

# Emanuel Lutheran Church

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**Sunday, May 31, 2026**



## **THE HOLY TRINITY:**

Though the word *trinity* is not found in the scriptures, today's second reading includes the apostolic greeting that begins the liturgy: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. In the gospel Jesus sends his disciples forth to baptize in the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit. More than a doctrine, the Trinity expresses the heart of our faith: we have experienced the God of creation made known in Jesus Christ and with us always through the Holy Spirit. We celebrate the mystery of the Holy Trinity in word and sacrament, as we profess the creed, and as we are sent into the world to bear witness to our faith.

*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.**

(Remain Standing)

**OPENING HYMN:**

**"Holy, Holy, Holy"**

**LBW 165**

**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 8:**

Please join me in the responsive reading.

**FIRST READING: Genesis 1:1—2:4a**

At the beginning of time, God the Creator, God the powerful Word, and God the life-giving Spirit form the earth and all its inhabitants. God sees that all this created work is good and then rests on the seventh day.

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

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

**SECOND READING: 2 Corinthians 13:11-13**

Paul closes a challenging letter to the Corinthians with an appeal to Christian fellowship grounded in the triune harmony of Christ's grace, God's love, and the Spirit's partnership.

**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 28.

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

**THE GOSPEL READING: Matthew 28:16-20**

After his resurrection, Jesus summons his remaining disciples and commissions them to baptize and teach all nations in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

(Please Sit)

**SERMON**

**Pastor Karen Jewell-Van Buskirk**

**SERMON HYMN:**

**“Father Most Holy”**

**LBW 169**

(Please stand for the Apostles Creed and The Sharing of the Peace)

***APOSTLES’ CREED:***

***Green LBW page 85***

**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: **hear our prayer.**

(Please stand and join hands)

**THE LORD’S PRAYER**

**Green LBW page 91**

**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.**

**THE BENEDICTION:**

P: Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer, † one God, bless, heal, and hold you today and always.

**C: Amen.**

**SENDING HYMN: “Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word”**

**LBW 230**

**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.

**Attendance: Last Sunday: 23      Last Sunday Facebook Lives: 3**

**Facebook Plays:**

Sunday, May 17<sup>th</sup>: 171

**Today, Service Schedule, May 31<sup>st</sup>, 9:30 A.M.**

**Reader:** Verlyn Rebelein

**Usher:** Marlene Connell

**Next Week's Schedule, June 7<sup>th</sup>, 9:30 A.M.**

**Reader:** Wayne Heitmann

**Usher:** Wayne Heitmann

**May 2026 Altar Schedule**

Mary Fairbank and Pat Grams

**May 2026 Communion Schedule**

Wayne Heitmann

**June 2026 Altar Schedule**

Mary Fairbank and Pat Grams

**June 2026 Communion Schedule** (1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday)

Annette Raube

**THIS WEEK AT EMANUEL:**

**There will be coffee this morning following the worship.**

**Congregational meeting today Sunday, May 31<sup>st</sup>**, after the service to vote on replacing the air conditioner unit for the church sanctuary.

**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.