



Reformation Sunday

October 26, 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

The Church's One Foundation



1 The church's one foun - da - tion is Je - sus Christ, her Lord;
 2 E - lect from ev - 'ry na - tion, yet one o'er all the earth,
 3 Though with a scorn - ful won - der this world sees her op - pressed,
 4 Through toil and trib - u - la - tion and tu - mult of her war,
 5 Yet she on earth has u - nion with God, the Three in One,



she is his new cre - a - tion by wa - ter and the word.
 her char - ter of sal - va - tion one Lord, one faith, one birth:
 by schisms . . rent a - sund - er, by her - e - sies dis - tressed,
 she waits the con - sum - ma - tion of peace for - ev - er - more;
 and mys - tic sweet com - mu - nion with those whose rest is won.



From heav'n he came and sought her to be his ho - ly bride;
 one ho - ly name she bless - es, par - takes one ho - ly food,
 yet saints their watch are keep - ing; their cry goes up: "How long?"
 till with the vi - sion glo - rious her long - ing eyes are blest,
 Oh, bless - ed heav'n-ly cho - rus! Lord, save us by your grace,



with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.
 and to one hope she press - es with ev - 'ry grace en - dued.
 and soon the night of weep - ing shall be the morn of song.
 and the great church vic - to - rious shall be the church at rest.
 that we, like saints be - fore us, may see you face to face.

Text: Samuel J. Stone, 1839–1900

Music: AURELIA, Samuel S. Wesley, 1810–1876

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

Refrain

God of prom - ise, let these signs of grace

kin - dle in our hearts a song of praise.

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—

Refrain

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.

P: The Lord be with you

C: **And also with you.**

P: Let us pray

^PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty God, gracious Lord, we thank you that your Holy Spirit renews the church in every age. Pour out your Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep them steadfast in your word, protect and comfort them in times of trial, defend them against all enemies of the gospel, and bestow on the church your saving peace, 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

Jeremiah 31:31-34

The renewed covenant will not be breakable, but like the old covenant it will expect the people to live upright lives. To know the LORD means that one will defend the cause of the poor and needy (Jer. 22:16). The renewed covenant is possible only because the LORD will forgive iniquity and not remember sin. Our hope lies in a God who forgets.

³¹ The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ³² It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD. ³³ But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts, and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. ³⁴ No longer shall they teach one another or say to each other, “Know the LORD,” for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD, for I will forgive their iniquity and remember their sin no more.

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

PSALM**Psalm 46**

- ¹ God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.
- ² **Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be moved, and though the mountains shake in the depths of the sea;**
- ³ though its waters rage and foam, and though the mountains tremble with its tumult.
- ⁴ **There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High.**
- ⁵ God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be shaken; God shall help it at the break of day.
- ⁶ **The nations rage, and the kingdoms shake; God speaks, and the earth melts away.**
- ⁷ The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our stronghold.
- ⁸ **Come now, regard the works of the LORD, what desolations God has brought up- on the earth;**
- ⁹ behold the one who makes war to cease in all the world; who breaks the bow, and shatters the spear, and burns the shields with fire.
- ¹⁰ **“Be still, then, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted in the earth.”**
- ¹¹ The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

SECOND READING**Romans 3:19-28**

Paul's words stand at the heart of the preaching of Martin Luther and other Reformation leaders. No human beings make themselves right with God through works of the law. We are brought into a right relationship with God through the divine activity centered in Christ's death. This act is a gift of grace that liberates us from sin and empowers our faith in Jesus Christ.

- ¹⁹ Now we know that, whatever the law says, it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be silenced and the whole world may be held accountable to God. ²⁰ For no human will be justified before him by deeds prescribed by the law, for through the law comes the knowledge of sin.

²¹ But now, apart from the law, the righteousness of God has been disclosed and is attested by the Law and the Prophets, ²² the righteousness of God through the faith of Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction, ²³ since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; ²⁴ they are now justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, ²⁵ whom God put forward as a sacrifice of atonement by his blood, effective through faith. He did this to demonstrate his righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over the sins previously committed; ²⁶ it was to demonstrate at the present time his own righteousness, so that he is righteous and he justifies the one who has the faith of Jesus.

²⁷ Then what becomes of boasting? It is excluded. Through what kind of law? That of works? No, rather through the law of faith. ²⁸ For we hold that a person is justified by faith apart from works prescribed by the law.

