

THE LORD, IS MY LIGHT AND MY SALVATION; WHOM SHALL I FEAR?  
THE LORD IS THE STRONGHOLD OF MY LIFE; OF WHOM SHALL I BE AFRAID?  
PSALM 27:1



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INCARNATION

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# *Welcome To* *The* **CHURCH** *of the* **INCARNATION**

*To all who are spiritually weary and desire rest,*

*To all who are mourning and long for comfort,*

*To all who struggle and desire victory,*

*To all who sin and need a Savior,*

*To all who are hungry and thirst for righteousness,*

*And to whomever will come,*

*This church opens her doors,*

*Offering welcome in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.*

# ENTERING GOD'S PRESENCE

*God calls us out of the world and welcomes us into his presence.  
Opening our hearts to him in love, we respond by confessing our  
sins, receiving his forgiveness, and fully devoting our lives to him in  
praise and adoration.*

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*Congregational responses are indicated in **boldface**.*

*Please stand.*

## THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

Blessed be God: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.  
**And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

## SPEAK O LORD

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Speak O Lord as we come to you  
To receive the food of your holy word  
Take your truth plant it deep in us  
Shape and fashion us in your likeness  
That the light of Christ might be seen today  
In our acts of love and our deeds of faith  
Speak O Lord and fulfill in us  
All your purposes for your glory

Teach us Lord full obedience  
Holy reverence true humility  
Test our thoughts and our attitudes  
In the radiance of your purity  
Cause our faith to rise cause our eyes to see  
Your majestic love and authority  
Words of power that can never fail  
Let their truth prevail over unbelief

Speak O Lord and renew our minds  
Help us grasp the heights of your plans for us  
Truths unchanged from the dawn of time  
That will echo down through eternity  
And by grace we'll stand on your promises  
And by faith we'll walk as you walk with us  
Speak O Lord till your church is built  
And the earth is filled with your glory

## PRAYER FOR PURITY

Let us pray.

***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.***

## THE SUMMARY OF THE LAW

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\*When we confess our sins to God we are not groveling in guilt; we are dealing with our guilt. If we deny our sins, we will never be free from them.

## THE CONFESSION OF SIN\*

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*If you're able please kneel and silently confess your sins against God and your neighbor.*

Almighty 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.***

\*Only God can forgive sins. In announcing God's forgiveness, pastors obey Christ's command to his ministers to pronounce Christ's forgiveness on his behalf (John 20:23).

## THE ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS\*

Almighty God our heavenly Father, who in his great mercy has promised forgiveness of sins to all those who sincerely repent and with true faith turn to him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Please stand.*

## THE PSALM

Lord, open our lips.

<sup>o</sup>Psalm 51:15

***And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.<sup>o</sup>***

The earth is the Lord's for he made it:

***O come, let us adore him.***

\*When LORD is printed in small capital letters, it is the personal name for the one true God, the creator of heaven and earth and all things. In the original language it was likely pronounced yahweh.

Psalm 27:1 The LORD\*, is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?

The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

***<sup>2</sup> When evildoers assail me to eat up my flesh, my adversaries and foes, it is they who stumble and fall.***

<sup>3</sup> Though an army encamp against me, my heart shall not fear;  
though war arise against me, yet I will be confident.

***<sup>4</sup> One thing have I asked of the LORD, that will I seek after:  
that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life,  
to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD and to inquire in his temple.***

<sup>5</sup> For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of trouble;  
he will conceal me under the cover of his tent;  
he will lift me high upon a rock.

***<sup>6</sup> And now my head shall be lifted up above my enemies all around me,  
and I will offer in his tent sacrifices with shouts of joy;  
I will sing and make melody to the Lord.***

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,  
and to the Holy Spirit.

***As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end, Amen.***

The earth is the Lord's for he made it:

***O come, let us adore him.***

\*Since God first gathered a people to himself, a fundamental part of public worship has been that his people pray together. In the presence of God, we ask for ourselves and on behalf of others those things that are necessary for our life and salvation.

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY\*

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray.

**Almighty God, give us the increase of faith, hope, and love; and that we may obtain what you have promised, make us love what you command; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

## HEARING GOD'S WORD

*We encounter our risen Lord in Scripture. As a people defined by God's Word, we respond to God through confession of faith, corporate prayer, and a demonstration of our reconciliation with one another in passing the peace of Christ.*

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### **JEREMIAH 1:4-10**

*After the Scripture is read:*

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **ACTS 4:1-22**

*After the Scripture is read:*

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **MATTHEW 10:16-22**

*Before the Scripture is read:*

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

**Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

*After the Scripture is read:*

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

*Please be seated.*

## THE SERMON

*Please stand.*

\*The Nicene Creed has been prayed and recited since AD 325. It is the most widely used encapsulation of the essential and unifying beliefs of Christianity.

## 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.***

\*Catholic here means that every local church founded on the gospel is part of the one universal church founded by God through Jesus Christ in the power of the Holy Spirit.

\*We close by praying together for the mission of the Church.

## THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE\*

*The leader will invite us to pray.*

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*At the end of each petition:*

*Lord in your mercy:*

***Hear our prayer.***

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***Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time, with one accord to make our common supplications to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will grant their requests: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. Amen.***

\*This ancient tradition is rooted in Luke 24:36-49. In these words we hear the promise that the dark side of life in the world and in us will not prevail. The power of the evil one has been overcome.

## **THE PEACE\***

The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
***And also with you.***

Let us greet one another in the name of our Lord.

Greet those around you with some version of these words:  
“The peace of Christ be with you.”

Parents pick up infants and toddlers from upstairs at this time.

*Please be seated.*

## **THE OFFERING**

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## **KING OF GRACE**

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Father Son and Holy Spirit

Present at creation

Spoke the breath of life

Jesus Living Word became flesh

Brought to us his kingdom

Breaking in the light

Oh what love is this

The King of Grace he gives

His one and only Son for those he loves

See what love this is

The King of Grace he gives

His life for those he loves

that we might become children of God

From his fullness we have received

Grace upon grace freely

Reconciled redeemed

Blessed are those who have not seen

Yet in his name believe

Find everlasting life



Please stand.

## **BLESS THIS OFFERING, O LORD**

*Words and Music: Unknown.*

Bless this offering O Lord  
And let it multiply within your hands  
Feed the hungry with the bread of life  
And let us see your mercies  
A taste of things in store  
We offer up this sacrifice to you O Lord

## **CELEBRATING THE LORD'S SUPPER**

*God welcomes his people to feast at his table. This meal, a means of grace for all who receive by faith, is a rehearsal of the central act of the Christian faith: Christ's death on the cross — his body broken and his blood shed as a sacrifice for our sins.*

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## **THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

The Lord be with you.

***And also with you.***

Lift up your hearts.

***We lift them up to the Lord.***

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God:

***It is right to give him thanks and praise.***

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***Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might  
Heaven and earth are filled with your glory  
Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord***

***Hosanna\*, hosanna, in the highest  
Hosanna, hosanna, in the highest***

***Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might  
Heaven and earth are filled with your glory***

\*Hosanna is a Hebrew word that carries a twofold meaning: to praise Jesus as the Son of God sent to save us and to cry out to Jesus for that salvation.

## **THE PRAYER OF CONSECRATION**

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Therefore, we proclaim the mystery of faith.

***Christ has died.***

***Christ is risen.***

***Christ will come again.***

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

***Our Father, who is in heaven,  
hallowed be your Name.  
Your kingdom come, your will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread,  
and forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those who sin against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For yours is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
forever and ever. Amen.***

### **LAMB OF GOD (AGNUS DEI)**

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Lamb of God you take away  
The sins of the world  
Have mercy on us

Lamb of God you take away  
The sins of the world  
Have mercy on us

Lamb of God you take away  
The sins of the world  
Grant us peace

\*If you desire prayer  
for any reason,  
eucharistic prayer  
ministers are ready  
to pray with you  
in the lobby while  
communion is being  
served.

### **THE DISTRIBUTION\***

All baptized Christians who come with faith in Christ and repentance for sin are welcome to share in this feast. If for any reason you would prefer to abstain, cross your arms over your chest, and one of the servers will pray a blessing for you.

Come forward to receive communion row by row. If you do not wish to drink from the common cup, take a small cup at the front of the aisle as you go forward. When arriving at the front of the communion line, place your hands in front of you to receive a piece of bread, and consume it. After receiving the bread, proceed to the first server to take a drink from the common cup (please do not dip your bread) or to the second server with your plastic cup to receive a pour of wine. Grape juice is available at the far right station and is available poured only.

## ALL CREATURES OF OUR GOD AND KING

*Words by St. Francis of Assisi, Arr. David Crowder*

\*Alleluia, sometimes spelled *hallelujah*, is a Hebrew command to praise God. To say or sing this word is to command those around you to praise God.

All creatures of our God and King  
Lift up your voice and with us sing  
O praise him alleluia\*  
Thou burning sun with golden beam  
Thou silver moon with softer gleam  
O praise him, O praise him  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia

Thou rushing wind that art so strong  
Ye clouds that sail in heav'n along  
O praise him alleluia  
Thou rising moon in praise rejoice  
Ye lights of evening find a voice  
O praise him, O praise him  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia

Let all things their Creator bless  
And worship him in humbleness  
O praise him alleluia  
Praise, praise the Father praise the Son  
And praise the Spirit three in one  
O praise him, O praise him  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia

## ONLY A HOLY GOD

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Who else commands all the hosts of heaven  
Who else could make every king bow down  
Who else can whisper and darkness trembles  
Only a Holy God

What other beauty demands such praises  
What other splendour outshines the sun  
What other majesty rules with justice  
Only a Holy God

Come and behold him  
The One and the Only  
Cry out sing holy  
Forever a Holy God  
Come and worship the Holy God

What other glory consumes like fire  
What other power can raise the dead

What other name remains undefeated  
Only a Holy God

Who else could rescue me from my failing  
Who else would offer his only Son  
Who else invites me to call him Father  
Only a Holy God  
Only my Holy God

