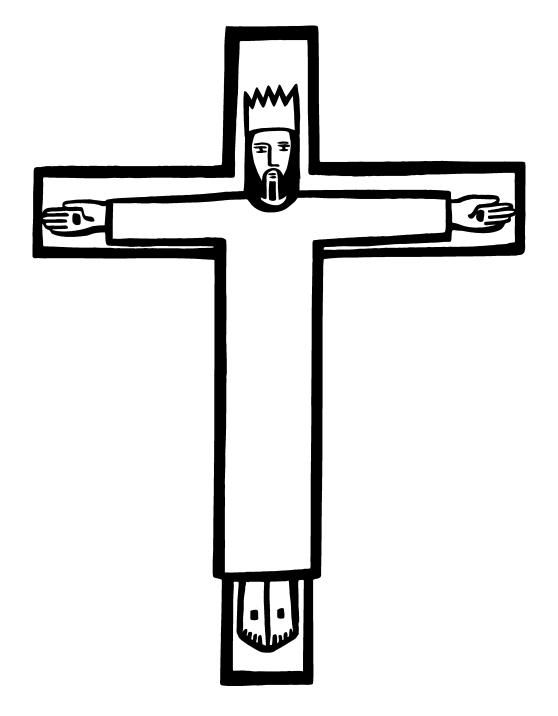
Christ the King



November 20, 2022

IMMANUEL EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

A Reconciling in Christ Congregation Norwood, PA ~ Phone: 610.586.5860

www.immanuelnorwood.org

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 (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 redeems us in Christ Jesus, whose steadfast love endures forever. **Amen.**

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

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

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you and our neighbors. We have ignored voices that call for your justice. We have neglected actions that witness to your righteousness. We have spoken and acted in ways that disrupt your beloved community. We truly repent of things we have done and left undone. For the sake of Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Restore our troubled spirits, so that we may live in newness, follow the way of the Spirit, and build up the body of Christ. Amen.

Rejoice and be glad! God hears the prayers of all who cry out, and restores us to life through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Therefore, I declare to you the forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

^OPENING HYMN

Lead On, O King Eternal!



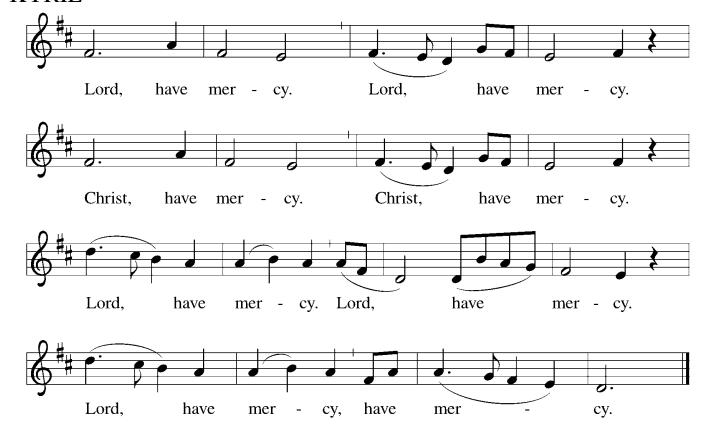
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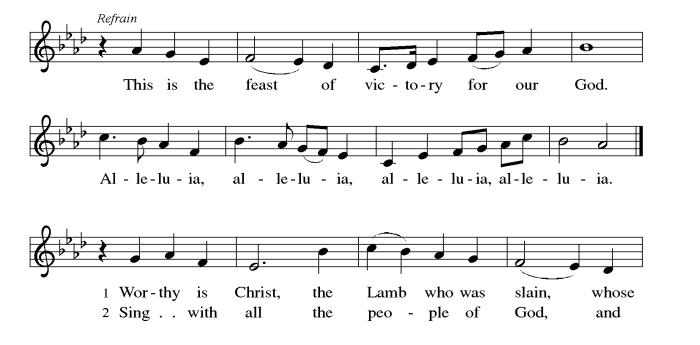
P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

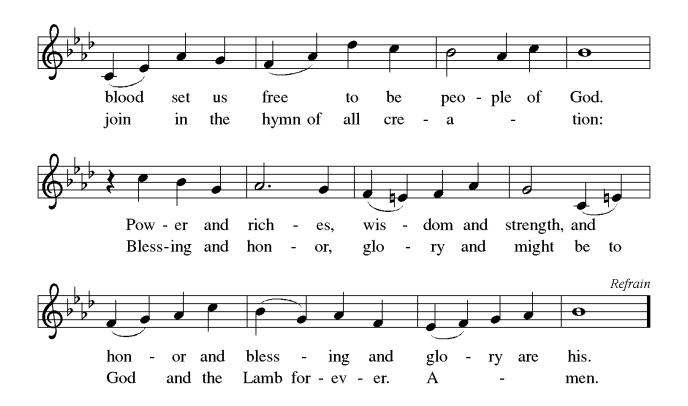
C: And also with you.

