

OH SING TO THE LORD A NEW SONG,
FOR HE HAS DONE MARVELOUS THINGS!
PSALM 98:1



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THE CHURCH OF THE
INCARNATION

11TH SUNDAY
AFTER TRINITY
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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.*

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.

COME AWAY FROM RUSH AND HURRY

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Come away from rush and hurry
To the stillness of God's peace
From our vain ambition's worry
Come to Christ and find release
Come away from noise and clamor
Life's demands and frenzied pace
Come to join the people gathered
Here to seek and find God's face

In the pastures of God's goodness
We lie down to rest our souls
From the waters of his mercy
We drink deeply are made whole
At the table of his presence
All his saints are richly fed
With the oil of his anointing
Into service we are led

Come then children with your burdens
Life's confusions fears and pain
Leave them at the cross of Jesus
Take instead his kingdom's reign
Bring your thirsts for he will quench them
He alone will satisfy
All our longings find attainment
When to self we gladly die

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*

. . .

Please stand.

THE PSALM

Lord, open our lips.

And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.^o

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

O come, let us adore him.

^oPsalms 98:1 Oh sing to the LORD* a new song,
for he has done marvelous things!

His right hand and his holy arm
have worked salvation for 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.

**² The LORD has made known his salvation;
he has revealed his righteousness
in the sight of the nations.**

³ He has remembered his steadfast love and
faithfulness to the house of Israel

**All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation
of our God.**

⁴ Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth;
break forth into joyous song and sing praises!

**⁵ Sing praises to the LORD with the lyre,
with the lyre and the sound of melody!**

⁶ With trumpets and the sound of the horn
make a joyful noise before the King, the LORD!

**⁷ Let the sea roar, and all that fills it;
the world and those who dwell in it!**

⁸ Let the rivers clap their hands;
let the hills sing for joy together

⁹ before the LORD, for he comes to judge the earth.

**He will judge the world with righteousness,
and the peoples with equity.**

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.

**O Lord God, we pray that your grace may
always precede and follow after us, that we may
continually be given to good works; 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.

ISAIAH 2:1-4

After the Scripture is read:

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ACTS 10:1-8, 23-35, 44-48

After the Scripture is read:

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

MATTHEW 28:16-20

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*

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

*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.

**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.

At the end of each petition:

Lord in your mercy:

Hear our prayer.

. . .

**O God and Father of all, whom the whole heavens
adore: Let the whole earth also worship you, all
nations obey you, all tongues confess and bless you,
and men, women, and children everywhere love you
and serve you in peace; through Jesus Christ our
Lord. Amen.**

THE PEACE*

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

Greet those around you with some version of these words:

"The peace of Christ be with you."

Parents pick up infants to 9 year-olds from upstairs at this time.

Please be seated.

*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 OFFERING

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DRAW US IN THE SPIRIT'S TETHER

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Draw us in the Spirit's tether
For when humbly in thy name
Two or three are met together
Thou art in the midst of them
Alleluia, Alleluia
Touch we now thy garment's hem

As the brethren used to gather
In the name of Christ to sup
Then with thanks to God the Father
Break the bread and bless the cup
Alleluia, Alleluia
So knit thou our friendship up

All our meals and all our living
Make as sacraments of thee
That by caring helping giving
We may true disciples be
Alleluia, Alleluia
We will serve thee faithfully

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.

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.

. . .

**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

. . .

Therefore, we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

. . .

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.

A MIGHTY FORTRESS IS OUR GOD

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A mighty fortress is our God a bulwark never failing
Our helper he amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing
For still our ancient foe doth seek to work us woe
His craft and power are great and armed with cruel hate
On earth is not his equal

*The name Sabaoth comes from Hebrew for "that which goes forth" and for "armies" or "hosts." It declares God's reign over heaven and earth and over all armies, earthly and spiritual.

Did we in our own strength confide
Our striving would be losing
Were not the right man on our side
The man of God's own choosing
Dost ask who that may be Christ Jesus it is he
Lord Sabaoth* his name, from age to age the same
And he must win the battle

And though this world with devils filled
Should threaten to undo us
We will not fear for God hath willed
His truth to triumph through us
The prince of darkness grim we tremble not for him
His rage we can endure for lo his doom is sure
One little word shall fell him

That Word above all earthly powers
No thanks to them abideth
The Spirit and the gifts are ours
Through him who with us sideth
Let goods and kindred go this mortal life also
The body they may kill God's truth abideth still
His kingdom is forever

