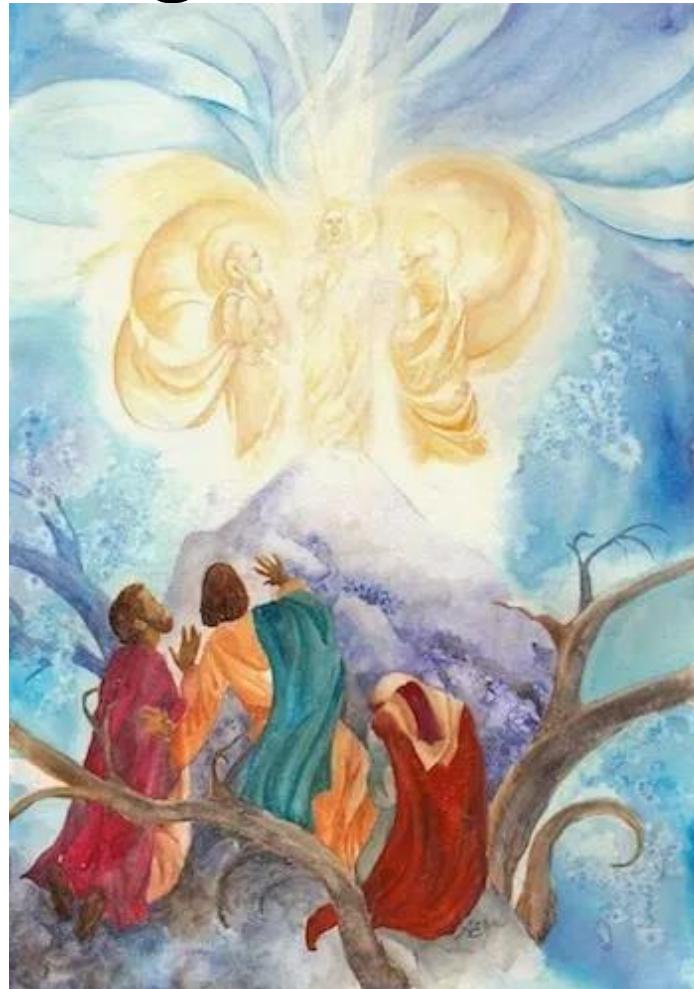


# Transfiguration Sunday



**February 15<sup>th</sup> , 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, the Creator of heaven and earth, the Word who spoke life into being, the Wind stirring the waters.

**Amen.**

Let us turn in confession to the one who knows us completely.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Mighty God, lover of justice, **you call us to life in community, but we have served our own interests at the expense of our neighbors. We have sown deceit where honesty was needed. We say the right words, but our hearts are far from you. Turn us to seek your face. Knit us together and give us the mind of Christ, that we may do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with you, our God.**

**Amen.**

The former things have passed away, and new things God now declares: Like a spring of water that never fails, God covers you in the righteousness of Christ, and forgives your sin in **✚** Jesus' name.

May the Spirit give you strength to live for others, and bless you with the gift of peace.

**Amen.**

## ^OPENING HYMN

## How Good, Lord, to Be Here!



1 How good, Lord, to be here! Your glo - ry fills the night;  
 2 How good, Lord, to be here, your beau - ty to be - hold  
 3 Ful - fill - er of the past and hope of things to be,  
 4 Be - fore we taste of death, we see your king - dom come;  
 5 How good, Lord, to be here! Yet we may not re - main;



your face and gar - ments, like the sun, shine with un - bor - rowed light.  
 where Mo - ses and E - li - jah stand, your mes - sen - gers of old.  
 we hail your bod - y glo - ri - fied and our re - dep - tion see.  
 we long to hold the vi - sion bright and make this hill our home.  
 but since you bid us leave the mount, come with us to the plain.

