

Emanuel Lutheran Church

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Sunday, November 16, 2025

THE TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY after PENTECOST:

The end is near. There is no doubt about it. The warnings are dire. The tone of today's texts is ominous. But the baptized know how to live in the meantime. The baptized are strengthened for the living of these days in word and sacrament. The baptized rally around the invitation of the apostle: "Do not be weary in doing what is right."

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 forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

C: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.



P: Faithful God,

C: you have shown us the ways of your heart, yet we stray from your paths. We are stuck in sinful systems of oppression and do not embrace the freedom of your faithful promises. We ignore our neighbors. We exploit the earth. We reject your abundance, trusting our impulses instead of your steadfast love. Repair our relationships, restore what we have broken, renew our hearts, and bring us to new life. Amen.

P: Hear the good news: God the Faithful One loves you, † in Christ Jesus your sins are forgiven, and by the power of the Holy Spirit you are set free.

C: Amen.

OPENING HYMN: “How Firm a Foundation” LBW 507

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 98:

Please join me in the responsive reading.

FIRST READING: Malachi 4:1-2a

Malachi, whose name means “my messenger,” warns that “the day is coming.” On that day, the evil will be destroyed like stubble in a fire, but the “sun of righteousness” will shine on those who honor God.

Reader says: The Word of the Lord.

Congregation respond: Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING: 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13

Some members of the Thessalonian community, because of their belief in the nearness of Christ's return, had ceased to work, living off the generosity of other members of the community. The writer of this letter warns them bluntly that if they want to eat, they need to work.

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 21 verses 5-19.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

THE GOSPEL READING: Luke 21:5-19

As history moves toward God's fulfillment there will be frightening signs and events. Before the end, believers will draw strength from their relationship to God and will be given the words they need to testify and to endure without fear.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

(Please sit)

SERMON

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SERMON HYMN: "My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less" LBW 294

(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: Hear us, O God.

C: **Your mercy is great.**

(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: God of healing and hope, you bless those who are hungry, promising to fill them with good things. Fulfill that promise through us and these your gifts. Nourish us with the abundance of your feast and unite us into the blessed body of Jesus Christ our Savior, 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: There is a place for you at the table of God. Come, receive the food that does not perish, a taste of life eternal.

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: God of field and flower, wheat and grape, you have nourished us with the bread of heaven that gives life to the world. Strengthened by the body and blood of your Son, send us out to gather your good gifts for all who hunger and thirst, and embolden us to love and serve in Christ’s name.

C: Amen.

THE BENEDICTION:

P: The love of God the Sovereign strengthen you, God the Son save you, and God the Holy Spirit anoint you for the work ahead.

P: The holy Trinity bless you ☩ and grant you a faithful and courageous heart now and forever.

C: Amen.

SENDING HYMN: **“When Peace, like a River”** **LBW 346**

DISMISSAL:

P: Go in peace. Share the harvest.

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude: Roberta Ryskoski

Attendance: Last Sunday: 26

Last Sunday Facebook Live: 0

Facebook Plays:

Sunday, November 2nd Facebook Plays: No Live Stream

Today, Service Schedule, November 16th, 9:30 A.M.

Reader: Charlotte Rebelein

Usher: Verlyn Rebelein

Next Week's Schedule, November 23rd, 9:30 A.M.

Reader: Verlyn Rebelein

Usher: James Weed

November 2025 Altar Schedule

Marlene Connell

November 2025 Communion Schedule (9th and 16th)

Annette Raube

THIS WEEK AT EMANUEL:

A Bible Study is starting Monday, November 17th, at 11:00 A.M., at church. All are welcome.

If interested in helping with the monthly/weekly duty schedules at Emanuel please see below:

Altar 2026: April is available for a volunteer(s).

Communion 2026: April, May, June, July and September months are available for volunteers.

Readers and Ushers schedules are available for volunteers.

If you feel the calling for any of the above duties, please contact Ann Kastein at emanuel.luthbrandon@gmail.com or 920-960-7142.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

American Red Cross Blood Drive will be held this Tuesday, November 18, 2025, Noon – 6:00 P.M., at Bethel Church located at 305 W. Main St., Brandon, WI. For appointment, please contact Judy Henker at 920-346-2966.

Thanksgiving Worship will be held on Wednesday, November 26, 2025, at 6:00 P.M., here at Emanuel. **The Thanksgiving Offering** will be donated to the Brandon Food Pantry.

Christmas Decorating: If you'd like to take part in decorating the church for Christmas, join us on Saturday, November 29, 2025, from 9:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M. Thank You!

St. Catherine of Siena Chili Supper will be held on Saturday, November 29, 2025, serving from 4:30 P.M. – 6:30 P.M. at the Parish Hall & Activity Center, 218 E. Blossom St., Ripon, WI. Dine-In and Carry-Outs. Handicap Accessible. For further information, please see the flyer on the bulletin board in the narthex of the church.