



17th Sunday after Pentecost

October 5th , 2025

IMMANUEL EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

A Reconciling in Christ Congregation

Norwood, PA ~ Phone: 610.586.5860

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The People of Immanuel are Ministers of the Church

The Rev Scott R. Lee, Pastor

Kathleen Schneider, Director of Music

PRELUDE (*Prayerful time for reflection.*)

^MISSION STATEMENT:

C: We of Immanuel are claimed, gathered, and sent by God to live Christ's example through worship, education, and service.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God, our maker, our helper, and our keeper.

Amen.

Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Merciful and loving God, **we are your stiff-necked people.**

We trample on the needy. We grumble about your grace to others.

We turn away from the poor. Have mercy on us and forgive our sins.

Rejoice over us as ones who were lost and have been found.

Amen.

Even when we are faithless, God remains faithful. Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners. You who were lost have been found.

In the name of ✠ Jesus, your sins are forgiven!

Amen.

^GATHERING HYMN

My God, How Wonderful Thou Art



- 1 My God, how won - der - ful thou art, thy maj - es - ty how bright!
- 2 How won - der - ful, how beau - ti - ful the sight of thee must be—
- 3 No earth - ly fa - ther loves like thee; no moth - er, e'er so mild,
- 4 Yet I may love thee too, O Lord, al - might - y as thou art,
- 5 My God, how won - der - ful thou art, thou ev - er - last - ing friend!



How beau - ti - ful thy mer - cy seat in depths of burn - ing light!
 thine end - less wis - dom, bound - less pow'r, and awe - some pu - ri - ty!
 bears and for - bears as thou hast done with me, thy sin - ful child.
 for thou hast stooped to ask of me the love of my poor heart.
 On thee I stay my trust - ing heart till faith in vi - sion end.

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

^KYRIE



Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy.



Lord, have mer - cy; have mer - cy, O Lord.

^HYMN OF PRAISE (*Verses 1&2*)

God of Promise, Let These Signs of Grace



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| 1 | Life - giv - ing wa - ter | soak - ing our dry - ness, |
| 2 | Word of pro - claim - ing, | breath on the wa - ter, |
| 3 | Oil of a - noint - ing, | fra - grant with pow - er, |
| 4 | Bright light of Eas - ter | cleav - ing the dark - ness, |
| 5 | Robe of a - dop - tion | grow - ing God's fam - 'ly, |



drown - ing our sin each day, mak - ing us new—
 plant - ing your prom - ise— the voice from a - bove:
 nam - ing us ho - ly while hold - ing our pain—
 shin - ing up - on and with - in us to - day—
 wrap - ping our bro - ken - ness in the di - vine—



mer - cy come stream - ing from you.
 "This is my child, my be - loved."
 mark of the life that we gain.
 bea - con of hope on the way.
 love be - come sym - bol and sign.

Refrain

P: The Lord be with you

C: **And also with you.**

P: Let us pray

^PRAYER OF THE DAY

Benevolent, merciful God: When we are empty, fill us. When we are weak in faith, strengthen us. When we are cold in love, warm us, that with fervor we may love our neighbors and serve them for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

First Reading:

Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4

Injustice and violence in the time leading up to the Babylonian exile move this prophet to lament: How can a good and all-powerful God see evil in the world and seemingly remain indifferent? God answers by proclaiming that the righteous will live by faith.

The oracle that the prophet Habakkuk saw. O Lord, how long shall I cry for help, and you will not listen? Or cry to you “Violence!” and you will not save? Why do you make me see wrongdoing and look at trouble? Destruction and violence are before me; strife and contention arise. So the law becomes slack, and justice never prevails. The wicked surround the righteous; therefore judgment comes forth perverted.

I will stand at my watch post and station myself on the rampart; I will keep watch to see what he will say to me and what he will answer concerning my complaint. Then the Lord answered me and said: Write the vision; make it plain on tablets, so that a runner may read it. For there is still a vision for the appointed time; it speaks of the end and does not lie. If it seems to tarry, wait for it; it will surely come; it will not delay. Look at the proud! Their spirit is not right in them, but the righteous live by their faithfulness.

