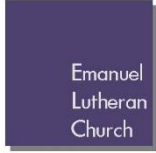


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If you have any questions, please speak with Pastor Joanna.*

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

10:00 AM

October 19, 2025

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

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

Lord, Listen to Your Children

New Day Singers

Children are invited to attend Sunday School downstairs in the Sunday School/Youth Room.

*Confession and Forgiveness

Pastor: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, our maker, our helper, and our keeper.

All: Amen.

Pastor: Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin
in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Merciful and loving God,

All: we are your stiff-necked people.

We trample on the needy.

We grumble about your grace to others.

We turn away from the poor.

Have mercy on us and forgive our sins.

Rejoice over us as ones who were lost and have been found. Amen.

Pastor: Even when we are faithless, God remains faithful.

Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners.

You who were lost have been found.

In the name of ☩ Jesus, your sins are forgiven!

All: Amen.



1 Day by day, your mer - cies, Lord, at - tend me, bring - ing com - fort
2 Day by day, I know you will pro - vide me strength to serve and
3 Oh, what joy to know that you are near me when my bur - dens



to my anx - ious soul. Day by day, the bless - ings, Lord, you send me
wis - dom to o - bey; I will seek your lov - ing will to guide me
grow too great to bear; oh, what joy to know that you will hear me



draw me near - er to my heav'n - ly goal. Love di - vine, be - yond all
o'er the paths I strug - gle day by day. I will fear no e - vil
when I come, O Lord, to you in prayer. Day by day, no mat - ter



mor - tal mea - sure, brings to naught the bur - dens of my quest; Sav - ior,
of the mor - row, I will trust in your en - dur - ing grace. Sav - ior,
what be - tide me, you will hold me ev - er in your hand. Sav - ior,



lead me to the home I trea - sure, where at last I'll find e - ter - nal rest.
help me bear life's pain and sor - row till in glo - ry I be - hold your face.
with your pres - ence here to guide me, I will reach at last the prom - ised land.

Text: Carolina Sandell Berg, 1832–1903; tr. Robert Leaf, 1936–2005
Music: BLOTT EN DAG, Oskar Ahnfelt, 1813–1882
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***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 Lord God, tireless guardian of your people, you are always ready to hear our cries. Teach us to rely day and night on your care. Inspire us to seek your enduring justice for all this suffering world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

All: Amen.

Stewardship Temple Talk

Kathy Rusch

First Reading: Genesis 32:22-31

²² The same night Jacob got up and took his two wives, his two maids, and his eleven children and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. ²³ He took them and sent them across the stream, and likewise everything that he had. ²⁴ Jacob was left alone, and a man wrestled with him until daybreak. ²⁵ When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he struck him on the hip socket, and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. ²⁶ Then he said, "Let me go, for the day is breaking." But Jacob said, "I will not let you go, unless you bless me." ²⁷ So he said to him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Jacob." ²⁸ Then the man said, "You shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with humans and have prevailed." ²⁹ Then Jacob asked him, "Please tell me your name." But he said, "Why is it that you ask my name?" And there he blessed him. ³⁰ So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, "For I have seen God face to face, yet my life is preserved." ³¹ The sun rose upon him as he passed Penuel, limping because of his hip.

