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.

COFFEE ✧ Please join us for coffee downstairs in Fellowship Hall after worship, hosted by the Wilde family.

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.

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13TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
HOLY COMMUNION

23 August 2026

GATHERING

GATHERING MUSIC **"Fantasy in C"** **J.S. Bach, comp.**

WELCOME AND PARISH NOTES

SILENT PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP AS A BELL IS TOLLED

✷ **THANKSGIVING FOR 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 feel able.

✷ **GATHERING HYMN** **"How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds"** **ELW 620** *(red book)*

1. How sweet the name of Jesus sounds
in a believer's ear!
It soothes our sorrows,
heals our wounds,
and drives away all fear.

2. It makes the wounded spirit whole
and calms the heart's unrest;
'tis manna to the hungry soul
and to the weary, rest.

3. Dear name! The rock
on which I build,
my shield and hiding place;
my never-failing treasury, filled
with boundless stores of grace.

5. O Jesus, shepherd, guardian, friend,
my prophet, priest, and king,
my Lord, my life, my way, my end,
accept the praise I bring.

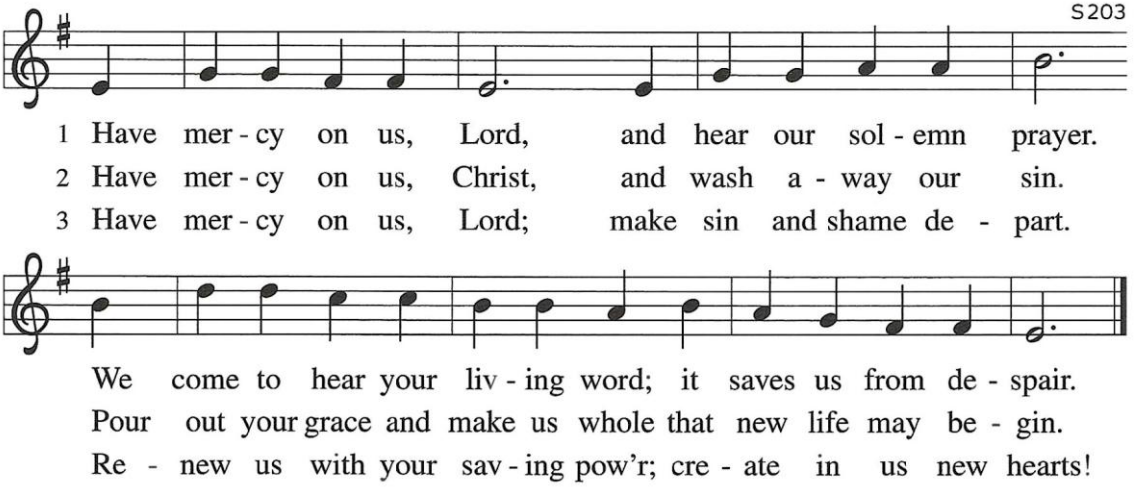
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✷ **THE APOSTOLIC GREETING** **READ**

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.

✷ **KYRIE** **SING: PAGE 203** *(red book)*



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✷ **HYMN OF PRAISE** **SING: PAGE 204** *(red book)*

1. Glory be to God in heaven;
peace, good-will to all the earth.
Mighty God of all creation,
Father of surpassing worth:
we exalt you, we adore you,
we lift high our thanks and praise.
Saints and angels bow before you;
here on earth our songs we raise.
2. Glory be to Christ forever,
Lamb of God and Lord of love.
Son of God and gracious Savior,
you have come from heav'n above;
on the cross you died to save us;
now you reign at God's right hand.
Hear our prayer; restore, forgive us;
in your promise firm we stand.
3. Holy One we now acclaim you;
Lord alone, to you we call;
Holy One in faith we name you,
God most high, yet near to all:
Jesus Christ, with God the Spirit,
in the Father's splendor bright.
For the peace that we inherit,
glory be to God on high!

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✷ **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Let us pray together.

People: O God, with all your faithful followers of every age, we praise you, the rock of our life. Be our strong foundation and form us into the body of your Son, that we may gladly minister to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen

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WORD

SPECIAL MUSIC **"The Holy City"** **Edward Weatherly, comp.**
Denise Wells, soprano

THE FIRST READING **Isaiah 51:1-6**

Just as God had called Abraham and Sarah and given them many descendants, so now God offers comfort to Zion. God's deliverance will come soon and will never end.

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Lector: Word of God, word of life.

People: Thanks be to God.

THE PSALM **Psalm 138**

Lector: I thank you with all my heart;
I sing your praise before the gods.