Word of God, word of life: **Thanks be to God**

Psalm:**Psalm 37:1-9**

Do not be provoked by evildoers; do not be jealous of those who do wrong.

For they shall soon wither like the grass, and like the green grass fade away.

Put your trust in the Lord and do good; dwell in the land and find safe pasture.

Take delight in the Lord, who shall give you your heart's desire.

Commit your way to the Lord; put your trust in the Lord, and see what God will do.

The Lord will make your vindication as clear as the light and the justice of your case like the noonday sun.

Be still before the Lord and wait patiently. Do not be provoked by the one who prospers, the one who succeeds in evil schemes.

Refrain from anger, leaverage alone; do not be provoked; it leads only to evil.

For evildoers shall be cut off, but those who hope in the Lord shall possess the land

SECOND READING**2 Timothy 1:1-14**

This letter written to Timothy is a personal message of encouragement. In the face of hardship and persecution, Timothy is reminded that his faith is a gift of God. He is encouraged to exercise that faith with the help of the Holy Spirit.

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, for the sake of the promise of life that is in Christ Jesus, To Timothy, my beloved child:
Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

I am grateful to God—whom I worship with a clear conscience, as my ancestors did—when I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day. Recalling your tears, I long to see you so that I may be filled with joy. I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that lived first in your

grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, lives in you. For this reason I remind you to rekindle the gift of God that is within you through the laying on of my hands, for God did not give us a spirit of cowardice but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline.

Do not be ashamed, then, of the testimony about our Lord or of me his prisoner, but join with me in suffering for the gospel, in the power of God, who saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works but according to his own purpose and grace, and this grace was given to us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Savior Jesus Christ, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. For this gospel I was appointed a herald and an apostle and a teacher, and for this reason I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know the one in whom I have put my trust, and I am sure that he is able to guard until that day the deposit I have entrusted to him. Hold to the standard of sound teaching that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. Guard the good deposit entrusted to you, with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us.

Word of God, word of life: **Thanks be to God**

^GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Praise, praise, praise the Lord! Praise God's Holy Name, alleluia!
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^HOLY GOSPEL

P: The Holy Gospel according to Luke the 17th Chapter

C: Glory to you O Lord

On the way to Jerusalem, Jesus instructs his followers about the power of faith and the duties of discipleship. He calls his disciples to adopt the attitude of servants whose actions are responses to their identity rather than works seeking reward.

⁵ The apostles said to the Lord, “Increase our faith!” ⁶ The Lord replied, “If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, ‘Be uprooted and planted in the sea,’ and it would obey you.

⁷ “Who among you would say to your slave who has just come in from plowing or tending sheep in the field, ‘Come here at once and take your place at the table’? ⁸ Would you not rather say to him, ‘Prepare supper for me; put on your apron and serve me while I eat and drink; later you may eat and drink’? ⁹ Do you thank the slave for doing what was commanded? ¹⁰ So you also, when you have done all that you were ordered to do, say, ‘We are worthless slaves; we have done only what we ought to have done!’ ”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ

SERMON

Pastor Scott Lee

^HYMN

O Zion, Haste



1 O Zi - on, haste, your mis - sion high ful - fill - ing,
 2 Pub - lish to ev - 'ry peo - ple, tongue, and na - tion
 3 He comes a - gain! O Zi - on, ere you meet him,



to tell to all the world that God is light;
 that God, in whom they live and move, is love;
 make known to ev - 'ry heart his sav - ing grace;



that he who made all na - tions is not will - ing
 tell how he stooped to save his lost cre - a - tion
 let none whom he has ran - somed fail to greet him,



one soul should per - ish, lost in shades of night.
 and died on earth that we might live a - bove.
 through your ne - glect, un - fit to see his face.



Refrain
 Pub - lish glad tid - ings, tid - ings of peace,



tid - ings of Je - sus, re - demp-tion, and re - lease.

^APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

He descended into hell.*

On the third day he rose again.

**He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE *(Kneeling as able.)*

God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

^PEACE

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

C: And also with you.

P: Let us share a sign of peace with one another, as you feel comfortable.

