

# Emmanuel Episcopal Church

## The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 15, 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**

The Church's One Foundation

*arr. by Kevin Hildebrand*

*Rachel Schmitt, Organ*

*(stand as you are able)*

### **Processional Hymn**

*The Church's one foundation*

**Hymn #525**

*(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 Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost**

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: *And also with you.*

Celebrant: Let us pray.

**O** God, because without you we are not able to please you, mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

## **The Lessons**

### **First Reading**

#### **A Reading from Proverbs**

*Proverbs 1:20-33*

**W**isdom cries out in the street;  
in the squares she raises her voice.  
At the busiest corner she cries out;  
at the entrance of the city gates she speaks:  
“How long, O simple ones, will you love being simple?  
How long will scoffers delight in their scoffing  
and fools hate knowledge?  
Give heed to my reproof;  
I will pour out my thoughts to you;  
I will make my words known to you.  
Because I have called and you refused,  
have stretched out my hand and no one heeded,  
and because you have ignored all my counsel  
and would have none of my reproof,  
I also will laugh at your calamity;  
I will mock when panic strikes you,  
when panic strikes you like a storm,  
and your calamity comes like a whirlwind,  
when distress and anguish come upon you.  
Then they will call upon me, but I will not answer;  
they will seek me diligently, but will not find me.  
Because they hated knowledge  
and did not choose the fear of the LORD,  
would have none of my counsel,  
and despised all my reproof,

therefore they shall eat the fruit of their way  
and be sated with their own devices.

For waywardness kills the simple,  
and the complacency of fools destroys them;

but those who listen to me will be secure  
and will live at ease, without dread of disaster.”

### **The Word of the Lord.**

*People: Thanks be to God.*



### **Psalm 19**

- 1 The heavens declare the / glory of God, \*  
and the firmament / shows his handiwork.
- 2 One day tells its tale / to another, \*  
and one night imparts / knowledge to another.
- 3 Although they have no / words or language, \*  
and their / voices are not heard,
- 4 Their sound has gone out / into all lands, \*  
and their message / to the ends of the world.
- 5 In the deep has he set a pavilion / for the sun; \*  
it comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber;  
it rejoices like a / champion to run its course.
- 6 It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens  
and runs about to the / end of it a-gain; \*  
nothing is hidden / from its burning heat.
- 7 The law of the LORD is perfect  
and re-/vives the soul; \*  
the testimony of the LORD is sure  
and gives / wisdom to the innocent.
- 8 The statutes of the LORD are just  
and re-/joice the heart; \*  
the commandment of the LORD is clear  
and gives / **light** to the eyes.

- 9 The fear of the LORD is clean  
and en-/dures for ever; \*  
the judgments of the LORD are true  
and / righteous altogether.
- 10 More to be desired are they than gold,  
more than / much fine gold, \*  
sweeter far than honey,  
than / honey in the comb.
- 11 By them also is your / servant enlightened, \*  
and in keeping them / there is great reward.
- 12 Who can tell how often / he offends? \*  
cleans me / from my secret faults.
- 13 Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins;  
let them not get do-/minion over me; \*  
then shall I be whole and sound,  
and innocent / of a great offense.
- 14 Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my  
heart be acceptable / in your sight, \*  
O LORD, my strength and / my redeemer.

## Epistle

### A Reading from James

*James 3:1-12*

**N**ot many of you should become teachers, my brothers and sisters, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. For all of us make many mistakes. Anyone who makes no mistakes in speaking is perfect, able to keep the whole body in check with a bridle. If we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we guide their whole bodies. Or look at ships: though they are so large that it takes strong winds to drive them, yet they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great exploits.

How great a forest is set ablaze by a small fire! And the tongue is a fire. The tongue is placed among our members as a world of iniquity; it stains the whole body, sets on fire the cycle of nature, and is itself set on fire by hell. For every species of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by the human species, but no one can tame the tongue-- a restless evil, full of deadly poison. With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse those who are made in the likeness of God. From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this ought not to be so. Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and brackish water? Can a fig tree, my brothers and sisters, yield olives, or a grapevine figs? No more can salt water yield fresh.

