

# Emmanuel

EPISCOPAL CHURCH

The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

**September 13, 2020**

10:30 am



Welcoming, Serving, Celebrating

412 N. Church Street, Rockford, IL

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# Welcome to Emmanuel

## Worship

Due to COVID-19 the following safeguards are in place for Holy Communion:

Presiders should not speak over uncovered 'consumables'. In practice, this means that while the president can speak the words of the Eucharistic Prayer over bread and wine that he or she alone will consume, bread that will be consumed by other communicants must remain covered until being distributed.

When the president takes the bread and wine before the Eucharistic Prayer, it is recommended that this takes place in silence. If words are said when the bread and wine are taken into the hand, only the elements that the president will receive are taken (the other elements being covered). At the fraction (breaking of the bread), only the consecrated bread that the president will receive is broken. At the invitation to communion, if the consecrated bread and wine are shown to the people, only the piece of consecrated bread or wafer that the president will receive is shown while speaking the words of invitation. At the giving of Communion, the president receives Communion in both kinds. The words of distribution "The body of Christ" are spoken to the congregation, and all who intend to receive say, 'Amen'. At the distribution, Holy Communion is administered in silence. The consecrated wafer is dropped into the hands of communicants.

At present, Communion should be administered in one kind only with no sharing of the common cup. The president alone should always take the wine,

consuming all that has been consecrated; other communicants should receive the bread only, in the hand this is still considered 'complete communion'.

In order to avoid touching the altar rail and to maintain physical distancing, communicants should not come to kneel at the altar rail, but instead form a line maintaining six feet distance to receive the bread, from the priest.

Hugging and hand shaking are not allowed at The Peace. Please greet one another with a friendly wave or bow.

## Restrooms

The ladies restroom is unisex. Those who use the restroom are to disinfect it after using.

## Pledges:

The offering plate is located inside the Sanctuary. Mail your pledge or donate on line.

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*As we gather before the service begins,  
we encourage people to use the time as a centering for prayer and meditation.*

*Please silence your cell phones*

*Please recycle your bulletin. Bins are located as you exit the church.*

## WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

**Prelude:** "Trumpet Tune in D Major" - Purcell

*(stand as you are able)*

**Processional Hymn:** "All creatures of our God and King" **Hymn #400**

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| 1 All creatures of our God and King, lift up your voices, let us sing: alleluia, alleluia! Bright burning sun with golden beams, Pale silver moon that gently gleams, O praise him, O praise him, Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! | 7 Let all things their creator bless, and worship him in humbleness, O praise him, Alleluia! Praise God the Father, praise the Son, and praise the Spirit, Three in One: O praise him, O praise him, Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! |
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### The Opening Acclamation

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

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

### The Collect for Purity

*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:** **G**lory 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.**

*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you.

**People:** **And also with you.**

*Celebrant:* Let us pray.

## Collect for The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

*Celebrant:* **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.**

### WE LISTEN AND RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

*(seated)*

#### The First Reading

##### A Reading from the Book of Genesis

*(Genesis 50:15-21)*

**R**ealizing that their father was dead, Joseph's brothers said, "What if Joseph still bears a grudge against us and pays us back in full for all the wrong that we did to him?" So they approached Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this instruction before he died, 'Say to Joseph: I beg you, forgive the crime of your brothers and the wrong they did in harming you.' Now therefore please forgive the crime of the servants of the God of your father." Joseph wept when they spoke to him. Then his brothers also wept, fell down before him, and said, "We are here as your slaves." But Joseph said to them, "Do not be afraid! Am I in the place of God? Even though you intended to do harm to me, God intended it for good, in order to preserve a numerous people, as he is doing today. So have no fear; I myself will provide for you and your little ones." In this way he reassured them, speaking kindly to them.

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord.

**People:** Thanks be to God.

#### Psalm 103: 1-13

*Benedic, anima mea*

**B**less the Lord, O my soul, \*  
and all that is within me, bless his holy Name.

Bless the Lord, O my soul, \*  
and forget not all his benefits.

He forgives all your sins \*  
and heals all your infirmities;

He redeems your life from the grave \*  
and crowns you with mercy and loving-kindness;

He satisfies you with good things, \*  
and your youth is renewed like an eagle's.

The Lord executes righteousness \*  
and judgment for all who are oppressed.

