

LORD, YOU HAVE BEEN OUR DWELLING PLACE
IN ALL GENERATIONS.
PSALM 90:1



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THE CHURCH OF THE
INCARNATION

14TH SUNDAY
AFTER TRINITY
SEPTEMBER 21, 2025

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.

HOLY SPIRIT, LIVING BREATH OF GOD

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Holy Spirit living Breath of God
Breathe new life into my willing soul
Bring the presence of the risen Lord
To renew my heart and make me whole
Cause your word to come alive in me
Give me faith for what I cannot see
Give me passion for your purity
Holy Spirit breathe new life in me

Holy Spirit come abide within
May your joy be seen in all I do
Love enough to cover every sin
In each thought and deed and attitude
Kindness to the greatest and the least
Gentleness that sows the path of peace
Turn my strivings into works of grace
Breath of God show Christ in all I do

Holy Spirit from creation's birth
Giving life to all that God has made
Show your power once again on earth
Cause your church to hunger for your ways
Let the fragrance of our prayers arise
Lead us on the road of sacrifice
That in unity the face of Christ
May be clear for all the world to see

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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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).

°Psalms 51:15

*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.

THE ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS*

. . .

Please stand.

THE PSALM

Lord, open our lips.

And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.°

The mercy of the Lord is everlasting:

O come, let us adore him.

Psalms 90:1 LORD*, you have been our dwelling place in all generations.

2 Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever you had formed the earth and the world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God.

³ You return man to dust and say, "Return, O children of man!"

**⁴ For a thousand years in your sight
are but as yesterday when it is past,
or as a watch in the night.**

⁵ You sweep them away as with a flood;
they are like a dream, like grass that is renewed in the morning:

**⁶ in the morning it flourishes and is renewed;
in the evening it fades and withers.**

⁷ For we are brought to an end by your anger;
by your wrath we are dismayed.

**⁸ You have set our iniquities before you,
our secret sins in the light of your presence.**

⁹ For all our days pass away under your wrath;
we bring our years to an end like a sigh.

**¹⁰ The years of our life are seventy, or even
by reason of strength eighty;
yet their span is but toil and trouble; they are
soon gone,
and we fly away.**

¹¹ Who considers the power of your anger,
and your wrath according to the fear of you?

**¹² So teach us to number our days
that we may get a heart of wisdom.**

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 mercy of the Lord is everlasting:

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, you have taught us that without love, all
our deeds are worth nothings: Send your Holy
Spirit and pour into our hearts that most excellent
gift of charity, the true bond of peace and of all**

virtues, without which whoever lives is counted dead before you; grant this for the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Children ages 9–12 are dismissed for Children's Ministry.
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.

ECCLESIASTES 3:1-22

After the Scripture is read:

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

2 PETER 3:8-13

After the Scripture is read:

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

MARK 13:32-37

Before the Scripture is read:

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

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**

*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.

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.

MISSIONS MOMENT*

. . .

O God, you have made of one blood all the peoples of the earth, and sent your blessed Son to preach peace to those who are far off and to those who are near: Grant that people everywhere may seek after you and find you; bring the nations into your fold; pour out your Spirit upon all flesh; and hasten the coming of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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.

*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.

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.

THE OFFERING

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BE THOU MY VISION

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Be thou my vision O Lord of my heart
Naught be all else to me save that thou art
Thou my best thought by day or by night
Waking or sleeping thy presence my light

Be thou my wisdom be thou my true word
I ever with thee and thou with me Lord
Thou my great Father I thy true son
Thou in me dwelling and I with thee one

Riches I heed not nor man's empty praise
Thou mine inheritance now and always
Thou and thou only but first in my heart
High king of heaven my treasure thou art

High king of heaven my victory won
May I reach heaven's joys O bright heaven's Sun
Heart of my own heart whatever befall
Still be my vision O ruler of all

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.

Gluten-free option
is available upon
request.

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.

