

# Emanuel Lutheran Church

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**Sunday, March 1, 2026**



## **THE SECOND SUNDAY in LENT:**

During Lent we journey with all those around the world who will be baptized at the Easter Vigil. In today's gospel Jesus tells Nicodemus that he must be born of water and Spirit. At the font we are given a new birth as children of God. As God made a covenant with Abraham, in baptism God promises to raise us up with Christ to new life. From worship we are sent forth to proclaim God's love for all the world.

## **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 forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

**C: Amen.**

**P:** Let us confess our sin before God, who removes our guilt and blots out all offenses.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

**P:** Gracious God,

**C: have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

P: For seeking worldly delights that deceive us and dishonor you:  
Gracious God,

**C: have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

P: For desiring self-reliance instead of hungering for your word:  
Gracious God,

**C: have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

P: For failing to recognize your coming reign, and for hindering the work  
of the Spirit: Gracious God,

**C: have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

P: For drawing from the well of self-serving ambition, and for disdain  
the living water Christ offers: Gracious God,

**C: have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

P: For disregarding voices from the margin, and for distrusting signs of  
your healing and hope in the world: Gracious God,

**C: have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

P: For dwelling in tombs of self-pity and discontent, and for disregarding  
Christ's call to come forth to life: Gracious God,

**C: have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

P: God's steadfast love, grace, and forgiveness abound. Through faith, the  
free gift of God, you have been clothed in the righteousness of Christ. In  
the name of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. The Spirit of the One  
who raised Christ from the dead dwells in you, pours God's love into your  
hearts, and gives you life and peace.

**C: Amen.**

**OPENING HYMN: "What Wondrous Love Is This" LBW 385**

**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 121:**

Please join me in the responsive reading.

**FIRST READING: Genesis 12:1-4a**

God's call of Abram and Sarai has a clear purpose—that through them all the families of the earth would gain a blessing. As they set out on their journey, they are accompanied by promises of land, nation, and a great reputation.

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

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

**SECOND READING: Romans 4:1-5, 13-17**

In the person and example of Abraham we discover that a right relationship with God does not involve earning a reward from God but entails trusting God's promises. Abraham is the forebear and model for both Jews and Gentiles, because we too trust that ours is a God who gives life to the dead.

**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 John Chapter 3 verses 1-17.

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

**THE GOSPEL READING: John 3:1-17**

A curious Pharisee visits Jesus by night to learn from the teacher his friends reject. Jesus speaks to him about life in the Spirit and the kingdom of God.

**P:** The Gospel of the Lord.

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

*(Please sit)*

**SERMON**

**Pastor Karen Jewell-Van Buskirk**

**SERMON HYMN: “In the Cross of Christ I Glory” LBW 104**

*(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:** O God, maker of heaven and earth, your steadfast love embraces all creation. You send rain and sunshine to nourish the earth and bring forth its bounty. Through these gifts of bread and wine, draw us into the death and life of your Son, who calls us to bear witness to his saving work. We ask this in Jesus’ name.

**C:** **Amen.**

*(Remain Standing)*



**THE BENEDICTION:**

P: Receive the blessing of the holy Trinity: God, who calls all things into existence, Jesus Christ, who redeems us, and the Holy Spirit, whose breath sustains creation, † bless you now and always.

**C: Amen.**

**SENDING HYMN:           “Blessed Assurance”**

**WOV 699**

**DISMISSAL:**

P: Go in peace. Believe the good news.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude: Charlotte Rebelein**

**OUR GUEST PASTOR THIS MORNING** is Karen Jewell-Van Buskirk.  
Thank you for leading our Worship, Pastor Jewell-Van Buskirk.

**Attendance: Last Sunday: 21**

**Last Sunday Facebook Lives: 2**

**Lenten Service: 13**

**Lenten Facebook Live: 4**

**Facebook Plays:**

Sunday, February 15<sup>th</sup>: 212

Ash Wednesday, February 18<sup>th</sup>: 235

**Today, Service Schedule, March 1<sup>st</sup>, 9:30 A.M.**

**Reader:** Verlyn Rebelein

**Usher:** Wayne Heitmann

**Mid-Week Lenten Service Schedule, March 4<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 P.M.**

**Usher:** Darrell Rahn

**Next Week's Schedule, March 8<sup>th</sup>, 9:30 A.M.**

**Reader:** Charlotte Rebelein

**Usher:** Annette Raube

**March 2026 Altar Schedule**

Annette Raube and Charleen Strook

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

Annette Raube

**THIS WEEK AT EMANUEL:**

**THERE WILL BE COFFEE AND GOODIES THIS MORNING FOLLOWING THE WORSHIP** provided by Mary Fairbank and Pat Grams.

**Mid-Week Lenten Service** is this Wednesday, March 4<sup>th</sup>, at 6:00 P.M.

**Daylight Savings Starts** next Sunday, March 8, 2026, remember to turn your clocks an hour ahead.

**New Council Officers** were elected at the Council Meeting on February 9th. Tammy Briskie is our President, Verlyn Rebelein is Vice President, Annette Raube is Financial Secretary and Tom Rivers is Property. Susan Krohn serves as Treasurer.

**DATES TO REMEMBER:**

**Looking for a Communion Volunteer for the month of April** if you are interested, please contact Ann Kastein at 920-346-2202 or emanuel.luthbrandon@gmail.com.

**Peniel Welsch Chapel's St. David's Day Celebration** March 1, 2026, is St. David's Day. This year's St. David's Day Hymn Sing or Gymanfa Ganu, will be at Waukau/Eureka Community Church, 2644 State Rd., 116, Waukau, WI. The singing begins at 2:30 PM. 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.