



Emmanuel
EPISCOPAL CHURCH
STAUNTON VA

THE
Episcopal
CHURCH



HOLY EUCHARIST

RITE II

September 13, 2026
10:30am

The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

bringing **People&God** together
SPIRITUAL • INCLUSIVE • ENGAGED • COMPASSIONATE

WELCOME - BIENVENIDO
to Emmanuel Episcopal Church

*Whether you're new here, visiting us for the first time,
or the first time in a long time, **you are welcome here.***



LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

We remember and honor
the Indigenous people of the world,
especially the Monacan,
whose land that we now occupy
in this region which was once their home,
and was taken from them.

We give thanks for them
and express our gratitude
for their witness to living
in honorable and humble ways.

We remember
that the Earth does not belong to us;
rather, we belong to the Earth,
and that we belong to one human family.

May we learn from our past mistakes
and be instruments of justice and peace
for all.

THIS WEEK AT EMMANUEL

Sept. 13—THE 16TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

9am Lectionary Discussion Group
10:30am Holy Eucharist Rite II
5:30pm Centering Prayer (online)

MON Office Open 10am-12:30pm, 1:30pm-4pm
8:45am Morning Prayer

TUES Office Open 10am-12:30pm, 1:30pm-4pm
8:45am Morning Prayer
5:30pm Lectio Divina followed by Compline
7pm AA Meeting

WED Office Open 10am-12:30pm, 1:30pm-4pm
8:45am Morning Prayer
10-12 VPAS Café

THU Office Open 10am-12:30pm, 1:30pm-4pm
8:45am Morning Prayer
5:30pm Centering Prayer
(in church)
6:15pm Compline (night prayer)

FRIDAY Office Closed (every Friday)

7pm AA Meeting

SAT 10am Al-Anon Meeting

Next SUNDAY (SEPT. 20, 17TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST)

10:30am Holy Eucharist Rite II
5:30pm Centering Prayer (online)

LEADERSHIP

Vestry Members: Mitzi White, Skip Barnett, Kethera Moore,
Ginny Wemmerus, Robert Wiard, Dan Lynn, Jim Echols,
Barbara Damico, John K (Treasurer), Laura Barnett (Assistant
Treasurer)

SERVING IN TODAY'S LITURGY

Officiant	The Rev. Paul Weber
Pianist	Florence Jowers
Welcomers	Rick Marks and Dan Lynn
Lectors	Steve Berneking & Bonnie Dawson
Altar Guild	Jim Lott & Deborah Patton
LEM's	Bonnie Dawson

SERVING NEXT WEEK

Officiant	The Rev. Sarah Hess
Organist	Florence Jowers

Help make church happen!
Sign up using the QR code or contact
Caitlin in the church office.



THE HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II

THE BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER P. 355

PRELUDE

AIR • Anonymous

WELCOME

The people stand for the Processional Hymn.

THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN

There's a wideness in God's mercy • **Hymnal 470**

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

ALMIGHTY 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.

GLORIA

Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

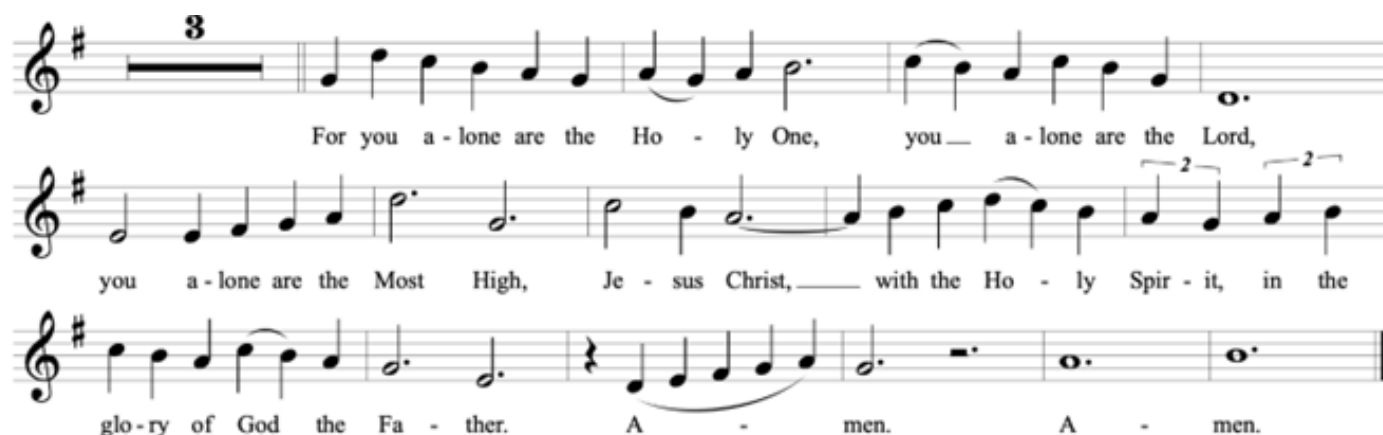
Lord God, heav - en - ly King, — al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we

