

- 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 today are given to the glory of God by Karl Jurisons, in celebration of his 36th wedding anniversary.
- COFFEE** ✧ Please join us for coffee downstairs in Fellowship Hall after worship.
- 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.

PARTICIPANTS IN THE SERVICE

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* **APOSTOLIC GREETING**

Pastor: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

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.

* **THE KYRIE**

SING: P. 3 CALL US HOME (*booklet*)

Kyrie eleison, Christe eleison, Kyrie e- le- eleison.
Gathered by your love, we pray for healing and hope,
Lord, give us peace, make us one, salvation come.
From your perfect love, bring your perfect reign
to ev'ry heart, ev'ry home,
Let love be known.
Lord our God have mercy, Jesus Christ have mercy,
Save us by your mercy, Lord.

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* **HYMN OF PRAISE “Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing!” ELW 385** (*red book*)

1. Good Christian friends,
rejoice and sing!
Now is the triumph of our king!
To all the world glad news we bring:
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
2. The Lord of life is ris'n this day;
death's mighty stone is rolled away;
let all the earth rejoice and say:
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
3. Praise we in songs of victory
that love, that life which cannot die,
and sing with hearts uplifted high:
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
4. Your name we bless, O risen Lord,
and sing today with one accord,
the life laid down, the life restored:
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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* **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Let us pray.

People: Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life. Give us grace to love one another, to follow in the way of his commandments, and to share his risen life with all the world, for he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

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WORD

CHOIR ANTHEM

“*Cantate Domino*”

Giuseppe Pitoni, comp.

O sing ye to the Lord, sing ye a new song.
O praise him in the company of his saints.
Let all of Israel rejoice now in him who made us.
The sons of all Zion and daughters of Zion
be joyful and praise God on high!

THE FIRST READING

Acts 7:55-60

Stephen was one of the seven men chosen by the apostles to serve tables so that the apostles could be free to serve the word (Acts 6:1-6). Stephen does more than distribute food, however. For his preaching of God’s word, he becomes the first martyr of the faith.

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Lector: Word of God, word of life.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

THE PSALM

Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16

Lector: In you, O Lord, I seek refuge; do not let me ever be put to shame; in your righteousness deliver me.

People: **Incline your ear to me; rescue me speedily. Be a rock of refuge for me, a strong fortress to save me.**

Lector: You are indeed my rock and my fortress; for your name’s sake lead me and guide me;

People: **take me out of the net that is hidden for me, for you are my refuge.**

Lector: Into your hand I commit my spirit; you have redeemed me, O Lord, faithful God.

People: **My times are in your hand; deliver me from the hand of my enemies and persecutors.**

Lector: Let your face shine upon your servant; save me in your steadfast love.

THE SECOND READING

1 Peter 2:2-10

*Christ is the cornerstone of God’s saving work and the foundation of our lives.
We are God’s chosen, holy people who continuously celebrate and
declare the mercy of God we experience through Jesus Christ.*

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Lector: Word of God, word of life.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

* ALLELUIA VERSE

SING: P. 6 CALL US HOME (booklet)

Alleluia, sing alleluia.
Lord, to whom shall we go?
Christ, we greet you with alleluias;
rise to welcome you, Lord.
You have the words that awaken our souls.
Alleluia, we sing.

Repeat...

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* THE GOSPEL

John 14:1-14

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to John.

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

*On the night that he is to be arrested, Jesus shares final words with his disciples.
As the one through whom God is known, he promises to go
before them and act on their behalf.*

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* GOSPEL RESPONSE

This is the Gos-pel of the
Lord. We've heard God's— pro-mise to us.—
Thanks be to God—for this Word of— life.

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CHILDREN'S TIME

THE SERMON

Pastor John Beck

* **HYMN OF THE DAY** “**Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing**” **ELW 389** (*red book*)

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| 1. Christ is alive! Let Christians sing.
The cross stands empty to the sky.
Let streets and homes
with praises ring.
Love, drowned in death,
shall never die. | Christ suffers still,
yet loves the more,
and lives, where even hope has died. |
| 2. Christ is alive! No longer bound
to distant years in Palestine,
but saving, healing, here and now,
and touching ev’ry place and time. | 4. Women and men, in age and youth,
can feel the Spirit, hear the call,
and find the way, the life, the truth,
revealed in Jesus, freed for all. |
| 3. In ev’ry insult, rift, and war,
where color, scorn, or wealth divide, | 5. Christ is alive, and comes to bring
good news to this and ev’ry age,
till earth and sky and ocean ring
with joy, with justice,
love, and praise. |

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* **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

Assistant: Trusting in the power of Christ’s resurrection to heal and redeem our broken world, let us pray for the needs of all creation.

