

FIFTH SUNDAY^{IN}
LENT



March 26, 2023

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

Please pick up your communion card and Fellowship cup on the way into the Sanctuary for Holy Communion.

PRELUDE Scarlatti Aria and Sonata in D Minor
(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, who journeys with us these forty days, and sustains us with the gift of grace. **Amen.**

Let us acknowledge before God and one another our need for repentance and God's mercy.

Silence for reflection and self-examination. (Kneeling as able.)

Holy God, we confess to you our faults and failings. Too often we neglect and do not trust your holy word; we take for ourselves instead of giving to others; we spoil rather than steward your creation; we cause hurt though you call us to heal; we choose fear over compassion. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, as we seek to follow in your way of life. Amen.

Hear the good news: God so loved the world that God gave the only Son, so that all may receive life. This promise is for you! God embraces you with divine mercy, ✝ forgives you in Christ's name, and revives you in the Spirit's power. **Amen.**

^OPENING HYMN

Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing



1 Oh, for a thousand tongues to sing my great re-deem-er's praise,
 2 My gra-cious Mas-ter and my God, as - sist me to pro - claim,
 3 The name of Je - sus charms our fears and bids our sor-rows cease,
 4 He breaks the pow'r of can - celed sin; he sets the pris-'ner free.
 5 To God all glor - y, praise, and love be now and ev - er giv'n



the glo - ries of my God and king, the tri-umphs of his grace!
 to spread through all the earth a - broad the hon - ors of your name.
 sings mu - sic in the sin-ner's ears, brings life and health and peace.
 His blood can make the foul-est clean; his blood a - vails for me.
 by saints be - low and saints a - bove, the church in earth and heav'n.

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. Lord, have mer - cy.



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



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



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

P: The Lord be with you

C: **And also with you.**

P: Let us pray

^PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty God, your Son came into the world to free us all from sin and death. Breathe upon us the power of your Spirit, that we may be raised to new life in Christ and serve you in righteousness all our days, 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

Ezekiel 37:1-14

Ezekiel's vision of the valley of dry bones is a promise that Israel as a nation, though dead in exile, will live again in their land through God's life-giving spirit. Three times Israel is assured that through this vision they will know that "I am the LORD."

¹The hand of the LORD came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. ²He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. ³He said to me, "Mortal, can these bones live?" I answered, "O Lord GOD, you know." ⁴Then he said to me, "Prophecy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. ⁵Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. ⁶I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the LORD."

⁷So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. ⁸I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. ⁹Then he said to me, "Prophecy to the breath, prophecy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord GOD: Come from the four winds, O breath,

and breathe upon these slain, that they may live.” ¹⁰I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude.

¹¹Then he said to me, “Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, ‘Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely.’ ¹²Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord GOD: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. ¹³And you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. ¹⁴I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the LORD, have spoken and will act, says the LORD.”

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

PSALM 130 (*Read responsively*)

I wait for you, O LORD; in your word is my hope.

¹Out of the depths

I cry to you, O LORD;

²**O LORD, hear my voice!**

Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplication.

³If you were to keep watch over sins,

O LORD, who could stand?

⁴**Yet with you is forgiveness,**

in order that you may be feared.

⁵I wait for you, O LORD; my soul waits;

in your word is my hope.

⁶**My soul waits for the Lord more than those who keep watch for the morning,**

more than those who keep watch for the morning.

⁷O Israel, wait for the LORD, for with the LORD there is steadfast love; with the LORD there is plenteous redemption.

**⁸For the LORD shall redeem Israel
from | all their sins.**

SECOND READING

Romans 8:6-11

For Paul, Christian spirituality entails living in the reality of the Holy Spirit. The driving force behind our actions and values is not our sinful desire for self-satisfaction but the very Spirit by which God raised Jesus from the dead and will also raise us from the dead.

⁶To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. ⁷For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law—indeed it cannot, ⁸and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

⁹But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. ¹⁰But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. ¹¹If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

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

^HOLY GOSPEL

P: The Holy Gospel according to John the 11th Chapter

C: Glory to you O Lord

Jesus is moved to sorrow when his friend Lazarus falls ill and dies. Then, in a dramatic scene, he calls his friend out of the tomb and restores him to life.

¹Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. ²Mary was the one who anointed the Lord with perfume and wiped his feet with her hair; her brother Lazarus was ill. ³So the sisters sent a message to Jesus, "Lord, he whom you love is ill." ⁴But when Jesus heard it, he said, "This illness does not lead to death; rather it

is for God's glory, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it."

⁵Accordingly, though Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, ⁶after having heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was.

