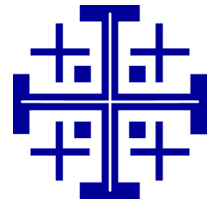




Immanuel Church-on-the-Hill

Episcopal/Anglican Alexandria, Virginia



THE TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

October 6, 2024

Holy Eucharist, Rite I, 8:00 a.m. Creation Care Sunday

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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

Almighty and everlasting God, who art always more ready to hear than we to pray, and art wont to give more than either we desire or deserve: Pour down upon us the abundance of thy mercy, forgiving us those things whereof our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things which we are not worthy to ask, but through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The First Lesson: Job 39:1–18

"Do you know when the mountain goats give birth? Do you observe the calving of the deer? Can you number the months that they fulfil, and do you know the time when they give birth, when they crouch to give birth to their offspring, and are delivered of their young? Their young ones become strong, they grow up in the open; they go forth, and do not return to them. "Who has let the wild ass go free?

Who has loosed the bonds of the swift ass, to which I have given the steppe for its home, the salt land for its dwelling-place? It scorns the tumult of the city; it does not hear the shouts of the driver. It ranges the mountains as its pasture, and it searches after every green thing.

"Is the wild ox willing to serve you? Will it spend the night at your crib? Can you tie it in the furrow with ropes, or will it harrow the valleys after you? Will you depend on it because its

strength is great, and will you hand over your labour to it? Do you have faith in it that it will return, and bring your grain to your threshing-floor?

"The ostrich's wings flap wildly, though its pinions lack plumage. For it leaves its eggs to the earth, and lets them be warmed on the ground, forgetting that a foot may crush them, and that a wild animal may trample them. It deals cruelly with its young, as if they were not its own; though its labour should be in vain, yet it has no fear; because God has made it forget wisdom, and given it no share in understanding. When it spreads its plumes aloft, it laughs at the horse and its rider."

The Word of the Lord

Response: *Thanks be to God.*

Psalm 121 *Levavi oculos*

- 1 I lift up my eyes to the hills; *
from where is my help to come?
- 2 My help comes from the Lord, *
the maker of heaven and earth.
- 3 He will not let your foot be moved *
and he who watches over you will not fall asleep.
- 4 Behold, he who keeps watch over Israel *
shall neither slumber nor sleep;
- 5 The Lord himself watches over you; *
the Lord is your shade at your right hand,
- 6 So that the sun shall not strike you by day, *
nor the moon by night.
- 7 The Lord shall preserve you from all evil; *
it is he who shall keep you safe.
- 8 The Lord shall watch over your going out and your coming in, *
from this time forth for evermore.

The Epistle: Acts 4:32-35, 5:1-11

The whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

But a man named Ananias, with the consent of his wife Sapphira, sold a piece of property; with his wife's knowledge, he kept back some of the proceeds, and brought only a part and laid it at the apostles' feet. "Ananias," Peter asked, "why has Satan filled your heart to lie to the Holy Spirit and to keep back part of the proceeds of the land? While it remained unsold, did it not remain your own? And after it was sold, were not the proceeds at your disposal? How is it that you have contrived this deed in your heart? You did not lie to us but to God!" Now when Ananias heard these words, he fell down and died. And great fear seized all who heard of it. The young men came and wrapped up his body, then carried him out and buried him.

After an interval of about three hours his wife came in, not knowing what had happened. Peter said to her, “Tell me whether you and your husband sold the land for such and such a price.” And she said, “Yes, that was the price.” Then Peter said to her, “How is it that you have agreed together to put the Spirit of the Lord to the test? Look, the feet of those who have buried your husband are at the door, and they will carry you out.” Immediately she fell down at his feet and died. When the young men came in they found her dead, so they carried her out and buried her beside her husband. And great fear seized the whole church and all who heard of these things.

