

# Emmanuel Episcopal Church

## The Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 29, 2024  
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.*

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

### Prelude

Sinfonia to Cantata No. 106

*J.S. Bach/ arr. E. Power Biggs*

*Rachel Schmitt, Organ*

*(stand as you are able)*

### Processional Hymn

*Where cross the crowded ways of life*

**Hymn #609**

*(stand as you are able)*

### Opening Acclamation

Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

**People: And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

Celebrant: **A**lmighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### The Gloria in Excelsis

**People: Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.  
Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.  
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:  
have mercy on us;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:  
receive our prayer.  
For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High,  
Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

(sung at 10:30am)

1. Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and  
peace to his peo-ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven-ly King, al-  
might-y God and Fa-ther, we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we  
praise you for your glo-ry. 3. Lord Je-sus Christ,  
on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you  
take a-way the sin of the world: have mer-cy on us;  
5. you are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther: re-  
ceive our prayer. 6. For  
you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,  
7. you a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the  
Ho-ly Spi-rit, in the glo-ry of  
God the Fa-ther. A-men.

*(standing)*

## **Collect for The Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

**O** God, you declare your almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity: Grant us the fullness of your grace, that we, running to obtain your promises, may become partakers of your heavenly treasure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## **The Lessons**

### **First Reading**

#### **A Reading from Esther**

*Esther 7:1-6, 9-10; 9:20-22*

The king and Haman went in to feast with Queen Esther. On the second day, as they were drinking wine, the king again said to Esther, "What is your petition, Queen Esther? It shall be granted you. And what is your request? Even to the half of my kingdom, it shall be fulfilled." Then Queen Esther answered, "If I have won your favor, O king, and if it pleases the king, let my life be given me-- that is my petition-- and the lives of my people-- that is my request. For we have been sold, I and my people, to be destroyed, to be killed, and to be annihilated. If we had been sold merely as slaves, men and women, I would have held my peace; but no enemy can compensate for this damage to the king." Then King Ahasuerus said to Queen Esther, "Who is he, and where is he, who has presumed to do this?" Esther said, "A foe and enemy, this wicked Haman!" Then Haman was terrified before the king and the queen.

Then Harbona, one of the eunuchs in attendance on the king, said, "Look, the very gallows that Haman has prepared for Mordecai, whose word saved the king, stands at Haman's house, fifty cubits high." And the king said, "Hang him on that." So they hanged Haman on the gallows that he had prepared for Mordecai. Then the anger of the king abated.

Mordecai recorded these things, and sent letters to all the Jews who were in all the provinces of King Ahasuerus, both near and far, enjoining them that they should keep the fourteenth day of the month Adar and also the fifteenth day of the same month, year by year, as the days on which the Jews gained relief from their enemies, and as the month that had been turned for them from sorrow into gladness and from mourning into a holiday; that they should make them days of feasting and gladness, days for sending gifts of food to one another and presents to the poor.

The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**



## Psalm 124

- 1 If the LORD had not been / on our side, \*  
let / Israel now say;
- 2 If the LORD had not been / on our side, \*  
when enemies / **rose** up against us;
- 3 Then would they have swallowed us / up alive \*  
in their / fierce anger toward us;
- 4 Then would the waters have / overwhelmed us \*  
and the torrent / **gone** over us;
- 5 Then would the / raging waters \*  
have / gone right over us.
- 6 Blessed / be the LORD! \*  
he has not given us over to be a / **prey** for their teeth.
- 7 We have escaped like a bird from the snare / of the fowler; \*  
the snare is broken / and we have escaped.
- 8 Our help is in the Name / of the LORD, \*  
the maker of / **hea**-ven and earth.

## Epistle

### A Reading from James

*James 5:13-20*

**A**re any among you suffering? They should pray. Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise. Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up; and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven. Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective. Elijah was a human being like us, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. Then he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain and the earth yielded its harvest.

My brothers and sisters, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and is brought back by another, you should know that whoever brings back a sinner from wandering will save the sinner's soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.

The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

## **Gradual Hymn**

*Shepherd of souls, refresh and bless*

**Hymn #343**

*(stand as you are able)*

## **The Gospel**

**The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark**

*Mark 9:38-50*

**People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

John said to Jesus, "Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us." But Jesus said, "Do not stop him; for no one who does a deed of power in my name will be able soon afterward to speak evil of me. Whoever is not against us is for us. For truly I tell you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you bear the name of Christ will by no means lose the reward.

"If any of you put a stumbling block before one of these little ones who believe in me, it would be better for you if a great millstone were hung around your neck and you were thrown into the sea. If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life maimed than to have two hands and to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life lame than to have two feet and to be thrown into hell. And if your eye causes you to stumble, tear it out; it is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and to be thrown into hell, where their worm never dies, and the fire is never quenched.

