



Immanuel Church-on-the-Hill
Episcopal/Anglican
Alexandria, Virginia



THE SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

September 15, 2024

Holy Eucharist Rite II with Holy Baptism, 10:30 a.m.

Page references are for [The Book of Common Prayer](#).

*A professionally-staffed nursery is located in the south corner of the building
(to the right as you face the organ); restrooms are located on either side of the double wooden doors.*

Prelude: Adagio

Louis Victor Jules Vierne

Opening Hymn 410: "Praise, my soul, the King of heaven"

from The Hymnal 1982

Lauda anima

THE WORD OF GOD

Opening Acclamation

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

People: ***And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen***

The Celebrant then continues

There is one Body and one Spirit;

People: ***There is one hope in God's Call to us;***

Celebrant: One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;

People: ***One God and Father of all.***

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: ***And also with you.***

Celebrant: Let us pray.

The Collect of the Day

O God, because without you we are not able to please you, mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. ***Amen***

The First Lesson: Isaiah 50:4-9a

The Lord God has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he wakens -- wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught. The Lord God has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backward. I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting. The Lord God helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame; he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. It is the Lord God who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

The Word of the Lord

Response: *Thanks be to God.*

Psalm 116:1-8 *Dilexi, quoniam*

- 1 I love the Lord, because he has heard the voice of my supplication, *
because he has inclined his ear to me whenever I called upon him.
- 2 The cords of death entangled me;
the grip of the grave took hold of me; *
I came to grief and sorrow.
- 3 Then I called upon the Name of the Lord: *
"O Lord, I pray you, save my life."
- 4 Gracious is the Lord and righteous; *
our God is full of compassion.
- 5 The Lord watches over the innocent; *
I was brought very low, and he helped me.
- 6 Turn again to your rest, O my soul, *
for the Lord has treated you well.
- 7 For you have rescued my life from death, *
my eyes from tears, and my feet from stumbling.
- 8 I will walk in the presence of the Lord *
in the land of the living.

The Epistle: James 3:1-12

Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers and sisters, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. For all of us make many mistakes. Anyone who makes no mistakes in speaking is perfect, able to keep the whole body in check with a bridle. If we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we guide their whole bodies. Or look at ships: though they are so large that it takes strong winds to drive them, yet they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great exploits.

How great a forest is set ablaze by a small fire! And the tongue is a fire. The tongue is placed among our members as a world of iniquity; it stains the whole body, sets on fire the cycle of nature, and is itself set on fire by hell. For every species of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by the human species, but no one can tame the tongue-- a restless evil, full of deadly poison. With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it

we curse those who are made in the likeness of God. From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this ought not to be so. Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and brackish water? Can a fig tree, my brothers and sisters, yield olives, or a grapevine figs? No more can salt water yield fresh.

The word of the Lord

Response: *Thanks be to God.*

Sequence Hymn 653: “Dear Lord, and Father of mankind”

found in The Hymnal 1982

Repton

The Holy Gospel: Mark 8:27-38

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

Response: *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that I am?” And they answered him, “John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets.” He asked them, “But who do you say that I am?” Peter answered him, “You are the Messiah.” And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him.

Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, “Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.”

He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, “If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.”

The Gospel of the Lord

Response: *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

The Sermon: The Rev. Susan D. Parsons

PRESENTATION AND EXAMINATION OF THE CANDIDATE

The Clergy says

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The Candidate for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

Parents and Godparents: *We present _____ to receive the Sacrament of Baptism*

Celebrant: Will you be responsible for seeing that the child you present is brought up in the Christian faith and life?

Parents and Godparents: *We will, with God's help.*

Celebrant: Will you by your prayers and witness help _____ to grow into the full stature of Christ?

Parents and Godparents *We will, with God's help.*

Then the Clergy asks the following questions of the parents and godparents who speak on behalf of _____.

