

Emmanuel Episcopal Church

The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 8, 2024
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.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Prelude

Italian Hymn *Arrangements by David Laskey and J. Bert Carlson*
Rachel Schmitt, Organ

(stand as you are able)

Processional Hymn

Thou, whose almighty word

Hymn #371

(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.*

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.*

(sung at 10:30am)

1. Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and
peace to his peo-ple on earth. 2. Lord God, hea-ven - 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 Sixteenth 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

First Reading

A Reading from Isaiah

Isaiah 35:4-7a

Say to those who are of a fearful heart,

‘Be strong, do not fear!

Here is your God.

He will come with vengeance,
with terrible recompense.

He will come and save you.’

Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,
and the ears of the deaf unstopped;
then the lame shall leap like a deer,
and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy.
For waters shall break forth in the wilderness,
and streams in the desert;
the burning sand shall become a pool,
and the thirsty ground springs of water;

The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.



Psalm 146

1 Hallelujah!

Praise the LORD / O my soul! *

I will praise the LORD as long as I live;

I will sing praises to my God / while I have my being.

2 Put not your trust in rulers, nor in any / child of earth, *
for there / is no help in them.

3 When they breathe their last, they re-/turn to earth, *
and in / that day their thoughts perish.

4 Happy are they who have the God of Jacob / for their help! *
whose hope is / in the LORD their God;

5 Who made heaven and earth, the seas and all that / is in them; *
who / keeps his promise for ever;

6 Who gives justice to those who / are oppressed, *
and / food to those who hunger.

7 The LORD sets the prisoners free;
the LORD opens the eyes / of the blind; *
the LORD lifts up / those who are bowed down;

8 The LORD loves the righteous;
the LORD cares / for the stranger; *
he sustains the orphan and widow,
but / frustrates the way of the wicked.

9 The LORD shall / reign for ever, *
your God O Zion, throughout all generations.

-/Halle-**lu**-jah!

Epistle

A Reading from James

James 2:1-17

My brothers and sisters, do you with your acts of favoritism really believe in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ? For if a person with gold rings and in fine clothes comes into your assembly, and if a poor person in dirty clothes also comes in, and if you take notice of the one wearing the fine clothes and say, “Have a seat here, please,” while to the one who is poor you say, “Stand there,” or, “Sit at my feet,” have you not made distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts? Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. Has not God chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom that he has promised to those who love him? But you have dishonored the poor. Is it not the rich who oppress you? Is it not they who drag you into court? Is it not they who blaspheme the excellent name that was invoked over you?

You do well if you really fulfill the royal law according to the scripture, “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” But if you show partiality, you commit sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it. For the one who said, “You shall not commit adultery,” also said, “You shall not murder.” Now if you do not commit adultery but if you murder, you have become a transgressor of the law. So speak and so act as those who are to be judged by the law of liberty. For judgment will be without mercy to anyone who has shown no mercy; mercy triumphs over judgment.

What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, and one of you says to them, “Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill,” and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.

The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn

When Christ was lifted

Hymn #603

(stand as you are able)

The Gospel

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark

Mark 7:24-37

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice, but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. He said to her, “Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children’s food and throw it to the dogs.” But she answered him, “Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children’s crumbs.” Then he said to her, “For saying that, you may go—the demon has left your daughter.” So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone.

Then he returned from the region of Tyre, and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him. He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue. Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, “Ephphatha,” that is, “Be opened.” And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. They were astounded beyond measure, saying, “He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak.”

The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

(seated)

Sermon

The Rev. Gloria Hopewell

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 Michael and Paula and our Presiding Bishop Elect Sean Rowe; for this gathering; and for all ministers and people. Pray for the Church.
Silence

I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations; and for the well-being of all people. Pray for justice and peace.
Silence

I ask your prayers for the poor and the sick, especially Nancy, Sydney, Tim Borden and family, those participating in Shelter Care Ministry programs, the victims of gun violence, and the people of Ukraine, Israel, and Palestine. 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 those celebrating birthdays, especially Sarah Parker (09/13) and Jesse Saenz (09/13) and for those celebrating anniversaries, especially John and Kathy Torrence (09/12) and John and Jean Frana (09/13).
Silence

I ask your prayers for the departed. Pray for those who have died, especially Carol Borden.
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

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.*

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 #380

vs. 3

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host: praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.*

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.