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

P: The Lord be with you

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray

## ^PRAYER OF THE DAY

**O God, in the transfiguration of your Son you confirmed the mysteries of the faith by the witness of Moses and Elijah, and in the voice from the bright cloud declaring Jesus your beloved Son, you foreshadowed our adoption as your children. Make us heirs with Christ of your glory, and bring us to enjoy its fullness, 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

**Exodus 24:12-18**

*At Mount Sinai, Moses experienced the presence of God for forty days and forty nights. The “glory of the Lord” settled on the mountain, and on the seventh day God called out to Moses. On the mountain God gave Moses the stone tablets inscribed with the ten commandments.*

<sup>12</sup> The Lord said to Moses, “Come up to me on the mountain and wait there; I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction.” <sup>13</sup> So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up onto the mountain of God. <sup>14</sup> To the elders he had said, “Wait here for us, until we come back to you. Look, Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a dispute may go to them.”

<sup>15</sup> Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. <sup>16</sup> The glory of the Lord settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the cloud. <sup>17</sup> Now the appearance of the glory of the Lord was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the Israelites. <sup>18</sup> Moses entered the cloud and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

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

## PSALM

## Psalm 2

<sup>1</sup> The LORD is king; let the people tremble. The LORD is enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth shake.

<sup>2</sup> **The LORD, great in Zion, is high above all peoples.**

<sup>3</sup> Let them confess God's name, which is great and awesome; God is the Holy One.

<sup>4</sup> **O mighty king, lover of justice, you have established equity; you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob.**

<sup>5</sup> Proclaim the greatness of the LORD and fall down before God's footstool; God is the Holy One.

<sup>6</sup> **Moses and Aaron among your priests, and Samuel among those who call upon your name, O LORD, they called upon you, and you answered them,**

<sup>7</sup> you spoke to them out of the pillar of cloud; they kept your testimonies and the decree that you gave them.

<sup>8</sup> **O LORD our God, you answered them indeed; you were a God who forgave them, yet punished them for their evil deeds.**

<sup>9</sup> Proclaim the greatness of the LORD and worship upon God's holy hill; for the LORD our God is the Holy One

## SECOND READING

## 2 Peter 1:16-21

*At the transfiguration, God's voice was heard, declaring Jesus to be the beloved Son. By the activity of the Holy Spirit, God's voice continues to be heard through the word of scripture.*

<sup>16</sup> We did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty. <sup>17</sup> For he received honor and glory from God the Father when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, “This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.” <sup>18</sup> We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain.

<sup>19</sup> So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed. You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. <sup>20</sup> First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one’s own interpretation, <sup>21</sup> because no prophecy ever came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

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

**^GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

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

**P:** The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 17<sup>th</sup> Chapter

**C: Glory to you O Lord**

*Shortly before he enters Jerusalem, where he will be crucified, Jesus is revealed to Peter, James, and John in a mountaintop experience of divine glory called the transfiguration.*

<sup>1</sup> Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. <sup>2</sup> And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became bright as light. <sup>3</sup> Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. <sup>4</sup> Then Peter said to Jesus, “Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will set up three tents here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.” <sup>5</sup> While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, “This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!” <sup>6</sup> When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. <sup>7</sup> But Jesus came and touched them, saying, “Get up and do not be afraid.” <sup>8</sup> And when they raised their eyes, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone.

<sup>9</sup> As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, “Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ

SERMON

Pastor Lee

^HYMN

## Let Us Break Bread Together

1. Let us break bread to - geth-er on our knees;  
 2. Let us drink wine to - geth-er on our knees;  
 3. Let us praise God to - geth-er on our knees;  
 let us break bread to - geth-er on our knees.  
 let us drink wine to - geth-er on our knees.  
 let us praise God to - geth-er on our knees.  
 When I fall on my knees, with my face to the rising  
 sun, O Lord, have mercy on me.