After each petition...

Assistant: Lord, in your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

The prayers conclude...

Pastor: Loving God, in you alone we place our hope. In your wisdom and kindness grant healing and peace to all for whom we pray, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People: Amen

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HOLY COMMUNION

* **SHARING THE PEACE**

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

People: And also with you. Alleluia!

GATHERING OF GIFTS

“Impromptu in A Flat”

Franz Schubert, comp.

* **SETTING THE TABLE**

1. Lord, the harvest is ready now,
the blessings of the field
and vine are gathered.
You've spread our table
with these offerings of love
that we may be fed,
we may be fed with the Bread of Life.
The Bread of Life, the Bread of Life.
May we be fed with the Bread of Life.

SING: P. 12 CALL US HOME (*booklet*)

2. Ev'ry lovely and welcome gift,
comes to us from your gen'rous hand.
Fashion our lives into
an off'ring of love
as our hearts are fed,
our hearts are fed with
the Bread of Life.
The Bread of Life, the Bread of Life.
Our hearts are fed with
the Bread of Life.

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Assistant: Let us pray together.

People: Generous God, all we have and all we are comes from you. Graciously receive these gifts and fashion our whole lives into an offering of love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lover of our Souls. Amen

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* **THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

Pastor: May God be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to God.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

People: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Pastor: Truly it is right and joyous to offer thanks and praise to our gracious God in all places and in all circumstances of life. But especially so on this day...
...And so with all the saints and angels in heaven and on earth we raise our voices with this never-ending hymn of praise.

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* **HOLY, HOLY, HOLY**

SING: P. 14 CALL US HOME (*booklet*)

Holy, holy, holy Lord. God of power and might.
Heaven and earth are filled with your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is the One, who comes in your name.
Hosanna in the highest.
Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest.

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* **THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER**

Pastor: Gracious God of life and light, our hearts are full of gratitude, for in the beginning, you loved us into life and gathered us to your heart. You called us your people and called us back again when we were exiled far from you. Once captive in Egypt and Babylon, you brought us home to a place of refuge in you, guiding us through a wilderness of desert days and desperate nights.

People: Through every generation when your people became captive to darkness and despair, you called prophets and wise ones to illumine the way back to you. Promising that your light would never be extinguished, you brought it into the world in the person of Jesus, our light and our life.

Pastor: In the night in which he was betrayed...this cup is the new covenant in my blood poured out for you and all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this to remember me.

People: We remember, O God, and with this bread and cup we feast at your table in joyful anticipation of that day when all creation will find its home in you.

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SING: P. 16 CALL US HOME (*booklet*)

God, Creator, call us home.

God, Christ Jesus, call us home.

God, Holy Spirit, call us home.

God, we're longing to come home. (*Repeat...*)

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* **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**

Pastor: Come to the table of new life. Receive the risen Lord.

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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: P. 17 CALL US HOME (*booklet*)

Lamb of God, you take away our sin. Lamb of God, have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away our fear, Lamb of God, you grant us peace.

Call us home when we've lost our way, adrift and alone in the world.
Lift the darkness of empty days, flooding us with light, 'til we return home.

Lamb of God, you take away our sin. Lamb of God, have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you free us from our fear, Lamb of God, in you, our peace.

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COMMUNION HYMN 1 “Come, My Way, My Truth, My Life” ELW 816 (*red book*)

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| 1. Come, my way, my truth, my life:
such a way as gives us breath;
such a truth as ends all strife;
such a life as killeth death. | 3. Come, my joy, my love, my heart:
such a joy as none can move;
such a love as none can part;
such a heart as joys in love. |
| 2. Come, my light, my feast,
my strength:
such a light as shows a feast;
such a feast as mends in length;
such a strength as makes his guest. | |

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COMMUNION HYMN 2 “Build a Longer Table” ACS 1062 (*blue book*)

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| 1. Build a longer 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. | 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. |
| 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. | 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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* **BLESSING**

Pastor: May the gifts of Christ's body and blood strengthen and unite us in the shelter of God's grace.

People: Amen

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* **POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

Assistant: Let us pray.

