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Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

10:00 AM

June 21, 2026

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

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

***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**

Let the Whole Creation Cry

ELW 876



1 Let the whole cre - a - tion cry, "Glo - ry to the Lord on high!"
2 Ser - vants striv - ing for the Lord, proph - ets burn - ing with the word,
3 Men and wom - en, young and old, raise the an - them loud and bold,



Heav'n and earth, a - wake and sing, "Praise to our al - might - y king!"
those to whom the arts be - long add their voic - es to the song.
and let chil - dren's hap - py hearts in this wor - ship take their parts;



Praise God, an - gel hosts a - bove, ev - er bright and fair in love;
Pow'rs of knowl - edge and of law, to the glo - rious cir - cle draw;
from the north to south - ern pole let the might - y cho - rus roll:



sun and moon, lift up your voice; night and stars, in God re - joice.
all who work and all who wait, sing, "The Lord is good and great!"
"Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly One; glo - ry be to God a - lone!"

Text: Stopford A. Brooke, 1832–1916, alt.
Music: SALZBURG, Jakob Hintze, 1622–1702

***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: Teach us, good Lord God, to serve you as you deserve, to give and not to count the cost, to fight and not to heed the wounds, to toil and not to seek for rest, to labor and not to ask for reward, except that of knowing that we do your will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

All: Amen.

First Reading: Jeremiah 20:7-13

⁷ O LORD, you have enticed me,
and I was enticed;
you have overpowered me,
and you have prevailed.
I have become a laughingstock all day long;
everyone mocks me.

⁸ For whenever I speak, I must cry out;
I must shout, "Violence and destruction!"
For the word of the LORD has become for me
a reproach and derision all day long.

⁹ If I say, "I will not mention him
or speak any more in his name,"
then within me there is something like a burning fire
shut up in my bones;
I am weary with holding it in,
and I cannot.

¹⁰ For I hear many whispering:
"Terror is all around!
Denounce him! Let us denounce him!"
All my close friends
are watching for me to stumble.
"Perhaps he can be enticed,
and we can prevail against him
and take our revenge on him."

¹¹ But the LORD is with me like a terrifying warrior;
therefore my persecutors will stumble,
and they will not prevail.
They will be greatly shamed,
for they will not succeed.
Their eternal dishonor
will never be forgotten.

¹² O LORD of hosts, you test the righteous;
you see the heart and the mind;
let me see your retribution upon them,
for to you I have committed my cause.

¹³ Sing to the LORD;
praise the LORD!
For he has delivered the life of the needy
from the hands of evildoers.

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

Second Reading: Romans 6:1b-11

^{1b} Should we continue in sin in order that grace may increase? ² By no means! How can we who died to sin go on living in it? ³ Do you not know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? ⁴ Therefore we were buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we also might walk in newness of life.

⁵ For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. ⁶ We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, so we might no longer be enslaved to sin. ⁷ For whoever has died is freed from sin. ⁸ But if we died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. ⁹ We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. ¹⁰ The death he died, he died to sin once for all, but the life he lives, he lives to God. ¹¹ So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

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 10:24-39**

Pastor: The holy gospel according to Matthew.

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said to the twelve: ²⁴“A disciple is not above the teacher nor a slave above the master; ²⁵ it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher and the slave like the master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household!

²⁶“So have no fear of them, for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered and nothing secret that will not become known. ²⁷ What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light, and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. ²⁸ Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather, fear the one who can destroy both soul and body in hell. ²⁹ Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. ³⁰ And even the hairs of your head are all counted. ³¹ So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows.

³²“Everyone, therefore, who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven, ³³ but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven.

³⁴“Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace but a sword.

³⁵ For I have come to set a man against his father,
and a daughter against her mother,
and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law,

³⁶ and one’s foes will be members of one’s own household.

³⁷“Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me, and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me, ³⁸ and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me. ³⁹ Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it.”

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Pastor Joanna Hertzog Betkoski



1 How firm a foun - da - tion, O saints of the Lord,
 2 "Fear not, I am with you, oh, be not dis - mayed,
 3 "When through fi - 'ry tri - als your path - way shall lie,
 4 "Through - out all their life - time my peo - ple shall prove



is laid for your faith in Christ Je - sus, the Word!
 for I am your God and will still give you aid;
 my grace, all - suf - fi - cient, shall be your sup - ply.
 my sov - 'reign, e - ter - nal, un - change - a - ble love;



What more can he say than to you he has said
 I'll strength - en you, help you, and cause you to stand,
 The flames shall not hurt you; I on - ly de - sign
 and then, when gray hairs shall their tem - ples a - dorn,



who un - to the Sav - ior for ref - uge have fled?
 up - held by my righ - teous, om - nip - o - tent hand."
 your dross to con - sume and your gold to re - fine."
 like lambs they shall still in my bo - som be borne."