## **BE MY GUIDE**

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Be my guide God of Abraham  
Lead me by your hand  
You are strong and wise  
I want to trust in you and in all I do  
Bring you honor and praise

How I love you  
Great and mighty King  
You are faithful  
Through the ages you never change

Be my Guide in the dark of night  
Set all fear to flight  
You are Hope and Truth  
I want to trust in you and in all I do  
Bring you honor and praise

Be my guide for the road ahead  
And should I feel misled  
You are just and good  
I want to trust in you and in all I do  
Bring you honor and praise

## **THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

***Heavenly Father,***

***We thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food  
of the most precious Body and Blood  
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;  
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries  
that we are living members of the body of your Son,  
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.***

***And now, Father, send us out to do the work you  
have given us to do, to love and serve you  
as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.***

***To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,  
be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.***

*Please be seated.*

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **THE BLESSING AND COMMISSIONING**

*Please stand.*

All our problems:

***We send to the cross of Christ!***

All our difficulties:

***We send to the cross of Christ!***

All the devil's works:

***We send to the cross of Christ!***

All our hopes:

***We set on the risen Christ!***

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Let us go forth into the world, knowing Christ and making him known.

***Thanks be to God.***

*There is no children's programming for ages 4-12 during the summer.  
Children's programming will resume on August 24.*

### **CHILDREN'S MINISTRY**

All children's ministry is staffed by trained and screened volunteers.

**Nursery:** Also open for parents/caretakers and infants, anytime during the service for nursing or fussy babies. Located upstairs, midway down the hall to your left. Available throughout the service. You can bring your child prior to the service. Pickup at the Peace.

**Toddler Room:** For steady walkers up to 3 years old. Located upstairs; last classroom on the right. Check-in located outside the classroom. You can bring your child prior to the service. Pickup at the Peace.

# NEWS AND EVENTS

## Fall Kick-off Party

Let's launch the new semester with an all church picnic at Morrison Park on **August 24 from 5-7pm!** Morrison Park features a pickleball complex, basketball court, picnic shelter, large playground area, and restrooms. Parking is available on the street and at Waterman Elementary School. Bring lawn chairs, blankets, outdoor games and food for your household plus a few friends!

- Last names A-M: bring a main dish and a side
- Last names N-Z: bring a main dish and dessert

## Arts Incarnate Artist Reception

Grace Little and Cassie Martin have new art in the Atrium Gallery and Noemi Salome's watercolor art is displayed in the Sanctuary Gallery. Come meet the artists on **Friday, August 15 from 6-8pm.** Light refreshments will be provided.

## Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Formation Course

We are partnering with Church of the Lamb to host a Level One Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Formation course this year! The course will be held in our building and run four extended weekends from 2025-2026. Please reach out to Susannah\* by **August 31st** if you are interested in learning more or attending.

## Missions Conference

A group from Church of the Incarnation plans to attend the New Wineskins 2025 Hope for the Nations Global Mission Conference on **September 17-20.** For more information or to register go to [newwineskinsconference.org](http://newwineskinsconference.org) or scan the QR code.



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**CONNECT**

## Connect with Us!

Connect with us! If you are new to Incarnation, please take a moment to scan the QR code or fill out a paper form at the sanctuary side exits. We'd love to get to know you!

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

**Aug 15** Arts Incarnate Artist Reception

**Aug 24** College and Young Adults Lunch

**Aug 24** Fall Kick-off Party



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CALENDAR**

*\* Staff email addresses can be found on the back cover of the worship guide.*

# *The* **CHURCH** *of the* **INCARNATION**

*seeks the glory of God and the good of the city  
through the gospel of Jesus Christ.*

## **Gospel**

We gather around the magnetic center of Jesus Christ. Through his life, death, and resurrection, God's kingdom has arrived on earth to renew all things—our relationship with God, ourselves, others, and the world.

## **Personal Transformation**

We help people to respond in faith to the new reality that the Kingdom of God has arrived in Jesus and to learn the practices of spiritual formation: renewing minds, reordering priorities, reshaping habits, and redirecting work.

## **Community Formation**

We live with one another as a community of friends—across generational, ethnic, and cultural lines—extending personal care to one another.

## **Public Faith**

In being honest and transparent about our faith, we endeavor to be relationally winsome, accessible, respectful, humble, and loving, even when it requires courage for us to announce the gospel.

## **City Vision**

With all the resources of our faith and life, we work sacrificially with others to build a great, flourishing city for all people.

## **Mercy and Justice**

We seek to protect the weak and vulnerable, to take up their injustice, and to show compassion while also seeking remedies for structural evil and institutional injustice.

## **Cultural Renewal**

We equip people in their various vocations to enter into culture as faithful stewards of the world because we share in God's yearning for all of culture to be redeemed and renewed.

## **Church Planting**

We use resources that God has given us to start and support new churches because the local church is the primary agent of God's kingdom.

## **Gospel Movement**

We want to be a catalyst for a movement of the gospel in our city and region that is a dynamic set of interactive relationships among gospel-centered churches, a variety of specialist ministries, and many other institutions, non-profits, organizations, and companies that are united by a common vision and a spirit of cooperation.



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