

Emmanuel Church Calendar and News: May 13 – May 19, 2024

Church Events this week

Sunday, May 19, 10 am Holy Eucharist: the Day of Pentecost, the Fiftieth Day of Easter. Mother Alicia Hager is the celebrant. Wear something red if possible.

· *Sunday, May 19, 9:00am, Choir practice.* The anthem is “*Wind who Makes All Winds that Blow*”, by Thomas H. Troeger.

Saturday, May 18, 8am-9:30am, Saturday Breakfast. It is the third Saturday of the month, so it is sausage gravy with biscuits! Additional offerings are tater tots (great with sausage gravy), scrambled eggs with cheese, scrambled eggs with vegetables, fresh fruit, and sweet breads.

Church Events in upcoming weeks

Thursdays, beginning May 22, 12 noon, Holy Eucharist with Healing.

Sunday, May 26, Trinity Sunday, one of the seven Principal Feasts observed in the Episcopal Church.

Sunday June 2 after church, Spring clean up. Many hands make light work. Bring your rake, tarp, blower (preferably electric), clippers and anything else you may need.

Saturday, June 1; Apartment for rent – please refer your friends

Apartment 2 at Emmanuel House (220 S. Broadway) is available beginning June 1. It is one bedroom with washer and dryer. No pets or smoking/vaping is allowed. Excellent neighbors. The apartment is not handicap accessible. Rent is \$700/month and includes heat, water and sewer, and garbage pickup. The renter is responsible for electric and internet. Please contact the church office (269.945.3014) or Bob Schirmer, Treasurer (269.838.6601) or Kevin Houghton, Jr. Warden (231.330.4154)

This Week in the Liturgical Year

The Day of Pentecost, May 19:

Pentecost is one of the seven Principal Feasts of the church year in the Episcopal Church (BCP, p.15). Pentecost comes from the Greek word for fifty. It marks the completion of Easter, the gift of the Holy Spirit on the fiftieth day. Pentecost has also been known as Whitsunday, that is, “white Sunday”, perhaps from the white robes worn by the newly baptized (baptism, because of the climate, being delayed until Pentecost in northern Europe).

The Pentecost event was the fulfillment of a promise which Jesus gave concerning the return of the Holy Spirit. It emphasizes that the church is understood as the body of Christ which is drawn together and given life by the Holy Spirit. From: Pfatteicher, Philip. *Journey into the Heart of God: Living the Liturgical Year.* Oxford University Press, 2013, pp. 263, 268.

The 1979 Book of Common Prayer focuses on several graces that are the work of the Spirit: guidance into truth, unity in one faith, the priesthood of the laity, and the “Great Commission” to preach the Gospel to all nations See: Hatchet, Marion. *Commentary on the American Prayer Book*. New York: Seabury, 1980 pp. 401-402

Ember Days in the week after the Day of Pentecost

Ember Days are three days which occur four times a year: the Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday after St. Lucy's Day (Dec. 13), Ash Wednesday, the *Day of Pentecost*, and Holy Cross Day (Sept. 14). The name comes from the Latin title *Quattuor tempora*, meaning “four times.” In ancient Italy the times (originally three) were associated with sowing, harvest, and vintage, for which one prayed, fasted, and gave alms. Later the four times became occasions for ordination, for which the Christian community prayed and the candidates prepared themselves by prayer and retreat. Every postulant or candidate for holy orders in the Episcopal Church is required by canon to report to the bishop four times a year, during the Ember Weeks. The report must be made in person or by letter, and must include reflection on the person's academic experience as well as personal and spiritual development.

From: Armentrout, Don and Slocum, Robert. *An Episcopal Dictionary of the Church*.

<https://www.episcopalchurch.org/glossary/ember-days/>

Pastoral requests

For those requesting baptism, home communion, hospital visitation, or a priest for pastoral concerns, please notify Marty, the Senior Warden at 269.948.8775.