OFFERING

We join other Christians in joyfully responding to God's goodness, through your personal giving. The ushers will pass the offering plates during this time. For those who don't feel comfortable passing the plates, we ask that you place your offering in the plates located at the front of the nave prior to the service, or after the service, in the plate on the table as you exit into the Hospitality area. Many people give electronically and we thank all growing disciples in advance for their supportive giving.

^OFFERTORY HYMN



Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the

brim our cup of bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the

seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life.

Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u - nite them with the

prayers we of - fer. Grace our ta - ble with your pres - ence,

and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

OFFERING PRAYER

Lord of the harvest, we return to you a portion of what you have given to us. Turn us to set our hope not on the uncertainty of riches, but on you, who richly provides for us. Multiply what we have gathered to bless all who are suffering and in need, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

+HOLY COMMUNION+

^GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: The Lord be with you. **C:** **And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts. **C:** **We lift them up to the Lord.**

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

C: **It is right to give thanks and praise.**

P: It is indeed right and salutary.....we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, Holy, Holy *Santo, santo, santo*



WORDS OF INSTITUTION *In the night he was betrayed.....*

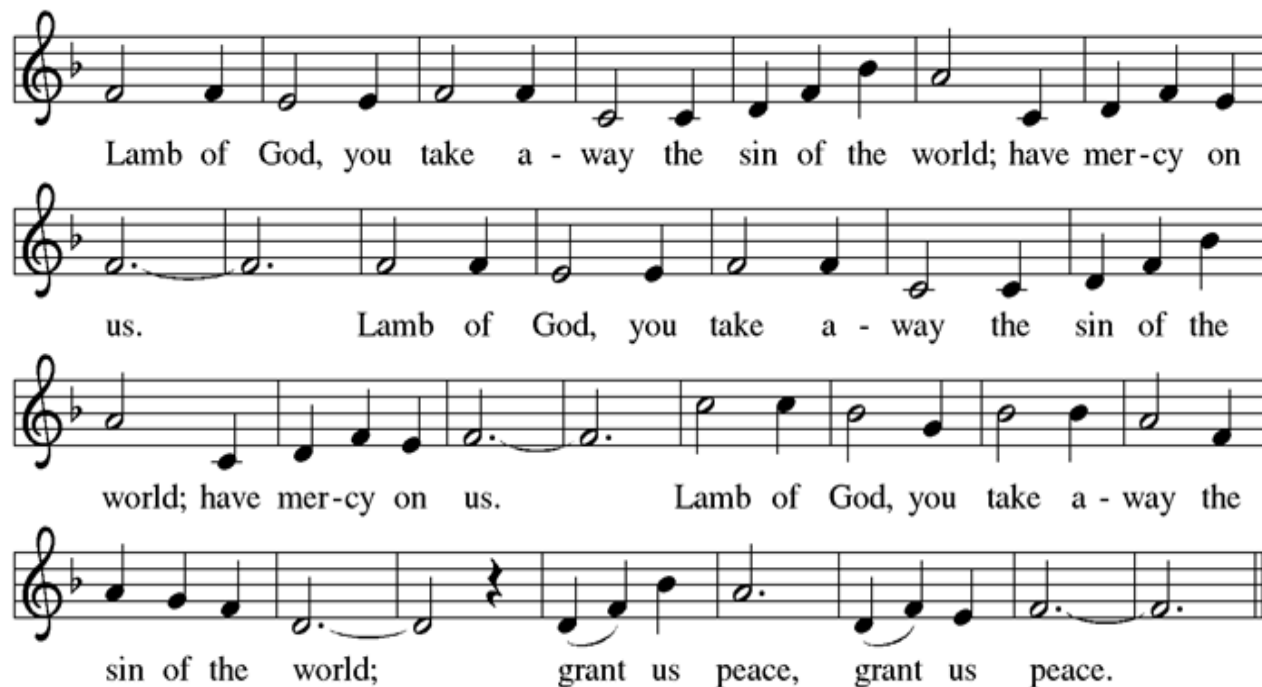
^LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P: The table is ready, come and eat.