The word of the Lord

Response: *Thanks be to God.*

The Holy Gospel: Luke 12:13-21

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

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

Someone in the crowd said to Jesus, “Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me.” But he said to him, “Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?” And he said to them, “Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one’s life does not consist in the abundance of possessions.” Then he told them a parable: “The land of a rich man produced abundantly. And he thought to himself, ‘What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?’ Then he said, ‘I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, ‘Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.’ But God said to him, ‘You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?’ So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God.”

The Gospel of the Lord

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

The Sermon: The Rev. J. Randolph Alexander, Jr.

The Nicene Creed

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The Prayers of the People: *(please see insert)*

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 at right.

Thank you for your gift to Immanuel.



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THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

INTERCESSOR: With all our heart and all our mind, we pray to you, O Lord.

People: Lord, make us instruments of your peace.

INTERCESSOR: We pray for the peace of the world, O God. As we near the one-year anniversary of the most recent conflict in the Holy Land, we lament the terrible loss of life that anger, hatred, and violence have worked upon creation and upon your people in Israel, Palestine, and Lebanon, and for our own silent role in this violence. We now name a few names, in remembrance, of some of those caught up in this tragedy.

In Israel we pray for all the hostages and for those who have died, including . . .

In Gaza we pray for all those dead and in mourning, including . . .

In the West Bank we pray for those dead in settler attacks, including . . .

In Lebanon we pray for those now dead in the wider war, including . . .

We lament these terrible losses, ask for your forgiveness that it is our own weapons enabling some of this death and destruction, and implore you to help us in our unbelief, that we may trust in your healing power in this time of fear, loss, and anger. That a spirit of respect and forbearance may grow among nations and peoples, we pray to you, O Lord:

People: Where there is hatred, let us sow love.

INTERCESSOR: On this Creation Care Sunday, and in this crisis moment in the life of our planet, both we and the rest of creation need this season of creation more than ever. We need time and space to notice and listen to all of creation, to wonder at and delight in all that You, O God, have made, to mourn and to protest the destruction and suffering that creation has endured, and to draw strength and hope from You, the giver of life, to address the ecological harms and challenges before us.

We pray to you, O Lord:

People: Where there is injury, let us sow pardon.

INTERCESSOR: God of creation and Lord of life, you entrusted us to care for our environment, but in many parts of the world we have failed. Help us to realize how fragile and unstable our surroundings are, because we are not looking after creation. Make us true stewards through the understanding that all life—each plant, creature, and person are all part of a wondrous whole.

We pray to you, O Lord:

People: Where there is discord, let us sow union.

INTERCESSOR: O God, Creator of heaven and earth,
you allowed life to evolve, and you love the natural world:
each plant and animal, each mountain and river,
each ray of sunshine, wave of water, and breath of fresh air.
In our beginning, you commanded us to care for your creation;
open our eyes to see the goodness of the earth;
train our hearts to respect all creation as a gift from you;
and shape our lives to behave in ways that are loving toward
all creatures great and small, for you, O God, made them all.

We pray to you, O Lord:

People: Where there is doubt, let us sow faith.

INTERCESSOR: O God, make us people who recognize, nurture, and act towards a more sustainable world for the benefit of all who draw life from this planet. Raise leaders among us who will speak out for wisdom, restraint, and compassion. And teach us to partner with you in protecting this precious world and the lives of our most vulnerable neighbors.

We pray to you, O Lord:

People: Where there is despair, let us sow hope.

INTERCESSOR: Living God, we pray for the mission and ministry of the Episcopal Church.

You call us to be good stewards of this earthly home, strengthen us to care for your creation; forgive us when, through our greed and indifference, we abuse its beauty and damage its potential. Empower us, through your Spirit so to nurture and love the world, that all creation may sing to your glory.

We pray to you, O Lord:

People: Where there is darkness, let us sow light.

INTERCESSOR: God of compassion, we pray for those who have been devastated by recent climate disasters.

