

Emanuel Lutheran Church

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Sunday, August 16, 2026

**THE TWELFTH SUNDAY after
PENTECOST:**



In Isaiah we hear that God's house shall be a house of prayer for all people and that God will gather the outcasts of Israel. The Canaanite woman in today's gospel is a Gentile, an outsider, who is unflinching in her request that Jesus heal her daughter. As Jesus commends her bold faith, how might our church extend its mission to those on the margins of society? In our gathering around word and meal we receive strength to be signs of comfort, healing, and justice for those in need.

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, Whose Love in Humble Service" LBW 423

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 67:

Please join me in the responsive reading.

FIRST READING: Isaiah 56:1, 6-8

The prophet calls upon Israel to do justice in view of God's imminent intervention to save. Righteousness and obedience define who belongs to the Israelite community—not race, nationality, or any other category.

Reader says: The Word of the Lord.

Congregation respond: Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING: Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32

God has not rejected Israel. Rather, the call and gifts of God are irrevocable so that, while all have been disobedient, God has mercy upon all.

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 15.

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

THE GOSPEL READING: Matthew 15: [10-20] 21-28

Jesus teaches his disciples that true purity is a matter of the heart rather than outward religious observances. Almost immediately, this teaching is tested when a woman considered to be a religious outsider approaches him for help.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

(Please sit)

SERMON

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SERMON HYMN: “In Christ There Is No East or West” LBW 359

(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: Merciful God,

C: receive 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: **“Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing”** **LBW 559**

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 Karen Jewell-Van Buskirk.
Thank you for leading our Worship, Pastor Jewell-Van Buskirk.

Our Guest Pastor for next Sunday, August 23rd is Pastor Karen Jewell-Van Buskirk.

Attendance: Last Sunday: 25

Last Sunday Facebook Lives: 3

Facebook Plays:

Sunday, August 2nd: 137

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

Reader: Charlotte Rebelein

Usher: Wayne Heitmann

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

Reader: Verlyn Rebelein

Usher: Darrell Rahn

August 2026 Altar Schedule

Marlene Connell

August 2026 Communion Schedule

Wayne Heitmann

THIS WEEK AT EMANUEL:

There will be coffee this morning following the worship.

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:

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.

Alto Old Stone Church Service 4042 Amity Rd., Brandon, WI.

Today, August 16, 2026, at 2:00 P.M. Come and enjoy an afternoon of an old-fashioned church service. Refreshments will follow the service. Free will offering will be taken. Hope to see you there.