

Emanuel Lutheran Church

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Sunday, July 27, 2025

THE SEVENTH SUNDAY after PENTECOST:

Persistence in prayer is encouraged by Jesus and wins the attention of God when Abraham intercedes for Sodom. The life of the baptized—to be rooted and built up in Christ Jesus—is to be nurtured with prayer. God hears and answers prayer and so strengthens God’s own. “When I called, you answered me; you increased my strength within me.”

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: In the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

P: Baptized into Christ, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.



P: Merciful God,

C: you free us to love others, but we neglect our neighbors and follow our own way. You lead us by the Spirit of joy and peace, but we turn away from the abundant life you offer. You surround us with patience, kindness, and generosity, but we grow weary in doing what is right. In your mercy, forgive us. Do not give up on us. Heal us, break our bonds, and show us the path of life. Amen.

P: You belong to Christ Jesus and you are God's children through faith.

In the cross of ✠ Christ, and through the power of the Holy Spirit, your sins are forgiven. Clothed with Christ, you are a new creation.

C: Amen.

(Remain Standing)

OPENING HYMN: "Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer" LBW 343

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: Genesis 18:20-32

In today's reading, Abraham undertakes the role of a mediator between God and sinful humanity. Appealing to God's justice, Abraham boldly asks for mercy for the city of Sodom for the sake of the few righteous people there, including Abraham's nephew, Lot.

Reader says: The Word of the Lord.

Congregation respond: Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING: Colossians 2:6-15 [16-19]

The writer of this letter warns the congregation in Colossae about "the empty lure" of philosophies and traditions that compromise faith. Through the gift of faith, the church is mystically connected with Christ in his death and resurrection which is enacted in baptism.

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 gospel reading is from Luke Chapter 11 verses 1-13.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

THE GOSPEL READING: Luke 11:1-13

In teaching his disciples this prayer, Jesus also reminds them to focus on God's coming reign, God's mercy, and the strengthening of the community. Jesus encourages his disciples to childlike trust and persistence in prayer.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

(Please Sit)

SERMON

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SERMON HYMN: “Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word”

LBW 230

(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: God of grace,

C: hear 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: Creator God, in your wisdom you bring forth all that is good.

Strengthen us as we give these gifts to you, that we may work for the good of all, through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

C: Amen.

THE BENEDICTION:

P: The love of God abound in you; the grace of our Savior Jesus Christ fill your hearts; and the life of the Spirit ✠ bless you and give you peace.

C: Amen.

SENDING HYMN: “Go, My Children, with My Blessing” WOV 721

DISMISSAL:

P: Go in peace. Live by the Spirit.

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude: Roberta Ryskoski

Attendance: Last Sunday: 28

Last Sunday Facebook Live: 3

Facebook Plays:

Sunday, July 13th Facebook Plays: 292

Today, Service Schedule, July 27th, 9:30 A.M.

Reader: Wayne Heitmann

Usher: Annette Raube

Next Week's Schedule, August 3rd, 9:30 A.M.

Reader: Charlotte Rebelein

Usher: Wayne Heitmann

July 2025 Altar Schedule

Janice Ott

July 2025 Communion Schedule (1st and 3rd Sunday)

Wayne Heitmann

August 2025 Altar Schedule

Judy Vollbrecht

August 2025 Communion Schedule (August 3rd and 24th)

Wayne Heitmann

DATE TO REMEMBER:

The Semi-Annual Meeting will be held on Sunday, August 10, 2025, after the worship service. The items that will be discussed at this meeting are the following: The possibility of selling the parsonage, the lawn repair, whether or not to stay with ELCA and Sam Contract. If you cannot be at this meeting on August 10th, please ask a council member for an absentee ballot before August 10th.