

- WELCOME!** ✧ Welcome! We are glad that you have come to First Immanuel this morning to worship God. 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.
- COVID PROTOCOLS** ✧ In order to protect our more vulnerable members, all worshipers in the sanctuary are to be vaccinated, masked, and distanced.
- 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 a believing 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.

PARTICIPANTS IN THE SERVICE

GUEST PASTOR	Joan Beck
ASSISTING MINISTER	James Bash
USHERS	Kent Fredrickson & Jeannette O'Brien
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COMMUNION BREAD	Lauren Kim
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ZOOM HOST	Chia Stockwell

NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST HOLY COMMUNION

7 August 2022

GATHERING

GATHERING MUSIC

“Aria”

Domenico Paradies, comp.

WELCOME AND PARISH NOTES

SILENT PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

OPENING HYMN “God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens” ELW 771 (*red book*)

1. God, who stretched
the spangled heavens
infinite in time and place,
flung the suns in burning radiance
through the silent fields of space:
we, your children in your likeness,
share inventive pow’rs with you;
great Creator, still creating,
show us what we yet may do.
2. We have ventured
worlds undreamed of
since the childhood of our race;
known the ecstasy of winging
through untraveled realms of space;
probed the secrets of the atom,
yielding unimagined pow’r,
facing us with life’s destruction
or our most triumphant hour.
3. As each far horizon beckons,
may it challenge us anew:
children of creative purpose,
serving others, hon’ring you.
May our dreams
prove rich with promise;
each endeavor well begun;
great Creator, give us guidance
till our goals and yours are one.

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THE APOSTOLIC GREETING

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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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: Let us pray.

People: Holy and eternal God, give us such trust in your sure purpose, that we measure our lives not by what we have done or failed to do, but by our faithfulness to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

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WORD

SPECIAL MUSIC

“My Lord, What a Morning”

**Harry Burleigh, arr.
James Bash, soloist**

THE FIRST LESSON

Genesis 15:1-6

God promises childless and aging Abram that a child of his own will be his heir and that his descendants will number as many as the stars. Abram trusts God’s promise, and through this faith he is considered righteous.

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THE SECOND LESSON

Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

Abraham and Sarah exemplify the vision of faith that people of God enact in every age. Their hope and trust in God’s promise allowed them to face an unknown future and to receive the promise of God.

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ALLELUIA VERSE

“Halle, Halle, Hallelujah”

ELW 172 (*red book*)

Halle, halle, hallelujah.
Halle, halle, hallelujah.
Halle, halle, hallelujah.
Hallelujah. Hallelujah.

THE GOSPEL

Luke 12:32-40

*Jesus encourages disciples to invest their hearts and live fully into God’s reign.
Instead of facing life with fear, those who know God’s generosity
are always ready to receive from God and to give to others.*

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN’S TIME

THE SERMON

Pastor Joan Beck

HYMN OF THE DAY

“Have No Fear, Little Flock”

ELW 764 (*red book*)

1. Have no fear, little flock;
have no fear, little flock,
for the Father has chosen
to give you the kingdom;
have no fear, little flock!
2. Have good cheer, little flock;
have good cheer, little flock,
for the Father will keep you
in his love forever;
have good cheer, little flock!
3. Praise the Lord high above;
praise the Lord high above,
for he stoops down to heal you,
uplift and restore you;
praise the Lord high above!
4. Thankful hearts raise to God;
thankful hearts raise to God,
for he stays close beside you,
in all things works with you;
thankful hearts raise to God!

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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 the Lord be with you always.

People: And also with you.

GATHERING OF GIFTS

“Impromptu”

Franz Schubert, 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.

Refrain:

**Sing with thankfulness
songs of pure delight.**

**Come and revel
in heaven's love and light.**

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

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: Blessed are you, Holy God...

... Through him all honor and glory is yours, O God, 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. The body of Christ is given for us. The blood of Christ is shed for us.

All are welcome at Christ's table. If you wish to use an individually packaged cup and wafer, please pick one up from an usher. At Holy Communion, please be seated while you eat the wafer and drink the juice. An usher will collect your used cup.

If you wish to receive Holy Communion from the pastors, the ushers will direct you up the center aisle. After receiving the bread, step aside to a station with wine and grape juice. There you may eat the bread and drink a cup of wine or juice.

Please take your used cup back to your seat, where an usher will collect it.

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

“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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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.

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

Refrain:

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

Refrain

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

Refrain

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DISTRIBUTION HYMN 3 “Take, Oh, Take Me As I Am”

ELW 814 (*red book*)

Take, oh, take me as I am; summon out what I shall be;
 set your seal upon my heart and live in me. (*Repeat*)

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BLESSING

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

People: **Amen**

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POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Assistant: Let us pray. Christ's food in our souls,

People: our food shared like his.

