



The Eighteenth Sunday *after* Pentecost
September 27, 2026

WELCOME TO CHURCH OF THE INCARNATION!

We are so glad you are here and worshiping with us. If you are visiting, please fill out the card in the pew in front of you and place it in the offering plate, so we can get to know you. You're also invited to meet with a connection minister wearing a yellow lanyard in the Welcome Center who can get you plugged into the life of our parish.

today
SEPTEMBER 27



NURSERY

Infants – Age 3 • 8:45 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. • Education Building, 1st Floor

SUNDAY CLASSES: 10:20 – 11:05 AM

ADULTS

Living the Faith We Received: Our Anglican Identity

Led by The Rev. Parker Williams and
The Rev. Shawn Torres
Room 115 – 116

This 10-week course explores what it means to follow Jesus in the Episcopal tradition. This class is for those who are new to Christianity, preparing for Confirmation, or looking to deepen their faith.

The Life of David: 1-2 Samuel and Select Psalms

Led by Dr. Stephen Bagby
Room 205

Read, Mark, Learn, and Inwardly Digest.
In this 10-week study, we'll explore David's life and his place in the biblical story, while considering themes of sin, grace, courage, love, honor and shame—and the relationships that shaped him.

YOUNG ADULTS

Breakfast Club

Room 209
Join other young adults in their 20s and 30s for breakfast tacos, fellowship, and group study. Come build relationships and start your Sunday together!

EVENSONG MUSIC:

Voluntary: *Adagio in E*, Bridge
Responses: Howells
Psalm 118: 126–128: Howells, Gray, & Rose
Canticles: *Service in B-flat*, Stanford
Anthem: *The Spirit of the Lord*, Elgar

YOUTH

Confirmation: 6th Grade

Room 004, Basement

Confirmation is a way to publicly affirm our faith in God and make the commitment to serve our brothers and sisters in Christ. This class is for our 6th grade students and other youth who have not yet been confirmed.

God With Us: 7th – 12th Grade

Room 005, Basement

We'll explore what it means to know that God is with us—in our relationships, struggles, fears, joys, and everyday lives. Through Scripture, conversation, and reflection, we'll discover how God's presence shapes our faith and our lives.

CHILDREN

Little Disciples: PreK – 2nd Grade

2nd Floor, Education Building

Children will explore Bible stories and the Christian faith through Bible lesson, crafts, and activities that help children connect what they learn to their lives throughout the week.

Bible Drill: 3rd – 5th Grade

Room 026, Basement

Bible Drill is a fun, fast-paced way for kids to write Scripture on their hearts. Students will memorize Scripture and books of the Bible in fun and interactive ways.

First Communion: 2nd Grade and older

Begins January 10, 2027

Children and their parents learn together about the Eucharist and its importance in our life of faith through age-appropriate lessons and activities.

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

THE WORD OF GOD

SONG

There Is A Fountain

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

Come Ye Sinners

THE COLLECT

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And with your spirit.

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, you declare your almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity: Grant us the fullness of your grace, that we, running to obtain your promises, may become partakers of your heavenly treasure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

All are seated.

THE LESSONS

THE OLD TESTAMENT

Ezekiel 18:1-4,25-32

The word of the LORD came to me: What do you mean by repeating this proverb concerning the land of Israel, "The parents have eaten sour grapes, and the children's teeth are set on edge"? As I live, says the Lord GOD, this proverb shall no more be used by you in Israel. Know that all lives are mine; the life of the parent as well as the life of the child is mine: it is only the person who sins that shall die. Yet you say, "The way of the Lord is unfair." Hear now, O house of Israel: Is my way unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair? When the righteous turn away from their righteousness and commit iniquity, they shall die for it; for the iniquity that they have committed they shall die. Again, when the wicked turn away from the wickedness they have committed and do what is lawful and right, they shall save their life. Because they considered and turned away from all the transgressions that they had committed, they shall surely live; they shall not die. Yet the house of Israel says, "The way of the Lord is unfair." O house of Israel, are my ways unfair? Is

it not your ways that are unfair? Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, all of you according to your ways, says the Lord GOD. Repent and turn from all your transgressions; otherwise iniquity will be your ruin. Cast away from you all the transgressions that you have committed against me, and get yourselves a new heart and a new spirit! Why will you die, O house of Israel? For I have no pleasure in the death of anyone, says the Lord GOD. Turn, then, and live.

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

THE PSALM

Psalm 25:1-8

To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul;
my God, I put my trust in you;
let me not be humiliated,
nor let my enemies triumph over me.
Let none who look to you be put to shame;
let the treacherous be disappointed in their
schemes.
Show me your ways, O LORD,
and teach me your paths.
Lead me in your truth and teach me,
for you are the God of my salvation;
in you have I trusted all the day long.

Remember, O LORD, your compassion and love,
for they are from everlasting.
Remember not the sins of my youth and my
transgressions;
remember me according to your love
and for the sake of your goodness, O LORD.
Gracious and upright is the LORD;
therefore he teaches sinners in his way.
He guides the humble in doing right
and teaches his way to the lowly.

THE EPISTLE

Philippians 2:1-13

If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

All stand.

THE SEQUENCE

Veni Sancte Spiritus

THE GOSPEL

Matthew 21:23-32

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

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

When Jesus entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, "By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?" Jesus said to them, "I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?" And they argued with one another, "If we say, 'From heaven,' he will say to us, 'Why then did you not believe him?' But if we say, 'Of human origin,' we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet." So they answered Jesus, "We do not know." And he said to them, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things. "What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, 'Son, go and work in the vineyard today.' He answered, 'I will not'; but later he changed his mind and went. The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, 'I go, sir'; but he did not go. Which of the two did the will of his father?" They said, "The first." Jesus said to them, "Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him."

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

THE SEQUENCE

Veni Sancte Spiritus

THE SERMON

Fr Jordan Griesbeck

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.



THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE OFFERTORY

The Minister begins the Offertory with a sentence of Scripture.

SONG

Before The Throne Of God Above

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.

Hosanna in the highest!

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

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.

As an act of private devotion, the following prayer may be prayed

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.

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.

*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.*

SONG

He Will Hold Me Fast

SONG

Living Hope



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

There Is A Fountain

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

PRAY, CARE, & CONNECT

Morning Prayer & Holy Communion

Monday – Friday, 8:30 a.m.

Memorial Chapel

Holy Eucharist With Healing

Wednesday, 12 p.m.

Memorial Chapel

PRAY

Prayer Requests

Complete a gold-topped card in the pew in front of you and place it in the offering plate. Our clergy meet weekly to pray for each request.

Prayer During Communion

Prayer Ministers are ready to pray with you at the back of the church during communion.

Healing & Anointing

If you are 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.

Traditional: Low Altar after Communion

Contemporary: Altar Rail after the service.

Active-Duty Prayer List

To add a loved one to the active-duty prayer list, email the person's name and branch of service to Nanci Parkhurst at nparkhurst@incarnation.org.

PASTORAL CARE

Baptism

To request baptism, email baptism@incarnation.org.

Confirmation

To be confirmed at Incarnation, email the Rev. Jordan Griesbeck at jgriesbeck@incarnation.org.

Confession & Reconciliation

To schedule with any Incarnation priest, email Nanci Parkhurst at nparkhurst@incarnation.org.

Birth Announcements

Submit a birth announcement to Ashley Hensel at ahensel@incarnation.org.

Funeral Information

For funeral information, email Nanci Parkhurst at nparkhurst@incarnation.org.

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