

# Emanuel Lutheran Church

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**Sunday, June 28, 2026**

## **THE FIFTH SUNDAY after PENTECOST:**

The welcome of baptism is for all God's children. This baptismal gift sets us free from the power of sin and death. In today's gospel, Christ promises that the disciple who gives a cup of cold water to the little ones serves Christ himself. From worship we are sent on our baptismal mission: to serve the little ones of this world and to be a sign of God's merciful welcome.

*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: "Just as I Am, without One Plea" LBW 296**

**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 89:1-4, 15-18:**

Please join me in the responsive reading.

**FIRST READING: Jeremiah 28:5-9**

Through a symbolic action Jeremiah insisted that Judah and all the surrounding nations should submit to the king of Babylon (Jer. 27). Hananiah contradicted the word of Jeremiah, who in reply insisted that Hananiah's rosy prediction should not be believed until it came true. God confirmed the word of Jeremiah and sentenced the false prophet Hananiah to death (vv. 16-17).

**Reader says: The Word of the Lord.**

**Congregation respond: Thanks be to God.**

**SECOND READING: Romans 6:12-23**

Sin is an enslaving power which motivates us to live self-serving, disobedient lives. Sin's final payoff is death. We, however, have been set free from sin's slavery to live obediently under God's grace, whose end is the free gift of eternal life.

**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 10:40-42**

When Jesus sends his disciples out as missionaries, he warns them of persecution and hardships they will face. He also promises to reward any who aid his followers and support their ministry.

**P:** The Gospel of the Lord.

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

(Please Sit)

**SERMON**

**Pastor Wendy Ruetten**

**SERMON HYMN:      “We Give Thee but Thine Own”      LBW 410**

(Please stand for the Apostles Creed and The Sharing of the Peace)

**APOSTLES’ CREED:** *Green LBW page 85*

**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: God of grace,

**C: hear our prayer.**

(Please stand and join hands)

**THE LORD’S PRAYER** *Green LBW page 91*

**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: “Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound”**

**LBW 448**

**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 Wendy Ruetten. Thank you for leading our Worship, Pastor Ruetten.

**Attendance:** Last Sunday: 29      Last Sunday Facebook Lives: 4

**Facebook Plays:**

Sunday, June 14<sup>th</sup>: 143

**Today, Service Schedule, June 28<sup>th</sup>, 9:30 A.M.**

**Reader:** Wayne Heitmann      **Usher:** Verlyn Rebelein

**Next Week’s Schedule, July 5<sup>th</sup>, 9:30 A.M.**

**Reader:** Charlotte Rebelein      **Usher:** Marlene Connell

**June 2026 Altar Schedule**

Mary Fairbank and Pat Grams

**June 2026 Communion Schedule** (1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday)

Annette Raube

**July 2026 Altar Schedule**

Janice Ott

**July 2026 Communion Schedule**

Wayne Heitmann

## **THIS WEEK AT EMANUEL:**

**EMANUEL'S STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL** is today, June 28<sup>th</sup> from 10:30 AM – 1:00 PM, at Emanuel Lutheran Church, 107 S. Prairie St., Brandon, WI. Emanuel's Church Basement. Free Will Offering.

**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.

## **DATE TO REMEMBER:**

**Brandon Community Blood Drive** Tuesday, July 14, 2026, 12:00 P.M. to 6:00 P.M., at Bethel Church, 305 W. Main St., Brandon, WI. For an appointment, please call Judy Henker at 920-346-2966 or call 1-800-733-2767 or visit [RedCrossBlood.org](http://RedCrossBlood.org).