give — you thanks, we praise you for — your glo - ry. —

Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord — God, Lamb of God,

you take a - way — the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;

you — are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.



THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

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.**

The People are seated for the Lessons.

THE WORD OF GOD

THE FIRST LESSON

Genesis 50:15-21

Realizing 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.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

- Bless the Lord, O my soul, *
and all that is within me, bless his holy Name.
- 2 Bless the Lord, O my soul, *
and forget not all his benefits.
- 3 He forgives all your sins *
and heals all your infirmities;
- 4 He redeems your life from the grave *
and crowns you with mercy and loving-kindness;
- 5 He satisfies you with good things, *
and your youth is renewed like an eagle's.
- 6 The Lord executes righteousness *
and judgment for all who are oppressed.
- 7 He made his ways known to Moses *
and his works to the children of Israel.
- 8 The Lord is full of compassion and mercy, *
slow to anger and of great kindness.
- 9 He will not always accuse us, *
nor will he keep his anger for ever.
- 10 He has not dealt with us according to our sins, *
nor rewarded us according to our wickedness.
- 11 For as the heavens are high above the earth, *
so is his mercy great upon those who fear him.
- 12 As far as the east is from the west, *
so far has he removed our sins from us.
- 13 As a father cares for his children, *
so does the Lord care for those who fear him.

THE SECOND LESSON

Romans 14:1-12

Welcome 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.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The People stand for the Sequence Hymn and remain standing for the Gospel.

THE SEQUENCE HYMN

Forgive our sins • **Hymnal 674**

THE GOSPEL

Matthew 18:21-35

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Peter 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."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Santo evangelio de nuestro Señor Jesucristo según Mateo.

Gloria a ti, Cristo Señor.

Pedro se acercó a Jesús y preguntó: Señor, ¿cuántas veces tengo que perdonar a mi hermano que peca contra mí? ¿Hasta siete veces? No te digo que hasta siete veces, sino hasta setenta veces siete contestó Jesús.

Por eso el reino de los cielos se parece a un rey que quiso ajustar cuentas con sus siervos. Al comenzar a hacerlo, se presentó uno que le debía diez mil monedas de oro. Como él no tenía con qué pagar, el señor mandó que lo vendieran a él, a su esposa y a sus hijos y todo lo que tenía, para así saldar la deuda. El siervo se postró delante de él. “Tenga paciencia conmigo —rogó—, y se lo pagaré todo”. El señor se compadeció de su siervo, perdonó su deuda y lo dejó en libertad. Al salir, aquel siervo se encontró con uno de sus compañeros que le debía cien monedas de plata. Lo agarró por el cuello y comenzó a estrangularlo. “¡Págame lo que me debes!”, exigió. Su compañero se postró delante de él. “Ten paciencia conmigo —rogó—, y te lo pagaré”. Pero él se negó. Más bien fue y lo hizo meter en la cárcel hasta que pagara la deuda. Cuando los demás siervos vieron lo ocurrido, se entristecieron mucho y fueron a contarle a su señor todo lo que había sucedido. Entonces el señor mandó llamar al siervo. “¡Siervo malvado! —le dijo—, te perdoné toda aquella deuda porque me lo suplicaste. ¿No debías tú también haberte compadecido de tu compañero, así como yo me compadecí de ti?”. Y enojado, su señor lo entregó a los carceleros para que lo torturaran hasta que pagara todo lo que debía. Así también mi Padre celestial los tratará a ustedes, a menos que cada uno perdone de corazón a su hermano.

