WELCOME! ✧ Welcome! We are glad you have joined us for worship. We are a Reconciling In Christ congregation and welcome people of every race, ethnic background, social status, physical limitation, sexual orientation, and gender identity. Together in our diversity, we seek to embrace the love God offers us in Jesus the Crucified and Risen 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. If you are joining from home, please set your table with bread or crackers and wine or grape juice. We are prepared and worthy to receive Holy Communion when we come with an open heart, trusting that God's love is for us.

RECORDING ✧ First Immanuel is committed to connect with people who are unable to be with us in person for worship. Please note that we are connected by Zoom and through YouTube. And as such, video recording takes place throughout the service.

CHILDREN ✧ We encourage children to participate with their families in worship. It is our custom to invite children to come forward for a special message from the Pastor just before the sermon. Parents are welcome to join them. A play area with a nursing area and changing table is downstairs. Please ask an usher.

FLOWERS ✧ Altar flowers are given to the glory of God by Lauren Kim, for all the saints who have gone before us.

COFFEE ✧ Please join us downstairs in Fellowship Hall for coffee following worship, hosted by Lauren Kim.

MASKS ✧ Masks are an effective way to protect us from infection. We are currently mask optional. We encourage frequent hand washing and use of hand sanitizer, and that you stay current on your vaccinations.

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HOLY COMMUNION

1 November 2026

GATHERING

GATHERING MUSIC **"*Ich ruf zu dir, Herr Jesu Christ*"** **J.S. Bach, comp.**

WELCOME AND PARISH NOTES

SILENT PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP AS A BELL IS TOLLED

✷ **GATHERING HYMN** **"For All the Saints"** **ELW 422** *(red book)*

1. For all the saints
who from their labors rest,
who thee by faith
before the world confessed,
thy name, O Jesus,
be forever blest.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

2. Thou wast their rock,
their fortress, and their might;
thou, Lord, their captain
in the well-fought fight;
thou, in the darkness drear,
their one true light.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

4. And when the strife is fierce,
the warfare long,
steals on the ear
the distant triumph song,
and hearts are brave again
and arms are strong.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

7. From earth's wide bounds,
from ocean's farthest coast,
through gates of pearl
streams in the countless host,
singing to Father,
Son, and Holy Ghost:
Alleluia! Alleluia!

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✷ Please stand as you feel able.

✷ **THE APOSTOLIC GREETING** **READ**

Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

People: And also with you.

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

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

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

Leader: 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.

Leader: 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.

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

People: Amen

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✷ **HYMN OF PRAISE** **SING: PAGE 4 NFC** *(red book, inside back cover)*

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 together.

People: Almighty God, you have knit your people together in one communion in the mystical body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant us grace to follow your blessed saints in lives of faith and commitment, and to know the inexpressible joys you have prepared for those who love you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

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WORD

CHOIR ANTHEM **"For Everything a Time"** **Joseph Martin, comp.**

THE FIRST READING **Revelation 7:9-17**

The book of Revelation is written to seven churches in western Asia Minor during a time of great oppression. Today's reading is a response to the question asked in 6:17: "Who is able to stand?" The writer gives the faithful assurance of God's protection and vision of victory.

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Lector: Word of God, word of life.

People: Thanks be to God.

THE SECOND READING **1 John 3:1-3**

A saint is one who has been set apart by God for God's purposes. God, out of divine love, set us apart to be the children of God. Our holy hope is that we shall see God as God really is.

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Lector: Word of God, word of life.

People: Thanks be to God.

✷ **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** **SING: PAGE 7 NFC**

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

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✷ **THE GOSPEL** **Matthew 5:1-12**

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

People: Glory to you, O Lord.

In the beatitudes, Jesus provides a unique description of those who are blessed with God's favor. His teaching is surprising and shocking to those who seek wealth, fame, and control over others.

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Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S TIME **Pastor Ellen Williams**

THE SERMON **Pastor Ellen Williams**

✷ **HYMN OF THE DAY** **"Give Thanks for Saints"** **ELW 428** *(red book)*

1. Give thanks for those
whose faith is firm
when all around seems bleak:
on God's good promise they rely,
so while they live and when they die
how forcefully they speak—
the strong, who once were weak!

2. Give thanks for those
whose hope is clear,
beyond mere mortal sight:
who seek the city God has planned,
the true, eternal promised land,
and steer on toward that light,
a beacon ever bright.

3. Give thanks for those
whose love is pure,
a sparkling precious stone:
they show by what they say and do
an inward beauty, warm and true,
for God's concerns they own—
God's love through them is known.

4. Give thanks for saints of ages past
and saints alive today:
though often by this world despised,
their hearts by God are richly prized.
Give thanks that we may say
we share their pilgrim way.

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✷ **THE APOSTLES CREED** **READ**

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 & REMEMBERING THE SAINTS

Assistant: With confidence in God's compassion and generosity, let us pray for the church, the world, and all of God's creation.

