

- 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 Anneliese Knapp.
- COFFEE HOUR** ✧ Please join us downstairs in Fellowship Hall for Coffee Hour 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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MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS SUNDAY HOLY COMMUNION

29 September 2024

GATHERING

GATHERING MUSIC

“Concerto in A: Adagio”

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

“You Are Holy”

ELW 525 (*red book*)

You are holy, you are whole.
You are always evermore
than we can understand.
You are always at hand.
Blessed are you coming near.
Blessed are you coming here
to your church in wine and bread,
raised from soil, raised from dead.
You are holy,
you are wholeness,
you are present.
Let the cosmos praise you, Lord!
Sing hosanna in the highest!
Sing hosanna!
Sing hosanna to our God!

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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.

* KYRIE

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

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

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

Assistant: 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.

Assistant: 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.

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

People: Amen

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* 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: God be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Let us pray.

People: Everlasting God, you send your angels to contend against the cosmic forces of evil and to defend us here on earth. Make us ever more aware of all your good gifts, especially Jesus Christ our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God whom we worship and praise with angels and archangels and all the company of heaven. Amen

WORD

CHOIR ANTHEM

“Open Thou Mine Eyes”

John Rutter, comp.

THE FIRST LESSON

Daniel 10:10-14; 12:1-3

Daniel trembles in the presence of an angel. That angel tells the prophet about the good and terrible future when the dead will be resurrected and the archangel Michael will usher in the deliverance of the nation.

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Lector: Word of God, word of life.

People: Thanks be to God.

THE SECOND LESSON

Revelation 12:7-12

Armed with the power of God, Michael and the angels of God fight those armed with the power of evil, the devil and the devil's angels.

The "blood of the Lamb," our crucified Lord Jesus, gives Michael the power to force the devil from a place in heaven.

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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**

Luke 10:17-20

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to Luke.

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

The missionary church ("the seventy-two") is given magnificent power. Greater than this gift of power over the enemy, however, is the gift of salvation: their names are written in heaven.

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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** **"Let There Be Peace on Earth"**

1. Let there be peace on earth,
and let it begin with me.
Let there be peace on earth,
the peace that was meant to be.
With God as our Father,
siblings all are we.
Let me walk with my siblings
in perfect harmony.

2. Let peace begin with me,
let this be the moment now.
With ev'ry step I take,
let this be my solemn vow:
to take each moment and live
each moment in peace eternally.
Let there be peace on earth,
and let it begin with me.

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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

“Adagio”

John Bennett, 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. 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**

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 God, you created us in your image...

... 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, 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 “There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy” ELW 588 (red book)

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| <p>1. There’s a wideness in God’s mercy,
like the wideness of the sea;
there’s a kindness in God’s justice
which is more than liberty.
There is no place
 where earth’s sorrows
are more felt than up in heav’n.
There is no place
 where earth’s failings
have such kindly judgment giv’n.</p> | <p>3. For the love of God is broader
than the measures of our mind;
and the heart of the Eternal
is most wonderfully kind.
But we make this love too narrow
by false limits of our own;
and we magnify its strictness
with a zeal God will not own.</p> |
| <p>2. There is welcome for the sinner,
and a promised grace made good;
there is mercy with the Savior;
there is healing in his blood.
There is grace enough for thousands
of new worlds as great as this;
there is room for fresh creations
in that upper home of bliss.</p> | <p>4. ’Tis not all we owe to Jesus;
it is something more than all:
greater good because of evil,
larger mercy through the fall.
Make our love, O God,
 more faithful;
let us take you at your word,
and our lives will be thanksgiving
for the goodness of the Lord.</p> |

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DISTRIBUTION HYMN 2 “Breathe on Me, Breath of God”

Breathe on me, Breath of God, fill me with life anew
that I may love the way you love and do what you would do.

Repeat...

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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: May God enfold us and surround us, in our speaking and in our thinking, in our singing and in our silence. May God protect us when we sleep, in our waking and our watching, in all our hopes and in all our dreams. In our hearts and in our living, in our deeds and in our rest, and in our ever-loving soul, may we find God's eternal grace. In the name of the Three of limitless Love:
✠ Creator, Christ, and Holy Spirit.