We remember those who have lost their lives so suddenly. We hold in our hearts the families forever changed by grief and loss. Bring them consolation and comfort.

We pray to you, O Lord:

People: Where there is sadness, let us sow joy.

INTERCESSOR: We pray for the concerns of our parish—especially for all those on our parish prayer list. That they may be delivered from their distress.

We pray to you, O Lord:

People: Grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood, as to understand; to be loved as to love.

INTERCESSOR: And we pray for the forgiveness of our sins.

Silence

Creator God, we lament the ways in which we have failed to care for your creation and the times we have ignored the suffering of our neighbors. We ask for your forgiveness.

For our unwillingness to feel the suffering of others, and our readiness to live comfortably with injustice.

Forgive us, O God.

For our self-righteousness that denies guilt, and our self-interest that disables compassion.

Forgive us, O God.

For our abuse of this planet and our exploitation of its resources.

Forgive us, O God.

For it is in giving that we receive, it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; and it is in dying that we are reborn to eternal life. Amen.

CELEBRANT: Almighty God, who in Jesus Christ gave a kingdom that cannot be destroyed, forgive you all your sins, open your eyes to God's truth, and grant you strength to do God's will in the joy of God's creation, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

During the Offertory, we encourage you to take a moment to meditate on what it means to you to care for creation. Then, write a word or a few words on the paper given to you when you arrived. It's up to you what you write - it can be an intention, an action, a prayer of thanks or lament, gratitude.

During the offertory anthem, our youth ushers will collect these papers, along with any regular offerings. We will offer it all to the glory of God.

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 p. 340

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 p. 334

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 p. 336

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Celebrant: Alleluia, Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us p. 337
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.

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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SERVING AT THIS EUCHARIST:	Reader/Intercessor:	Bertus Shelters
	Usher:	Linda Donahue
	Altar Guild:	Diana Walker
	Flower Guild:	Sally Guy Brown
	Vestry Greeter/Counter:	Mark Fearer
	Coffee Hour Host:	Mave Milligan
	Celebrant:	The Rev. Susan D. Parsons

READ FORMER IMMANUEL SEMINARIAN REV. HALIM SHUKAIR’S, MOVING COMMENTARY ON PREACHING DURING THE ELECTION SEASON ABOUT THE CRISIS IN THE MIDDLE EAST.

The Rev. Shukair is no stranger to war and civilian suffering, having preached at Immanuel about his own formative years growing up in the midst of civil wars in Lebanon. He was interviewed by the *Journal for Preachers* several months ago about ministering to his two congregations in Dearborn, Michigan — serving as Rector at the English-speaking Christ Episcopal Church, and as Priest-in-Charge for the Arabic language congregation at Priest-in-Charge for Mother of the Savior Church — in the midst of the Gaza crisis.



His empathetic and wise words are available by scanning the QR code at left. Immanuel’s social justice ministry occasionally shares information about the ongoing crises in the Middle East, as a way to stay engaged, aware, and informed.

If you'd like to receive email updates, please contact [Kathryn Jackson Haskin](#) or [David Atwood](#) to be added to the social justice ministry email list.

**Forum Hour “VTS Reparations Program”
October 20th, The Welcome Center**

In September 2019, Virginia Theological Seminary announced the creation of a reparations endowment fund and the intent to research, uncover, and recognize the labor of Black persons who toiled under the oppression of VTS during slavery and throughout the Jim Crow era. In her presentation, Ebonee Davis-Hayes, Director of Reparations at VTS, will share the research findings and implementation of VTS’ Reparations Program; highlighting, in particular, the importance and complex nature of descendant-focused work.



SENIOR ADULT MINISTRY AND FELLOWSHIP EVENTS

OCTOBER 2024

OCTOBER 8 - TRIP TO GREEN SPRING GARDENS:

Join Senior Adult Ministry and Fellowship on Tuesday, October 8 to visit Green Spring Gardens. The Gardens are a 31 acre park and historic home that were donated to Fairfax County in 1970 and are currently operated by the Park Authority in conjunction with various nonprofit organizations concerned with area history and with gardening. We will tour the gardens and tropical greenhouse with a docent followed by traditional British tea in the restored 18th century manor house.

