

- WELCOME!** ✧ Welcome! We are glad that you have come to First Immanuel this morning to worship. We welcome people of every race, ethnic background, social status, physical limitation, sexual orientation and gender identity. We are a Reconciling In Christ congregation. Together, in our diversity, we seek to embrace the love God offers us in Jesus Christ.
- HOLY COMMUNION** ✧ You are invited to receive God’s gifts of forgiveness and new life in Christ at God’s table of Holy Communion. We are prepared and worthy to receive the sacrament when we come with an open heart, trusting that God’s love is for us.
- NURSERY** ✧ We encourage children to participate with their families in the worship service. We have a changing table and nursing area downstairs. Please ask an usher for directions.
- FLOWERS** ✧ Altar flowers today are given to the glory of God by Martha Driessnack.
- COFFEE HOUR** ✧ Please join us downstairs in Fellowship Hall for Coffee Hour following worship today, hosted by James Bash and Anneliese Knapp.
- MASKS OPTIONAL** ✧ Our worship services and all activities are mask-optional. Those who wish to wear a mask are welcome to do so, since this is a very effective way to prevent infection. The church continues to provide masks, run air purifiers, and make hand sanitizer available, and our caring FILC physicians continue to encourage vaccination for everyone.

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EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST HOLY COMMUNION

14 July 2024

GATHERING

GATHERING MUSIC

“Prelude in C Minor”

J.S. Bach, comp.

WELCOME AND PARISH NOTES

AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM

READ

Pastor: During this Season of Pentecost, we remember that we are baptized by water and the Spirit.

As water is poured...

People: **We praise you, O God, for the gift of water that sustains life, and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in the dying and rising of Jesus. Shower us with your Spirit and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace and love.**

Pastor: There is one body and one Spirit,

People: **one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God, who is Creator of all, above all, through all, and in all! O come, let us worship the Lord!**

* Please stand as you are able.

* OPENING HYMN

“How Great Thou Art”

ELW 856 (*red book*)

1. O Lord my God,
when I in awesome wonder
consider all the works
thy hand hath made,
I see the stars,
I hear the mighty thunder,
thy pow’r throughout
the universe displayed;

Refrain:

**Then sings my soul,
my Savior God, to thee,
how great thou art!
How great thou art!
Then sings my soul,
my Savior God, to thee,
how great thou art!
How great thou art!**

2. When through the woods
and forest glades I wander,
I hear the birds
sing sweetly in the trees;
when I look down
from lofty mountain grandeur
and hear the brook
and feel the gentle breeze;

Refrain

THE APOSTOLIC GREETING

READ

Pastor: The steadfast love of God, the life of Christ, and the power of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

People: **And also with you.**

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3. But when I think
that God, his Son not sparing,
sent him to die,
I scarce can take it in,
that on the cross
my burden gladly bearing
he bled and died
to take away my sin;

Refrain

4. When Christ shall come,
with shout of acclamation,
and take me home,
what joy shall fill my heart!
Then I shall bow
in humble adoration
and there proclaim,
“My God, how great thou art!”

Refrain

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HYMN OF PRAISE

“Glory Be to Our God Above”

1. Glory be to our God above,
praise to you for your constant love,
for our sins you have paid the price,
we give thanks for your sacrifice.

2. You alone are the Holy One,
Lord most high, Father, Spirit, Son.
Jesus Christ, you are with us here,
with the Spirit we know you near.

Refrain:

**You we glorify, praise,
bless and adore,
offering thanks to you evermore.**

(repeat...)

Refrain *(repeat...)*

* **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Pastor: God be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Let us pray.

People: Gracious God, from you come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works. Give us, your servants, that peace which the world cannot give and nothing in this world can take away, that our hearts may be set to follow wherever you lead; and we, being defended from all fear, may boldly proclaim your love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lover of our Souls. Amen

WORD

SPECIAL MUSIC

“I’ve Been in the Storm So Long”

trad. spiritual

Soloist: James Bash

THE FIRST LESSON

Amos 7:7-15

Amos is not the kind of prophet attached to temples or royal courts. Rather, he is an ordinary farmer from Judah (the southern kingdom) called by God to speak to Israel (the northern kingdom). God’s word of judgment through Amos conflicts with the king’s court prophet Amaziah, whom Amos encounters at Bethel.

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Lector: Word of God, word of life.

People: Thanks be to God.

