

Emmanuel Episcopal Church

August 11, 2024

The Twelfth 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

Variations on Schmuke Dich

arr. Austin C. Lovelace

Rachel Schmitt, Organist

(stand as you are able)

Processional Hymn

O Day of Radiant Gladness

Hymn #48

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

Sung at 10:30 a.m.

S35 *(please open your prayer book)*

(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!

The Lessons

First Reading

A Reading from Second Samuel

II Samuel 18:5-9, 15, 31-33

The king, David, ordered Joab and Abishai and Ittai, saying, "Deal gently for my sake with the young man Absalom." And all the people heard when the king gave orders to all the commanders concerning Absalom. So the army went out into the field against Israel; and the battle was fought in the forest of Ephraim. The men of Israel were defeated there by the servants of David, and the slaughter there was great on that day, twenty thousand men. The battle spread over the face of all the country; and the forest claimed more victims that day than the sword. Absalom happened to meet the servants of David.

Absalom was riding on his mule, and the mule went under the thick branches of a great oak. His head caught fast in the oak, and he was left hanging between heaven and earth, while the mule that was under him went on.

And ten young men, Joab's armor-bearers, surrounded Absalom and struck him, and killed him.

Then the Cushite came; and the Cushite said, "Good tidings for my lord the king! For the Lord has vindicated you this day, delivering you from the power of all who rose up against you." The king said to the Cushite, "Is it well with the young man Absalom?" The Cushite answered, "May the enemies of my lord the king, and all who rise up to do you harm, be like that young man."

The king was deeply moved, and went up to the chamber over the gate, and wept; and as he went, he said, “O my son Absalom, my son, my son Absalom! Would I had died instead of you, O Absalom, my son, my son!”

The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 130

1 *Out of the depths have I called to you, O Lord;
Lord, hear my voice; *
let your ears consider well the voice of my supplication.*
2 *If you, Lord, were to note what is done amiss, *
O Lord, who could stand?*
3 *For there is forgiveness with you; *
therefore you shall be feared.*
4 *I wait for the Lord; my soul waits for him; *
in his word is my hope.*
5 *My soul waits for the Lord,
more than watchmen for the morning, *
more than watchmen for the morning.*
6 *O Israel, wait for the Lord, *
for with the Lord there is mercy;*
7 *With him there is plenteous redemption, *
and he shall redeem Israel from all their sins.*

Second Reading

A Reading from Ephesians

Ephesians 4:25-5:2

Putting away falsehood, let all of us speak the truth to our neighbors, for we are members of one another. Be angry but do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, and do not make room for the devil. Thieves must give up stealing; rather let them labor and work honestly with their own hands, so as to have something to share with the needy. Let no evil talk come out of your mouths, but only what is useful for building up, as there is need, so that your words may give grace to those who hear. And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with which you were marked with a seal for the day of redemption. Put away from you all bitterness and wrath and anger and wrangling and slander, together with all malice, and be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you. Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children, and live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Hymn

Deck Thyself thy soul with gladness

Hymn #339

Third Reading

A Reading from John

John 6:35, 41-51

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

Then the Jews began to complain about him because he said, "I am the bread that came down from heaven." They were saying, "Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How can he now say, 'I have come down from heaven?'" Jesus answered them, "Do not complain among yourselves. No one can come to me unless drawn by the Father who sent me; and I will raise that person up on the last day. It is written in the prophets, 'And they shall all be taught by God.' Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to me. Not that anyone has seen the Father except the one who is from God; he has seen the Father. Very truly, I tell you, whoever believes has eternal life. I am the bread of life. Your ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh."

The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Homily

Tyler Hillman

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 to us, Lord, we pray, the spirit to think and do always those things that are right, that we, who cannot exist without you, may by you be enabled to live according to your will; 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 worshipping, especially those on our parish prayer list: Nancy, the Degner family, Lynda, 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 Shawn *Birnbaum* (08/15) and for those celebrating anniversaries, especially John and Rosa *Birnbaum* (08/15). 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:

Guide me oh thou great Jehovah

Hymn #690

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

Cwm Rhondda

Paul Manz Op. 14

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!

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.

The Dining Out Group will gather for lunch next at Jerry's Cafe at Brynwood at 2601 N. Mulford Rd. on Thursday, August 22nd at 11:30. Bring along your appetite as the servings are generous. Please call Mary Nielsen to reserve your chair at the table at 815-654-8995.

Grief Group: meets next on September 2nd 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/>

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: Tyler Hillman**
 Lector: Valerie Sanders

10:30 a.m. **Morning Prayer Leader : Tyler Hillman**
 1st Reading: Elizabeth Castrey
 2nd Reading: Thailer Castrey
 Suffrages: Travis Castrey
 Altar Guild: Tamara Ross
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