^KYRIE



^HYMN OF PRAISE (verse 1)





P: The Lord be with you

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray

^PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God, our true life, to serve you is freedom, and to know you is unending joy. We worship you, we glorify you, we give thanks to you for your great glory. Abide with us, reign in us, and make this world into a fit habitation for your divine majesty, 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

Genesis 13:1-18

¹So Abram went up from Egypt, he and his wife, and all that he had, and Lot with him, into the Negeb.

²Now Abram was very rich in livestock, in silver, and in gold. ³He journeyed on by stages from the Negeb as far as Bethel, to the place where his tent had been at the beginning, between Bethel and Ai, ⁴to the place

where he had made an altar at the first; and there Abram called on the name of the LORD. ⁵Now Lot, who went with Abram, also had flocks and herds and tents, ⁶so that the land could not support both of them living together; for their possessions were so great that they could not live together, ⁷and there was strife between the herders of Abram's livestock and the herders of Lot's livestock. At that time the Canaanites and the Perizzites lived in the land.

⁸Then Abram said to Lot, "Let there be no strife between you and me, and between your herders and my herders; for we are kindred. ⁹Is not the whole land before you? Separate yourself from me. If you take the left hand, then I will go to the right; or if you take the right hand, then I will go to the left." ¹⁰Lot looked about him, and saw that the plain of the Jordan was well watered everywhere like the garden of the LORD, like the land of Egypt, in the direction of Zoar; this was before the LORD had destroyed Sodom and Gomorrah. ¹¹So Lot chose for himself all the plain of the Jordan, and Lot journeyed eastward; thus they separated from each other. ¹²Abram settled in the land of Canaan, while Lot settled among the cities of the Plain and moved his tent as far as Sodom. ¹³Now the people of Sodom were wicked, great sinners against the LORD.

¹⁴The LORD said to Abram, after Lot had separated from him, "Raise your eyes now, and look from the place where you are, northward and southward and eastward and westward; ¹⁵for all the land that you see I will give to you and to your offspring forever. ¹⁶I will make your offspring like the dust of the earth; so that if one can count the dust of the earth, your offspring also can be counted. ¹⁷Rise up, walk through the length and the breadth of the land, for I will give it to you." ¹⁸So Abram moved his tent, and came and settled by the oaks of Mamre, which are at Hebron; and there he built an altar to the LORD.

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

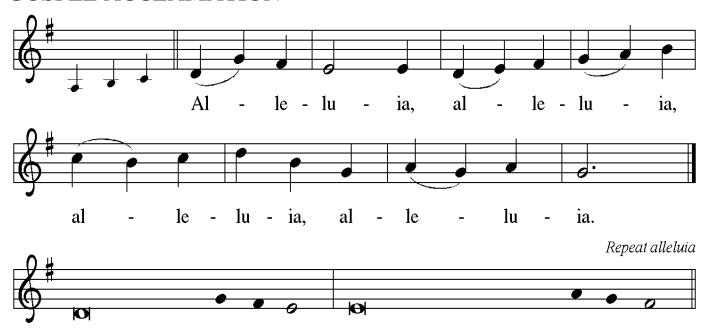
SECOND READING

Philippians 3:7-11

⁷Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. ⁸More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ ⁹and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. ¹⁰I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, ¹¹if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

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

^GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



^HOLY GOSPEL

P: The Holy Gospel according to Mark the 8th Chapter

C: Glory to you O Lord

³¹Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. ³²He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. ³³But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

³⁴He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ³⁵For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. ³⁶For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? ³⁷Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? ³⁸Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ

SERMON Pr. Scott Lee

^HYMN

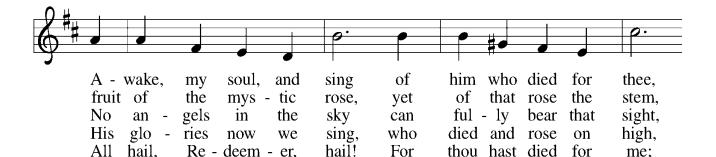
Crown Him with Many Crowns



- 1 Crown him with man y crowns, the Lamb up on his throne;
- 2 Crown him the vir gin's Son, the God in car nate born,
- 3 Crown him the Lord of love— be hold his hands and side,
- 4 Crown him the Lord of life, who tri-umphed o'er the grave
- 5 Crown him the Lord of years, the po ten tate of time,



hark, how the heav'n-ly an - them drowns all mu - sic but its own. whose arm those crim-son tro - phies won which now his brow a - dorn; rich wounds, yet vis - i - ble a - bove, in beau-ty glo - ri - fied. and rose vic - to - rious in the strife for those he came to save. cre - a - tor of the roll - ing spheres, in - ef - fab - ly sub-lime.





and hail him as thy match-less king through all e - ter - ni - ty. the root whence mer - cy ev - er flows, the babe of Beth - le - hem. but down - ward bend their burn - ing eyes at mys-ter - ies so bright. who died, e - ter - nal life to bring, and lives that death may die. thy praise and glo - ry shall not fail through-out e - ter - ni - ty.

