

# Emmanuel Episcopal Church

The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 24, 2023

8:00am & 10:30am



Parable of the Workers in the Vineyard [Codex aureus Epternacensis]

*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**

The Hill-Climber's March

*Richard Lloyd*

*(This is one of the pieces from "Dancing Down the Aisle that will be featured on the Pipe Organ Walk this afternoon.)*

*Trish Rooney, organist*

### **Processional Hymn**

*Singing songs of expectation*

**Hymn #527**

*(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 Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost**

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: *And also with you.*

Celebrant: Let us pray.

**G**rant us, Lord, not to be anxious about earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to hold fast to those that shall endure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

## **The Lessons**

### **Old Testament**

#### **A Reading from Exodus**

*Exodus 16:2-15*

**T**he whole congregation of the Israelites complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. The Israelites said to them, “If only we had died by the hand of the Lord in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the fleshpots and ate our fill of bread; for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger.”

Then the Lord said to Moses, “I am going to rain bread from heaven for you, and each day the people shall go out and gather enough for that day. In that way I will test them, whether they will follow my instruction or not. On the sixth day, when they prepare what they bring in, it will be twice as much as they gather on other days.” So Moses and Aaron said to all the Israelites, “In the evening you shall know that it was the Lord who brought you out of the land of Egypt, and in the morning you shall see the glory of the Lord, because he has heard your complaining against the Lord. For what are we, that you complain against us?” And Moses said, “When the Lord gives you meat to eat in the evening and your fill of bread in the morning, because the Lord has heard the complaining that you utter against him—what are we? Your complaining is not against us but against the Lord.”

Then Moses said to Aaron, “Say to the whole congregation of the Israelites, ‘Draw near to the Lord, for he has heard your complaining.’” And as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the Israelites, they looked toward the wilderness, and the glory of the Lord appeared in the cloud. The Lord spoke to Moses and said, “I have heard the complaining of the Israelites; say to them, ‘At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread; then you shall know that I am the Lord your God.’”

In the evening quails came up and covered the camp; and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. When the layer of dew lifted, there on the surface of the wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground. When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, “What is it?” For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, “It is the bread that the Lord has given you to eat.”

#### **The Word of the Lord.**

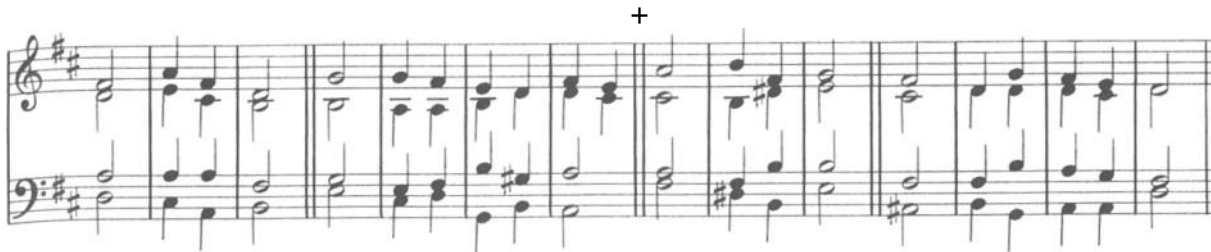
People: *Thanks be to God.*



### Psalm 105:1-6, 37-45

- 1 Give thanks to the LORD and call u-/pon his Name; \*  
make known his / deeds among the peoples.
- 2 Sing to him, sing / praises to him, \*  
and speak of / all his marvelous works.
- 3 Glory in his / holy Name; \*  
let the hearts of those who / seek the LORD rejoice.
- 4 Search for the LORD / and his strength; \*  
con-/tinually seek his face.
- 5 Remember the marvels / he has done, \*  
his wonders and the / judgments of his mouth,
- 6 O offspring of Abra-/ham his servant, \*  
O / children of Jacob his chosen.
- 37 He led out his people with / silver and gold; \*  
in all their tribes there / was not one that stumbled.
- 38 Egypt was glad / of their going, \*  
because they / were afraid of them.
- 39 He spread out a cloud / for a covering \*  
and a fire to give / light in the night season.
- 40 They asked and / quails appeared, \*  
and he satisfied / them with bread from heaven.
- 41 He opened the rock and / water flowed, \*  
so the river / ran in the dry places.
- 42 For God remembered his / holy word \*  
and / Abraham his servant.

(cont.)



