

Emanuel Lutheran Church

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THE FIFTEENTH SUNDAY after PENTECOST:

As we are invited today to consider what it means to be managers (rather than owners) of all that we have, it is crucial to recognize that we are bought with a price. “Christ Jesus, himself human, . . . gave himself a ransom for all.” Apart from the generosity of God we have nothing—we are nothing. By God’s gracious favor we have everything we need.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

(Please stand for the Confession and Forgiveness)

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS:

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, our maker, our helper, and our keeper.

C: Amen.

P: Trusting in God’s mercy, let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.



P: Merciful and loving God,

C: we are your stiff-necked people. We trample on the needy. We grumble about your grace to others. We turn away from the poor. Have mercy on us and forgive our sins. Rejoice over us as ones who were lost and have been found. Amen.

P: Even when we are faithless, God remains faithful. Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners. You who were lost have been found. In the name of ✠ Jesus, your sins are forgiven!

C: Amen.

(Remain Standing)

OPENING HYMN: “We Give Thee but Thine Own” LBW 410

APOSTOLIC GREETING:

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

(Please Sit)

PRAYER OF THE DAY: (Located on the Today’s Readings Insert)

GOD’S WORD

Psalm 113:

Please join me in the responsive reading.

FIRST READING: Amos 8:4-7

Amos was called by God to prophesy in the Northern Kingdom of Israel. Peace and prosperity in Israel led to corrupt business practices and oppression of the poor. The prophet declares that God will not tolerate such a situation.

Reader says: The Word of the Lord.

Congregation respond: Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING: 1 Timothy 2:1-7

The pastoral epistles offer insight into how early Christians understood many practical matters, such as church administration and worship. The church's focused prayer for others is an expression of the single-minded passion God has toward us in Jesus.

Reader says: The Word of the Lord.

Congregation respond: Thanks be to God.

(Please stand for the Gospel Acclamation)

Sing: "Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path."

P: The gospel reading is from Luke Chapter 16 verses 1-13.

C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

THE GOSPEL READING: Luke 16:1-13

Jesus tells the curious story of a dishonest manager who cheats his employer and then is commended by him for having acted so shrewdly. Jesus wonders why his own followers are less creative and diligent in their stewardship given that they are managers of a far more valuable household.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

(Please sit)

SERMON

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SERMON HYMN: "Take My Life, that I May Be"

LBW 406

(Please stand for the Nicene Creed)

NICENE CREED:

Green, LBW page 84

(Please sit for The Prayers of the People)

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE:

P: God of grace,

C: receive our prayer.

(Please Stand)

THE PEACE:

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.

Let us share signs of peace with one another.

**The OFFERING is RECEIVED AND WE STAND and SING
“Create in Me” Green, LBW Page 96**

OFFERING PRAYER:

P: Lord of the harvest, we return to you a portion of what you have given to us. Turn us to set our hope not on the uncertainty of riches, but on you, who richly provides for us. Multiply what we have gathered to bless all who are suffering and in need, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

(Remain Standing)

The WORDS of INSTITUTION

Green, LBW page 90

(Please join hands)

THE LORD’S PRAYER

Green, LBW page 91

When we celebrate Holy Communion, guests and members alike need to know that **All Are Welcome At Our Lord’s Table!** We believe Christ is present in the bread and wine. His body and blood are given in the Eucharist for the forgiveness of sins. The Lord invites you and the decision to receive Holy Communion is yours. (We have gluten-free individually packaged sacraments in one unit.)

INVITATION TO COMMUNION:

P: Jesus welcomes sinners and eats with them. Come to this meal of mercy.

COMMUNION HYMN: *“This is the feast”* *Green, LBW page 81*

(Please Sit)

COMMUNION BLESSING:

P: May the body and the blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ, strengthen and preserve you in the one true faith unto life everlasting.

C: Amen

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION:

P: O God, through this meal you have strengthened us and appointed us to be your servants. Send us to do good and to share our possessions with all in need. We ask this in Jesus’ name.

C: Amen.

THE BENEDICTION:

P: The God of righteousness, who gives justice to the oppressed, who gives food to the hungry, who sets the prisoners free, ☩ bless you now and forever.

C: Amen.

SENDING HYMN: *“Be Thou My Vision”* **WOV 776**

DISMISSAL:

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to god.

Postlude: Roberta Ryskoski

Attendance: Last Sunday: 22 Last Sunday Facebook Live: 3

Facebook Plays:

Sunday, September 7th Facebook Plays: 240

Today, Service Schedule, September 21st, 9:30 A.M.

Reader: Verlyn Rebelein

Usher: Darrell Rahn

Next Week's Schedule, September 28th, 9:30 A.M.

Reader: Wayne Heitmann

Usher: Mary Fairbank

September 2025 Altar Schedule

Mary Fairbank and Pat Grams

September 2025 Communion Schedule (1st and 3rd Sundays)

Annette Raube (September 7th) Verlyn Rebelein (September 21st)

October 2025 Altar Schedule

Mary Fairbank and Pat Grams

October 2025 Communion Schedule (1st and 3rd Sundays)

Wayne Heitmann

THIS WEEK AT EMANUEL:

There Will Be Coffee and Goodies This Morning Following The Worship provided by Pat and Arnie Grams and Charleen Strook.

THE NEW DEVOTION BOOKS are here! They are on the rack South of the elevator and in the narthex of the church.

Thank You to everyone for attending the Celebration of Life of my brother, Alan Novak this past Saturday. Your presence and kind words brought comfort when we needed it most. Mary Fairbank

The Brandon Food Pantry is looking for the following donations: Empty Egg Cartons, Cans of Tuna, Grape and/or Strawberry Jelly or Jam, Canned Carrots, Corn, Peas, Mixed Vegetables and Canned Fruit Cocktail. Please place your donations in the wicker basket in the entryway of the church, located in the North corner of the entryway.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

Emanuel Lutheran Chili Festival will be held Wednesday, October 8, 2025, from 4:00 P.M. – 6:00 P.M. Dine-In, Drive-Thru and Carry-Outs - \$10.00. 107 S. Prairie St., Brandon, WI. Emanuel's Church Basement. The church is handicapped accessible. Please see the signup sheet for bars, a greeter and helpers. Cash donations should be designated to the "Chili Festival" and placed in the offering plate. Flyers are available to take. Funded by Thrivent Financial.

Bethel Church of Brandon Junior High Soup Supper and Cake Auction will be held Wednesday, September 24, 2025, from 4:30 P.M. – 7:00 P.M. Cake Auction will start at 6:00 P.M. 305 W. Main St., Brandon, WI. Carry-Outs are available by using the drive-thru service. All proceeds will benefit the youth group.