

Emanuel Lutheran Church

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Sunday, July 5, 2026

THE SIXTH SUNDAY after PENTECOST:

The mystery of God's ways is sometimes hidden from the wise and intelligent. Jesus associates with those often excluded from the religious community. Like Paul, we struggle with our own selfish desires and seek God's mercy and forgiveness. We gather to be refreshed by Christ's invitation: "Come to me, all you that are weary." Gathered around word, water, and meal, we find rest for our souls.

Please feel free to sit anytime during the service if the need arises.

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, whose compassion endures forever.

C: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sin to God.

Silence is kept for reflection.



P: Compassionate God,

C: we confess to you all our sins. Our burden is heavy, and we cannot free ourselves. In your mercy, call us back to you. Your yoke is easy and your burden is light. Restore us to dwell in your peace. In Christ's name we pray, Amen.

P: Jesus says, "Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest." In the name of God, Father, ✠ Son, and Holy Spirit, your sins are forgiven. Rest in God's love.

C: Amen.

OPENING HYMN: "Lord of All Hopefulness"

LBW 469

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 145:8-14:

Please join me in the responsive reading.

FIRST READING: Zechariah 9:9-12

The coming messianic king will inaugurate an era of disarmament and prosperity. Because of God's covenant with Israel, the people are designated as "prisoners of hope."

Reader says: The Word of the Lord.

Congregation respond: Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING: Romans 7:15-25a

Life captive to sin is a catch-22 existence in which we know good but do not do it and do things we know to be wrong. Through Jesus Christ, God has set us free from such a futile existence.

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 holy gospel according to Matthew Chapter 11.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

THE GOSPEL READING: Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

Jesus chides people who find fault with both his ministry and that of John the Baptist. He thanks God that wisdom and intelligence are not needed to receive what God has to offer.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

(Please sit)

SERMON

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SERMON HYMN: “O Love That Will Not Let Me Go” LBW 324

(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: **hear 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: Loving God, we offer at your table the gifts of our hearts. Help us take heart in you and share freely of your love, so that all creation can taste your abundance. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit abiding with us now and forever.

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: Heaven has come near. Come, share in the feast!

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: Compassionate God, through the gifts of bread and wine our hearts are filled with the abundance of your love. Strengthen us that we, through this holy meal, may share your love freely, as you have shared with us. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit nourishing us now and forever.

C: Amen.

THE BENEDICTION:

P: Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer, ✠ one God, bless, heal, and hold you today and always.

C: Amen.

SENDING HYMN: *“What a Friend We Have in Jesus”* **LBW 439**

DISMISSAL:

P: Heaven has come near. Go, share the good news!

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude: Roberta Ryskoski

OUR GUEST PASTOR THIS MORNING is Pastor Lin. Thank you for leading our Worship, Pastor Reichstadter.

Attendance: Last Sunday: 24

Last Sunday Facebook Lives: 3

Facebook Plays:

Sunday, June 21st: 125

Today, Service Schedule, July 5th, 9:30 A.M.

Reader: Charlotte Rebelein

Usher: Marlene Connell

Next Week's Schedule, July 12th, 9:30 A.M.

Reader: Verlyn Rebelein

Usher: Wayne Heitmann

July 2026 Altar Schedule

Janice Ott

July 2026 Communion Schedule (1st and 3rd Sunday)

Wayne Heitmann

THIS WEEK AT EMANUEL:

THERE WILL BE COFFEE AND GOODIES THIS MORNING

FOLLOWING THE WORSHIP provided by Wayne Heitmann and Tom Rivers.

Council Meeting is tomorrow, Monday, July 6, 2026, at 5:15 P.M.

We are a small but strong group who care about each other. Anyone wishing to have pastoral care or have a concern please call the church and leave a message 920-346-2202.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

Brandon Community Blood Drive Tuesday, July 14, 2026, 12:00 P.M. to 6:00 P.M., at Bethel Church, 305 W. Main St., Brandon, WI. For an appointment, please call Judy Henker at 920-346-2966 or call 1-800-733-2767 or visit RedCrossBlood.org.

RUCC CHURCH PICNIC Sunday, July 12th, from 11:00 A.M. – 2:00 P.M., 204 W. Division St., Rosendale, WI. Please see the flyer on the bulletin board in the narthex of the church for further information.