

Emanuel Lutheran Church

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Sunday, October 4, 2026



THE NINETEENTH SUNDAY after PENTECOST:

In today's gospel reading, Jesus tells a vineyard parable, which serves as an image of Israel, the prophets' mission, and Christ's death. For Christians, the vineyard also speaks of God's love poured out in the blood of Christ, given to us for the forgiveness of sin. Grafted onto Christ the vine at baptism, we are nourished with wine and bread so that we may share Christ's sufferings and know the power of his resurrection.

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.

OPENING HYMN: “When I Survey the Wondrous Cross” LBW 482

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 80:7-15:

Please join me in the responsive reading.

FIRST READING: Isaiah 5:1-7

The prophet sings a sad, parable-like love song about the relationship between God and Israel. In this song Israel is compared to a promising vineyard. Despite God's loving care, the vineyard that is Israel has brought forth "rotten grapes" of injustice and distress, when fine grapes of justice and righteousness were expected.

Reader says: The Word of the Lord.

Congregation respond: Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING: Philippians 3:4b-14

Paul reviews some of his supposed credentials, which no longer have any bearing in comparison to the right relationship he has been given through the death of Christ. The power of Christ's resurrection motivates him to press on toward the ultimate goal, eternal life with 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 holy gospel according to Matthew Chapter 21.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

THE GOSPEL READING: Matthew 21:33-46

Jesus tells a parable to the religious leaders who are plotting his death, revealing that their plans will, ironically, bring about the fulfillment of scripture.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

(Please sit)

SERMON

Pastor Karen Jewell-Van Buskirk

SERMON HYMN: “My Song Is Love Unknown”

**LBW 94
vs. 1-4**

(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 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.

(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: Christ invites you to this table. All who are thirsty, all who are hungry, come!

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: Sustaining God, with this bread and cup, you nourish us with mercy and abundant life. By your Spirit, send us from this table to serve a needy world. Make us living signs of your liberation, healing, and love, following the way of Jesus, in whose name we pray.

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: “Now Thank We All Our God”

LBW 534

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 11th is Pastor Karen Jewell-Van Buskirk.

Attendance: Last Sunday: 20

Last Sunday Facebook Lives: 6

Facebook Plays:

Sunday, September 13th: 184

Today, Service Schedule, October 4th, 9:30 A.M.

Reader: Verlyn Rebelein

Usher: Verlyn Rebelein

Next Week's Schedule, October 11th, 9:30 A.M.

Reader: Charlotte Rebelein

Usher: Darrell Rahn

Looking for an Altar Volunteer for October 11th, 18th and 25th if you are interested, please contact Ann Kastein at 920-346-2202 or emanuel.luthbrandon@gmail.com. Annette Raube is scheduled for Sunday, October 4, 2026.

October 2026 Communion Schedule

Annette Raube – October 4th and Wayne Heitmann October 18th.

THIS WEEK AT EMANUEL:

THERE WILL BE COFFEE AND GOODIES THIS MORNING FOLLOWING THE WORSHIP provided by Marlene Connell.

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

BRING YOUR FRIEND TO CHURCH Sunday, October 11, 2026.

Please bring a friend or more. 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. We are asking if you wish to give a donation towards a gift for Ann, please put it in the offering plate labeled Ann or to any council member. Annette Rauabe will have a card in church for you to sign. Thank you and see you in church!

BIBLE STUDY with Pastor Karen this Wednesday, October 7th, at Noon. Bring your lunch, beverage, and Bible. Located in the educational room. 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

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

Please Print:

Members Name (Optional)

Name	Relationship (Optional)
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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.*

Psalms 34:22

