

Emanuel Lutheran Church

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Sunday, July 12, 2026

THE SEVENTH SUNDAY after PENTECOST:

God's word is like the rain that waters the earth and brings forth vegetation. It is also like the sower who scatters seed indiscriminately. Our lives are like seeds sown in the earth. Even from what appears to be little, dormant, or dead, God promises a harvest. At the Lord's table we are fed with the bread of life, that we may bear fruit in the world.

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.

(Remain Standing)

OPENING HYMN: "Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty" LBW 250

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 65:[1-8] 9-13:

Please join me in the responsive reading.

FIRST READING: Isaiah 55:10-13

God's word to Israel's exiles is as sure and effective as never-failing precipitation. Their return to the Holy Land in a new exodus is cheered on by singing mountains and by trees that clap their hands.

Reader says: The Word of the Lord.

Congregation respond: Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING: Romans 8:1-11

There is no condemnation for those who live in Christ. God sent Christ to accomplish what the law was unable to do: condemn sin and free us from its death-dealing ways. The Spirit now empowers proper actions and values in our lives and gives us the promise of resurrected life.

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 13.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

THE GOSPEL READING: Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

In Matthew’s gospel, both Jesus and his disciples “sow the seed” of God’s word by proclaiming the good news that “the kingdom of heaven is near.” Now, in a memorable parable, Jesus explains why this good news produces different results in those who hear.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

(Please Sit)

SERMON

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SERMON HYMN: “On What Has Now Been Sown”

LBW 261

(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: 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.

THE BENEDICTION:

P: Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer, ✠ one God, bless, heal, and hold you today and always.

C: Amen.

SENDING HYMN: “Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing” LBW 259

DISMISSAL:

P: Heaven has come near. Go, share the good news!

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude: Roberta Ryskoski

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

Our Guest Pastor for next Sunday, July 19th is Pastor Joyce Heintz.

Attendance: Last Sunday: 25 Last Sunday Facebook Lives: 4

Facebook Plays:

Sunday, June 28th: 182

Today, Service Schedule, July 12th, 9:30 A.M.

Reader: Verlyn Rebelein

Usher: Wayne Heitmann

Next Week's Schedule, July 19th, 9:30 A.M.

Reader: Wayne Heitmann

Usher: Darrell Rahn

July 2026 Altar Schedule

Janice Ott

July 2026 Communion Schedule

Wayne Heitmann

THIS WEEK AT EMANUEL:

THERE WILL BE COFFEE THIS MORNING FOLLOWING THE WORSHIP.

Looking for someone to take charge and organize the Chili Festival.

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:

Brandon Community Blood Drive is this Tuesday, July 14, 2026, 12:00 P.M. to 6:00 P.M., at Bethel Church, 305 W. Main St., Brandon, WI. For an appointment, please call Judy Henker at 920-346-2966 or call 1-800-733-2767 or visit RedCrossBlood.org.

RUCC Church Picnic is today, Sunday, July 12, 2026, from 11:00 AM – 2:00 PM, 204 W Division St., Rosendale, WI. For more information, please see the flyer on the bulletin board in the narthex of the church.