THE SECOND LESSON

Ephesians 1:3-14

In Jesus, all of God's plans and purposes have been made known as heaven and earth are united in Christ. Through Jesus, we have been chosen as God's children and have been promised eternal salvation.

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Lector: Word of God, word of life.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

*** GOSPEL PROCESSION**

ALLELUIA VERSE

“Halle, Halle, Hallelujah”

ELW 172 (red book)

Halle, halle, hallelujah.

Halle, halle, hallelujah.

Halle, halle, hallelujah.

Hallelujah. Hallelujah.

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*** THE GOSPEL**

Mark 6:14-29

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to Mark.

People: **Glory to you, O God.**

As Jesus and his disciples begin to attract attention, Mark recalls the story of John the Baptist's martyrdom. Like John, Jesus and his disciples will also suffer at the hands of those opposed to the gospel of salvation.

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*** GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord

People: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

CHILDREN'S TIME

THE SERMON

Pastor Scott Dunfee

* HYMN OF THE DAY “Let Justice Flow Like Streams” ELW 717 (*red book*)

1. Let justice flow like streams
of sparkling water, pure,
enabling growth, refreshing life,
abundant, cleansing, sure.
2. Let righteousness roll on
as others’ cares we heed,
an ever-flowing stream of faith
translated into deed.
3. So may God’s plumb line, straight,
define our measure true,
and justice, right, and peace pervade
this world our whole life through.

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AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM & RECEPTION INTO MEMBERSHIP

Pastor: The following persons desire to become members of First Immanuel Lutheran Church. Please come forward as your names are read: Michael Humber and Ellyn Wheeler. Accompanying them as siblings in Christ and sponsors in the Spirit are Bobbi Varnes for Ellyn and Marilyn Ball for Michael.

I ask everyone to stand with these siblings in Christ and confess the Faith of the Church, the faith in which we baptize, using the ancient words of the Apostles’ Creed.

Do you believe in God the Creator?

All: I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Pastor: Do you believe in Jesus, the Word of God who became flesh for us?

All: 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; who descended to the dead. On the third day Christ rose again, ascended into heaven, is seated at the right hand of the Father, and will come to judge the living and the dead.

Pastor: Do you believe in the Holy Spirit, the Life-giving Breath of God and Fire of God’s Love?

All: 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

Pastor: And now I ask those becoming members, do you intend to continue in the loving covenant God made with you in Holy Baptism: to live among God’s faithful people; to hear God’s Word and share in God’s Supper; to proclaim the good news of God’s love in Christ through your words and your deeds; to seek to love and serve all people, following the example of Jesus; and to

strive for justice and peace in all the earth? If so, will you answer, “I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.”

And People of God, do you promise to welcome and support these siblings in Christ, and pray for them in their spiritual journey, fostering mutual respect and understanding, harmony and peace in this congregation?

All: We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.

Pastor: Let us pray for that help.

*Those becoming members may kneel. Their sponsors,
the Pastors, and others may lay hands on them...*

Gracious God, we give you thanks that through your Holy Spirit you give us help and strength, cleanse us from brokenness and sin, raise us to new life and lead us on our journey.

All: Stir up in these dear ones the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the love of God, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever. Amen

Pastor: We rejoice to receive you as members of this Christian community and as partners in Christ’s mission in the world.

Those becoming members stand and face the community...

Pastor: Let us celebrate with these siblings in Christ:

All: We rejoice with you in the Spirit. We welcome you into the congregation of First Immanuel Lutheran Church. Together we will follow wherever the Spirit leads, giving thanks and praise to God and proclaiming the good news of God’s love for all the world.

*** PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

Assistant: With the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God’s creation.

After each petition...

Assistant: Lord, in your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

The prayers conclude...

Pastor: Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People: Amen

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HOLY COMMUNION

* SHARING THE PEACE

Pastor: The peace of Christ be with you always.

People: **And also with you.**

GATHERING OF GIFTS “To You Alone, Lord Jesus Christ”

J.S. Bach, comp.

SETTING THE TABLE “The Trumpets Sound, the Angels Sing”

1. The trumpets sound, the angels sing,
the feast is ready to begin.
The gates of heav’n are open wide,
and Jesus welcomes you inside.

**Take your place at
the table of the King.
The feast is ready to begin,
the feast is ready to begin.**

Refrain:

**Sing with thankfulness
songs of pure delight.
Come and revel
in heaven’s love and light.**

3. The hungry heart he satisfies,
offers the poor his paradise.
Now hear all heav’n
and earth applaud
the amazing goodness of the Lord.