A brief silence…

Assistant: We give thanks, loving God, for all your saints. We thank you for the witness they give to your goodness and grace. Especially we give you thanks for those who have been saints for us. As their love has been a sign of your love, their steadfastness a sign of your steadfastness, we give you praise, Lord God. Hold us all in your strong love, until the day when we will all be reunited in you. Lord, in your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

You are invited to come forward and light a candle in remembrance of one or more of the "saints" in your life, those who have led the way in the Christian faith for you in some significant way. You are also invited to name them, silently or aloud, in thanksgiving to God for their life and witness.

The book of Hebrews reminds us that we are surrounded by "a great cloud of witnesses," those faithful people of God who have gone before us and now cheer

us on to run the race with perseverance. When we remember the life, witness and faithfulness of our ancestors in faith, or the life of a particular saint, we see a glimpse of the goodness and majesty of God. We do not light candles to the dead; we light candles to God in thanksgiving for those who have gone before. Lighting a candle recalls the light of their witness, and reminds us to let our light shine as well.

BELL CHOIR **"Nearer, My God, to Thee"** **Karissa Dennis, arr.**

HYMN **"Jesus, Remember Me"** **ELW 616** *(red book)*

Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.
Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.

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After everyone has had the opportunity to light a candle, the prayers continue…

Assistant: We pray for this community of faith. We give thanks for the saints who have been part of this congregation's life for the past 147 years, and we remember those members whose earthly lives have ended, who have left this life and are now with you: Cecilia Larson. We also give thanks for those who were baptized in the congregation in the past year: Berkeley Manary and Milo Manary. We pray that your Spirit will continue to raise up faithful people to give praise and honor to your name. Help us share your good news with joy. Lord, in your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

After each following 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

HOLY COMMUNION

✷ **SHARING THE PEACE**

Pastor: The peace of Christ be with you always.

People: And also with you.

GATHERING OF GIFTS **"Adagio"** **J.S. Bach, comp.**

✷ **SETTING THE TABLE** **SING: PAGE 9 NFC**

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 together.

People: **God of creation, you send rain and the earth springs forth abundantly. All blessings are from you; make us generous with what we have. Use our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts in service to you and in love to our neighbors, today and always. Amen**

✷ **THE GREAT THANKSGIVING** **SING: PAGE 10 NFC**

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…

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 God, our Bread of life, our Table, and our Food...

… Through him all glory and honor is yours, Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy Church, both now and forever.

People: Amen

✷ **THE LORD'S PRAYER** **PRAY**

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**

All are welcome to come to Christ's table, or to remain seated for reflection and meditation. Holy Communion is offered by intinction (dipping) today. The ushers will direct you down the center aisle. Hold out your hand to receive the bread, then dip the bread into the cup. The dark blue cup contains wine; the clear cup contains 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. Please return to your seat by the side aisle.

LAMB OF GOD **SING: P. 13 NFC**

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

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
have 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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COMMUNION HYMN 1 "Shall We Gather at the River" ELW 423 *(red book)*

1. Shall we gather at the river,
where bright angel feet have trod,
with its crystal tide forever
flowing by the throne of God?

Refrain:

Yes, we'll gather at the river,
the beautiful, the beautiful river,
gather with the saints at the river
that flows by the throne of God.

2. On the margin of the river,
washing up its silver spray,
we will walk and worship ever,
all the happy golden day.

Refrain

3. Ere we reach the shining river,
lay we ev'ry burden down;
grace our spirits will deliver,
and provide a robe and crown.

Refrain

4. Soon we'll reach the shining river,
soon our pilgrimage will cease;
soon our happy hearts will quiver
with the melody of peace.

Refrain

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COMMUNION HYMN 2 "Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service" ELW 712 *(red book)*

1. Lord, whose love in humble service
bore the weight of human need,
who upon the cross, forsaken,
worked your mercy's perfect deed:
we, your servants, bring the worship
not of voice alone, but heart;
consecrating to your purpose
ev'ry gift which you impart.

2. Still your children wander homeless;
still the hungry cry for bread;
still the captives long for freedom;
still in grief we mourn our dead.
As you, Lord, in deep compassion
healed the sick and freed the soul,
by your Spirit send your power
to our world to make it whole.

3. As we worship, grant us vision,
till your love's revealing light
in its height and depth and greatness
dawns upon our quickened sight,
making known the needs and burdens
your compassion bids us bear,
stirring us to ardent service,
your abundant life to share.

4. Called by worship to your service,
forth in your dear name we go,
to the child, the youth, the aged,
love in living deeds to show;
hope and health, goodwill and comfort,
counsel, aid, and peace we give,
that your servants, Lord, in freedom
may your mercy know and live.

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✷ **COMMUNION BLESSING**

✷ **GIVING THANKS** **"Thanks Be to You"** **SING: P. 14 NFC**

1. Praise to you, O God of mercy,
Thanks be to you forever!
Raising high the weak and lowly:
Thanks be to you forever!
Strong is your faithfulness,
strong is your love,
rememb'ring your covenant
of life with us.

