

- WELCOME!** ✧ Welcome! We are glad that you have come to First Immanuel this morning to celebrate Easter! 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 James Bash, with thanks to the Red Cross workers running our Blood Drive today.
- COFFEE HOUR** ✧ Please join us downstairs in Fellowship Hall for Coffee Hour following worship today, hosted by Becky Shoemaker and Bill Stack.
- 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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SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER HOLY COMMUNION

5 May 2024

GATHERING

GATHERING MUSIC

“Serenade”

Charles-Marie Widor, comp.

WELCOME AND PARISH NOTES

AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM

READ

Pastor: During this season of Easter, we remember that we are joined to the death and resurrection of Christ in the waters of Baptism.

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: We are Easter people, who praise God and proclaim the good news! So we shout, “Christ is risen!”

People: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

* Please stand as you are able.

* **OPENING HYMN** **“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”** **ELW 631** (*red book*)

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| <p>1. Love divine, all loves excelling,
 Joy of heav’n, to earth come down!
 Fix in us thy humble dwelling,
 all thy faithful mercies crown.
 Jesus, thou art all compassion,
 pure, unbounded love thou art;
 visit us with thy salvation,
 enter ev’ry trembling heart.</p> <p>3. Come, Almighty, to deliver;
 let us all thy life receive;
 suddenly return, and never,
 nevermore thy temples leave.</p> | <p>Thee we would be always blessing,
 serve thee as thy hosts above,
 pray, and praise thee without ceasing,
 glory in thy perfect love.</p> <p>4. Finish then thy new creation,
 pure and spotless let us be;
 let us see thy great salvation
 perfectly restored in thee!
 Changed from glory into glory,
 till in heav’n we take our place,
 till we cast our crowns before thee,
 lost in wonder, love, and praise!</p> |
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* **THE APOSTOLIC GREETING** **READ**

Pastor: The grace of the Risen Christ, the Easter love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit—the Spirit and power of the Resurrection— be with you all.

People: **And also with you.**

Pastor: Our world cries out for resurrection, healing, and peace. Let us pray using the ancient words of the Kyrie.

* **KYRIE** **SING: PAGE 3 NFC** (*inside back cover, red book*)

Assistant: In peace, in peace, let us pray to the Lord.

People: **Lord, have mercy, Christ, have mercy, Lord, have mercy.**

Assistant: For the Reign of God and for peace throughout the world, for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

People: **Lord, have mercy, Christ, have mercy, Lord, have mercy.**

Assistant: For your people here, who have come to give you praise, for the strength to live your Word, let us pray to the Lord.

People: **Lord, have mercy, Christ, have mercy, Lord, have mercy.**

Assistant: Help, save, and defend us, O God.

People: **Amen**

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Refrain:

**Now the feast and celebration,
all of creation sings for joy
to the God of life
and love and freedom;
praise and glory forevermore!**

1. Now is the feast
of the Lamb once slain,
whose blood has freed and united us
to be one great people of God.

Refrain

2. Power and riches, wisdom and might,
all honor and glory to Christ forever.

Refrain

3. For God has come to dwell with us,
to make us people of God;
to make all things new.

Refrain

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* PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Pastor: Let us pray.

People: **O God, in the death and resurrection of Christ you have prepared for us
joys beyond our understanding. Pour into our hearts such love, that
loving you and all your creation, we may know the fulfillment of all your
promises, through Jesus Christ, the Shepherd and Lover of our Souls.
Amen**

WORD

CHOIR ANTHEM

“Ubi Caritas”

Maurice Duruflé, comp.

Where there is charity and love, God is there.
The love of Christ has gathered us as one.
Let us rejoice and be glad in it.
Let us honor and love the living God.
And from a sincere heart, let us love one another.

THE FIRST LESSON

Acts 10:44-48

While Peter shares the good news of Jesus with a Gentile soldier and his family, the Holy Spirit comes upon them. Recognizing that the Spirit works inclusively in the lives of both Jews and Gentiles, Peter commands that these Gentiles also be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ.

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Lector: Word of God, word of life.

People: Thanks be to God.