### The Word of the Lord.

*People: Thanks be to God.*

### Gradual Hymn

*Praise the Lord*

**Hymn #484**

*(stand as you are able)*

## **The Gospel**

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

*Mark 8:27-38*

*Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that I am?” And they answered him, “John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets.” He asked them, “But who do you say that I am?” Peter answered him, “You are the Messiah.” And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him.

Then 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. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But 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.”

He 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. For 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. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those 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.”

### **The Word of the Lord.**

*People: Thanks be to God.*

*(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, Tim Borden and family, Vicki, 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 Robert *Parker* (09/16), Ruth *Nicholas* (09/17), and Mickey *Smart* (09/20).  
*Silence*



I ask your prayers for the departed. Pray for those who have died, especially Carol Borden.

*Silence*

Praise 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

Deacon: 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: **A**lmighty 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

Lord, For Thy Tender Mercy's Sake

*Richard Farrant*

*Lord, for thy tender mercy's sake, lay not our sins to our charge, but forgive that is past, and give us grace to amend our sinful lives: to decline from sin and incline to virtue, that we may walk in a perfect heart, before thee now and evermore. Amen.*

*(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

*Take up your cross*

Hymn #675

## 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:**

*Glorious things of thee are spoken*

**Hymn #522**

## Dismissal

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

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

## Postlude

Trumpet Tune on Wachtel Auf

*Martha Sobaje*

***Today's flowers are given in loving memory of Margy Sarver  
from Tyler Hillman.***

*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 is back!*

*We meet next on September 19th at 11:30 a.m. in the undercroft followed by a salad luncheon.  
Come join us, we'd love to have you.*

# Adult Forum Schedule

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

**Today** Todd Burton - Update from General Convention (part 1)

**September 22** Todd Burton - Update from General Convention (part 2)

**September 29** (tentative) Bobbie Lambiote - Preparing this Fall for the Butterflies in Spring

**October 6** **STARTING EARLY - 9AM** - Mark Baldwin - Bonhoeffer and Us

**October 13** (tentative) 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

**Reminder: The Guild will be meeting on Thursday, September 19th at 11:30 in the Undercroft.** The guild is a service and fellowship ministry. As a member you have the opportunity to serve and share your talents as freely as you can and be rewarded with fun fellowship times. After the meeting, we'll gather for lunch. Dessert will be provided by guild member hosts. Meetings are open not only to members, but to anyone who would like to join us as our guest.

**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/>

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

**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.

It's that time of the year again!



**Calling all crafters!** - We are asking those of you who knit, crochet, weave, work with fleece, etc., to consider making a commitment to create an extra scarf or two this fall to donate to our cause. We would like to make these scarves available to Jubilee Center clients and others on December 6th which is St. Nicholas Day. A homemade item is a small gesture, but hopefully one that shows that someone cares. **The Jubilee Center is a non-denominational outreach program for the homeless and mentally ill in downtown Rockford. From there, the scarves go on to multiple other social service agencies around the City to get to those in need.** Last year we were fortunate enough to have over 450 scarves to distribute (each one branded with a cloth tag as shown in the picture) and they were very well received. ***Please help to make this happen again this year.*** Donations should be completed by November 22nd. If you should have questions, please contact Greg Cox at: [gcox@aghlaw.com](mailto:gcox@aghlaw.com).

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## Assisting in the Liturgy

8:00 a.m.      Server: Tyler Hillman  
                    Lector: Clare Kagan

10:30 a.m.     Crucifer/MC: Stacey LaRosa  
                    1st Reading: Tyler Hillman  
                    2nd Reading: Susan Chambers  
                    Prayers of the People: Millie Zimmerman  
                    Altar Guild: Tamara Ross  
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