El evangelio del Señor.

Te alabamos, Cristo Señor.

THE SERMON

The Rev. Paul Weber

The people stand for the Nicene Creed, the Prayers of the People and the Peace.

THE 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

During the prayers, this response, or an alternative may be used:

Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

The prayers conclude with the following words:

Source of all life
**and giver of all that is good, hear our prayers
and grant us all that is in accordance with your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

THE CONFESSION

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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.

The Priest stands and says:

Almighty 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 People sit.

THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

The People greet one another in the name of the Lord and then are seated.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY HYMN

Lord make us servants of your peace • **Hymnal 593**

(Please stand for the last stanza)

All we have and all we are is a gift from God. We all have a faithful offering to make. All gifts received today will be used to support Emmanuel's ministry, empower our service to the community, and help sustain our buildings. You may place your offering in the Offering Plate, or you can give via this QR code.



THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: EUCHARISTIC PRAYER A

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The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

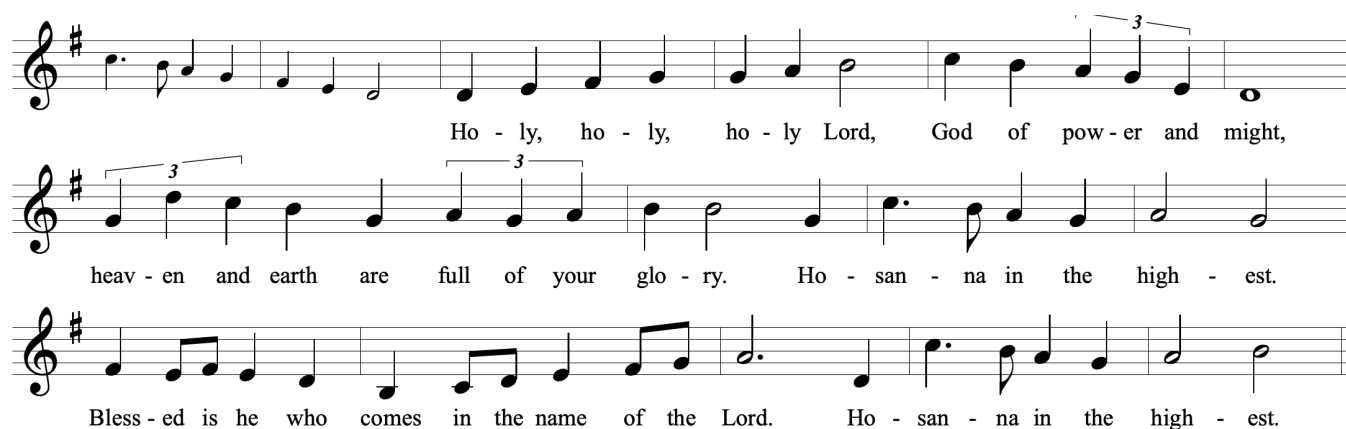
It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

For by water and the Holy Spirit you have made us a new people in Jesus Christ our Lord, to show forth your glory in all the world.

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 *Sung by all*



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
heav - en 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.

The People stand or kneel.

Holy 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.**

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.