C: Amen



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on

us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the

world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the

sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION *(By Intinction)*

*All baptized Christians are welcome to share the bread and wine of **Holy Communion**. After it is placed in your hand, dip your wafer in the wine (silver chalice) or grape juice (ceramic chalice).*

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C: Amen

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Refrain

Great is thy faith-ful-ness! Great is thy faith-ful-ness! Morn-ing by
morn-ing new mer-cies I see; all I have need-ed thy
hand hath pro-vid-ed; great is thy faith-ful-ness, Lord, un-to me.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

O God, through this meal you have strengthened us and appointed us to be your servants. Send us to do good and to share our possessions with all in need. We ask this in Jesus' name.

Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

^BENEDICTION/BLESSING

The God of righteousness, who gives justice to the oppressed, who gives food to the hungry, who sets the prisoners free, † bless you now and forever.

Amen.

^HYMN

Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing



1 Lord, dis - miss us with your bless-ing, fill our hearts with joy and peace;
 2 Thanks we give and ad - o - ra - tion for your gos - pel's joy - ful sound.
 3 Sav - ior, when your love shall call us from our strug - gling pil - grim way,



let us each, your love pos - sess-ing, tri-umph in re - deem-ing grace.
 May the fruits of your sal - va - tion in our hearts and lives a - bound.
 let no fear of death ap - pall us, glad your sum - mons to o - bey.



Oh, re - fresh us; oh, re - fresh us, trav - 'ling through this wil - der - ness.
 Ev - er faith-ful, ev - er faith-ful to your truth may we be found.
 May we ev - er, may we ev - er reign with you in end-less day.

^DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Do not lose heart. **Thanks be to God.**

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*Flowers on the altar are donated in memory of Greg Manuel
by Sharon Manuel*

ReconcilingWorks
LUTHERANS FOR FULL PARTICIPATION



As a **Reconciling in Christ** congregation, Immanuel Lutheran Church, Norwood, commits to celebrating the love of God with ALL people as we are all made in God's image. We are committed to racial equity in our congregation, community, and country. Whatever your abilities, gender identity, sexual orientation, relationship status, race, culture, faith tradition or economic circumstance; whatever your past or present – you are welcome to share in God's love and our community.

Welcome Visitors! We are very glad you are with us today! It is a privilege to have you share our worship service. Please take a moment to fill out the Visitor Guest Book located at the top of the steps at our Chester Pike entrance. We would appreciate having a record of your communion with us today. Please sign a communion card from the pew rack and place it in the offering plate. If you have any questions please ask any of the members, we'll be happy to help. Check out www.immanuelnorwood.org or our Facebook page. **Thanks for being with us!**



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ACTIVITIES FOR THE WEEK

Weekly Activities do not reflect building use by outside groups.

SUNDAY Worship . 11:00 AM
 Worship and Music Meeting 12:00PM

	Lector	Worship Assistant	Acolyte	Greeters
Oct 5	K. Dukes	J. Kintsche	M. Stewart	C. Kelly
Oct 12		K. McClellan		J. Morrison
Oct 19		M. Horne-Onimus		K. McClellan
Oct 26	D. McClellan	J. Kintsche	E. Enriquez	J. Crane



August Income - \$11,061

August Expenses \$10,370

Acme/ShopRite Gift Cards! They are used like cash at any of the area stores. There is no extra charge for the certificates. **Our church receives 5% of the coupons. Help us help our church!** See Mary Lyn Horne-Onimus for details.

ACME

Heating Oil Season is Here!

Our mascot for our Heating Oil campaign, **Scout** is asking that our members do their best to contribute monthly a little extra using **the OIL envelopes you'll find at the BRIGHT YELLOW Heating Oil campaign poster board** located in the Hospitality area.



Half Century Fellowship Lunch Group ~ Pack a lunch and join us Thursday, **October 16th** at noon downstairs at church for good company, conversation and fellowship.



We have a monthly **Healing Service** September through May. The service is the **third Saturday** of each month and is a laying on of hands healing service. It is from **1pm-2pm**. The actual service itself will take about 30 minutes followed with some quiet time if people want to stay and pray. If cancelled due to the weather, the church phone greeting will tell you. 610-586-5960

Bosco's shopping event! 25% off lowest sale price on Wednesday October 22, 2025 shopping hours 8AM – 11PM in store AND online. Immanuel receives \$5.00 for each pass used! Please contact Mary Lyn at (610)888-2579 for details.