^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.*)**

**Response:** Merciful God, 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**

God of majesty, no eye has seen, no ear has heard what you have prepared for those who love you, yet in this meal you reveal the wideness of your mercy. Use what we have gathered to feed us with the reign of God come near, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

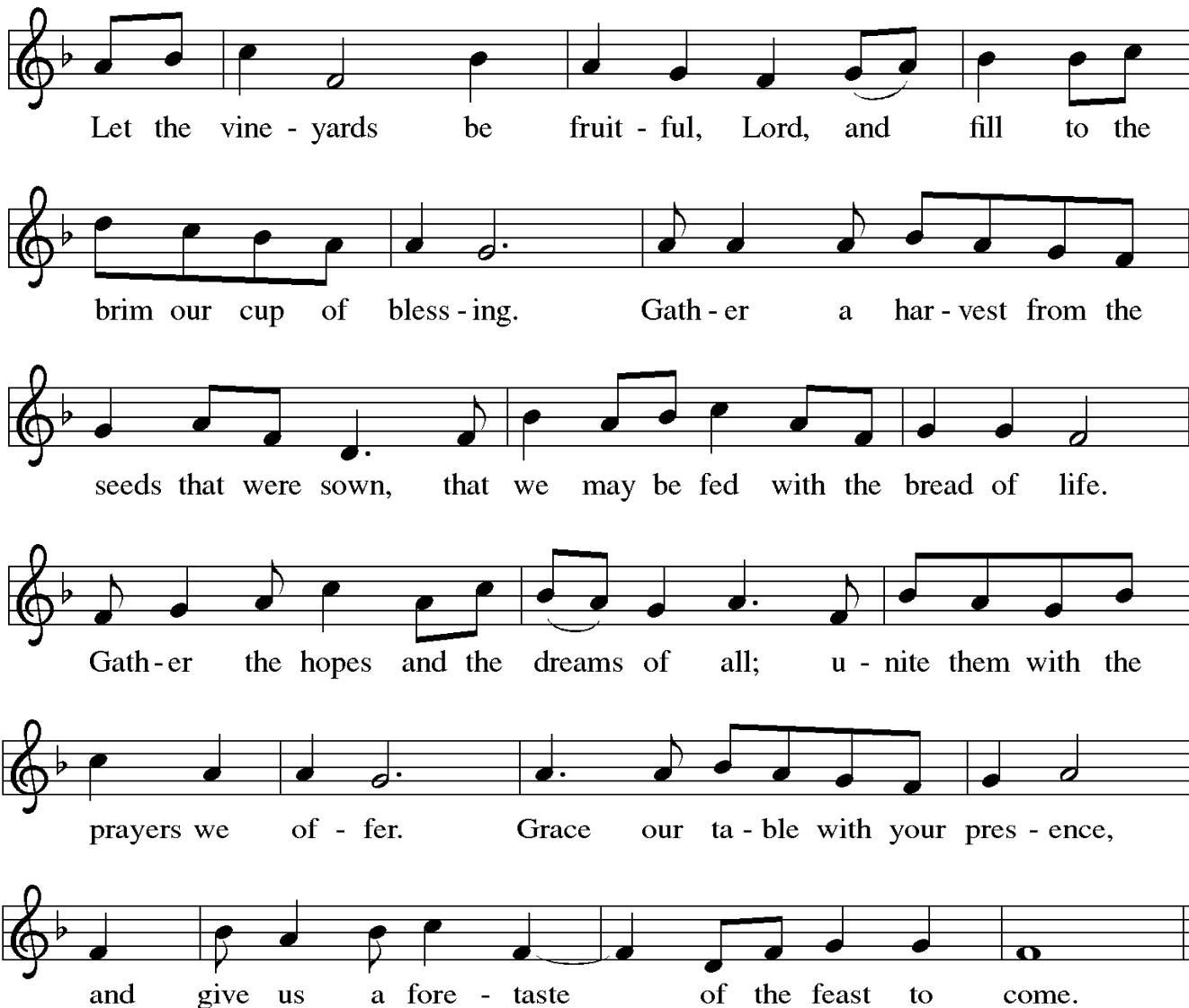
**^LORD'S PRAYER**

**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.**

## 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

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## +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:

### COMMUNION LITURGY (*sung*)

Tune of Leonard Cohen's Hallelujah  
Words by Rev. Brad Bella

Holy and Almighty Lord, You alone are to be adored,  
For you have given your life to free us.