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY (NICAEA)

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Holy, holy, holy
Lord God Almighty
Early in the morning
Our song shall rise to thee
Holy, holy, holy
Merciful and mighty
God in three persons
Blessed Trinity
Holy, holy, holy
All the saints adore thee

Casting down their golden crowns
Around the glassy sea
Cherubim and seraphim
Falling down before thee
Who wert and art
And evermore shalt be

Holy, holy, holy
Though the darkness hide thee
Though the eye of sinful man
Thy glory may not see
Only thou art holy
There is none beside thee
Perfect in power
In love and purity

Holy, holy, holy
Lord God Almighty
All thy works shall praise thy name
In earth and sky and sea
Holy, holy, holy
Merciful and mighty
God in three persons
Blessed Trinity

WE LABOR UNTO GLORY

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My God, my God where e'er I go, glory
Where I reap and where I sow, glory
When my hand it grips the thorn, glory
In the still and in the storm, glory, glory

Oh we labor unto glory
'Til heaven and earth are one
Oh we labor unto glory
Until God's kingdom comes

The sun it shines and then goes down, glory
Rain it pours and beats the ground, glory
Dust it blows and ends my days, glory
Hearts they burn beneath your gaze, glory, glory

My heart my hands they're kingdom bound, glory
Where thorns no longer curse the ground, glory
Trim the wick and light the flame, glory
My work it will not be in vain, glory, glory

SURELY

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Surely it is God who saves us
Surely it is God who saves us
Trust the Lord don't be afraid
He's lifting us up

With joy, with joy
We will draw water from the well
We will draw water from the well of salvation

With joy, with joy
He will set a table for us all
Pourin' the wine now let it flow in celebration

And we'll fly, we'll fly
Through the morning and the night
Through the darkness and the light to salvation

And we'll fly, we'll fly
When he makes our darkness bright
Where the bridegroom meets the bride in celebration

Lift up your hearts, lift up your hearts
Lift up your hearts in celebration
Lift up your hearts, lift up your hearts
Lift up your hearts in celebration
We will lift them up to the Lord
We will lift them up to the Lord
We will lift them up in celebration

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. Alleluia!

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.

NEWS AND EVENTS

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!

Our 5-week **Essentials Course** covers essential topics in the Christian faith and practice is for anyone who is new and wants to learn more about our church, is interested in becoming a member, or wants to learn more about the Christian faith. We will gather **each Wednesday of October from 6:00-8:30pm**. Dinner and childcare will be provided. Registration is required. Scan the QR code to sign up!

Parish Council Nominations: The Parish Council supports the Rector, oversees finances, and broadens lay leadership at Incarnation. Members must show Christian character, maturity, and generosity, and meet diocesan requirements for vestry members. Confidential name suggestions for consideration may be sent to People's Warden Nell-Marie Colman (peopleswarden@theincarnation.org) by **October 3, 2025**.

On **October 2, 7-8:30 pm, Pax Dei for Nuba** invites you to an evening of deserts, fellowship, and stories from Sudan's Nuba Mountains. This will be held in the church sanctuary. Bishop Andudu will provide updates on the church in Sudan. You will also have a chance to meet our new Executive Director, Rev. Jared Wensyel. **Please scan this QR code to RSVP** and let us know if you will be able to join us. If you have any questions, email Jared at jared@sudanchurchpartners.org.

Our new **GenConnect** 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.

Help bring more students to Booyah! All proceeds from our **Youth Fam Fundraiser** will go toward scholarships for overnight trips for Youth Fam students and families. Fill out this form to skip the line and order a T-Shirt, Hoodie, or Sticker (designed by Youth Fam grad, Izzy Matter). Orders will be taken through September 28th. Contact **youthfam@theincarnation.org** with any questions.



CONNECT



ESSENTIALS
SIGNUP



PAX DEI
RSVP



GENCONNECT



YOUTH
FUNDRAISER

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

Youth Ministry will not meet this week. Email Wilson* for more information.

Incarnation has 20 **Small Groups** that meet weekly in homes throughout the city and county. Small Groups share meals, discuss Scripture, pray together, and build friendship. Visit our website to find a group near you, or reach out to Keith* if you have questions

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.



**CAREPORTAL
INFO**

We are hiring! Scan QR code to read details about **new Assistant Director of Operations position** opening and how to apply.



**JOB
DESCRIPTION**

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- Oct 1** Essentials Course begins
- Oct 2** Pax Dei for Nuba Fundraiser
- Oct 3** Arts Incarnate Gallery Opening
- Oct 25** Fall Church Work Day



**COTI
CALENDAR**



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