Question: Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

Answer: *I renounce them.*

Question: Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

Answer: *I renounce them.*

Question: Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?

Answer: *I renounce them.*

Question: Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?

Answer: *I do.*

Question: Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?

Answer: *I do.*

Question: Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?

Answer: *I do.*

The Celebrant addresses the congregation, saying

Celebrant: Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support ____ in his life in Christ?

People: ***We will.***

Celebrant: Let us join with those who are committing themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT

- Celebrant: Do you believe in God the Father?
People: ***I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.***
- Celebrant: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?
People: ***I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit, and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.***
- Celebrant: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?
People: ***I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.***
- Celebrant: Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of the bread, and in the prayers?
People: ***I will, with God's help.***
- Celebrant: Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?
People: ***I will, with God's help.***
- Celebrant: Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?
People: ***I will, with God's help.***
- Celebrant: Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?
People: ***I will, with God's help.***
- Celebrant: Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?
People: ***I will, with God's help.***

Prayers for the Candidate

- Celebrant: Let us now pray for this child who is to receive the Sacrament of new birth.
- Leader: Deliver him, O Lord, from the way of sin and death
People: ***Lord, hear our prayer.***
- Leader: Open his heart to your grace and truth
People: ***Lord, hear our prayer.***
- Leader: Fill him with your holy and life-giving Spirit.
People: ***Lord, hear our prayer.***
- Leader: Keep him in the faith and communion of your holy Church.
People: ***Lord, hear our prayer.***
- Leader: Teach him to love others in the power of the Spirit.
People: ***Lord, hear our prayer.***
- Leader: Send him into the world in witness to your love.
People: ***Lord, hear our prayer.***
- Leader: Bring him to the fullness of your peace and glory.
People: ***Lord, hear our prayer.***

The Celebrant says

Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and for ever. **Amen.**

THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

The Celebrant blesses the water, first saying

People: The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

Celebrant: We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life.

We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

At the following words, the Celebrant touches the water

Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior.

To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE BAPTISM

Celebrant: _____, I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon this your servant the forgiveness of sin, and have raised him to the new life of grace. Sustain him, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give him an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. **Amen.**

Then the Celebrant places a hand on the baby's head, marking on the forehead the sign of the cross using Chrism, and saying

Clergy: _____, you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever. **Amen**

Celebrant: Let us welcome the newly baptized.

People: ***We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.***

The Peace

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

People: ***And also with you.***

Welcome and Announcements

Want to give electronically? While the alms basin is being passed, you can also make an offering online using your bank account, debit, or credit card: just scan the code at right.

Thank you for your gift to Immanuel.



THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory: “Cantique de Jean Racine”

Gabriel Urbain Fauré

THE IMMANUEL CHOIR

Verbe égal au Très-Haut, notre unique espérance,
Jour éternel de la terre et des cieux,
De la paisible nuit nous rompons le silence:
Divin Sauveur, jette sur nous les yeux.

*Word of the Highest, our only hope,
Eternal day of earth and the heavens,
We break the silence of the peaceful night;
Saviour Divine, cast your eyes upon us!*

Répands sur nous le feu de Ta grâce puissante;
Que tout l'enfer fuie au son de Ta voix;
Dissipe le sommeil d'une âme languissante
Qui la conduit à l'oubli de Tes lois!

*Pour on us the fire of your powerful grace,
That all hell may flee at the sound of your voice;
Banish the slumber of a weary soul,
That brings forgetfulness of your laws!*

Ô Christ! sois favorable à ce peuple fidèle,
Pour Te bénir maintenant rassemblé;
Reçois les chants qu'il offre à Ta gloire immortelle,
Et de Tes dons qu'il retourne comblé.

