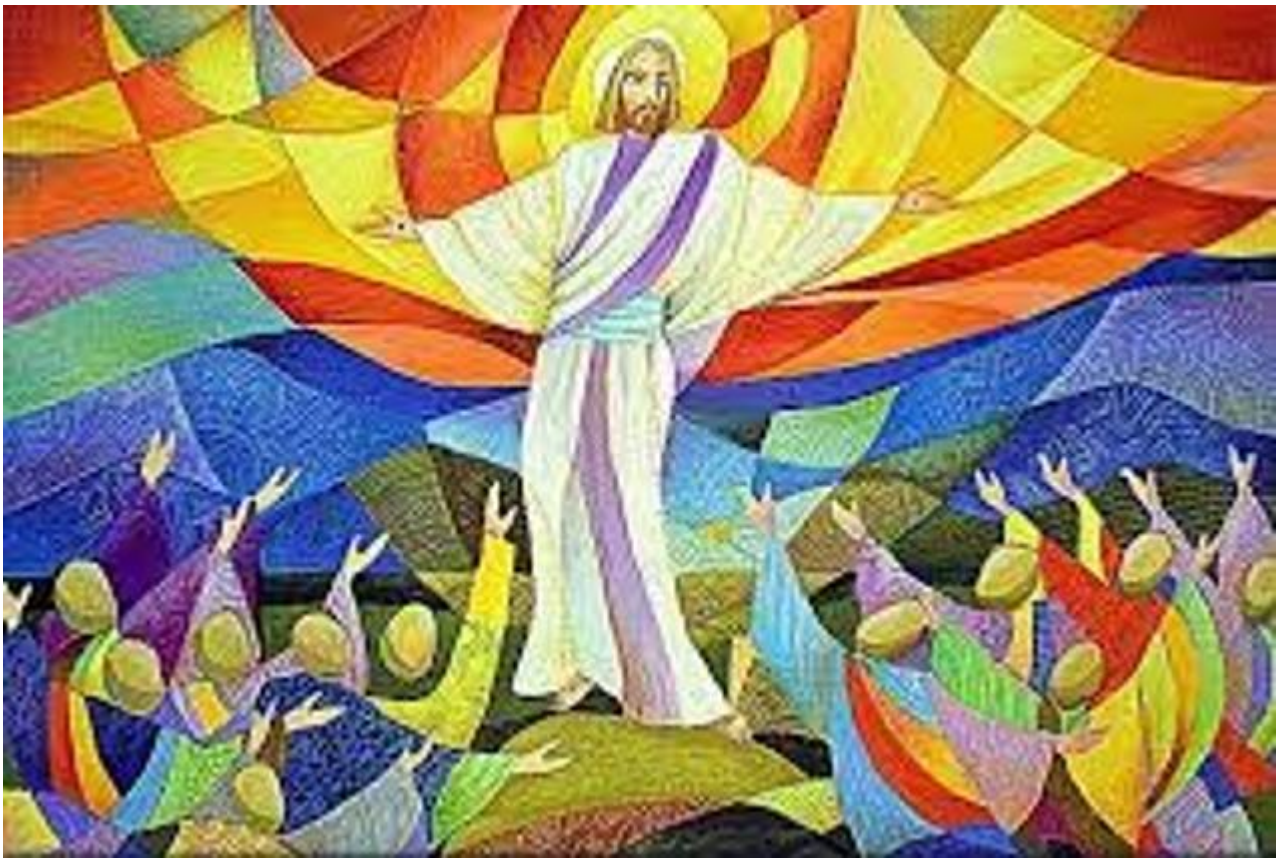

All Saints Sunday

November 1st , 2026

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 dwelling place for all generations, whose compassion never slumbers.
Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Holy God, **we confess that we have trusted in our preparation instead of your invitation. We prioritize our piety over care for your beloved. We trust the voice of our shame and fear, which keeps us from entering fully into relationship with you and others. We are not awake to the coming of your reign. Rouse us and rescue us, that we may enter into your joy. Amen.**

Inherit the riches of God's grace. ✢ Jesus, the good shepherd, feeds you with his mercy. You are forgiven. Blessed are you.
Amen.

GATHERING HYMN (*verses 1-4)*

For All the Saints

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.

