



The Thirteenth Sunday *after* Pentecost
September 7, 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 TODAY.
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

Connecting Families

NURSERY

8:45 a.m.–12:30 p.m.
Infants to Age 3

CHILDREN'S CHAPEL

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

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.

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

THE WORD OF GOD

SONG

For The Beauty Of The Earth

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

Build My Life

THE COLLECT

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And with your spirit.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Grant us, O Lord, to trust in you with all our hearts; for, as you always resist the proud who confide in their own strength, so you never forsake those who make their boast of your mercy; through Jesus Christ 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

Deuteronomy 30:15-20

Moses said to all Israel the words which the LORD commanded him, "See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, death and adversity. If you obey the commandments of the LORD your God that I am commanding you today, by loving the LORD your God, walking in his ways, and observing his commandments, decrees, and ordinances, then you shall live and become numerous, and the LORD your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to possess. But if your heart turns away and you do not hear, but are led astray to bow down to other gods and serve them, I declare to you today that you shall perish; you shall not live long in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess. I call heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, loving the LORD your God, obeying him, and holding fast to him; for that means life to you and length of days, so that you may live in the land

that the LORD swore to give to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob."

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

THE PSALM

Psalm 1

Chorus

*Blest are the ones whose hearts day and night
Make every word of the LORD their delight
Deep in the truth they lay down their roots
Bearing the fruit of abundant life*

Happy are they who have not walked in the
counsel of the wicked,
nor lingered in the way of sinners,
nor sat in the seats of the scornful!
Their delight is in the law of the LORD,
and they meditate on his law day and night.
They are like trees planted by streams of water,
bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do

not wither;
everything they do shall prosper.

Chorus

It is not so with the wicked;
they are like chaff which the wind blows away.
Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright
when judgment comes,
nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.
For the LORD knows the way of the righteous,
but the way of the wicked is doomed.

Chorus

THE EPISTLE

Philemon 1-21

Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother, To Philemon our dear friend and co-worker, to Apphia our sister, to Archippus our fellow soldier, and to the church in your house: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. When I remember you in my prayers, I always thank my God because I hear of your love for all the saints and your faith toward the Lord Jesus. I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective when you perceive all the good that we may do for Christ. I have indeed received much joy and encouragement from your love, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you, my brother. For this reason, though I am bold enough in Christ to command you to do your duty, yet I would rather appeal to you on the basis of love—and I, Paul, do this as an old man, and now also as a prisoner of Christ Jesus. I am appealing to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I have become during my imprisonment. Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful both to you and to me. I am sending him, that is, my own heart, back to you. I wanted to keep him with me, so that he might be of service to me in your place during my imprisonment for the gospel; but I preferred to do nothing without your consent, in order that your good deed might be voluntary and not something forced. Perhaps this is the reason he was separated from you for a while, so that you might have him back forever, no longer as a slave but more than a slave, a beloved brother—especially to me but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord. So if you consider me your partner, welcome him as you would welcome me. If he has wronged you in any way, or owes you anything, charge that to my account. I, Paul, am writing this with my own hand: I will repay it. I say nothing about your owing me even your own self. Yes, brother, let me have this benefit from you in the Lord! Refresh my heart in Christ. Confident of your obedience, I am writing to you, knowing that you

will do even more than I say.

The Word of the Lord.

People
All stand.

Thanks be to God.

THE SEQUENCE

Fairest Lord Jesus

THE GOSPEL

Luke 14:25-33

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

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Now large crowds were traveling with Jesus; and he turned and said to them, "Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, saying, 'This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.' Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? If he cannot, then, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions."

The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

THE SEQUENCE

Fairest Lord Jesus

THE SERMON

9 a.m.: Lauren Whitnah, PhD
Dean, Nashotah House

11:15 a.m.: The Rt Rev'd Anthony Poggo
Secretary General, The Anglican Communion

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 9 a.m. 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.



THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE OFFERTORY

The Minister begins the Offertory with a sentence of Scripture.

SONG

The Servant Song

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.

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

Know You Are Loved

SONG

In Christ Alone



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

In Christ Alone

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:
"Appearance of Christ"
Ivanka Demchuk

Coming Up This Week

FALL SUNDAY SCHOOLS | Sundays, at 10:20 a.m.

- *Called to Give*, with Bp. Greg Brewer (Memorial Chapel)
- *Read, Mark, Learn, & Inwardly Digest: Genesis*, with Dr. Stephen Bagby (Ed. Bldg, Room 115)

THIRD-FIFTH GRADE KICK-OFF

Sunday, 10:20–11:05 a.m. *Ed. Bldg, Rm 205*

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SAFE CHURCH TRAINING

Sunday, 12:30–2 p.m. *Ed. Bldg, Theater (downstairs)*

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WALKING THE MOURNER'S PATH

Sunday, 12:30–2 p.m. *Marmion Conf. Room*

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INCARNATION 101

Sunday, 12:30–2 p.m. *Ed. Bldg, Room 205*

Ben Hodges | bhodges@incarnation.org

CHORAL EVENSON RESUMES

Sunday, 5 p.m. *Main Church*

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BELIZE INFO MEETING

Monday, 6–7:30 p.m. *M & O Conf. Room*

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MOM TO MOM

Tuesday, 9:15–11:15 a.m. *Ed. Bldg., Room. 205*

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TUESDAY NOON BIBLE STUDY

Tuesday, 12–1:15 p.m. *Ed. Bldg., Room. 119*

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LECTIONARY CLASS

Wednesday, 7:30–8:30 a.m. *Ed. Bldg, Rm 115-116*

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WOMEN'S WEEKDAY BIBLE STUDY

Wednesday, 9:15–11:30 a.m. *Ed. Bldg., Room. 205*

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SQUARE ONE (NEW MOMS)

Thursday, 11–12:30 p.m. *Ed. Bldg, Balcony*

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ALPHA

Thursday, 6:30–8 p.m. *Welcome Center*

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Weekday Services

MORNING PRAYER & HOLY COMMUNION

Monday–Friday, 8:30 a.m., *Memorial Chapel*

HOLY EUCHARIST WITH HEALING

Wednesdays, 12 p.m., *Memorial Chapel*

Featured Opportunities



INCARNATION 101

TODAY, Sunday, September 7, Ed. Bldg. Room 205, 12:30–2 p.m.

If you're interested in exploring membership, or simply want a chance to hear more about what we're about, join us for this special lunch. More at incarnation.org/101



WALKING THE MOURNER'S PATH

TODAY, Sunday, September 7, 12:30–2 p.m. in the Marmion Conference Room

This a grief workshop is for those who have experienced a recent, or not so recent, loss of a loved one. Our faith-based curriculum is grounded in God's powerful promises. Join us today.



BELIZE INFO MEETING

Monday, September 8, from 6–7:30 p.m. M & O Conf. Room

Learn about our 2026 mission trip to Belize (February 24 – March 1). We'll share details about our projects, with a chance to sign up for the trip. Register at incarnation.org/belize



ALPHA

Thursdays, 6:30–8 p.m. Starts 9/11.

For those who are still curious about faith. Questions allowed. Join us for a meal, time to talk around a table, and explore faith. Details and register at incarnation.org/alpha

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