*O Christ, look with favour upon your faithful people
Now gathered here to praise you;
Receive their hymns offered to your immortal glory;
May they go forth filled with your gifts.*

Doxology: Hymn 380 (verse 3)

found in The Hymnal 1982

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***Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.***

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.
 People: ***And also with you.***
 Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.
 People: ***We lift them to the Lord.***
 Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
 People: ***It is right to give God thanks and praise.***

The Celebrant proceeds

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Because in Jesus Christ our Lord you have received us as your sons and daughters, made us citizens of your kingdom, and given us the Holy Spirit to guide us into all truth.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus (from A Mass for Immanuel)

Jane Tavernier

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Ho - ly ho - ly ho - ly Lord God of pow-er and might Hea-ven and Earth are

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filled with your glo-ry, Ho- san - na in the high - est, Ho-san - na Ho- san - na Ho

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san - na in the high-est Bles-sed is He, Bles-sed is He who comes in the name of the

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Lord Ho - san - na, Ho - san - na, Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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The Lord's Prayer


Celebrant: Alleluia, Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us
 Response: ***Therefore let us keep the feast, Alleluia.***

The Breaking of the Bread

Agnus Dei (from A Mass for Immanuel)


Jane Tavernier

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Lamb_ of God,___ Lamb_ of God,___ You take_a- way___ the sins of the world___

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Lamb of God,___ Lamb of God,___ You take_ a way___ the sins of the world_.

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

Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you,
and feed on him in your hearts by faith,
with thanksgiving.

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

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION:

Communion Anthem: "If ye love Me"

Thomas Tallis

THE IMMANUEL CHOIR

If ye love me,
keep my commandments.
And I will pray the Father,
and he shall give you another comforter,
that he may 'bide with you forever;
E'en the sp'rit of truth.

Communion Hymn 567: “Thine arm, O Lord, in days of old”

St. Matthew

found in The Hymnal 1982

Sung, if needed

Hymn 671: “Amazing grace! how sweet the sound”

found in The Hymnal 1982

New Britain

Post Communion Prayer

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After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

***Almighty and everliving God,
we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food
of the most precious Body and Blood
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries
that we are living members of the Body of your Son,
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.
And now, Father, send us out
to do the work you have given us to do,
to love and serve you
as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.***

The Blessing:

Go forth into the world in peace. Be of good courage. Hold fast that which is good. Render to no one evil for evil. Strengthen the fainthearted. Support the weak. Help the afflicted. Honor all people. Love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you from this day forth and forevermore. ***Amen.***

Recessional Hymn 484: “O Praise the Lord through every nation”

from The Hymnal 1982

Wachet auf

Postlude: Allegro

Charles John Stanley

The flowers on and around the Altar are given to the glory of God by the following:

Doug Henry, in loving memory of Mary Ellen Henry, on the anniversary of their wedding,

SERVING AT THIS EUCHARIST:

<i>Crucifer:</i>	Matt Haskin
<i>Readers:</i>	Kathryn Tatko, Beatrice Osumba
<i>Intercessor:</i>	Dorothy Kellogg
<i>Musicians:</i>	Dr. Jane Tavernier, Director and Organist, The Immanuel Choir Denise Freeland, Assistant Conductor
<i>Ushers:</i>	Stewart Skubel, Teresa Skubel, Agnes Soos
<i>Altar Guild:</i>	Brooke Roberts
<i>Flower Guild:</i>	Linda Serabian
<i>Coffee Hour Host:</i>	Alisa Biache
<i>Audio Visual:</i>	Tamika Martin
<i>Celebrant:</i>	The Rev. J. Randolph Alexander

IMMANUEL CHURCH-ON-THE-HILL

Parish Notes

September 15, 2024

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. Both chapels offer a fully-staffed nursery for our infant and toddler parishioners.

Visitors are encouraged to fill out a visitor card — located in the pews or display stands at the entrances of the chapels. Give your card 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: Ann MacNamara, Barbara Ramsdell, Catherine Sinclair, Cynthia Dolvin, Cynthia Morton, Cy Murphy, Gary and MeiLung DeVight, Jane Flinn, Jessi MacLeod, Joseph, Kenny, Marianne Ingold, Mable Randolph, Natalie Doyle Hennin, Norma Taliaferro, Patsy Rogers, Rollin Huntington, and Wendy Hoge.