Refrain

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Assistant: Let us pray. Blessed are you, O God,

People: **maker of all things. You have blessed us with your goodness; you have given us ourselves, our time, and our possessions. May these gifts be used in the care and healing of all that you have made, for the sake of the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen**

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THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

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

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

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

Pastor: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

People:

Ho-ly, ho - ly, ho - ly God of pow - er and might
Hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry Ho -
san - na in the high - est, Ho - san - na in the high - est Ho -
san - na in the high - est Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord Ho -
san - na in the high - est, Ho - san - na in the high - est Ho -
san - na in the high - est Ho - san - na in the high - est.

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

Pastor: Holy God, Breath of life and Fire of love...

... To you be all honor and glory, O God, Creator, Christ, and Holy Spirit, in your holy Church, now and forever.

People: Amen

* **THE LORD’S PRAYER**

READ

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

* **INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

Pastor: The gifts of God for the people of God. Welcome to the Lord’s table.

All are welcome at Christ’s table, where the risen Christ is present to strengthen us to share in God’s loving purposes for the world. The ushers will direct you to the altar rail. The glasses in the center of the communion tray contain grape juice for those who wish it. If you require a gluten-free wafer, please ask the pastor. To receive a pastoral blessing instead of the bread and wine, simply fold your hands.

LAMB OF GOD



1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



you suf - fered death our lives to save: have mer - cy now, we pray.
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer - cy now, we pray.
e - ter - nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

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DISTRIBUTION HYMN 1

“Eat This Bread”

ELW 472 (red book)

Eat this bread, drink this cup,
come to me and never be hungry.
Eat this bread, drink this cup,
trust in me and you will not thirst.

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DISTRIBUTION HYMN 2 “We Come to the Hungry Feast” ELW 479 (red book)

1. We come to the hungry feast
hungry for a word of peace.
To hungry hearts unsatisfied
The love of God is not denied.
We come, we come
to the hungry feast.
2. We come to the hungry feast
hungry for a world released
from hungry folk of ev’ry kind,
the poor in body, poor in mind.
We come, we come
to the hungry feast.
3. We come to the hungry feast
hungry that the hunger cease,
and knowing, though we eat our fill,
the hunger will stay with us still.
We come, we come
to the hungry feast.

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*** BLESSING**

Pastor: May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and these gifts of Christ’s body and blood strengthen, keep and unite us, now and forever.

People: Amen

*** POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

Assistant: Let us pray. O God of love,

People: through this meal you strengthen us to live abundantly and to serve joyfully. Guide us by your Spirit, that through our lives we may make known your love. Amen

SENDING

*** BENEDICTION**

Pastor: Almighty and All-tender God, Creator, Christ ✠ and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

People: Amen

* CLOSING HYMN

“Lead On, O King Eternal!”

ELW 805 (red book)

1. Lead on, O King eternal!
The day of march has come;
henceforth in fields of conquest
your tents will be our home.
Through days of preparation
your grace has made us strong;
and now, O King eternal,
we lift our battle song.

3. Lead on, O King eternal:
we follow, not with fears,
for gladness breaks like morning
where'er your face appears.
your cross is lifted o'er us;
we journey in its light;
the crown awaits the conquest;
lead on, O God of might!

2. Lead on, O King eternal,
till sin's fierce war shall cease,
and holiness shall whisper
the sweet amen of peace;
for not with swords loud clashing,
nor roll of stirring drums,
but deeds of love and mercy
the heav'nly kingdom comes.

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* SENDING

Assistant: Go in peace. Share God's love!

People: Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

“Fugue in C Minor”

J.S. Bach, comp.

*You are welcome to remain in the sanctuary for prayer.
The front section of our worship area is dedicated as quiet prayer space
following the close of worship. God be with you.*

*Thank you to Lauren Kim and others for assistance in selecting today's Gathering Hymn.
(And thanks to Gary Andeen and George Noble for help in selecting last Sunday's hymns!)*



We warmly welcome our new members...
Michael Humber and **Elynn Wheeler**...
received into First Immanuel congregation today.
We are delighted to have you with us!

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Note: For live links, please see our weekly e-news or website

Summer Backyard Gatherings!



Come to one or come to all. Open to all ages and all appetites. Enjoy the great Pacific NW summer while socializing and eating with your FILC friends. The hosts will provide their backyard, the main food (meat and vegetarian options), and drinks. Bring your favorite side dish, dessert, or specialty drinks to share. We hope to see you at one or all! If you plan to attend, please RSVP to the host(s) and to get location details.