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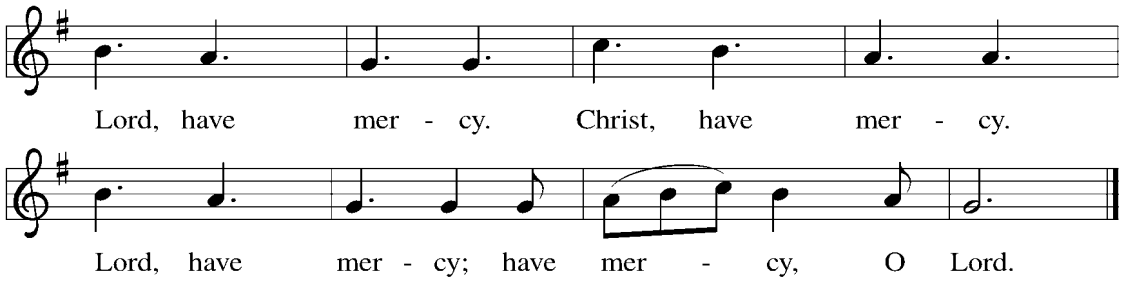


^HYMN OF PRAISE *(Verses 1&2)*

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

^PRAYER OF THE DAY
Almighty God, you have knit your people together in one communion in the mystical body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant us grace to follow your blessed saints in lives of faith and commitment, and to know the inexpressible joys you have prepared for those who love you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

FIRST READING Revelation 7:9-17

The book of Revelation is written to seven churches in western Asia Minor during a time of great oppression. Today's reading is a response to the question asked in 6:17: "Who is able to stand?" The writer gives the faithful the assurance of God's protection and a vision of victory.

9 After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could
count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages,
standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm
branches in their hands. 10 They cried out in a loud voice, saying,
"Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne and to the
Lamb!"

11 And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the
four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and
worshiped God, 12 singing, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and
thanksgiving and honorand power and might be to our God forever and
ever! Amen." 13 Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are
these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" 14 I said to him,
"Sir, you are the one who knows." Then he said to me, "These are they
who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and

made them white in the blood of the Lamb. [15] For this reason they are
before the throne of God and worship him day and night within his temple,
and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.
[16] They will hunger no more and thirst no more; the sun will not strike
them, nor any scorching heat, [17] for the Lamb at the center of the throne
will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of
life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

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

Psalm **Psalm 34:1-10, 22**

[1] I will bless the Lord at all times; the praise of God shall ever be in my
mouth.
[2] **I will glory in the Lord let the lowly hear and rejoice.**
[3] Proclaim with me the greatness of the Lord; let us exalt God's name
together.
[4] **I sought the Lord, who answered me and delivered me from all my
terrors.**
[5] Look upon the Lord and be radiant, and let not your faces be ashamed.
[6] **I called in my affliction, and the Lord heard me and saved me from
all my troubles.**
[7] The angel of the Lord encamps around those who fear the Lord and
delivers them.
[8] **Taste and see that the Lord is good; happy are they who take refuge
in God!**
[9] Fear the Lord, you saints of the Lord, for those who fear the Lord lack
nothing.
[10] **The lions are in want and suffer hunger, but those who seek the
Lord lack nothing that is good.**
[22] O Lord, you redeem the life of your servants, and those who put their
trust in you will not be punished

SECOND READING 1 John 3:1-3

A saint is one who has been set apart by God for God's purposes. God, out of divine love, set us apart to be the children of God. Our holy hope is that we shall see God as God really is.

[1] See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God, and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. [2] Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. [3] And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

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

^GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

^HOLY GOSPEL

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 5th Chapter
C: Glory to you, O Lord

In the Beatitudes, Jesus provides a unique description of those who are blessed with God's favor. His teaching is surprising and shocking to those who seek wealth, fame, and control over others.

