

Emanuel Lutheran Church

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Sunday, May 24, 2026

DAY of PENTECOST:

Pentecost derives its name from the Jewish festival celebrating the harvest and the giving of the law on Mount Sinai fifty days after Passover. Fifty days after Easter, we celebrate the Holy Spirit as God's presence within and among us. In Acts the Spirit arrives in rushing wind and flame, bringing God's presence to all people. Paul reminds us that though we each have different capacities, we are unified in the Spirit that equips us with these gifts. Jesus breathes the Holy Spirit on his disciples, empowering them to forgive sin. We celebrate that we too are given the breath of the Holy Spirit and sent out to proclaim God's redeeming love to all the world.

Please feel free to sit anytime during the service if the need arises.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

(Please stand for the Thanksgiving for Baptism)

THANKSGIVING for BAPTISM:

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

C: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!



P: Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne and to the Lamb!

C: Amen.

P: Let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism.

Water may be poured into the font as the presiding minister continues.

P: Merciful God, you are the one who was, who is, and who is to come. You lead us beside still waters. We thank you for the waters of creation: morning dew, gentle rain, roaring waves. We thank you for the waters that nourish us (*local waters may be named*). Blessed are you.

C: You guide us to springs of the water of life.

P: Jesus Christ, you are the faithful witness who accompanies us on our journeys. We give you thanks for your life-giving death and resurrection. We praise you for joining us in joy and sorrow. Blessed are you.

C: You guide us to springs of the water of life.

P: Holy Spirit, you anoint our head with oil and our cup overflows. Break down barriers that divide us. Fill us with the breath of peace. Blessed are you.

C: You guide us to springs of the water of life.

P: Holy One, we thank you for the gifts and grace of baptism, and for making us a new creation. We join with saints and angels, giving you honor and praise, now and forever.

C: Amen.

(Remain Standing)

OPENING HYMN: “O Day Full of Grace”

**LBW 161
vs. 1-4**

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 104:24-34, 35b:

Please join me in the responsive reading.

FIRST READING: Acts 2:1-21

Pentecost was a Jewish harvest festival that marked the fiftieth day after Passover. Luke portrays the Holy Spirit being poured out upon the disciples before the gathered and astonished people assembled in Jerusalem for the festival. Filled with the Spirit, the disciples were able to witness to the power of Christ's resurrection.

Reader says: The Word of the Lord.

Congregation respond: Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13

Paul is helping the Corinthians understand the relationship between our God-given unity and Spirit-created diversity. The Spirit creates the unity of faith and gives all Christians diverse gifts for the common benefit of all. We need one another's diverse spiritual gifts because the same Spirit has given them to each person for the common good.

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 John Chapter 20.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

THE GOSPEL READING: John 20:19-23

The risen Jesus appears to his disciples, offering them a benediction, a commission, and the gift of the Holy Spirit.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

(Please Sit)

SERMON

Pastor Wendy Ruetten

SERMON HYMN: “Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness” WOV 684

(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: Merciful God,

C: receive 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: Merciful God, accept the fruits of our labor, gathered to give you glory. You give us a glimpse of that great day when we will hunger and thirst no more. Nourish us with the Word of Jesus, that goodness and mercy may follow us and bless the world you love. In the name of Jesus,

C: Amen.

THE BENEDICTION:

P: God Almighty, who is the beginning and the end, Jesus Christ, the firstborn of the dead, and the Spirit, our advocate and peace, ✠ bless you now and forever.

C: Amen.

SENDING HYMN: “Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling” LBW 523

DISMISSAL:

P: Go in peace. Praise the Lord. Alleluia!

C: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

Postlude: Roberta Ryskoski

OUR GUEST PASTOR THIS MORNING is Wendy Ruetten. Thank you for leading our Worship, Pastor Ruetten.

Attendance: Last Sunday: 27 Last Sunday Facebook Lives: 4

Facebook Plays:

Sunday, May 10th: 175

Today, Service Schedule, May 24th, 9:30 A.M.

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

Next Week's Schedule, May 31st, 9:30 A.M.

Reader: Verlyn Rebelein **Usher:** Marlene Connell

May 2026 Altar Schedule

Mary Fairbank and Pat Grams

May 2026 Communion Schedule

Wayne Heitmann

June 2026 Altar Schedule

Mary Fairbank and Pat Grams

June 2026 Communion Schedule (1st and 3rd Sunday)

Annette Raube

THIS WEEK AT EMANUEL:

THERE WILL BE COFFEE AND GOODIES THIS MORNING FOLLOWING THE WORSHIP provided by Charleen Strook.

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:

Congregational meeting next Sunday, May 31st, after the service to vote on replacing the air conditioner unit for the church sanctuary.