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

Invitation to the Table

Siblings in Christ, the table is set for you. God so loved the whole world that God sent Jesus to feed us all. God freely gives us love and life so we might freely give love and life to others. If you are hungry, tired, weary, or worn, there is space for you here. Come, the bread of life and the cup of blessing await you.

^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 **John** the **8th** chapter

Jesus speaks of truth and freedom as spiritual realities known through his word. He reveals the truth that sets people free from sin.

³¹ Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, “If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples, ³² and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free.” ³³ They answered him, “We are descendants of Abraham and have never been slaves to anyone. What do you mean by saying, ‘You will be made free’?” ³⁴ Jesus answered them, “Very truly, I tell you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. ³⁵ The slave does not have a permanent place in the household; the son has a place there forever. ³⁶ So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed.”

C: Glory to you O Lord

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ

SERMON

Pastor. Scott Lee

CHOIR

Let It Be Said of Us

+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*



San - to, san - to, san - to, oh Dios del u - ni - ver - so:
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God of might and mer - cy,

. . . lle-nos es-tán el cie - lo y la tie - rra de tu glo - ria.
your glo - ry fills all heav-en and earth. . . . You are ho - ly, God.

Ben - di - to el que vie - ne en nom - bre del Se - ñor. . . .
. . . Bless - ed be the Sav - ior, the one who comes in your name.

Ho - san - na en el cie - lo. San - to e - res, oh Dios.
Ho - san - na in the high - est. You are ho - ly, God.

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

^LORD'S PRAYER (*Spoken*)

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

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.-Many people give electronically and we thank all growing disciples in advance for their supportive giving.

^OFFERTORY

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.

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

C: Amen

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.**

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.

^HYMN

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God



1 A might - y for - tress is our God, a sword and shield vic -
 2 No strength of ours can match his might! We would be lost, re -
 3 Though hordes of dev - ils fill the land all threat - 'ning to de -
 4 God's Word for - ev - er shall a - bide, no thanks to foes, who



to - rious; he breaks the cruel op - pres - sor's rod and
 ject - ed. But now a cham - pion comes to fight, whom
 vour us, we trem - ble not, un - moved we stand; they
 fear it; for God him - self fights by our side with



wins sal - va - tion glo - rious. The old sa - tan - ic foe
 God him - self e - lect - ed. You ask who this may be?
 can - not o - ver - pow'r us. Let this world's ty - rant rage;
 weap - ons of the Spir - it. Were they to take our house,



has sworn to work us woe! With craft and dread - ful might
 The Lord of hosts is he! Christ Je - sus, might - y Lord,
 in bat - tle we'll en - gage! His might is doomed to fail;
 goods, hon - or, child, or spouse, though life be wrenched a - way,



he arms him - self to fight. On earth he has no e - qual.
 God's on - ly Son, a - dored. He holds the field vic - to - rious.
 God's judg - ment must pre - vail! One lit - tle word sub - dues him.
 they can - not win the day. The king - dom's ours for - ev - er!

Do you believe God the Father?

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

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin, Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; He descended to the dead. On the third day He rose again; He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father, and He will come to judge the living and the dead.

Do you believe in God, the Holy Spirit ?

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and life everlasting.

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

Response: "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.

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

Dear Christians, One and All



The musical score is written on five staves, each with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are written below the notes, with some words hyphenated across lines. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a final double bar line at the end of the fifth staff.

1 Dear Chris - tians, one and all, re - joice, with ex - ul -
 2 Fast bound in Sa - tan's chains I lay, death brood - ed
 3 My own good works all came to naught, no grace or
 4 But God had seen my wretch - ed state be - fore the

ta - tion spring - ing, and, with u - nit - ed
 dark - ly o'er me, sin was my tor - ment
 mer - it gain - ing; free will a - gainst God's
 world's foun - da - tion, and, mind - ful of his

heart and voice and ho - ly rap - ture sing - ing,
 night and day; in sin my moth - er bore me,
 judg - ment fought, dead to all good re - main - ing,
 mer - cies great, he planned for my sal - va - tion.

pro - claim the won - ders God has done, how his right
 But dai - ly deep - er still I fell; my life be -
 My fears in - creased till sheer de - spair left on - ly
 He turned to me a fa - ther's heart; he did not

arm the vic - t'ry won, what price our ran - som cost him!
 came a liv - ing hell, so firm - ly sin pos - sessed me,
 death to be my share; the pangs of hell I suf - fered,
 choose the eas - y part, but gave his dear - est trea - sure.