People: I bow down in front of your holy Temple
and praise your Name
because of your love and faithfulness,
for you have put above everything else
your Name and your word.

Lector: When I called, you answered me—
you made me bold and strong of heart.

People: All the rulers of the earth will praise you, O Lord,
when they hear the words of your mouth.

Lector: They will sing about what you have done, O Lord,
and about your great glory.

People: Even though you are so high above,
you care for the lowly
and see arrogant people from far away.

Lector: Even when I'm surrounded by troubles,
you keep me safe;
you oppose the anger of my enemies,
and save me with your right hand.

People: You will do everything you have promised me.
O Lord, your love is eternal;
don't abandon the work of your hands.

THE SECOND READING **Romans 12:1-8**

In response to God's merciful activity, we are to worship by living holistic, God-pleasing lives. Our values and viewpoints are not molded by the time in which we live but are transformed by the Spirit's renewing work. God's grace empowers different forms of service among Christians, but all forms of ministry function to build up the body of Christ.

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Lector: Word of God, word of life.

People: Thanks be to God.

✷ **ALLELUIA VERSE** **SING: PAGE 205** *(red book)*

Alleluia! Lord and Savior: open now your saving word.
Let it burn like fire within us; speak until our hearts are stirred.
Alleluia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

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✷ **THE GOSPEL** **Matthew 16:13-20**

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

People: Glory to you, O Lord.

At a climactic point in Jesus' ministry, God reveals to Peter that Jesus is "the Messiah, the Son of the living God," and Jesus responds with the promise of a church that will overcome the very gates of Hades.

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✷ **GOSPEL RESPONSE**

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S TIME **Pastor Ellen Williams**

THE SERMON **Pastor Ellen Williams**

✷ **HYMN OF THE DAY** **"Built on a Rock"** **ELW 652** *(red book)*

1. Built on a rock
the church shall stand,
even when steeples are falling;
crumbled have spires in ev'ry land,
bells still are chiming and calling—
calling the young and old to rest,
calling the souls of those distressed,
longing for life everlasting.

2. Surely, in temples made with hands
God the Most High is not dwelling—
high in the heav'ns
his temple stands,
all earthly temples excelling.
Yet God who dwells in heav'n above
deigns to abide with us in love,
making our bodies his temple.

3. Christ builds a house of living stones:
we are his own habitation;
he fills our hearts, his humble thrones,
granting us life and salvation.
Where two or three will seek his face,
he in their midst will show his grace,
blessings upon them bestowing.

4. Yet in this house, an earthly frame,
Jesus the children is blessing;
hither we come to praise his name,
faith in our Savior confessing.
Jesus to us his Spirit sent,
making with us his covenant,
granting his children the kingdom.

5. Through all the passing years, O Lord,
grant that, when church
bells are ringing,
many may come to hear your Word,
who here this promise is bringing:
"I know my own, my own know me;
you, not the world, my face shall see;
my peace I leave with you. Amen."

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✷ **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

After each petition…

Assistant: God of grace,

People: hear our prayer.

HOLY COMMUNION

✷ **SHARING THE PEACE**

Pastor: The peace of Christ be with you always.

People: And also with you.

GATHERING OF GIFTS **"To a Wild Rose"** **Edward McDowell, comp.**
Jennifer Eklund, arr.

✷ SETTING THE TABLE "The Trumpets Sound, the Angels Sing" ELW 531 ***(red book)***

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 together.

People: Loving God, we offer at your table the gifts of our hearts. Help us take heart in you and share freely of your love, so that all creation can taste your abundance. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit abiding with us now and forever. 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…

SING: PAGE 207 *(red book)*

People: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might;
heav'n and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessèd is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.

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✷ **THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER**

Pastor: Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal: you we praise and glorify, you we worship and adore. You formed the earth from chaos; you encircled the globe with air; you created fire for warmth and light; you nourish the lands with water. You molded us in your image, and with mercy higher than the mountains, with grace deeper than the seas, you blessed the Israelites and cherished them as your own. That also we, estranged and dying, might be adopted to live in your Spirit, you called to us through the life and death of Jesus.

In the night in which he was betrayed…Do this for the remembrance of me.

Together as the body of Christ, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes:

People: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Pastor: With this bread and cup we remember your Son, the first-born of your new creation. We remember his life lived for others, and his death and resurrection, which renews the face of the earth. We await his coming, when, with the world made perfect through your wisdom, all our sins and sorrows will be no more.