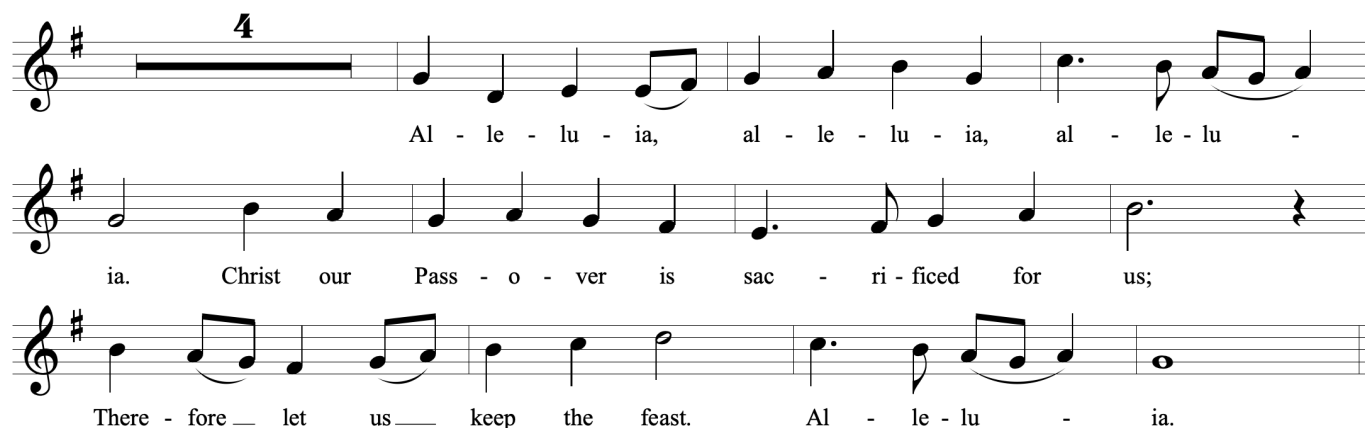
All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. Amen.

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

OUR Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.

THE BREAKING OF BREAD AND FRACTION ANTHEM *Sung by all.*



The Celebrant says

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

MINISTRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

All who seek God and a deeper life in Christ are invited to receive **communion** or a **blessing**. If you wish to have a prayer of blessing instead of communion, please cross your arms over your chest. Please wait to be invited forward by a Welcomer. All the consecrated bread has **already been marked with consecrated wine**. Therefore, please do not ‘dip’ your bread. We have already done this for you. You may receive the bread alone, or after receiving the bread, drink from the chalice.

Gluten-free bread and non-alcoholic wine are also available. If you require communion to be brought to you, please let one of the Welcomers know.

COMMUNION HYMN

Lord, enthroned in heavenly splendor • **Hymnal 307**
(omit stanzas 2 and 3)

THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER *Said by all, standing*

Let us pray.

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

THE BLESSING

RECESSIONAL HYMN

Come with us, O blessed Jesus • **Hymnal 336**
(stanza 1 only)

DISMISSAL

Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Prelude in F Major • W.F. Bach

Flowers on the altar are given by Rosemary Mitchell and Dan Lynn
to the glory of God and in Celebration of the coming of our new Rector

THE REV. GAIL GOLDSMITH

FOR OUR PRAYERS

Blount & Baird	Mary	Jeff	Wendy
Linda	Ruth	Diane	Nancy
Fabian	Neal	Lee	Paula
Carter	Bill C	Trace	Libby
Joseph C	Dan	Jim and Janet	Joann
Breiley	Charles D	Cayla F	Teddy & Elliot
Ruth	Michael L	Monica and son	
The community of Westwood Hills Elementary			

Departed: Doug Roller and all the recently departed

Diocesan Cycle of Prayers:

For the students and staff of Stuart Hall and their Head of School, Jason Coady.

Our companion Anglican / Episcopal Dioceses of:

-Leeds (*Church of England*), and its Bishop, Toby+

-The Diocese of Haiti

Celebrations

Birthdays: Susie Baker, Hunter Hopkins, Gillian Starcher, Marianne Fickling, & Charlotte Hadfield

ABOUT THESE PRAYERS

The names included here are those for whom prayer has been requested by a church member or someone close to that person. In addition to this *Public Prayer List*, our prayer team prays on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month for those on the *Private Prayer List*. We invite you to add yourself or members of your immediate family/friendship circle to either of the prayer lists by notifying the Church Office by email at office@emmanuelstaunton.org. Please let the office know if you or a family member/friend is hospitalized and/or in need of a pastoral call or visit. We have no other way of knowing of such pastoral needs. Please never assume we just, somehow, know!

Funeral Service for Doug Roller Saturday, September 19

A funeral service for Doug Roller will be held at Emmanuel on Saturday, September 19.

Everyone is welcome to attend a reception at 1pm followed by the funeral service at 2pm.

May Doug's soul, and the souls of all the faithful departed, through God's loving mercy, rest in peace, and rise in glory. Amen.