The van will be leaving the Parish Hall parking lot around 1:00pm, and we will plan to return no later than 5:00pm. As always, we will offer pick up at either Goodwin House or at The View. There is a \$20 co-pay to ride in the van. The cost of the tour and tea is \$45 per person.

There is a 15 person limit to this event. Please RSVP to [Karen Besser](#) **TODAY, Sunday October 6.**

OCTOBER 16 - THIRD WEDNESDAY LUNCH AT GOODWIN HOUSE.

Please join us for luncheon and conversation at Goodwin House-Alexandria. We gather at noon on the third Wednesday of the month, which will be **October 16**. Please RSVP to the Rev. Susan if you are not a resident of Goodwin House and to Susan Kernan if you are a resident.

OCTOBER 22 - REVIEW OF IMPRESSIONIST ART, FOURTH TUESDAY BROWN BAG LUNCH:

At our brown bag luncheon we will prepare for our upcoming visit to the National Gallery of Art exhibit *Paris 1874 – The Impressionist Moment* in November. Come and brush up on what the Impressionists were rebelling against, what was going on in the world as they painted, and remind yourself of who the artists were and what their work looked like.

We will meet in the Parish Hall at 12:15pm on the fourth Tuesday, October 22. Bring your own sandwich or salad, and Senior Ministry and Fellowship will provide beverages and dessert. There is no cost for this event and no reservation is required.

IMMANUEL CHURCH-ON-THE-HILL

Parish Notes

October 6, 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, Austin Cox, 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, Lilly Pinner, Linda Gill, Louise Jackson, Lucie Bauer, Lysbeth, Michael, Marcia Richardson, MariAnn Hollis, 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: Susan Montague, Randy Kell, Diana Walker, Charlotte Barnes, Doug Onley, Brooke Roberts, Eddie Boynton, Emily Friday, Karin MacPhail, Grace Wensing, Alouette Horne, Christina Yount, and Lisa Yount.

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 “Sunni” Williams.

Blessing of the Animals, TODAY @ 1:00 p.m. **Zabriskie Parking Lot**

Let's bring our nonhuman family members to church today for a blessing!



EXTRA KEYS IN YOUR POCKET? [Help Us Find Missing Zabriskie Keys](#): While helping out at church, could you have mistakenly placed an office key in your pocket? Two building keys are missing from the Parish Office, so please contact Amy Thomas, Father Randy, or Aleta and let us know when you'll return them so that they can access those rooms. Thank you!

Announcements

WEEKDAY WORSHIP AND STUDY OPPORTUNITIES

All are welcome to participate

Morning Prayer Tuesday, October 8th @ 10:00 a.m., Zabriskie Chapel

Noonday Holy Eucharist Rite II, Wednesday, October 9th, Zabriskie Chapel

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

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

Look for login details in your weekly eBlast email.

Evening Compline, Friday, October 11th @ 8:30 p.m., Online via Zoom



PUMPKIN PATCH 2024 IS UP AND RUNNING LAST TWO TRUCKS UNLOAD SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19TH

Thank you – thank you – thank you to everyone who came out and helped unload pumpkins – the Patch is up and running! Many thanks to all the soup makers, bakers, knitters – sellers – Patch Preppers – so many hands have volunteered time, talent, and treasure to get us going this year. In spite of some rain, we had a great first weekend, so let’s keep the momentum going! We need your help – soups, baked goods, apple crisp makers (October 19th!) -- there’s a job for everyone! Look for “Pumpkins: Everything You Need to Know About Immanuel's Pumpkin Patch 2024” emails from Immanuel and emails from our Soup Wranglers, Baked Goods Coordinators, and Apple Crisp Coordinator. Plastic soup containers are available in the Parish Hall and Immanuel Chapel parlor– please help keep fill the Parish Kitchen Freezer with delicious soups. Please help keep our delicious baked goods supplies fresh and tempting!



