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Sunday, July 26, 2026

THE NINTH SUNDAY after PENTECOST:

As Solomon prays for wisdom, we seek to more deeply know the treasures of faith. In today's gospel Jesus offers everyday images that reveal to us the reign of God: a tree that becomes a sheltering home, yeast that penetrates and expands, a treasured pearl, a net that gains a great catch. Even as we seek the riches of God's reign, the great surprise is that God's grace finds us first!

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: "God of Grace and God of Glory" LBW 415

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 119:129-136:

Please join me in the responsive reading.

FIRST READING: 1 Kings 3:5-12

Because Solomon did not ask for long life, riches, or the defeat of his enemies, God gave him what he asked for: wisdom to govern the people well.

Reader says: The Word of the Lord.

Congregation respond: Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING: Romans 8:26-39

These words celebrate the depth of God's actions for us. Through Christ's death for us and the activity of the Spirit praying for us, we are fused to God's love poured out in Jesus Christ. Nothing, not even death itself, is able to separate us from such incredible divine love.

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 13:31-33, 44-52

Throughout Matthew's gospel, Jesus and his disciples proclaim the good news that "the kingdom of heaven is near!" Here, Jesus offers several brief parables that explore the implications of this announcement for people's lives.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

(Please Sit)

SERMON

Pastor Kim Krogstad

SERMON HYMN:

"Be Thou My Vision"

WOV 776

(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: “Sent Forth by God’s Blessing”

LBW 221

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 Kim Krogstad. Thank you for leading our Worship, Pastor Krogstad.

Our Guest Pastor for next Sunday, August 2nd is Pastor Nate Gauerke.

Attendance: Last Sunday: 18 Last Sunday Facebook Lives: 5

Facebook Plays:

Sunday, July 12th: 158

Today, Service Schedule, July 26th, 9:30 A.M.

Reader: Charlotte Rebelein

Usher: Annette Raube

Next Week’s Schedule, August 2nd, 9:30 A.M.

Reader: Verlyn Rebelein

Usher: Verlyn Rebelein

July 2026 Altar Schedule

Janice Ott

July 2026 Communion Schedule

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.

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.