^DISMISSAL

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

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**

Supporting IMMANUEL's Mission with Our Generosity. We have 3 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!



stay and pray

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 goes from **1pm-2pm**. The actual service itself will take about 30 minutes followed with some quiet time if people want to

ACTIVITIES FOR THE WEEK

Weekly Activities do not reflect building use by outside groups.

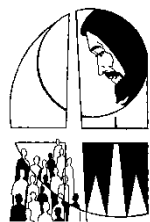
SUNDAY	Education Hour	10:00 AM
	Worship	11:00 AM
WEDNESDAY	Bible Study (<i>Zoom</i>)	7:00 PM

	Lector	Worship Assistant	Greeters	Acolyte
Oct 26	K. Dukes	J. Kintsche	J. Crane	
Nov 2		ML Horne-Onimus	C. Kelly	
Nov 9	D. McClellan	K. McClellan	J. Morrison	
Nov 16		J. Kintsche		E. Enriquez
Nov 24		ML Horne-Onimus	J. Crane	



**Finance
Update**

September Income - \$8,080
September Expenses \$10,559



All Saint's Day - All Saint's Day will be celebrated on Sunday, November 2nd at 11 AM. During the service, the names of those who passed this past year will be read and a bell rung. There will also be a time for folks to come up and light a candle in memory of a loved one. All are welcome. **Bring your friend and families!**



Our **Christmas Cantata** this year will be on **Sunday, December 21st at the 11:00 AM** service. If you want to sing, join us. If you want to play an instrument, join us. All are welcome and encouraged. Please see or call Kathleen at 484-239-9393.



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 9th through Sunday, November 30th**. 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.

RAISERIGHT/SCRIPT GIFT CARDS ~ Starting your Christmas



RaiseRight

shopping yet? Make it easy with gift cards and help Immanuel also. 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 or call the office and we will email you the form. Fill out form, make out 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 27, Nov 17 and Dec 8. Please allow 2 weeks to receive the gift cards. Don't see a store you need, you can go on-line at www.raiseright.com and see if it is available and add to your list or ask Jeanne W. and she will check.

New Heating Oil Season is here! .

Our 2025-2026 Heating Oil budget is underway costing \$1300./month plus the Maintenance contract. **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.





Prayer List

Do you have anyone that needs a little extra prayer at this time ? Have you added someone to the prayer list that has received their benefit from our extra prayers ? If you have anyone to add to the prayer list or someone that may be removed at this time, please call Patty to update the list at 610-586-5860 or email at immanuel.lutheran.norwood@gmail.com .

Christmas is coming! Our Christmas Bazaar will be held on Dec. 6!

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.



Crafting: Thursdays at 6:00 pm in the craft room. No talent or experience is necessary. Just come and one of our experienced crafters will walk you through the steps to make crafts for sale.

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.

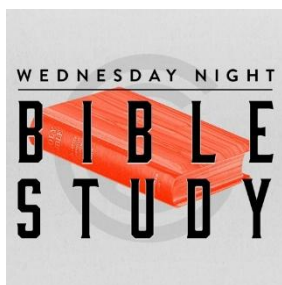


It's time to start getting those holiday gifts and this is a great way to get something for everyone and support Immanuel. Don't forget to pick up a little something for yourself. You have been very good this year. There are items to help with cooking, baking, and simple things to make kitchen tasks easy, and maybe even fun. There are even pantry items like cake and bread mixes as well as seasonings. Available for every budget. The sale official starts November 3rd, but you can shop earlier using the below link.



<https://www.pamperedchef.com/go/givethanks1125>

There will be order forms at the back of the church and brochures at the beginning of the sale. Help is available with ordering and saving on shipping as well. Sale ends November 17th and will arrive in time for Thanksgiving and Christmas. For any questions or concerns, please contact Colleen Kelly.



Weekly Virtual Bible Study on Wednesdays!

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

Wednesday Mornings at St.
Matthew's in person with Pastor
Lee at 9:00AM –9:45AM. 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.