

Emanuel Lutheran Church

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THE FIFTEENTH SUNDAY after PENTECOST:

Conflict is a part of relationships and life in community. Jesus' words in today's gospel are often used in situations having to do with church discipline. The prophet Ezekiel tells of warning the wicked to turn from their ways, and Paul reminds us that love is the fulfilling of the law. We gather in the name of Christ, assured that he is present among us with gifts of peace and reconciliation.



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, who pours love into our hearts and healing upon the earth.

C: Amen.

P: Confident that God justifies us by grace through faith, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Compassionate God,

C: we confess that we struggle to embody your goodness in the world and in our own hearts. Creation groans from overuse. Jealousy and bitterness strain our relationships. Indifference keeps us from seeking justice. Divisions disrupt your call to show genuine love to others. Turn our hearts back to you. Restore our world and reconcile us to one another. Renew us to live as your holy people, following the way of Jesus Christ. Amen.

P: Hear this good news: We have peace with God through † Jesus Christ, in whom there is no condemnation, but only forgiveness and the promise of eternal life. Receive freely this healing gift of grace.

C: Amen.

OPENING HYMN: “Where Charity and Love Prevail” LBW 126

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

Psalms 119:33-40:

Please join me in the responsive reading.

FIRST READING: Ezekiel 33:7-11

God appointed Ezekiel as a sentinel for the house of Israel. Ezekiel must faithfully convey God’s warnings to the people. Remarkably, God—who is about to attack Jerusalem—gives a warning with the hope that repentance will make the attack unnecessary.

Reader says: The Word of the Lord.

Congregation respond: Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING: Romans 13:8-14

The obligation of Christians is to love one another and so fulfill the heart and goal of the law. Clothes make the person as we “put on the Lord Jesus Christ” and live today in light of the future God has in store for us.

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 18.

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

THE GOSPEL READING: Matthew 18:15-20

Jesus offers practical advice to his disciples on how individuals—and the church as a whole—should go about restoring relationships when one member has sinned against another.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

(Please sit)

SERMON

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SERMON HYMN: “Built on a Rock”

LBW 365

(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: God of creation, you send rain and the earth springs forth abundantly. All blessings are from you; make us generous with what we have. Use our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts in service to you and in love to our neighbors, today and always.

C: **Amen.**

(Remain Standing)

The WORDS of INSTITUTION

Green, LBW page 90

(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: Christ invites you to this table. All who are thirsty, all who are hungry, come!

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: Sustaining God, with this bread and cup, you nourish us with mercy and abundant life. By your Spirit, send us from this table to serve a needy world. Make us living signs of your liberation, healing, and love, following the way of Jesus, in whose name we pray.

C: Amen.

THE BENEDICTION:

P: The God of love draw you into full accord and one mind, in the body of Christ Jesus.

C: Amen.

P: The God of hope grant you strength and joy in all circumstances through the interceding of the Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: The God of grace ✠ bless you now and forever.

C: Amen.

SENDING HYMN: *“Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee”* **LBW 551**

DISMISSAL:

P: Go out in joy. Be led forth in peace.

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude: Roberta Ryskoski

OUR GUEST PASTOR THIS MORNING is Pastor Jan LaVake. Thank you for leading our Worship, Pastor LaVake.

Our Guest Pastor for next Sunday, September 13th Pastor Kim Krogstad.

Attendance: Last Sunday: 25 Last Sunday Facebook Lives: 3

Facebook Plays:
Sunday, August 23rd: 104

Today, Service Schedule, September 6th, 9:30 A.M.
Reader: Charlotte Rebelein **Usher:** Verlyn Rebelein

Next Week's Schedule, September 13th, 9:30 A.M.
Reader: Verlyn Rebelein **Usher:** 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 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.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

THERE WILL BE A CONGREGATIONAL MEETING on

September 13, 2026, right after service. Subject is maintenance on the parsonage.

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.