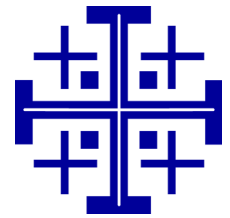




Immanuel Church-on-the-Hill

Episcopal/Anglican Alexandria, Virginia



THE EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

July 23, 2023

Holy Eucharist, Rite I, 8:00 a.m.

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THE WORD OF GOD

Opening Acclamation

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Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People: *And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.*

The Collect for Purity

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Kyrie eleison

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The Collect of the Day

The Lord be with you.

People: *And with thy spirit.*

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Almighty God, the fountain of all wisdom, who knowest our necessities before we ask and our ignorance in asking: Have compassion, we beseech thee, upon our infirmities, and those things which for our unworthiness we dare not, and for our blindness we cannot ask, mercifully give us for the worthiness of thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

The First Lesson: Genesis 28:10-19a

Jacob left Beer-sheba and went toward Haran. He came to a certain place and stayed there for the night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place. And he dreamed that there was a ladder set up on the earth, the top of it reaching to heaven; and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. And the Lord stood beside him and said, "I am the Lord, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring; and your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south; and all the families of the earth shall be blessed in you and in your offspring. Know that I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land; for I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you." Then Jacob woke from his sleep and said, "Surely the Lord is in this place—and I did not know it!" And he was afraid, and said, "How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven."

So Jacob rose early in the morning, and he took the stone that he had put under his head and set it up for a pillar and poured oil on the top of it. He called that place Bethel.

The Word of the Lord
Response: *Thanks be to God.*

Psalm 139: 1-11, 22-23 *Domine, probasti*

- 1 Lord, you have searched me out and known me; *
you know my sitting down and my rising up;
you discern my thoughts from afar.
- 2 You trace my journeys and my resting-places *
and are acquainted with all my ways.
- 3 Indeed, there is not a word on my lips, *
but you, O Lord, know it altogether.
- 4 You press upon me behind and before *
and lay your hand upon me.
- 5 Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; *
it is so high that I cannot attain to it.
- 6 Where can I go then from your Spirit? *
where can I flee from your presence?
- 7 If I climb up to heaven, you are there; *
if I make the grave my bed, you are there also.
- 8 If I take the wings of the morning *
and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,
- 9 Even there your hand will lead me *
and your right hand hold me fast.
- 10 If I say, "Surely the darkness will cover me, *
and the light around me turn to night,"
- 11 Darkness is not dark to you;
the night is as bright as the day; *
darkness and light to you are both alike.
- 22 Search me out, O God, and know my heart; *
try me and know my restless thoughts.
- 23 Look well whether there be any wickedness in me *
and lead me in the way that is everlasting.

The Epistle: Romans 8:12-25

Brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh-- for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, "Abba! Father!" it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ-- if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of

God; for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

The Word of the Lord

Response: *Thanks be to God.*

The Holy Gospel: Matthew 13:24-30,36-43

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Matthew

Response: *Glory be to thee, O Lord.*

Jesus put before the crowd another parable: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, 'Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?' He answered, 'An enemy has done this.' The slaves said to him, 'Then do you want us to go and gather them?' But he replied, 'No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.'"

Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field." He answered, "The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!"

The Gospel of the Lord

Response: *Praise be to thee, O Christ.*

The Sermon: The Rev. J. Randolph Alexander, Jr.

The Nicene Creed

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The Prayers of the People

Confession of Sin and Absolution

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The Peace

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: *And with thy spirit.*

Welcome and Announcements

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Offertory

Clergy: All things come of thee, O Lord; and of thine own have we given thee. p. 343

The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer II

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Celebrant: The Lord be with you.
People: *And with thy spirit.*
Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.
People: *We lift them up unto the Lord.*
Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People: *It is meet and right so to do.*

Sanctus and Benedictus

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The Lord's Prayer

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THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Celebrant: Alleluia, Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us. p. 337

People: *Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.*

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, *have mercy upon us.*
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, *have mercy upon us.*
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, *grant us thy peace.*

Celebrant: The Gifts of God, for the People of God.

If you are physically unable to come to the Altar, please let an usher know that you would like to have Communion brought to you.

Post Communion Prayer

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The Blessing

The Dismissal

Clergy: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
People: *Thanks be to God.*

SERVING AT THIS EUCHARIST:

Reader/Intercessor: Rosi Urbine
Altar Guild: Candace Quinlan
Usher: Tom Brown
Flower Guild: Connie Kurz
Celebrant: The Rev. Susan D. Parsons

IMMANUEL CHURCH-ON-THE-HILL

Parish Notes

July 23, 2023

IN THE NAME OF CHRIST we welcome you to Immanuel Church-on-the-Hill!

