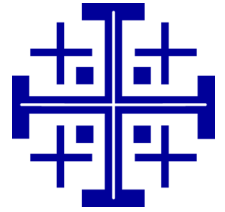




Immanuel Church-on-the-Hill

Episcopal/Anglican Alexandria, Virginia



THE EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

October 12, 2025

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

Page numbers refer to [The Book of Common Prayer](#).

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 Collect for Purity

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Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Kyrie

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Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

or

Kyrie eleison.

Christe eleison.

Kyrie eleison.

The Collect of the Day

The Celebrant says to the people

The Lord be with you.

People: *And with thy spirit.*

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Lord, we pray thee that thy grace may always precede and follow us, and make us continually to be given to all good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.
Amen

The First Lesson: 2 Kings 5:1-3, 7-15c

Naaman, commander of the army of the king of Aram, was a great man and in high favor with his master, because by him the Lord had given victory to Aram. The man, though a mighty warrior, suffered from leprosy. Now the Arameans on one of their raids had taken a young girl captive from the land of Israel, and she served Naaman's wife. She said to her mistress, "If only my lord were with the prophet who is in Samaria! He would cure him of his leprosy."

When the king of Israel read the letter, he tore his clothes and said, "Am I God, to give death or life, that this man sends word to me to cure a man of his leprosy? Just look and see how he is trying to pick a quarrel with me."

But when Elisha the man of God heard that the king of Israel had torn his clothes, he sent a message to the king, "Why have you torn your clothes? Let him come to me, that he may learn that there is a prophet in Israel." So Naaman came with his horses and chariots, and halted at the entrance of Elisha's house. Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying, "Go, wash in the Jordan seven times, and your flesh shall be restored and you shall be clean." But Naaman became angry and went away, saying, "I thought that for me he would surely come out, and stand and call on the name of the Lord his God, and would wave his hand over the spot, and cure the leprosy! Are not Abana and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Could I not wash in them, and be clean?" He turned and went away in a rage. But his servants approached and said to him, "Father, if the prophet had commanded you to do something difficult, would you not have done it? How much more, when all he said to you was, 'Wash, and be clean?'" So he went down and immersed himself seven times in the Jordan, according to the word of the man of God; his flesh was restored like the flesh of a young boy, and he was clean.

Then he returned to the man of God, he and all his company; he came and stood before him and said, "Now I know that there is no God in all the earth except in Israel."

The Word of the Lord

Response: *Thanks be to God.*

Psalm 111 *Confitebor tibi*

- 1 Hallelujah!
I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart, *
in the assembly of the upright, in the congregation.
- 2 Great are the deeds of the Lord! *
they are studied by all who delight in them.
- 3 His work is full of majesty and splendor, *
and his righteousness endures for ever.
- 4 He makes his marvelous works to be remembered; *
the Lord is gracious and full of compassion.
- 5 He gives food to those who fear him; *
he is ever mindful of his covenant.
- 6 He has shown his people the power of his works *
in giving them the lands of the nations.
- 7 The works of his hands are faithfulness and justice; *
all his commandments are sure.

- 8 They stand fast for ever and ever, *
because they are done in truth and equity.
- 9 He sent redemption to his people;
he commanded his covenant for ever; *
holy and awesome is his Name.
- 10 The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; *
those who act accordingly have a good understanding;
his praise endures for ever.

The Epistle: 2 Timothy 2:8-15

Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, a descendant of David-- that is my gospel, for which I suffer hardship, even to the point of being chained like a criminal. But the word of God is not chained. Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, so that they may also obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, with eternal glory. The saying is sure: If we have died with him, we will also live with him; if we endure, we will also reign with him; if we deny him, he will also deny us; if we are faithless, he remains faithful-- for he cannot deny himself.

Remind them of this, and warn them before God that they are to avoid wrangling over words, which does no good but only ruins those who are listening. Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved by him, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly explaining the word of truth.

The word of the Lord

Response: *Thanks be to God.*

The Holy Gospel: Luke 17:11-19

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

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

On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. As he entered a village, ten lepers approached him. Keeping their distance, they called out, saying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!" When he saw them, he said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went, they were made clean. Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. He prostrated himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. Then Jesus asked, "Were not ten made clean? But the other nine, where are they? Was none of them found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?" Then he said to him, "Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well."

