

- 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 Jim and Judy Wick.
- 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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# FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER HOLY COMMUNION

21 April 2024

## GATHERING

GATHERING MUSIC

*“O Gott, du frommer Gott”*

J.S. Bach, 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.



\* HYMN OF PRAISE

“Now the Feast”

SING: PAGE 4 NFC

**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 of peace, you sent Jesus to be the Good Shepherd who seeks the lost and guides us into your fold. Feed us, and we shall be satisfied; heal us, and we shall be whole. Make us one flock, through Jesus Christ, the Shepherd and Lover of our Souls. Amen**

**WORD**

CHOIR ANTHEM

“The King of Love My Shepherd Is”

K. Hildebrand, arr.

THE FIRST LESSON

Acts 4:5-12

*Peter and John had been arrested the previous day because they were proclaiming the news of the resurrection to the people. In today's reading, Peter is filled with the Holy Spirit so that he can proclaim salvation in Jesus' name to the religious authorities.*

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Lector: Word of God, word of life.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

THE SECOND LESSON

1 John 3:16-24

*Jesus' death on our behalf is the clearest demonstration of divine love. This is the very love we share with others, not just through our words but especially through our deeds. In sharing such love we fulfill God's commandments.*

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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 10:11-18**

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to John.

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

*In language that recalls the twenty-third psalm, Jesus describes himself as the shepherd who cares for his sheep. He is willing to die for them, and he is able to overcome death for them.*

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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**

*Choir sings verses, people sing refrain...*

**Refrain:**

**Shepherd me, O God,  
beyond my wants,  
beyond my fears,  
from death into life.**

1. God is my shepherd,  
so nothing shall I want,  
I rest in the meadow  
of faithfulness and love,  
I walk by the quiet waters of peace.

**Refrain**

2. Gently you raise me  
and heal my weary soul,  
you lead me by pathways  
of righteousness and truth,  
my spirit shall sing  
the music of your name.

**Refrain**

3. Though I should wander  
the valley of death,  
I fear no evil, for you are at my side,  
your rod and your staff,  
my comfort and my hope.

**Refrain**

4. You have set me a banquet of love  
in the face of hatred,  
crowning me with love  
beyond my pow’r to hold.

**Refrain**

5. Surely your kindness  
and mercy follow me  
all the days of my life;  
I will dwell in the house  
of my God forevermore.

**Refrain**

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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**

**“Adagio”**

**Franz Joseph Haydn, 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 “My Shepherd, You Supply My Need” ELW 782** *(red book)*

1. My Shepherd, you supply my need;  
most holy is your name.  
In pastures fresh you make me feed,  
beside the living stream.  
You bring my wand’ring spirit back  
when I forsake your ways,  
and lead me for your mercy’s sake,  
in paths of truth and grace.
2. When I walk through  
the shades of death,  
your presence is my stay;  
one word of your supporting breath  
drives all my fears away.

- Your hand, in sight of all my foes,  
does still my table spread;  
my cup with blessings overflows,  
your oil anoints my head.
3. The sure provisions of my God  
attend me all my days;  
oh, may your house be my abode  
and all my work be praise.  
Here would I find a settled rest,  
while others go and come;  
no more a stranger or a guest,  
but like a child at home.

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**DISTRIBUTION HYMN 2 “What a Friend We Have in Jesus” ELW 742** *(red book)*

1. What a friend we have in Jesus,  
all our sins and griefs to bear!  
What a privilege to carry  
ev’rything to God in prayer!  
Oh, what peace we often forfeit;  
oh, what needless pain we bear—  
all because we do not carry  
ev’rything to God in prayer!
2. Have we trials and temptations?  
Is there trouble anywhere?  
We should never be discouraged—  
take it to the Lord in prayer.

- Can we find a friend so faithful  
who will all our sorrows share?  
Jesus knows our every weakness—  
take it to the Lord in prayer.
3. Are we weak and heavy-laden,  
cumbered with a load of care?  
Precious Savior, still our refuge—  
take it to the Lord in prayer.  
Do your friends despise, forsake you?  
Take it to the Lord in prayer.  
In his arms he’ll take and shield you;  
you will find a solace there.

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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** "Hallelujah! We Sing Your Praises" **ELW 535** (*red book*)

**Refrain:**

**Hallelujah! We sing your praises,  
all our hearts  
are filled with gladness.  
Hallelujah! We sing your praises,  
all our hearts  
are filled with gladness.**

2. Now he sends us all out,  
strong in faith, free of doubt,  
strong in faith, free of doubt.  
Tell to all the joyful gospel.

**Refrain**

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1. Christ the Lord to us said:  
I am wine, I am bread,  
I am wine, I am bread,  
give to all who thirst and hunger.

**Refrain**

\* **SENDING**

Assistant: Go in peace. Serve the Risen Christ.

