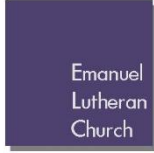


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If you have any questions, please speak with Pastor Joanna.

Recently there have been a lot of new people worshipping with us at Emanuel. If you have a magnetic nametag hanging on the ribbons in the narthex, please take it on your way into worship and wear it while you are in church. This way, we can meet each other more easily.

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

10:00 AM

July 19, 2026

*Please rise, in body or in spirit, at the points indicated by *.*

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

The King of Love My Shepherd Is

Summer Choir

*Confession and Forgiveness

Pastor: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, whose compassion endures forever.

All: Amen.

Pastor: Let us confess our sin to God. *Silence is kept for reflection.*

Compassionate God,

All: 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.

Pastor: 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.

All: Amen.

***Gathering Hymn**

Praise and Thanksgiving

ELW 689

***Greeting**

Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All: And also with you.

***Prayer of the Day**

Pastor: Faithful God, most merciful judge, you care for your children with firmness and compassion. By your Spirit nurture us who live in your kingdom, that we may be rooted in the way of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

All: Amen.

First Reading: Isaiah 44:6-8

⁶ Thus says the LORD, the King of Israel, and his Redeemer, the LORD of hosts: I am the first, and I am the last; besides me there is no god.

⁷ Who is like me? Let them proclaim it; let them declare and set it forth before me. Who has announced from of old the things to come?

Let them tell us what is yet to be.

⁸ Do not fear or be afraid; have I not told you from of old and declared it? You are my witnesses!

Is there any god besides me? There is no other rock; I know not one.

The Word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God.**

Second Reading: Romans 8:12-25

¹² So then, brothers and sisters, we are obligated, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh—¹³ for if you live according to the flesh, you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. ¹⁴ For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. ¹⁵ For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, “Abba! Father!” ¹⁶ it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, ¹⁷ and if children, then heirs: heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if we in fact suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

¹⁸ I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. ¹⁹ For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God, ²⁰ for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will, but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope ²¹ that the creation itself will be set free from its enslavement to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. ²² We know that the whole creation has been groaning together as it suffers together the pains of labor, ²³ and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. ²⁴ For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope, for who hopes for what one already sees? ²⁵ But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

The Word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God.**

*Gospel Acclamation

Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah!

Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah!

Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah!

Hal - le - lu - jah! Hal - le - lu - jah!

*Gospel Reading: Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

Pastor: The holy gospel according to Matthew.

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

²⁴ Jesus put before the crowds another parable: “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field,²⁵ but while everybody was asleep an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat and then went away. ²⁶ So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. ²⁷ And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, ‘Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?’ ²⁸ He answered, ‘An enemy has done this.’ The slaves said to him, ‘Then do you want us to go and gather them?’ ²⁹ But he replied, ‘No, for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. ³⁰ Let both of them grow together until the harvest, and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.’ ”

³⁶ Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, “Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field.” ³⁷ He answered, “The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; ³⁸ the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, ³⁹ and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. ⁴⁰ Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. ⁴¹ The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, ⁴² and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. ⁴³ Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!”

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

***Hymn of the Day**

Come Ye Thankful People Come

ELW 693

***Apostles' Creed**

Pastor: With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

**All: I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Prayers of the People

AM: Trusting in God's steadfast love for all God has made, let us pray for the church,
the world, and all of creation.

To the words: "God of Grace", the congregation responds: "hear our prayer."

AM: Grateful for your abundant provision and trusting in your goodness, we cast all
our cares upon you, through the abundant grace of Christ Jesus.

All: Amen.

***Sharing of the Peace**

Pastor: The peace of Christ be with you always.

All: And also with you.

Offertory Hymn

Sing to the Lord of Harvest

ELW 694

***Offertory Prayer**

Pastor: 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.

All: Amen.

*Holy Communion

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Pastor: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

*Holy, Holy, Holy

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,

ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,

heav-en and earth are full, full of your glo - ry.

Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

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*The Words of Institution

(not printed)

*The Lord's Prayer

Pastor: Let us pray as Jesus taught us.

All: 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.

Invitation to Holy Communion

Pastor: Heaven has come near. Come, share in the feast!

All: Amen.

*All are welcome to receive communion—if this is your first time receiving or your 500th time receiving. In this meal, Jesus meets us in and through the bread and wine. Communion will be offered in a continuous style in front of the altar as well as at the altar rail. We'll commune the right side first, moving to the left side, starting with the front pews and moving towards the back. If you would like to receive communion at the altar rail, do so by using the center steps. You are welcome to stand or kneel at the altar rail. Please wait until the group is blessed and dismissed before going back to your seat by **using the side steps that lead to the side aisles**. If you are receiving in front of the altar, when you come forward, you will receive a wafer. We have a gluten free option available. There will be a tray of cups of red wine and of white grape juice. After you drink the wine/juice, please dispose of your cup in the receptacles on the sides of the sanctuary. If you are unable to come forward, we are happy to bring communion to you. Those who prefer not to commune are invited to come forward to receive a blessing.*

Communion Hymns

Jesus, Lamb of God

Je - sus, Lamb of God, have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, bear - er of our sins, have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, re - deem - er, re - deem - er of the world,

grant us peace, grant us peace.