People: Amen

* **CLOSING HYMN**

“Go to the World”

ACS 991 (*blue book*)

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| <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> | <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> |
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* **SENDING**

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

People: Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

"Cornet Voluntary"

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

**Adult Forum: "Theology and Politics"
Sundays, 9:30 AM in Sodergren Library (& Zoom)**



You've probably noticed that this is an election year. In November, citizens in this country will be choosing leadership at the federal level, as well as at state and local levels. And it goes without saying we are experiencing divisive times that are tearing apart families, churches and communities.

The adult forum this fall will look at how our faith informs our civic activity. Join us for Theology and Politics, a guide to navigating our contentious political landscape with wisdom, grace, and faith.

In the six weeks leading to the November Federal Election, we'll study a resource from Luther Seminary's Faith+Lead. Each session starts with a short video. Guided discussion will follow. Topic titles include: Politics and Religion, Political Leaders and Idolatry, Love and Discernment, Justice and Health, Sin and Confession, and Community and Belonging.

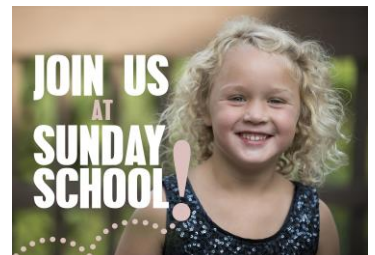
Our hope is that our discussion will equip us with the tools to have meaningful conversations across political divides, address polarization in our families and community with love and insight, and stay true to our faith while engaging in civic life.

Learn to think theologically and act compassionately! Join us, won't you?

Sundays in Sodergren library or via Zoom, Meeting ID: 993 6441 5673, Passcode: 069629A

Kids, see you in Sunday School!

Sunday School is off and running, with two classes for kids and youth. The current schedule is that we'll meet on the second and fourth Sundays of the month. Upcoming class dates are Oct. 13 and Oct. 27. We're off to a great start, and we can't wait to see you!



Choir & Bell Choir: New members always welcome!



The fall season is quickly approaching—and that means our choir and bell choir will resume rehearsals on Thursday nights in the sanctuary. Bell Choir meets 6-7 PM, and Choir meets from 7-8:15 PM. We welcome new members! Questions? Contact choir director Ralph Nelson (ralph.nelson@yahoo.com, 503-702-1973).

FILC Endowment Grants: Apply Now

It's time to apply for First Immanuel endowment grants! A total of \$15,230 is available: \$9,697 from the First Immanuel Endowment Fund, designated for evangelism outreach, social ministry outreach, and building improvements; and \$5,533 from the Doris Palmblad World Missions Endowment Fund, designated for ministry and service activities outside the United States.



Applications are due by October 1. Visit our website for details and to download application forms and instructions, or call Debbie at 503-226-3659. Send completed applications to office@firstimmanueluth.org or mail them to the church office. We encourage church committees to solicit applications and to submit their own.

Endowment Committee:

Marilyn Ball, Bobbi Varnes, Judy Wick, Chris Wiens, Pr. Scott Dunfee

Sundays, October 6 & 20: Special Prayer Opportunities



On Sunday, Oct. 6, we'll celebrate the Festival of St. Francis of Assisi, who called the animals, the sun and the moon, the trees and the rivers, and all of creation, "Brother" and "Sister." And we will embrace this sibling-like nature of our pets by having a "Blessing of Pets and their Human Companions." We'll lay hands on these beloved creatures and their human companions and pray *with* them.

On Sunday, Oct. 20, we'll observe St. Luke the Physician Sunday. Luke includes more healing stories in his Gospel (24!) than do the other Evangelists. Indeed, Luke's Gospel has a second volume, the Book of Acts, in which there are another 17 healing stories, about the followers of Jesus praying *with* people for healing. We'll have a Station for Prayer during the distribution of Holy Communion (which is also healing—Luther called the Bread and the Cup "holy medicine"). After receiving Communion, you may go to this Station and receive prayer *with* the laying on of hands and anointing with oil.



