

Emmanuel Episcopal Church

August 25, 2024

The Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

8:00am & 10:30am



*As we gather before the service begins,
we encourage people to use the time as a centering for prayer and meditation.*

We also ask you to silence your phones.

Alms basins are placed at the back of the nave for your offering.

Morning Prayer – Rite II

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Prelude

Baptized into Your Name Most Holy

Dretzel/ arr. by Donald Busarow

Rachel Schmitt, Organist

(stand as you are able)

Processional Hymn

I love thy kingdom

Hymn #524

Welcome and Announcements

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and from the Lord Jesus Christ.

Philippians 1:2

Dearly beloved, we have come together in the presence of Almighty God our heavenly Father, to set forth his praise, to hear his holy Word, and to ask, for ourselves and on behalf of others, those things that are necessary for our life and our salvation. And so that we may prepare ourselves in heart and mind to worship him, let us kneel in silence, and with penitent and obedient hearts confess our sins, that we may obtain forgiveness by his infinite goodness and mercy.

Confession

People: Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Officiant: Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. Amen.

The Invitatory and Psalter

Officiant: Lord, open our lips.

People: And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia.

Officiant: Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness: Come let us adore him.

Venite

S35

(spoken at 8:00 a.m.)

Come, let us sing to the Lord;

let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.

Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving

and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.

For the Lord is a great God,

and a great King above all gods.

In his hands are the caverns of the earth,

and the heights of the hills are his also.

The sea is his, for he made it,

and his hands have molded the dry land.

Come let us bow down, and bend the knee,

and kneel before the Lord our Maker,

For he is our God,

and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand.

Oh, that today you would harken to his voice!

See next page for Venite music



(sung at 10:30 am)

1. Come, let us sing to the
Lord; — let us shout for joy to the Rock of our sal -
va - tion. — 2. Let us come be-fore his pres-ence with thanks - giv - ing —
— and raise a loud shout to him with psalms. — 3. For the
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gods. — 4. In his hand are the cav-erns of the earth, —
— and the heights of the hills are his al - so. — 5. The
sea is his, for he made it, — and his hands have
mold - ed the dry land. — 6. Come, let us bow down, and bend the
knee, — and kneel be-fore the Lord our Ma - ker. — 7. For
he is our God, — and we are the peo-ple of his
pas - ture — and the sheep of his hand. —
— Oh, that to - day you would heark-en to his voice! —

The Lessons

First Reading

A Reading from Joshua

Joshua 24:1-2a,14-18

Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel; and they presented themselves before God. And Joshua said to all the people, "Thus says the Lord, the God of Israel:

"Now therefore revere the Lord, and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the Lord. Now if you are unwilling to serve the Lord, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord."

Then the people answered, "Far be it from us that we should forsake the Lord to serve other gods; for it is the Lord our God who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight. He protected us along all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed; and the Lord drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the Lord, for he is our God."

The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 34:15-22

*15 The eyes of the Lord are upon the righteous, *
and his ears are open to their cry.*

*16 The face of the Lord is against those who do evil, *
to root out the remembrance of them from the earth.*

*17 The righteous cry, and the Lord hears them *
and delivers them from all their troubles.*

*18 The Lord is near to the brokenhearted *
and will save those whose spirits are crushed.*

*19 Many are the troubles of the righteous, *
but the Lord will deliver him out of them all.*

*20 He will keep safe all his bones; *
not one of them shall be broken.*

*21 Evil shall slay the wicked, *
and those who hate the righteous will be punished.*

*22 The Lord ransoms the life of his servants, *
and none will be punished who trust in him.*

Second Reading

A Reading from Ephesians

Ephesians 6:10-20

Be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power. Put on the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. Therefore take up the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to withstand on that evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. Stand therefore, and fasten the belt of truth around your waist, and put on the breastplate of righteousness. As shoes for your feet put on whatever will make you ready to proclaim the gospel of peace. With all of these, take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints. Pray also for me, so that when I speak, a message may be given to me to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it boldly, as I must speak.