Calling all furry, fluffy, scaley, feathered and hooved friends!

On Sunday, **October 12th**, worship will include a **Blessing of the Animals**. Services will be held **downstairs in the social hall**. Worshippers, adults and children, are invited to bring their pets or favorite stuffed animal. There will **not** be communion this week and the blessing will take place during the service. All live animals must be on a leash or in a carrier.



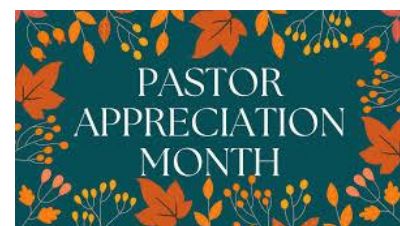
SPECIAL CHOIR PRACTICE We are getting ready for Reformation Sunday. All are welcome to practice on October 5th after service. Let's meet in the Choir Room to practice our special hymn "Let It Be Said of Us." Questions? Call

Kathleen 484-239-9393

October is Minister Appreciation Month

We all forget to say “Thank You” to folks who serve us as part of their work responsibilities.

Pastors have a special relationship to their jobs...both they and their congregations pray for guidance as they consider whether God is calling the candidate to support their congregation. Pastor Lee has been serving Immanuel for about eight years. It would be lovely if each member could thank Pastor this month – a few words as you shake hands or a card or note would be appreciated.



We will again be having a Pampered chef fundraiser this fall. It's time to start thinking about getting holiday gifts and this is a great way to get something for everyone and support Immanuel. The sale official starts **November 3rd**, but you can shop earlier using the below link. More information to come closer to the sale start date in November but if you prefer to look and get done the sales will count for our fundraiser. Any questions please talk to Colleen Kelly

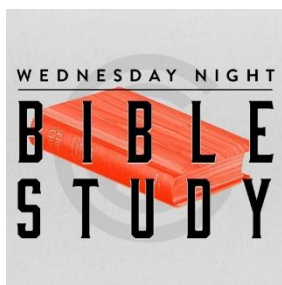
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Wednesday Mornings at St. Matthew's in person with Pastor Lee at 9:00AM – 11:30 AM. What does God teach us about himself

through the wonders of creation? How do the lives of the people he fashioned glorify him and further his eternal purposes?

This six-session series offers a big-picture view of the foundational book of Genesis, exploring the splendor of creation and the significance of God's work in the lives of flawed yet faithful men and women. And while it tells of fascinating people experiencing transformational events, Genesis continually points us back to their God and ours, the Creator.





Weekly Virtual Bible Study is back on!

Join us via zoom for Bible study on Wednesdays; 7:00 to 8:00 PM for a series on Luke: How Do You Respond to Jesus? All you need is your Bible and we'll provide the discussion questions when we connect. Study Guides are available in the mailboxes in the coat room- in the left-hand lower corner you'll find "Zoom Bible" with copies for that week in a folder. Karl McClellan and Fred Warner lead sessions.

You may join at any time! Just go to our website:

www.immanuelnorwood.org and click on the *Church Calendar* tab, then scroll to the **ZOOM LINK FOR WEEKNIGHT BIBLE STUDY**. You can use your phone to connect. dial one of the numbers below at the start of the event. Use the numbers below when you are prompted.

Dial In Numbers: +1 646 931 3860 or +1 929 205 6099

Meeting ID: 897 7827 9740 Passcode: 952485

We hope you will join us!! Any questions please see our leaders, Karl McClellan or Fred Warner

ENVELOPES!!!

If you did not get a box of envelopes in 2025, and would like one for 2026, please see Jeanne Warner to obtain one.



RAISE RIGHT

Ready to start your Christmas shopping? Maybe stock up on restaurants for a night out? Immanuel is selling gift cards for just about every store you may want. Our church will get a percentage back from sales. Forms are available on the table in the hospitality area. Fill out form, make your check payable to Immanuel Lutheran Church and hand in to Jeanne Warner or the office. Dates that orders will be sent in for purchase will be **Oct 26, Nov 14, and Dec 7**. Gift cards usually arrive within a week of ordering. Don't see a store you need? You may search online at: www.raiseright.com and add it to your list or ask Jeanne W. and she will check if will be available.