Assistant: Christ's life in our hands,

People: our lives shaped by his.

Assistant: Christ's love in our hearts,

People: our love warmed through his.

Assistant: Christ's peace on our path,

People: our path following his. Amen

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SENDING

BENEDICTION

Pastor: Be strengthened with the power of God, the love of Christ ✠, and the help of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

People: Amen

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CLOSING HYMN

“Go to the World”

TUNE: ELW 422 (*red book*)

1. Go to the world!
Go into all the earth.
Go preach the cross where
Christ renews life's worth,
baptizing as
the sign of our rebirth.
Alleluia. Alleluia.
2. Go to the world!
Go into ev'ry place.
Go live the word of
God's redeeming grace.
Go seek God's presence
in each time and space.
Alleluia. Alleluia.
3. Go to the world!
Go struggle, bless, and pray;
the nights of tears
give way to joyous day.
As servant church,
you follow Christ's own way.
Alleluia. Alleluia.
4. Go to the world!
Go as the ones I send,
for I am with you
till the age shall end,
when all the hosts
of glory cry, “Amen!”
Alleluia. Alleluia.

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SENDING

Assistant: Go in peace to bear Christ's love to the world.

People: Thanks be to God.

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ORGAN 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.*

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



FILC is eager to welcome a new ministry partner

First Immanuel has contracted with Norris & Stevens Inc. to find a new nonprofit, ministry partner to occupy the lower level of Sodergren Hall. We have 3,478 square feet of light-filled space just waiting for the right match—feel free to **spread the word to family, friends and colleagues!**

Summer get-away day with First Immanuel: Saturday, August 13, 2 PM LL Stub Stewart Park, Hilltop Day Use Area (just 45 minutes west of Portland on Hwy. 26)

Join us for a day of fun, relaxation and fellowship! Barbecue, lawn games, disc golf! Come early for a hike on one of the many beautiful trails. Stay late to enjoy breathtaking stargazing. Come for the whole weekend if you like!

The weather should be beautiful, the park is gorgeous, and the company can't be beat. It's worth the short drive for a day of relaxation and re-connection. Bring a favorite game or treat to share or just bring yourself. Lawn chairs or blankets may be helpful. Give Marja a heads-up that you'll be coming so we can have plenty to eat at the BBQ. But feel free to come last minute too...there's always enough food and room for more!



We'll gather at the Hilltop Day Use Area where we have reserved the picnic shelter. Those staying for the weekend will be in the Mountain Dale Village Cabins just a short walk away. A \$7 day parking pass is required, which you can purchase as you first enter the park. Get more info about the park [here](#). For questions or to let us know you're coming, contact Marja (text or call [971.221.7028](tel:971.221.7028), or email marja_selmann@comcast.net).

—Sponsored by your Congregational Life Committee

Save the date for our next baking day! Sunday, Aug. 28, 1:30 PM

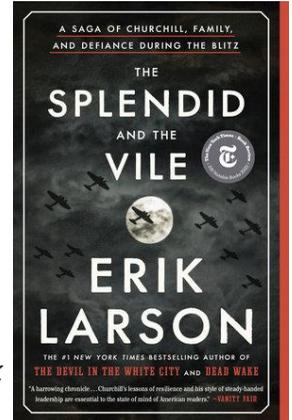


You're invited to our next baking day on Sunday, Aug. 28 at 1:30 PM via [Zoom](#). Tyrell Servo will lead us in making a tasty treat with peaches and blackberries, along with regular pantry staples. All bakers and observers are welcome to join the fun—baking days are just as much about fellowship as creating something delicious!

Book Group selection for August 28 *The Splendid and the Vile* by Erik Larson

Conversation and good company await at book group on Sunday, Aug 28 at 6:30 PM. We'll meet at the home of Kent Fredrickson; for RSVP and directions, email Kent at quixotikf@comcast.net. You'll want to get a head start on this hefty and excellent book: *The Splendid and the Vile: A Saga of Churchill, Family, and Defiance During the Blitz* by Erik Larson.

Synopsis: *On Winston Churchill's first day as prime minister, Adolf Hitler invaded Holland and Belgium. It was up to Churchill to hold his country together and persuade President Franklin Roosevelt that Britain was a worthy ally—and willing to fight to the end. Author Erik Larson shows, in cinematic detail, how Churchill taught the British people "the art of being fearless." It is a story of political brinkmanship, but it's also an intimate domestic drama, providing a new lens on London's darkest year when Churchill's eloquence, courage, and perseverance bound a country, and a family, together.*



"NORDIC FOLKTALES REIMAGINED" Art Exhibit through September 25 at Nordia House, 8800 SW Oleson Road, Portland

Folktales inspire those young and old, harkening back to childhood and stories of culture and home. Nordic Northwest's Nordia House is showcasing tales of the past through the work of contemporary artists—including two wonderful watercolors by FILC member **Nancy Matthias!** Misty Ibsen and Sue Nelson saw the show last weekend, and "loved all of it." Click [here](#) for hours and details.

