



ST. JOHN'S ✠ EMMANUEL ✠ LAMB'S CREEK HANOVER-WITH-BRUNSWICK PARISH

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The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost September 27, 2020

Weekly Calendar

Sunday, September 27 (*Lessons: Year A – Proper 21*)

9:00 a.m. – Prayer Book Morning Prayer, Rite 2 on the Rectory Lawn

10:00 a.m. – HwB Morning devotion via Zoom

5:00 p.m. – Holy Eucharist, Rite 2 on the Rectory Lawn

Thursday, October 1

CANCELED – Rector's Bible Study on the Book of Exodus via Zoom

Standing Notices About Worship Services

About "In Person" Worship on the Rectory Lawn

These will be the standard services from *The Book of Common Prayer*. You may either print the service booklet before hand, or bring your own prayer book. There **will not be** copies of any materials provided.

These services will be held weather permitting. Social distancing rules will be followed. So, if you wish to sit, you will need to bring your own chairs. The Rectory proper is currently off limits, including the bathroom. But people are welcome to stay and chat afterwards on the Rectory Lawn – just follow the social distancing rules!

While these services will not be broadcast / streamed / Zoom, no one should feel obligated to attend "in person" gatherings.

About "In Person" Holy Eucharist on Rectory Lawn

Flexibility is definitely the word. We will follow social distancing and food safety protocols. Please bring your own prayer books, reading inserts, chairs and bottles of water (if you wish to have hydration in the afternoon heat) as these items will not be provided. *Also note, no one will enter the rectory so there is no bathroom available.*

For those wishing to receive communion, we will be doing so in "social isolation bubbles" – i.e. members of a household living together and/or those who have chosen to interact regularly as

if they were a single household living together. (A “social isolation bubble” may also be a single person.)

Each “social isolation bubble” will receive 3 wafers in a container (called a pyx) or in a sandwich baggie (if we have more “bubbles” than pyxes). Wine will be poured into a common cup for each “bubble”. Bring your own cup, though some separately bagged small chalices / cups will be available. Please let me know if your “bubble” is greater than three in size ASAP so I can prepare accordingly; smaller “bubbles” will be responsible for consuming their own “bubble’s” extra wafers / wine.

Remember we will not be crossing “social isolation bubble” boundaries. And no one is obligated to receive the bread and / or wine, especially if they are uncomfortable doing so for whatever reason.

About Weekly Zoom Sunday 10:00 a.m. Devotions

The PDF of the service text is found here: <http://data.hwbkgva.org/pdfs/SundayBullein.pdf>

Please remember to remain “muted” during the devotion unless you have an assigned portion. This is to avoid the problems with the sound distortions created when Zoom attempts to merge multiple audio feeds simultaneously.

Please contact me by cell (voice or text) 540-931-3131 or email rfichterjr@yahoo.com before Sunday service if you need some help connecting to Zoom. I am happy to walk you through the process and test it with you.

Zoom Meeting ID: 256 144 269

Password: 184359

<https://zoom.us/j/256144269?pwd=aWNmbW5JMUVQQ1NFYXNyQ3IHRXBOQT09>

Dial (if not using an internet connection) by your location (any of these numbers will work):

- +1 929 205 6099 US (New York)
- +1 301 715 8592 US (Germantown)
- +1 312 626 6799 US (Chicago)
- +1 669 900 6833 US (San Jose)
- +1 253 215 8782 US (Tacoma)
- +1 346 248 7799 US (Houston)

About Returning to “In Person” Worship in our Sanctuaries

The general consensus is that most in our parish are not ready to return to the sanctuaries for regular in person worship and probably will not be for several months. We will continue with Zoom for regular Sunday worship at 10:00 am for the foreseeable future. As always, please call or email me with your thoughts: 540-931-3131, rfichterjr@yahoo.com. Thank you!

Diocese of Virginia Offers Weekly Sermons

For those interested in other perspectives on the lessons, the Diocese of Virginia has posted weekly sermons. The text, audio, and video versions along with the schedule / rota are found here (most current at bottom of that page):

<http://www.thediocese.net/news-and-events/covid-19-resources/virtual-worship/sermons-from-the-bishop-s-online-chapel/>

Other Standing Notices

Rector's Bible Study Via Zoom on Thursday at 7:00 p.m.

Every Thursday, unless otherwise noted, there will a Bible study on the Book of Exodus via Zoom at 7:00 p.m. (Study will **not** meet: October 1, November 26)

Zoom Meeting ID: 326 079 305

Password: 184359

<https://zoom.us/j/326079305?pwd=dXVTL3pyUXQ5QTNjWXJWekl1Zkozdz09>

Love Thy Neighbor (LTN)– Continually Needs Food!

And remember personal hygiene items such as; shampoo, conditioner, bar soap, toothpaste, razors and toilet paper are also in need.

Donations can be left the black bin in the narthex of St. John's. *(Please note that St. John's door must be pulled shut and the knob turned to make sure the latch is engaged otherwise it will blow open in the wind.)*

A Note About Pledges / Giving

Despite our social distancing and the bishop's directive that has put a halt to meetings/services, life does go on, and the church's bills keep coming. For those of you who are able, it would be appreciated if you would keep up-to-date with your pledges and offerings to our parish. You can mail a check to St. John's at P. O. Box 134, King George, VA 22485 with a note on the envelope to Attn: Treasurer. Donations to Emmanuel can be sent to Jack Meyers, Treasurer, P.O. Box1145, Dahlgren, VA 22448.

Get Your Flu Shot!

It is time to get the regular flu shot. CVS, Walmart, and other places have the flu shot available. Check with your insurance provider as most cover it. CVS appears not to be charging for the vaccination. But remember to have your insurance cards if requested.

Voting Is Our Civic Duty

Official Commonwealth ballot information is located here:

<https://www.elections.virginia.gov/casting-a-ballot/candidate-list/>

Regardless of where you stand on the issues or who your desired candidates are, it is the civic duty of all qualified US Citizens to vote. To that end, I have reached out the KG Registrar's Office and they have provided the following information:

There are **no excuses required** for early voting this year.

In-person "early voting" began Friday, September 18, in the Revercomb Building, 10459 Courthouse Dr., Suite 102, King George. The hours are as follows:

- Monday through Friday 8:00a to 4:30p
- Saturday, October 24 9:00a-5:00p
- Saturday, October 31 9:00a-5p (this is the last day for in-person "early voting")

Some other important dates to consider:

- Deadline to register to vote or make changes to current voter registration – Tuesday, October 13, 2020 (must be received by 5p in our office or midnight online)
- Deadline to **request an absentee ballot for mailing** – October 23, 2020 (must be received by 5 pm)
- Deadline for ballots returned to the registrar's office – November 3, 2020 by 7 pm

More info is on their website, <https://kinggeorgecountyyva.gov/273/Registrar> or their Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/KGRegistrar>

Useful Resource Links During This Time of "Social Distancing"

The "devotion booklet": <http://data.hwbkgva.org/pdfs/SundayBulletin.pdf>.

Parish Website: <http://hwbkgva.org/>

The Diocese of Virginia Covid-19 Resource Page: <http://www.thediocese.net/news-and-events/covid-19-resources/>

The Washington National Cathedral: <https://cathedral.org/>

This site has many streaming video services

The Episcopal Church's "Sermons That Work": <https://episcopalchurch.org/sermons-that-work>

This site has both prepared sermons and Bible Studies based on the Sunday Lectionary.