^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"



OFFERING PRAYER

Blessed are you, Maker of all things. As you have entrusted us with all that you have created, now gather our gifts, nourish us with this sacrament, and send us to those who hunger and thirst, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

+HOLY COMMUNION+

^GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

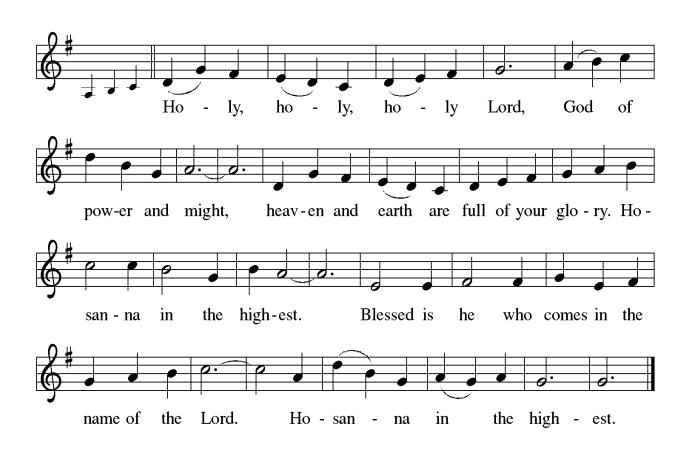
P: Lift up your hearts.

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:



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: Christ spreads a table before you. Gather here with all the saints.

C: Amen

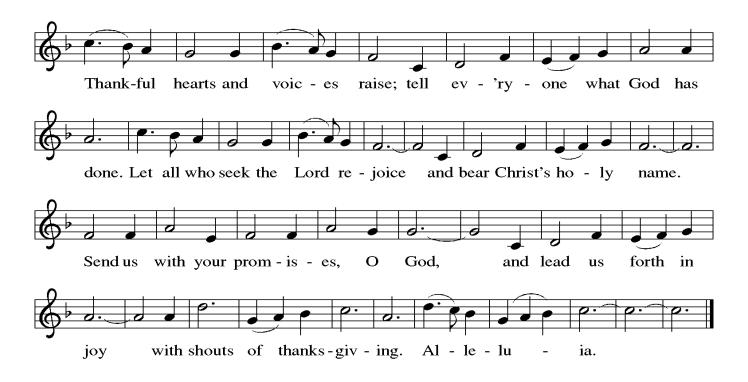
DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

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

Thankful Hearts and Voices Raise



POST COMMUNION PRAYER

We give you thanks, most gracious God, that you have fed us with the bread of heaven and given us a foretaste of Paradise. Enliven us to be your body in the world and to serve those who are in need; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

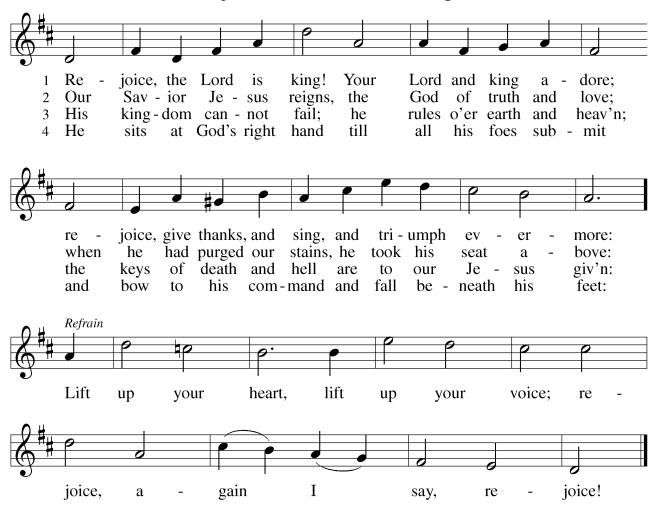
ANNOUNCEMENTS

^BENEDICTION/BLESSING

The God of peace, who creates all things and calls them good, who makes us alive in Jesus, and who breathes on us the Spirit of hope, + bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

^HYMN

Rejoice, the Lord Is King!



^DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Be a blessing in the world.

Thanks be to God.



