



The Fourth Sunday of Easter
April 26, 2026

Welcome to Church of the Incarnation ✠

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. Find out more about our church and explore membership at Incarnation 101.

Email Ben: bhodes@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



YOUNG ADULTS

Join the GroupMe conversation to stay connected with the latest.

WEEKLY EMAIL

Sign up at incarnation.org/enews

Requesting Prayer

- 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: INFANTS-AGE 3

8:45 a.m.–12:30 p.m., *Ed. Bldg., First Floor*

CHILDREN'S CHAPEL: GRADES PRE-K-2

9 a.m. & 11:15 a.m., *Ed. Bldg., Second Floor*

SUNDAY SCHOOL: GRADES PRE-K-2

Sundays, 10:20 a.m., *Ed. Bldg., Second Floor*

SUNDAY SCHOOL: GRADES 3-5

Sundays, 10:20 a.m., *Ed. Bldg., Theater*

SUNDAY SCHOOL: GRADES 7-12

Sundays, 10:20 a.m., *Ed. Bldg., Youth Basement*

SIXTH GRADE CONFIRMATION

Sundays, 10:20 a.m., *Ed. Bldg., Room 004 (Basement)*

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

THE WORD OF GOD

SONG

Come Thou Fount Of Every Blessing

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

Celebrant ✠ Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People **The Lord is risen, indeed! Alleluia!**

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

In Christ Alone

THE COLLECTS

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And with your spirit.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, whose Son Jesus is the good shepherd of your people: Grant that when we hear his voice we may know him who calls us each by name, and follow where he leads; who, with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

All are seated.

THE LESSONS

THE FIRST LESSON

Acts 2:42-47

Those who had been baptized devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE PSALM

Psalm 23

Chorus

His love is my resting place

My Shepherd is kind and full of grace

The arms of my LORD are strong and safe

His love is my resting place

The LORD is my shepherd;

I shall not be in want.

He makes me lie down in green pastures
and leads me beside still waters.

He revives my soul

and guides me along right pathways for his
Name's sake.

Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of
death, I shall fear no evil;

for you are with me; your rod and your staff,
they comfort me.

You spread a table before me in the presence of
those who trouble me;

you have anointed my head with oil, and my cup
is running over.

Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all
the days of my life,

and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for
ever.

Chorus

THE SECOND LESSON

1 Peter 2:19-25

It is a credit to you if, being aware of God, you endure pain while suffering unjustly. If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, what credit is that? But if you endure when you do right and suffer for it, you have God's approval. For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps. "He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth." When he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did not threaten; but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly. He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

All stand.

THE SEQUENCE

Praise the Savior Now and Ever

THE GOSPEL

John 10:1-10

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

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

Jesus said, "Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know

the voice of strangers.” Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them. So again Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SEQUENCE

Praise the Savior Now and Ever

THE SERMON

Luke Miller

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

How Deep The Father's Love For Us

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. But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us 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, hosanna in the highest!
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest!

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

✠Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest!
Hosanna, 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

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

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

The King Of Love My Shepherd Is

SONG

We Will Feast In The House Of Zion

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 God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will,

working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; and the blessing of God Almighty, the ✠Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

SONG

Amen (African American Spiritual)

THE DISMISSAL

Deacon Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia!

People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!**

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.

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COVER ART
"Resurrection"
by Ivanka Demchuk

Coming Up This Week

EASTERTIDE SUNDAY SCHOOL | Sunday, April 26 at 10:20 a.m.

- *Read, Mark, Learn: Leviticus & Numbers*, with Dr. Stephen Bagby (Ed. Bldg, Rm. 205)

CHORAL EVENSONG & RECEPTION

Sunday, April 26, 5 p.m., *Church*
incarnation.org/evensong

BENEDICTINE SPIRITUALITY GROUPS

Sunday, April 26, 4 p.m.
Monday, April 27, 8:15 a.m. or 12p.m.
Tuesday, April 28, 6 p.m.
Ed. Bldg, Rm. 119
Betsey Fredericks | befred82@gmail.com

DIVORCE CARE MEETING

Monday, April 27, 6:45–8:15 p.m.
Executive Conference Room
Shannon Baynham | baynhamshannon@gmail.com

TUESDAY BIBLE STUDY

A Study on the Prophet Isaiah
Tuesday, April 28, 11–12:15 p.m.
Executive Conference Room
Dr. Krause | david@visionaryphilanthropy.com

BACH'S LUNCH

Bradley H. Welch, Organist, Dallas Symphony Orchestra
Tuesday, April 28, 12:15–1 p.m., *Church*
incarnation.com/concerts

LECTIONARY CLASS

Wednesday, April 29, 7:30–8:30 a.m.
Ed. Bldg, Rm. 115–116
Timothy Ralston | tralston@dts.edu

WOMEN'S WEEKDAY BIBLE STUDY

Wednesday, April 29, 9:15–11:30 a.m.
Ed. Bldg., Rm. 205
Sherri Minter | COTIBibleStudy@gmail.com

SQUARE ONE: FOR NEW MOMS

Thursday, April 30, 11 a.m.–12:30 p.m.
Ed. Bldg, Rm. 029
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WALKING THE MOURNER'S PATH

Thursday, April 30, 5–6:30 p.m.
Pastoral Care Office
Nanci Parkhurst | nparkhurst@incarnation.org

SPRING SPORTS PHYSICALS

Thursday, April 30, 3–5 p.m.
Friday, May 1, 3–5 p.m.
Welcome Center
Sabrina Steward | Ssteward@incarnation.org

Weekday Services

MORNING PRAYER & HOLY COMMUNION

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

HOLY EUCHARIST WITH HEALING

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



Use the QR code to make your 2026 Stewardship pledge today! You may also pledge or give online at Incarnation.org/giving, by mail, or by placing your completed card in the offering plate.



Featured Opportunities



SPRING SPORTS PHYSICALS: MEDICAL VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

April 30 & May 1 from 3–5 p.m. | Welcome Center

We are offering free sports physicals for uninsured or underinsured North Dallas student-athletes. If you are a medical professional, we invite you to volunteer. Email ssteward@incarnation.org



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Sign up by May 1 | Church of the Incarnation Campus

Ages 4+ experience interactive Bible stories, worship, games, and crafts while learning that Jesus is the Light of the World. June 1–4, from 9 a.m.–12 p.m. daily. incarnation.org/VBS2026



YFM: SENIOR BREAKFAST

Sunday, May 3 at 10:20 a.m. | Great Hall

Graduating seniors and their families are invited to a special breakfast honoring this milestone and celebrating their faith journeys. For more information, contact jcamp@incarnation.org



ADVENTURERS' OUTING

Saturday, May 9 | Offsite

Enjoy lunch and a tour of the Medal of Honor Museum in Arlington, Texas. Free for ages 55+. Register with Nanci by April 27: nparkhurst@incarnation.org



MOTHER'S DAY RECEPTION

Sunday, May 10 at 10:20–11:10 a.m. | Welcome Center

Bring mom and enjoy light bites, drinks, and a photo with your favorite mom as we celebrate the women who bless our lives.

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