



# INCARNATION

## LUTHERAN CHURCH

September 1, 2024 | Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

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### *What Is Christlike?*

**Welcome to Incarnation** — We envision a world filled with God's grace and love and hope you do too. Know that all are welcome.

Prelude

Welcome

Opening Words

Leader: In Jesus' baptism, the Spirit identifies him as a beloved child with whom God is well pleased.

**All: In our baptism, we are beloved children of God with whom God is well pleased.**

Leader: The Spirit of the Lord came upon Jesus to bring good news to the poor, release for those in captivity, healing for the sick, welcome to the stranger and outcast, and relief from the burden of sin and shame.

**All: Bless us, O God, with that same Spirit of grace and love. Forgive us, O God, when we have not heeded the Spirit's invitation to be bearers of that grace and love to a world in need.**

Leader: In this time of quiet, offer to God all the ways you need to be renewed by God's healing and forgiving Spirit. We pause for a moment of reflection and confession.

Leader: The Spirit of the Lord is present and available through forgiveness when needed, reconciliation where necessary, and hope always.

**All: The Spirit of the Lord is upon us!**

Morning has broken like the first morning;  
 Blackbird has spoken like the first bird  
 Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning!  
 Praise for them springing, fresh from the Word!  
 Sweet the rain's new fall, sunlit from heaven

Like the first dew fall on the first grass  
 Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden  
 Sprung in completeness where God's feet pass  
 Mine is the sunlight! Mine is the morning

Born of the one light Eden saw play!  
 Praise with elation praise every morning  
 God's recreation of the new day!

Prayer of the Day

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Leader: Let us pray together:

**All: Gracious and loving God, as our creator, you have named us and claimed us as your beloved children. You have asked us to be co-creators with you, inviting us into your way of living and loving. Forgive us for the ways we fail to extend your love and hospitality to those around us. May your way of being, your Spirit, flow in and through us, that we may be a blessing to a world you love. Amen.**

Anthem

*"Jesus Draw Me Ever Nearer"*  
 By Margaret Becker and Keith Getty

Reading

Luke 19: 1-10

Sermon

Will You Welcome Him?

Hymn

Take My Life, That I May Be ELW #685

Consecrated Lord to thee  
 Take my moments and my days  
 Let them flow in ceaseless praise

Take my hands and let them move  
At the impulse of thy love  
Take my feet and let them be  
Swift and beautiful for thee

Take my voice and let me sing  
Always only for my King  
Take my lips and let them be  
Filled with messages from thee

Take my love; my Lord I pour  
At thy feet its treasure store  
Take myself and I will be  
Ever, only, all for thee

### Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church, the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

### Prayers of the People

#### Holy Communion with Lord's Prayer

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

**All: We lift them to the Lord.**

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Leader: It is indeed...

we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**All: 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.**

ELW #413

Lord's Prayer

**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 forever and ever. Amen.**

Next Steps

Hymn

Go My Children With My Blessing ELW #543

"Go my children with my blessing  
Never alone  
Waking, sleeping, I am with you  
You are my own

In my love's baptismal river  
I have made you mine forever  
Go, my children with my blessing  
You are my own"

"Go, my children sins forgiven  
At peace and pure  
Here you learned how much I love you  
What I can cure

Here you heard my dear Son's story  
Here you touched him, saw his glory  
Go my children sins forgiven  
At peace and pure"

"Go my children fed and nourished  
Closer to me  
Grow in love and love by serving  
Joyful and free

Here my spirit's power filled you  
Here my tender comfort stilled you  
Go, my children fed and nourished  
Joyful and free"

### Sending

Leader: The Spirit of the Risen Christ is alive among and within us. Go, in the Spirit's power, to love one another as Jesus first loved us.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

Leader: And next week... **All: Bring a friend.**

### Postlude



A special thank-you to our guest vocalist this morning, Katie Gearty.

# Announcements

## Connect in Prayer

Sue Odell; Bev Stepka; Kirsten Bornus; Diane Gilbertson; Mike Branch, Mike Wielenberg & family; the Incarnation Call Committee; Brian Bergin; Kara, Jackson, Michael & Kaitlyn Genia; Jon Nelson; Kate Tollefson & family; Jan Kuhmeyer; June Fischer; Kirsten Blaseck; Wayne Quehl; Carol Beckerleg; Gene Lindholm; Marian Ness; Lowell Odland; Linda Hudepohl; Marilee Giere's brother-in-law; Diane & Jon Iverson's sister-in-law; Joan Lindquist's brother-in-law, Lee; Katie Johnson's cousin; Sue Bernlohr's mother; Bob & Sue Lange's nephew; Lana Bergin's brother; Nicole & Troy Heller's brother-in-law; Mike Wielenberg's parents; Al and Carolyn Ek's son; Mike & Kara Johnson's friend, Jenny; Dave Deschene & Joy Burdick's friend, Neil; Kim Wielenberg's friend, Cindy; Dede Mattison's friends, Linda and Yvonne

## Sympathy

Sympathy to Pat Nyman & family on the death of her sister.  
Sympathy to the family of Bev Stepka on her death.

## Harmonize With Us This Fall!

Do you love to sing and want to be part of Incarnation's "most harmonious" small group? If so, we'd be thrilled to have you join us this fall for Senior Choir! Our first rehearsal begins Wednesday, September 4, at 7:15 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Let's make beautiful music together! For any questions, reach out to [Sean Turner](mailto:sturner@incarnationmn.org) at sturner@incarnationmn.org

## Next Blood Drive

We're already recruiting for the next blood drive on Thursday, November 7 from 10:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m. at Incarnation. To schedule your appointment, follow the link: <https://tinyurl.com/ILC-Blood-Drive>

## Solid Ground Bring It Home Dinner

Join others from Incarnation to enjoy the Bring It Home Dinner and Auction to support Solid Ground's mission. Indicate "Incarnation" in the registration process to sit by others from our community.

**Friday, October 11 at 6:00 pm**  
**NEW LOCATION: Keller Golf Club**

Tickets: \$100 (early bird pricing), \$125 (after September 13)

Tables of 10 guests: \$1,000 (includes signage)

Register online by October 1, 2024 at <https://tinyurl.com/SG-Dinner-2024>



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and neighbors!**

## Labor Day Weekend Office Hours

The office will be closed on Monday, September 2, 2024.

## New to the Community?

Welcome! We'd love to make a connection and let you know the ways you can engage in the ongoing life and ministry of Incarnation—serving opportunities, small groups for all ages, and other seasonal learning experiences. Feel free to contact Julie Durbin at [jdurbin@incarnationmn.org](mailto:jdurbin@incarnationmn.org) to start the process or visit our website to check out the opportunities at [incarnationmn.org](http://incarnationmn.org).

## New Member Class

Have you found your new church home at Incarnation? Are you interested in becoming a member? Join us for our New Members Class on Sunday, October 15 from 11:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. (following the 10:30 a.m. worship service). A lunch will be served, as we explore our joined faith in Christ and discover our Mission, Vision, and Values as a community of faith. Click here to register! Or use the QR code.



Nursery care will be available during that time for children 10 and under, simply indicate if you need nursery care on the registration form.



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