



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



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**THE SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**June 1, 2025**

**Holy Eucharist Rite II, with Holy Baptism 10:30 a.m.**  
**YOUTH-LED SUNDAY**

*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.*

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**Prelude:** Agincourt Hymn

Anonymous

**Opening Hymn 214:** "Hail the day that sees him rise"

*Llanfair*

*from The Hymnal 1982*

**THE WORD OF GOD**

**Opening Acclamation**

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Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ is risen.  
People: ***The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.***

*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, the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven; Do not leave us comfortless, but send us your Holy Spirit to strengthen us, and exalt us to that place where our Savior Christ has gone before; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. ***Amen***

## The First Lesson: Acts 16:16-34

With Paul and Silas, we came to Philippi in Macedonia, a Roman colony, and, as we were going to the place of prayer, we met a slave girl who had a spirit of divination and brought her owners a great deal of money by fortune-telling. While she followed Paul and us, she would cry out, "These men are slaves of the Most High God, who proclaim to you a way of salvation." She kept doing this for many days. But Paul, very much annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, "I order you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her." And it came out that very hour.

But when her owners saw that their hope of making money was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the marketplace before the authorities. When they had brought them before the magistrates, they said, "These men are disturbing our city; they are Jews and are advocating customs that are not lawful for us as Romans to adopt or observe." The crowd joined in attacking them, and the magistrates had them stripped of their clothing and ordered them to be beaten with rods. After they had given them a severe flogging, they threw them into prison and ordered the jailer to keep them securely. Following these instructions, he put them in the innermost cell and fastened their feet in the stocks.

About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them. Suddenly there was an earthquake, so violent that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone's chains were unfastened. When the jailer woke up and saw the prison doors wide open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, since he supposed that the prisoners had escaped. But Paul shouted in a loud voice, "Do not harm yourself, for we are all here." The jailer called for lights, and rushing in, he fell down trembling before Paul and Silas. Then he brought them outside and said, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" They answered, "Believe on the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household." They spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house. At the same hour of the night he took them and washed their wounds; then he and his entire family were baptized without delay. He brought them up into the house and set food before them; and he and his entire household rejoiced that he had become a believer in God.

The Word of the Lord

Response: *Thanks be to God.*

## Psalm 97 *Dominus regnavit*

- 1 The Lord is King;  
let the earth rejoice; \*  
let the multitude of the isles be glad.
- 2 Clouds and darkness are round about him, \*  
righteousness and justice are the foundations of his throne.
- 3 A fire goes before him \*  
and burns up his enemies on every side.
- 4 His lightnings light up the world; \*  
the earth sees it and is afraid.
- 5 The mountains melt like wax at the presence of the Lord, \*  
at the presence of the Lord of the whole earth.
- 6 The heavens declare his righteousness, \*  
and all the peoples see his glory.

- 7 Confounded be all who worship carved images  
and delight in false gods! \*  
Bow down before him, all you gods.
- 8 Zion hears and is glad, and the cities of Judah rejoice, \*  
because of your judgments, O Lord.
- 9 For you are the Lord,  
most high over all the earth; \*  
you are exalted far above all gods.
- 10 The Lord loves those who hate evil; \*  
he preserves the lives of his saints  
and delivers them from the hand of the wicked.
- 11 Light has sprung up for the righteous, \*  
and joyful gladness for those who are truehearted.
- 12 Rejoice in the Lord, you righteous, \*  
and give thanks to his holy Name.

**The Epistle: Revelation 22:12-14,16-17, 20-21**

At the end of the visions I, John, heard these words: "See, I am coming soon; my reward is with me, to repay according to everyone's work. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end." Blessed are those who wash their robes, so that they will have the right to the tree of life and may enter the city by the gates.

"It is I, Jesus, who sent my angel to you with this testimony for the churches. I am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star." The Spirit and the bride say, "Come." And let everyone who hears say, "Come." And let everyone who is thirsty come. Let anyone who wishes take the water of life as a gift. The one who testifies to these things says, "Surely I am coming soon." Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!

