

Emmanuel Episcopal Church

The Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

October 6, 2024
9:00am



*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

Ye servants of God, Your Master Proclaim

Rachel Schmitt, Organ

William Croft/setting by Raymond H. Haan

(stand as you are able)

Processional Hymn

O worship the King

Hymn #388

(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

See next page



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 Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray, and to give more than we either desire or deserve: Pour upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask, except through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ our Savior; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Lessons

First Reading

A Reading from Job

Job 1:1; 2:1-10

There was once a man in the land of Uz whose name was Job. That man was blameless and upright, one who feared God and turned away from evil.

One day the heavenly beings came to present themselves before the Lord, and Satan also came among them to present himself before the Lord. The Lord said to Satan, "Where have you come from?" Satan answered the Lord, "From going to and fro on the earth, and from walking up and down on it." The Lord said to Satan, "Have you considered my servant Job? There is no one like him on the earth, a blameless and upright man who fears God and turns away from evil. He still persists in his integrity, although you incited me against him, to destroy him for no reason." Then Satan answered the Lord, "Skin for skin! All that people have they will give to save their lives. But stretch out your hand now and touch his bone and his flesh, and he will curse you to your face." The Lord said to Satan, "Very well, he is in your power; only spare his life."

So Satan went out from the presence of the Lord, and inflicted loathsome sores on Job from the sole of his foot to the crown of his head. Job took a potsherd with which to scrape himself, and sat among the ashes.

Then his wife said to him, "Do you still persist in your integrity? Curse God, and die." But he said to her, "You speak as any foolish woman would speak. Shall we receive the good at the hand of God, and not receive the bad?" In all this Job did not sin with his lips.

The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.



Psalm 26

- 1 Give judgment for me O LORD,
for I have / lived with in-tegrity; *
I have trusted in the Lord and / have not **fal-tered**.
- 2 Test me O LORD / and try me; *
examine / my heart and my mind.
- 3 For your love is be-/fore my eyes; *
I have walked / faith-ful-ly with you.
- 4 I have not sat / with the worthless, *
nor do I con-/sort with the deceitful.
- 5 I have hated the company of / evildoers; *
I will not sit down / with the **wick-ed**.
- 6 I will wash my hands in / inno-cence, O LORD, *
that I may go in pro-/cession round your altar,
- 7 Singing aloud a song / of thanksgiving *
and recounting / all your wonder-ful deeds.
- 8 LORD I love the house in / which you dwell *
and the place where your / **glo-ry** abides.
- 9 Do not sweep me a-/way with sinners, *
nor my life with / those who thirst for blood,
- 10 Whose hands are full of / evil plots, *
and their / right hand full of bribes.
- 11 As for me, I will live with in-/te-gri-ty; *
redeem me O LORD, and / have pity on me.
- 12 My foot stands on / level ground; *
in the full assembly / I will bless the LORD.

Epistle

A Reading from Hebrews

Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12

Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

Now God did not subject the coming world, about which we are speaking, to angels. But someone has testified somewhere,

“What are human beings that you are mindful of them,
or mortals, that you care for them?

You have made them for a little while lower than the angels;
you have crowned them with glory and honor,
subjecting all things under their feet.”

Now in subjecting all things to them, God left nothing outside their control. As it is, we do not yet see everything in subjection to them, but we do see Jesus, who for a little while was made lower than the angels, now crowned with glory and honor because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone.

It was fitting that God, for whom and through whom all things exist, in bringing many children to glory, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through sufferings. For the one who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one Father. For this reason Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters, saying,

“I will proclaim your name to my brothers and sisters,
in the midst of the congregation I will praise you.”

The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn

If thou but trust in God to guide thee

Hymn #635

(stand as you are able)

The Gospel

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark

Mark 10:2-16

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Some Pharisees came, and to test Jesus they asked, “Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?” He answered them, “What did Moses command you?” They said, “Moses allowed a man to write a certificate of dismissal and to divorce her.” But Jesus said to them, “Because of your hardness of heart he wrote this commandment for you. But from the beginning of creation, ‘God made them male and female.’ ‘For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.’ So they are no longer two, but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate.”

Then in the house the disciples asked him again about this matter. He said to them, “Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her; and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery.”

People were bringing little children to him in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, “Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it.” And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.

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, Tyler, 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 Rocky *Espinosa* (10/6).

Silence

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

Silence

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

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

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

O Lord, my God, to thee

Jacques Arcadelt

O Lord, my God, to thee do I lift up my soul. O Lord, in thee have I trusted.

Let me not be ashamed, let not my foes triumph over me.

O lead me in a plain path; cast me not off, neither forsake me.

Teach me thy way, Lord. Lead me in a plain path.

O hide not thy face far from me. Amen.

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: It 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

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



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

From God Christ's deity came forth

Hymn #443

Postcommunion Prayer

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Celebrant and People:

Eternal 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:

All hail the power of Jesus' name

Hymn #450

Dismissal

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

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

Postlude

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!

Anna Laura Page

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 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

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.

Our Church's Anniversary: In honor of Emmanuel's 175th Anniversary, here's what we are doing for the rest of the year to keep celebrating our Anniversary through acts of Service!

October - We are collecting winter hats and gloves for the students at Haskell STEAM Academy, our local grade school. We hope to get donations of 175 items, for children ages 5 to 11. A container of donations will be in the Narthex through the month of October.

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.

Emmanuel Choral Scholars Update: We have welcomed two new choral scholars to Emmanuel! Their names are Chris Caruana (tenor) and Nora Eliff (soprano). There will be a more thorough introduction of both of them in next week's newsletter. They are both involved in a production this upcoming weekend: Emmanuel's Choral Scholar Chris Caruana will be performing in Rockford University's presentation of "The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee" this coming Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday at 2:00 p.m. Choral Scholar Nora Eliff is an understudy. Tickets are available at the RU Box Office and website.

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 for more info or to register.

The Dining Out Group: The Dining Out Group will meet next on Thursday, Oct. 24th at 11:30 for lunch at The Olympic Tavern on N. Main Street. Mary Nielsen visited the Hard Rock Casino's 6 restaurants and found none of them conducive to group conversation. However, she found that there is much to see and read about including Rockford's Rick Nielsen and his famous guitars.

Friends and Family Art Show, Friday, October 25. Friends and Family Art Show here at Emmanuel, Friday, October 25, from 5 to 8 p.m. Enjoy a variety of artwork provided by Emmanuel artists, family and friends. The show is curated by Ginny Hatwich, Sydney Baldwin and David Hatch. Reception hosted by the Hospitality Committee. A free-will offering will benefit the Saturday Soup Kitchen. Please plan to attend!

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 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

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