[1] When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain, and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. [2] And he began to speak and taught them,

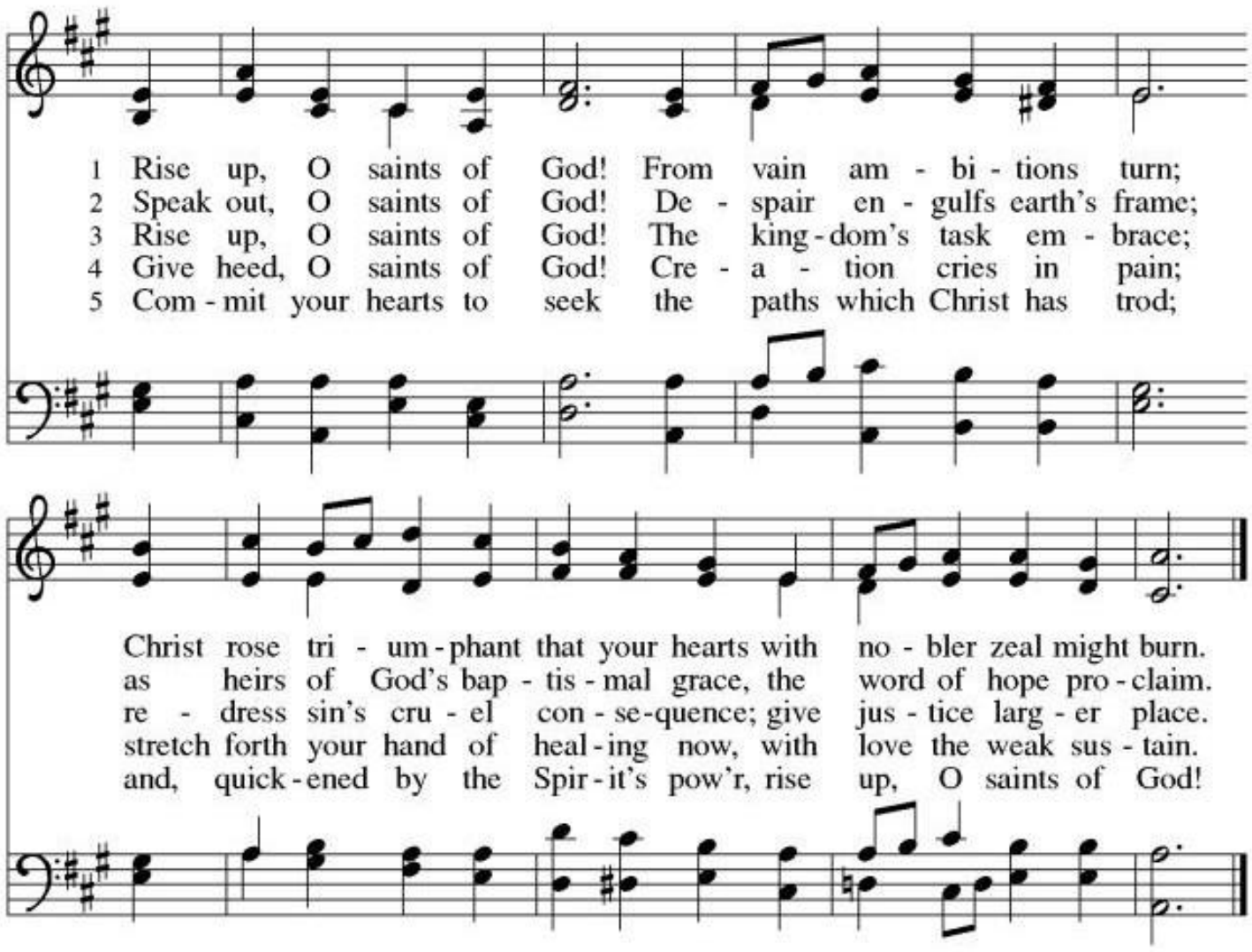
saying:
3 “Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
4 “Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.
5 “Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.
6 “Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.
7 “Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.
8 “Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.
9 “Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.
10 “Blessed are those who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
11 “Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. 12 Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord. **C: Praise to you, O Christ**

SERMON Pastor Lee

^HYMN

Rise Up, O Saints of God!



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**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,**

**God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,*
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE *(Kneeling as able.)*
God, in your mercy, **hear 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.

