

Emanuel Lutheran Church

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Sunday, May 17, 2026

ASCENSION of OUR LORD:

In today's readings the risen Christ ascends into heaven and his followers are assured that the Spirit will empower them to be witnesses throughout the earth. The disciples were told to not gaze up into heaven to look for Jesus (Acts 1:11); we find his presence among us as we proclaim the word and share the Easter feast. We too long for the Spirit to enliven our faith and invigorate our mission.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

(Please stand for the Thanksgiving For Baptism)

THANKSGIVING for BAPTISM:

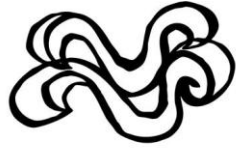
All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

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.

OPENING HYMN: “Oh, Love, How Deep”

**LBW 88
vs. 1,6,7**

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:

Almighty God, your only Son was taken into the heavens and in your presence intercedes for us. Receive us and our prayers for all the world, and in the end bring everything into your glory, through Jesus Christ, our Sovereign and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

GOD'S WORD

Psalm 47: Please join me in the responsive reading.

God has gone up with a shout. (Ps. 47:5)

P: ¹ Clap your hands, all you peoples; shout to God with a joyful sound.

C: ² **For the LORD Most High is to be feared: a great king over all the earth,**

P: ³ who subdues the peoples under us, and the nations under our feet;

C: ⁴ **who chooses our inheritance for us, the pride of Jacob, whom God loves.**

P: ⁵ God has gone up with a shout, the LORD with the sound of the ram's horn.

C: ⁶ **Sing praises to God, sing praises; sing praises to our king, sing praises.**

P: ⁷ For God is king of all the earth; sing praises with a song.

C: ⁸ **God reigns over the nations; God is enthroned on high.**

P: ⁹ The nobles of the peoples have gathered as the people of the God of Abraham. The rulers of the earth belong to God, who is highly exalted

FIRST READING: Acts 1:1-11

Before he is lifted into heaven, Jesus promises that the missionary work of the disciples will spread out from Jerusalem to all the world. His words provide an outline of the book of Acts.

Reader says: The Word of the Lord.

Congregation respond: Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING: Ephesians 1:15-23

The risen and exalted Christ reigns over the entire universe. The author of Ephesians prays that we are given the wisdom to know the power of the risen Christ and the empowering hope that the knowledge of this inheritance provides.

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 Luke Chapter 24.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

THE GOSPEL READING: Luke 24:44-53

On the day of his ascension, Jesus leaves his disciples with a commission, a blessing, and a promise of the Holy Spirit.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

(Please sit)

SERMON

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SERMON HYMN: “Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing” LBW 363

(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: 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: Merciful God, accept the fruits of our labor, gathered to give you glory. You have set a table before us, a glimpse of that great day when we will hunger and thirst no more. Nourish us with the body and blood of Jesus, that goodness and mercy may follow us and bless the world you love.

In the name of Jesus,

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 of new life. Receive the risen Lord.

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: Holy One, through this meal you have made your home among us and are making all things new. Send us now to speak peace to anxious hearts, to love our enemies, and to bring your healing to the nations.

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: *“Son of God, Eternal Savior”* **LBW 364**

DISMISSAL:

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

C: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

Postlude: Roberta Ryskoski

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

Attendance: Last Sunday: 27

Last Sunday Facebook Lives: 3

Facebook Plays:

Sunday, April 26th: 120

Today, Service Schedule, May 17th, 9:30 A.M.

Reader: Wayne Heitmann

Usher: Annette Raube

Next Week's Schedule, May 24th, 9:30 A.M.

Reader: Charlotte Rebelein

Usher: Verlyn Rebelein

May 2026 Altar Schedule

Mary Fairbank and Pat Grams

May 2026 Communion Schedule (May 17th)

Wayne Heitmann

THIS WEEK AT EMANUEL:

THERE WILL BE COFFEE AND GOODIES THIS MORNING

FOLLOWING THE WORSHIP provided by Pat Grams in celebration of Mary Fairbank and Arnie Grams birthdays.

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.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

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

The United Men of Praise Spring Concert will be on Sunday, May 17th, at 6:00 pm at First Reformed Church, 422 W Franklin Street, Waupun.