

Emmanuel Episcopal Church

The Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost

November 12, 2023

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

Let there be peace on earth
Bob DeVita, musical saw; Wayne Hatwich, organ

Jill Jackson/ Sy Miller

Processional Hymn

Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates

Hymn #436

(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 Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

O God, whose blessed Son came into the world that he might destroy the works of the devil and make us children of God and heirs of eternal life: Grant that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves as he is pure; that, when he comes again with power and great glory, we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The Lessons

Old Testament

A Reading from the Book of Joshua

Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25

Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel; and they presented themselves before God. And Joshua said to all the people, “Thus says the Lord, the God of Israel: Long ago your ancestors—Terah and his sons Abraham and Nahor—lived beyond the Euphrates and served other gods. Then I took your father Abraham from beyond the River and led him through all the land of Canaan and made his offspring many.

“Now therefore revere the Lord, and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the Lord. Now if you are unwilling to serve the Lord, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord.”

Then the people answered, “Far be it from us that we should forsake the Lord to serve other gods; for it is the Lord our God who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight. He protected us along all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed; and the Lord drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the Lord, for he is our God.”

But Joshua said to the people, “You cannot serve the Lord, for he is a holy God. He is a jealous God; he will not forgive your transgressions or your sins. If you forsake the Lord and serve foreign gods, then he will turn and do you harm, and consume you, after having done you good.” And the people said to Joshua, “No, we will serve the Lord!” Then Joshua said to the people, “You are witnesses against yourselves that you have chosen the Lord, to serve him.” And they said, “We are witnesses.” He said, “Then put away the foreign gods that are among you, and incline your hearts to the Lord, the God of Israel.” The people said to Joshua, “The Lord our God we will serve, and him we will obey.” So Joshua made a covenant with the people that day, and made statutes and ordinances for them at Shechem.

The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.



Psalm 78:1-7

1 Hear my teaching, / O my people; *
incline your ears / to the words of my mouth.

2 I will open my mouth / in a parable; *
I will declare the / mysteries of ancient times.

3 That which we have heard and known,
and what our forefathers / have told us, *
we will not / **hide** from their children.

4 We will recount to generations to come
the praiseworthy deeds and the power / of the Lord, *
and the wonderful / **works** he has done.

5 He gave his decrees to Jacob and established a / law for Israel, *
which he commanded / them to teach their children;

6 That the generations to come might know, and the children / yet unborn; *
that they in their turn might / tell it to their children;

+ 7 So that they might put their / trust in God, *
and not forget the deeds of God, but / **keep** his commandments.

Epistle

A Reading from First Thessalonians

I Thessalonians 4:13-18

We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord forever. Therefore encourage one another with these words.

The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

(stand as you are able)

The Gospel

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

Matthew 25:1-13

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, "Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, 'Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' But the wise replied, 'No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.' And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know you.' Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Message

Steven KinCannon, Seminarian

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.*

(stand)

The Prayers of the People

Leader: Father, we pray for your holy catholic Church;

People: *That we all may be one.*

Leader: Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

People: *That your Name may be glorified by all people.*

Leader: We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons; especially Paula our Bishop and Michael our Presiding Bishop;

People: *That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.*

Leader: We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world, especially Joseph our President and JB our Governor;

People: *That there may be justice and peace on the earth.*

Leader: Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

People: *That our works may find favor in your sight.*

Leader: Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble, especially Jan, Byron, Amber, the victims of gun violence, and the people of Rockford, Ukraine, Israel, and Palestine;

People: *That they may be delivered from their distress.*

Leader: Give to the departed eternal rest, especially Helen;

People: *Let light perpetual shine upon them.*

Leader: We rejoice with those who are celebrating birthdays especially, Mark Tomlinson (11/14);
People: *That they may be blessed in the coming year.*

Leader: We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;
People: *May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.*

We pray for those who have served in the military and for those who are presently serving, especially Pierce, Hayden, Nate, Colin, Tyler, and Josh.

