

Emmanuel Community  
United Methodist Church

*Imitating Christ Together*

*Red Letter  
Words*

*“If anyone slaps you  
on the right cheek,  
turn to them the  
other cheek also.”*

---

Matthew 5:39

**May 3, 2026**

N84 W16707 Menomonee Avenue ♦ Menomonee Falls, WI 53051  
262-251-3830 ♦ [www.ec-umc.com](http://www.ec-umc.com)

---

**Fifth Sunday of Easter**

**8:30 AM Sanctuary Service**

**Liturgist:** Doug Thompson

**Ushers:** Sue Page, Guy Vance, Rollin Kring, Jon O'Connell

**Acolytes :** Rory and Kiera Mosher

**Altar Flowers:** Celebrating Dorothy Nienow's 92<sup>nd</sup> birthday

---

*Please sign the registration pad found at the end of your pew*

*\*Please stand as you are able*

**GATHERING**

**Appreciation of our Tech Team Seniors  
Announcements, Welcome, and Greetings**

**Tech Team**

**Prelude**

“Here at Your Table, Lord”

arr. Hayes

**Greeting**

**Rev. Dr. Matt Hadley**

**\* Call to Worship**

We come into this place carrying our victories and our wounds.

**We come seeking the way of Christ.**

The world teaches us to strike back and settle the score.

**But Jesus calls us to a better way.**

When we are wronged, Christ invites us to respond with grace.

**When we are hurt, Christ leads us toward love.**

Come, let us worship the One who breaks cycles of hatred.

**Come, let us follow the One who shows us a new way.**

**\*Hymn 2236**

“Gather Us In”

**\* Opening Prayer:**

**Gracious and loving God, we confess how quickly we want to defend ourselves, to prove our point, and to win. Yet you call us into a deeper way, a way of mercy, courage, and unexpected love. Open our hearts today to hear your voice and give us the strength to follow where Jesus leads. Amen.**

**Hymn #71**

“Glory Be to the Father”

**Special Music**

“A Psalm”

Beck

Women's Choir, Bill Follmann, Director

## MINISTRY OF THE WORD

### Scripture Reading

Matthew 5:38-42 (NIV)  
Romans 12:21 (NIV)

### Response

The Word of God for the People of God

### Thanks be to God!

### Hymn 383

“This Is a Day of New Beginnings”

### Sermon

“Red Letter Words: Turn the Other Cheek”

**Rev. Dr. Matt Hadley**

## HOLY COMMUNION

At Christ’s table all are cherished; all are invited; all are fed.

(Ushers will distribute the elements, hold, so we can partake of the elements together)

### Lord’s Prayer- Pastor Matt

**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. Amen.**

### Communion Music

“All Sufficient Merit”

Barnard/Fowler/Barnard

“Love of God”

Wickham/Carnes/Hastings/Lake

## OFFERTORY

### Offertory Music

“Love Your Enemies”

Guerra

**ONLINE GIVING** Please support the ministry of ECUMC with an online gift by scanning this QR code



### \*Doxology #94

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

### \*Prayer of Dedication

**Generous God, you give freely and love without limits. As we offer these gifts, teach us to live with open hands and open hearts. Use what we bring to bring healing where there is hurt and hope where there is division. In Christ’s name, Amen.**

### Hymn 2171

“Make Me a Channel of Your Peace”

## Prayers of the People

Rev. Dr. Matt Hadley

### \*Hymn 64

“Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty”

### SENDING FORTH

#### \*Benediction

Go now into the world, not needing to win every battle.

**We go trusting that love is stronger.**

When you are wronged, choose grace.

**When you are hurt, choose mercy.**

Break the cycle of retaliation wherever you go.

**We will follow the way of Christ.**

And may the peace of God guard your hearts and guide your steps.

**Amen.**

*The worship is over,  
Let the service begin!*

### Postlude

“Thine is the Glory”

Handel arr. Mazzatenta

### All are Welcome!

This is a Welcoming, Reconciling Congregation. Therefore, we embrace diversity and affirm the dignity and worth of every person because we are all created by a loving God. We seek to live Christ’s call for compassion, justice, healing, and wholeness. We welcome into our faith community persons of every race, age, sexual orientation, gender, gender identity and expression, nationality, ethnicity, marital status, mental and physical ability, economic and social position, political affiliation, level of education, and family structure.

*We believe we can all love alike, even if we don’t think alike.*

We invite all to share in the life, leadership, lay and ordained ministry, worship and sacraments, the covenant of committed love in holy matrimony, fellowship, blessings, and joys of our congregation as we seek to grow in faith and love.

No matter where you are on your faith journey, we are glad you are here!