



150th Anniversary Celebration
1874-2024
Sunday, May 5, 2024
9:30 A.M.

Emanuel Lutheran Church
107 S. Prairie St.
P.O. Box 433
Brandon, WI 53919

Please reserve fifteen minutes of silence prior to worship for prayers and personal reflections.

Prelude: Charlotte Rebelein

RINGING OF THE CHURCH BELLS

**SPECIAL MUSIC: “Hallelujah” Accompanied By: Diane Rens
VOCAL TRIO: Tracy Adams, Samantha Zoch and Brooklyn Deaver**

**PROCESSION OF PASTORS: “A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”
Pianist: Charlotte Rebelein**

(Please Stand)

WELCOME Pastor Carol Christianson

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS: Pastor Carol Christianson

P: Blessed be the Holy Trinity, One God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

C: Amen.

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. Gracious God...

C: have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgiven us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

P: God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

C: Amen.

**OPENING HYMN: “The Church’s One Foundation” Green LBW 369
vs. 1 & 5**

INVOCATION

Pastor Bob Rosenberg

(Please Sit)

SPECIAL MUSIC:

**“Love Grows Here”
Megan Wieman**

Accompanied By: Diane Ren

(Please Stand)

DIALOGUE OF PRAISE:

Pastor Kevin Scheuller

P: Praise the Lord! Praise the name of the Lord!

C: Praise the Lord! Give thanks to the Lord!

P: God has blessed us and brought us to this time.

C: God has blessed us and brought us to this place.

P: God has caused God's name to dwell in our midst.

C: God has stirred our hearts and made us glad.

P: God has shown us God's glory in God's mighty word.

C: God has shown us the way of truth and life.

P: Praise the Lord! Praise the name of the Lord!

C: Praise the Lord! Give thanks to the Lord!

P: For 150 years, God has nurtured and fed us.

C: For 150 years, God has shown us God's grace.

P: For 150 years, God has given God's self in Word and Sacrament.

C: For 150 years, God has empowered us with the Holy Spirit.

P: For 150 years, God has made us God's witnesses in the world.

C: For 150 years, God has placed us in loving partnership with one another.

P: Praise the Lord for 150 years! Praise the Lord for 150 more!

C: Praise the Lord for evermore! Oh, praise the name of the Lord!

PRAYER OF THE DAY:

Pastor Kevin Scheuller

P: O God,

C: you have promised through your Son to be with your church forever. We give you thanks for those who founded this community of believers and for the signs of your presence in our congregation. Increase in us the spirit of faith and love and make our community an example to all believers and to all nations. We pray through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

FIRST LESSON: Acts 10: 44-48
Reader says: The Word of the Lord.
Congregation respond: Thanks be to God.

Pastor Jim Rasmus

SECOND LESSON: 1 John 5:1-6
Reader says: The Word of the Lord.
Congregation respond: Thanks be to God.

Pastor Jim Rasmus

(Please Sit)

CHOIR: “What God Can Do” **Pianist: Charlotte Rebelein**

SERMON SCRIPTURE READING: Acts 1:6-11 **Pastor Paul Bauman**
P: The Gospel of the Lord. C: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON: “Emanuel: Reflecting the Spirit of Jesus” **Pastor Paul Bauman**

SERMON HYMN: “Love Divine, All Loves Excelling” **Green LBW 315**
vs. 1 & 2

(Please Stand)

EXHORTATION AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION: **Pastor Paul Bauman**

P: The Lord God is his goodness has blessed us with 150 years of mission and ministry as First Lutheran Church. We are a remembering people, and it is good that we remember that God has chosen us, baptized us, and brought us together as the Church of Christ in this place. As remembering people, we look back at all the saving acts of God: the Creation, the Flood, the Covenant, the Exodus, the Incarnation, the Crucifixion, the Resurrection, the Church.

We are a remembering people, but we are also a people of this day, brought together by God to be a holy community of believers: the Body of Christ, sharing, caring, working in the world, and living in the hope of the world to come.

Our eyes look back with thanksgiving. Our eyes look forward in hope. Therefore, with thanksgiving for the past and hope for the future, let us dedicate ourselves and our lives to the mission which God gives us as the Church of Jesus Christ in this place.

C: Almighty God, we give you thanks for the work you have done in this place. We give you thanks for your love and faithfulness. When we called on your name, you made your presence known to us. When we prayed, you heard us. When we preached your Word and administered your Sacraments, you were in our midst. You have accepted our humble sacrifices of praise and thanksgiving. You have listened to our confessions and forgiven our sins. And you have sent your Holy Spirit to heal and comfort our hurts, our sorrows, our infirmities, and our losses.