The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all the saints. Amen.

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

**Sequence Hymn 296:** "We know that Christ is raised and dies no more"

*Engleberg*

*found in The Hymnal 1982*

**The Holy Gospel: John 17:20-26**

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to John  
Response: *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

Jesus prayed for his disciples, and then he said. "I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me. Father, I desire that those also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory, which you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world.

"Righteous Father, the world does not know you, but I know you; and these know that you have sent me. I made your name known to them, and I will make it known, so that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them."

The Gospel of the Lord

Response: *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

**The Sermon: The Rev. Sarah Spurlock Biggs**

## PRESENTATION AND EXAMINATION OF THE CANDIDATE

*The Rev. Sarah Spurlock Biggs, officiant, says*

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The Candidate for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

Parents and Godmother: *We present Sofia Abigail Salleh to receive the Sacrament of Baptism*

Officiant: Do you desire to be baptized?

Sofia: *I do.*

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

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

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

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

*Then the Clergy ask the following questions of the candidate and the sponsors*

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 Officiant addresses the congregation, saying*

Officiant: Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support Sofia in her 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**

Officiant: Let us now pray for this child who is to receive the Sacrament of new birth.

Leader: Deliver her, O Lord, from the way of sin and death  
People: ***Lord, hear our prayer.***

Leader: Open her heart to your grace and truth  
People: ***Lord, hear our prayer.***

Leader: Fill her with your holy and life-giving Spirit.  
People: ***Lord, hear our prayer.***

Leader: Keep her in the faith and communion of your holy Church.

People: ***Lord, hear our prayer.***

Leader: Teach her to love others in the power of the Spirit.

People: ***Lord, hear our prayer.***

Leader: Send her into the world in witness to your love.

People: ***Lord, hear our prayer.***

Leader: Bring her 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*

The Lord be with you.

People: ***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**

Officiant: Sofia Abigail, 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 her to the new life of grace. Sustain her, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give her 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 head of the newly baptized, marking on the forehead the sign of the cross with Chrism, and saying*

Clergy: Sofia Abigail, 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 Anthem:** "Sanctus"

Gabriel Urbain Fauré

### **THE IMMANUEL CHOIR**

Holy, holy, holy,  
Lord God of hosts:  
Blessed is He that comes in the Name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest!

**Doxology:** Hymn 380 (verse 3)

*found in* The Hymnal 1982

*Old 100th*

***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. But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life.

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)

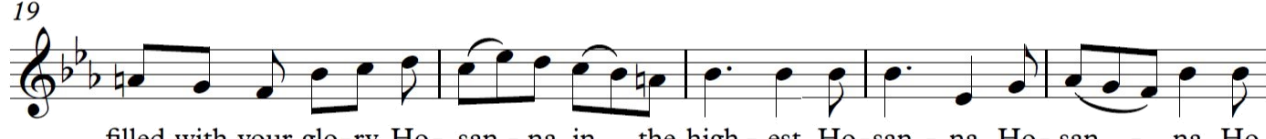
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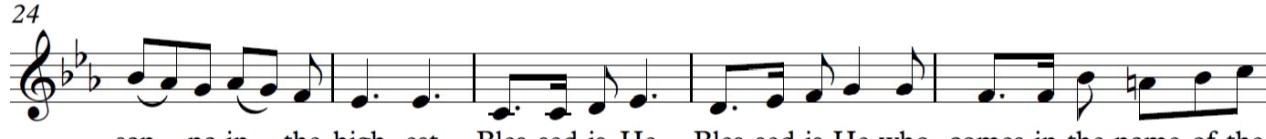
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filled with your glo-ry, Ho- san - na in\_ the high - est, Ho-san - na Ho- san - na Ho

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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**

## The Breaking of the Bread

*Agnus Dei* (from A Mass for Immanuel)

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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: Alleluia, Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us

Response: ***Therefore let us keep the feast, Alleluia.***

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.