Text: J. Rippon, *A Selection of Hymns*, 1787, alt.

Music: FOUNDATION, Early American

***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: Gathered together by the Holy Spirit, let us pray for the church and the needs of the world.

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

AM: Trusting you receive all our prayers, we commend our spoken and unspoken prayers to you, O God, through Jesus our Savior.

All: Amen.

***Sharing of the Peace**

Pastor: The peace of Christ be with you always.

All: And also with you.



1 Let us ev - er walk with Je - sus, fol - low his ex - am - ple pure,
 2 Let us suf - fer here with Je - sus, and with pa - tience bear our cross.
 3 Let us glad - ly die with Je - sus. Since by death he con - quered death,
 4 Let us al - so live with Je - sus. He has ris - en from the dead



through a world that would de - ceive us and to sin our spir - its lure.
 Joy will fol - low all our sad - ness; where he is there is no loss.
 he will free us from de - struc - tion, give to us im - mor - tal breath.
 that to life we may a - wak - en. Je - sus, you are now our head,



On - ward in his foot - steps tread - ing, trav - 'lers here, our home a - bove,
 Though to - day we sow no laugh - ter, we shall reap ce - les - tial joy:
 Let us mor - ti - fy all pas - sion that would lead us in - to sin;
 we are your own liv - ing mem - bers; where you live, there we shall be



full of faith and hope and love, let us do our Sav - ior's bid - ding.
 all dis - com - forts that an - noy shall give way to mirth here - af - ter.
 and the grave that shuts us in shall but prove the gate of heav - en.
 in your pres - ence con - stant - ly, liv - ing there with you for - ev - er.



Faith - ful Lord, with me a - bide; I shall fol - low where you guide.
 Je - sus, here I share your woe; help me there your joy to know.
 Je - sus, here with you I die, there to live with you on high.
 Je - sus, let me faith - ful be; life e - ter - nal grant to me.

Text: Sigismund von Birken, 1626–1681; tr. *Lutheran Book of Worship*, alt.
 Music: LASSET UNS MIT JESU ZIEHEN, Georg G. Boltze, 18th cent.
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*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



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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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Refrain



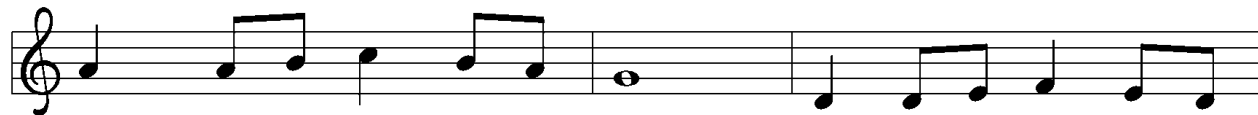
Bread of life from heav-en, your blood and bod - y giv - en, we



eat this bread and drink this cup un - til you come a - gain.



- 1 Break now the bread of Christ's sac - ri - fice; giv - ing
- 2 Seek not the food that will pass a - way; set your
- 3 Love as the one who, in love for you, gave him -
- 4 Dwell in the one who now dwells in you; make your
- 5 Drink of this cup and de - clare his death; eat this



thanks, hun - gry ones, gath - er round.	Eat, all of you, and be
hearts on the food that en - dures.	Come, learn the true and the
self for the life of the world.	Come to the one who is
home in the life - giv - ing Word.	Know on - ly Christ, Ho - ly
bread and be - lieve Eas - ter morn;	trust his re - turn and, with

Refrain



sat - is - fied;	in Christ's pres - ence the loaves will a - bound.
liv - ing way,	that the full - ness of life may be yours.
food for you,	that your hun - ger and thirst be no more.
One of God,	and be - lieve in the truth you have heard.
ev - 'ry breath,	praise the one in whom you are re - born.

Text: Susan R. Briehl, b. 1952

Music: ARGENTINE SANTO, BREAK NOW THE BREAD; Argentine traditional, refrain; Marty Haugen, b. 1950, stanzas

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1 Let us break bread to - geth-er on our knees;
 2 Let us drink wine to - geth-er on our knees;
 3 Let us praise God to - geth-er on our knees;



let us break bread to - geth-er on our knees.
 let us drink wine to - geth-er on our knees.
 let us praise God to - geth-er on our knees.



When I fall on my knees, with my face to the ris - ing



sun, O Lord, have mer-cy on me.

Text: African American spiritual
 Music: BREAK BREAD TOGETHER, African American spiritual

***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.

Recognition and Blessing of High School Graduates

***Blessing**

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

All: Amen.

