

Emanuel Lutheran Church

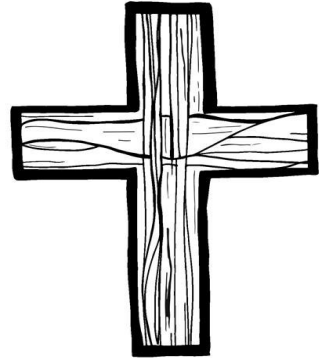
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Sunday, September 7, 2025



THE THIRTEENTH SUNDAY after PENTECOST:

Called to contemplate the cost of discipleship, we might be helped by translating Paul's request to Philemon into our prayer of the day: Refresh my heart in Christ. Strengthened by the company and forgiveness of Christ in holy communion and recalling God's grace in remembrance of baptism, we can be strengthened in this hour to "choose life"—to choose life in God as our own.

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: “Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus” LBW 389

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

Psalms 1:

Please join me in the responsive reading.

FIRST READING: Deuteronomy 30:15-20

Moses speaks to the Israelites, who are about to enter the land promised to their ancestors. In this passage, he lays out the stark choice before them: choose life by loving and obeying the Lord; or choose death by following other gods.

Reader says: The Word of the Lord.

Congregation respond: Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING: Philemon 1-21

Onesimus, a new Christian and a man enslaved by Philemon, has helped Paul, who is in prison. Paul writes this letter to his friend Philemon to encourage him to receive Onesimus, upon his return, as a sibling in 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 gospel reading is from Luke Chapter 14 verses 25-33.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

THE GOSPEL READING: Luke 14:25-33

Jesus speaks frankly about the costs of discipleship. Those who follow him should know from the outset that completing the course of discipleship will finally mean renouncing all other allegiances.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

(Please sit)

SERMON

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SERMON HYMN: “I Love to Tell the Story”

LBW 390

(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: God of grace,

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: 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.

(Remain Standing)

The WORDS of INSTITUTION

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(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: Jesus welcomes sinners and eats with them. Come to this meal of mercy.

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: O God, through this meal you have strengthened us and appointed us to be your servants. Send us to do good and to share our possessions with all in need. We ask this in Jesus’ name.

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: *“Lift High the Cross”* **LBW 377**

DISMISSAL:

P: Go in peace. Do not lose heart.

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude: Roberta Ryskoski

Attendance: Last Sunday: 27 Last Sunday Facebook Live: 6

Facebook Plays:

Sunday, August 24th Facebook Plays: 227

Today, Service Schedule, September 7th, 9:30 A.M.

Reader: Wayne Heitmann

Usher: Marlene Connell

Next Week's Schedule, September 14th, 9:30 A.M.

Reader: Charlotte Rebelein

Usher: Wayne Heitmann

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 Marlene Connell.

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.

Thank You! We are so grateful for your thoughtfulness and for all the support you have shown our family during the passing of Ann's mother, LaVerne Wellhouse-Kok.

With sincere thanks, Dan and Ann Kastein & Family

DATE TO REMEMBER:

The Celebration of Alan Novak this Saturday, September 13, 2025, 12:30 P.M. – 3:30 P.M., at Emanuel Lutheran Church, 107 S. Prairie St., Brandon, WI. Alan is the brother to Mary Fairbank and a nephew to Pat and Arnie Grams. Everyone is welcome to join The Celebration of Alan Novak.