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*We will receive at standing stations.*

*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.*

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### MUSIC DURING COMMUNION:

Communion Anthem: “Ave Verum Corpus”

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

#### THE IMMANUEL CHOIR

Ave verum corpus, natum  
de Maria Virgine,  
vere passum, immolatum  
in cruce pro homine  
cuius latus perforatum  
fluxit aqua et sanguine:  
esto nobis praegustatum  
in mortis examine.

*Hail, true Body, born  
of the Virgin Mary,  
truly suffered, sacrificed  
on the cross for mankind,  
from whose pierced side  
flowed water and blood:  
Be for us a foretaste (of the Heavenly banquet)  
in the trial of death!*

O Iesu dulcis, O Iesu pie,  
O Iesu, fili Mariae.  
Miserere mei. Amen.

*O sweet Jesus, O holy Jesus,  
O Jesus, son of Mary,  
have mercy on me. Amen*

Hymn 711: “Seek ye first the kingdom of God”                      *found in* The Hymnal 1982                      *Seek Ye First*

Hymn 554: “Tis the gift to be simple”                      *found in* The Hymnal 1982                      *Simple Gifts*

**Post Communion Prayer**

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*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**

Recessional Hymn 450: “All hail the power of Jesus’ name”                      *from* The Hymnal 1982                      *Coronation*

Postlude: Allegro                      Henry Purcell

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*The flowers on the Altar were given to the Glory of God by Mr. and Mrs. Albert and Amy Salleh  
in honor of their daughter, Sofia Abigail, on the day of her baptism.*

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**SERVING AT THIS EUCHARIST:**

- Crucifer:** Isaac Kubista
- Musicians:** The Immanuel Choir; Dr. Jane Tavernier
- Adult Ushers:** Stewart Skubel, Teresa Skubel
- Adult Altar Guild:** Matt Haskin
- Flower Guild:** Alouette Horne, Piper Horne, Candy Levin
- Vestry Greeter/Counter:** Matt Haskin
- Audio Visual:** Tamika Martin, The Rev. Jan A. Maas, Sharon Biache Blanchét
- Celebrant:** The Rev. J. Randolph Alexander

# IMMANUEL CHURCH-ON-THE-HILL

## Parish Notes

June 1, 2025

**IN THE NAME OF JESUS 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 visitor card — located in the pews or display stands at the entrances of the chapels.** Please 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](http://www.icoh.net)).

**PRAY FOR PARISHIONERS:** Aggie Fortune, Agnes Soos, Ann MacNamara, Brad Ashton, Catherine Sinclair, Craig Jackson, Cynthia Morton, Cy Murphy, David Phillips, Gary and MeiLung DeVight, Gilma Balcarcel, Gordon Johnson, Jim Wise, Joan Raybold, John Richards, Joseph, Kenny, Kitty Montie, Lynn Gas, Marcus, Melissa Ennis, Natalie Doyle Hennin, Norma Taliaferro, Rollin Huntington, and Wendy Hoge.

**PRAY FOR OUR FRIENDS AND FAMILY:** Ann Langdon Days, Ann Woodward, Andrew Davis, Barbara Sagan, Betsy Fox Berry, Brian Tolson, Bridget Rice Rose, Cadence Claypoole, Carol Ording, Charlotte Kellogg, Dana De Cecco, Donna Becker, Dorothy Gerhart, Gerry, Dwight and Mary Horner, Emily, George Rustigian, Gerald, the Howerton Family, Hudson Milligan, Jack Allen, Jackie Claypoole, Jean Couban, Jessi Napolitano, Joe Micelli, José Maria, Joseph Fabian, Joseph and Elaine Kelly, Joyce Smith, Judi Rhodes, Louise Jackson, Lucie Bauer, Lysbeth, Marcia Richardson, MariAnn Hollis, Michael, Mark Rogers, Mary Muniz, Pamela, Patricia, Paul, Peter Blackledge, Richard Zitelli, Rosemary Wensing, Russ, Ryan Willis, Soundary Dilan, Stephen Miller, Stephen Spurlock, Tim Williams, Wanda, Wesley Johnson, and Winnie Kidd.

