

Emanuel Lutheran Church

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Sunday, September 13, 2026

THE SIXTEENTH SUNDAY after PENTECOST:

In today's second reading Paul questions why we judge one another, since we all stand before the judgment of God. Yet we do sin against one another, and Jesus' challenge that we forgive seventy-seven times reveals God's boundless mercy. When we hear the words of forgiveness in worship and sign ourselves with the cross, we are renewed in baptism to be signs of reconciliation in the world.

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, who pours love into our hearts and healing upon the earth.

C: Amen.

P: Confident that God justifies us by grace through faith, let us confess our sin.



Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Compassionate God,

C: we confess that we struggle to embody your goodness in the world and in our own hearts. Creation groans from overuse. Jealousy and bitterness strain our relationships. Indifference keeps us from seeking justice. Divisions disrupt your call to show genuine love to others. Turn our hearts back to you. Restore our world and reconcile us to one another. Renew us to live as your holy people, following the way of Jesus Christ. Amen.

P: Hear this good news: We have peace with God through † Jesus Christ, in whom there is no condemnation, but only forgiveness and the promise of eternal life. Receive freely this healing gift of grace.

C: Amen.

(Remain Standing)

OPENING HYMN: “Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer” LBW 343

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 103:[1-7] 8-13:

Please join me in the responsive reading.

FIRST READING: Genesis 50:15-21

After Jacob's death the brothers of Joseph begged for forgiveness for the crime they had done against him. You intended to do me harm, Joseph said, but God used this as an opportunity to do good and save many lives.

Reader says: The Word of the Lord.

Congregation respond: Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING: Romans 14:1-12

This Christian community has significant struggles with diversity. Here Paul helps us understand that despite different practices in worship and personal piety, we do not judge one another. All Christians belong to the Lord Jesus Christ who died for all of us and will judge each of us.

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 18.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

THE GOSPEL READING: Matthew 18:21-35

When Peter asks about the limits of forgiveness, Jesus responds with a parable that suggests human forgiveness should mirror the unlimited mercy of God.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

(Please Sit)

SERMON

Pastor Kim Krogstad

SERMON HYMN: "Where Charity and Love Prevail"

LBW 126

(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: Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

(Please stand and join hands)

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

OFFERING PRAYER:

P: God of creation, you send rain and the earth springs forth abundantly.

All blessings are from you; make us generous with what we have. Use our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts in service to you and in love to our neighbors, today and always.

C: Amen.

THE BENEDICTION:

P: The God of love draw you into full accord and one mind, in the body of Christ Jesus.

C: Amen.

P: The God of hope grant you strength and joy in all circumstances through the interceding of the Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: The God of grace ☩ bless you now and forever.

C: Amen.

SENDING HYMN: “Praise to the Lord, the Almighty” LBW 543

DISMISSAL:

P: Go out in joy. Be led forth in peace.

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude: Charlotte Rebelein

OUR GUEST PASTOR THIS MORNING is Kim Krogstad. Thank you for leading our Worship, Pastor Krogstad.

Our Guest Pastor for next Sunday, September 20th is Pastor Jan LaVake.

Attendance: Last Sunday: 28 Last Sunday Facebook Lives: 4

Facebook Plays:

Sunday, August 30th: 117

Today, Service Schedule, September 13th, 9:30 A.M.

Reader: Verlyn Rebelein

Usher: Wayne Heitmann

Next Week's Schedule, September 20th, 9:30 A.M.

Reader: Wayne Heitmann

Usher: Darrell Rahn

September 2026 Altar Schedule

Mary Fairbank and Pat Grams

September 2026 Communion Schedule

Annette Raube

THIS WEEK AT EMANUEL:

There will be coffee this morning following the worship.

THERE WILL BE A CONGREGATIONAL MEETING today, September 13, 2026, right after service. Subject is maintenance on the parsonage.

Council Meeting is tomorrow, Monday, September 14th, at 5:15 P.M.

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

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.

DATE TO REMEMBER:

GOOD NEWS! Pastor Karen will be conducting a 4-week Bible Study beginning Wednesday, September 23rd at noon. Bring your lunch, beverage, and Bible. All Welcome.