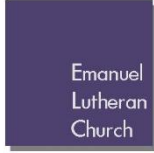


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If you have any questions, please speak with Pastor Joanna.

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.

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

10:00 AM

August 9, 2026

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

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

Bread of Life from Heaven

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.

***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: O God our defender, storms rage around and within us and cause us to be afraid. Rescue your people from despair, deliver your sons and daughters from fear, and preserve us in the faith of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

All: Amen.

First Reading: 1 Kings 19:9-18

⁹ At Horeb, the mount of God, Elijah came to a cave and spent the night there.

Then the word of the LORD came to him, saying, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" ¹⁰ He answered, "I have been very zealous for the LORD, the God of hosts, for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away."

¹¹ He said, "Go out and stand on the mountain before the LORD, for the LORD is about to pass by." Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the LORD, but the LORD was not in the wind, and after the wind an earthquake, but the LORD was not in the earthquake, ¹² and after the earthquake a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire, and after the fire a sound of sheer silence. ¹³ When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. Then there came a voice to him that said, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" ¹⁴ He answered, "I have been very zealous for the LORD, the God of hosts, for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away." ¹⁵ Then the LORD said to him, "Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram. ¹⁶ Also you shall anoint Jehu son of Nimshi as king over Israel, and you shall anoint Elisha son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah as prophet in your place. ¹⁷ Whoever escapes from the sword of Hazael, Jehu shall kill, and whoever escapes from the sword of Jehu, Elisha shall kill. ¹⁸ Yet I will leave seven thousand in Israel, all the knees that have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him."

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

Second Reading: Romans 10:5-15

⁵ Moses writes concerning the righteousness that comes from the law, that “the person who does these things will live by them.” ⁶ But the righteousness that comes from faith says, “Do not say in your heart, ‘Who will ascend into heaven?’ ” (that is, to bring Christ down) ⁷ “or ‘Who will descend into the abyss?’ ” (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). ⁸ But what does it say? “The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart” (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim), ⁹ because if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰ For one believes with the heart, leading to righteousness, and one confesses with the mouth, leading to salvation. ¹¹ The scripture says, “No one who believes in him will be put to shame.” ¹² For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. ¹³ For “everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.”

¹⁴ But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him? ¹⁵ And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written, “How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!”

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 14:22-33**

Pastor: The holy gospel according to Matthew.

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

²² Jesus made the disciples get into a boat and go on ahead to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, while he dismissed the crowds.²³ And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone,²⁴ but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them.²⁵ And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea.²⁶ But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out in fear.²⁷ But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid."

²⁸ Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water."²⁹ He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus.³⁰ But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and, beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!"³¹ Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, "You of little faith, why did you doubt?"³² When they got into the boat, the wind ceased.³³ And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

Children's Sermon

Pastor Joanna Hertzog Betkoski

Sermon

Pastor Joanna Hertzog Betkoski

***Hymn of the Day**

Calm to the Waves

ELW 794

***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: With bold trust in God's unfailing provision, we pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

To the words: "Merciful God," the congregation responds: "receive our prayer."

AM: Receive our prayers and answer, O God, as you have promised. All this we ask in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: **Amen.**

***Sharing of the Peace**

Pastor: The peace of Christ be with you always.

All: **And also with you.**

Offertory Hymn

Eternal Father, Strong to Save

ELW 756

***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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When Peace like a River
Precious Lord, Take My Hand

ELW 785
ELW 773

***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**

I Want Jesus to Walk with Me

ELW 325

***Dismissal**

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

All: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Instrumental

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

The church office will be CLOSED on Wednesday, August 12, 2026.

The bulletins this morning are given by Marlene D'Addario in loving memory of Dorothy D'Addario.

WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS

Assisting Minister: Adela Garmendia

Ushers: Richard Marsh, Pat Nelson, Marlene D'Addario, Kurt Buescher

Communion Assistants: Carol Kohl, Jeannine Johnson

Lector: Kim Boerner-Mercier

Altar Guild: Lisa Little, Lynda Brown, Kim Boerner-Mercier, Pat Nelson

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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 August is **SPECIAL MUSIC FUND**. 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.