People: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Pastor: Holy God, holy and merciful one, holy and compassionate, send upon us and this meal your Holy Spirit, whose breath revives us for life, whose fire rouses us to love. Enfold in your arms all who share this holy food. Nurture in us the

fruits of the Spirit, that we may be a living tree, sharing your bounty with all the world.

People: Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.

Pastor: Holy and benevolent God, receive our praise and petitions, as Jesus received the cry of the needy, and fill us with your blessing, until, needy no longer and bound to you in love, we feast forever in the triumph of the Lamb: through whom all glory and honor is yours, O God, O Living One, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy church, now and forever.

People: Amen

✷ **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**

All are welcome at Christ's table, where the risen Christ meets us and strengthens us for God's work in the world. Please follow the ushers' directions to come forward; those worshiping at home are invited to receive as serving begins. White grape juice is in the center cups, and gluten-free wafers are available upon request. If you prefer a blessing, come forward with your arms folded across your chest.

LAMB OF GOD **SING: PAGE 208** *(red book)*

O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world away;
you suffered death our lives to save: have mercy now, we pray.

O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world away;
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mercy now, we pray.

O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world away;
eternal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

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COMMUNION HYMN 1 "The Church's One Foundation" ELW 654 *(red book)*

1. The Church's one foundation
is Jesus Christ, her Lord;
she is his new creation
by water and the word.
From heav'n he came and sought her
to be his holy bride;
with his own blood he bought her,
and for her life he died.

2. Elect from ev'ry nation,
yet one o'er all the earth;
her charter of salvation
one Lord, one faith, one birth:
one holy name she blesses,
partakes one holy food,
and to one hope she presses
with ev'ry grace endued.

4. Through toil and tribulation
and tumult of her war,
she waits the consummation
of peace forevermore;
till with the vision glorious
her longing eyes are blest,
and the great Church victorious
shall be the Church at rest.

5. Yet she on earth has union
with God, the Three in One,
and mystic sweet communion
with those whose rest is won.
Oh, blessed heav'nly chorus!
Lord, save us by your grace,
that we, like saints before us,
may see you face to face.

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COMMUNION HYMN 2 "Eat This Bread" ELW 472 *(red book)*

Eat this bread, drink this cup,
come to me and never be hungry.
Eat this bread, drink this cup,
trust in me and you will not thirst.

(Repeat)

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✷ **COMMUNION BLESSING**

✷ **POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

Assistant: Let us pray together:

People: Compassionate God, through the gifts of bread and wine our hearts are filled with the abundance of your love. Strengthen us that we, through this holy meal, may share your love freely, as you have shared with us. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit nourishing us now and forever. Amen

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SENDING

✷ **BENEDICTION**

Pastor: Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer, ✠ one God, bless, heal, and hold you today and always.

People: Amen

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✷ **SENDING HYMN** **"Lord, You Give the Great Commission"** **ELW 579** *(red book)*

1. Lord, you give the great commission:
"Heal the sick and preach the word."
Lest the church neglect its mission,
and the gospel go unheard,
help us witness to your purpose
with renewed integrity:

Refrain:
With the Spirit's gifts empow'r us
for the work of ministry.

2. Lord, you call us to your service:
"In my name baptize and teach."
That the world may trust
your promise,
life abundant meant for each,
give us all new favor, draw us
closer in community:

Refrain

3. Lord, you make the common holy:
"This my body, this my blood."
Let us all, for earth's true glory,
daily lift life heavenward,
asking that the world around us
share your children's liberty:

Refrain

4. Lord, you show us love's
true measure:
"Father, what they do, forgive."
Yet we hoard as private treasure
all that you so freely give.
May your care and mercy lead us
to a just society:

Refrain

5. Lord, you bless with words assuring:
"I am with you to the end."
Faith and hope and love restoring,
may we serve as you intend
and, amid the cares that claim us,
hold in mind eternity:

Refrain

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✷ **SENDING**

Assistant: Heaven has come near. Go, share the good news!

People: Thanks be to God.

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POSTLUDE **"Prelude in a Classic Style"** **Gordon Young, 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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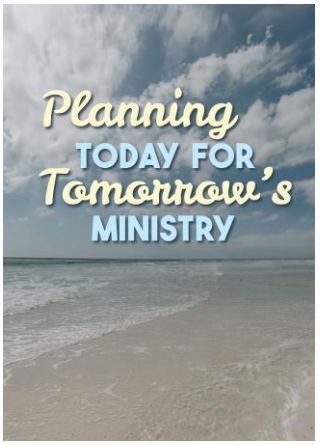
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Want to connect with Pastor Ellen?

