

Emmanuel Episcopal Church

August 4, 2024

The Eleventh 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.

Morning Prayer – Rite II

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Prelude

Abraham Hall, Organist

(stand as you are able)

Processional Hymn

Lord, enthroned in heavenly splendor

Hymn #307

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.

Jubilate

*Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands; *
serve the Lord with gladness
and come before his presence with a song.
Know this: The Lord himself is God; *
he himself has made us, and we are his;
we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.
Enter his gates with thanksgiving;
go into his courts with praise; *
give thanks to him and call upon his Name.
For the Lord is good;
his mercy is everlasting; *
and his faithfulness endures from age to age.*

The Lessons

First Reading

A Reading from Second Samuel

II Samuel 11:26-12:13a

When the wife of Uriah heard that her husband was dead, she made lamentation for him. When the mourning was over, David sent and brought her to his house, and she became his wife, and bore him a son. But the thing that David had done displeased the Lord, and the Lord sent Nathan to David. He came to him, and said to him, “There were two men in a certain city, the one rich and the other poor. The rich man had very many flocks and herds; but the poor man had nothing but one little ewe lamb, which he had bought. He brought it up, and it grew up with him and with his children; it used to eat of his meager fare, and drink from his cup, and lie in his bosom, and it was like a daughter to him. Now there came a traveler to the rich man, and he was loath to take one of his own flock or herd to prepare for the wayfarer who had come to him, but he took the poor man’s lamb, and prepared that for the guest who had come to him.” Then David’s anger was greatly kindled against the man. He said to Nathan, “As the Lord lives, the man who has done this deserves to die; he shall restore the lamb fourfold, because he did this thing, and because he had no pity.”

Nathan said to David, “You are the man! Thus says the Lord, the God of Israel: I anointed you king over Israel, and I rescued you from the hand of Saul; I gave you your master’s house, and your master’s wives into your bosom, and gave you the house of Israel and of Judah; and if that had been too little, I would have added as much more. Why have you despised the word of the Lord, to do what is evil in his sight? You have struck down Uriah the Hittite with the sword, and have taken his wife to be your wife, and have killed him with the sword of the Ammonites. Now therefore the sword shall never depart from your house, for you have despised me, and have taken the wife of Uriah the Hittite to be your wife. Thus says the Lord: I will raise up trouble against you from within your own house; and I will take your wives before your eyes, and give them to your neighbor, and he shall lie with your wives in the sight of this very sun. For you did it secretly; but I will do this thing before all Israel, and before the sun.” David said to Nathan, “I have sinned against the Lord.”

The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 51:1-13

1 Have mercy on me, O God, according to your loving-kindness; *
in your great compassion blot out my offenses.

2 Wash me through and through from my wickedness *
and cleanse me from my sin.

3 For I know my transgressions, *
and my sin is ever before me.

4 Against you only have I sinned *
and done what is evil in your sight.

5 And so you are justified when you speak *
and upright in your judgment.

6 Indeed, I have been wicked from my birth, *
a sinner from my mother's womb.

7 For behold, you look for truth deep within me, *
and will make me understand wisdom secretly.

8 Purge me from my sin, and I shall be pure; *
wash me, and I shall be clean indeed.

9 Make me hear of joy and gladness, *
that the body you have broken may rejoice.

10 Hide your face from my sins *
and blot out all my iniquities.

11 Create in me a clean heart, O God, *
and renew a right spirit within me.

12 Cast me not away from your presence *
and take not your holy Spirit from me.

13 Give me the joy of your saving help again *
and sustain me with your bountiful Spirit.

Second Reading

A Reading from Ephesians

Ephesians 4:1-16

I therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all. But each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ's gift. Therefore it is said,

"When he ascended on high he made captivity itself a captive;
he gave gifts to his people."

(When it says, "He ascended," what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower parts of the earth? He who descended is the same one who ascended far above all the heavens, so that he might fill all things.) The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ. We must no longer be children, tossed to and fro and blown about by every wind of doctrine, by people's trickery, by their craftiness in deceitful scheming. But speaking the truth in love, we must grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by every ligament with which it is equipped, as each part is working properly, promotes the body's growth in building itself up in love.

The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Hymn

Jesus, lover of my soul

Hymn #699

Third Reading

A Reading from John

John 6:24-35

The next day, when the people who remained after the feeding of the five thousand saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they themselves got into the boats and went to Capernaum looking for Jesus.

When they found him on the other side of the sea, they said to him, "Rabbi, when did you come here?" Jesus answered them, "Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal." Then they said to him, "What must we do to perform the works of God?" Jesus answered them, "This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent." So they said to him, "What sign are you going to give us then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing? Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, 'He gave them bread from heaven to eat.'" Then Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world." They said to him, "Sir, give us this bread always."

Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty."

The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Homily

Sean Cramer

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

Let your continual mercy, O Lord, cleanse and defend your Church; and, because it cannot continue in safety without your help, protect and govern it always by your goodness; 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, 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 the release of Evan Gershkovich and Paul Whelan from the Russian prison, for those celebrating a birthday, especially Simon *Licon* (08/06), and for those celebrating anniversaries, especially Scott and Lisa *Miles* (08/05), Denis and Barbara *Anderson* (08/05), Jake and Danielle *Hardesty* (08/08), Bill and Judy *Schnauffer* (08/09), Wayne and Ginny *Hatwich* (08/10), and David and Tammy *Hooks* (08/10). 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:

Glorious things of thee are spoken

Hymn #523

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

Abraham Hall

A special thank you to our summer musicians,
Abraham Hall and Emmarie Wilson
for blessing us with their wonderful gifts
during our summer worship services.

Announcements

Grief Group: meets next on August 5th at 7 p.m. Entry at parking lot entrance. All are invited to come.

Emmanuel musicians will gather at the home of Dan and Gale Degner (5573 Shrewsbury Lane Rockford) on Sunday, August 18th at 1:00 p.m. to welcome our two new music ministers, Zach Hall and Rachel Schmitt. Current and prospective choir members are encouraged to attend, as well as instrumentalists who would like to be involved in Emmanuel's Music Ministry. Please bring a dish to share. Drinks and tableware will be provided. RSVP to Gale at dgdegner@gmail.com or 815-979-2688.

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/>

Nick Theyerl and McKayla Stadler are getting married in Atlanta on October 13, 2024. We are having a "preception" - a pre-wedding reception - for friends and family here in the Rockford area to celebrate their upcoming marriage. The preception will be at the Prairie Street Brewhouse from 5:00 to 9:00 p.m. on Saturday, August 24th. We would like to welcome any members of Emmanuel who are friends of ours to join us in celebrating their upcoming union! There will be beer, wine, champagne, food, and cake! Let me know if you can attend, either by email or text or just bend my ear some Sunday at church. Looking forward to celebrating with many of you! -Maryanne Theyerl

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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Ginny Hatwich, & Valerie Sanders

Assisting in the Liturgy.

8:00 a.m. Morning Prayer Leader: Kyla Chapman-Neal

10:30 a.m. Morning Prayer Leader : Stacey LaRosa
1st Reading: Mark Baldwin
2nd Reading: Phil James
Suffrages: Judy Schnauffer
Altar Guild: Tyler Hillman
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