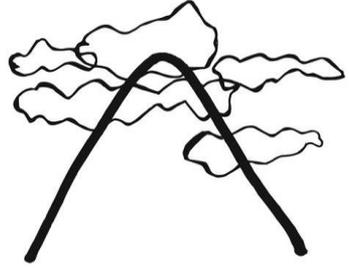


# Emanuel Lutheran Church

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**Sunday, February 15, 2026**



## **TRANSFIGURATION of OUR LORD:**

Today's festival is a bridge between the Advent-Christmas-Epiphany cycle that comes to a close today and the Lent-Easter cycle that begins in several days. On a high mountain Jesus is revealed as God's beloved Son, echoing the words at his baptism. This vision of glory sustains us as Jesus faces his impending death in Jerusalem. We turn this week to Ash Wednesday and our yearly baptismal journey from Lent to Easter. Some churches put aside the alleluia at the conclusion of today's liturgy. This word of joy will be omitted during the penitential season of Lent and will be sung again at Easter.

## **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, the Creator of heaven and earth, the Word who spoke life into being, the Wind stirring the waters.

**C: Amen.**

**P:** Let us turn in confession to the one who knows us completely.  
*Silence is kept for reflection.*

P: Mighty God, lover of justice,

**C: you call us to life in community, but we have served our own interests at the expense of our neighbors. We have sown deceit where honesty was needed. We say the right words, but our hearts are far from you. Turn us to seek your face. Knit us together and give us the mind of Christ, that we may do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with you, our God. Amen.**

P: The former things have passed away, and new things God now declares: Like a spring of water that never fails, God covers you in the righteousness of Christ, and forgives your sin in † Jesus' name. May the Spirit give you strength to live for others, and bless you with the gift of peace.

**C: Amen.**

**OPENING HYMN: “Children of the Heavenly Father” LBW 474**

**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 2:**

Please join me in the responsive reading.

**FIRST READING: Exodus 24:12-18**

At Mount Sinai, Moses experienced the presence of God for forty days and forty nights. The “glory of the LORD” settled on the mountain, and on the seventh day God called out to Moses. On the mountain God gave Moses the stone tablets inscribed with the ten commandments.

**Reader says: The Word of the Lord.**

**Congregation respond: Thanks be to God.**

**SECOND READING: 2 Peter 1:16-21**

At the transfiguration, God's voice was heard, declaring Jesus to be the beloved Son. By the activity of the Holy Spirit, God's voice continues to be heard through the word of scripture.

**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 Matthew Chapter 17 verses 1-9.

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

**THE GOSPEL READING: Matthew 17:1-9**

Shortly before he enters Jerusalem, where he will be crucified, Jesus is revealed to Peter, James, and John in a mountaintop experience of divine glory called the transfiguration.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

*(Please sit)*

**SERMON**

**Pastor Karen Jewell-Van Buskirk**

**SERMON HYMN:**

**"Beautiful Savior"**

**LBW 518**

*(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: God of majesty, no eye has seen, no ear has heard what you have prepared for those who love you, yet in this meal you reveal the wideness of your mercy. Use what we have gathered to feed us with the reign of God come near, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

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: Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! Come to the table; taste and see.

**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: Radiant God, we have seen your glory in the face of Jesus Christ. In the sacrament of his body and blood you have drawn us to your heart. Send us from this table with delight, that our lives may reflect the beauty of your love, and bear witness to all we have seen and heard, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C: Amen.**

**THE BENEDICTION:**

P: May the triune God, who has put a new song in your mouth and tuned your heart for praise † bless you now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

**SENDING HYMN:**      *“I Love to Tell the Story”*      **LBW 390**

**DISMISSAL:**

P: Go in peace. Do justice. Love mercy.

**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.

**Attendance:** Last Sunday: 26

Last Sunday Facebook Lives: 3

**Facebook Plays:**

Sunday, February 1<sup>st</sup>: 300

**Today, Service Schedule, February 15<sup>th</sup>, 9:30 A.M.**

**Reader:** Verlyn Rebelein

**Usher:** Darrell Rahn

**Ash Wednesday, Service Schedule, February 18<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 P.M.**

**Communion:** Wayne Heitmann **Reader:** Verlyn Rebelein

**Usher:** Annette Raube

**Next Week's Schedule, February 22<sup>nd</sup>, 9:30 A.M.**

**Reader:** Wayne Heitmann

**Usher:** Verlyn Rebelein

**February 2026 Altar Schedule**

Toby and Pastor Bob Rosenberg

**February 2026 Communion Schedule** (February 1<sup>st</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>)

Wayne Heitmann

**March 2026 Altar Schedule**

Annette Raube and Charleen Strook

**March 2026 Communion Schedule**

Annette Raube

**THIS WEEK AT EMANUEL:**

**THERE WILL BE COFFEE AND SNACKS THIS MORNING FOLLOWING THE WORSHIP.**

**Ash Wednesday Service** is Wednesday, February 18<sup>th</sup>, at 6:00 P.M. We will have Midweek Services each week up to Easter which is April 5th. We will not be having soup suppers, so Worship will be at 6:00 P.M. We will be doing the imposition of ashes and we will be having Holy Communion.

**DATES TO REMEMBER:**

**St. Stephen's Lutheran Church Pancake Supper** tomorrow Monday, February 16, 2026, from 4:00 P.M. – 7:30 P.M. N5680 Towne Rd., Rosendale, WI. All You Can Eat! Free Will Donation. Please see the flyer on the bulletin board in the narthex of the church.

**Pancake Breakfast** next Sunday, February 22, 2026, at St. Catherine of Siena Ripon, Christian Women and Knights of Columbus, serving from 8:00 AM – 11:00 AM, Parish Hall located at 218 E Blossom St., Ripon, WI. Please see the flyer on the bulletin board in the narthex of the church.

**Spaghetti Dinner** next Sunday, February 22, 2026, from 11:30 A.M. – 1:00 P.M., at Bethel Church, 305 W. Main St., Brandon, WI. Free Will Offering. Please see the flyer on the bulletin board in the narthex of the church.

**Brandon Community Blood Drive** Tuesday, March 10, 2026, from 12:00 P.M. – 6:00 P.M., at Bethel Church, 305 W. Main St., Brandon, WI. For an appointment, please call Judy Henker at 920-346-2966 or call 1-800-733-2767 or visit RedCrossBlood.org. Please see the flyer on the bulletin board in the narthex of the church