TIME OF REMBERANCE

Remembering **all the Saints** who have joined the Church Triumphant over the past year. *November 1, 2025~ November 1, 2026*

Lewis Onimus*
Kevin Narcavage
Mae Ellen Cuniff*
Elsie Schramm*
Mark DeVault*
Silvia Hunsberger
Helene Baker*
Richard Scheidhauser*
Donna Nelson

(*denotes non-member)

We give thanks to God for the lives of these saints, that they were a part of our lives.

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 do not 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

OFFERING PRAYER

Eternal God, our time, talents, and treasures are gifts from you. Receive what we offer, and all that you entrust to us, until hungry no more, all the world is fed, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and 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 Him 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.

(*first verse only)*

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

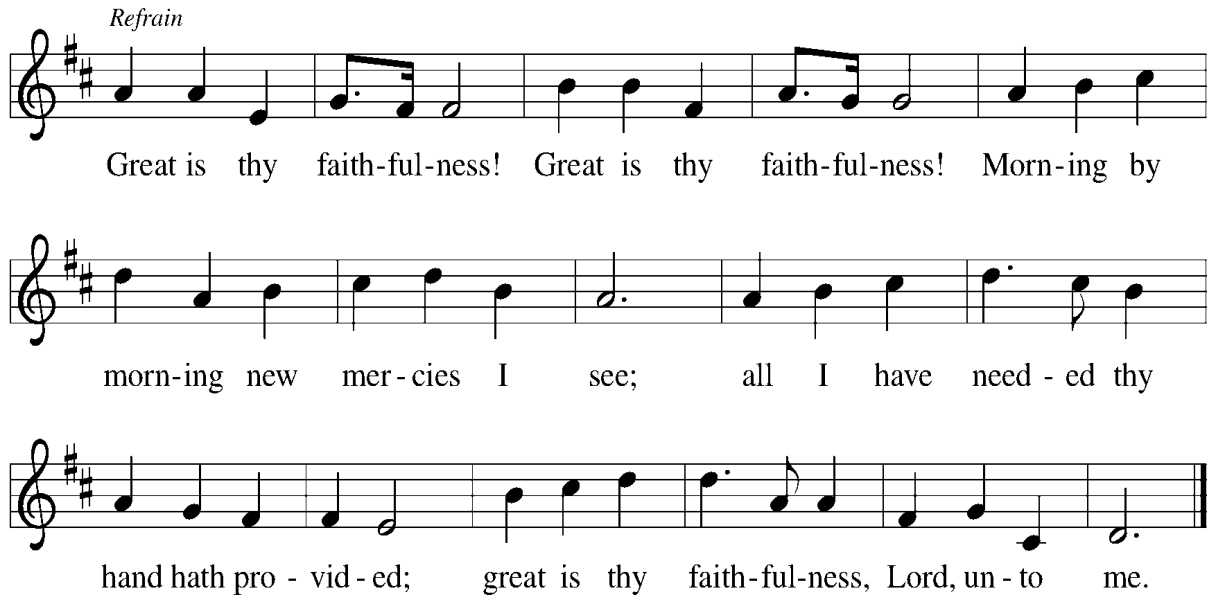
P: The table is ready, come and eat.
C: Amen

DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION *(By Intinction)*

All baptized Christians are welcome to share the bread and wine of Holy Communion. After the wafer is placed in your hand, dip your wafer in the wine (silver chalice) or grape juice (ceramic chalice). If you wish not to come forward, sit in your seat and communion will be brought to you. Sign a communion card from the pew rack and place it in the offering plate.

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

Great Is Thy Faithfulness



POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Holy God, we have received your never-ending mercy in this meal. You continuously seek the lost, bind the injured, and feed your people abundantly. Now send us out, awake to your presence, now and forever. **Amen.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

^BENEDICTION/BLESSING

The holy Trinity, Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you with wisdom to welcome the reign of God, today and always. **Amen.**

^HYMN

Oh, When the Saints Go Marching In

^DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Encourage one another. **Thanks be to God.**

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 extremely 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. If you have any questions, please ask any of the members, we will be happy to help. Check out www.immanuelnorwood.org or our Facebook page.

Supporting IMMANUEL's Mission with Our Generosity. We have three easy & virtual ways for people to donate to IMMANUEL. You will see on our Website and on our Facebook page "links" which you can click and make a secure donation. And here is a ***QR code*** which you can scan with your smart phone. Thank You for your continued generous support!