(10:30am sung)

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. When ever 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.

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.

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

Communion Hymn

Give praise and glory

Hymn #375

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:

Father all loving

Hymn #568

Dismissal

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

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

Postlude

Allegro Moderato

Fr. Walczynski

***Today's flowers are given in honor of Doug Rogers
from The Vestry of Emmanuel church.***

Sunday School each Sunday at 9:30 a.m. starting on September 15th.

*Please join us in the undercroft for coffee hour each Sunday after the 8:00am service
and from 11:30 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.*

Emmanuel's Women's Guild is back!

*We meet next on September 19th at 11:30 a.m. in the undercroft followed by a salad luncheon.
Come join us, we'd love to have you.*

Announcements

The Emmanuel Choir will be back in session today. All people and all voices are welcome to join! The choir begins rehearsal at 9:00 a.m. on Sundays downstairs in the choir rehearsal room. There is no experience required, and we would love to have you join us! Please feel free to reach out to Zach for more information or with any questions via email at nzhall.2014@gmail.com or next time you see him at church.

The retirement celebration for Doug Rogers will be held today after the 10:30 service. Please plan to attend this festive coffee hour as we honor Deacon Doug.

Grief Group: meets next on September 9th 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.

Reminder: The Guild will be meeting on Thursday, September 19th at 11:30 in the Undercroft. The guild is a service and fellowship ministry. As a member you have the opportunity to serve and share your talents as freely as you can and be rewarded with fun fellowship times. After the meeting, we'll gather for lunch. Dessert will be provided by guild member hosts. Meetings are open not only to members, but to anyone who would like to join us as our guest.

The Dining Out Group: decided on enjoying the colorful fall gardens at FRESCO'S at the Japanese Gardens while enjoying lunch there on Thursday, Sept. 26th. We will have a 11:30 reservation so please call Mary Nielsen at 815-654-8995 if you plan to join. Fall will have arrived!

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/>

SAVE THE DATE! There will be a congregational meeting after the 10:30am service on Sunday, October 6th.

Emmanuel is hosting Spiritual Care Visitor Training on Saturday, October 19th from 9am - 3pm.

This training is for all interested who want to have a more active role in caring for those in need.

"Participants will gather for an innovative retreat which will include a time of spiritual reflection, followed by workshops that will explore how to be an "active listener," talk about advance directives as well as grief and loss." Fliers are in the Narthex or go to bishopandersonhouse.org for more info or to register.

Friends and Family Art Show, Friday, October 25. Emmanuel's artists, and friends and family, are invited to submit their works of art (clay, fabric, painting, photography, mixed media, etc.) for the art show, to be held on October 25th. The show will be curated by Ginny Hatwich, Sydney Baldwin, and David Hatch. Artists are asked to provide one to three pieces of art, for sale or not for sale. For questions, or if you'd like to sign up, contact Ginny Hatwich at ghatwich@gmail.com, or the church office via email at churchoffice@emmanuelrockford.org or via phone at 815-964-5514. The hospitality committee will host a wine and cheese reception. Free will offering will benefit Emmanuel's Saturday soup kitchen.

Sports Sunday will take place on November 10th with a tailgate party after the 10:30 service. All parishioners are encouraged to wear their favorite sports attire and bring their favorite snack or tailgate food. Drinks provided. The barrels will be out November 1st for the Bear-Packer food raiser challenge. Deadline for donating food will be Sunday, November 17th, the date of the Packer-Bear football game.

Date for the Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols is: Sunday, December 8th, at 4 p.m.

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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Assisting in the Liturgy

8:00 a.m. Server: Tyler Hillman
 Lector: Maria Mendia

10:30 a.m. MC/Server: Stacey LaRosa
 1st Reading: Timothy Borden
 2nd Reading: Cheryl Rogers
 Prayers of the People: Stacey LaRosa
 Altar Guild: Mary Johnson
 Ushers: Cheryl Rogers & Andrew James

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