

Emanuel Lutheran Church

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Sunday, October 11, 2026

THE TWENTIETH SUNDAY after PENTECOST:

In Isaiah we are given a vision of the great feast to come, when God will wipe away death forever. In Jesus' parable about a great banquet, those invited do not come, so the invitation is extended to others. In our liturgy God spreads a table before us. Even amid anxiety and hardship we rejoice in the peace of God which surpasses all understanding. With great joy we feast at the table of the Lord, and we go forth to share the wonderful invitation with others hungering and thirsting for the abundant life of God.

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: “Praise and Thanksgiving” LBW 409

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 23:

Please join me in the responsive reading.

FIRST READING: Isaiah 25:1-9

After a hymn of praise acknowledging God as a shelter for the poor, the prophet portrays a wonderful victory banquet at which death—which in ancient Canaan was depicted as a monster swallowing up everyone—will be swallowed up forever. The prophet urges celebration of this victory of salvation.

Reader says: The Word of the Lord.

Congregation respond: Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING: Philippians 4:1-9

Though writing from prison and facing an uncertain future, Paul calls on the Philippians to rejoice and give thanks to God no matter what the circumstance. God's peace is with us and binds together our hearts and minds in Jesus Christ, especially when things around us do not seem peaceful.

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 22.

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

THE GOSPEL READING: Matthew 22:1-14

Jesus tells a parable indicating that the blessings of God's kingdom are available to all, but the invitation is not to be taken lightly.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

(Please Sit)

SERMON

Pastor Karen Jewell-Van Buskirk

(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: “Sent Forth by God’s Blessing” LBW 221

DISMISSAL:

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

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude: Roberta Ryskoski

OUR GUEST PASTOR THIS MORNING is Karen Jewell-Van Buskirk.
Thank you for leading our Worship, Pastor Jewell-Van Buskirk.

Our Guest Pastor for next Sunday, October 18th is Pastor Jan LaVake.

Attendance: Last Sunday: 27 Last Sunday Facebook Lives: 5

Facebook Plays:

Sunday, September 20th: 140

Today, Service Schedule, October 11th, 9:30 A.M.

Reader: Charlotte Rebelein

Usher: Darrell Rahn

Next Week’s Schedule, October 18th, 9:30 A.M.

Reader: Wayne Heitmann

Usher: Wayne Heitmann

Looking for an Altar Volunteer for October 18th and 25th if you are interested, please contact Ann Kastein at 920-346-2202 or emanuel.luthbrandon@gmail.com. October 4th: Annette Raube
October 2026 Communion Schedule
Annette Raube – October 4th and Wayne Heitmann October 18th

THIS WEEK AT EMANUEL:

Welcome to church today, Sunday, October 11th! Today is a special day as we celebrate **Bring a Friend to Church**. After the service we will be having chili and other food items. We will also be celebrating Ann Kastein's 25th anniversary as secretary of Emanuel.

BIBLE STUDY with Pastor Karen this Thursday, October 15th, at Noon. Bring your lunch, beverage, and Bible. Located in the educational room. This is the last week of Bible Study for this year. All Welcome!

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.

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY NOVEMBER 1, 2026

On All Saints Sunday, November 1, 2026,
we will remember and give thanks
for those who have gone before us.

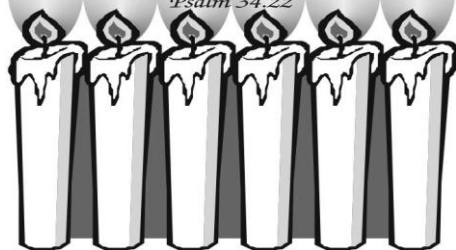
During the worship service,
we will read the names of friends and loved
ones who have entered into sacred rest.

Please complete the information on the other
side, to have someone included.
You may place this form in the offering plate,
or put it on the office desk by,
Thursday, October 29, 2026.

*All Saints
Day*

*The Lord redeems the life of
his servants;
none of those who take refuge
in him will be condemned.*

Psalm 34:22



ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

NOVEMBER 1, 2026

**I would like the following individuals
included in the
All Saints Day Remembrance.**

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