

Emmanuel Episcopal Church

The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 10, 2023

8:00am & 10:30am



*Peter and Paul embrace after their public confrontation in Antioch.
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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.*

We also ask you to silence your phones.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Prelude

Pastorale on Hymn to Joy
Trish Rooney, Organ

John G. Barr

Processional Hymn

Praise the Lord, rise up rejoicing

Hymn #334

(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.*

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: *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.*

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 Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Grant us, O Lord, to trust in you with all our hearts; for, as you always resist the proud who confide in their own strength, so you never forsake those who make their boast of your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

The Lessons

Old Testament

A Reading from Exodus

Exodus 12:1-14

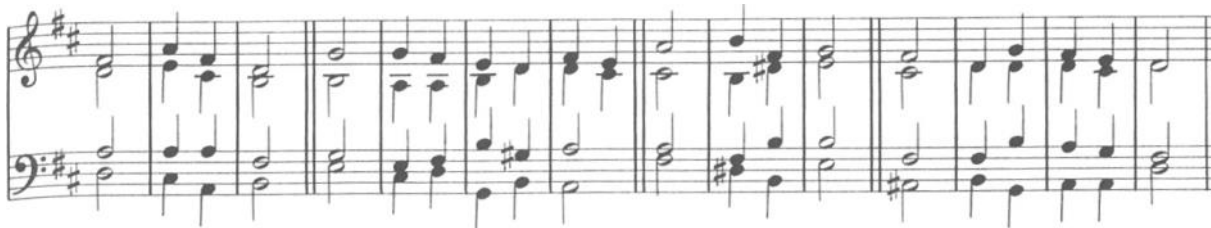
The Lord said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt: This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you. Tell the whole congregation of Israel that on the tenth of this month they are to take a lamb for each family, a lamb for each household. If a household is too small for a whole lamb, it shall join its closest neighbor in obtaining one; the lamb shall be divided in proportion to the number of people who eat of it. Your lamb shall be without blemish, a year-old male; you may take it from the sheep or from the goats. You shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month; then the whole assembled congregation of Israel shall slaughter it at twilight. They shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat it. They shall eat the lamb that same night; they shall eat it roasted over the fire with unleavened bread and bitter herbs. Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted over the fire, with its head, legs, and inner organs. You shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn. This is how you shall eat it: your loins girded, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and you shall eat it hurriedly. It is the passover of the Lord. For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike down every firstborn in the land of Egypt, both human beings and animals; on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the Lord. The blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you live: when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague shall destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt.

This day shall be a day of remembrance for you. You shall celebrate it as a festival to the Lord; throughout your generations you shall observe it as a perpetual ordinance.

The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

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Psalm 149

1 Hallelujah!

Sing to the / LORD a new song; *
sing his praise in the congre-/gation of the faithful.

2 Let Israel rejoice / in his Maker; *

let the children of Zion be / joyful in their King.

3 Let them praise his Name / in the dance; *

let them sing praise to / him with timbrel and harp.

4 For the LORD takes pleasure / in his people *

and adorns the / poor with victory.

5 Let the faithful re-/joice in triumph; *

let them be / joyful on their beds.

6 Let the praises of God be / in their throat *

and a two-edged / **sword** in their hand;

7 To wreak vengeance / on the nations *

and / punish-ment on the peoples;

8 To bind their / kings in chains *

and their / nobles with links of iron;

+9 To inflict on them the / judgment decreed; *

this is glory for all his faithful people.

/ Halle-**lu**-jah!

Epistle

A Reading from Paul's Letter to the Romans

Romans 13:8-14

Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet"; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, "Love your neighbor as yourself." Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn

Where true charity and love dwell

Hymn #606

(stand as you are able)

The Gospel

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

Matthew 18:15-20

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, "If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

(seated)

Sermon

The Reverend Diane Tomlinson

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; for this gathering; and for all ministers and people.

Pray for the Church.

Silence

I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations, especially Ukraine; and for the well-being of all people.