PRAY FOR OUR FRIENDS AND FAMILY: Ann Langdon Days, Ashleighana, Barbara Sagan, Betsy Fox Berry, Betty Hicks, Brian and Joyce, Bridget Rice Rose, Carol Ording, Charlotte Kellogg, Dana De Cecco, Fred Vipperman, George Rustigian, Gerald, Jack Allen, Jean Couban, Jean Williams, Jennie Rae, Jessi Napolitano, Jill Lane, Joanne Perla, Joe Micelli, Joseph Fabian, Joseph and Elaine Kelly, Joyce Di Misa, Kathryn Anschutz, Kathy Porter, the Rev. Kelly Moughty, Lillian Kozuma, Lilly Pinner, Linda Gill, Louise Jackson, Lucie Bauer, Lysbeth, Michael, Marcia Richardson, Mark Vipperman, Marty Childs, McQuade Milligan, Mary Leonard, Mary Muniz, Pamela, Paul, Peter Blackledge, Rebecca Smith, Richard Zitelli, the Rev. Rosa Harper, Rosemary Wensing, Ryan Willis, Shelby Ochs Owen, Stephen Miller, Stephen Spurlock, Sue Rehnke, Susan Little, and Winnie Kidd.

Pray for those who are celebrating birthdays this week: Chip Calloway Jr., Benjamin Hewson, Khary Stockton, Leif E. Christoffersen, Wendy Lane John, Janice Newman, Artie Suri, Tracey Friday, Ryan McCann, Kate Snow, Steven Denlinger, Ginny Johnstone, Wilton Corkern, the Very Rev. Ian S. Markham, Ph.D., Jimmy Moore, Alan Becker, Celia Ochs, Rachel Becker, Peter Beckmann, Clay Burke, and Grayson Yates.

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

NASA Astronauts on Extended Service Aboard the International Space Station: Commander Barry “Butch” Wilmore and Pilot Sunita “Sun” Williams.

Forum Hour TODAY @ 11:45 a.m, The Welcome Center **“A Christian Response to Grief and Loss” with The Rev. Dr. Frank Wade**



Loss is built into life so that dealing with grief is a recurring experience. Faith sets that reality in a unique context. Christian faith responds to it in specific experiential ways. As we follow Jesus through the thickets of loss and grief there are dangerous misunderstandings and touches of grace on every side. The Rev. Dr. Frank Wade will explore this path during this forum hour.

JUNIOR WARDEN BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS - PLEASE JOIN US: 1st Tuesday of the month, Creation Care meeting at 7:30 p.m. via Zoom. Interested parishioners may contact Denise Freeland at eco.voce@verizon.net with an email request to receive the Zoom link for participation.

Announcements

WEEKDAY WORSHIP AND STUDY OPPORTUNITIES

All are welcome to participate

Morning Prayer Tuesday, September 17th @ 10:00 a.m., Zabriskie Chapel

Noonday Holy Eucharist Rite II, Wednesday, September 18th, Zabriskie Chapel

Weekly Bible Study: “*The Book of Esther and the Apocryphal Additions*”

Thursday, September 19th @10:30 a.m. online via Zoom.

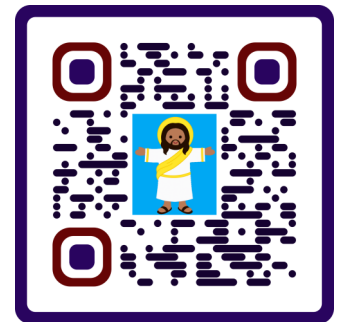
Look for login details in your weekly eBlast email.

