

Emanuel Lutheran Church

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Sunday, August 23, 2026

THE THIRTEENTH SUNDAY after PENTECOST:

In Isaiah the people are advised to look to their spiritual ancestors as the rock from which they were hewn. Jesus declares that the church will be built on the rock of Peter's bold confession of faith. God's word of reconciliation and God's mercy are keys to the church's mission. Paul urges us to not be conformed to this world but to offer our bodies as a living sacrifice, using our individual gifts to build up the body of Christ. From the table we go forth to offer our spiritual worship through word and deed.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

(Please stand for the Confession and Forgiveness)

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS:

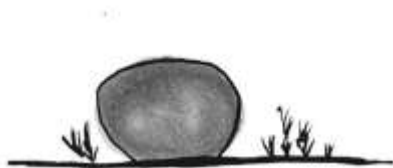
All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

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: "Built on a Rock"

LBW 365

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 138:

Please join me in the responsive reading.

FIRST READING: Isaiah 51:1-6

Just as God had called Abraham and Sarah and given them many descendants, so now God offers comfort to Zion. God's deliverance will come soon and will never end.

Reader says: The Word of the Lord.

Congregation respond: Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING: Romans 12:1-8

In response to God's merciful activity, we are to worship by living holistic, God-pleasing lives. Our values and viewpoints are not molded by the time in which we live but are transformed by the Spirit's renewing work. God's grace empowers different forms of service among Christians, but all forms of ministry function to build up the body of Christ.

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 16.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

THE GOSPEL READING: Matthew 16:13-20

At a climactic point in Jesus' ministry, God reveals to Peter that Jesus is "the Messiah, the Son of the living God," and Jesus responds with the promise of a church that will overcome the very gates of Hades.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

(Please Sit)

SERMON

Pastor Karen Jewell-Van Buskirk

SERMON HYMN: "My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less" LBW 294

(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: 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: “O Savior, Precious Savior”

LBW 514

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.

Our Guest Pastor for next Sunday, August 30th is Pastor Wendy Ruetten.

Attendance: Last Sunday: 21 **Last Sunday Facebook Lives:** 2

Facebook Plays:
Sunday, August 9th: 116

Today, Service Schedule, August 23rd, 9:30 A.M.
Reader: Verlyn Rebelein **Usher:** Darrell Rahn

Next Week’s Schedule, August 30th, 9:30 A.M.
Reader: Wayne Heitmann **Usher:** Annette Raube

August 2026 Altar Schedule
Marlene Connell

August 2026 Communion Schedule
Wayne Heitmann

September 2026 Altar Schedule
Mary Fairbank and Pat Grams
September 2026 Communion Schedule
Annette Raube

THIS WEEK AT EMANUEL:

THERE WILL BE COFFEE AND GOODIES THIS MORNING FOLLOWING THE WORSHIP provided by Charleen Strook and Sharon Peters.

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.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

GOOD NEWS! Pastor Karen will be conducting a 4-week Bible Study beginning Wednesday, September 23rd at noon. Bring your lunch, beverage, and Bible. All Welcome.

THE PENIEL WELSH CHAPEL ASSOCIATION invites you to a very special 104th Annual Gymanfa Ganu, or Hymn Sing, on Sunday, August 23rd at 2:30 PM as we recognize placement on the Wisconsin list of Historic Places and to the National Registry of Historic Places. There will be a free will offering. Refreshments follow the singing. Peniel Welsh Chapel is located at W9644 Zoar Road, Oshkosh, WI 54904.