The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Hymn

Sing praise to God

Hymn #408

Introduction by Austin C. Lovelace

Third Reading

A Reading from John

John 6:56-69

Jesus said, “Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever.” He said these things while he was teaching in the synagogue at Capernaum.

When many of his disciples heard it, they said, “This teaching is difficult; who can accept it?” But Jesus, being aware that his disciples were complaining about it, said to them, “Does this offend you? Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? It is the spirit that gives life; the flesh is useless. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. But among you there are some who do not believe.” For Jesus knew from the first who were the ones that did not believe, and who was the one that would betray him. And he said, “For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted by the Father.”

Because of this many of his disciples turned back and no longer went about with him. So Jesus asked the twelve, “Do you also wish to go away?” Simon Peter answered him, “Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God.”

The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

The Apostles' Creed

Officiant and People (stand as you are able)

*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 to the dead.

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

The Prayers *(stand or kneel)*

Officiant: The Lord be with you.

People: *And also with you.*

Officiant: Let us pray

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,

for ever and ever. Amen

Suffrages B *(congregation reads R)*

V. Save your people, Lord, and bless your inheritance;

R. *Govern and uphold them, now and always.*

V. Day by day we bless you;

R. *We praise your name for ever.*

V. Lord, keep us from all sin today;

R. *Have mercy upon us, Lord, have mercy.*

V. Lord, show us your love and mercy;

R. *For we put our trust in you.*

V. In you, Lord, is our hope;

R. *And we shall never hope in vain.*

The Collect of the Day

Grant, O merciful God, that your Church, being gathered together in unity by your Holy Spirit, may show forth your power among all peoples, to the glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen*

A Collect for Sundays

O God, you make us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of your Son our Lord: Give us this day such blessing through our worship of you, that the week to come may be spent in your favor; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

A Prayer for Spiritual Communion

In union, blessed Jesus, with the faithful gathered at every altar of your church where your blessed Body and Blood are offered this day, and remembering particularly my own parish and those worshiping, especially those on our parish prayer list: Nancy, the Degner family, Lynda, Connie, Melinda, Daniel, Sydney, those participating in Shelter Care Ministry programs, the victims of gun violence, and the people of Ukraine, Israel, and Palestine. I long to offer you praise and thanksgiving for creation and all the blessings of this life, for the redemption won for us by your life, death and resurrection, for the means of grace and the hope of glory. And particularly for those blessings given to me, I give thanksgiving for those celebrating a birthday, especially Mel Miller (08/28). I believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament, and since I cannot at this time receive Communion, I pray that you will come into my heart. I unite myself with you and embrace you with all my heart, my soul, and my mind. Let nothing separate me from you, let me serve you in this life until by your grace, I come into your glorious kingdom and unending peace. *Amen.*

The General Thanksgiving

Officiant and People

*Almighty God, Father of all mercies,
we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks
for all your goodness and loving-kindness
to us and to all whom you have made.
We bless you for our creation, preservation,
and all the blessings of this life;
but above all for your immeasurable love
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.
And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,
that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise,
not only with our lips, but in our lives,
by giving up our selves to your service,
and by walking before you
in holiness and righteousness all our days;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.*

Recessional Hymn:

Alleluia sing to Jesus

Hymn #460

Introduction by V. Earle Copes

Officiant: Let us bless the Lord

People: *Thanks be to God*

Officiant: Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine:
Glory to him from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Postlude

Festival Prelude on Hyfrydol

Prichard/ arr. by Alfred V. Fedak

Announcements

Help us honor Emmanuel Episcopal's 175th Anniversary by helping us collect 175 items for shelter care this August! They are asking for shampoo, conditioner, underwear, deodorant, bed sheets, diapers and more. Sign up and collection barrel are in the Narthex or contact Sean Cramer with questions!