THE SECOND LESSON

1 John 5:1-6

God's children believe that Jesus is the Messiah and love God by keeping God's commandments. Thus the world is conquered not through military might but through love and faith.

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Lector: Word of God, word of life.

People: Thanks be to God.

* GOSPEL PROCESSION

* ALLELUIA VERSE

SING: PAGE 7 NFC (*inside back cover, red book*)

Alleluia, alleluia, Lord, to whom shall we go?
You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia!

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* THE GOSPEL

John 15:9-17

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to John.

People: Glory to you, O God.

On the night of his arrest, Jesus delivers a final testimony to his disciples to help them in the days ahead. Here he repeats the most important of all his commands, that they love one another.

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* GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Pastor: This is the Good News!

People: Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S TIME

THE SERMON

Pastor Christine Core

* **HYMN OF THE DAY “Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”** **ELW 807** (*red book*)

1. Come, thou Fount of ev’ry blessing,
tune my heart to sing thy grace;
streams of mercy, never ceasing,
call for songs of loudest praise.
While the hope of endless glory
fills my heart with joy and love,
teach me ever to adore thee;
may I still thy goodness prove.
2. Here I raise my Ebenezer:
“Hither by thy help I’ve come”;
and I hope, by thy good pleasure,
safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger,
wand’ring from the fold of God;
he, to rescue me from danger,
interposed his precious blood.
3. Oh, to grace how great a debtor
daily I’m constrained to be;
let that grace now like a fetter
bind my wand’ring heart to thee.
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it;
prone to leave the God I love.
Here’s my heart, oh, take and seal it;
seal it for thy courts above.

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* **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

Assistant: Made alive in Christ and filled with God’s Spirit, let us pray for the church,
the world, and all of God’s creation.

After each petition...

Assistant: Hear us, O God.

People: Your mercy is great.

The prayers conclude...

Pastor: Hear our prayers, O God, and fill us with the risen life of Christ, in whose
name we pray and we say,

People: Amen

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HOLY COMMUNION

* **SHARING THE PEACE**

Pastor: The peace of the Risen Christ be with you always.

People: And also with you.

GATHERING OF GIFTS

“Tone Poem in G”

Johannes Brahms, comp.

* **SETTING THE TABLE**

SING: PAGE 9 NFC (*inside front cover, red book*)

Refrain:

**As the grains of wheat
once scattered on the hill
were gathered into one
to become our bread;
so may all your people
from all the ends of earth
be gathered into one in you.**

1. As this cup of blessing
is shared within our midst,
may we share the presence of your love.

Refrain

2. Let this be a foretaste
of all that is to come
when all creation shares
this feast with you.

Refrain

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Assistant: Let us pray. Risen Christ,

**People: receive these gifts, with our hopes, dreams, and prayers. Reveal yourself
to us in the breaking of the bread, that our eyes may be opened to see
your presence among us, and our lives filled with the unending love of
your resurrection. Amen**

* **THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

SING: PAGE 10 NFC (*inside back cover, red book*)

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 God thanks and praise.

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

**People: Holy, holy, holy are you, God of power and might;
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest!
Blessed is the One who comes in your name.
Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest!**

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* **THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER**

Pastor: Holy, living, and loving God, we praise you...

Through whom all honor and glory is yours, O God, both 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 disciples knew the Risen One in the breaking of the bread. Come to the table, where you are known and loved.

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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

SING: PAGE 13 NFC (inside back cover, red book)

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us, mercy on us, mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you are the way of justice and peace:
have mercy on us, mercy on us, mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:
grant us peace, grant us peace, grant us peace.

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DISTRIBUTION HYMN 1**“Welcome Table”****ACS 969** (*blue book*)

1. I'm a-goin'-a eat
at the welcome table,
I'm a-goin'-a eat
at the welcome table,
some of these days.
I'm a-goin'-a eat
at the welcome table,
I'm a-goin'-a eat
at the welcome table,
some of these days.
2. I'm a-goin'-a feast
on milk and honey,
I'm a-goin'-a feast
on milk and honey,
some of these days.