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost Scripture Readings—Sunday, August 16, 2026:

Isaiah 56:1, 6-8

A house of prayer for all peoples

Psalms 67

Let all the peoples praise you, O God. (Ps. 67:3)

Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32

God’s mercy to all, Jew and Gentile

Matthew 15:[10-20] 21-28

The healing of the Canaanite woman’s daughter

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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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

We have taken over ministry previously supported by Concordia Lutheran Church. We are collecting donations of **gently used children's clothing** from our congregation that we can offer to families from Highland Park School. We need 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.

Ruth Circle Gathering

Tuesday, September 1, 2026 beginning at 6:00 pm in Luther Hall

Please join us for a Cold Potluck/2027 Planning Event. All women of Emanuel are invited to attend! If you are new to Emanuel and want to learn more about the women's group, you are welcome to attend.

Did you know that Hartford has a professional soccer team?

Hartford Athletic is Connecticut's Professional Soccer Team competing in the United Soccer League. Hartford Athletic home matches are played in Hartford's Trinity Health Stadium (250 Huyshope Avenue in Hartford).



One of Emanuel's newest members, Nancy Lynn Knauff will be singing the National Anthem at the 7 PM, Saturday, October 17, 2026 "Match For A Cause" game.

We would love to get a group together from Emanuel to attend the game and support Nancy Lynn! If you are interested in attending, please email Anne (ahenrich@emanuelmanchester.org) with your name and the number of tickets you would like. You may also sign up on the sheet in the narthex this morning. *If there is enough interest (10+ people), we will get group ticket pricing for the game.* Please contact Anne by email no later than **Friday, August 14th** if you want to join the fun!

Here is information about the 10/17/26 game from the Hartford Athletic website:

Hartford vs Brooklyn @ 7PM

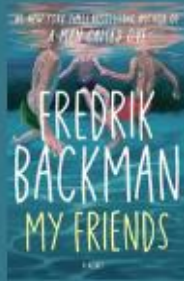
We're raising awareness for a great cause with Connecticut Coalition Against Domestic Violence. This is Hartford Athletic's dedicated night to give back. We're proud to partner with a local nonprofit organization to raise awareness and support for causes that matter most to our community, because at Hartford Athletic, the impact we have goes far beyond the pitch.

Nametags—Are you a member of Emanuel or attend worship on a regular basis? We would love to make you a magnetic nametag to wear on Sunday mornings for worship! If you don't already have one, or need a new one, please sign up on the sheet on the bookcase by the ramp or in the narthex. You may also contact Kathy Rusch in person or by email: krusch2@comcast.net



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!

Calendar of Events

Sunday, August 9, 2026

Assisting Minister - Adela Garmendia

Children's Sermon During Worship

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

1:30pm – 2:30pm Worship Service at Evergreen Crossings, S. Windsor

Monday, August 10, 2026

CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM

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

Tuesday, August 11, 2026

CHURCH OFFICE: CLOSED

7:00pm – 8:00pm Executive Committee Meeting via Zoom

Wednesday, August 12, 2026

CHURCH OFFICE: CLOSED

No events are scheduled.

Thursday, August 13, 2026

CHURCH OFFICE: CLOSED

No events are scheduled.

Friday, August 14, 2026

CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM

4:00pm – 5:30pm Polito/Dobbs Wedding Ceremony Rehearsal – SA

Saturday, August 15, 2026

Visitor newsletter deadline

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

1:30pm – 5:00pm Polito/Dobbs Wedding - SA/LH

(Ceremony from 3:30 - 4 PM in the Sanctuary)

Sunday, August 16, 2026

Assisting Minister - Ray Purtell

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

Protest Music Sing-Along Concert

August 30, 2026
Center Memorial Park
Manchester, CT
2:00-4:00 PM



Local Musicians
Present a
Retrospective of
American Protest
Music

Artists Include:

- Emanuel Lutheran Church Choir Members
- Meetinghouse
- Music from the Heart
- Sandy Johnson
- Andy Ricci

And maybe
more...



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Bring a lawn chair
and your voice!

opportunity to donate to
local community
organizations



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