Immanuel is an Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Virginia, and is part of the world-wide Anglican Communion. Immanuel was founded by the Virginia Theological Seminary. We are one parish that worships in two locations: the Zabriskie Chapel (3606 Seminary Road), and Immanuel Chapel (3737 Seminary Road) on the seminary grounds. Immanuel Chapel offers a fully-staffed nursery for our infant and toddler parishioners.

Visitors are encouraged to fill out a pew card — located in display stands at entrances of the chapels — and give it to an usher, or place in the collection plate. Thank you.

For the latest information on our online worship service and to view a video of our most recent service, please visit our website (www.icoh.net).

PRAY FOR PARISHIONERS: Karen Besser, Edith, Natalie Doyle Hennin, Ann and Rollin Huntington, Frances Johnson, Hal Johnson, Joseph, Kenny, Ann MacNamara, Cynthia Morton, Linda and Cy Murphy, Everett Post, Tony Rogers, Catherine Sinclair, Agnes Soos, John Smucker, Norma Taliaferro, Jane Tavernier, and Francine Wargo.

PRAY FOR OUR FRIENDS AND FAMILY: Andrew, Jack Allen, Kathryn Anschutz, Felicia Balzano, Dave and Betsy Fox Berry, David Craig, Martha Culleton, Steve Davis, Betty Harris, Louise Jackson, Peter and Joanne, John, Katja, Charlotte Kellogg, Joseph and Elaine Kelly, Winnie Kidd, Marcia MacDonald, Stephen Miller, McQuade Milligan, Candy Morgan, Mary Muniz, Shelby Ochs Owen, Paul, Lilly Pinner, Sarah Pollach, Jennie Rae, Michael Rathsack, Rebecca, Jim Rehnke, Sue Rehnke, George Rustigian, Connie Smith, Fred Vipperman, Mark Vipperman, and Ryan Willis.

Pray for those who are celebrating birthdays this week: Zan Gifford, Suzanne Heckenberg, Will Henry, Edward King, Biz Van Gelder, C.T. Forrester III, Paige Packard, Alison Rhoades, Eliza Fite, Diana Beckmann, Steve Brown, Alex Lansing, Jackson Lansing, Eneida Balcarcel, Joseph Ford, Kathleen Ford, Corey Wargo-Bergmark, and Darrell Wilson.

Serving around the world: Noah Barker, Ian Phillips, Todd Bates, Jason Osborne, Michael Hussey, and Jonathan, Nicole, Alina, and Nolan Anderson.

Those who have died: Victims of the Hampton, GA shooting: Steve Blizzard, Ronald Jeffers, Scott Douglas Leavitt, and Shirley Leavitt; and the now-named victims from the Fourth of July block party in Shreveport, LA: Moriz Aziz, Syncere Brown, Jarique Dorsey, and Demorie Williams. *Rest eternal grant to them, O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon them.*

SENIOR ADULT MINISTRY AND FELLOWSHIP

FOURTH TUESDAY BROWN BAG LUNCH JULY 25TH @ 12:15 P.M., PARISH HALL

On Tuesday, **July 25th at 12:15 p.m. in the Zabriskie Parish Hall.** The program originally scheduled has been postponed. However, bring your sandwich/salad for an opportunity to visit and talk about program ideas for future lunches.

As always, Senior Ministry/Fellowship will provide dessert and cool beverages. There is no cost for this event and no reservation is required.

Announcements

Weekday Worship Opportunities

Morning Prayer , Tuesday, July 30th, Zabriskie Chapel

Evening Compline, Friday, August 4th, 8:30 p.m., Online via Zoom



SCHEDULE FOR JULY 16-AUGUST 2023

Sign-up to Serve in our Sunday Services ONLINE via Signup Genius

Would you like to serve as a lay minister? If so, please sign-up to serve as a Reader, Intercessor, Usher, Acolyte, Altar Guild, Crucifer and/or Chalice Bearer online via [Signup Genius](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E48A4A728A0FAC61-layministry) for Immanuel at the link at right: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E48A4A728A0FAC61-layministry>.

If you are a first-timer and need training, please contact Agnes at the office on **Wednesdays from 10:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.** (ext. #206), or via email at asoos@icoh.net. Finally, if you need training for a particular ministry, please send a request to sparsons@icoh.net or indicate so next to your name on the sheet. Thank you!