Evening Compline, Friday, September 20th @ 8:30 p.m., Online via Zoom

REGISTER YOUR 4-11 YEAR-OLD FOR GODLY PLAY!

Starting **today**, please bring your children ages 4-11 to the Oratory Chapel in Immanuel Chapel by 10:15 a.m. on Sunday Morning; then return to the Oratory during the Peace to pick them up to join you for Communion.

Godly Play is a service with prayer, music, and a way to connect to God's stories. If you have questions or are interested in volunteering, please contact the Rev. Sarah Spurlock Biggs at sspurlockbiggs@icoh.net. Register your 4-11 year-old for Godly Play at the QR code at right.



Godly Play Registration

SATURDAY: Monthly Saturday Breakfast Bible Study **SEPTEMBER 21st @ 8:00 AM Held Online via Zoom**

Join Immanuel's monthly Saturday morning Breakfast Bible Study **this Saturday, September 21st** online via Zoom (find this bulletin on our website under the “Worship” tab, then click on the link below) beginning at 8 AM. Our new theme for 2024 is *Anxiety!* This month we will read **Philippians 4:4-9 "Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God"** 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

Forum Hour NEXT SUNDAY @ 11:45 a.m., The Welcome Center

Sunday, September 22nd “Affordable Housing” with Betsy Faga, AHAAC

Come learn about efforts to increase affordable housing in Alexandria. Immanuel's Social Justice Committee will sponsor this forum hour on efforts to address housing needs in the City of Alexandria. Our guest speaker will be Betsy Faga, a current member (and former Chair) of Alexandria's Housing Affordability Advisory Committee. In addition to her role with the City, Betsy is a member of the Episcopal Church of the Resurrection in Alexandria, and she was a leader in that church's discernment and eventual development of affordable housing with a nonprofit partner on their site. Come to the Forum to hear about the status of affordable housing in Alexandria – current statistics, projects underway and in the pipeline, the budget, zoning, update of the Housing Master Plan, how to be involved, and more.

Immanuel Will Be Honored at The First-Ever REGIONAL FUNDRAISING DINNER OF
THE VIRGINIA INTERFAITH CENTER FOR PUBLIC POLICY (VICPP)
NEXT Sunday, September 22nd at 5:00 p.m. at VTS

Immanuel has long been active in VICPP, which works to see that our state does business in ways that accord with the teachings of the major religions. We have just learned that we will be honored as the NoVA Congregation of the Year at VICPP's local fundraising dinner. VICPP Executive Director Kim Bobo will speak and the All Dulles Area Muslim Society youth choir will perform a few numbers.

Immanuel's first two tables of 10 are full, but we've bought a third one, and parishioners (and their guests) can attend for a modest \$25 contribution to VICPP. It will be a great opportunity to support an effective group and to meet fellow supporters from other local places of worship.

Seats at Immanuel's tables are first-come, first-serve — let Jamie Conrad know if you'd like one or more, or if you have questions at (jwc58@comcast.net). Hope to see you there!



Pumpkins are Coming – Mark Your Calendars for Saturday 28 September!

School has started, the weather is crisper, and... Pumpkins are coming! Please come unload pumpkins **Saturday morning, September 28, 2024**. No other activity in the Parish involves so many contributing so much in so many ways! In anticipation of the work ahead, let us follow Christ's greatest commandment: to **love our neighbors as ourselves**. Outreach is how we act on our faith in our daily lives – it's the money we contribute to others, it's the hours of volunteer service, and the joy we can bring to our community. As a faith community working together, Outreach is a force multiplier of good works. We see it in the hours of cooking and serving meals at Carpenter's Shelter and Christ House or the volunteers at ALIVE or in refugee ministries and in a thousand other ways.