- I'm a-goin'-a feast
on milk and honey,
I'm a-goin'-a feast
on milk and honey,
some of these days.
2. I'm a-goin'-a wade
'cross Jordan's river,
I'm a-goin'-a wade
'cross Jordan's river,
some of these days.
I'm a-goin'-a wade
'cross Jordan's river,
I'm a-goin'-a wade
'cross Jordan's river,
some of these days.

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DISTRIBUTION HYMN 2**“In the Singing”****ELW 466** (*red book*)

1. In the singing, in the silence,
in the hands expectant, open,
in the blessing, in the breaking,
in your presence at this table,
Jesus Christ, Jesus Christ,
be the wine of grace;
Jesus Christ, Jesus Christ,
be the bread of peace.

2. In the question, in the answer,
in the moment of acceptance,
in the heart's cry, in the healing,
in the circle of your people,
Jesus Christ, Jesus Christ,
be the wine of grace;
Jesus Christ, Jesus Christ,
be the bread of peace.

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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.

People: In this meal, O God, you have strengthened us by the risen life of Christ.
As you send us into the world, guide us on paths of justice, teach us to
live as servants to one another, and raise us up to new life and love,
through Jesus Christ, the Lover of our Souls. Amen

SENDING

* **BENEDICTION**

Pastor: May God bless us and keep us. May God's face shine on us with grace and
mercy. May God look on us with favor and ✠ give us peace.

People: Amen

* **CLOSING HYMN**

“Shine, Jesus, Shine”

ELW 671 (*red book*)

Refrain:

Shine, Jesus, shine,
fill this land with
the Father's glory;
blaze, Spirit, blaze,
set our hearts on fire.
Flow, river, flow,
flood the nations
with grace and mercy;
send forth your Word, Lord,
and let there be light!

1. Lord, the light of
your love is shining,
in the midst of the darkness, shining;

Jesus, light of the world,
shine upon us,
set us free by the truth
you now bring us.
Shine on me, shine on me.

Refrain

2. As we gaze on
your kingly brightness,
so our faces display your likeness,
ever changing from glory to glory,
mirrored here, may our lives
tell your story.
Shine on me, shine on me.

Refrain

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* **SENDING**

Assistant: Go in peace. Serve the Risen Christ.

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

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POSTLUDE

“Now Thank We All Our God”

S. Karg-Elert, comp.

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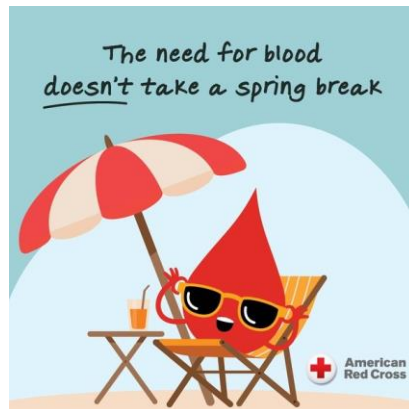
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Note: For live links, please see our weekly e-news or website

**American Red Cross Spring Blood Drive at FILC
Today, 10 AM-2 PM**

With a significant drop in donations since Covid, there is a critical shortage in the U.S., yet the urgent need continues. People with cancer or chronic diseases like Sick Cell, as well as trauma victims, rely on a steady supply of blood to stay alive. Please consider donating life-saving blood! First Immanuel's spring blood is **today from 10 AM to 2 PM**. Consider donating before or after church...it's easy to be a Life-Saving Hero! **DONATE BLOOD, SAVE A LIFE...THANK YOU!**



"Renewing Our Hearts...for the Journey Ahead"

Congregational Retreat, Saturday, May 11, 9 AM-Noon in Fellowship Hall



Come join with the people of First Immanuel on Saturday morning, May 11, for a time of rest, renewal and consideration of the ministry and mission of First Immanuel Lutheran Church. We will gather at 9 AM with breakfast snacks, and then dive into looking at where we've been and where we might be going. With the use of music, art, intentional conversation, and quiet contemplation, we will touch on the effects of change and the grief that may result, the transition process in front of us, as well as

considering who we are being called to become in this place at this time.

Our time together will conclude at noon. If you will need childcare, please let Pastor Christine know.