A Note from Lisa Clausen

ALIVE! Food Drive June 2023

Thank You



Many thanks to all who donated food in the month of June to benefit ALIVE! Immanuel Church on-the-Hill donated 496 pounds of food to help restock the food pantry shelves at Alive! So far this year, **we have donated 982 pounds of food** to help feed our hungry neighbors!

Volunteer Alexandria is currently hosting its first community food drive to benefit ALIVE! They have set a goal to collect 30,000 pounds of food by July 28. They are accepting donations of canned meat/fish, canned fruits/veggies, canned beans and oil in plastic bottles. So if you want to donate more , see the drop off locations on the website www.volunteerallexandria.org

Some of the locations include Alex. libraries, city hall, DHS , the YMCA as well as many other locations.

— Lisa Clausen

Creation Care NEWS Alert: Visit the Creation Care website to view the *new* Clean Energy Tax Credits for Consumers (2023-2032), a benefit of the Inflation Reduction Act. These energy products and upgrades help us “reduce our climate impact and live more humbly and gently on Earth.

<https://www.immanuel-on-the-hill.org/creation-care-ministry.html>

NEW DATES FOR VIRTUAL TOURS

LEARN MORE ABOUT EX-OFFENDERS TRANSITIONING BACK INTO THE COMMUNITY AND THE WORK OF OAR TO SUPPORT THEM

Offender Aid and Restoration (OAR) is a longstanding Outreach partner of Immanuel, receiving support through our Outreach, Christmas Families, and Social Justice budgets. OAR helps prisoners and their families as they transition out of incarceration. It also administers community service programs to divert people out of the prison system. OAR staff and the people they serve have inspiring stories of lives being changed and hope being restored. You might consider registering online to take a one hour “[Virtual Tour](#)” of OAR and learn what they do. Find this bulletin on our website under the “Worship” tab, click on the blue text above and register for one of the following online virtual tours:

- August 9th @ 12 Noon
- *More dates to come!*

OAR serves Alexandria, Arlington and Falls Church. For more information contact, David Atwood atwooddavid@gmail.com or Jim Snow jamesbsnow@verizon.net.

EXERCISE BIKE WANTED FOR FRIEND OF IMMANUEL



Do you have a stationary bike — in good working condition — just sitting unused in your basement? Would you like to get rid of it and help a gentleman in need?

A parishioner is looking for an exercise bike for an elderly gentleman who has trouble walking, but would like to exercise. A member of Alleyne AME Zion, he has a lot of hip and back issues and trouble walking due — related to having to sleep on a concrete floor in solitary confinement in prison. He’s a special friend to Immanuel and spoke at our forum last year with other formerly-incarcerated people. A bike is one form of exercise he can comfortably do.

If you can help, please contact Katherine Smith at smithkz@umich.edu.

MONTHLY SATURDAY BREAKFAST BIBLE STUDY [AUGUST 19th](#) @ 8:00 AM Held

Online via Zoom: Join Immanuel’s monthly Saturday morning Breakfast Bible Study on Saturday, August 19th, the THIRD Saturday of the month. We will meet via Zoom (find this bulletin on our website under the “Worship” tab, then click on the link below) beginning at 8 AM. Our theme this year is *Freedom*; this month we will read **Isaiah 42:6–9** “*I have made you a covenant of the people...to free captives who live in darkness...*” using the African Model of Reflection. For more information, please visit [our webpage “Breakfast Bible Study”](#), or contact Chrissie Crosby at cmcfaddencrosby@gmail.com.

[Join Zoom Saturday Breakfast Bible Study Meeting](#) / Meeting ID: 959 5450 6553 /Passcode: 027913

CLERGY AND STAFF

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 Julie Bruns Pastoral Care
 David Atwood Social Justice
 Taylor Houck..... Communications
 Caroline Bergmark Evangelism and Newcomers
 Matt Haskin Worship
 Caroline Bergmark and Taylor Houck Fellowship
 Gabriella Young-Smith Youth Representative (nonvoting member)
 Caroline Bergmark Registrar

SCHEDULE OF SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite I, Zabriskie Chapel
 3606 Seminary Road, Alexandria, VA

10:30 a.m. Godly Play, Side Oratory Chapel
 inside of Immanuel Chapel

10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II, Immanuel Chapel
 3737 Seminary Road, Alexandria, VA

Online

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MISSION STATEMENT: Immanuel Church-on-the-Hill is a Christian community in the Episcopal tradition, striving to be in relationship with God and each other as Christ has taught us, actively attempting to sense and to serve God’s plan with great love. We are guided by Mark 16:15: “Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel,” to learn, discern, and proclaim the Good News by being active ministers in the various communities where we live and serve.

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