**Pray for those who are celebrating birthdays this week:** Tony Christino, Jill Hanna, Chloe Campbell, Jeremy Whelpley, Jacquelyn Papish, Kerstin Shimkin, Kendall Gildersleeve, Tom Hewson, Theodore Horne, Madeleine Mitchell, James Goodyear, Danette “Dani” Gentile Kauffman, David Lindsey, and Linda Kapurch.

**Pray for those serving around the world:** Noah Barker, Ian Phillips, Todd Bates, Jason Osborne, Michael Hussey, Scott, and Philip Pretzinger.

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### *Celebrate the* **FEAST OF PENTECOST IN ZABRISKIE CHAPEL** **8:00 A.M. & 10:30 A.M., JUNE 8TH**



All Immanuelites are encouraged to bring their friends and family to Zabriskie Chapel on June 8th to celebrate the Feast of Pentecost— **both Eucharists will be held in Zabriskie.**

We encourage all foreign language readers to sign-up online via the QR code in the middle of page 12 of this bulletin, and our famous cooks to sign-up for the potluck — that will follow the 10:30a.m. Eucharist — at the top of page 13.

# Announcements

## WEEKDAY WORSHIP AND STUDY OPPORTUNITIES

*All are welcome to participate*

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Morning Prayer Tuesday, June 3<sup>rd</sup> @ 10 a.m., Zabriskie Chapel

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Noonday Holy Eucharist Rite II, Wednesday, June 4<sup>th</sup>, Zabriskie Chapel

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Weekly Bible Study: “*The Gospel of Luke*”  
Thursday, June 5<sup>th</sup> @10:30 a.m. online via Zoom.  
*Look for login details in your weekly eBlast email.*

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Compline, Friday June 6<sup>th</sup> @ 8:00 p.m, online via Zoom

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## **FOREIGN LANGUAGE READERS NEEDED NEXT WEEK JUNE 8<sup>TH</sup>**



**SIGN-UP TO SERVE: MAY - JULY 2025 IT'S EASY AND **ONLINE****

Sign-up to Serve in our Sunday Services *through July 2025* **ONLINE** by visiting the landing page of our website [at ICOH.net](http://atICOH.net) and clicking our **Red SignUp Genius Button** or scanning the QR code at left. If you're a student — or planning Summer travel — feel free to **sign-up for the Feast of Pentecost only**. Training for all lay ministries available upon request. **THANK YOU for your participation!**



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**Second Eucharist Time Change:** Beginning Sunday, June 15<sup>th</sup>, our 10:30 a.m. Eucharist moves to 10:00 a.m. for the summer.



## **JUNE Food Drive for ALIVE!**

Traditionally, Immanuel dutifully collected canned goods and non-perishable foods for ALIVE! for two months each year. **The need remains great, and the list of categories has grown as a result.** Our last collection in January was a great success bringing in over 500 pounds of food. Let's do it again in JUNE! Bins will be placed in both narthexes for the five Sundays in June. Below is a list of suggested items.

**CANNED GOODS:** Fruit, vegetables, soups, beans, pasta sauce, diced tomatoes, fish and meat (chili, chicken, tuna, salmon, beef ravioli, etc.)

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**RICE AND PASTA:** Spaghetti, noodles, mac & cheese kits

**COOKING OIL:** Vegetable, canola

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**CEREAL:** Cold or hot, including oatmeal

**DRIED BEANS AND LENTILS**

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**PANCAKE MIX:** Complete (just add water), and table syrup

**PEANUT BUTTER AND JAM/JELLY**

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**KID-FRIENDLY, SINGLE-SERVE MICROWAVABLE ENTREES:** Soup, ravioli, mac & cheese

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Thanks in advance for your participation.