The Gospel of the Lord

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

The Sermon: The Rev. Susan D. Parsons

The Nicene Creed

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The Prayers of the People:

Confession of Sin and Absolution

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*Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against thee
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved thee with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of thy Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in thy will,
and walk in thy ways,
to the glory of thy Name. Amen.*

The Peace

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

People: *And with thy spirit.*

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 below. **Thank you for your gift to Immanuel.***



THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Offertory

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

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.*

Celebrant and People

Sanctus and Benedictus

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*Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts:
Heaven and earth are full of thy Glory.
Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.
Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.*

The Lord's Prayer

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THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

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

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, please let an usher know that you would like to have Communion brought to you.

*Prayers for healing, with the laying on of hands, are offered
are offered next to the pulpit during Communion*

Post Communion Prayer

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Celebrant: Let us pray.

*Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end.
Amen.*

The Blessing

The Dismissal

Clergy: Go in peace, to love and serve the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

*The flowers on the Altar are given to the glory of God by Candy Kelly Levin
and Kerry Kelly Wade in memory of their grandmothers,
Genevieve Coughlin Lynch and Bertha Osterman Kelly,
on the anniversary of their births.*

SERVING AT THIS EUCHARIST:

<i>Reader/Intercessor:</i>	Signa Strom
<i>Altar Guild:</i>	Diana Walker
<i>Usher:</i>	Pierre Shostal
<i>Flower Guild:</i>	Candy Levin, Kay Lusk
<i>Vestry Greeter/Counter:</i>	Amy Thomas
<i>Coffee Hour Host:</i>	Lisa Clausen
<i>Celebrant:</i>	The Rev. J. Randolph Alexander

IMMANUEL CHURCH-ON-THE-HILL
Parish Notes
October 12, 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).

PRAY FOR PARISHIONERS: Ann MacNamara, Aster, Jim, Nancy, Spencer, and Zuzanna Wise, Carolyn Ferguson, Catherine Sinclair, Chris von Schoening, Craig Jackson, Cynthia Morton, Cy Murphy, David Phillips, Debbie Hewson, Gary and MeiLung DeVight, Gordon Johnson, Jane, John Richards, Joseph, Kenny, Marcus, Mary Jane Ruhl, Nancy Bishop, Natalie Doyle Hennin, Norma Taliaferro, Rollin Huntington, Susan Montague, Tom and Martha Shimkin, and Wendy Hoge.

PRAY FOR OUR FRIENDS AND FAMILY: Andrew Davis, Ann Langdon Days, Ann Woodward, Barbara Kellner, Barbara Sagan, Betsy Fox Berry, Brian and Joyce, Bridget Rice Rose, Carol Ording, Charlotte Kellogg, Cicely, Donna Becker, George Rustigian, Gerry, the Howerton Family, Hudson Milligan, Jack Allen, Jackson Sirhal, Jean Couban, Jean Williams, Jill Lane, Jodi Williams, Joe Micelli, José Maria, Joseph and Elaine Kelly, Leea Gorman, Lilly Pinner, Louise Jackson, Lysbeth, Marcia Richardson, Marie, Mary Horner, Marty Childs, Mary Muniz, McQuade Milligan, Michael, Paul, Peter Blackledge, Rosemary Wensing, Russ, Soundary Dilan, Stephen Miller, Stephen Spurlock, Susan Little, Tony, Wesley Johnson, and Winnie Kidd.

Pray for those who are celebrating birthdays this week: Christina Yount, Lisa Yount, Phil Johnson, Karin Kizer, Connie Kurz, Claudia Reading, Martin Horne, Mia Mason, and Kristen Moore.

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

Forum Hour TODAY: "*A Dialog on the Practicalities of Prayer*"

LED BY THE REV. DR. FRANK WADE AND THE REV. DR. SARAH COAKLEY

Sunday, October 12th @ 11:15 A.M., The Welcome Center

An open discussion to aid and encourage those setting out on the regular practice of prayer, and in connection with the new ‘Quiet Prayer’ sessions on Wednesdays, 5:15-6pm in the Oratory Chapel.

All are welcome.

Announcements

WEEKDAY WORSHIP AND STUDY OPPORTUNITIES

All are welcome to participate

Morning Prayer Tuesday, October 14th @ 10:00 a.m., Zabriskie Chapel

Noonday Holy Eucharist Rite II, Wednesday, October 15th, Zabriskie Chapel

Quiet Prayer, Wednesday October 15th, 5:15 - 6:00 p.m.