Pentecost Party! Sunday, May 19, 2-4 PM
at PSU Smith Student Union, 1825 SW Broadway, Portland

Let's have fun bowling and playing pool at a Pentecost party on Sunday, May 19, 2–4 PM! After celebrating Pentecost and our confirmation students that morning at worship, please join us at Portland State University's Game Room for some congregational fun: bowling (bring tennis or walking shoes—you bowl in your own shoes at this bowling alley), billiards, video games, and foosball. Check out what they offer at [their website](#).

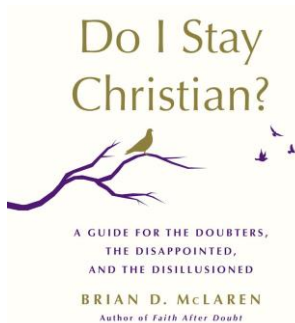


Enter through the main doors of the Smith Student Union (1825 SW Broadway, Portland) and go to the basement level to access the game room.

This party welcomes **all ages and all abilities**. This event is free to all, but donations to congregational life events are always welcome. Parking is available on the street or in the parking garages near PSU. The green streetcar line can also take you from near church to Portland State (NW 18th and Lovejoy stop to PSU Urban Center stop). We hope to see you there! Remember to bring comfortable shoes.

Adult Forum: Sundays at 9:30 AM

Our new book study—*Do I Stay Christian?: A Guide for the Doubters, the Disappointed, and the Disillusioned* by Brian D. McLaren



Do I Stay Christian? addresses in public the powerful question that surprising numbers of people—including pastors, priests, and other religious leaders—are asking in private. Picking up where his book *Faith After Doubt* leaves off, *Do I Stay Christian?* is not McLaren's attempt to persuade Christians to dig in their heels or run for the exit. Instead, he combines his own experience with that of thousands of people who have confided in him over the years to help readers make a responsible, honest, ethical decision about their religious identity.

Calligrapher needed

Do you have a talent for calligraphy that you'd like to share? If this kind of artistry is up your alley, please contact Pastor Christine (503-805-3653, pastorchristine@firstimmanueluth.org). Thanks!



Next Kids & Youth Sunday School: May 19 at 10 AM



Join us at 10 AM on Sunday, May 19, for friends, fun and learning! **We have two classes: a youth group and a class for the younger kids.** We can't wait to see you...and don't miss Children's Time every Sunday during worship!



Become an Usher or Communion Preparer

The wonderful news is that our numbers seem to be growing! More members are returning from the Covid hiatus and we're welcoming more visitors, especially during the Easter season. More people means more help is needed, and YOU can help by volunteering to usher or prepare for Holy Communion. The tasks are easy and training is available. Just contact our scheduling guru Leslie Wong (503-880-3099, LeslieSWong@yahoo.com). *Thank you in advance for your service!*



Save the Dates—VBS returns to First Immanuel, Aug. 12-15!



Yes! Vacation Bible School is returning to First Immanuel this summer. Your Education Committee is busy planning and more information will be coming soon. For now, **SAVE THE DATES: August 12-15.** We'll start with a simple supper at 5:30 PM and then move on to games, music, lessons and crafts. If you have young ones in your orbit, this event is for you!

First Immanuel YouTube Recordings

Have you visited our FILC YouTube channel? Most every week our worship services are recorded and posted on YouTube for viewing at any time. It's a whole new frontier of outreach!



FIRST READING: Acts 10:44-48

While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. ⁴⁵The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, ⁴⁶for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, ⁴⁷"Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?" ⁴⁸So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

Psalm 98**SECOND READING: 1 John 5:1-6**

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. ²By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. ³For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, ⁴for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. ⁵Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

⁶This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth.

GOSPEL: John 15:9-17

[Jesus said:] "As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. ¹⁰If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. ¹¹I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

¹²"This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. ¹³No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. ¹⁴You are my friends if you do what I command you. ¹⁵I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. ¹⁶You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. ¹⁷I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another."

Next Sunday's Readings: Acts 1:15-17, 21-26; Psalm 1; 1 John 5:9-13; John 17:6-19.

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