⁷Then after this he said to the disciples, "Let us go to Judea again." ⁸The disciples said to him, "Rabbi, the Jews were just now trying to stone you, and are you going there again?" ⁹Jesus answered, "Are there not twelve hours of daylight? Those who walk during the day do not stumble, because they see the light of this world. ¹⁰But those who walk at night stumble, because the light is not in them." ¹¹After saying this, he told them, "Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I am going there to awaken him." ¹²The disciples said to him, "Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will be all right." ¹³Jesus, however, had been speaking about his death, but they thought that he was referring merely to sleep. ¹⁴Then Jesus told them plainly, "Lazarus is dead. ¹⁵For your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him." ¹⁶Thomas, who was called the Twin, said to his fellow disciples, "Let us also go, that we may die with him."

¹⁷When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. ¹⁸Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, ¹⁹and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. ²⁰When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. ²¹Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. ²²But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him." ²³Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." ²⁴Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day." ²⁵Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, ²⁶and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" ²⁷She said to him, "Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world."

²⁸When she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary, and told her privately, "The Teacher is here and is calling for you." ²⁹And

when she heard it, she got up quickly and went to him. ³⁰Now Jesus had not yet come to the village, but was still at the place where Martha had met him. ³¹The Jews who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary get up quickly and go out. They followed her because they thought that she was going to the tomb to weep there. ³²When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.” ³³When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. ³⁴He said, “Where have you laid him?” They said to him, “Lord, come and see.” ³⁵Jesus began to weep. ³⁶So the Jews said, “See how he loved him!” ³⁷But some of them said, “Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?”

³⁸Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. ³⁹Jesus said, “Take away the stone.” Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, “Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days.” ⁴⁰Jesus said to her, “Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?” ⁴¹So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, “Father, I thank you for having heard me. ⁴²I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me.” ⁴³When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, “Lazarus, come out!” ⁴⁴The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, “Unbind him, and let him go.”

⁴⁵Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what Jesus did, believed in him.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ

SERMON

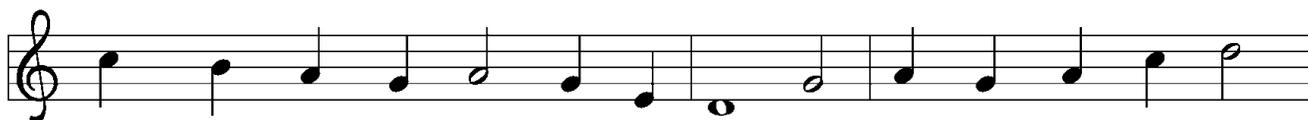
Pr. Scott Lee

^HYMN

What Wondrous Love Is This



1 What won-drous love is this, O my soul, O my soul! What
 2 When I was sink - ing down, sink - ing down, sink - ing down, when
 3 To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing; to
 4 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on; and



won - drous love is this, O my soul! What won-drous love is this
 I was sink - ing down, sink - ing down, when I was sink - ing down
 God and to the Lamb I will sing; to God and to the Lamb,
 when from death I'm free, I'll sing on; and when from death I'm free,



that caused the Lord of bliss to bear the dread-ful curse for my
 be - neath God's righ-teous frown, Christ laid a - side his crown for my
 who is the great I AM, while mil - lions join the theme, I will
 I'll sing God's love for me, and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing



soul, for my soul, to bear the dread-ful curse for my soul?
 soul, for my soul, Christ laid a - side his crown for my soul.
 sing, I will sing, while mil - lions join the theme, I will sing.
 on, I'll sing on; and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing on.

^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: "Receive our prayer."

^PEACE

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

C: **And also with you.**

P: Let us share the peace.

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 during Covid, 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 Vineyards Be Fruitful”

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

God of good gifts, receive these and all our offerings as we present them in faithful service for the sake of your gospel. Prepare our hearts to receive you in this meal as you pour out your very presence through Christ Jesus, the wellspring of eternal life. **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:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of
 pow-er and might, heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
 san - na in the high-est. Blessed is he who comes in the
 name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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: Come and receive Jesus, our strength in the wilderness.

