

- 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 Skipper Bessette, in honor of her great-grandson Slater and with thanks to all for their prayers on his behalf.
- COFFEE HOUR** ✧ Please join us downstairs in Fellowship Hall for our summer lunch and VBS kickoff following worship today.
- 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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*Thank you to Marilyn Ball, Andrew Drexler and Lauren Kim for requesting today's Gathering Hymn. The Sending Hymn is a favorite of Chris Weiss.*

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# TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST HOLY COMMUNION

11 August 2024

## GATHERING

GATHERING MUSIC      “Prelude & Fugue in G 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**

**“Christ, Be Our Light”**

ELW 715 (*red book*)

1. Longing for light,  
    we wait in darkness.  
Longing for truth,  
    we turn to you.  
Make us your own,  
    your holy people,  
light for the world to see.

3. Longing for food,  
    many are hungry.  
Longing for water,  
    many still thirst.  
Make us your bread,  
    broken for others,  
shared until all are fed.

**Refrain:**

**Christ, be our light!**  
**Shine in our hearts.**  
**Shine through the darkness.**  
**Christ, be our light!**  
**Shine in your church**  
**gathered today.**

2. Longing for peace,  
    our world is troubled.  
Longing for hope,  
    many despair.  
Your word alone  
    has pow’r to save us.  
Make us your living voice.

**Refrain**

**Refrain**

5. Many the gifts,  
    many the people,  
many the hearts that  
    yearn to belong.  
let us be servants  
    to one another,  
signs of your kingdom come.

**Refrain**

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\* **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.**

\* **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, you sent Jesus to be Bread that gives Life to the world. Give us this bread always, that Christ may live in us and we in Christ, and that strengthened by this food, we may be the Body of Christ for the healing of the world, through Jesus Christ, the Living Bread and Lover of our Souls. Amen**

**WORD**

SPECIAL MUSIC

**“Jesu, Joy of Man’s Desiring”**

**J.S. Bach, comp.**

**Pianist: Anna Wilde**

THE FIRST LESSON

**1 Kings 19:4-8**

*First Kings chapter 18 describes the contest between Elijah and the prophets of Baal.*

*The contest proves that the Lord is God, and afterward Elijah orders the killing of the Baal prophets. Angered by the deaths of her prophets, Queen Jezebel threatens to kill Elijah. This reading finds Elijah fleeing, fatigued, and in utter despair.*

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Lector: Word of God, word of life.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

THE SECOND LESSON

**Ephesians 4:25—5:2**

*Christians are called to be imitators of God. This does not mean Christians are perfect.*

*Rather, the Spirit is at work in our lives so that our actions and attitudes genuinely reflect the love and forgiveness we have received through Christ and his death.*

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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**

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to John.

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

*After feeding more than five thousand people in the wilderness,  
Jesus teaches them regarding the true significance of this remarkable sign.*

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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**

**“Build a Longer Table”**

**ACS 1062 (blue book)**

1. Build a loner table,  
not a higher wall,  
feeding those who hunger,  
making room for all.  
Feasting together,  
stranger turns to friend,  
Christ breaks walls to pieces;  
false divisions end.
2. Build a safer refuge,  
not a larger jail;  
where the weak find shelter,  
mercy will not fail.  
For any place where  
justice is denied,  
Christ will breach the jail wall,  
freeing all inside.

3. Build a broader doorway,  
not a longer fence.  
Love protects all people,  
sparing no expense.  
When we embrace  
compassion more than fear,  
Christ tears down our fences:  
all are welcome here.
4. When we lived as exiles,  
refugees abroad,  
Christ became our doorway  
to the reign of God.  
So must our tables  
welcome those who roam.  
None can be excluded;  
all must find a home.

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\* **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

“Air”

**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:**

The musical score is written for a single voice part in treble clef, with a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#) and a common time signature. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics printed below the notes. The lyrics are: "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 score consists of nine staves of music, each with a line of lyrics underneath. The music ends with a double bar line and repeat dots.