P: Continue to empower us with your Spirit, O Lord, that we might proclaim your Gospel to all people.

C: We dedicate our lives to your service.

P: Help us to witness to the Good News of Jesus Christ in all that we do and say.

C: We dedicate our lives to your service.

P: Show us how we might give care and support to the needy, love and mercy to the broken and forlorn.

C: We dedicate our lives to your service.

P: Show us new ways of loving one another and those around us.

C: We dedicate our lives to your service.

P: Break down those prejudices and barriers which divide us, and make us all one in your Son, Jesus Christ.

C: Hear our prayer, O Lord.

P: Renew us by the Spirit, given at our baptisms, so that we might be challenged to move beyond our ruts, our apathy, and our anxieties of inadequacy.

C: Hear our prayer, O Lord.

P: Grant that we may continually grow in the Spirit and in the ministry that you give us as members of your royal priesthood, the priesthood of all believers, so that we may carry out our mission of service and love.

C: Hear our prayer, O Lord.

P: Continue to comfort, heal, and lift up the broken and afflicted among us. By the promise of your presence, bring us your healing love.

C: Hear our prayer, O Lord.

P: Bring us at last to the joy of your eternal kingdom, where, with the faithful of this church who have gone before us and with all your saints, we may evermore praise your name.

C: Hear our prayer, O Lord.

P: Blessed Lord, draw our hearts to you, guide our minds, fill our imaginations, control our wills and make us wholly yours. Use us as you will, to the glory of your holy name and the welfare of your people; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **C: Amen**

SHARING THE PEACE OF THE LORD:

Pastor Bob Rosenberg

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always

C: And also with you.

THE OFFERING:

Pastor Carol Christianson

OFFERTORY HYMN:

“Let the Vineyards”

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(A portion of today’s offering will be given to ELCA World Hunger.)

OFFERING PRAYER:

Pastor Carol Christianson

P: Risen One, you call us to believe and bear fruit. May the gifts that we offer here be signs of your abiding love. Form us to be your witnesses in the world, through Jesus Christ, our true vine.

C: Amen.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION:

Pastor Carol Christianson

(We have gluten-free individually packaged sacraments in one unit. Please request from the pastor to assist in any of your needs.) If your child is receiving a blessing, please instruct them to bow their head and fold their hands.

THE LORD’S PRAYER:

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Pastor Carol Christianson

SHARING THE MEAL:

**Pastor Carol Christianson and Pastor Jim Rasmus
Communion Assistants: Mary Fairbank and Marilyn Perr**

(Please Sit)

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING:

Pastor Carol Christianson

P: The body of our Lord, Jesus Christ, and His precious blood strengthen and keep you in His grace unto Life Everlasting.

C: Amen

COMMUNION PRAYER:

Pastor Carol Christianson

P: Shepherding God, you have prepared a table before us and nourished us with your love. Send us forth from this banquet to proclaim your goodness and share the abundant mercy of Jesus, our redeemer and friend. **C: Amen.**

SENDING SONG:

“How Great Thou Art”

**Green LBW 532
(All Verses)**

BENEDICTION

Pastor Bob Rosenberg

SENDING:

Pastor Bob Rosenberg

P: Go in peace, to love and serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

Postlude: Charlotte Rebelein

ANNOUNCEMENTS

IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING OUR WORSHIP TODAY a group photo of those in Worship today. Please remain in your seats.

AS YOU LEAVE WORSHIP TODAY the 150th Anniversary /Stories of Emanuel Booklets will be available. Please limit yourself to 1 per household of each publication.

PLEASE PROCEED TO THE TENT FOR the meal, music and fellowship.

HAROLD KURTZ (AUTHOR) will be speaking and his books will be available for sale today, and he is generously donating all proceeds to Emanuel.

CLERGY: Rev. Paul Bauman, Rev. Carol Christianson, Rev. Jim Rasmus, Rev. Kevin Scheuller and Rev. Robert Rosenberg.

PIANIST: Charlotte Rebelein

ORGANIST: Diane Rens

USHER: Renee Theyerl

LIFT ATTENDANT: Wayne Heitmann

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS: Mary Fairbank and Marilyn Perr

TODAY we recognize our 2 eldest charter members Janice Ott and Lois Lawson.

TODAY’S ALTAR FLOWERS are given by Ron and Renee Theyerl, the floral arrangements are given by Lisa (Tomberlin) Slagel and the outdoor Geranium arrangements are given by Dick and Judy Vollbrecht in honor of the 150th Anniversary for Emanuel Lutheran Church.

THANK YOU: To all who took part in preparing this special event for Emanuel.