Celebrant: **O** Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, 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.*

The Peace and Announcements

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

People: *And also with you.*

Offertory Anthem

Keep your lamps trimmed and burning

arr. Andre Thomas

Bob DeVita, conga drums

Keep your lamps trimmed and burning, the time is drawing nigh

Children don't get weary 'til your work is done.

Christian journey soon be over, the time is drawing nigh.

Keep your lamps trimmed and burning, the time is drawing nigh.

(8:00am 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.

(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. 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 (8:00am 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.

(10:30am 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 Solo

Amazing Grace

*Bob DeVita, musical saw***Communion Hymn***Jerusalem, my happy home***Hymn #620****Postcommunion Prayer**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Celebrant and People:

Eternal 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***God of our fathers, whose almighty hand***Hymn #718****Dismissal**

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

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

Dialogue sur les Grands Jeux

Louis-Nicolas Clérambault (1676 - 1749)

Note about the cover

Blake's watercolor contrasts two groups of women. Those at left hold full oil lamps and their luminous forms are arranged to resemble a classical low-relief sculpture, whereas their companions at right are agitated, dressed in dark clothing, and lack any source of light. The related parable in Matthew 25:1–4 urges spiritual preparedness: "Then shall the kingdom of heaven be likened unto ten virgins, which took their lamps, and went forth to meet the bridegroom. And five of them were wise, and five were foolish. They that were foolish took their lamps, and took no oil with them. But the wise took oil in their vessels with their lamps." A trumpeting angel flying overhead signifies that the moment of judgment has arrived.

Announcements

Please join us in the undercroft for coffee hour each Sunday from 11:30 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.

Book Club will meet via zoom November 14th at 7 p.m. November's book is Little Souls by Sandra Dallas. Sandra Dallas's Little Souls is a gripping tale of sisterhood, loyalty, and secrets set in Denver amid America's last deadly flu pandemic.

The Book Club has chosen the following books: **December-** The War that Saved My Life by Kimberly Brubaker Bradley. An exceptionally moving story of triumph against all odds set during World War II.

January- No meeting. **February-** Demon Copperhead by Barbara Kingsolver. A reimagining of "David Copperfield" as a tale set in Southern Appalachia brings humanity and humor to a region and people who have long endured exploitation and condescension.

Wednesdays at 10:00 a.m. Bible Study Group is using NT Wright's video series "Themes in the Gospel of John.

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.

Building on the success of the Bears/Packers food collection: a basket is in the narthex for an ongoing food collection. Please drop off canned or dry food to benefit the Rock River Valley Pantry.

Once again, we are asking for donations to purchase gift cards for the Jubilee members. If you would like to donate, please label your donation "Jubilee Gift Cards." The cards will be given to members at their annual Christmas party.

The nursery is in need of attendants for the Sunday 10:30 service. Please see MaryAnne Theyerl if you can help out.

We are also in need of someone willing to schedule ushers. If interested talk to Diane.

Rockford University will be presenting "Lucky Stiff," an offbeat, hilarious murder mystery farce, complete with mistaken identities, six million bucks in diamonds and a corpse in a wheelchair. Today is the last show at 2 pm in the Maddox Theatre, Clark Arts Center on the RU campus. Tickets will be available at the Box Office prior to each performance.

In this time of global conflict, we pray for our military. If you would like someone's name added to the Prayer List, please email the office by Thursday.

Dining Out Group: A pleasant relaxing lunch was enjoyed recently at Jerry's Cafe at Brynwood Sq. Due to Thanksgiving, the Dining Out Group will gather for lunch a week later on November 30, 11:30 at Lydias at the corner of Rural and Guilford. Please join us and give Mary a call for your reservation 815-654-8995.

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Assisting in the Liturgy

8:00 a.m. Lector: Clare Kagan

**10:30 a.m. Crucifer/Server: Tyler Hillman
1st Reading: Millie Zimmerman
2nd Reading: Susan Chambers
Prayers of the People: Tyler Hillman
Altar Guild: Tyler Hillman
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