Dear brothers and sisters,

I would like to remind each of you that the Feast of Christ the King is observed on this coming Sunday. This feast day was established to honor the authority and power of Jesus as king and lord of all things. We as Anglicans have embraced this tradition and its placement at the end of the church year. Christ reigns triumphant! Then the cycle begins anew and we mark the beginning of another church year the following Sunday, the
first Sunday of Advent, as we anticipate Christ's birth.

It has become the tradition at Immanuel for the Holy Eucharist to be celebrated on Thanksgiving morning at 10am. I can think of no more fitting way to mark this day of gratitude. Traditions are so important during the holiday season, and Thanksgiving is no exception. We often gather with the same people in the same places for the same dinner year after year; whether things remain the same or change, we should always look for the blessings in both.

In this season, I give thanks to God for you, the people of Immanuel Church. Thank you for the joys and the challenges of leadership. Thank you for believing in the importance of beauty in worship. Thank you for music that stirs the soul. Thank you for embracing a message of the transformative power of love.

Whatever your Thanksgiving plans, I pray that you enjoy a safe holiday that will leave you with warm memories for many years to come.

In Christ our hope, Fr. Keene

Rector's Forum

This Sunday, following coffee hour, the Rector's Forum will continue a series of classes on Death & Dying, Grief & Loss. The classes, which will last about 45 minutes, will include opportunities for personal sharing and will focus on the process of dying, various traditions surrounding death and funerals, funeral planning, questions about death and afterlife, recognizing stages of grief, and exploring all kinds of loss—not only death, but also job loss, divorce, moving, and more.

The final class will be held on November 24, please join us.

LITURGY AND MUSIC NOTES

ENRICHING OUR WORSHIP

We celebrate the final Sunday of the Church Year today as the Feast of Christ the King, affirming the Lordship of Jesus Christ over all times and places. Today's Gospel portrays the utterly unique form that Kingship takes, as from the cross Jesus extends forgiveness to the thief being executed next to him. This is also the theme of the opening hymn, "All praise to thee, for thou, O King divine / didst yield the glory that of right was thine..." and the hymn that follows Communion, which declares "They did not know, as we do now, / that glorious is your crown."

The anthem sung by the choir is appropriate not only for the celebration of Christ the King but for Thanksgiving as well. It is a setting by the famous 20th century English composer Benjamin Britten of the 100th Psalm: "O be joyful in the Lord, all ye lands...Be ye sure that the Lord he is God...Be thankful unto him, and speak good of his name."
The concluding organ voluntary is based on two melodic fragments from the ancient plainsong hymn *Te Deum laudamus* (“We praise thee, O God, we acknowledge thee to be the Lord”). Its composer Jean Langlais was one of several 20th century Parisian organists famed for their astonishing improvisations, often based on liturgical chants and melodies. Langlais’ composition is, in effect, a written-out improvisation, in which fragments of the original chant are imaginatively woven and re-worked into a richly chromatic fantasy that projects the drama and exuberance of the original chant (the text may be found at page 52 in the Prayer Book).

**SUNDAY’S MUSIC**

**10am Hymns:**

- 477 “All praise to thee, for thou, O King divine”
- 454 “Jesus came, adored by angels”
- 170 “To mock your reign, O dearest Lord”
- 614 “Christ is the King”

Offertory Anthem: *Jubilate Deo* (“O be joyful in the Lord”) - Benjamin Britten

Organ Voluntaries: “Voluntary on the Hundredth Psalm Tune” (Hymn 377) - Henry Purcell, and Hymn of Thanksgiving: *Te Deum* (from *Three Gregorian Paraphrases*) - Jean Langlais

**IMPORTANT DATES**
Save these Dates: Don't miss these upcoming Special Musical Events at Immanuel on the Green!

Did you know that Thanksgiving Day is a Major Feast in the Calendar of the Episcopal Church, a "Prayer Book Holy Day?" (See page 17 in Book of Common Prayer.) We honor this uniquely American observance with a sung service of Holy Eucharist at **10:00 o'clock on Thanksgiving Day (November 28).** This year, put the turkey in a slow oven and begin your Thanksgiving Day celebration by offering thanks to the Source of all our blessings.

Advent Lessons and Carols, one of Immanuel's cherished seasonal traditions, is coming soon! On **Sunday, December 8 at 4:00 o'clock**, Immanuel's choirs will offer this unique experience of spiritual reflection through music, scripture, and prayer, followed by the Annual Holiday Covered Dish Dinner. Plan now to join us December 8 for Advent Lessons and Carols, and invite a friend to share the experience with you.

February 8 - 9: Visiting Scholar Weekend with Dr. Esther Lightcap Meek - “The Epiphany of Beauty: Where Art and Faith Converge” is a unique weekend-long event featuring Visiting Scholar Esther Meek, Professor of Philosophy at Geneva College, exploring the connections between music, theology, and liturgy. Not to be missed!
PARISH HAPPENINGS

Join Us For A December Fellowship Movie Event On the Big Screen!
The Holiday Classic, *Meet Me In St. Louis*
Fathom Events, TCM and Warner Bros. pictures presents Meet Me in St. Louis returning to select theaters for a special 75th anniversary event.