HOW DEEP THE FATHER'S LOVE FOR US

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How deep the Father's love for us
How vast beyond all measure
That he should give his only Son
To make a wretch his treasure
How great the pain of searing loss
The Father turns his face away
As wounds which mar the chosen One
Bring many sons to glory

Behold the man upon the cross
My sin upon his shoulders
Ashamed I hear my mocking voice
Call out among the scoffers
It was my sin that held him there
Until it was accomplished
His dying breath has brought me life
I know that it is finished

I will not boast in anything
No gifts, no power, no wisdom
But I will boast in Jesus Christ
His death and resurrection
Why should I gain from his reward
I cannot give an answer
But this I know with all my heart
His wounds have paid my ransom

ETERNAL WEIGHT OF GLORY

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Now the days and hours and moments
Of our suffering seem so long
And the toilsome wait and wondering
Threaten silence to our song
Now our pain is real and pressing
Where our faith is thin and weak
But our hope is set on Jesus
And we cling to him our strength

Oh eternal weight of glory
Oh inheritance divine
We will see our Lord redeeming
Every past and future time
All our pains will be transfigured
Like the scars of Christ our Lord
We will see the weight of glory
And our broken years restored

For behold I tell a mystery
At the trumpet sound we'll wake
Death is swallowed up in victory
When we meet our King of grace
Every year we thought was wasted
Every night we cried how long
All will be a passing moment
In our Savior's victory song

We will see our wounded Savior
We'll behold him face to face
And we'll hear our anguished stories
Sung as victory songs of grace

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!

. . .

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

Thanks be to God.

NEWS AND EVENTS

Today we will collect a special offering for the **Rector's Discretionary Fund** during the announcements. This fund is solely to meet the physical and financial needs of people in our church and community.

During September, we encourage everyone to wear **name tags**. Name tags will be available in the lobby prior to entering the sanctuary. Children will receive printed name tags at the designated check-in area upstairs.

Arts Incarnate will host a First Friday Art Gallery Opening on **September 5, from 5-7pm** featuring a series of photos of telephone poles taken directly onto metal plates by Jeremy Starn. Light refreshments will be provided.

Newcomers and visitors are warmly invited to a **Welcome Lunch on Sunday September 7, at 12:15pm**. It is held upstairs after the second service. You can meet one of the pastors and other newcomers, ask questions and enjoy a delicious meal. No RSVP required.

Youth Ministry will meet this Wednesday, September 3, 6-8pm at the church. Email Wilson for more information.

Our new **College Connect Program** will match college students and young adults with Incarnation households for friendship, hospitality, and discipleship. If you are interested in participating or just want to know more, please scan the QR code, fill out the form, and we'll get in touch with information and next steps.



**COLLEGE
CONNECT**



**CAREPORTAL
INFO**

CarePortal is now launched in Harrisonburg! CarePortal makes it easy to meet the tangible needs of vulnerable children and families in the foster care system in our community. It bridges the gap between the Department of Social Services (DSS), local churches, and individuals by sending out requests on an online platform to be fulfilled by church members or small groups. Scan the QR code to learn more.

Fall Women's Bible Studies will begin in September. Go to our website for more information!

- Tuesdays beginning on September 2 from 6:30-8:00pm at the church
- Thursdays beginning on September 18 from 12-1pm at the church

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

Director of Operations Assistant - New position Scan QR code to read details about the job opening and how to apply.



**JOB
DESCRIPTION**

College and Young Adults’ Lunch will be held on **Sep 14, 12:15(ish)**. Gather for BBQ, s’mores, friendship, and a cornhole tournament at the Breaults’ home: **1056 S Dogwood Drive**.



CONNECT

Connect with us! If you are new to Incarnation, please take a moment to scan the QR code. We’d love to get to know you!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- Aug 31** Rector’s Discretionary Fund offering
- Sep 3** Youth Ministry resumes
- Sep 5** Arts Incarnate Gallery Opening
- Sep 7** Welcome Lunch
- Sep 7** Small Group Leaders’ Lunch
- Sep 14** College & Young Adults’ Lunch
- Sep 17-20** New Wineskins Conference



**COTI
CALENDAR**

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.

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

3–6 years: Atrium **Level 1**. Parents drop kids off upstairs; check in outside the classrooms before the service begins. Pickup at the Peace.

6–9 years: Atrium **Level 2**. Parents drop kids off upstairs; check in outside the classrooms before service begins. Pickup at the Peace.

9–12 years: New City Catechism. After the Collect, children will be dismissed to their class upstairs. Prior to the Lord’s Supper, they will return to the service.



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