

Emanuel Lutheran Church

(A Member of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod)
Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost – September 6, 2026 9:00 a.m.

Welcome to Emanuel

We warmly welcome all who join us in worship today, especially our visitors. We invite you to join us for refreshments in the Fellowship Hall following worship each Sunday and encourage you to sign our guest book and the friendship records in the pews. A nursery room is available at the back of the church. We also have activity bags available for all children. Please ask one of the Ushers for directions.

Our Mission

Emanuel Lutheran Church shares the love of God the Father, by proclaiming the Gospel of our Savior, Jesus Christ, guided by the Holy Spirit, showing love for all people, lending a helping hand to those in need, and equipping God's people for ministry.

Holy Communion

Emanuel Lutheran Church follows the biblical and historical practice of the Christian Church known as Closed Communion. If you are not a member of an LCMS congregation (or a church body we are in full altar and pulpit fellowship with), and you would like to commune or if you have any questions, please speak with the pastor before the service. If you are a visitor and would like to come forward for a blessing this morning, we welcome you. Please cross your arms at the Communion rail. This blessing is for all ages. If you are unable to come to the front for Communion, please sit near the center aisle.

Serving in Worship: Rev. Dr. Chris Davis

Organist: Kris Street Sound Tech: Tracy Pinkert

Divine Service One (LSB 151)

Opening Hymn

"Today Your Mercy Calls Us" (LSB 915)

Confession and Absolution (LSB 151)

Introit

Psalm 92:1–4; antiphon: v. 5

How great are your works, O Lord!

Your thoughts are very deep!

It is good to give thanks to the Lord,

to sing praises to your name, O Most High;

to declare your steadfast love in the morning,

and your faithfulness by night,

to the music of the lute and the harp,

to the melody of the lyre.

For you, O Lord, have made me glad by your work;

at the works of your hands I sing for joy.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son

and to the Holy Spirit;

as it was in the beginning,

is now, and will be forever. Amen.

How great are your works, O Lord!

Your thoughts are very deep!

Kyrie (LSB 152)

Gloria In Excelsis (LSB 154)

Salutation and Collect of the Day (LSB 156)

O God, from whom all good proceeds, grant to us, Your humble servants, Your holy inspiration, that we may set our minds on the things that are right and, by Your merciful guiding, accomplish them; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen

Reading from the Lutheran Confessions

Old Testament Reading

Ezekiel 33:7–9

⁷"So you, son of man, I have made a watchman for the house of Israel.

Whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from

me. ⁸If I say to the wicked, O wicked one, you shall surely die, and you do not

speak to warn the wicked to turn from his way, that wicked person shall die in his

iniquity, but his blood I will require at your hand. ⁹But if you warn the wicked to

turn from his way, and he does not turn from his way, that person shall die in his

iniquity, but you will have delivered your soul.”

P This is the Word of the Lord. **C** Thanks be to God.

Epistle

Romans 13:1–10

¹Let every person be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and those that exist have been instituted by God. ²Therefore whoever resists the authorities resists what God has appointed, and those who resist will incur judgment. ³For rulers are not a terror to good conduct, but to bad. Would you have no fear of the one who is in authority? Then do what is good, and you will receive his approval, ⁴for he is God’s servant for your good. But if you do wrong, be afraid, for he does not bear the sword in vain. For he is the servant of God, an avenger who carries out God’s wrath on the wrongdoer. ⁵Therefore one must be in subjection, not only to avoid God’s wrath but also for the sake of conscience. ⁶For the same reason you also pay taxes, for the authorities are ministers of God, attending to this very thing. ⁷Pay to all what is owed to them: taxes to whom taxes are owed, revenue to whom revenue is owed, respect to whom respect is owed, honor to whom honor is owed. ⁸Owe no one anything, except to love each other, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. ⁹The commandments, “You shall not commit adultery, You shall not murder, You shall not steal, You shall not covet,” and any other commandment, are summed up in this word: “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” ¹⁰Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfilling of the law.

P This is the Word of the Lord. **C** Thanks be to God.

Alleluia (LSB 156)

Holy Gospel

Matthew 18:1–20

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the Eighteenth chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

¹At that time the disciples came to Jesus, saying, “Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?” ²And calling to him a child, he put him in the midst of them ³and said, “Truly, I say to you, unless you turn and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. ⁴Whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven. ⁵Whoever receives one such child in my name receives me, ⁶but whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him to have a great millstone fastened around his neck and to be drowned in the depth of the sea. ⁷“Woe to the world for temptations to sin! For it is necessary that temptations come, but woe to the one

by whom the temptation comes! ⁸And if your hand or your foot causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away. It is better for you to enter life crippled or lame than with two hands or two feet to be thrown into the eternal fire. ⁹And if your eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away. It is better for you to enter life with one eye than with two eyes to be thrown into the hell of fire.

¹⁰"See that you do not despise one of these little ones. For I tell you that in heaven their angels always see the face of my Father who is in heaven. ¹¹For the Son of Man came to save the lost. ¹²What do you think? If a man has a hundred sheep and one of them has gone astray, does he not leave the ninety-nine on the mountains and go in search of the one that went astray? ¹³And if he finds it, truly, I say to you, he rejoices over it more than over the ninety-nine that never went astray. ¹⁴So it is not the will of my Father who is in heaven that one of these little ones should perish.

¹⁵"If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault, between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have gained your brother. ¹⁶But if he does not listen, take one or two others along with you, that every charge may be established by the evidence of two or three witnesses. ¹⁷If he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church. And if he refuses to listen even to the church, let him be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. ¹⁸Truly, I say to you, whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven. ¹⁹Again I say to you, if two of you agree on earth about anything they ask, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven. ²⁰For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord. **C** **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Nicene Creed (LSB 158)

Sermon Hymn

"Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me" (LSB 683)

Sermon

Offering

Prayers of the Church

Service of the Sacrament (LSB 160)

Distribution Hymns (LSB 585, 619, 584, 617, 555)

Post-Communion Canticle-Thank the Lord (LSB 164)

Benediction (LSB 166)

Closing Hymn

"Go, My Children, with My Blessing" (LSB 922)