You came at just the perfect time, to save us all from death and dying,  
So with the choirs we proclaim our Hallelujah  
**Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah**

On the night he was betrayed, Our savior Jesus, bowed and prayed,  
With his disciples, he is speaking to us.  
He took the bread and made a plea; this is my body, remember me, I  
transform death into a Hallelujah.  
**Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah**

After the meal, the cup he raised, the father's name again he praised, This  
is my blood poured out for your forgiveness.

A promise given and fulfilled, Though I am taken away and killed,  
Remember me, I am with you, Hallelujah.

**Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah.**

So gathered as His body here, Refusing to give in to fears,  
And all the powers of death that seek to lead us,  
We stretch our hands; we cry, we sing, and tell the world He is our King,  
We cannot help but claim this Hallelujah.

**Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah.**

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

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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

## 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). 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

### POST COMMUNION PRAYER (*sung*)

Tune of Leonard Cohen's Hallelujah

Words by Rev. Suzanne Stierwalt

For all your children in this place,  
You've loved us all and shown us grace  
Our sins set free, saved from despair, God, we thank you.

**You've fed us with the bread and cup,  
Our hearts, our lives, you've filled them up  
We cannot help but praise you, Hallelujah  
Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### ^BENEDICTION/BLESSING

May the triune God, who has put a new song in your mouth and tuned your heart for praise  $\pm$  bless you now and forever.

**Amen.**

## ^HYMN

## I Love to Tell the Story

1 I love to tell the sto - ry of un - seen things a - bove,  
 2 I love to tell the sto - ry: how pleas - ant to re - peat  
 3 I love to tell the sto - ry, for those who know it best

of Je - sus and his glo - ry, of Je - sus and his love.  
 what seems, each time I tell it, more won - der - ful - ly sweet!  
 seem hun - ger - ing and thirst-ing to hear it like the rest.

I love to tell the sto - ry, be - cause I know it's true;  
 I love to tell the sto - ry, for some have nev - er heard  
 And when, in scenes of glo - ry, I sing the new, new song,

it sat - is - fies my long-ings as noth - ing else would do.  
 the mes - sage of sal - va - tion from God's own ho - ly word.  
 I'll sing the old, old sto - ry that I have loved so long.

*Refrain*

I love to tell the sto - ry; 'twill be my theme in glo-ry  
 to tell the old, old sto - ry of Je - sus and his love.

## ^DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Do justice. Love mercy.  
**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 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](http://www.immanuelnorwood.org) or our Facebook page. **Thanks for being with us!**

### **Supporting IMMANUEL's Mission with Our Generosity.**

We have three easy and 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!



### **Communion cards!**

Please remember to submit your communion card at least once a year!

## ACTIVITIES FOR THE WEEK

**Weekly Activities do not reflect building use by outside groups.**

<b>SUNDAY</b>	Education Hour	10:00 AM
	Worship	11:00 AM
	Council Meeting	12:00 PM
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>ASH WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>7:00AM – 9:00AM</b>
	@White Luttrell Funeral Home in Ridley Park	
	<b>NO BIBLE STUDY</b>	
<b>THURSDAY</b>	Half Century Lunch	12:00 PM
	Zoom Bible Study	7:00 PM
<b>SATURDAY</b>	Healing Service	1:00 PM

	<b>Lector</b>	<b>Worship Assistant</b>	<b>Greeters</b>	<b>Acolytes</b>
<b>Feb 15</b>		J. Kintsche	K. McLellan	
<b>Feb 22</b>	D. McLellan	ML Horne-Onimus	J. Crane	E. Enriquez



**January Income - \$ 8,443**  
**January Expenses - \$10,790**

**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.



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 stay and pray



## ASH WEDNESDAY

Ashes will be distributed via drive through, as in past years, from **7:00AM - 9:00AM at White Luttrell Funeral Home** in Ridley Park.