Northern Illinois Food Bank invites us to consider an investment in support of their Northwest Center relocation and renovation into a vibrant Neighborhood Market. Unique to their current center is an onsite 4,000 sq. ft. food pantry, which has played a vital role in directly serving their neighbors since 2018. The Market has grown into a valuable community resource, providing access to nutritious groceries for 1,700 families each week. Relocating to a larger, more accessible and centrally located facility will expand and improve their work of empowering neighbors in Rockford and surrounding communities to thrive. If you would like to donate, please go to their donation page at:
<https://solvehungertoday.org/RockfordRelocation/>

The retirement celebration for Doug Rogers will be held on Sunday, September 8th after the 10:30 service. Please plan to attend this festive coffee hour as we honor Deacon Doug.

Adult Forum: Resumes September 8th at 9:15 am. The schedule will be available next week.

Grief Group: due to the Labor Day Holiday, meets next on September 9th at 7 p.m. Entry at parking lot entrance. All are invited to come.

Book Club: Join us on Tuesday, September 10th at 1pm in the Janet James Room. September's choice is "The Frozen River" by Ariel Lawton. Maine, 1789: When the Kennebec River freezes, entombing a man in the ice, Martha Ballard is summoned to examine the body and determine cause of death. As a midwife and healer, she is privy to much of what goes on behind closed doors in Hallowell. Her diary is a record of every birth and death, crime and debacle that unfolds in the close-knit community. Months earlier, Martha documented the details of an alleged rape committed by two of the town's most respected gentlemen—one of whom has now been found dead in the ice. But when a local physician undermines her conclusion, declaring the death to be an accident, Martha is forced to investigate the shocking murder on her own.

Bishop Paula Clark and the Board of Trustees of Episcopal Charities of Chicago are pleased to invite you to the Autumn Soiree, set for Friday, Sept. 27 at Epiphany Center in Chicago. This annual event is our chance to celebrate the good work of our Non-Profit Partners and Episcopal Parish Partners throughout the diocese in caring for our most vulnerable neighbors. Among them is Shelter Care Ministries, which was founded here at Emmanuel. The Soiree promises a night of spiritual inspiration, dancing, food, and fellowship. Tickets are priced from \$25 to \$500, to ensure that all are welcome, so select the ticket that works for you. Questions? Ask Emmanuel members and Episcopal Charities trustees Mark Baldwin or Cheryl Rogers. You can also learn more and register at <https://aesbid.com/ELP/SOIREE24/>

SAVE THE DATE! There will be a congregational meeting after the 10:30am service on Sunday, October 6th.

Plans are in the works for a “Friends and Family Art Show” in October, with a reception hosted by the Hospitality Committee. Date to be announced.

Emmanuel is hosting Spiritual Care Visitor Training on Saturday, October 19th from 9am - 3pm.

This training is for all interested who want to have a more active role in caring for those in need.

"Participants will gather for an innovative retreat which will include a time of spiritual reflection, followed by workshops that will explore how to be an “active listener,” talk about advance directives as well as grief and loss." Fliers are in the Narthex or go to bishopandersonhouse.org for more info or to register.

Sports Sunday will take place on November 10th with a tailgate party after the 10:30 service.

All parishioners are encouraged to wear their favorite sports attire and bring their favorite snack or tailgate food. Drinks provided. The barrels will be out November 1st for the Bear-Packer food raiser challenge. Deadline for donating food will be Sunday, November 17th, the date of the Packer-Bear football game.

Date for the Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols is: Sunday, December 15th, at 4 p.m.

Nametags: If you would like a nametag made, please contact the church office via email at churchoffice@emmanuelrockford.org or via phone at 815-964-5514.

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Assisting in the Liturgy

8:00 a.m. Morning Prayer Leader: Valerie Sanders
 Lector: Maria Mendia

10:30 a.m. Morning Prayer Leader : Valerie Sanders
 1st Reading: Stacey LaRosa
 2nd Reading: Stacey LaRosa
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