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

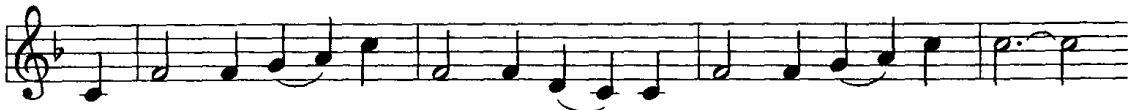
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the 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**

**“One Bread, One Body”**

**ELW 496** (*red book*)

**Refrain:**

**One bread, one body,  
one Lord of all;  
one cup of blessing which we bless,  
and we, though many  
throughout the earth,  
we are one body in this one Lord.**

1. Gentile or Jew, servant or free,  
woman or man, no more.

**Refrain**

2. Many the gifts, many the works,  
one in the Lord of all.

**Refrain**

3. Grain for the fields,  
scattered and grown,  
gathered to one for all.

**Refrain**

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**DISTRIBUTION HYMN 2 “Let Us Break Bread Together”**

**ELW 471** (*red book*)

1. Let us break bread together  
on our knees;  
let us break bread together  
on our knees.

**Refrain:**

**When I fall on my knees,  
with my face to the rising sun,  
O Lord, have mercy on me.**

2. Let us drink wine together  
on our knees;  
let us drink wine together  
on our knees.

**Refrain**

3. Let us praise God together  
on our knees;  
let us praise God together  
on our knees.

**Refrain**

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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**

**“Abide with Me”**

**ELW 629** (*red book*)

1. Abide with me,  
fast falls the eventide.  
The darkness deepens;  
Lord, with me abide.  
When other helpers  
fail and comforts flee,  
help of the helpless, oh,  
abide with me.

3. I need thy presence  
ev’ry passing hour;  
what but thy grace  
can foil the tempter’s pow’r?  
Who like thyself  
my guide and stay can be?  
Through cloud and sunshine, oh,  
abide with me.

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2. Swift to its close  
ebbs out life’s little day;  
earth’s joys grow dim,  
its glories pass away;  
change and decay  
in all around I see;  
O thou who changest not,  
abide with me.

\* **SENDING**

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

People: **Thanks be to God!**

**POSTLUDE**

**“In Thee Is Gladness”**

**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 READING: 1 Kings 19:4-8**

[Elijah] went a day's journey into the wilderness, and came and sat down under a solitary broom tree. He asked that he might die: "It is enough; now, O LORD, take away my life, for I am no better than my ancestors." <sup>5</sup>Then he lay down under the broom tree and fell asleep. Suddenly an angel touched him and said to him, "Get up and eat." <sup>6</sup>He looked, and there at his head was a cake baked on hot stones, and a jar of water. He ate and drank, and lay down again. <sup>7</sup>The angel of the LORD came a second time, touched him, and said, "Get up and eat, otherwise the journey will be too much for you." <sup>8</sup>He got up, and ate and drank; then he went in the strength of that food forty days and forty nights to Horeb the mount of God.

**Psalm 34:1-8****SECOND READING: Ephesians 4:25—5:2**

So then, putting away falsehood, let all of us speak the truth to our neighbors, for we are members of one another. <sup>26</sup>Be angry but do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, <sup>27</sup>and do not make room for the devil. <sup>28</sup>Thieves must give up stealing; rather let them labor and work honestly with their own hands, so as to have something to share with the needy. <sup>29</sup>Let no evil talk come out of your mouths, but only what is useful for building up, as there is need, so that your words may give grace to those who hear. <sup>30</sup>And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with which you were marked with a seal for the day of redemption. <sup>31</sup>Put away from you all bitterness and wrath and anger and wrangling and slander,

together with all malice, <sup>32</sup>and be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you. <sup>5:1</sup>Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children, <sup>2</sup>and live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

**GOSPEL: John 6:35, 41-51**

Jesus said to [the crowd,] "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty."

<sup>41</sup>Then the Jews began to complain about him because he said, "I am the bread that came down from heaven." <sup>42</sup>They were saying, "Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How can he now say, 'I have come down from heaven?'" <sup>43</sup>Jesus answered them, "Do not complain among yourselves. <sup>44</sup>No one can come to me unless drawn by the Father who sent me; and I will raise that person up on the last day. <sup>45</sup>It is written in the prophets, 'And they shall all be taught by God.' Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to me. <sup>46</sup>Not that anyone has seen the Father except the one who is from God; he has seen the Father. <sup>47</sup>Very truly, I tell you, whoever believes has eternal life. <sup>48</sup>I am the bread of life. <sup>49</sup>Your ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. <sup>50</sup>This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. <sup>51</sup>I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh."

**Next Sunday's Readings:** Proverbs 9:1-6; Psalm 34:9-14; Ephesians 5:15-20; John 6:51-58.

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