who have been baptized with water in the Name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, who come forward in faith and are permitted to receive Holy Communion in their own church, are warmly invited to do so on this occasion.

Communion is received in the following way: a priest places the Bread in the palm of your hand, which you then consume. To receive the Wine, hold the base of the chalice and guide it to your lips. The practice of dipping the Bread into the Wine is not permitted. If you do not wish to receive one or both Elements, simply cross your arms over your chest.

Gluten-free Bread and Wine from a dedicated gluten-free chalice are available for those with a medical need; just notify a priest when you kneel at the altar rail. If one is not able (e.g. because of a medical condition), or prefers not to receive either the Bread or the Wine, the Church has always taught that a person still receives all the benefits of Holy Communion when receiving in one kind. Please feel free to consult with a member of the clergy if you have more questions.

SONG

For All the Saints (Miner)

SONG

Yet Not I But Through Christ In Me



## THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

## Celebrant & People

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

## THE BLESSING

# The Celebrant blesses the People, saying

The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the ₱Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. Amen.

SONG

Yet Not I But Through Christ In Me

## THE DISMISSAL

**Deacon** Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

*People* Thanks be to God.

A priest is available to anoint you with oil and pray for you at the Altar Rail today. If you would like to receive this ministry of Holy Unction, please come forward and kneel at the conclusion of today's service.



Bulletin Cover:
"Mother of Mercy""

Ivanka Demchuk

# Coming Up This Week

### **GROWTH GROUP REGISTRATION**

Open until August 24, *Online*Shawn Torres | storres@incarnation.org

#### **RALLY DAY!**

Sunday, 10-11 a.m. Welcome Center

#### YFM KICK-OFF

Sunday, 6–7:30 p.m. Welcome Center

Donna Stack | dstack@incarnation.org

### BENEDICTINE SPIRITUALITY GROUPS

Monday, 8:15 a.m. or 12 p.m. *Ed. Bldg., Room 209* Tuesday, 6 p.m. *Ed. Bldg., Room 209* Betsey Fredericks | befred82@gmail.com

### MEN'S CLOTHING COLLECTION

Wednesday, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. *Welcome Center* Sabrina Steward | ssteward@incarnation.org

## **CENTERING PRAYER**

Thursday, 8:45 a.m. or 12 p.m. *Online*Nedah Rose | nedah.rose@gmail.com

# Weekday Services

### MORNING PRAYER & HOLY COMMUNION

Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m., Memorial Chapel

#### HOLY EUCHARIST WITH HEALING

Wednesdays, 12 p.m., Memorial Chapel

## A Prayer for Families

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who settest the solitary in families: We commend to thy continual care the homes in which thy people dwell. Put far from them, we beseech thee, every root of bitterness, the desire of vainglory, and the pride of life. Fill them with faith, virtue, knowledge, temperance, patience, godliness. Knit together in constant affection those who, in holy wedlock, have been made one flesh. Turn the hearts of the parents to the children, and the hearts of the children to the parents; and so enkindle fervent charity among us all, that we may evermore be kindly affectioned one to another; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

(BCP, Prayers, #45)

# Featured Opportunities



#### GROWTH GROUPS OPEN

August 3-24, Online

Small groups are a great way to feel connected and grow in your faith. If you're looking to get into a Growth Group (or back into one), please complete the form online to start the process. More at *incarnation.org/groups* 

#### RALLY DAY

TODAY, Sunday, August 17, 10–11 a.m. in the Welcome Center

Let's all come together to celebrate the start of a new school year! It will be a chance to swap stories, catch up, and enjoy some food together. Foam truck and inflatable water slide, too!

#### YFM KICK-OFF!

TONIGHT, Sunday, August 17, 6 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. in the Welcome Center Join us for a fun-filled event with games, food, friends, and a chance to start this new school year together. Includes a parent info meeting, so parents plan to stay and eat, too!

#### MINISTRY FAIR

Sunday, August 24, 10–11 a.m. in the Welcome Center

Plan to join us for an opportunity to tour the ministry tables and learn about ways to serve at our church. We'll have a raffle for who can visit the most tables, with prizes like dinner with the Brewers, reserved parking for a month, and reserved seats at Christmas Eve. Don't miss it!

# Clergy & Ministers

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