

# Emanuel Lutheran Church

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**Sunday, March 15, 2026**

## **THE FOURTH SUNDAY in LENT:**

Baptism is sometimes called enlightenment. The gospel for this Sunday is the story of the man born blind healed by Christ. "I was blind, now I see," declares the man. In baptism God opens our eyes to see the truth of who we are: God's beloved children. As David was anointed king of Israel, in baptism God anoints our head with oil, and calls us to bear witness to the light of Christ in our daily lives.



## **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 forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

**C: Amen.**

**P:** Let us confess our sin before God, who removes our guilt and blots out all offenses.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

P: Gracious God,

**C: have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

P: For seeking worldly delights that deceive us and dishonor you:  
Gracious God,

**C: have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

P: For desiring self-reliance instead of hungering for your word:  
Gracious God,

**C: have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

P: For failing to recognize your coming reign, and for hindering the work  
of the Spirit: Gracious God,

**C: have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

P: For drawing from the well of self-serving ambition, and for disdain  
the living water Christ offers: Gracious God,

**C: have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

P: For disregarding voices from the margin, and for distrusting signs of  
your healing and hope in the world: Gracious God,

**C: have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

P: For dwelling in tombs of self-pity and discontent, and for disregarding  
Christ's call to come forth to life: Gracious God,

**C: have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

P: God's steadfast love, grace, and forgiveness abound. Through faith, the  
free gift of God, you have been clothed in the righteousness of Christ. In  
the name of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. The Spirit of the One  
who raised Christ from the dead dwells in you, pours God's love into your  
hearts, and gives you life and peace.

**C: Amen.**

**OPENING HYMN:            "There Is a Balm in Gilead"            WOV 737**

**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 23:**

Please join me in the responsive reading.

**FIRST READING: 1 Samuel 16:1-13**

Samuel anointed David even though he was the eighth-oldest son of Jesse and did not match his brothers in height or other physical characteristics. With the anointing came endowment with the Spirit of the LORD, designating David as the LORD'S chosen successor to Saul.

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

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

**SECOND READING: Ephesians 5:8-14**

Because we now live in the divine light which is Jesus Christ, we conduct our lives in ways that reflect the light of Christ, so that our activity is truly pleasing to God.

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

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

(Please stand for the Gospel Acclamation)

**Gospel Acclamation:**

Jesus says, I am the light of the world; whoever follows me will have the light of life. (*John 8:12*)

**Sing: "Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path."**

**P:** The holy gospel according to John Chapter 9.

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

**THE GOSPEL READING: John 9:1-41**

Jesus heals a man born blind, provoking a hostile reaction that he regards as spiritual blindness to the things of God.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

*(Please sit)*

**SERMON**

**Pastor Kim Krogstad**

**SERMON HYMN: “Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound” LBW 448**

*(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: O God, maker of heaven and earth, your steadfast love embraces all creation. You send rain and sunshine to nourish the earth and bring forth its bounty. Through these gifts of bread and wine, draw us into the death and life of your Son, who calls us to bear witness to his saving work. We ask this in Jesus' name.

**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: Come to the table. Feast on God's goodness and mercy.

**COMMUNION HYMN: "Take My Life, that I May Be" LBW 406 vs. 1-2**

*(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: God of our salvation, we give you thanks for this meal that restores our souls, reconciles us to you, and strengthens us for the journey. Through the body and blood of your Son, may we become Christ's body in the world, bearing witness to your love for all creation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C: Amen.**

**THE BENEDICTION:**

P: Receive the blessing of the holy Trinity: God, who calls all things into existence, Jesus Christ, who redeems us, and the Holy Spirit, whose breath sustains creation, † bless you now and always.

**C: Amen.**

**SENDING HYMN:      “In the Cross of Christ I Glory”      LBW 104**

**DISMISSAL:**

P: Go in peace. Believe the good news.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude: Roberta Ryskoski**

**OUR GUEST PASTOR THIS MORNING** is Kim Krogstad. Thank you for leading our Worship, Pastor Krogstad.

**Attendance: Last Sunday: 26      Last Sunday Facebook Lives: 4**

**Facebook Plays:**

Sunday, March 1<sup>st</sup>: 208

Wednesday, March 4<sup>th</sup>: 191

**Today, Service Schedule, March 15<sup>th</sup>, 9:30 A.M.**

**Reader:** Wayne Heitmann

**Usher:** Marlene Connell

**Mid-Week Lenten Service Schedule, March 18<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 P.M.**

**Usher:** Wayne Heitmann

**Next Week's Schedule, March 22<sup>nd</sup>, 9:30 A.M.**

**Reader:** Charlotte Rebelein

**Usher:** Darrell Rahn

**March 2026 Altar Schedule**

Annette Raube and Charleen Strook

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

Annette Raube

**April 2026 Altar Schedule**

Mary Fairbank

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

Wayne Heitmann

**THIS WEEK AT EMANUEL:**

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

**Please consider joining your church council. We are in need of at least one more member.**

**Council Meeting** is tomorrow Monday, March 16<sup>th</sup>, at 5:15 P.M.

**MID-WEEK LENTEN SERVICE** is this Wednesday, March 18<sup>th</sup>, at 6:00 P.M. We are once again in the season of Lent, the time when we recall how Jesus suffered and died " for the sins of the world." For the sermons Pastor Bob is reading first person stories of some of the people who interacted with Jesus during His last week on earth. This week it will be Pontius Pilate. COME and WORSHIP!

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

**To The Congregation** for the many good wishes of healing from everyone. My new shoulder is healing well. Only 10 more weeks to go before I can use it. Sure is not any fun. Must think positive thoughts. Thank you! Toby

**DATES TO REMEMBER:**

**Easter Breakfast** will be served on Easter morning starting at 8:00 A.M. Thank you to Renee Mayo. **Easter Day** service at 9:30 A.M.

**Randolph Community Choir presents Echoes of Easter, The Hope of the Cross.** Join us for music and narration celebrating Jesus' work on Sunday, March 29<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 P.M. at Randolph First Reformed Church, 406 S. High Street, Randolph. A free-will offering will support local food pantries, and refreshments will be served after. A second performance is scheduled for Sunday, April 5<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 P.M. at Bethel Christian Reformed Church in Waupun.

**EASTER LILIES**

You can help beautify Emanuel's Altar on Easter Sunday by purchasing an Easter Lily. Cost per lily is \$15.00. Please complete this form, put it in an envelope marked "LILY" and drop it in the offering plate. **Please include payment.** The deadline for ordering is Sunday, March 22, 2026. Please take your lily home following the 9:30 AM worship service on Easter Sunday, April 5<sup>th</sup>.

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Number of lilies: \_\_\_\_\_ X \$15.00 = \_\_\_\_\_

IN MEMORY  
OF: \_\_\_\_\_

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OF: \_\_\_\_\_