## SignUp – Immanuel’s Spring Potluck in Zabriskie June 8<sup>th</sup>



Following **the 10:30 Eucharist — held in Zabriskie Chapel** —on the Feast of Pentecost June 8<sup>th</sup> please join us in the Parish Hall for our traditional Potluck to celebrate the end of the school year and the beginning of summer! We need volunteers to set up, serve, clean up, and of course to bring your favorite dishes to share. Please use the Q.R. code at left to the **[Pentecost Sunday Potluck Signup Genius to sign up](#)** (also linked on Immanuel’s homepage) . Food slots include recommended dishes as well as number of servings. We look forward to seeing you there! Please contact Dave John at [d\\_falcon7@hotmail.com](mailto:d_falcon7@hotmail.com) with any questions.

## SENIOR ADULT MINISTRY AND FELLOWSHIP EVENTS: May - June 2025

**JUNE 7<sup>TH</sup> – HISTORIC TOUR at MARYLAND’S GLEN ECHO PARK with SENIOR ADULT, CHILDREN AND YOUTH, AND SOCIAL JUSTICE MINISTRIES:** In the summer of 1960, the Glen Echo Amusement Park, located just outside of Washington, D.C. in suburban Maryland was the site of a season of picketing in an effort to force the park to abandon its Whites Only admission policy. The on-going demonstrations were spearheaded by the student Nonviolent Action Group of Howard University, joined by white supporters including residents of adjacent Bannockburn community and members of the AFL-CIO. The sit-in on the Glen Echo carousel resulted in the arrest of five black student protesters and the court case wound its way to the Supreme Court, which ruled in 1964 that the arrest of the demonstrators violated the Fourteenth Amendment guarantee of equal protection.

On Saturday, June 7<sup>th</sup> at 10a.m. Immanuel’s Senior Adult Ministry and Fellowship will join our Youth and Family Ministry, and our Social Justice Ministry to visit Glen Echo Park for a tour of the historic Dentzel Carousel where the demonstration began. We will hear a 45-minute ranger-led presentation at the carousel about the history of the park and of the carousel, which culminated with the eventual integration of the park in 1961. We will also be joined on this trip by members of St. Dunstan’s Episcopal Church where our beloved Patty Alexander is Rector.

Following the tour, we will have a box lunch picnic under the shade trees next to the carousel and a chance to share the experience and hear what it says to us about our collective past, our present and our future. The carousel will open for rides after lunch (\$2 for one ride, \$5 for a day pass), there is a playground adjacent to the picnic area/carousel and several artist studios to explore within the park.

We will be leaving the parish hall parking lot 9:45am and plan on returning no later than 1pm. Co-pay to ride in the van is \$20. If you prefer to drive, there is plentiful free parking in an adjacent lot approximately 1/4-mile walk from the carousel along a winding boardwalk and paved path. **Please RSVP by Monday, June 2** to Karen Besser at [karen.besser@gmail.com](mailto:karen.besser@gmail.com) in order to reserve a seat on the van and/or a box lunch.



## ALL ARE INVITED TO JOIN THE SHRINEMONTERS AT THE SEMINARY’S 1823 CAFÉ JUNE 13<sup>TH</sup>

The Shrinemonters perform live at 1823 Café (affectionately known as “the Pub”) on Friday evening, June 13<sup>th</sup> for an evening of song, refreshment and fellowship. Immanuel’s own old-time music group will be performing two sets of their favorite, mostly singalong tunes (including, for example, “I’ll Fly Away,” “Will the Circle be Unbroken,” “Swing Low, Sweet Chariot,” and “Rivers of Babylon”), starting at about 6:00 pm that evening and likely lasting until about 8:00 pm. We’ll have Immanuel alum Michael Duane sitting in with us, which we are all looking forward to. All are welcome. No cover charge. Drinks and food are very reasonably priced. For those who have not yet had the pleasure of visiting the Pub, it’s located on the VTS campus, just behind the little white post office on Seminary Road. Questions: please contact Doug John at [wendymjohn@yahoo.com](mailto:wendymjohn@yahoo.com). We look forward to seeing you there!