The Oratory Chapel inside Immanuel Chapel

Weekly Bible Study: “*The Gospel of John*” Thursday, October 16th
@10:30 a.m. online via Zoom.

Look for login details in your weekly eBlast email.

Compline, Friday October 17th@ 8:30 p.m, online via Zoom

PUMPKINS ARE HERE AND MORE COMING – MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18TH! VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

We had a fabulous turnout for our first Saturday Pumpkin Unloading. Thanks to all of you who came out to help! It was a glorious – if chaotic – day! We have a second unloading day on Saturday morning, October 18 2025 – please come back and help unload pumpkins that morning.

Many thanks to all the volunteers for Pumpkin Patch 2025: Setup crew, pumpkin unloaders and sellers, wagon fixers, social media gurus, volunteer wranglers, bulk order baggers, soup makers, bakers, knitters, day managers -- there's a job for everyone! There are plastic soup containers available in Parish Hall Kitchen and Immanuel Chapel Parlor – please keep the freezer full of delicious soups that we can sell! Please help us keep the baked goods displays full of delicious treats to sell!

Let us follow Jesus's greatest commandment: to love God and our neighbors. Outreach is a force multiplier of good works – it's putting faith in daily action – it's the money we contribute to others, it's the hours of volunteer service, and the joy we can bring to our community. Since 2000, your Immanuel Pumpkin Patch work has raised \$1,388,000 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 feed people, aid the homeless, and bring hope. Please help!

Finally, please sign up for sales shifts by scanning the QR code at right. We can't sell pumpkins or food without wonderful volunteers at the sales table! Thank you for all you have done and will do -- and see you at the Patch!



WEEKLY QUIET PRAYER AT IMMANUEL AND THE SEMINARY, WEDNESDAYS 5:15 - 6:00 P.M.

In recent penitential seasons (Lent and Advent, 2024, and Lent 2025) clergy and congregational members of Immanuel have shared silent prayer time together on a weekday evening, with ordinands and faculty members from the Seminary, and (increasingly) with some members of other local churches. At a time of much need for prayer in our churches and in the world, especially in our ongoing prayers for world peace, we are now responding to several requests to make this practice a weekly option for our parish(es) and the Seminary. With our first season ending on Wednesday December 17, we **gather in the Oratory Chapel inside Immanuel Chapel, from 5:15-6:00pm each Wednesday evening**. Please do consider joining us, either every week or when you have the time. This time of prayer can be used in many different and profitable ways; but the core theme is that, together, we wait on God's grace and respond to his calling. By coming together we offer, as Christ promised, more than the sum of our parts.

The Rev. Randy Alexander, the Rev. Sarah Spurlock Biggs, and the Rev. Dr. Sarah Coakley



WEDNESDAYS IN THE WORLD with *The Rev. Sarah Spurlock Biggs*

THIS WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 15TH : Join Sarah for fellowship this **Wednesday, October 15th** from 10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. at the Alexandria Pastry Shop, Bradlee Shopping Center on King Street. All are welcome!



VTS Alumni Convocation:

THE RIGHT REV. MARIANN EDGAR BUDDE, Diocese of Washington, DC Recently Added



Please join us in person or online for the 2025 Alumni Convocation featuring *The New York Times* columnist **David French**, speaking on *Faith in an Age of President Trump*, Bishop of Washington, DC, **the Right Rev. Mariann Edgar Budde**, on *Courage is Contagious*, and VTS faculty **the Rev. Ruthanna Hooke** on *Taking, Blessing, Breaking, Giving: Sacramental Preaching in Difficult Times*.

Non-alumni are welcome to attend. For more information and to register, scan the QR code at left.



IT'S AUTUMN AND SENIOR MINISTRY/FELLOWSHIP HAS PLANS. PLAN TO JOIN US!

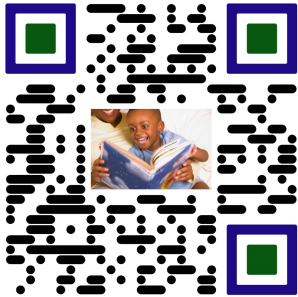
OCTOBER: THIRD WEDNESDAY LUNCH AT GOODWIN HOUSE-ALEXANDRIA at noon on October 15 (RSVP to Mother Susan sparsons@icoh.net if you are not a resident of Goodwin House Alexandria, and to Susan Kernan skernan40@aol.com if you are).

