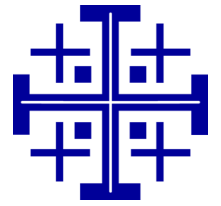




Immanuel Church-on-the-Hill

Episcopal/Anglican Alexandria, Virginia



THE SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

September 15, 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.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

or

Kyrie eleison.

Christe eleison.

Kyrie eleison.

The Collect of the Day

O God, forasmuch as without thee we are not able to please thee, mercifully grant that thy Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with thee and the same Spirit liveth and reigneth, 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.*

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

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.



Give Online

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Offertory

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

The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer II

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Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: *And with thy spirit.*

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

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

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

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

Sanctus and Benedictus

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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

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

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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.*

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.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

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The flowers on and around the Altar are given to the glory of God by Doug Henry, in loving memory of Mary Ellen Henry, on the anniversary of their wedding day.

SERVING AT THIS EUCHARIST:	Reader/Intercessor:	Linda Donahue
	Usher:	Doug Henry
	Altar Guild:	Diana Walker
	Flower Guild:	Sarah Glassco
	Coffee Hour Host:	Alisa Biache
	Celebrant:	The Rev. J. Randolph Alexander

JUNIOR WARDEN BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS UPDATE

Please take a moment to notice and appreciate all the Buildings and Grounds projects completed in **August 2025:**

Garden work day August 17 to weed and care take gardens with additional deep weeding of Rectory and Narthex grounds by our contractor team.

Sexton Closet renovation including new paint, shelves, lights, ventilation, floors and work bench.

Eagle Scout project to restore the small garden near Fairchild Patio where the Thomas H. Row memorial bench is located. In addition, the Scouts filled the stump hole in the front circle with leftover soil.

Newly filled stump hole seeded and new grass is growing!

Kitchen design plans.

Parking lot maintenance and sealing.

Deep cleaning of all exterior air conditioning units and corrective sealing of interior ducts at no cost to the Parish under a Dominion Energy's Energy Conservation Program. Additional unbudgeted chiller repairs and fan coil unit servicing.

Upcoming:

Preschool ceiling tile maintenance.

New windows for the Rectory.

New downspout for the Chapel.

HVAC maintenance of fan coil units throughout the buildings.

Creation Care Sunday, October 6.

Garden Workday. Calling all hands for garden prep work to protect the trees during pumpkin season. We have trees in front of the chapel and near the parking lot that need some TLC and protection before patch festivities commence including weeding, mulching, wire fence cutting/positioning. Bring your gloves, or use the ones we have, and let's git'er done! Contact Sarah Glassco or Amy Thomas with questions.

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.

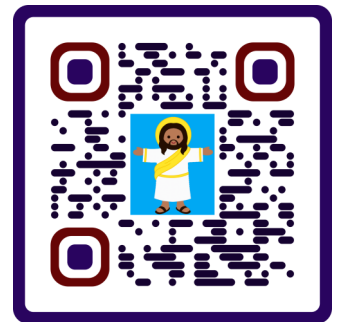
Look for login details in your weekly eBlast email.

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.

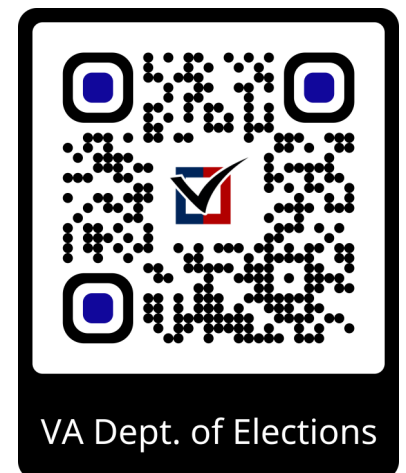
Voter information for Virginia: Election day is November 5, but there are several simple things you are able to do before election day:

- ✓ 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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 Matt Haskin Worship
 Philip Brown Fellowship
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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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