Pray for justice and peace.

Silence

I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison.

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 the departed, especially Ambassador Bill Richardson and Michael.

Pray for those who have died.

Silence

I ask your prayers for Ann, Jan, Byron, Nancy, Cliff, Mike, Diane, and the victims of gun violence.

I ask your thanksgivings for those celebrating birthdays, especially Sarah *Parker* (09/13), Jesse *Saenz* (09/13), and Robert *Parker* (09/16) and for those celebrating anniversaries, especially John and Kathy *Torrence* (09/12), John and Jean *Frana* (09/13), and Ron and Jan *Wanninger* (09/15).

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: **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

Teach Me, O Lord

Thomas Attwood

Teach me, O Lord, the way of thy statutes, and I shall keep it unto the end.

(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 #428

vs. 6

*So let us glorify and bless the God we bow before,
The Father, Holy Spirit, Son, and praise him evermore.*

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.

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. 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: 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.

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.

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.

Communion Hymn*Come with us, O blessed Jesus***Hymn #336****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***Joyful, joyful, we adore thee***Hymn #376****Dismissal**

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

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

Praise the Lord, Rise Up Rejoicing

David Chernien

Announcements

Welcome Back, Steven!

Tailgate Party today after the 10:30 service.

Book Club will meet via zoom September 12th at 7pm. September's book is "Many Lives Many Masters" by Brian L. Weiss.

Grief Group: We will meet tomorrow, September 11th at 7:00 p.m. All are welcome.

Sunday, September 24th: Emmanuel will be a host site during the Progressive Organ Concert sponsored by the Rockford Chapter of the American Guild of Organists. The event begins at 1:00 at Trinity Lutheran Church (200 N. First Street), followed by the Cathedral of St. Peter (1243 N. Church Street) at 1:45, Emmanuel at 2:30, and Second/First Church (318 N. Church Street) at 3:15. Admission is free. A freewill offering will be collected to support the Rockford AGO Chapter's Kay Hotchkiss Organ Scholarship Fund. Wayne and Trish will be performing at Emmanuel.

Beginning September 13, September 20, 27, and October 11th: Diane will facilitate a Bible Study on Paul's Letter to the Romans. We will use NT Wright's Bible Study Romans, which can be purchased online. The class will discuss four chapters a week and follow Wright's Study Guide—a sign-up sheet is in the narthex with two available class times: 10:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.

Dining Out Group: On Thursday, September 28th at 11:30 we shall meet at Pho Square for a Vietnamese lunch at 6338 E. Riverside Blvd. We hope to see you there. Do call Mary Nielsen at 815-654-8995 and to reserve your seat.

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 the Jubilee Center. More information to follow in the weekly newsletter.

Save the Date September 21, 2023 4pm Maddox Theater: Celebrating International Day of Peace Rev. Naomi Tutu delivers a Peace Day lecture followed by the Declaration of Interdependence expo.

4 pm: Maddox Theater - Rev. Nontombi Naomi Tutu "Striving for Justice: Searching for Common Ground." The International Day of Peace event is hosted by Rockford University's Forum Series and the Jane Addams Center for Civic Engagement.

5 pm: Burpee Center - Regents Hall "Declarations of Interdependence - Rockford Series" Exhibition Tour and Community Celebration w/ Rev. Naomi Tutu.

Please join us for beverages and hors d'oeuvres.

The Hospitality Committee has planned these events through the end of the year

November 3 Art Show

December 10 Lessons and Carols

Mark your calendars and watch for more information.

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Mickey Swart, Travis Castrey, Barb Anderson,
Maryanne Theyerl, & Jean Frana

Assisting in the Liturgy

8:00 a.m. Lector: Mary Kowing

**10:30 a.m. Crucifer/Server: Tyler Hillman
1st Reading: Mary Dammann
2nd Reading: Mary Dammann
Prayers of the People: Steven KinCannon
Altar Guild: Nancy Smith
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