Schedule a time on her calendar
Email her: pastorellen@firstimmanuelluth.org
Call or text her: 503-348-4326
Call the church office: 503-226-3659 x. 402

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

First Annual Ministry Calendar Planning Meeting
Saturday, August 29 • 10 AM—2 PM



Help us plan the year ahead! We are creating a September 2026–August 2027 ministry calendar to help us coordinate our activities, anticipate important dates, and make the most of the year together.

We'll look at regular church activities—worship, education, meetings, and fellowship—as well as community events, neighborhood activities, school schedules, holidays, and other events that may affect or provide opportunities for our ministry.

Bring your ideas, suggestions, and hopes for the coming year. Together, we'll create a calendar that supports an engaging, connected, and meaningful program year at First Immanuel. A light lunch will be provided. Everyone is welcome!

An Invitation from the Education Committee



Wow! Fall is quickly approaching—which means it's time to plan for our fall education programs. FILC's Education Committee is responsible for developing and maintaining Sunday Church School and Adult Forum programs.

Sunday Church School serves two age groups—younger children, and middle and high school students. Adult Forum has focused on a variety of topics and issues including focused Bible study and social justice issues. Is there a topic or book you'd like to explore?

Please consider joining the Education Committee for this important ministry. If you're interested or would like more information, please contact Jeannette O'Brien (jaobrien2156@comcast.net).



Coffee Hour Help Needed

Just bring some cookies or simple treats, your choice. Make two pots of coffee; the creamer/sugar are ready to go. Paper napkins and cups make clean-up super easy; just wash the coffee pots and a few utensils. Sign up on the chart in Fellowship Hall. You can also help by donating shelf-stable cookies, juice boxes or ground coffee. Thanks!

Join the End-of-Summer Choir: Sunday, Sept. 6

Calling all choir members and choir wannabes! It's almost time for our end-of summer choir. If you'd like to sing the anthem on Sunday, September 6, just come to the sanctuary at 10:30 AM to learn the easy song with choir director Ralph Nelson. This is a great way to join with other singers in church!

Rehearsals resume on Wednesday, Sept. 9:
Bells at 6 PM, Choir at 7 PM



Altar flowers needed!



It's easy and a great way to honor God's gift of natural beauty. Sign up on the flower chart in Fellowship Hall, or contact Debbie (503-226-3659, debbie@firstimmanuelluth.org) with your preferred date and any special dedication. Bring flowers on the Sunday you select. After worship, take your flowers home or leave them for the pastor to share with others on home visits.

Thanks to special donations to First Immanuel designated for altar flowers, you can be reimbursed for your flower purchase, if you wish—just send a copy of your receipt to Debbie at the church office (debbie@firstimmanuelluth.org).

We hope to see a lively and vibrant altar space for everyone, whether in person or Zoom!

FIRST READING: Isaiah 51:1-6

Listen to me, you who pursue righteousness,
you who seek the LORD.
Look to the rock from which you were hewn
and to the quarry from which you were dug.
2Look to Abraham your father
and to Sarah, who bore you,
for he was but one when I called him,
but I blessed him and made him many.
3For the LORD will comfort Zion;
he will comfort all her waste places
and will make her wilderness like Eden,
her desert like the garden of the LORD;
joy and gladness will be found in her,
thanksgiving and the voice of song.

4Listen to me, my people,
and give heed to me, my nation,
for a teaching will go out from me
and my justice for a light to the peoples.
5I will bring near my deliverance swiftly;
my salvation has gone out,
and my arms will rule the peoples;
the coastlands wait for me,
and for my arm they hope.
6Lift up your eyes to the heavens
and look at the earth beneath,
for the heavens will vanish like smoke,
the earth will wear out like a garment,
and those who live on it will die like gnats,
but my salvation will be forever,
and my deliverance will never be ended.

Psalm 138

SECOND READING: Romans 12:1-8

I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, on the basis of God's mercy, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your reasonable act of worship. 2Do not be conformed to this age, but be transformed by the renewing of the mind, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect.

3For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. 4For as in one body we have many members and not all the members have the same function, 5so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. 6We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; 7ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; 8the encourager, in encouragement; the giver, in sincerity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

GOSPEL: Matthew 16:13-20

Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" 14And they said, "Some say John the Baptist but others Elijah and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." 15He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" 16Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." 17And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you but my Father in heaven. 18And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. 19I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven." 20Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

Next Sunday's Readings: Jeremiah 15:15-21; Psalm 26:1-8; Romans 12:9-21; Matthew 16:21-28.

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