Saturday, Aug. 3, 4-7 PM at Bobbi Varnes's house

RSVP to bobbivarnes@gmail.com (combined with Council gathering)

Saturday, Aug. 24, 4-7 PM at Kevin Kindschuh's house

RSVP to kevin@kindschuh.org

Seeking Assisting Ministers this summer

Our summer worship services (10 AM) will include a spoken liturgy, rather than being chanted by the worship leaders. If you are reluctant to sing but otherwise would like to serve as an assisting minister, this is the perfect opportunity for you! This role involves writing the Prayers of the People, speaking the appropriate sections of the liturgy, and helping to serve Holy Communion. Please contact Leslie Wong at LeslieSWong@yahoo.com, 503-688-6841 (landline), or 503-880-3099 (mobile), if you have questions or would like to volunteer. Thank you!



Can you help with coffee time?

Just bring some cookies or simple treats, your choice. Make two pots of coffee; the creamer/sugar are ready to go. Paper napkins and cups make clean-up super easy; just wash the coffee pots and a few utensils. Sign up on the chart in Fellowship Hall. You can also help by donating shelf-stable cookies, juice boxes or ground coffee. Thanks!

FIRST READING: Amos 7:7-15

This is what [the Lord God] showed me: the Lord was standing beside a wall built with a plumb line, with a plumb line in his hand. ⁸And the LORD said to me, "Amos, what do you see?" And I said, "A plumb line." Then the Lord said,

"See, I am setting a plumb line
in the midst of my people Israel;
I will never again pass them by;

⁹the high places of Isaac shall be made desolate,
and the sanctuaries of Israel shall be laid waste,
and I will rise against the house of Jeroboam
with the sword."

¹⁰Then Amaziah, the priest of Bethel, sent to King Jeroboam of Israel, saying, "Amos has conspired against you in the very center of the house of Israel; the land is not able to bear all his words. ¹¹For thus Amos has said, 'Jeroboam shall die by the sword, and Israel must go into exile away from his land.'"

¹²And Amaziah said to Amos, "O seer, go, flee away to the land of Judah, earn your bread there, and prophesy there; ¹³but never again prophesy at Bethel, for it is the king's sanctuary, and it is a temple of the kingdom."

¹⁴Then Amos answered Amaziah, "I am no prophet, nor a prophet's son; but I am a herdsman, and a dresser of sycamore trees, ¹⁵and the LORD took me from following the flock, and the LORD said to me, 'Go, prophesy to my people Israel.'"

Psalms 85:8-13**SECOND READING: Ephesians 1:3-14**

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, ⁴just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. ⁵He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, ⁶to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. ⁷In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace ⁸that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight ⁹he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, ¹⁰as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth.

¹¹In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, ¹²so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. ¹³In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; ¹⁴this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

GOSPEL: Mark 6:14-29

King Herod heard of [the disciples' preaching], for Jesus' name had become known. Some were saying, "John the baptizer has been raised from the dead; and for this reason these powers are at work in him." ¹⁵But others said, "It is Elijah." And others said, "It is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old." ¹⁶But when Herod heard of it, he said, "John, whom I beheaded, has been raised."

¹⁷For Herod himself had sent men who arrested John, bound him, and put him in prison on account of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, because Herod had married her. ¹⁸For John had been telling Herod, "It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife." ¹⁹And Herodias had a grudge against him, and wanted to kill him. But she could not, ²⁰for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he protected him. When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed; and yet he liked to listen to him. ²¹But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his courtiers and officers and for the leaders of Galilee. ²²When his daughter Herodias came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his guests; and the king said to the girl, "Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will give it." ²³And she solemnly swore to her, "Whatever you ask me, I will give you, even half of my kingdom." ²⁴She went out and said to her mother, "What should I ask for?" She replied, "The head of John the baptizer." ²⁵Immediately she rushed back to the king and requested, "I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter." ²⁶The king was deeply grieved; yet out of regard for his oaths and for the guests, he did not want to refuse her. ²⁷Immediately the king sent a soldier of the guard with orders to bring John's head. He went and beheaded him in the prison, ²⁸brought his head on a platter, and gave it to the girl. Then the girl gave it to her mother. ²⁹When his disciples heard about it, they came and took his body, and laid it in a tomb.

Next Sunday's Readings: Jeremiah 23:1-6; Psalm 23; Ephesians 2:11-22; Mark 6:30-34, 53-56.

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