

Emanuel Lutheran Church

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Sunday, June 21, 2026

THE FOURTH SUNDAY after PENTECOST:

God does not promise that the path of the disciple will be easy. Jeremiah feels the pain of rejection from those who do not want to hear what he has to say. Jesus declares that his words may bring stark division. Even so, we need not be afraid for God accounts for each hair on our heads. Though we may experience rejection, frustration, division, and death, God's grace and love make us a new creation each day. Marked with the cross and filled with holy food, we are sent from worship to witness to Christ in the world.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

(Please stand for the Confession and Forgiveness)

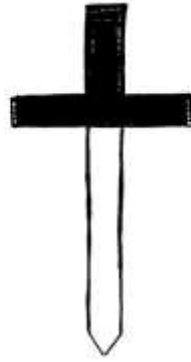
CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS:

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.

OPENING HYMN: "Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer" LBW 343

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 69:7-10 [11-15] 16-18:

Please join me in the responsive reading.

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 20:7-13

Jeremiah accuses God of forcing him into a ministry that brings him only contempt and persecution. Yet Jeremiah is confident that God will be a strong protector against his enemies and commits his life into God's hands.

Reader says: The Word of the Lord.

Congregation respond: Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING: Romans 6:1b-11

In baptism we were incorporated into the reality of Christ's death and resurrection. We have been made new in Christ through his death and resurrection to live freed from sin.

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 10.

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

THE GOSPEL READING: Matthew 10:24-39

Jesus warns his disciples that their ministry in his name will meet with opposition. However, he assures them that they need not fear for the truth will come to light. Life is found in Christ.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

(Please sit)

SERMON

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SERMON HYMN: "Children of the Heavenly Father"

LBW 474

(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: hear 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: 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.

(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: Heaven has come near. Come, share in the feast!

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: Compassionate God, through the gifts of bread and wine our hearts are filled with the abundance of your love. Strengthen us that we, through this holy meal, may share your love freely, as you have shared with us. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit nourishing 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: *“This Is My Father’s World”* **LBW 554**

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 Jeffrey Ruetten. Thank you for leading our Worship, Pastor Ruetten.

Attendance: Last Sunday: 28 Last Sunday Facebook Lives: 5

Facebook Plays:

Sunday, June 7th: 452

Today, Service Schedule, June 21st, 9:30 A.M. (Happy Father's Day)

Reader: Verlyn Rebelein

Usher: Annette Raube

Next Week's Schedule, June 28th, 9:30 A.M.

Reader: Wayne Heitmann

Usher: Verlyn Rebelein

June 2026 Altar Schedule

Mary Fairbank and Pat Grams

June 2026 Communion Schedule (1st and 3rd Sunday)

Annette Raube

July 2026 Altar Schedule

Janice Ott

July 2026 Communion Schedule

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

THIS WEEK AT EMANUEL:

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

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.

THE NEW DEVOTION BOOKS are here! They are on the rack South of the elevator and in the narthex of the church.

DATE TO REMEMBER:

EMANUEL'S STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL is Sunday, June 28, 2026, from 10:30 A.M. – 1:00 P.M., at Emanuel Lutheran Church, 107 S. Prairie St., Brandon, WI. Emanuel's Church Basement. Please see the sign-up sheet in the entryway of the church for Angel Food Cakes, set-up and servers. Please place your monetary donations in the offering plate marked "Strawberry Festival" for items that need to be purchased.