Donate Items for Refugees

Lutheran Community Services NW needs help to be able to provide shelter, financial assistance, and legal services for refugees in our community. Visit our Amazon Wishlist to see specific items that are needed now: [Portland Amazon Wish List](#). *We are especially in need of new and like-new furniture.* If you have furniture to donate, please let us know! Send an email with information about the items to Natasha Pavlovets at portlanddonations@lcsnw.org.





In Memoriam
John Culbertson Thom IV
26 June 1943—July 3, 2022

We thank God for the life of John Thom, who died of a brain hemorrhage on July 3. A member of First Immanuel since 1998, John was a significant leader, serving as Council Vice President and helping to create our Endowment Fund. An ever-enthusiastic stewardship committee member, he was always supportive and encouraging of FILC's ministry.

John spent his career in executive sales roles followed by 12 years as an Edward Jones financial advisor. We will remember John for his love of family, his wonderfully wry sense of humor, and his deep faith. We ask God's love and comfort for John's wife Linda and children Peter, Annie, Kirsten and Hannah, who will lay John to rest in Wyoming, a meaningful location for the family. A memorial service will be held at 2 PM (MDT) on Tuesday, Aug. 9, 2022, at St. Luke's Episcopal Church in Buffalo, Wyoming. A livestream virtual option and recording will be available; for info, contact the FILC office.

Rest eternal grant him, O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon him.



2022 ELCA
CHURCHWIDE ASSEMBLY
August 8-12, 2022
Columbus, Ohio

Every three years, the ELCA gathers representatives from its synods for Churchwide Assembly. The approximately 1,000 Churchwide voting members come from every synod in the USA and the Bahamas. Churchwide Assembly is the primary decision-making body of the ELCA, and this year they will take up the issues of land stories and Indigenous neighbors, best practices for structuring our future, LGBTQ justice, and the ministries of our international partners. We pray for Bishop Laurie and our eight other voting members as they participate. To learn more, follow [this link](#).



Cookies and hosts needed

Everybody enjoys a snack and conversation after worship. You can help host “church chat”—a simple social time served in the entry as people visit outside. We need people to bring a package or plate of cookies (store-bought or homemade) and/or set up the table before worship and keep an eye on it after (juice boxes & napkins are provided). To help out, please contact Linnea Zahradnik (lnzahradnik@gmail.com) or any member of FILC Congregational Life Team. Thanks!

Can you bake bread or help prepare Holy Communion?

Now that we are again sharing real bread, wine and grape juice for Holy Communion, we need some willing hands to help prepare the meal. It takes just a few minutes before and after worship to bless the congregation in this helpful way. If you can bake bread (recipes available) or help set up, please contact Debbie



(debbie@firstimmanueluth.org) or Leslie Wong (leslieswong@yahoo.com). Thanks!

Altar flowers for Sunday worship



Want to celebrate a special day or remember a special person? You are welcome to bring altar flowers for a Sunday worship service. It’s an easy process and a great way to honor God’s gift of natural beauty. Just contact Debbie (debbie@firstimmanueluth.org, 503-226-3659) with your preferred Sunday date and whether it’s in honor or memory of a special person or occasion. Bring flowers on the Sunday you select. After worship, you can take your flowers home or leave

them for the pastors to share with others on home visits. We hope to see a lively and vibrant altar space for everyone, whether in-person or Zoom!

FIRST READING: Genesis 15:1-6

After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, “Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great.”²But Abram said, “O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?”³And Abram said, “You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir.”⁴But the word of the LORD came to him, “This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir.”⁵He brought him outside and said, “Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them.” Then he said to him, “So shall your descendants be.”⁶And he believed the LORD; and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness.

Psalm 33:12-22

SECOND READING: Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.²Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval.³By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.

⁸By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going.⁹By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise.¹⁰For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God.¹¹By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old—and Sarah herself was barren—because he considered him faithful who had promised.¹²Therefore from one person, and this one as

good as dead, descendants were born, “as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.”

¹³All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth,¹⁴ for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland.¹⁵If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return.¹⁶But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

GOSPEL: Luke 12:32-40

[Jesus said:] “Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom.³³Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys.³⁴For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

³⁵“Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; ³⁶be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks.³⁷Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them.³⁸If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves.

³⁹“But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into.⁴⁰You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.”

Next Sunday’s Readings: Jeremiah 23:23-29; Psalm 82; Hebrews 11:29–12:2; Luke 12:49-56.

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