

Emanuel Lutheran Church

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Sunday, May 10, 2026

THE SIXTH SUNDAY of EASTER:

Jesus does not abandon his followers. Through the Holy Spirit, Jesus comes to abide with his disciples of every generation. As Pentecost draws near, we are reminded that the risen Christ dwells in us as the Spirit of truth. We receive this Spirit in baptism and pray that in our gathering around the Lord's table the Spirit will transform us to be the body of the risen Christ in the world.

Please feel free to sit anytime during the service if the need arises.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

(Please stand for the Thanksgiving for Baptism)

THANKSGIVING for BAPTISM:

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

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

C: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!



P: Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne and to the Lamb!

C: Amen.

P: Let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism.

Water may be poured into the font as the presiding minister continues.

P: Merciful God, you are the one who was, who is, and who is to come. You lead us beside still waters. We thank you for the waters of creation: morning dew, gentle rain, roaring waves. We thank you for the waters that nourish us (*local waters may be named*). Blessed are you.

C: You guide us to springs of the water of life.

P: Jesus Christ, you are the faithful witness who accompanies us on our journeys. We give you thanks for your life-giving death and resurrection. We praise you for joining us in joy and sorrow. Blessed are you.

C: You guide us to springs of the water of life.

P: Holy Spirit, you anoint our head with oil and our cup overflows. Break down barriers that divide us. Fill us with the breath of peace. Blessed are you.

C: You guide us to springs of the water of life.

P: Holy One, we thank you for the gifts and grace of baptism, and for making us a new creation. We join with saints and angels, giving you honor and praise, now and forever.

C: Amen.

(Remain Standing)

OPENING HYMN: “Love Divine, All Loves Excelling” LBW 315

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 66:8-20:

Please join me in the responsive reading.

FIRST READING: Acts 17:22-31

In Athens, Paul faces the challenge of proclaiming the gospel to Greeks who know nothing of either Jewish or Christian tradition. He proclaims that the "unknown god" whom they worship is the true Lord of heaven and earth who will judge the world with justice through Jesus, whom God has raised from the dead.

Reader says: The Word of the Lord.

Congregation respond: Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING: 1 Peter 3:13-22

The author of 1 Peter encourages Christians to remain faithful even in the face of defamation and persecution. In baptism we are made clean to act in accordance with what is right.

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 14 verses 15-21.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

THE GOSPEL READING: John 14:15-21

In final words to his disciples on the night of his arrest, Jesus encourages obedience to his commandments and speaks of the Spirit, who will be with them forever.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

(Please Sit)

SERMON

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SERMON HYMN: “Come, Thou Almighty King” LBW 522

(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: Merciful God,

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: Merciful God, accept the fruits of our labor, gathered to give you glory. You give us a glimpse of that great day when we will hunger and thirst no more. Nourish us with the Word of Jesus, that goodness and mercy may follow us and bless the world you love. In the name of Jesus,

C: Amen.

THE BENEDICTION:

P: God Almighty, who is the beginning and the end, Jesus Christ, the firstborn of the dead, and the Spirit, our advocate and peace, ✠ bless you now and forever.

C: Amen.

SENDING HYMN: “My God, How Wonderful Thou Art” LBW 524

DISMISSAL:

P: Go in peace. Praise the Lord. Alleluia!

C: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

Postlude: Roberta Ryskoski

OUR GUEST PASTOR THIS MORNING is Wendy Ruetten. Thank you for leading our Worship, Pastor Ruetten.

Attendance: Last Sunday: 25 Last Sunday Facebook Lives: 2

Facebook Plays:

Sunday, April 26th: 203

Today, Service Schedule, May 10th, 9:30 A.M. (Happy Mother’s Day)

Reader: Verlynn Rebelein

Usher: Darrell Rahn

Next Week’s Schedule, May 17th, 9:30 A.M.

Reader: Wayne Heitmann

Usher: Annette Raube

May 2026 Altar Schedule

Mary Fairbank and Pat Grams

May 2026 Communion Schedule

Wayne Heitmann

THIS WEEK AT EMANUEL:

There Will Be Coffee This Morning Following the Worship.

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.

Emanuel's Brat Fry Friday, May 15th from 9:30 A.M. – 5:00 P.M. and Saturday, May 16th from 9:30 A.M. – 2:00 P.M. Please see the sign-up sheet in the entryway of the church for grillers, helpers and servers. Please place your monetary donations in the offering plate marked “Brat Fry” for items that need to be purchase. Funded by Thrivent Financial.

As some may know Debbie Schmuhl, wife of Jerry, passed away on February 21, 2026. On May 16, 2026, there will be a funeral service for Debbie at Emanuel Lutheran. Visitation is from 9-11 a.m. with the service to follow.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

Congregational meeting Sunday, May 31st, after the service to vote on replacing the air conditioner unit for the church sanctuary.

The United Men of Praise Spring Concert will be on Sunday, May 17th, at 6:00 pm at First Reformed Church, 422 W Franklin Street, Waupun.