People: Gracious God, as we have received Christ's body and blood, so may we receive one another in a community of grace that extends to all of creation and the whole human race. Amen

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SENDING

* **BENEDICTION**

Pastor: May God send you from this place renewed and at peace. Return now to the world with God's blessing to courageously love and serve others and to share the promise of God's welcome for all people. In the name of the One who is our home: Creator, ✠ Christ and Holy Spirit.

People: Amen

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* **SENDING HYMN**

"You Are the Way"

ELW 758 (red book)

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| 1. You are the way; to you alone
from sin and death we flee;
all those who search for God, you find
and by your grace set free. | 3. You are the life; the rending tomb
proclaims your conqu'ring arm;
and those who put their trust in you
not death nor hell shall harm. |
| 2. You are the truth; your word alone
true wisdom can impart;
you only can inform the mind
and purify the heart. | 4. You are the way, the truth, the life;
grant us that way to know,
that truth to keep, that life to win,
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* **SENDING**

Assistant: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

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POSTLUDE

"Festive Trumpet Tune"

David German, 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.

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Celebrate our Graduates next Sunday



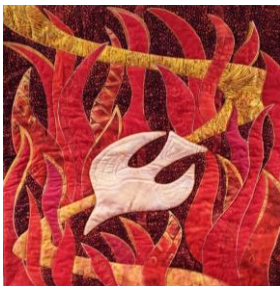
Join us as we celebrate and congratulate our graduating high school seniors in worship next Sunday, May 10:

**Macy Drexler
Hugo Matthias
Luke VanDeGrift**

Welcome Pastor Ellen to First Immanuel on Pentecost Sunday, May 24

After more than two years of hard work and dedication by our Transition Team and Call Committee, and the prayerful input and consideration of the congregation, we're getting ready to welcome Pastor Ellen Williams to First Immanuel!

Pastor Ellen's first Sunday with us will be Pentecost Sunday, May 24. Her first day in the church office will be Monday, May 18. (Pastor Susan Kintner will be on call for any pastoral care needs from May 1 to May 18. She can be reached at smkintner@gmail.com or 503-724-2556 during that time.)



Be sure to join us on May 24, as we begin our ministry with Pastor Ellen, wearing as much red as you wish! Pentecost is the third great festival of our church year (following Christmas and Easter), celebrating the gift of God's Spirit, as told in the Book of Acts. The color for the day is red, recalling the story from Acts, when tongues of flame appeared on the heads of the apostles as the Holy Spirit empowered them to be bold witnesses to Jesus.

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Saturday, May 16th 2026

3:00-5:00pm



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Irving Park
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A children's & family parade to promote love and hope within our community. All are welcome to join us in merry marching from Augustana Lutheran Church to Irving Park. We will meet at Augustana Lutheran Church at 3:00pm, parade 0.7 miles to Irving Park, and end with a snack and play time in the park. Glow sticks will be provided to all participants to let your light, and love, shine! Costumes, flashlights, and bubbles are strongly encouraged. All ages are welcome. click below to sign up.

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FIRST READING: Acts 7:55-60

Filled with the Holy Spirit, [Stephen] gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. ⁵⁶“Look,” he said, “I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!” ⁵⁷But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. ⁵⁸Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him, and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. ⁵⁹While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, “Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.” ⁶⁰Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, “Lord, do not hold this sin against them.” When he had said this, he died.

Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16**SECOND READING: 1 Peter 2:2-10**

Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation—³if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

⁴Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God’s sight, and ⁵like living stones let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. ⁶For it stands in scripture:

“See, I am laying in Zion a stone,
a cornerstone chosen and precious,
and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.”

⁷This honor, then, is for you who believe, but for those who do not believe,

“The stone that the builders rejected
has become the very head of the corner,”

⁸and

“A stone that makes them stumble
and a rock that makes them fall.”

They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.

⁹But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood,

a holy nation, God’s own people, in order that you may proclaim the excellence of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.

¹⁰Once you were not a people,
but now you are God’s people;
once you had not received mercy,
but now you have received mercy.

GOSPEL: John 14:1-14

[Jesus said to the disciples:] “Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. ²In my Father’s house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? ³And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. ⁴And you know the way to the place where I am going.” ⁵Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” ⁶Jesus said to him, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. ⁷If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.”

⁸Philip said to him, “Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.” ⁹Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? ¹⁰Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own, but the Father who dwells in me does his works. ¹¹Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, but if you do not, then believe because of the works themselves. ¹²Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. ¹³I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. ¹⁴If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.”

Next Sunday’s Readings: Acts 17:22-31; Psalm 66:8-20; 1 Peter 3:13-22; John 14:15-21.

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