2. From of old you loved and sought us,
Thanks be to you forever!
Truth and justice you have taught us:
Thanks be to you forever!
Strong is your faithfulness,
strong is your love,
rememb'ring your covenant
of life with us.

3. Praise to you, O God of mercy,
Thanks be to you forever!
Raising high the weak and lowly:
Thanks be to you forever,
Thanks be to you forever!

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✷ **POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

Assistant: Let us pray together:

People: Sustaining God, with this bread and cup you nourish us with mercy and abundant life. By your Spirit, send us from this table to serve a needy world. Make us living signs of your liberation, healing, and love, following the way of Jesus, in whose name we pray. Amen

SENDING

✷ **BENEDICTION**

Pastor: The God of love draw you into full accord and one mind, in the body of Christ Jesus.

People: Amen

Pastor: The God of hope grant you strength and joy in all circumstances through the interceding of the Spirit.

People: Amen

Pastor: The God of grace, ✠, bless you now and forever.

People: Amen

✷ **SENDING HYMN** **"Oh, Happy Day When We Shall Stand"** **ELW 441** *(red book)*

1. Oh, happy day when we shall stand
amid the heav'nly throng;
and sing with hosts from ev'ry land
the new celestial song,
the new celestial song.

2. Oh, blessed day
when Christ shall come
and show himself as Lord,
and thousands meet
in their new home
which Jesus has prepared,
which Jesus has prepared.

3. Oh, what a mighty rushing flood
of joy and love and peace
will roll down over us with good
and blessedness and grace,
and blessedness and grace.

4. O Lord, your grace is ev'rything;
your love has made us free
to stand among the saints and sing
the glory that we see,
the glory that we see.

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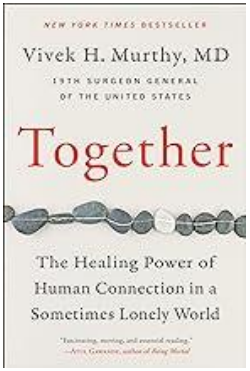
✷ **SENDING**

Assistant: Go out in joy. Be led forth in peace

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.



Adult Forum: *Together* by Vivek Murthy
Sundays at 9:30 AM, in-person & online

Together: The Healing Power of Human Connection in a Sometimes Lonely World was selected as our next reading for Adult Forum. This book by former U.S. Surgeon General Vivek Murthy examines the importance of human connection, the impact of loneliness on health, and the social power of community. If you would like a copy of the book, please contact Jeannette O'Brien (jaobrien2156@comcast.net).

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"All for the Price of a Cookie"—A Donor's Story

The first time I donated blood I was 15 years old, and my mother had to sign for me. It wasn't long before I discovered there were free cookies and juice afterwards. Free cookies! Just for lying around with my arm stretched out! Such a deal.

Thus began a lifelong commitment of donating blood. It was a cancer diagnosis that ended my donation history; however, I was a proud member of the 5 Gallon Club.

Fast-forward to a recent 911 call that put me in ICU, bleeding internally. It seemed that every time I opened my eyes someone was hanging up a new bag of blood just to save my life. Several days later, when I was finally conscious of my surroundings, they told me that, yes, indeed, I had received bag after bag of blood.

I thought of the kind people who unselfishly gave their blood never knowing that it would save my life. It had been nearly 60 years since I first did the most simple act of donating blood myself. And it was all for the price of a cookie.

—Kathy Buss, friend of FILC & former Meals on Wheels site manager

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FIRST READING: Revelation 7:9-17

After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. [10]They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

"Salvation belongs to our God who is seated
on the throne and to the Lamb!"

[11]And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, [12]singing,

"Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom
and thanksgiving and honor
and power and might
be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

[13]Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" [14]I said to him, "Sir, you are the one who knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

[15]For this reason they are before the throne
of God
and worship him day and night within his
temple,
and the one who is seated on the throne
will shelter them.
[16]They will hunger no more and thirst no
more;
the sun will not strike them,
nor any scorching heat,
[17]for the Lamb at the center of the throne
will be their shepherd,
and he will guide them to springs of the
water of life,
and God will wipe away every tear from their
eyes."

Psalm 34:1-10, 22

SECOND READING: 1 John 3:1-3

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God, and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. [2]Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. [3]And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

GOSPEL: Matthew 5:1-12

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain, and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. [2]And he began to speak and taught them, saying:

[3]"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

[4]"Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

[5]"Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

[6]"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

[7]"Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

[8]"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

[9]"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

[10]"Blessed are those who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

[11]"Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. [12]Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you."

Next Sunday's Readings: Amos 5:18-24 *or* Wisdom of Solomon 6:12-16; Psalm 70 *or* Wisdom of Solomon 6:17-20; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18; Matthew 25:1-13.

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