"For everyone will be salted with fire. Salt is good; but if salt has lost its saltiness, how can you season it? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another."

The Gospel of the Lord.

**People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

*(seated)*

## **Sermon**

The Rev. Conrad Selnick

*A moment of silence is observed after the sermon*

# Nicene Creed

We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father.  
Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven:  
by the power of the Holy Spirit  
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,  
and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.

With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.

He has spoken through the Prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

## **The Prayers of the People**

*In the course of the silence after each bidding, the People offer their own prayers, either silently or aloud.*

**I** ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; for our Bishops Michael and Paula and our Presiding Bishop Elect Sean Rowe; for this gathering; and for all ministers and people. Pray for the Church.  
*Silence*

**I** ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations; and for the well-being of all people. Pray for justice and peace.  
*Silence*

**I** ask your prayers for the poor and the sick, especially Nancy, Sydney, Melinda, Lynn, those participating in Shelter Care Ministry programs, the victims of gun violence, and the people of Ukraine, Israel, and Palestine. Pray for those in any need or trouble.  
*Silence*

**I** ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of him. Pray that they may find and be found by him.  
*Silence*

**I** ask your prayers for those celebrating birthdays, especially Roberta *Venovic* (09/30), Byron *Dale* (10/01), and John *Birnbaum* (10/02).  
*Silence*

**I** ask your prayers for the departed. Pray for those who have died, especially Josephine, Vicki, and Alma.  
*Silence*

**I** ask your prayers for those serving in the military, especially Pierce, Hayden, Nate, Colin, Tyler, and Harry.  
*Silence*

**P**raise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored. Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day.  
*Silence*

*The celebrant adds a concluding Collect.*



## Confession

Celebrant: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*(you may kneel or be seated)*

**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.

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

## The Peace

Celebrant: The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

**People:** And also with you.

## Offertory Anthem

The Eyes of All Wait upon Thee

*Jean Berger*

The eyes of all wait upon thee; and thou givest them their meat in due season.  
Thou openest thine hand, and satisfiest the desire of every living thing.

*(8:00 am spoken)*

## Offertory Response

Celebrant: All things come of thee O Lord.

**People:** And of thine own have we given thee.

*(10:30am sung)*

## Offertory Response

Hymn #380

vs. 3

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below;  
praise him above, ye heavenly host: praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

# THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

*(standing)*

## Eucharistic Prayer A

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

Celebrant: **I**t is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

## Sanctus *(8:00am spoken)*

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest. (†) Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

*(10:30am sung)*

Ho - ly, ho - ly,  
ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho-san-na in the  
high - est. Bless - ed is he who  
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high-est.

*(kneeling or seated)*

Celebrant: **H**oly and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." (†)

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. When ever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me." (†)

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People:     **Christ has died.**  
                                      **Christ is risen.**  
                                      **Christ will come again.**

Celebrant: We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify (†) us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. Amen.

And now as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say:

## Lord's Prayer

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.

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.*

*A period of silence is kept.*

## Agnus Dei (8:00 am spoken)

**Celebrant and People:**

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us your peace.

(10:30 sung)

Je - sus, Lamb of God: Have mer - cy  
on us. Je - sus, bear-er of our sins: Have mer - cy  
on us. Je-sus, re-deem-er of the world: Give us your peace.

Celebrant: The Gifts of God for the People of God.

## Communion Hymn

*O Food to pilgrims given*

Hymn #309

## Postcommunion Prayer

Celebrant: Let us pray.

### Celebrant and People:

**E**ternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

### Blessing (†)

*(standing)*

### Recessional Hymn:

*O God of Bethel, by whose hand*

**Hymn #709**

### Dismissal

Celebrant: Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.

**People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

### Postlude

Fughetta on Dundee

*Austin C. Lovelace*

*Sunday School each Sunday at 9:30 a.m.*

*Please join us in the undercroft for coffee hour each Sunday after the 8:00am service  
and from 11:30 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.*

*Emmanuel's Women's Guild meets on the third Thursday of each month at 11:30 a.m. in the undercroft,  
followed by a brown bag lunch. Come join us, we'd love to have you.*

## Adult Forum Schedule

*Sundays at 9:15am (unless stated otherwise)*

**Today** Bobbie Lambiote - Preparing this Fall for the Butterflies in Spring

**October 6 CANCELLED**

**October 13** Sarah Parker-Scanlon - Update on Shelter Care Ministries

**October 20 - open**

**October 27** - Ann O'Keefe - The new RPL - what they offer and opportunities for volunteering

# Announcements

On Sunday, October 6th, we are having a congregational meeting. We will have **one service** at 9am and we will hold the meeting afterwards.  
Sunday School and Adult Forum will be cancelled this day.