Memorial Service for Ann Rorem Brown Monday, September 30, at 1 PM

We give God thanks for the life of Ann Rorem Brown, who died on July 15. Ann and her beloved daughter, Sara Watts, joined First Immanuel in April 2015. Ann is greatly missed and remembered for her gentle spirit and love of music, especially Sara’s beautiful violin playing. Join us for a memorial service at First Immanuel tomorrow, Monday, Sept. 30, which would have been her 100th birthday! “Ann’s 100th Birthday Party” will follow in Fellowship Hall.

Lift UP's 2nd Annual Fall Nut Butter Drive

This summer, Lift UP experienced a significant increase in demand for food security services. On several peak days, they served up to 105 individuals in a single day, and have surpassed previous records by delivering nearly 500 food boxes per month to local residents.

Access to nutritious food is a basic human right, not a privilege. Every person, no matter their situation, deserves access to wholesome, nourishing food. Every contribution—no matter how large or small—brings Lift UP closer to building a well-fed Downtown and Northwest Portland community, where no one goes hungry. When people are fed, futures are nourished, and we can all reach our full potential.

After last year's success, Lift UP has raised their goal from 5,000 jars to 10,000 jars of nut butter for our community. Why nut butter? It's one of the most requested, high-demand items and provides an easy, nutritious meal. Help kick off the drive strong! A \$25 donation provides 10 jars of nut butter for families in need. Thank you!



Lutheran Choral Association Concert next Sunday, Oct. 6, at 4 PM Peace Lutheran Church, 2201 N Rosa Parks Way, Portland



Enjoy sacred music old and new with this multi-denominational choir. Our own Karl Jurisons serves as pianist for the veteran group—the Lutheran Choral Association has been performing annually since 1938! All are welcome. The concert is free; a freewill offering will be taken.

Scripture Readings: Michael and All Angels Sunday

Daniel 10:10-14; 12:1-3

¹⁰ But then a hand touched me and roused me to my hands and knees. ¹¹ He said to me, “Daniel, greatly beloved, pay attention to the words that I am going to speak to you. Stand on your feet, for I have now been sent to you.” So while he was speaking this word to me, I stood up trembling. ¹² He said to me, “Do not fear, Daniel, for from the first day that you set your mind to gain understanding and to humble yourself before your God, your words have been heard, and I have come because of your words. ¹³ But the prince of the kingdom of Persia opposed me twenty-one days. So Michael, one of the chief princes, came to help me, and I left him there with the prince of the kingdom of Persia ¹⁴ and have come to help you understand what is to happen to your people at the end of days. For there is a further vision for those days.”

¹² “At that time Michael, the great prince, the protector of your people, shall arise. There shall be a time of anguish such as has never occurred since nations first came into existence. But at that time your people shall be delivered, everyone who is found written in the book.

² Many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth^[a] shall awake, some to everlasting life and some to shame and everlasting contempt.

³ Those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the sky,^[b] and those who lead the many to righteousness, like the stars forever and ever.

Revelation 12:7-12

⁷ And war broke out in heaven; Michael and his angels fought against the dragon. The dragon and his angels fought back, ⁸ but they were defeated, and there was no longer any place for them in heaven. ⁹ The great dragon was thrown down, that ancient serpent, who is called the devil and Satan, the deceiver of the whole world—he was thrown down to the earth, and his angels were thrown down with him.

¹⁰ Then I heard a loud voice in heaven proclaiming,

“Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Messiah, for the accuser of our brothers and sisters has been thrown down, who accuses them day and night before our God.

¹¹ But they have conquered him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, for they did not cling to life even in the face of death.

¹² Rejoice then, you heavens and those who dwell in them! But woe to the earth and the sea, for the devil has come down to you with great wrath because he knows that his time is short!”

Luke 10:17-20

⁷ The seventy-two returned with joy, saying, “Lord, in your name even the demons submit to us!” ¹⁸ He said to them, “I watched Satan fall from heaven like a flash of lightning. ¹⁹ Indeed, I have given you authority to tread on snakes and scorpions and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing will hurt you. ²⁰ Nevertheless, do not rejoice at this, that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven.”