As a Reconciling in Christ congregation, Immanuel Lutheran Church,

Reconciling Works
LUTHERANS FOR FULL PARTICIPATION

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
	Council Mtg.	12:00 PM
TUESDAY	Bible Study (Zoom)	7:00 PM
WEDNESDAY	Office Closed	
THURSDAY	Thanksgiving	
FRIDAY	Office Closed	
SATURDAY	Manger Set-up	9:00 AM



Oct. Income - \$12,102 (includes Building rental Income multi-month payments Oct.

Expenses - \$8,779

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!

Graced by the Fruits of Our Labor ~ Giving Generously

In Acts 20:35 Jesus says, "It is more blessed to give than to receive."



Jesus knew that the act of giving returns more to us than what we give. We reap what we sow (2 Corinthians 9:6). He uses our generosity to build his kingdom and to strengthen and bless us as givers. Giving is a privilege and a joy that can

change our lives. When we practice first-fruits giving and give generously, we give our all.

What we do with God's money demonstrates our spiritual maturity. Some of us share sacrificially with God and others, others give proportionately from our incomes, and still others hoard what we receive. God wants us to be channels of his blessings, and he enriches us so we can be blessings to others. "You will be made rich in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God" (2 Corinthians 9:11).

Those who do not share, but hoard, become terminals, rather than channels, of God's gifts. They get no satisfaction except for fleeting happiness in possessing the things of this world. Those who do not share will never experience the joy of giving. Remember the Rich Fool who amassed great wealth strictly for his own pleasure. He died before he had time to enjoy the products of his labor. All he left behind was his wealth for others to use. He never experienced the fulfillment of helping others or the joy of being a channel of God's blessings. His memory lives on, not as a gracious benefactor, but as a selfish fool, a terminal of God's gifts. Lasting happiness and contentment come from employing our lives and possessions in service to God and others. "God loves a cheerful giver" (2 Corinthians 9:7).

ZOOM Bible Study for November moves to Thursday Nights! Our weekly virtual Bible Study continues on ZOOM! We are currently doing a series on "Advent". To help support the Christmas Bazaar's "Stromboli making" and to resolve a schedule conflict, for the rest of November and for December 1st, we will meet on Thursday nights at 7PM instead of Tuesdays. (We'll be off for Thanksgiving). We'll go back to Tuesday nights on December 6th. Please see our web site for ZOOM connection information or see Karl McClellan or Fred Warner. All are welcome and we hope to "see" you there!!

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 13th through Sunday, December 4th. 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



shopping yet? Make it easy with gift cards RaiseRight 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 30, Nov 20 and Dec 4. 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.

Choir practice for the Christmas Cantata ~ Join us in church right after our service every Sunday through December 11th. We will be practicing for the Christmas Cantata on December 18th. Newcomers are most welcome and encouraged to give choir a try. Every practice will finish at 1 p.m. or earlier. Many voices make a glorious sound! Questions? Ask Kathleen in church or call her at 484-239-9393.



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Chance to help! We will be putting up our manger scene on the front lawn and setting up our Christmas tree on Saturday November 26th starting at 9:00 AM. Many hands will make it go well!! Please consider helping us out

as we decorate our church for the blessing of Christmas!! Any questions please contact Karl McClellan (Cell) 610-761-4804 or email: krmcfamily@aol.com. Tentatively the Manger "take-down" is planned for Sat. January 7th starting at 9:00AM.



Important Dates – Please join us!

Cantata	Dec. 18 th	11:00 AM Service
Candlelight Service	Dec. 24 th	9:00 PM Service
Christmas Day	Dec. 25 th	Synod Stream
Lessons & Carols	Jan. 1st	11:00 AM Service



All 2022 offerings must be received by January 1st, 2023.

All committee chairpersons and leaders are asked to have their Annual Reports in no later than December 31st.

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.

FALL UPDATE: Immanuel's Heating Oil Special Giving Campaign Continues! Our sincere "Thank you" to everyone who has starting using our "OIL" envelopes found on the BRIGHT GREEN display in the Hospitality area (just remember to jot your envelope number on it). We will supply more envelopes on a monthly basis as they get used.

We asked you to prayerfully consider what *extra* you could give to help us with this and many have responded. If you have not already joined the effort you can start at any time! If you give virtually, you can also use the QR code in the bulletin and newsletter to give using the "General Fund" option.

We'll need to keep this effort, based on Aesop's Fable (The one about the "Ant and the Grasshopper"), going to help us through the heating season because the inflation in the cost of heating oil has really hit us hard. It has driven up our monthly budget by \$400 to a total monthly bill of approximately \$1700 a month. **Please help your church with this.**



Thank you from your Resource Committee and your Church Council

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.