

Emanuel Lutheran Church

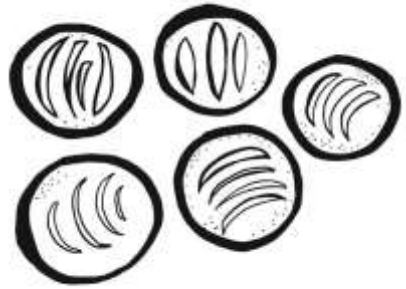
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Sunday, August 2, 2026



THE TENTH SUNDAY after PENTECOST:

In today's first reading God invites all who are hungry or thirsty to receive food and drink without cost. Jesus feeds the hungry multitude and reveals the abundance of God. At the eucharistic table we remember all who are hungry or poor in our world today. As we share the bread of life, we are sent forth to give ourselves away as bread for the hungry.

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: "Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service" LBW 423

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 145:8-9, 14-21:

Please join me in the responsive reading.

FIRST READING: Isaiah 55:1-5

God invites Israel to a great feast at which both food and drink are free.

God also promises to make an everlasting covenant with all peoples, with promises that previously had been limited to Israel. As David was a witness to the nations, these nations shall now acknowledge the ways in which God has glorified Israel.

Reader says: The Word of the Lord.

Congregation respond: Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING: Romans 9:1-5

This begins a new section in Paul's letter in which he will deal with the place of Israel in God's saving plan. He opens by highlighting how Israel's heritage and legacy include being God's children, having God's covenants, being given God's law, participating in worship of God, and receiving divine promises.

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 14.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

THE GOSPEL READING: Matthew 14:13-21

After John the Baptist is murdered, Jesus desires a time of solitude. Still, his compassion for others will not allow him to dismiss those who need him, and he is moved to perform one of his greatest miracles.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

(Please sit)

“We Are the Church”

Refrain:

I am the church!

You are the church!

We are the church together!

All who follow Jesus,
all around the world!

Yes, we're the church together!

The church is not a building,
the church is not a steeple,
the church is not a resting place,
the church is a people.

Refrain:

We're many kinds of people,
with many kinds of faces,
all colors and all ages, too,
from all times and places.

Refrain:

And when the people gather,
there's singing and there's praying,
there's laughing and there's crying sometimes,
all of it saying:

Refrain:

SERMON

Pastor Nate Gauerke

SERMON HYMN: “Break Now the Bread of Life”

LBW 235

(Please stand for the Nicene Creed)

NICENE CREED:

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(Please sit for The Prayers of the People)

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE:

P: Merciful God,

C: receive 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: *"O Living Bread from Heaven"* **LBW 197**

DISMISSAL:

P: Heaven has come near. Go, share the good news!
C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude: Roberta Ryskoski

WE EXTEND OUR SYMPATHY to Beverly Schmuhl's family. Beverly passed away on Tuesday, July 28, 2026. Funeral services were held Friday, July 31, 2026, at Emanuel Lutheran.

OUR GUEST PASTOR THIS MORNING is Nate Gauerke. Thank you for leading our Worship, Pastor Gauerke.

Our Guest Pastor for next Sunday, August 9th is Pastor Karen Jewell-Van Buskirk

Attendance: Last Sunday: 24 Last Sunday Facebook Lives: 2

Facebook Plays:
Sunday, July 19th: 181

Today, Service Schedule, August 2nd, 9:30 A.M.

Reader: Verlyn Rebelein **Usher:** Verlyn Rebelein

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

Reader: Wayne Heitmann **Usher:** Marlene Connell

August 2026 Altar Schedule

Marlene Connell

August 2026 Communion Schedule

Wayne Heitmann

THIS WEEK AT EMANUEL:

THERE WILL BE COFFEE AND GOODIES THIS MORNING FOLLOWING THE WORSHIP provided by Marlene Connell.

Council Meeting tomorrow, Monday, August 3, 2026, at 5:15 P.M.

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.