***Sending Hymn**

O Jesus, I Have Promised

ELW 810



1 O Je - sus, I have prom - ised to serve you to the end;
2 Oh, let me feel you near me; the world is ev - er near.
3 Oh, let me hear you speak - ing in ac - cents clear and still
4 O Je - sus, you have prom - ised to all who fol - low you



re - main for - ev - er near me, my mas - ter and my friend.
I see the sights that daz - zle, the tempt - ing sounds I hear.
a - bove the storms of pas - sion, the mur - murs of self - will.
that where you are in glo - ry your ser - vant shall be too.



I shall not fear the bat - tle if you are by my side,
My foes are ev - er near me, a - round me and with - in;
Now speak to re - as - sure me, to has - ten or con - trol;
And Je - sus, I have prom - ised to serve you to the end;



nor wan - der from the path - way if you will be my guide.
but, Je - sus, then draw near - er to shield my soul from sin.
now speak and make me lis - ten, O Guard - ian of my soul.
oh, give me grace to fol - low, my mas - ter and my friend.

Text: John E. Bode, 1816–1874, alt.

Music: MUNICH, *Neuvermehrtes Gesangbuch*, Meiningen, 1693

***Dismissal**

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

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

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

The July, August, September issue of the *Christ In Our Home* Daily Devotion book is available to pick up at both entrances to the sanctuary. Large print copies are available.

Thank you to Ryan DeLayo who is filling in for Jeff as our musician today.

WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS

Assisting Minister: Beverly Niemann

Ushers: Richard Marsh, Ann-Linda Bray, Marianne Wilcox, Kurt Buescher

Communion Assistants: Ann-Linda Bray, Helen Johnson

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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.

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.

Special Offering Envelopes

The Special Offering envelope for June is **NATIONAL YOUTH GATHERING**. 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.

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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 note of gratitude and thanks...

Thank you to everyone who joined us at Emanuel for the "Celebrating LGBTQ+ Art" concert on Thursday, June 11. Thank you to Finn Lambert who organized the concert, Jeff Sirois for accompanying on the piano and the musicians (too many to mention!) for sharing their amazing talent! To Jake Auger, Ann-Linda Bray, Anne Heinrich and Lynne Gustafson for ushering. Kim Boerner-Mercier and Lynne Gustafson for setting up the reception, Karen Nemiah, and her friend Marsha for putting out the food at the reception. To Marsha (and her husband), and Lillian LaCaprucia-Hill who washed dishes. Joanna Lambert who brought fresh fruit and vegetables for the reception and helped clean up. David Lambert helped manage the trash. Hannah Nemiah helped wipe down tables. Thank you to everyone who showed your support by attending the concert. It was a wonderful evening!

Calendar of Events

Sunday, June 21, 2026

Assisting Minister - Beverly Niemann

Blessing High School Graduates

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 Worcester Renaissance Music Rehearsal - CR

Monday, June 22, 2026

CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM

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

Tuesday, June 23, 2026

CHURCH OFFICE: CLOSED

No events are scheduled.

Wednesday, June 24, 2026

CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM

No events are scheduled.

Thursday, June 25, 2026

CHURCH OFFICE: CLOSED

10:00am -11:00am Bible Study - Library

7:00pm -9:00pm Gather CT: Last Thursdays - Parkville Market,
1400 Park Street, Hartford (RSVP:
tinyurl.com/gatherCTthur)

Friday, June 26, 2026

CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM

10:00am -12:00pm ACT - LH

Saturday, June 27, 2026

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

Sunday, June 28, 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



Thursday morning Bible Study will not meet in July and August. The last Bible Study before summer will be held on June 25th and resume on September 3rd.

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.



Movie and Conversation
1946: The Mistranslation That Shifted Culture
Monday, June 22, 6-8pm

Join us as we seek to spark dialogue on biblical interpretation by screening this documentary that investigates the origins of anti-LGBTQIA+ prejudice within Christianity, focusing on the first appearance of "homosexual" in the Bible. It highlights research suggesting a 1946 translation error, analyzing its impact on scripture and culture.



Music for Humanity Event
Friday, June 26, 7pm AHCC Sanctuary

All are welcome to a special performance of the one-man show, "Communion" by Matthew LaBanca. Based on his real life story, Communion is about a gay Catholic music teacher who marries the man he loves, and is fired by the church - upending his faith and unsettling his entire community. Exploring themes of delusion, spiritual trauma, and hope, the performance reminding those who would use religion to discriminate against LGBTQ+ people that the most basic tenet of a spiritual life is that we are called to love one another. Free will donation to support The Trevor Project.



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