## IMMANUEL CHURCH ON-THE-HILL EASTER APPEAL

In thanksgiving for the Resurrection of Jesus Christ, and as a concrete expression of support in His name for two immediate needs during the Great Fifty Days of Easter, Immanuel's Easter Appeal began Easter Sunday, April 20th and will conclude on Pentecost, June 8th. Two of the ministries Immanuel supports have especially urgent needs:

### HAITI MICAH PROJECT -- EMERGENCY IN MIREBALAIS

For over ten years, Immanuel has supported the **Haiti Micah Project (HMP)**, founded in 2005 by Joseph Constant, then a priest at Virginia Theological Seminary. HMP established an orphanage and vocational school, along with a large nutrition program feeding impoverished children. Incorporated as a Virginia charity, HMP employs a staff of over twenty in Mirebalais, Haiti. Mirebalais is also home to the country's most advanced medical facility, the University Hospital. Haiti has been gripped with violence and unrest since 2021—but mainly in its capital, Port-au-Prince. However, two weeks ago, Mirebalais was overrun by armed gangs. A local priest described the situation in terms of “unspeakable scenes of terror unfolding before our very eyes”. People living in Mirebalais have been killed; and others “walk barefoot, without clothes, without food, without hope.” Thankfully, the Haiti-Micah staff evacuated its children to another town. They are safe but traumatized. We don't know the status of HMP facilities in Mirebalais; but the town's schools, churches, and businesses are closed. The immediate goal is to get food, clean drinking water, clothing and temporary shelter for staff and children. The international response to this emergency has been one of detachment. Yet the children of Mirebalais are precious to God. They pray—as we do-- for their daily bread and to be delivered from evil. It may seem hopeless, but they need our prayers and our help to survive.

### CHRIST CHURCH REFUGEE MINISTRY

Christ Church Refugee Ministry has been helping refugees in Alexandria since 2016. The Refugee Ministry – with the help of several Immanuel parishioners – has supported 113 families (roughly 475 individuals) by building relationships with each family, and providing Care Team-support, assistance, and friendship. 13 newer families still need some assistance, but the remaining 100 are self-sufficient – a wonderful metric considering it takes an average of 6 months for a family to become self-sufficient. Right now -- Christ Church Refugee Ministry has the highest number of families seeking help at one time in the history of the ministry. The current urgent situation emerged in late January this year when after going through the US State Department's 2-year vetting process, these families -- legally in the US, resettled in Alexandria, and promised 3 months of financial resource support—learned overnight with no notice -- the new administration cut all funding to their resettlement agencies. Most families are Afghan, and many of the fathers served with U.S. military or aid groups. Most have children. Rent assistance is especially critical in the early months, as newly arrived parents try to find jobs, enroll their kids in school, learn the bus systems, learn/improve English, and just navigate a completely new life. Our donations help these families stay housed, learn English, and have emergency medical/dental care until they are self-sufficient. And...they will know people in our community care about them and their children.

Immanuel Parishioners moved to support this appeal may choose one of the three methods below:

- (1) **Write a check** to Immanuel with **Easter Appeal Haiti–Micah** or **Easter Appeal Christ Church Refugee Ministry** in the memo line
- (2) **Donate online** via the QR Code at right and look for **Easter Appeal** dropdown options
- (3) from Immanuel's web site [www.ICOH.net](http://www.ICOH.net), under GIVE, select ONLINE GIVING, then Give Here: select the Easter Appeal dropdown option you want.