He made his ways known to Moses \*  
and his works to the children of Israel.

The Lord is full of compassion and mercy, \*  
slow to anger and of great kindness.

He will not always accuse us, \*  
nor will he keep his anger for ever.

He has not dealt with us according to our sins, \*  
nor rewarded us according to our wickedness.

For as the heavens are high above the earth, \*  
so is his mercy great upon those who fear him.

As far as the east is from the west, \*  
so far has he removed our sins from us.

As a father cares for his children, \*  
so does the Lord care for those who fear him.

## **The Second Reading**

### **A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans**

*(Romans 14:1-12)*

**W**elcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarreling over opinions. Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgment on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. Who are you to pass judgment on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand.

Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. Those who observe the day, observe it in honor of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honor of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honor of the Lord and give thanks to God.

We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

Why do you pass judgment on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God. For it is written, "As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall give praise to God." So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

## The Holy Gospel

*Deacon:* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew. *(Matthew 18:21-35)*

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

**P**eter came and said to Jesus, “Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?” Jesus said to him, “Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.

“For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.’ And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, ‘Pay what you owe.’ Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you.’ But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, ‘You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?’ And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.”

*Deacon:* The Gospel of the Lord.

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

*(seated)*

**Sermon**

The Reverend Diane Tomlinson

*(stand as you are able)*

**Nicene Creed**

**Celebrant and People:**

**W**e 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.

## Prayers of the People

*Celebrant:* In peace, let us pray to the Lord, saying, “Lord, have mercy”.

*Leader:* For the holy Church of God, that it may be filled with truth and love, and be found without fault at the day of your coming, *we pray to you, O Lord.*

**People: Lord, have mercy**

*Leader:* For The Most Rev. Michael Curry our Presiding Bishop, for The Rt. Rev. Jeffrey Lee our own Bishop, for all bishops and other ministers, and for all the holy people of God, *we pray to you, O Lord.*

**People: Lord, have mercy**

*Leader:* For all who fear God and believe in you, Lord Christ, that our divisions may cease, and that all may be one as you and the Father are one, *we pray to you, O Lord.*

**People: Lord, have mercy**

*Leader:* For the mission of the Church, that in faithful witness it may preach the Gospel to the ends of the earth, *we pray to you, O Lord.*

**People: Lord, have mercy**

*Leader:* For those who do not yet believe, and for those who have lost their faith, that they may receive the light of the Gospel, *we pray to you, O Lord.*

**People: Lord, have mercy**

*Leader:* For the peace of the world, that a spirit of respect and forbearance may grow among nations and peoples, *we pray to you, O Lord.*

**People: Lord, have mercy**

*Leader:* For those in positions of public trust especially, Donald our President and Tom our Mayor that they may serve justice, and promote the dignity and freedom of every person, *we pray to you, O Lord.*

**People: Lord, have mercy**

*Leader:* For all who live and work in this community especially Shelter Care Ministries and Jeremiah Development, *we pray to you, O Lord.*

**People: Lord, have mercy**

*Leader:* For a blessing upon all human labor, and for the right use of the riches of creation, that the world may be freed from poverty, famine, and disaster, *we pray to you, O Lord.*

**People: Lord, have mercy**

*Leader:* For the poor, the persecuted, the sick, and all who suffer; for refugees, prisoners, and all who are in danger; that they may be relieved and protected, *we pray to you, O Lord.*

**People: Lord, have mercy**

*Leader:* For this congregation (*for those who are present, and for those who are absent*), that we may be delivered from hardness of heart, and show forth your glory in all that we do, *we pray to you, O Lord.*

**People: Lord, have mercy**

*Leader:* For our enemies and those who wish us harm; and for all whom we have injured or offended, *we pray to you, O Lord.*

**People: Lord, have mercy**

*Leader:* For ourselves; for the forgiveness of our sins, and for the grace of the Holy Spirit to amend our lives, especially those celebrating birthdays; **Robert Parker** (09/16); **Ted Ross** (09-16); **Ruth Nicholas** (09/17); **Libby Oakes** (09/17); **Audrey Hooks** (09/19) and those celebrating anniversaries, especially **John & Jean Frana** (09/13) and **Ron & Jan Wanninger** (09/15), *we pray to you, O Lord.*