Emmanuel Mini Market

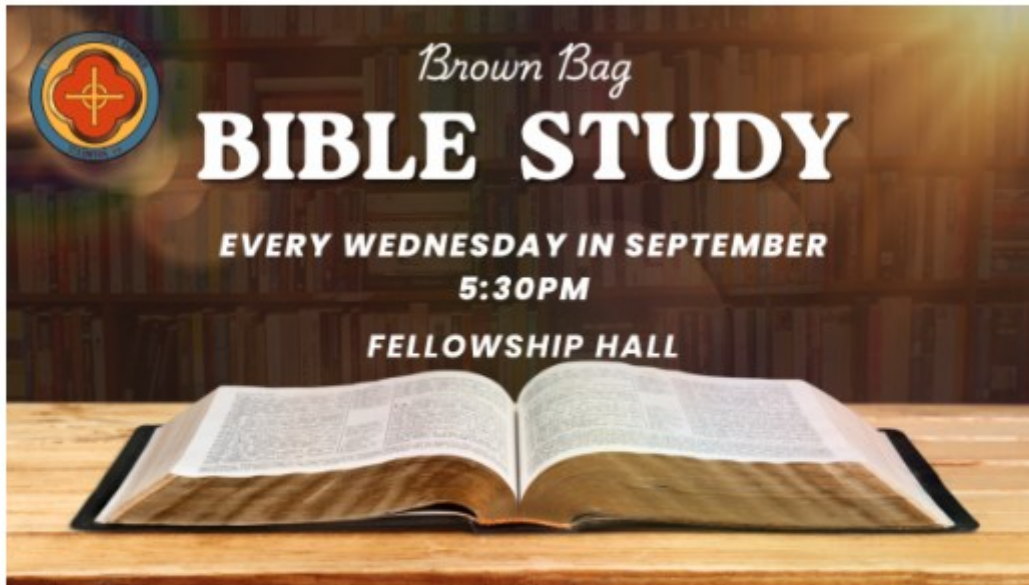
presented by Mission & Outreach



On **September 20**, Mission and Outreach will present our first **Mini Market** entitled "**How Does Your Garden Grow?**" It will include flowers, plants, herbs, bulbs, fall vegetables, fruits and some baked goods. Purchase price is a free will offering to help support our donations to selected organizations in need. If you have produce from your garden or plants/flowers/bulbs you would like to donate to our table, that would be great!!

Questions? Contact Mary Jane Joyce at 540-886-6982 (leave a message)

Brown Bag Bible Study Returns!



Brown Bag Bible Study returns! Join Riikka and Steve at 5:30pm each of the five Wednesdays in September to dive into the prophetic book of Hosea. This book is filled with metaphor, renamings, judgment & promises, and reconciliation. Bring along your own "brown bag" of food or snacks if you wish; drinks will be provided.

October Trip to Grace House



Members of Emmanuel Episcopal Church are planning a mission trip to Grace House on the Mountain the week of October 5-9. Contact Jim Echols for more information jeechols@verizon.net

Dear Emmanuel,

I'm so excited to get to know you and to follow God with you!

Your search profile was such a beautiful invitation to ministry with you. From being in our diocese together, I've heard the worship band play at annual convention, read about Brunch Church, and known of your dedication to community ministries.

In getting to know your search committee, they spoke so lovingly of ministry, faithfulness, and fun at Emmanuel. The search committee and their careful work was a lovely introduction to you.

I'm saying goodbye to Trinity in Lynchburg during the month of September, and I'll be moving to Staunton in October, with Fred, my silly and sweet corgi-border collie mix.

Colleen, my partner, is planning to move in early 2027; she is currently based in Roanoke. She serves as Assistant to the Bishop for Leadership Development and Digital Ministry in the VA Synod of the ELCA. Moving here is particularly sweet for her, as close friends and 2 of her godchildren live in the area.

We love hiking, kayaking, and reading—we would appreciate your recommendations and hearing about what you like about living here as we get to know the area better!

I met with your vestry last week, and have begun planning for the fall with Mitzi. As the start of our ministry together gets closer, we'll announce some ways for us to connect and get to know each other.

Please know that I am already praying for you; I'm so grateful to be your rector and am looking forward to getting started!

In Christ,
Gail
The Rev. Gail Goldsmith

