

Emanuel Lutheran Church

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Sunday, August 9, 2026

THE ELEVENTH SUNDAY after PENTECOST:

Elijah finds the presence of God not in earthquake, wind, or fire, but in the sound of sheer silence. When the disciples face a great storm on the sea, they cry out with fear. Jesus says: "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid." Amid the storms of life, we gather to seek the calm presence of Christ that soothes our fears. In comforting words of scripture and in the refreshing bread and cup of the eucharist, God grants us peace and sends us forth to be a sign of God's presence to others.

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.

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: "O God, Our Help in Ages Past" LBW 320

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 85:8-13:

Please join me in the responsive reading.

FIRST READING: 1 Kings 19:9-18

On Mount Horeb, where God had appeared to Moses with typical signs of God's presence—earthquake, wind, and fire—Elijah now experienced God in “sheer silence.” God assured Elijah that he is not the only faithful believer. Seven thousand Israelites are still loyal. God instructed Elijah to anoint two men as kings and to anoint Elisha as his own successor.

Reader says: The Word of the Lord.

Congregation respond: Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING: Romans 10:5-15

A right relationship with God is not something we achieve by heroic efforts. It is a gift received in the proclamation whose content is Jesus Christ. This proclaimed word creates our faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. Hence Christian proclamation is an indispensable component of God's saving actions.

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 14.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

THE GOSPEL READING: Matthew 14:22-33

Matthew's gospel typically portrays Jesus' disciples as people of “little faith,” who fail despite their best intentions. In this story, Matthew shows how Jesus comes to the disciples when they are in trouble and sustains them in their time of fear and doubt.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

(Please Sit)

SERMON

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SERMON HYMN: “Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me” LBW 333

(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: 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: 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: “Eternal Father, Strong to Save” LBW 467

DISMISSAL:

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

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude: Roberta Ryskoski

WE EXTEND OUR SYMPATHY to GayNell Vande Berg and her family. GayNell’s father Donald “Buck” Mertens, died Thursday, August 6, 2026. The funeral is Friday, August 14, 2026, at Werner Harmsen Funeral in Waupun, WI. Visitation at 10:00 A.M. and service at 11:00 A.M.

OUR GUEST PASTOR THIS MORNING is Karen Jewell-Van Buskirk. Thank you for leading our Worship, Pastor Jewell-Van Buskirk.

Our Guest Pastor for next Sunday, August 16th is Pastor Karen Jewell-Van Buskirk.

Attendance: Last Sunday: 26 Last Sunday Facebook Lives: 3

Facebook Plays:

Sunday, July 26th: 168

Today, Service Schedule, August 9th, 9:30 A.M.

Reader: Wayne Heitmann **Usher:** Marlene Connell

Next Week’s Schedule, August 16th, 9:30 A.M.

Reader: Charlotte Rebelein **Usher:** Wayne Heitmann

August 2026 Altar Schedule

Marlene Connell

August 2026 Communion Schedule

Wayne Heitmann

THIS WEEK AT EMANUEL:

There Will Be Coffee This Morning Following the Worship.

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:

GOOD NEWS! Pastor Karen will be conducting a 4-week Bible Study beginning Wednesday, September 23rd at noon. Bring your lunch, beverage, and Bible. All Welcome.

Alto Old Stone Church Service 4042 Amity Rd., Brandon, WI. August 16, 2026. at 2:00 P.M. Come and enjoy an afternoon of an old-fashioned church service. Refreshments will follow the service. Free will offering will be taken. Hope to see you there.