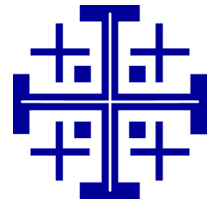




Immanuel Church-on-the-Hill

Episcopal/Anglican Alexandria, Virginia



THE EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

September 22, 2024

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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Kyrie eleison

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Lord, have mercy upon us. Kyrie eleison.
Christ, have mercy upon us. or Christe eleison.
Lord, have mercy upon us. Kyrie eleison.

The Collect of the Day

Grant us, O Lord, not to mind earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to cleave to those that shall abide; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The First Lesson: Wisdom of Solomon 1:16-2:1, 12-22

The ungodly by their words and deeds summoned death;
considering him a friend, they pined away
and made a covenant with him,
because they are fit to belong to his company.
For they reasoned unsoundly, saying to themselves,
“Short and sorrowful is our life,
and there is no remedy when a life comes to its end,
and no one has been known to return from Hades.
Let us lie in wait for the righteous man,
because he is inconvenient to us and opposes our actions;
he reproaches us for sins against the law,
and accuses us of sins against our training.

He professes to have knowledge of God,
and calls himself a child of the Lord.
He became to us a reproof of our thoughts;
the very sight of him is a burden to us,
because his manner of life is unlike that of others,
and his ways are strange.
We are considered by him as something base,
and he avoids our ways as unclean;
he calls the last end of the righteous happy,
and boasts that God is his father.
Let us see if his words are true,
and let us test what will happen at the end of his life;
for if the righteous man is God's child, he will help him,
and will deliver him from the hand of his adversaries.
Let us test him with insult and torture,
so that we may find out how gentle he is,
and make trial of his forbearance.
Let us condemn him to a shameful death,
for, according to what he says, he will be protected.”
Thus they reasoned, but they were led astray,
for their wickedness blinded them,
and they did not know the secret purposes of God,
nor hoped for the wages of holiness,
nor discerned the prize for blameless souls.

The Word of the Lord

Response: *Thanks be to God.*

Psalm 54 *Deus, in nomine*

- 1 Save me, O God, by your Name; *
in your might, defend my cause.
- 2 Hear my prayer, O God; *
give ear to the words of my mouth.
- 3 For the arrogant have risen up against me,
and the ruthless have sought my life, *
those who have no regard for God.
- 4 Behold, God is my helper; *
it is the Lord who sustains my life.
- 5 Render evil to those who spy on me; *
in your faithfulness, destroy them.
- 6 I will offer you a freewill sacrifice *
and praise your Name, O Lord, for it is good.
- 7 For you have rescued me from every trouble, *
and my eye has seen the ruin of my foes.

The Epistle: James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a

Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth. Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace.

Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from? Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you? You want something and do not have it; so you commit murder. And you covet something and cannot obtain it; so you engage in disputes and conflicts. You do not have, because you do not ask. You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures.

Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you.

The word of the Lord

Response: *Thanks be to God.*

The Holy Gospel: Mark 9:30-37

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

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

Jesus and his disciples passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it; for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, "The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again." But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him.

Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, "What were you arguing about on the way?" But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest. He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, "Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all." Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, "Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me."

The Gospel of the Lord

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

The Sermon: The Rev. Sarah Spurlock Biggs

The Nicene Creed

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The Prayers of the People:

Confession of Sin and Absolution

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The Peace

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

The Offertory

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

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The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer II

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Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: *And with thy spirit.*

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: *We lift them up unto the Lord.*

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

People: *It is meet and right so to do.*

Sanctus and Benedictus

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Celebrant *Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts:*
and People *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

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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.*

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 and anointing, are offered next to the pulpit during Communion.

Post Communion Prayer

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After Communion, the Celebrant says

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:

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.*

The Dismissal

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

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People: *Thanks be to God.*

*The flowers on and around the Altar are given to the glory of God by the Rev. Jan A. Maas
in loving memory of his late wife, Georgia Shepherd Maas.*

IMMANUEL CHURCH-ON-THE-HILL

Parish Notes

September 22, 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, Gerard Ennis, 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 Crawford, 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: Bill Kerekes, Lorelai Low, Benjamin Richter, Gilma Balcarcel, Mike Eaton, Seth Low, Nicole de los Reyes, the Rev. Patricia Phaneuf Alexander, Taylor Houck, Dennis Bruns, and Catherine Konvalinka.

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 “Suni” Williams.

Forum Hour TODAY @ 11:45 a.m., The Welcome Center **“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.

Announcements

WEEKDAY WORSHIP AND STUDY OPPORTUNITIES

All are welcome to participate

Morning Prayer Tuesday, September 24th @ 10:00 a.m., Zabriskie Chapel

Noonday Holy Eucharist Rite II, Wednesday, September 25th, Zabriskie Chapel

Weekly Bible Study: “*The Book of Job*”

Thursday, September 26th @10:30 a.m. online via Zoom.

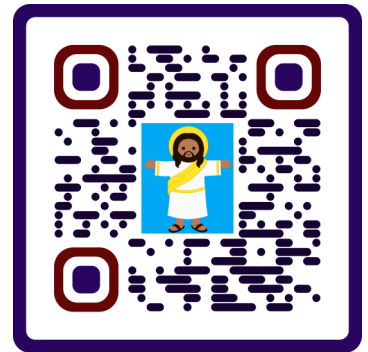
Look for login details in your weekly eBlast email.