Next and final Pumpkin Unloading is Saturday morning, October 19, 2024. Mark your calendars! 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.

Please sign up for sales shifts by scanning the QR code at left. We especially need help on weekends! Thank you again – and see you at the Patch! With Grace and Gratitude – *Immanuel Outreach*

BRING 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, need to register your child, or are interested in volunteering, please contact the Rev. Sarah at sspurlockbiggs@icoh.net.

THE BENEDICTINE COMMUNITY WELCOMES YOU, TUESDAY OCTOBER 15TH

*If you are seeking to deepen your spiritual life,
come to our biweekly Benedictine Community via Zoom*

If you want more contemplation in your life, you are invited to become part of the Benedictine Community at Immanuel. We regather for reflection **beginning Tuesday, October 15** and meet (virtually) twice a month on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays from 7 pm-8 pm.

As a community, we reflect on how the tenets of St. Benedict, such as humility, silence, and prayer, can guide us in practical ways in our spiritual lives and our day to day endeavors. Individual reflection is guided by short readings from a Benedictine-inspired book. We are currently reading and reflecting on Kathleen Norris's book, *Cloister Walk*. Our focus each week is primarily on reflections sparked by having read a few pages from the book.

Our Benedictine Community gather as companions on the journey with one another while drawing wisdom from selected reading material and the ancient traditions and wisdom of Benedictine practice and prayer. With half or more of our current members residing outside of the area, we are using Zoom for our meetings, but if you are not comfortable with the video aspects of Zoom, you can simply call on the telephone and be connected to the Community by voice-only via Zoom. We may very occasionally have hybrid meetings using Zoom with simultaneous gathering in the parish hall for those nearby.

If this opportunity appeals to you and for more information, please contact one of the following:

Dana Hengst (dana.hengst@gmail.com), Barbara Fornoff (cr8vweaver@gmail.com)
or David Atwood (David_Atwood@hotmail.com)

WEDNESDAYS IN THE WORLD *with The Rev. Sarah Spurlock Biggs* *We will gather again this Wednesday, October 9th.*

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

TWO THINGS TO BRING TO YOUR ATTENTION FROM ALIVE!

1. Immanuel 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 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](mailto:Lisa.clausen@verizon.net).

SEPTEMBER—NOVEMBER 2024 - IT'S EASY TO SIGN UP ONLINE

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!

***SATURDAY*: Monthly Saturday Breakfast Bible Study** **OCTOBER 19th @ 8:00 AM Held Online via Zoom**

Join Immanuel's monthly Saturday morning Breakfast Bible Study **Saturday, October 19th** 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 **Joshua 1:7-9 "Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go"** 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

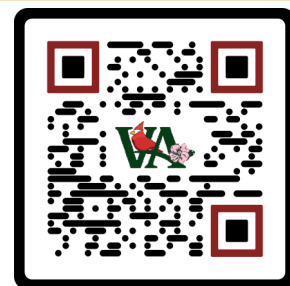
CIVIC ENGAGEMENT, VOTER REGISTRATION, AND VOTER INFORMATION

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.

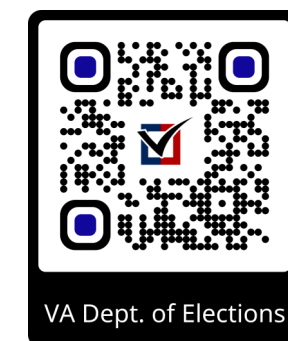
Voter information for Virginia: Election day is November 5, but there are several simple things you are able to do before election day:

- ✓ 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 on the VA elections website.



Voter Registration Training



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8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite I, Zabriskie Chapel
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10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II, Immanuel Chapel
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