

Emanuel Lutheran Church

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THE FIFTH SUNDAY of EASTER:

As we continue to celebrate the fifty days of Easter, today's gospel includes Jesus' promise that he goes to prepare a place for his followers in his Father's house. Our baptism commissions us to share Jesus' mission in the world. As 1 Peter reminds us, we are a holy people, called to proclaim the one who called us out of darkness into light. In words and deeds we bear witness to the risen Christ—our way, our truth, our life.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

(Please stand for the Thanksgiving for Baptism)

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM:

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

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

C: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!



P: Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne and to the Lamb!

C: Amen.

P: Let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism.

Water may be poured into the font as the presiding minister continues.

P: Merciful God, you are the one who was, who is, and who is to come. You lead us beside still waters. We thank you for the waters of creation: morning dew, gentle rain, roaring waves. We thank you for the waters that nourish us (*local waters may be named*). Blessed are you.

C: You guide us to springs of the water of life.

P: Jesus Christ, you are the faithful witness who accompanies us on our journeys. We give you thanks for your life-giving death and resurrection. We praise you for joining us in joy and sorrow. Blessed are you.

C: You guide us to springs of the water of life.

P: Holy Spirit, you anoint our head with oil and our cup overflows. Break down barriers that divide us. Fill us with the breath of peace. Blessed are you.

C: You guide us to springs of the water of life.

P: Holy One, we thank you for the gifts and grace of baptism, and for making us a new creation. We join with saints and angels, giving you honor and praise, now and forever.

C: Amen.

(Remain Standing)

OPENING HYMN: “Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds”

LBW 143

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 31:1-5, 15-16:

Please join me in the responsive reading.

FIRST READING: Acts 7:55-60

Stephen was one of the seven men chosen by the apostles to serve tables so that the apostles could be free to serve the word (Acts 6:1-6). Stephen does more than distribute food, however. For his preaching of God's word, he becomes the first martyr of the faith.

Reader says: The Word of the Lord.

Congregation respond: Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING: 1 Peter 2:2-10

Christ is the cornerstone of God's saving work and the foundation of our lives. We are God's chosen, holy people who continuously celebrate and declare the mercy of God we experience through Jesus Christ.

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 John Chapter 14 verses 1-14.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

THE GOSPEL READING: John 14:1-14

On the night that he is to be arrested, Jesus shares final words with his disciples. As the one through whom God is known, he promises to go before them and act on their behalf.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

(Please Sit)

SERMON: “A Place Just for You”

Sister Ruth Ellen Reblein

SERMON HYMN: “Hallelujah! Jesus Lives!”

LBW 147

(Please stand for the Apostles Creed and The Sharing of the Peace)

APOSTLES' CREED:

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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.

(Please sit for The Prayers of the People)

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE:

P: Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

(Please stand and join hands)

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Green LBW page 91

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

OFFERING PRAYER:

P: Merciful God, accept the fruits of our labor, gathered to give you glory. You give us a glimpse of that great day when we will hunger and thirst no more. Nourish us with the Word of Jesus, that goodness and mercy may follow us and bless the world you love. In the name of Jesus,

C: Amen.

THE BENEDICTION:

P: God Almighty, who is the beginning and the end, Jesus Christ, the firstborn of the dead, and the Spirit, our advocate and peace, ✠ bless you now and forever.

C: Amen.

**SENDING HYMN: “I Know that My Redeemer Lives!” LBW 352
vs. 1,5,7,8**

DISMISSAL:

P: Go in peace. Praise the Lord. Alleluia!

C: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

Postlude: Roberta Ryskoski

OUR GUEST DEACONESS THIS MORNING is Sister Ruth Ellen Rebelein. Thank you for leading our Worship, Sister Ruth Ellen.

Attendance: Last Sunday: 24 Last Sunday Facebook Lives: 3

Facebook Plays:

Sunday, April 19th: N/A

Today, Service Schedule, May 3rd, 9:30 A.M.

Reader: Charlotte Rebelein

Usher: Wayne Heitmann

Next Week's Schedule, May 10th, 9:30 A.M. (Happy Mother's Day)

Reader: Verlyn Rebelein

Usher: Darrell Rahn

May 2026 Altar Schedule

Mary Fairbank and Pat Grams

May 2026 Communion Schedule

Wayne Heitmann

THIS WEEK AT EMANUEL:

THERE WILL BE COFFEE THIS MORNING FOLLOWING THE WORSHIP.

Council Meeting is tomorrow Monday, May 4, 2026, at 5:15 P.M.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

Emanuel's Brat Fry Friday, May 15th from 9:30 A.M. – 5:00 P.M. and Saturday, May 16th from 9:30 A.M. – 2:00 P.M. Please see the sign-up sheet in the entryway of the church for grillers, helpers and servers. Please place your monetary donations in the offering plate marked “Brat Fry” for items that need to be purchase. Funded by Thrivent Financial.

As some may know Debbie Schmuhl, wife of Jerry, passed away on February 21, 2026. On May 16, 2026, there will be a funeral service for Debbie at Emanuel Lutheran. Visitation is from 9-11 a.m. with the service to follow.

The First Event of the 2026 Summer Season at Peniel will be Saturday, May 9, 2026. Please join us as The New Generation Singers from the Central Wisconsin Christian School lift their voices in a wonderful evening of merriment and song. The free concert will begin at 6:00 PM. Refreshments following the concert. A free will offering will be collected. The Peniel Chapel is located at W9644 Zoar Road, Oshkosh, WI 54904.