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The musical score is written for two voices, Soprano and Bass, in a two-staff system. The key signature has one flat (B-flat), and the time signature is common time (C). The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The lyrics are: "O God, we call, O God, we call, from deep in - side we yearn, from deep in - side we yearn, from deep in - side we yearn for you." The score ends with a double bar line.

Text: Linnea Good, b. 1962
 Music: O GOD, WE CALL, Linnea Good
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As the Grains of Wheat

ELW 465

***Post Communion Prayer**

AM: Compassionate God,
 through the gifts of bread and wine
 our hearts are filled with the abundance of your love.
 Strengthen us that we, through this holy meal,
 may share your love freely, as you have shared with us.
 We ask this in the name of Jesus,
 through the Spirit nourishing us now and forever.

All: Amen.

*Blessing

Pastor: Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer, ☩ one God, bless, heal, and hold you today and always.

All: Amen.

*Sending Hymn

Bring Forth the Kingdom

W&P 22



1 You are salt for the earth, O peo-ple: salt for the king-dom of God!
2 You are a light on the hill, O peo-ple: light for the cit-y of God!
3 You are a seed of the word, O peo-ple: bring forth the king-dom of God!
4 We are a blest and a pil-grim peo-ple: bound for the king-dom of God!



Share the fla-vor of life, O peo-ple: life in the king-dom of God!
Shine so ho-ly and bright, O peo-ple: shine for the king-dom of God!
Seeds of mer-cy and seeds of jus-tice, grow in the king-dom of God!
Love our jour-ney and love our home-land: love is the king-dom of God!



***Dismissal**

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

All: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Refiner's Fire

Finn Lambert, soloist

Please join us after worship for Coffee Hour downstairs in Luther Hall.

Thank you to The Reverend Dr. Laurie Andersen for preaching and presiding at worship this morning while Pastor Joanna is on vacation.

Emanuel 2nd Quarter Giving Statements will not be mailed out. If you would like your statement, please email Anne (aheinrich@emanuelmanchester.org) in the church office, or sign up on the sheet this morning in the narthex.

WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS

Assisting Minister: Beverly Niemann

Ushers: Richard Marsh, Pat Nelson, Jodi Eskin, Ann-Linda Bray

Communion Assistants: Ann-Linda Bray, ***volunteer needed***

Lector: Beverly Niemann

Altar Guild: Lisa Little, Pat Nelson, Emily Braman

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Hearing Assistance devices are available in the lobby. Many people who have difficulty hearing, and even people attending worship who happen to sit in an audio “dead spot” in the sanctuary could benefit from using a Hearing Assistance device during the service. If you would like to give one a try, please ask an usher for assistance.

QR Code

There is a QR code on the front cover of the bulletin and on small cards placed in the pews of the sanctuary. If scanned, the code will take you directly to Emanuel’s secure donation page. Once you are on the donation page, you can choose to designate your donation to a specific fund or the General Fund. We want to give people the option to easily donate online at any time.

Emanuel’s family room space is available for Sunday morning guests!

The family room is located on the lower level of the building directly across from the Sunday School room. For whatever reason, if you and your child/children need a quiet place to retreat to during worship, the family room is equipped with toys for the children and comfortable furniture for the adults. Worship can be streamed live, on Zoom through the TV in the family room.

Special Offering Envelopes

The Special Offering envelope for July is **ELCA WORLD HUNGER**. If you would like to give to any of the special offerings in 2026, you can drop your check in the offering plate (or mail your check to the church office), made out the Emanuel Lutheran Church with the specific special offering listed on the memo line.

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost Scripture Readings—Sunday, July 26, 2026:

1 Kings 3:5-12

Solomon's prayer for wisdom

Psalms 119:129-136

When your word is opened, it gives light and understanding. (Ps. 119:130)

Romans 8:26-39

Nothing can separate us from God's love

Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

Parables of the reign of heaven

If you are visiting with us this morning, we would love for you to fill out a Welcome Card!

Cards are located on the table in the narthex. If you need assistance, an usher can direct you. You can share your name, phone number and email with us as well as let us know if you have a prayer request that you would like printed on our prayer list, or if you would like to be added to our email communications list to receive our monthly newsletter and Friday Weekly Update emails. Cards can be left in the basket located next to the cards, given to an usher, or placed in the offering plate.