Since the year 2000 (when we first started keeping detailed records), your Immanuel Pumpkin Patch work has raised \$1,308,000 for Outreach charities such as ALIVE, Carpenter's Shelter, Community Lodgings, Culmore Clinic, Five Talents, Haiti Micah Project, Christ Church Refugee Ministry, and other organizations that aid the homeless, restore dignity to offenders, assist refugees, and aid impoverished children. Immanuel's Outreach gives every parishioner the opportunity and encouragement to become involved.



We need a lot of volunteers for Pumpkin Patch 2024! We need pumpkin unloaders and sellers, soup makers, bakers, knitters, apple crisp makers -- there's a job for everyone! Dorothy Kellogg will have plastic soup containers available in the Parish Hall by Homecoming Sunday/September 8 – **please help us fill the Parish Kitchen Freezer with delicious soups by opening day**. If you can make even one batch of soup, please email Dorothy: djaskellogg@gmail.com

Please sign up for sales shifts by scanning the QR code at left. Stay tuned for more information over next 3 weeks – and see you at the Patch!

WEDNESDAYS IN THE WORLD with The Rev. Sarah Spurlock Biggs

We will gather again this Wednesday, September 18th.

Join her on September 18th from **10:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon**, at the Alexandria Pastry Shop, Bradlee Shopping Center on King Street. All are welcome!

SEPTEMBER—NOVEMBER - SCHEDULE POSTED ONLINE
EASY WAY TO SIGN UP FALL 2024

Sign-up to Serve in our Sunday Services *through November* ONLINE — including The Feast of All Saints' and Thanksgiving Eve —by visiting the landing page of our website at www.ICOH.net via Our **Red SignUp Genius Button**: We're entering our busiest season, so please sign up to serve as a Reader, Intercessor, Usher, Acolyte, Altar Guild Server, Crucifer and/or Coffee Hour Host online via [SignUp Genius](#) for Immanuel by visiting the landing page of our website at ICOH.net and [clicking on the red button](#) . **THANK YOU — especially to all who have signed-up!**

CIVIC ENGAGEMENT, VOTER REGISTRATION, AND VOTER INFORMATION

Volunteers for voter registration in the Pumpkin Patch: Immanuel's Social Justice Committee will once more be partnering with other parishes to offer Virginia-sponsored non-partisan voter registration the first three weekends of the Pumpkin Patch, as well as additional days at Northern Virginia Community College in September. If you are interested in volunteering please contact Kathryn Haskin and complete the short Virginia state-required training available completely online at the QR code below. October 15 is the final day voter registration can occur before the November election.

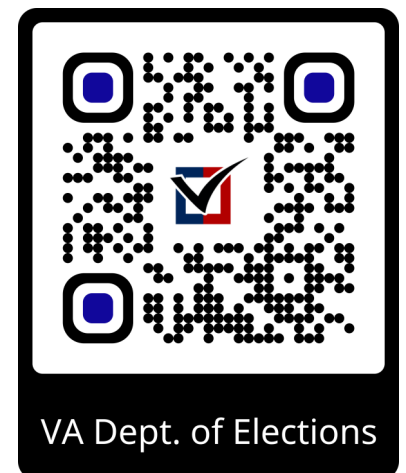
Voter information for Virginia: Election day is November 5, but there are several simple things you are able to do before election day:

- ✓ Verify or update your voter registration status or address at the user-friendly Virginia elections website
- ✓ Locate your neighborhood voting location at the same website
- ✓ Apply for a mail-in ballot (deadline for application: October 25) at the same website
- ✓ Early voting in-person begins in Virginia on September 20 through November 2.

Voter registration for residents of other states: If you want to check your status, or register, to vote in another state where you reside, you can locate appropriate dates and information here.



Voter Registration Training



The 3rd Annual Immanuel Blood Drive will be on Sunday, November 24, from noon to 4p.m. in the Zabriskie Chapel's parking lot. More details to come; please out to Katherine Maas at katherinemaas@gmail.com with any questions.

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SCHEDULE OF SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES

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

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

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www.immanuel-on-the-hill.org
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