

Emanuel Lutheran Church

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Sunday, September 14, 2025

THE FOURTEENTH SUNDAY after PENTECOST:

The grumbling of the religious leaders in today's gospel is actually our holy hope: This Jesus welcomes sinners and eats with them. That our God seeks and saves the lost is not only a holy hope, it is our only hope. As the writer of 1 Timothy reminds us, "The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners." Thanks be to 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:

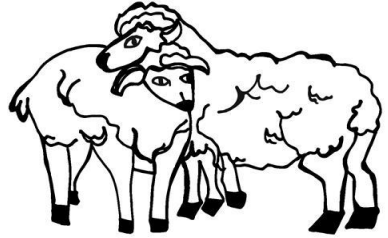
All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, our maker, our helper, and our keeper.

C: Amen.

P: Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.



P: Merciful and loving God,

C: we are your stiff-necked people. We trample on the needy. We grumble about your grace to others. We turn away from the poor. Have mercy on us and forgive our sins. Rejoice over us as ones who were lost and have been found. Amen.

P: Even when we are faithless, God remains faithful. Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners. You who were lost have been found.

In the name of † Jesus, your sins are forgiven!

C: Amen.

(Remain Standing)

OPENING HYMN: “Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing” LBW 499

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 51:1-10:

Please join me in the responsive reading.

FIRST READING: Exodus 32:7-14

While Moses is on Mount Sinai, the people grow restless and make a golden calf to worship. Today’s reading shows Moses as the mediator between an angry God and a sinful people. Moses reminds God that the Israelites are God’s own people, and boldly asks for mercy for them.

Reader says: The Word of the Lord.

Congregation respond: Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING: 1 Timothy 1:12-17

The letters to Timothy and Titus are called the pastoral epistles because they contain advice especially intended for leaders in the church. Here the mercy shown to Paul, who once persecuted the church, is cited as evidence that even the most unworthy may become witnesses to the grace of God.

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 15 verses 1-10.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

THE GOSPEL READING: Luke 15:1-10

Jesus tells two stories that suggest a curious connection between the lost being found and sinners repenting. God takes the initiative to find sinners, each of whom is so precious to God that their recovery brings joy in heaven.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

(Please Sit)

SERMON

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SERMON HYMN: “Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling” WOV 734

(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: God of grace,

C: receive our prayer.

(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: Lord of the harvest, we return to you a portion of what you have given to us. Turn us to set our hope not on the uncertainty of riches, but on you, who richly provides for us. Multiply what we have gathered to bless all who are suffering and in need, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

THE BENEDICTION:

P: The God of righteousness, who gives justice to the oppressed, who gives food to the hungry, who sets the prisoners free, ☩ bless you now and forever.

C: Amen.

SENDING HYMN: “Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise” LBW 526

DISMISSAL:

P: Go in peace. Do not lose heart.

C: Thanks be to god.

Postlude: Roberta Ryskoski

Attendance: Last Sunday: 30

Last Sunday Facebook Live: 2

Facebook Plays:

Sunday, August 31st Facebook Plays: 149

Today, Service Schedule, September 14th, 9:30 A.M.

Reader: Charlotte Rebelein

Usher: Wayne Heitmann

Next Week's Schedule, September 21st, 9:30 A.M.

Reader: Verlyn Rebelein

Usher: Darrell Rahn

September 2025 Altar Schedule

Mary Fairbank and Pat Grams

September 2025 Communion Schedule (1st and 3rd Sundays)

Annette Raube (September 7th) Verlyn Rebelein (September 21st)

THIS WEEK AT EMANUEL:

There Will Be Coffee and Goodies This Morning Following The Worship provided by Charleen Strook.

Council Meeting is tomorrow, Monday, September 15th, at 5:00 P.M.

The Brandon Food Pantry is looking for the following donations: Empty Egg Cartons, Cans of Tuna, Grape and/or Strawberry Jelly or Jam, Canned Carrots, Corn, Peas, Mixed Vegetables and Canned Fruit Cocktail. Please place your donations in the wicker basket in the entryway of the church, located in the North corner of the entryway.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

Emanuel Lutheran Chili Festival will be held Wednesday, October 8, 2025, from 4:00 P.M. – 6:00 P.M. Dine-In and Carry-Outs. 107 S. Prairie St., Brandon, WI. Emanuel's Church Basement.

Bethel Church of Brandon Junior High Soup Supper and Cake Auction

will be held Wednesday, September 24, 2025, from 4:30 P.M. – 7:00 P.M. Cake Auction will start at 6:00 P.M. 305 W. Main St., Brandon, WI. Carry-Outs are available by using the drive-thru service. All proceeds will benefit the youth group. For further information, please see the poster on the bulletin board in the narthex of the church.

Friends of Peniel Welsh Chapel: Saturday, September 20th, at 6:00 P.M., we are coming to the end of our 2025 summer concert series. W9644 Zoar Road/Cty FF, Oshkosh, WI 54904. For further information, please see the poster on the bulletin board in the narthex of the church.