**People:** Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

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**POSTLUDE**

**"Duetto in F"**

**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.*

# FIRST IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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

**"Classical Up Close" returns to FILC this week!**

**Free Concert: Tuesday, April 23 at 7 PM**

**CLASSICAL  
UP CLOSE**



We're thrilled to welcome members of the Oregon Symphony to perform another free concert of classical music at First

Immanuel. This year, they will be joined by guest host Christa Wessell of Portland's All Classical Radio. No reservations or tickets are needed...simply come and enjoy amazing music! Last year's concert was very well-attended, so you may want to come a bit early. For more information, visit [www.classicalupclose.org](http://www.classicalupclose.org).

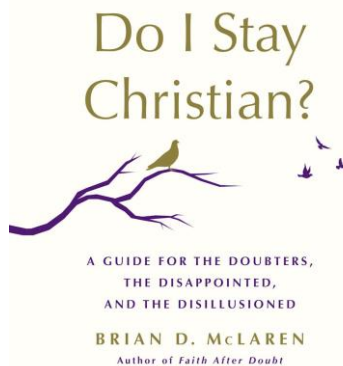
### **Kids and Youth Sunday School!**

Join us at 10 AM for friends, fun and learning! In May, we'll meet on the first and third Sundays (May 5 and 19). **We have two classes: a youth group and a class for the younger kids.** Can't wait to see you!



### **Adult Forum: Sundays at 9:30 AM**

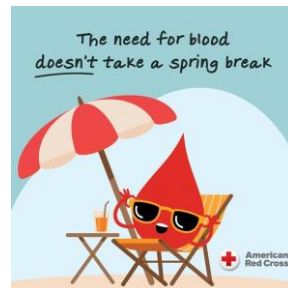
**Our new book study—*Do I Stay Christian?: A Guide for the Doubters, the Disappointed, and the Disillusioned* by Brian D. McLaren**



*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.

## American Red Cross Spring Blood Drive at FILC: Sunday, May 5, 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 Sickle 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 next blood drive will be on **Sunday, May 5, 10 AM to 2 PM**. Consider donating before or after church...it's easy to be a Life-Saving Hero! Visit our [sign-up page](#), or email Lauren Kim ([laurenhhkim@gmail.com](mailto:laurenhhkim@gmail.com)) and she will sign you up. DONATE BLOOD, SAVE A LIFE...THANK YOU!



## Free Home Smoke Alarm Installations by American Red Cross



Working smoke alarms can cut the risk of death from home fires by 50% or more, but did you know that smoke alarms must be replaced every 10 years? American Red Cross volunteers are installing **free smoke alarms** nationwide. Email [Preparedness@redcross.org](mailto:Preparedness@redcross.org) or call 503-528-5783 to schedule a free installation, or speak with Judy Wick and Lauren Kim at coffee hour today.

## 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 18<sup>th</sup> and Lovejoy stop to PSU Urban Center stop). We hope to see you there! Remember to bring comfortable shoes.

## 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!

## Be a Lift UP Souper-Hero!

Join the League of Souper-Heroes! Recent winter storms have highlighted the critical need for basic nourishment like soup in our community. A single can of soup is more than a meal; it's a gesture of warmth and care toward those who need it most. Your generosity is the superpower that fuels this mission. Beyond just feeding the hungry, it provides hope, nourishment, and a sense of community.

**Canned Soups:** Brimming with nutrition and variety

**Boxed Soups:** Perfect for sharing and easy to store

**Low-Sodium Soups:** For healthier options

**Ramen Cups:** For a quick, comforting fix

**Bring your soup donations to the basket at FILC church entrance, or donate online at Lift Urban Portland...every \$10 equals five cans of soup. Thanks for your support!**



## Lift UP needs your empty egg cartons



Lift Urban Portland needs clean, used egg cartons (6-, 12-, and 18-count sizes) to repackage bulk eggs from the Oregon Food Bank for distribution to their clients. Contribute one or a bunch, just put them in the food basket in the church entrance. Thank 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 4:5-12**

The next day [the] rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, <sup>6</sup>with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. <sup>7</sup>When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, “By what power or by what name did you do this?” <sup>8</sup>Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, “Rulers of the people and elders, <sup>9</sup>if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, <sup>10</sup>let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead.

<sup>11</sup>This Jesus is

‘the stone that was rejected by you, the builders;

it has become the cornerstone.’

<sup>12</sup>There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved.”

**Psalms 23****SECOND READING: 1 John 3:16-24**

We know love by this, that [Jesus Christ] laid down his life for us—and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. <sup>17</sup>How does God’s love abide in anyone who has the world’s goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help?

<sup>18</sup>Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. <sup>19</sup>And by this we will know that we are from the truth and

will reassure our hearts before him <sup>20</sup>whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. <sup>21</sup>Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; <sup>22</sup>and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him.

<sup>23</sup>And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. <sup>24</sup>All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

**GOSPEL: John 10:11-18**

[Jesus said:] “I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. <sup>12</sup>The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. <sup>13</sup>The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. <sup>14</sup>I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, <sup>15</sup>just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. <sup>16</sup>I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. <sup>17</sup>For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. <sup>18</sup>No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father.”

**Next Sunday’s Readings:** Acts 8:26-40; Psalm 22:25-31; 1 John 4:7-21; John 15:1-8.

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