



*Summer*  
WORSHIP  
SCHEDULE

*Emanuel's Summer Worship Schedule begins on Sunday, May 24.*

*All services will be held in the sanctuary!*

*Saturday 5:00 p.m. Divine Service*

*Sunday 9:00 a.m. Divine Service*

*Sunday 10:30 a.m. Gathering*

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# *The Gathering*

The Seventh Sunday of Easter

May 17, 2026



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Emanuel Lutheran Church is a united and growing family of Christians joyfully dedicated to furthering God's Kingdom.

## † The Seventh Sunday of Easter †

**WELCOME** to those visiting us this Lord's Day. It is our joy to have you worshipping with us. We invite you to come again and worship the Lord.

**FELLOWSHIP DIRECTORY** ~ Everyone, please sign in!

**AS WE GATHER** ~ Christians are "faith alone" people. We most often think of that in terms of salvation: we are saved by faith alone! But throughout our daily life, Christians function by faith alone. We practice generous stewardship by faith alone, trusting in the God who supplies all our needs. We keep God's commands by faith alone, confident that His ways are better than our ways. And we pray by faith alone, assured our loving God has opened His door and His heart to hear and answer us. It is faith, and faith alone, that fuels us for life today and secures us for the life to come.

**PRE-SERVICE PRAISE**                      *Come Let Us Worship and Bow Down*

**Come let us worship and bow down,  
Let us kneel before the Lord, our God, our Maker.  
Come let us worship and bow down,  
Let us kneel before the Lord, our God, our Maker.  
For He is our God, and we are the people of His pasture.**

**WELCOME/SHARING OF THE PEACE**

**OPENING SONG**                      *Lord, I Need You*

**Lord, I come, I confess, bowing here I find my rest.  
Without You I fall apart, You're the One that guides my heart.**

*Chorus:* **Lord, I need You, oh, I need You. Every hour I need You.**

**My one defense, my righteousness, Oh God, how I need You.**

**Where sin runs deep, Your grace is more. Where grace is found is where You are.**

**And where You are, Lord, I am free. Holiness is Christ in me. *Chorus***

**Teach my song to rise to You, when temptation comes my way.**

**And when I cannot stand I'll fall on You. Jesus, You're my hope and stay. *Chorus***

**INVOCATION**

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

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**CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

Pastor: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness. (Hebrews 10:22)

Pastor: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

People: **who made heaven and earth.** (Psalm 124:8)

Pastor: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

People: **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.** (Psalm 32:5)

Pastor: O almighty God, merciful Father,

People: **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

Pastor: Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.** (John 20:19-23)

**PSALM 68:1-10**

Pastor: God shall arise, his enemies shall be scattered; and those who hate him shall flee before him!

People: **As smoke is driven away, so you shall drive them away; as wax melts before fire, so the wicked shall perish before God!**

Pastor: But the righteous shall be glad; they shall exult before God; they shall be jubilant with joy!

People: **Sing to God, sing praises to his name; lift up a song to him who rides through the deserts; his name is the Lord; exult before him!**

Pastor: Father of the fatherless and protector of widows is God in his holy habitation.

People: **God settles the solitary in a home; he leads out the prisoners to prosperity, but the rebellious dwell in a parched land.**

Pastor: O God, when you went out before your people, when you marched through the wilderness,

**People: the earth quaked, the heavens poured down rain, before God, the One of Sinai, before God, the God of Israel.**

Pastor: Rain in abundance, O God, you shed abroad; you restored your inheritance as it languished;

**People: your flock found a dwelling in it; in your goodness, O God, you provided for the needy.**

**All: 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.**

### SONG OF PRAISE

### *Battle Belongs*

**When all I see is the battle, You see my victory.**

**When all I see is the mountain, You see a mountain moved.**

**And as I walk through the shadow, Your love surrounds me.**

**There's nothing to fear now for I am safe with You.**

*Chorus:* **So when I fight, I'll fight on my knees with my hands lifted high,  
Oh God, the battle belongs to You.  
And every fear I lay at Your feet, I'll sing through the night  
Oh God, the battle belongs to You.**

**And if You are for me, who can be against me? Yeah**

**For Jesus, there's nothing impossible for You.**

**When all I see are the ashes, You see the beauty. Thank You God.**

**When all I see is a cross, God, You see the empty tomb. *Chorus***

**Almighty fortress, You go before us,**

**Nothing can stand against the power of our God.**

**You shine in the shadow, You win every battle,**

**Nothing can stand against the power of our God. *Repeat twice, then Chorus***

### SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

(Ruth 2:4)

**People: And also with you.**

(Luke 1:28)

### COLLECT OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray. O King of glory, Lord of hosts, uplifted in triumph far above all heavens, leave us not without consolation but send us the Spirit of truth whom

You promised from the Father; for You live and reign with Him and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**People: Amen.**

### FIRST READING

**Acts 1:12-26 (ESV)**

<sup>12</sup>Then [the apostles] returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day's journey away. <sup>13</sup>And when they had entered, they went up to the upper room, where they were staying, Peter and John and James and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James the son of Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot and Judas the son of James. <sup>14</sup>All these with one accord were devoting themselves to prayer, together with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and his brothers.