**Alarm Code users:** Everyone who has a code for the alarm system: if a false alarm happens and you have to call Security Alarm, the passcode you give them will be your four digit alarm code. We will not be using passcode words moving forward. Please call the church office at 815-964-5514 with any questions.

**The Resurrection Garden:** We are aware of illicit activity being conducted in our Resurrection Garden at all hours. Please help us minimize the activity by contacting non-emergency police if you see anything while visiting the garden at: 815-966-2900. Police officers have said that increased foot traffic will deter unwanted activity as well, so please feel free to continue to visit your loved ones. The Vestry is working on other avenues to continue to make this space meaningful.

**Thanks to all that helped in donating over 175 items to Shelter Care!!!!** Here's what we are doing for the rest of the year to keep celebrating our Anniversary through acts of Service!

***September*** - 175 Volunteer Hours! There is a sign-in sheet in the back of the Narthex to record how Emmanuel is volunteering in September. We encourage you to try something new, but please record what you're doing in the back. We know that we will BLOW 175 out of the water but want to show all the ways that we are "giving."

***October*** - 175 items to Haskell STEAM Academy. This is our neighborhood school and we want to show love to the students there by giving them much needed supplies. More info to come.

***November*** - In conjunction with our annual Bears/Packers food drive, we want to collect 175 POUNDS of food for each team! So get to stockpiling for when we put the barrels out!

***December*** - 175 cards to those in need. We will ask parishioners to write heartfelt cards for us to give/send out to those who may need a warm thought. More details to come.

**Coffee Hour Hosting Needed:** We are in need of volunteers to host the coffee hour after the 10:30 service. Cooler weather makes us ready for warm drinks and yummy treats. Coffee hour is a wonderful time to gather after the service to share some fellowship. We would love to have you as a host to make this time of connection and reflection possible. For more information please contact Rosa Birnbaum at 815-218-8240.

**The Dining Out Group:** decided on enjoying the colorful fall gardens at FRESCO'S at the Japanese Gardens while enjoying lunch there on Thursday, Sept. 26th. We will have a 11:30 reservation so please call Mary Nielsen at 815-654-8995 if you plan to join. Fall will have arrived!

**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/>

**Grief Group:** meets next on October 7th at 7 p.m. Entry at parking lot entrance. All are invited to come.

**Book Club:** Join us on Tuesday, October 8th at 1pm in the Janet James Room. October's choice is "Lessons in Chemistry" by Bonnie Garmus. Chemist Elizabeth Zott is not your average woman. In fact, Elizabeth Zott would be the first to point out that there is no such thing as an average woman. But it's the early 1960s and her all-male team at Hastings Research Institute takes a very unscientific view of equality. Except for one: Calvin Evans; the lonely, brilliant, Nobel-prize nominated grudge-holder who falls in love with—of all things—her mind.

**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](http://bishopandersonhouse.org) for more info or to register.

**Friends and Family Art Show, Friday, October 25.** Emmanuel's artists, and friends and family, are invited to submit their works of art (clay, fabric, painting, photography, mixed media, etc.) for the art show, to be held on October 25th. The show will be curated by Ginny Hatwich, Sydney Baldwin, and David Hatch. Artists are asked to provide one to three pieces of art, for sale or not for sale. For questions, or if you'd like to sign up, contact Ginny Hatwich at [ghatwich@gmail.com](mailto:ghatwich@gmail.com), or the church office via email at [churchoffice@emmanuelrockford.org](mailto:churchoffice@emmanuelrockford.org) or via phone at 815-964-5514. The hospitality committee will host a wine and cheese reception. Free will offering will benefit Emmanuel's Saturday soup kitchen.

**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 8th, at 4 p.m.

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

**Calling all crafters!** We are making scarves for the Jubilee members again this year. Please consider making an extra to donate to a member. Donations should be completed by November 22nd. Please contact Greg Cox with any questions at: [gcox@aghlaw.com](mailto:gcox@aghlaw.com)

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## Assisting in the Liturgy

8:00 a.m.      Server: Tyler Hillman  
                    Lector: Kyla Chapman-Neal

10:30 a.m.    Crucifer/MC: Stacey LaRosa  
                    1st Reading: Thailer Castrey  
                    2nd Reading: Travis Castrey  
                    Prayers of the People: Elizabeth Castrey  
                    Altar Guild: Maryanne Theyerl  
                    Ushers: Cheryl Rogers & Andrew James

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