Judy Garland and Margaret O'Brien star in this heartwarming tale of the emotional trauma the colorful members of an early 20th century St. Louis family experience when they learn their father has been transferred—and they will have to move to New York. This anniversary event includes exclusive insights from Turner Classic Movies. The classic holiday song, Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas sung by Judy Garland is a holiday memory not to be missed!

Tickets to this rare big screen opportunity will sell fast.

There are 25 tickets available from Jon Barrett at $12.50 a piece. Reserve and buy yours today by contacting Jon at (302) 584-1068 or email at jbarr1097@comcast.net. First come, first served - please make any cheques out to Jon directly, or have exact change.

Next Movie Discussion Night on Saturday, Oct 26

We will gather together for our next Movie Discussion Night at 6 PM on Jan 11. Our hosts are Suzanne Souder and Glenn Rill at 60 W 4th St in New Castle.

The film to watch before you come is "The Wife". Glenn Close stars as the wife whose husband is about to receive the Nobel prize in Literature. Watch this movie which explores the life choices people make and their consequences. Then bring a dish or refreshment to share and come ready to talk about the social and religious questions raised by the story and the values it highlights.

We look forward to seeing you.

The Fellowship Committee sponsored the Second Annual Immanuel Hay Ride on November 3 at White Clay Creek State Park. It was a gorgeous, brisk afternoon, and a great time was had by all. We followed up a lovely ride with some cider and s'mores; it was a perfect way to end our fall season of fellowship. They say that twice is a tradition, so please stay tuned for another ride next year!
Food Bank News

After a month or so of not really needing anything for the Food Closet, the stock levels have diminished for a few items. If you are out shopping and would be inclined, please pick up the items listed below. Contributions can be left at the Academy at Coffee Hour, or at the office during the week - we are no longer collecting food on the church porch.

Remember, these are NEEDS and it would be appreciated that you only purchase items from this list.

Also be mindful of the item sizes, bigger is not always better.

- Pasta and Sauce - no elbows please
- Rice A Roni
- Canned Fruit
- Canned Entrees - Chili or Stew
- Peanut Butter & Jelly
- Crackers - Ritz or Saltines
- Instant Potatoes

As always, your donations keep this Mission viable. Thanks for your Support.

Gary Burgmuller
NCUMC Food Closet Coordinator
The office will be closed Thursday 28th and Friday 29th November, and Monday 2nd December.

Available Flower Memorial Dates

Memorials can be a Sunday closest to a set date (such as a birthday, anniversary, or passing), or a specific Sunday in the month (such as the 1st Sunday in October), and can be recurring or one time happenings. Please contact the office or Mark if you would like to talk about an offering.

The following Sundays do not have dedicated flower offerings:

2019
- December 29

2020
- January 12
- February 9
- March 1
- March 29
- April 19
- May 3
- May 31
- June 21
- June 28
- August 13

SERVICES AT IMMANUEL

Schedule of Services

Immanuel's sense of community is firmly grounded in our weekly gathering for corporate worship. You are an essential member of that Community! Do plan to join us every week for one (or more) of these services:

Sunday
- 8am - Said Mass
- 10am - Sung Mass
- 7pm - Compline

Wednesday
- 9:30am - Said Mass (postponed until further notice)

Thursday
- 6pm - Said Mass

Compline continues every Sunday at 7 p.m.

The sign-up register for Sunday evening Compline has been extended to include the fall months. Please consider signing up to lead one or more weeks of this beautiful candlelit service. Training is provided. Click here to view the sign-up and to volunteer: Immanuel Compline

Sign up here
What is Compline?

Immanuel has been offering Compline on Sunday evenings at Immanuel for over a year! We have ranged from 2 to 17 in attendance. The service has been led by many different individuals and the candlelight set-up is shared by anyone willing. The church is incredibly beautiful when lit by 60+ candles, and it provides a setting for prayer that is reverent and serene.

So what is Compline like? Those who attend usually spend a few minutes of quiet prayer in their pews. When the tower bell strikes seven, we stand and move to the altar. Bringing our service leaflets with us, we stand in a circle around the altar and recite the prayers, psalms, and readings of this beautiful office. The service is about 8 minutes long with time allowed for...
individuals to offer their own thanksgivings and intercessions. We return to our pews for additional time of quiet prayer before leaving in silence. Please consider attending; it's the perfect way to end your Sunday and to center yourself for the coming week.

Large print bulletins are available.

November birthdays
- Week 1 - David Barczak, Jack Warren Burnam, Matthew Lovlie, Linda Maddux
- Week 2 - Caroline McDonald, Michael Lyon, Robert McDonald
- Week 3 - Steve Getty, Steven Timmins, Oliver Plant, Diane Hernandez
- Week 4 - Linda Butler, Felice Jo Lamden
- Week 5 - Joan Block, Wendy Butler

November Anniversaries
- Week 1 - James and Karen Kenney
- Week 2 - Henry and Allison Tobey
- Week 5 - Carol and Carl Kunz

STAY CONNECTED

The FOMO (Fear Of Missing Out) struggle is real. If you haven't already, be sure to follow us on Twitter and Instagram, for memes like this one (hold your applause please!):
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LITURGY MEMES

Stay up to date on all the latest happenings by visiting our [website](#).

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