C: Amen

DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

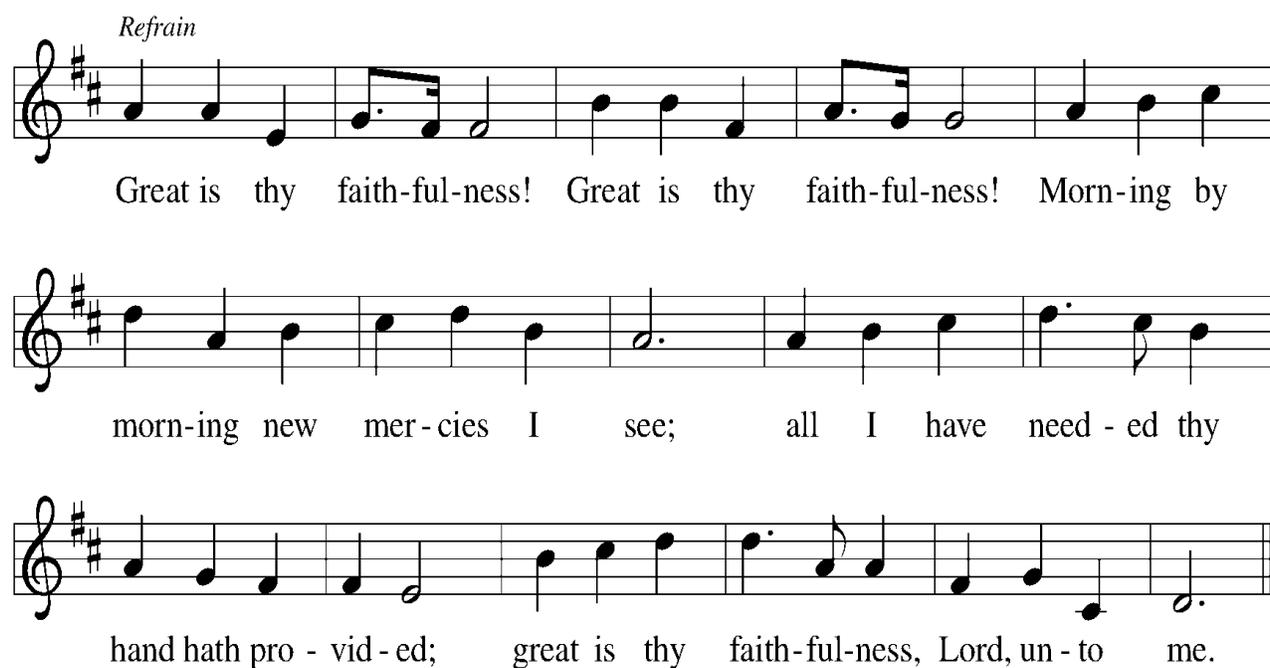
*All baptized Christians are welcome to share the bread and wine of **Holy Communion**. Please pick up your communion card and "Fellowship Cup", an all-in-one wafer and juice set (the bread and wine) when entering the sanctuary. The pastor says "The Body of Christ given for you." and the assistant minister says, "The Blood of Christ shed for you." Open the top protective film to uncover the "body" (an unleavened wafer), place in your mouth then open the 2nd protective film to uncover the "blood" (100% grape juice) and drink. Please dispose of your cup in the receptacle provided when leaving the sanctuary. Sign the communion card 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

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

Embodied God, at your table, we have tasted the goodness of Jesus. With the eyes of our hearts open to your promise, empower us to hear the needs of our neighbors and touch the world with your love. **Amen.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

^BENEDICTION/BLESSING

Now is the acceptable time. Now is the day of salvation. Holy God, speaking, spoken, and inspiring, ✝ bless you, unbind you, and send you in love and in peace. **Amen.**

^HYMN

Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ



1 Let us tal - ents and tongues em - ploy, reach - ing out with a shout of joy:
 2 Christ is a - ble to make us one, at the ta - ble he sets the tone,
 3 Je - sus calls us in, sends us out bear - ing fruit in a world of doubt,



bread is bro - ken, the wine is poured, Christ is spo - ken and seen and heard.
 teach - ing peo - ple to live to bless, love in word and in deed ex - press.
 gives us love to tell, bread to share: God (Im - man - u - el) ev - 'ry - where!



Je - sus lives a - gain, earth can breathe a - gain, pass the Word a - round: loaves a - bound!

Text: Fred Kaan, b. 1929

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^DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve in love.

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. 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.



ACTIVITIES FOR THE WEEK

Weekly Activities do not reflect building use by outside groups.

SUNDAY	Education Hour	10:00 AM
	LifeSkills Training	12:00 PM
TUESDAY	Bible Study (<i>Via Zoom-see website</i>)	7:00 PM
WEDNESDAY	Lenten Service	7:00 PM
	(<i>St. Matthew, Woodlyn</i>)	
SATURDAY	Church Clean-up	10:00 AM



Feb. Income - \$6,989

(includes Building rental income multi-month payments)

Feb. Expenses - \$9,940

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!