FOURTH TUESDAY BROWN BAG LUNCH. The professional hockey season begins in October and if you don't know the difference between a snipe and a dangle, we're not gonna put you in the penalty box! Instead, come on Tuesday, October 28 and hear parishioner **Agnes Soos**, who will help us learn how to follow that fast puck around the ice and maybe become a fan for life. Bring your own sandwich and we will provide dessert and drinks. There is no reservation required and no cost to this event.

SPECIAL ADVANCE NOTICE—CELEBRATE VETERANS DAY WITH A TOUR OF THE U.S. NAVAL ACADEMY! On Thursday afternoon, November 13, we will travel to Annapolis to tour the Naval Academy. We will get around in nifty little electric cars, so distance and weather are no object. Van co-pay is \$20 and the tour price is \$35. Specific timing details will follow shortly but if you want to go, mark your calendar now and **RSVP to Karen Besser no later than Monday, October 13, as we need to provide names/**

HELP A CHILD LEARN TO READ! BECOME A BOOK BUDDY!

Do you or someone you know have an hour a week to help a child learn to read? **The Alexandria Tutoring Consortium (ATC)** needs volunteer reading tutors in Alexandria's public elementary schools, with the most openings at Ferdinand Day, Patrick Henry, and John Adams schools. Tutors work one-on-one with a kindergarten, first, or second grade student in 35-minute sessions, once or twice a week, during the school day, October through May. You do not need to be a teacher to do this - ATC provides training, materials and support - and you will make a huge difference for a child. It is important, though, to honor the schedule as your Book Buddy will look forward to seeing you.



Contact ATC's Alexa Allmann (aallmann@alexandriatutors.org) or visit alexandriatutors.org to learn more. To register, simply scan the QR code at left.



Monthly Saturday Breakfast Bible Study: **“GOD’S PROMISES”** **SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18th @ 8:00 AM, Held Online via Microsoft Teams**

Join Immanuel’s monthly Saturday morning Breakfast Bible Study **Saturday, September 20th** 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 **2 Corinthians 1:17-22** *“For in him [Jesus Christ] every one of God’s promises is a “Yes.”* using the African Model of Reflection. For more information, please visit [our webpage “Breakfast Bible Study”](#), or contact Chrissie Crosby at cmcfaddencrosby@gmail.com.

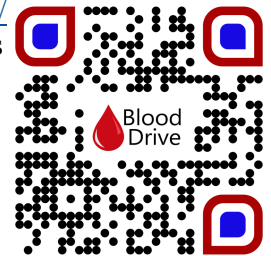
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IMMANUEL’S 4TH ANNUAL BLOOD DRIVE—SIGN UP NOW FOR NOVEMBER 2!

We are partnering with Inova Hospital for the fourth time to host a blood drive on **Sunday, November 2, from noon to 4pm in the Zabriskie parking lot**. The link to sign up is now LIVE! Scan the QR code at right to pick a time, or you can reach out to Katherine Maas at katherinemaas@gmail.com. Blood drives are a meaningful way to help our community—one in seven people entering the hospital need blood and a single car accident victim can require as many as 100 pints of blood. The blood from our drive will likely be used within 48 hours after it ends. Please see recently updated eligibility guidance on Inova's site inovablood.org/donate-blood/eligibility/. If you are considering donating blood for the first time, Inova has some helpful information at inovablood.org/donate-blood/prepare-for-your-donation/first-time-donors/.

If you are not eligible to donate, you can still help at the registration table—even an hour would help! Please contact Katherine with any questions or to express interest in volunteering at the registration table. Thank you!



FORUM HOUR “BEING FAITHFUL ON TUESDAY” **Sunday November 16, 2025, The Welcome Center**

Following the fall retreat at Holy Cross Abbey, come hear the Rev. Dr. Frank Wade’s reflections at a forum hour Sunday November 16th at 11:45 a.m. in the Welcome Center across from Immanuel Chapel.

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Kristin Whitman	Newcomers and Communications
Sydney Onley	Youth Representative

SCHEDULE OF SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite I, Zabriskie Chapel
 10:00 a.m. *First Sunday in October, November & December 2025*
 3606 Seminary Road, Alexandria, VA

10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II, Immanuel Chapel
 3737 Seminary Road, Alexandria, VA

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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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