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Congregational Getaway Weekend at Camp Calumet in NH

August 21- 23, 2026

We're having an intergenerational getaway weekend at Camp Calumet on Friday, August 21 - Sunday, 23—our second one! The weekend will begin with Holden Evening prayer at 7 PM on Friday (it's ok if you'll be late!) and end with lunch on Sunday. We will have time to rest, explore the local area, swim, boat, worship and learn together. There will be time for adults to connect with one another and their faith and time for kids to hear the stories of God and God's people. Just ask anyone who went last year—it's fun!

Please sign up in the narthex if you're interested in going, fill out a registration form and return it to Pastor Joanna along with a \$100 deposit. A check can be made out to *Emanuel Lutheran Church* with "Calumet Retreat" on the memo line or you may pay online: <https://secure.myvanco.com/L-Z4JY/home>.



A church member is in need of reliable transportation. If you, or someone you know is selling, or considering selling a car for \$5,000 or less, please contact the church office at 860-643-1193.

Flowers for Summer Sunday mornings

If you would like to provide fresh flowers for the altar or lectern on Sunday mornings, altar guild would love to put them on display in the sanctuary for worship! Whether the flowers are from your garden or fresh cut from the store, if you bring them in Sunday morning before worship (around 9:30 AM), someone from altar guild will put them in a vase or vases for you. You are welcome to take the flowers (but not the vase), home after worship. If you have any questions, please talk with Kim Boerner-Mercier.

Emanuel's New Pop-Up Shop

As some of you are aware, we have taken on a new ministry. Concordia has had a partnership with Highland Park School to provide clothing for free to families in need. We have agreed to continue this mission. To do this, we will need help from the congregation.

We hope to collect donations of **used children's clothing** from our congregation that we can offer to families from Highland Park School.

We are interested in **infant clothing** and **up through clothing for 9–10-year-old children**.

For the older children, adult sized tee shirts, sweats and pajama pants would be useful.

We ask that the donations are clean and in good condition. **Donations can be left in the room at Emanuel designated for the Pop-Up Shop. The room is located on the lower level of the building, all the way at the end of the Sunday School hallway, in the room on the far right directly next to one of the children's restrooms. The door is labeled with a sign: "Pop-Up Shop".**

Thank you so much for your kindness and generosity!

If you have questions, please call Diane Gawlinski at 860-643-6532 or 860-916-8092.

Calendar of Events

Sunday, July 19, 2026

Assisting Minister - Beverly Niemann

The Rev. Dr. Laurie Andersen preaching and presiding

10:00am –11:00am Emanuel Worship Service - Sanctuary

11:00am –12:00pm Emanuel Coffee Hour - LH

1:30pm –4:00pm Christ Church Worship Service - Sanctuary

2:00pm –4:00pm Nota Cambiata Music Rehearsal – CR

Monday, July 20, 2026

CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM

10:00am –12:30pm Music From the Heart Band rehearsal – MR

Tuesday, July 21, 2026

CHURCH OFFICE: CLOSED

No events are scheduled.

Wednesday, July 22, 2026

CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM

Thursday, July 23, 2026

CHURCH OFFICE: CLOSED

No events are scheduled.

Friday, July 24, 2026

CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM

2:00pm –3:00pm Nota Cambiata Concert

(set-up: 12:30 - 1:30 PM) – SA

Saturday, July 25, 2026

9:00am –11:00am Grow With Me Music – MR

Sunday, July 26, 2026

Assisting Minister - Kathy Rusch

10:00am –11:00am Emanuel Worship Service - Sanctuary

11:00am –12:00pm Emanuel Coffee Hour - LH

1:30pm –4:00pm Christ Church Worship Service - Sanctuary



**EMANUEL LUTHERAN
BOOK CLUB**

MY FRIENDS
BY FREDRIK BACKMAN



Saturday, August 29 at 6:30PM

PLEASE READ THE BOOK PRIOR TO
OUR DISCUSSION.
WE'LL MEET IN THE FAMILY ROOM.
BRING SNACKS AND A BEVERAGE
IF YOU LIKE!



MACC Minutes
Our Community E-Newsletter

Water bottle donations

As temperatures rise, hot weather protocol goes into place in Manchester. During these times MACC gives out cold water to those in need, to make sure we are keeping our neighbors safe. We welcome bottled water donations so that we can continue to help our communities in Manchester.

Interested in helping?

We are looking for volunteers for our kitchen and pantry, especially in our kitchen from 9am-2pm. If you have time, and want to do some good, click the button below to access the volunteer form, or check our website for more info.



Donations of water and bug spray can be brought directly to MACC at 460 Main Street, Manchester during the times listed to the right.

If you are interested in volunteering at the MACC Pantry or in the kitchen, visit: <https://macc-ct.org/>, and fill out an online volunteer application or call 860-647-8003 x 112

It's getting buggy!

As it gets warm and buggy out, we are in need of donations of mosquito and tick repellent! Our community outreach goes out to help our unhomed population, and they are in need of bug spray. Our donation hours are M:9am-3pm, T:9am-4pm, W:9am-1pm, Th:9am-5pm, F:9am-1pm