SPECIAL NOTE: If you attend church and are not able to come forward for communion for any reason, and you still wish to receive, Pastor will bring communion to you. Please speak with him for arrangements.

ACTIVITIES FOR THE WEEK

Weekly Activities do not reflect building use by outside groups.

SUNDAY	Education Hour	10:00AM
	Worship	11:00AM
	Worship & Music	12:00PM
WEDNESDAY	In Person Bible Study @ St. Matt's	9:30AM
	Zoom Bible Study	7:00PM

Date	Lector	Worship Assistant	Greeters	Acolytes
Nov 1	D.McClellan	J. Kintsche	C. Kelly	M. Stewart
Nov 8	V.Slotterback	M. Horne-Onimus	J. Morrison	M. Stewart

September Income - $10,077
September Expenses - $10,995

Diakon **(a social service of our local SEPA Synod) assists families (referred by Children and Youth Services)** in providing adequate care for their children. They also facilitate the reunification of families when children return from foster care. The Outreach Committee has provided a bin in the hospitality area for donations to their work. Donations of new or very gently used baby and children's clothing and baby supplies (but not diapers, they have a source for that) would be gratefully accepted.

HVAC Phase #2 Loan Approved!

Thanks to all who voted at the special Congregational Meeting on 9/13/26. The motion was unanimously approved to apply for a loan from ELCA's Credit Union of up to $60,000 in order to begin phase #2, replacing our boilers and converting to gas. Please see the display in the hospitality area for more information and how you can help. Continued contributions for our project are greatly appreciated! See Karl McClellan or Fred Warner for even more details. Thank you for your continued support!

RaiseRight™ 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. Immanuel 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 on which orders will be sent in for purchase will be* ***Nov 15,*** *and* ***Dec 6****.* Gift cards usually come in within a week of ordering. Don't see a store you need, you can go online at www.raiseright.com and see if it is available and add it to your list or ask Jeanne W. and she will check.

Veteran Recognition On November 8th, we will recognize the military members of our congregation active, reserved and retired. If you have served, please let Pastor know so that you can be recognized. The names will be read during the service. Please join us so that we can honor and appreciate military members of our church family.

Stewardship Week 1 Fulfilling God's Purpose!

The theme for the first week of ***Fulfilling God's Purpose!*** is "Building Relationships." God's Word tells us, *"We love because he first loved us"* (1 John 4:19). All meaningful relationships are based on love. Jesus' relationship with his heavenly Father, his relationship with the disciples, our relationships with him, and our relationships with others are made possible through love. God's love for us compels us to show that love through what we do and say to others (2 Corinthians 5:14).

CALLING ALL SINGERS AND YOU WHO JUST LIKE TO SING!

Choir practice for the Christmas season will begin on **Sunday, November 15th at 9:15 AM in the choir room.** This year will the "Special Choral Christmas" rather than a cantata. Rehearsals are easy going and light hearted, give us a try!

We will be ordering **Poinsettia Plants** to adorn our Altar area at Christmas. If you would like to place a plant(s) in the Sanctuary, please see one of the Altar Guild members following Sunday service beginning Sunday **November 8th through Sunday, November 29th.** The cost per Poinsettia plant is **$8.00** each. Please use the envelope provided by the Altar Guild members for the completion of your order.

Christmas is coming! *Our Christmas Bazaar will be held on Dec. 5!* Mark your calendars now. To prepare for the event, Social Ministry is looking for helpers. It's a wonderful opportunity to socialize with your fellow members. ***When you come for the evening activities, the Chester Pike door will be unlocked.*** If you don't know where the craft room is located, call Mary Lyn at 610-888-2579. She'll send someone to guide you to the craft room in the basement of the education wing.

Strombolis: Tuesdays at 6:00 pm in the kitchen. Our experienced cooks will walk you through the steps!

SHARE CHRISTMAS LOVE WITH FAIR ACRES RESIDENTS Beth Funk, of the Outreach Committee, is coordinating our participation in the ***Giving Tree program at Fair Acres***. She has received some resident gift requests, **valued at $25 or less**. If you would like to provide a gift, see her on Sunday morning or call her at 610-521-3051.