Donations made to **Easter Appeal** (without further designation) will be split between both ministries.



With grace and gratitude at Easter, we remember Jesus' words: “*Love God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: Love your neighbor as yourself.*” (Matthew 22:37-40). Thank you so much.

Monthly Saturday Breakfast Bible Study: **“GOD’S PROMISES”**  
**SATURDAY, JUNE 21<sup>st</sup> @ 8:00 AM, Held Online via Microsoft Teams**

Join Immanuel’s monthly Saturday morning Breakfast Bible Study **Saturday, June 21<sup>st</sup>** online via Microsoft Teams (find this bulletin on our website under the “Worship” tab, then click on the link below) beginning at 8 a.m. Our new theme for 2025 is **God’s Promises**. This month we will read **Numbers 23:19 - 20 “God is no human being that he should lie, no child of Adam to change his mind...is it his to speak and not fulfill?”** using the African Model of Reflection. For more information, please visit [our webpage “Breakfast Bible Study”](#), or contact Chrissie Crosby at [cmcfaddencrosby@gmail.com](mailto:cmcfaddencrosby@gmail.com).

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**Mark Your Calendar: FORUM HOUR ON ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE**  
**Sunday, June 22<sup>nd</sup>, 11:45 a.m., The Welcome Center**

Join us for an in-depth presentation on the topic of AI (Artificial Intelligence) on Sunday, June 22nd in the Welcome Center. Our speaker is Dr. Najam Hassan, Chair of Computer and Data Science, Capitol Technology University in Laurel, Maryland.

You may find his bio at: <https://www.captechu.edu/news-events/faculty-spotlight-dr-najam-hassan>

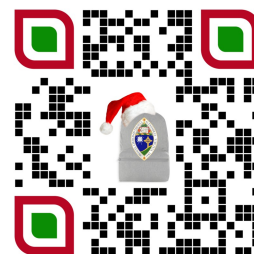


**CHRISTMAS FAMILIES IN AUGUST CAMPAIGN FOR LEARNING 2025**  
**Heads-up for signup and special collections**

In Christmas Families in August we give backpacks filled with school supplies — tools for learning — to many children and through two special collections we support the Haiti Micah Project and Community Lodgings with funds for providing school supplies to children they serve. For more details, scan the QR code below at right to download a copy of my report. So far, we have 76 families referred by the Department of Community and Human Services.

**CALENDAR**

- June 8** Pentecost Sunday, a day of inspiration. **First Sunday for signing up for a family. Special Collection 1**
- August 10** **Ingathering and blessing of backpacks. Special Collection 2**



**Save the Dates: November 7-9, 2025 Spiritual Retreat at Holy Cross Abbey**

The annual Immanuel Spiritual Retreat is scheduled for Friday, November 7, through Sunday, November 9, at Holy Cross Abbey, Berryville, Virginia with the Rev. Dr. Frank Wade as the retreat leader. The registration fee is \$350.00 per person. For consideration for one of the two scholarships in memory of Charles O. Willis, contact the Rev. Randy Alexander directly. Look for registration materials — made available the first week in August — in your future weekly eBlast and parish notes.

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Peter Kent .....	Junior Warden: Administration
Mark Fearer .....	Social Justice
Matt Haskin .....	Worship
Rich Hobson .....	Outreach
Taylor Houck.....	Adult Formation and Discipleship
Dave John .....	Fellowship
Doug Onley .....	Stewardship and Planned Giving
Mary Ann Ring.....	Children, Youth, and Family Ministries
Brian Rush.....	Senior Ministry, Pastoral Care
Bert Shelters .....	Evangelism and Newcomers, Communications
Sophie Johnson, David Lloyd, Sydney Onley, and Isabelle Young-Smith.....	Youth Representatives

### 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

#### *Online*

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The Rev. Dr. Francis H. Wade

### RECTOR EMERITA

The Rev. Dr. Margaret Ann (Sam) Faeth

**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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