



The Seventh Sunday *after* Pentecost
July 27, 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

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
On break until 8/10.

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

Nothing But The Blood

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

Lord, I Need You

THE COLLECT

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And with your spirit.

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: Increase and multiply upon us your mercy; that, with you as our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we lose not the things eternal; 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

Genesis 18:20–32

The LORD said to Abraham, "How great is the outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah and how very grave their sin! I must go down and see whether they have done altogether according to the outcry that has come to me; and if not, I will know." So the men turned from there, and went toward Sodom, while Abraham remained standing before the LORD. Then Abraham came near and said, "Will you indeed sweep away the righteous with the wicked? Suppose there are fifty righteous within the city; will you then sweep away the place and not forgive it for the fifty righteous who are in it? Far be it from you to do such a thing, to slay the righteous with the wicked, so that the righteous fare as the wicked! Far be that from you! Shall not the Judge of all the earth do what is just?" And the LORD said, "If I find at Sodom fifty righteous in the city, I will forgive the whole place for their sake." Abraham answered, "Let me take it upon myself to speak to the Lord, I who am but dust and ashes. Suppose five of the fifty righteous are

lacking? Will you destroy the whole city for lack of five?" And he said, "I will not destroy it if I find forty-five there." Again he spoke to him, "Suppose forty are found there." He answered, "For the sake of forty I will not do it." Then he said, "Oh do not let the Lord be angry if I speak. Suppose thirty are found there." He answered, "I will not do it, if I find thirty there." He said, "Let me take it upon myself to speak to the Lord. Suppose twenty are found there." He answered, "For the sake of twenty I will not destroy it." Then he said, "Oh do not let the Lord be angry if I speak just once more. Suppose ten are found there." He answered, "For the sake of ten I will not destroy it."

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

THE PSALM

Psalm 138

Chorus

*LORD, you always keep every vow you make,
So your promised love is my hope and thanks.*

I will give thanks to you, O LORD, with my whole heart;

before the gods I will sing your praise.

I will bow down toward your holy temple and praise your Name,

because of your love and faithfulness;

For you have glorified your Name

and your word above all things.

When I called, you answered me;

you increased my strength within me.

Chorus

All the kings of the earth will praise you, O LORD,
when they have heard the words of your mouth.

They will sing of the ways of the LORD,
that great is the glory of the LORD.

Though the LORD be high, he cares for the lowly;
he perceives the haughty from afar.

Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you keep me safe;

you stretch forth your hand against the fury of
my enemies; your right hand shall save me.

The LORD will make good his purpose for me;

O LORD, your love endures for ever; do not
abandon the works of your hands.

Chorus

THE EPISTLE

Colossians 2:6–19

As you have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to live your lives in him, rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving. See to it that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the universe, and not according to Christ. For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, and you have come to fullness in him, who is the head of every ruler and authority. In him also you were circumcised with a spiritual circumcision, by putting off the body of the flesh in the circumcision of Christ; when you were buried with him in baptism, you were also raised with him through faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead. And when you were dead in trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive together with him, when he forgave us all our trespasses, erasing the record that stood against us with its legal demands. He set this aside, nailing it to the cross. He disarmed the rulers and authorities and made a public example of them, triumphing

over them in it. Therefore do not let anyone condemn you in matters of food and drink or of observing festivals, new moons, or sabbaths. These are only a shadow of what is to come, but the substance belongs to Christ. Do not let anyone disqualify you, insisting on self-abasement and worship of angels, dwelling on visions, puffed up without cause by a human way of thinking, and not holding fast to the head, from whom the whole body, nourished and held together by its ligaments and sinews, grows with a growth that is from God.

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

All stand.

THE SEQUENCE

Veni Sancte Spiritus

THE GOSPEL

Luke 11:1–13

Deacon

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

People

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples." He said to them, "When you pray, say: Father, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come. Give us each day our daily bread. And forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us. And do not bring us to the time of trial." And he said to them, "Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, 'Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him.' And he answers from within, 'Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything.' I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs. So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for a fish, will give a snake instead of a fish? Or if the child asks for an egg, will give a scorpion? If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask 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

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, 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

Wonderful, Merciful Savior

SONG

A Mighty Fortress is Our God

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

A Mighty Fortress is Our God

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

SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE

Month of July

Sabrina Steward | [ssteward@incarnation.org](mailto:sseward@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](mailto:sseward@incarnation.org)

CENTERING PRAYER

Thursday, 8:45 a.m. or 12 p.m. *Online*

Nedah Rose | nedah.rose@gmail.com

BACK TO SCHOOL FAIR

Saturday, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. *Off-site*

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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*

A Prayer for the Mission of the Church

Everliving God, whose will it is that all should come to you through your Son Jesus Christ: Inspire our witness to him, that all may know the power of his forgiveness and the hope of his resurrection; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

(BCP, Prayers, #8)

Featured Opportunities



BACK TO SCHOOL FAIR

Saturday, August 2, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Once again Pilgrim Rest and Incarnation have partnered to provide school resources for children in Roseland. The fair will include sports physicals, enrollment assistance, backpacks with supplies, food boxes, and more! We need your donations to fill 300 backpacks, and we need volunteers to serve on August 2. More at incarnation.org/back-to-school

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

Sunday, August 10

Students of all ages are invited to bring their backpacks to the service. We will have a special time to come forward and pray for the new year. Backpack tags will be available, too!

RALLY DAY!

Sunday, August 17, 10–11 a.m.

Get ready to kick off the new school year with a party! We'll have bounce houses, food, and a chance to swap stories about all the ways you've seen God at work this past summer. Invite friends and enjoy time with your church family.

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