<sup>15</sup>In those days Peter stood up among the brothers (the company of persons was in all about 120) and said, <sup>16</sup>“Brothers, the Scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit spoke beforehand by the mouth of David concerning Judas, who became a guide to those who arrested Jesus. <sup>17</sup>For he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry.” <sup>18</sup>(Now this man bought a field with the reward of his wickedness, and falling headlong he burst open in the middle and all his bowels gushed out. <sup>19</sup>And it became known to all the inhabitants of Jerusalem, so that the field was called in their own language Akeldama, that is, Field of Blood.) <sup>20</sup>“For it is written in the Book of Psalms,

“May his camp become desolate,

and let there be no one to dwell in it’;

and

“‘Let another take his office.’

<sup>21</sup>So one of the men who have accompanied us during all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, <sup>22</sup>beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us—one of these men must become with us a witness to his resurrection.” <sup>23</sup>And they put forward two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also called Justus, and Matthias. <sup>24</sup>And they prayed and said, “You, Lord, who know the hearts of all, show which one of these two you have chosen <sup>25</sup>to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place.” <sup>26</sup>And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias, and he was numbered with the eleven apostles.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**



*Bridge:* You amaze me, redeem me, You call me as your own.  
 You amaze me, redeem me, You call me as your own. *Repeat*  
 You're my strength, You're my defender, You're my refuge in the storm.  
 Through these trials You have always been faithful, You bring healing to my soul!  
*Chorus three times*

## MESSAGE

### STATEMENT OF FAITH - THE NICENE CREED

I believe in one God,  
 the Father Almighty,  
 maker of heaven and earth  
 and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
 the only-begotten Son of God,  
 begotten of his Father before all worlds,  
 God of God, Light of Light,  
 very God of very God,  
 begotten, not made,  
 being of one substance with the Father,  
 by whom all things were made;  
 who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven  
 and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary  
 and was made man;  
 and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.  
 He suffered and was buried.  
 And the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures  
 and ascended into heaven  
 and sits at the right hand of the Father.  
 And he will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,  
 whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
 the Lord and giver of life,  
 who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
 who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified,  
 who spoke by the Prophets.

And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic church,  
 I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,  
 and I look for the resurrection of the dead  
 and the life of the world to come. Amen.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

### SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

The Lord's Supper is celebrated at this congregation in the confession and glad confidence that, as He says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but His very body and blood to eat and drink for the forgiveness of sins, and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another. Our Lord invites to His table those who trust His words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us, that they may show forth His death until he comes.

Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm, and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive the sacrament, are asked first to speak with the pastor. For further study, see Matthew 5:23f; 10:32f; 18:15-35; 26:26-29; 1 Corinthians 11:17-34.

### COMMUNION

*As we prepare for the presence of Christ in this sacrament, we rise.*

### PREFACE

Pastor: The Lord be with you.  
**People: And also with you.**  
 Pastor: Lift up your hearts.  
**People: We lift them up to the Lord.**  
 Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.  
**People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**  
 Pastor: So we come to You to commune with You in this sacrament, and join the angels and all those in heaven singing...

### *HOSANNA*

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might;  
 Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Repeat  
 Hosanna, hosanna, in the highest. Repeat**

**LORD'S PRAYER**

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

**WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

**Pastor:** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread; and, when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to His disciples saying, "Take, eat; this is my † body, which is given for you; do this in remembrance of Me.

In the same way He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them saying, "Drink of it, all of you; this is my † blood of the new Testament, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

**PEACE**

**Pastor:** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**People:** Amen.

**AGNUS DEI ~ Lamb of God**

(John 1:29)

**O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, You take the sin of the world away;**

**O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, have mercy on us, Lord, we pray.**

**O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, You take the sin of the world away;**

**Have mercy on us, Jesus Christ, and grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.**

**COMMUNION SONGS***Communion*

*Chorus:* This is the body, this is the blood, broken and poured out for all of us,

And in this communion we share in His love.

This is the body, this is the blood.

**I will remember everything, Lord, that You've done for me.**

**I won't take for granted the sacrifice that set me free.**

**And I hunger and thirst for Your love. Come fill me today** *Chorus*

**We hunger and thirst for Your love and Your righteousness,**

**We long for Your presence here, Lord. Be with us again!** *Chorus*

*White As Snow*

**White as snow, white as snow, though my sins were as scarlet;**

**Lord, I know, Lord, I know, that I'm clean and forgiven.**

**Through the power of Your blood, through the wonder of Your love,**

**Through faith in You I know that I can be... Repeat**

**BLESSING**

**Pastor:** And now may this true body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in the one true faith to life everlasting. Peace be with you.

**People:** Amen.

**BENEDICTION**

**Pastor:** The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

**People:** Amen.

**CLOSING SONG***The Blessing*

**The Lord bless you and keep you,**

**Make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you.**

**The Lord turn His face toward you and give you peace. Repeat**

**Amen, amen, amen. Amen, amen, amen.**

**May His favor be upon you and a thousand generations,**

**And your family and your children, and their children, and their children.**

**May His presence go before you, and behind you, and beside you,**

**All around you, and within you. He is with you, He is with you -**

**In the morning, in the evening, in your coming, and your going,**

**In your weeping, and rejoicing, He is for you, He is for you.**

**He is for you, He is for you.**

**Amen, amen, amen. Amen, amen, amen.**



*Please remember to place your offering for the work of the Lord at Emanuel in the offering plate as you leave.*