43 So he led forth his / people with gladness, \*  
his / chosen with shouts of joy.

44 He gave his people the lands / of the nations, \*  
and they took the / fruit of others' toil,

+45 That they might / keep his statutes \*  
and observe his laws.  
/ Halle-**lu**-jah!

## Epistle

### A Reading from Paul's Letter to the Philippians

*Philippians 1:21-30*

**T**o me, living is Christ and dying is gain. If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me; and I do not know which I prefer. I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better; but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, so that I may share abundantly in your boasting in Christ Jesus when I come to you again.

Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel, and are in no way intimidated by your opponents. For them this is evidence of their destruction, but of your salvation. And this is God's doing. For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ, but of suffering for him as well-- since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

### The Word of the Lord.

*People: Thanks be to God.*

### Gradual Hymn

*Rock of ages*

**Hymn #685**

*(stand as you are able)*

## **The Gospel**

### **The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew**

*Matthew 20:1-16*

*Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

Jesus said, “The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the laborers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. When he went out about nine o’clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace; and he said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.’ So they went. When he went out again about noon and about three o’clock, he did the same. And about five o’clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, ‘Why are you standing here idle all day?’ They said to him, ‘Because no one has hired us.’ He said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard.’ When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, ‘Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.’ When those hired about five o’clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, saying, ‘These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.’ But he replied to one of them, ‘Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?’ So the last will be first, and the first will be last.”

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.

Pray for those who have died.

*Silence*



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

I ask your thanksgivings for those celebrating birthdays, especially Roberta Venovic (09/30).

*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**

Steal Away

*Spiritual/Hatwich*

*Steal away, steal away, steal away to Jesus! Oh, steal away, steal away home, I ain't got long to stay here.*

- 1. My Lord calls me. He calls me by the thunder.*
  - 2. Green trees are bending. Poor sinner stands a-trembling.*
  - 3. Tombstones are bursting. Poor sinner stands a-trembling.*
  - 4. My Lord calls me. He calls me by the lightning.*
- The trumpet sounds with in-a my soul. I ain't got long to stay here.*

*(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

*O Master, let me walk with thee*

Hymn #660

## 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

*Glorious things of thee are spoken*

Hymn #523

## Dismissal

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

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

## Postlude

Ebenezer

*Aaron David Miller*

## Note about the cover

The Codex Aureus Epternacensis or Golden Gospels of Echternach is one of the most beautiful books to have survived to the present day. It originated from the famous scriptorium of the Benedictine Abbey of Echternach in Luxemburg, which produced dozens of masterpieces of Carolingian and Ottonian illumination. The text is completely written in gold ink and furnished with 64 magnificent miniatures, numerous purple pages, as well as five Evangelist portraits, decorative canon tables, and other decorative elements. Classical architectures with arches and columns, borders with geometric and acanthus leaf patterns, and interlace initials additionally adorn the text. The De Luxe Edition features a cover with replica ivory plate showing the crucifixion, magnificent gemstones, and enamel work. This manuscript represents one of the most magnificent works of medieval illumination from any epoch.

# Announcements

**Today, 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.

**Book Club will meet via zoom October 10th at 7pm.** October's book is Solito: A Memoir by Javier Zamora. Javier Zamora's adventure is a three-thousand-mile journey from his small town in El Salvador, through Guatemala and Mexico, and across the U.S. border. He will leave behind his beloved aunt and grandparents to reunite with a mother who left four years ago and a father he barely remembers. Traveling alone amid a group of strangers and a "coyote" hired to lead them to safety, Javier expects his trip to last two short weeks.

**September 27, and October 4th at 10:00 a.m.** 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.

**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.

**Exit the King:** Today at 2:00 p.m. at Maddox Theatre, Clark Arts Center. Single ticket admission for adults \$12, \$9 for seniors age 55 and up, and non-RU students is \$9 unless otherwise noted. Featuring Choral Scholars Emmarie with Aidan working in the Costume Department.

**Blessing of the Pets:** October 1st at both services.

**Adult Forum:** Starting up in October.

**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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Maryanne Theyerl, & Jean Frana

## Assisting in the Liturgy

8:00 a.m.      Lector: Maria Mendia

10:30 a.m.      Crucifer/Server: Dennis Horton  
1st Reading: Millie Zimmerman  
2nd Reading: Tyler Hillman  
Prayers of the People: Susan Chambers  
Altar Guild: Mary Johnson  
Usher: Cheryl Rogers

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