Lenten Vesper/Dinner Service will take place **THIS WEDNESDAY, February 25<sup>th</sup>, at Immanuel at 6:00pm**. A light dinner will be shared as part of the worship service.



DATE	LOCATION	ADDRESS
2/25/2026	Immanuel Lutheran	501 Chester Pike, Norwood, PA 19074
3/4/2026	St. Timothy Aston	535 Lamp Post Ln, Aston Township, PA 19014
3/11/2026	St. Matthew Woodlyn	156 Fairview Rd, Woodlyn, PA 19094
3/18/2026	St. Timothy Aston	535 Lamp Post Ln, Aston Township, PA 19014
3/25/2026	Holy Spirit	2545 Franklin Avenue Secane, Pa 19018



The next First Holy Communion preparation class will be held on: **Sunday, February 22, 2026 Meet at 12:30 in the sanctuary**. If your family has a scheduling conflict, or if you have any questions, feel free to contact Pastor Lee at: [pastor.immanuelnorwood@gmail.com](mailto:pastor.immanuelnorwood@gmail.com)

## Half Century Lunch!

The half century lunch group will meet downstairs on **Thursday, February 19<sup>th</sup> at 12:00pm**. Feel free to bring your lunch and join for some great conversation and fellowship!





### **\*\*\* Evening Virtual Bible Study!\*\*\***

Our Virtual (“Zoom”) Bible study **will not** be held this coming Wednesday, **February 18<sup>th</sup>** as it is Ash Wednesday. Beginning **Thursday, February 19<sup>th</sup>**, Zoom Bible Study will be taking place on ***Thursday evenings*** during Lent.

For a copy of the session Study Guide, please go to the mailboxes in the rear of the Hospitality Area and on the left-hand lower corner you’ll find “Zoom Bible” with copies for that week in a folder.

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***. The web site will be updated with the proper link, connection information with dial in numbers.

Meeting ID and Passcode. Here is the ZOOM link:

**<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89778279740?pwd=kDC4ionJbzgZ6PLWDRCAvyiSaYtpl2.1>**

You can also use your phone to connect. To use the dial-in option. Simply dial one of the numbers below at the start of the event. Provide the meeting ID followed by the pound (#) key. You may be prompted to enter the meeting passcode as well followed by the number.

***Dial In Numbers: +1 646 931 3860 or +1 929 205 6099***  
***Meeting ID: 897 7827 9740 Passcode: 952485***



### **Irish Sweet Treats Order Time!!!**

Order forms will be available on the hospitality table, and are due by **March 8<sup>th</sup>**! The orders will be delivered by March 15<sup>th</sup>.

## Heating Oil Season is Here!

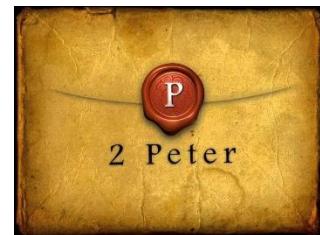
Our mascot for our Heating Oil campaign, **Scout** is asking that our members do their best to contribute monthly a little extra using **the OIL envelopes you'll find at the BRIGHT YELLOW Heating Oil campaign poster board located in the Hospitality area.**



Yes! The preparations are underway for the Easter Cantata! Practices will begin on February 22<sup>nd</sup> at 9:15AM in the choir room!

## Adult Education Hour On Sundays

We are starting a 6 week video series on the Book of 2 Peter. "How do we resist false teaching?" Please join us for some great discussion. If you have any questions, please see Jeanne Warner.



As we enter the winter season, please let the Property Committee know if you are willing to help with snow removal. Contact Fred Warner or Karl McClellan.

In the event of **Severe Weather** please call the church office at 610.586.5860 for a recorded announcement on the status of Sunday morning services. Closing announcement will be made no later than 6:30 AM to ensure ample time to plan your morning.