Evening Compline, Friday, September 27th @ 8:30 p.m., Online via Zoom

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

Godly Play meets in the Oratory Chapel in Immanuel Chapel on Sundays, beginning at 10:15 AM. Parents return to the Oratory during the Peace to gather the children for Communion with the congregation..

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 at spurlockbiggs@icoh.net. Register your 4-11 year-old for Godly Play at the QR code at right.



Godly Play Registration

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.

TWO THINGS TO BRING TO YOUR ATTENTION FROM ALIVE!

1. Immanuel Church on the Hill is again a sponsor for the StepALIVE! walkathon . The walkathon supports ALIVE’s efforts to provide food, shelter and emergency financial assistance for rent and other basic needs.

The date of the **walkathon this year is Sunday, Oct 20**; walkers are invited to gather in the parking lot of First Christian Church at 2pm for a kick off , walk or run 5 miles through Old Town and finally , enjoy a post-walk celebration. You can register at www.stepalive.org joining team “Immanuel Walks”! Can’t walk? Consider visiting the StepALIVE site to donate — scan code at bottom left — supporting our team at Immanuel!



We will also have a mini-walk in October for the children of Immanuel to walk and accept donations for ALIVE!

2. The ALIVE! furniture delivery program is getting back into full swing with two trucks each Saturday , picking up and delivering furniture to those who need it. Historically , congregations have adopted one or two Saturdays (8am-1pm) a year to pick up and deliver furniture to those in need . This year, our congregation had been asked to deliver furniture on Saturday, November 9th. If you can help with this effort, please contact Lisa Clausen at Lisa.clausen@verizon.net.

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.

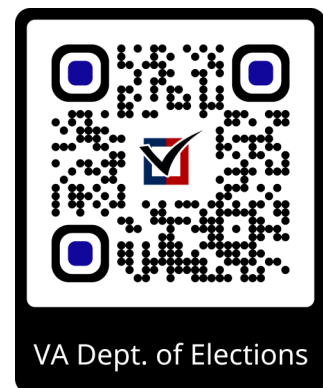
Voter information for Virginia: Election day is November 5, but there are several simple things you are able to do before election day:

- ✓ 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



WEDNESDAYS IN THE WORLD with The Rev. Sarah Spurlock Biggs

We will gather again this Wednesday, September 25th.

Join her on September 25th from 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon, at the Alexandria Pastry Shop, Bradlee Shopping Center on King Street. All are welcome!

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.

Christmas Families in August Campaign for Learning. Final Report and Look-ahead to Christmas

We received twice as many referrals from Human Services than last year. As a parish we rose to the challenge and provided for all of these of God's beloved children. Each child received a backpack filled with school supplies and/or a gift card. Here are the numbers.

Behind each of these numbers is a student proudly taking their new backpack to school and not having to worry about how to pay for school supplies — tools for the mind — their teacher requires.

	Families	Children
Referred by the Alexandria Department of Community and Human Services	64	140
Signed-up for by parish families (as of Sunday, July 14)	58	120
Backpacks, supplies, and gift cards bought with funds from the special collection	6	20

The special collections raised \$4,900, expenses were \$5,100 as follows (\$200 taken from reserves).

Haiti Micah project for school supplies for the children in the schools they operate	\$2,000
This is one of Immanuel's major international outreach ministries; Jim Snow is the treasurer	
Community Lodgings for school supplies for the children in their after-school program.	\$1,000
Backpacks, supplies, and gift cards for children not signed-up for	\$2,100

LOOK-AHEAD TO CHRISTMAS

- Sunday 2024-11-24 First Sunday to sign-up (Black Friday is Nov. 25, Cyber Monday Dec. 2)
- Sunday 2024-12-15 Ingathering and blessing of Christmas gifts, wrapping forum hour, special collection

Christmas Families requires much work behind the scenes. Join the faithful group of workers.

Linda Serabian has assembled the teams listed below with the *team leaders*.

Email Linda Serabian <serabian@somaarchitects.com> or get in touch with one of the team leaders directly

Shop, finding good bargains (year round). *Kathryn Jackson Haskin, Katherine Maas, and Linda Serabian*
Data input once we get the info from the social workers. *Dorothy Kellogg.*
Prepare the sign-up boards and oversee sign-up. *Linda Serabian.*
Assign gifts for children not signed-up for. *Phyllis Sims, Diana Walker, and Linda Donahue*
 Oversee the final weekend — **wrapping and delivery to social services.** *Andy and Alisa Biache*
 Maintain the **software** that holds everything together. *Dennis Bruns*
Communication. *Dagobert Soergel and Brooke Roberts.* **Social media coordinator needed**

Thanks
to all who signed up for family and all who contributed to the special collections.

CLERGY AND STAFF

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 Peter Kent Junior Warden: Administration
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 Brad Ashton and Philip Brown Stewardship and Planned Giving
 Julie Bruns Outreach
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 Mark Fearer Social Justice and Pastoral Care
 Brian Rush Evangelism and Newcomers
 Matt Haskin Worship
 Caroline Bergmark Registrar, Communications
 Sophie Johnson, Sydney Onley, David Lloyd, 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

www.immanuel-on-the-hill.org
[Immanuel's YouTube channel](#)

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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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