Come and listen! Listen to the sights and sounds of Lent! This year Kathleen is leaning into this season of quiet and contemplation and has brought forth treasured music. **Please join us prior to service to listen to a beautiful selection of Lenten music we typically don't hear.**

Easter flowers brighten the altar, contributing to our Easter celebration. This year we are doing something different, **Tulips and Hyacinths!** The **Easter flowers** are \$7.00 per plant. If you would like to place an order, **(today is the last day)** please complete the holiday flower envelope found in the pews, enclose your money, and place in the offering plate **through Sunday March 26th.**



Bring your family and have breakfast with your Immanuel family!

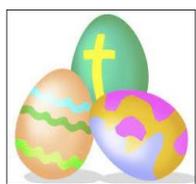


Easter Morning Breakfast Sunday April 9, 2023, 9:00 AM
Scrambled Eggs ~ Linked Sausage ~ Pancakes ~ Fellowship

Bring a dessert!! See sign-up sheet in hospitality area.

Please contact Mary Lyn Horne-Onimus with any questions.

Come help Immanuel get ready for Palm Sunday and Easter on **Church Clean-Up Day, Sat. April 1st at 10:00am.** Bring buckets and rags if you have them, cleaning solutions will be provided. Let's wash the remnants of a brutal winter away together and make way for a joyous Easter Celebration!!



Immanuel Easter Egg Hunt ~ Immanuel is holding an Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 8, 2023. Children up to ten years of age are invited. Egg hunting begins promptly at 11:00 am, so **plan to arrive no later than 10:45.** Bring your own basket or bag for the eggs! The Egg Hunt happens rain or shine, as the hunt will be moved indoors in case of bad weather. Gather on the lawn at the Chester Pike entrance or go to the social hall down the stairs from the entrance. After the hunt, a light lunch will be served to the children.

Communion by Intinction returns Palm Sunday. For those that are not comfortable with Holy Communion by intinction, Fellowship cups will still be available to pick up on the way into the Sanctuary.





Lenten Service Schedule: This year Immanuel - Norwood; St. Matthew - Woodlyn; Holy Trinity - Wallingford; St. Timothy - Aston; and Holy Spirit - Secane; will be working together. This year's theme is **“The Sights and Sounds of Lent”**.

7:00 pm: Worship with fellowship and snacks to follow.

Offerings: Lutheran Disaster Relief – Turkey Earthquake

DATE	Location	Preaching
Mar. 29th	St. Matthew, Woodlyn Communion	Pr. Marie Sager



HOLY WEEK

DATE	Location	TIME
Apr. 6th	Maundy Thursday Norwood United Methodist Church	Worship ~ 7:00 PM
Apr. 7th	Good Friday Prospect Hill Baptist Church	Worship ~ 7:00 PM
Apr. 8 th	Easter Egg Hunt – Rain or Shine Immanuel Lutheran	11:00 AM
Apr. 9th	Easter Sunday Breakfast & Fellowship Immanuel Lutheran	9:00 AM Worship ~ 11:00 AM

Pantry Donations to Celebrate Easter! The Little Free Pantry is always active. We have neighbors of the church stop by frequently to pick up non-perishable food or to add to the donations in the Pantry. To celebrate the resurrection, **please bring a food donation with you on Easter Sunday!** Protein items (cans or pouches of meat or fish; peanut butter, tomato sauces, boxes of mac and cheese) are really important. Thanks again for your support.



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 value of the coupons that you use. Help us help our church!** See Mary Lyn Horne-Onimus for details.




We Want Your Stories! A focus for this year is storytelling. Jesus loved to tell stories. Sharing our stories of faith is an expectation of God. How have you noticed God at work in your life, in small or big ways? There will be many ways to share your story so there will be one that is comfortable for you. *The key is taking that first step to say “I have a story”!* Just let Pastor (or Joyce Morrison, Colleen Kelly, Jean Crane, Piee Fagan, or Karl McClellan from the Outreach Committee) know that you have a story. You will be helped to find a way to share your story!

Immanuel’s Heating Oil Special Giving Campaign Continues!

Our sincere “Thank you” to everyone who has been using our “OIL” envelopes to give extra! They are found on the BRIGHT GREEN display in the Hospitality area (just write your envelope number on it). If you have not already joined the effort you can start at any time! Thank you from your Resource Committee and your Church Council

Save the Date!! Ascension Day Service Thursday evening, May 18, 2023! Our Delaware Conference invites all 20 of our Congregations to our annual Ascension Day Communion Service, starting at 7PM with gathering and refreshments at 6PM. It will be in person at St. Timothy’s in Aston and available virtually too. There will be an opportunity to sing in a combined choir that evening. Details to follow! All are welcome! Any questions or suggestions please see Karl McClellan, Chairperson for the Delaware Conference Executive Committee.