**People: Lord, have mercy**

*Leader:* For all who have commended themselves to our prayers; especially Florence, and for our families, friends, and neighbors; that being freed from anxiety, they may live in joy, peace, and health, *we pray to you, O Lord.*

**People: Lord, have mercy**

*Leader:* For all who have died, especially Dominic in the communion of your Church, and those whose faith is known to you alone, that, with all the saints, they may have rest in that place where there is no pain or grief, but life eternal, *we pray to you, O Lord.*

**People: Lord, have mercy**

*Celebrant:* Rejoicing in the fellowship of the ever-blessed Virgin Mary and all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life to Christ our God. *To you, O Lord our God.*

*Silence*

*Celebrant:* For yours is the majesty, O Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## **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.**

## **Peace**

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

**People:** **And also with you.**

## **Welcome & Announcements**

### **WE OFFER OURSELVES AND GIFTS TO GOD**

**Offertory Solo:**

“Fantasia”

- Pachelbel

### **THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT**

*All are welcome to receive communion. Ushers will invite people forward by pew.*

*If you wish to receive a blessing, cross your arms.*

*(stand as you are able)*

## **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 him 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, for you are the source of light and life, you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

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**

**Celebrant and People:**

**H**oly, 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.**

*(kneeling or standing)*

*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. Whenever 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:* **W**e 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:

**Celebrant and People:**

**O**ur 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.**

*Celebrant:* Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

**People:** Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

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

**Communion Meditation:**

“Andante”

- *Handel*

*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

*(stand as you are able)*

## Recessional Hymn:

“Praise the Lord”

Hymn #334

- 1 Praise the Lord, rise up rejoicing. Worship, thanks, devotion voicing; Glory be to God on high! Christ, your cross and passion sharing, by this Eucharist declaring yours the final victory.
- 2 Scattered flock, one shepherd sharing. Lost and lonely, one voice hearing, ears attentive to your word. By your Blood new life receiving, in your Body, firm believing, we are yours, and you the Lord.
- 3 Sins forgiven, wrong forgiving, we go forth alert and living in your Spirit, strong and free. Partners in your new creation, seeking peace in every nation, may we faithful followers be.

## Dismissal

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

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

## Postlude:

“Toccata in F Major”

- *Buxtehude*

## Announcements

**Church Reservations:** To make a reservation for Sunday, please email by Thursday at 5 pm. [thechurchoffice@emmanuelrockford.org](mailto:thechurchoffice@emmanuelrockford.org)

**Zoom Meeting Invitation:** Virtual Happy Hour, Thursday, September 17, 5 - 6:30 pm

**Forward Day by Day:** These are now free. Receive the day's meditation in your inbox every Morning. Visit our Facebook page to sign up.

**Jubilee Center:** If you would like to contribute lunch items to the Jubilee Center, you may do so Monday-Friday 10am-1pm. They need lunchmeat, bread, cookies, chips, and water. You may also write a check to EEC and put Jubilee Lunch in the memo line.

**The Soup Kitchen:** They are also in need of plastic sandwich bags, individual mayonnaise, mustard, and ketchup packets as well as napkins and salt and pepper. You may drop your donation at the church or write a check to EEC with Soup Kitchen in the memo line.

**White Fragility:** The discussion continues on Wednesday, September 16, at 7 pm.

**Early voting at Emmanuel:** Monday, October 19 – Monday, November 2.

Voting hours will be from 8:30a - 7:00p - Monday thru Friday.

Saturday and Sunday, October 24, 25, 31, and November 1 from 9:00a – 5:00p.

## Emmanuel Episcopal Church

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Trish Rooney ..... Assistant Director of Music  
Courtney Oakes ..... Director of Children & Family Ministries  
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Timothy Borden ..... Sexton  
Vestry Members..... Jean Frana, Sr. Warden; Alan Gibby, Jr. Warden;  
Jennifer Smith, Kathryn Torrence, Jacob Hardesty, Stacey  
LaRosa, Susan Schmitz, Peter Gottlick, Mathew Oakes.

### Assisting In The Liturgy

**10:30 a.m.**      **Crucifer:** Tyler Hillman  
                      **Old Testament:** Mary Dammann  
                      **New Testament:** Theresa Sinks  
                      **Prayers of the People:** Deacon Doug Rogers  
                      **Ushers:** Cheryl Rogers, Michael Smith, Kevin Gayden