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

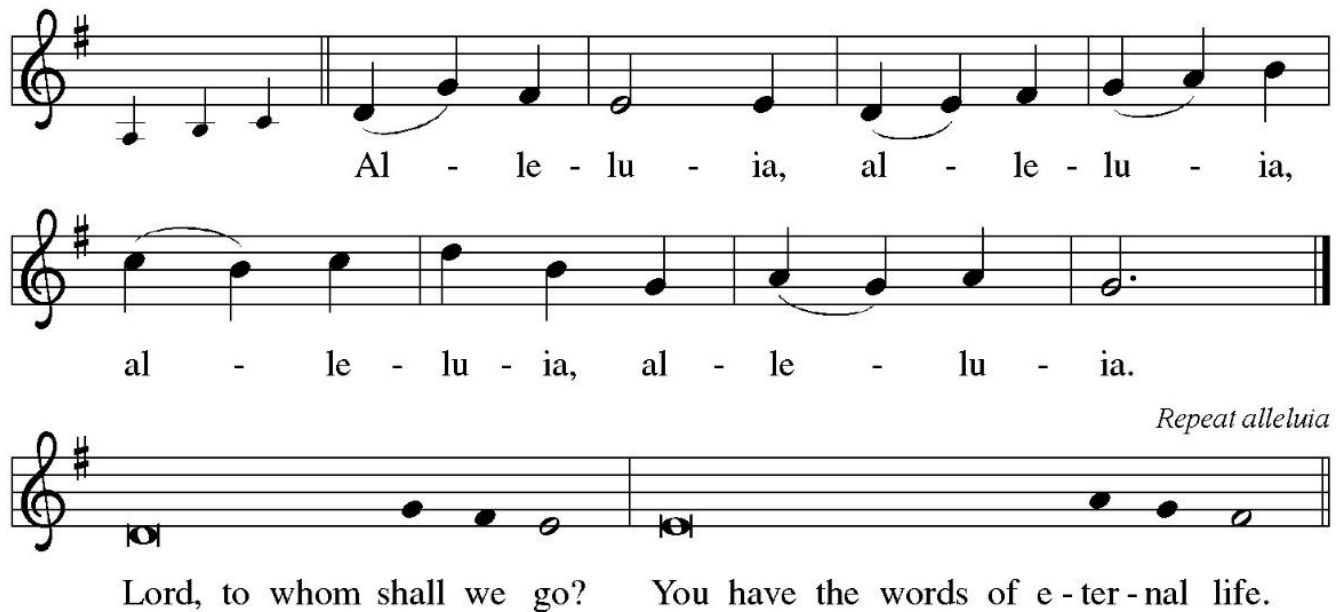
Second Reading: 2 Timothy 3:14—4:5

¹⁴ But as for you, continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it ¹⁵ and how from childhood you have known sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. ¹⁶ All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, ¹⁷ so that the person of God may be proficient, equipped for every good work.

^{4:1} In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I solemnly urge you: ² proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favorable or unfavorable; convince, rebuke, and encourage with the utmost patience in teaching. ³ For the time is coming when people will not put up with sound teaching, but, having their ears tickled, they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own desires ⁴ and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander away to myths. ⁵ As for you, be sober in everything, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully.

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

*Gospel Acclamation



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.
Repeat alleluia
Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

*Gospel Reading: Luke 18:1-8

Pastor: The holy gospel according to Luke.

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

¹ Then Jesus told them a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart. ² He said, "In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. ³ In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, 'Grant me justice against my accuser.' ⁴ For a while he refused, but later he said to himself, 'Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, ⁵ yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming.' " ⁶ And the Lord said, "Listen to what the unjust judge says. ⁷ And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? ⁸ I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?"

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

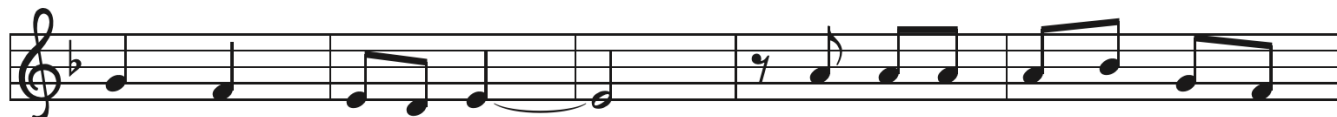
Sermon

The Reverend Dr. Laurie Andersen

Refrain — All



There is a long-ing in our hearts, O Lord, for you to re -



veal your - self to us. There is a long-ing in our



hearts for love we on - ly find in you, our God.

Leader or All



1 For jus - tice,	for free - dom,	for mer - cy:
2 For wis - dom,	for cour - age,	for com - fort:
3 For heal - ing,	for whole-ness,	for new life:
4 Lord, save us,	take pit - y,	light in our



hear our prayer.	In sor - row,	in grief:
hear our prayer.	In weak - ness,	in fear:
hear our prayer.	In sick - ness,	in death:
deep-est night.	We call you;	we wait:

Refrain



be near; hear our prayer, O God.

Text: Anne Quigley, b. 1955

Music: LONGING, Anne Quigley

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***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: Renewed in God's everlasting grace, let us pray for the church, the world,
and all creation.

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

AM: We offer our prayers, O God, trusting in your everlasting grace and mercy,
through 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 Music

We Are Blessed by Andrea Ramsey

Combined Choirs

***Offertory Prayer**

Pastor: Lord of the harvest, we return to you a portion of what you have given to us.
Turn us to set our hope not on the uncertainty of riches,
but on you, who richly provides for us.
Multiply what we have gathered to bless all who are suffering and in need,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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-er and might, heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high-est. Blessed is he who comes in the
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

*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: Jesus welcomes sinners and eats with them. Come to this meal of mercy.

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

Lamb of God

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have

mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the

world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a -

way the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

Take, Oh, Take Me As I Am

ELW 814



Take, oh, take me as I am; sum - mon out what I shall be;



set your seal up - on my heart and live in me.

Text: John L. Bell, b. 1949

Music: TAKE ME AS I AM, John L. Bell

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Precious Lord, Take My Hand

ELW 773



1 Pre - cious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, let me stand,
2 When my way grows . . . drear, pre-cious Lord, lin - ger near,
3 When the dark - ness ap - pears and the night draws . . . near,



I am tired, I am weak, I am worn.
when my life is . . . al - most . . . gone,
and the day is . . . past and . . . gone,



Through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the light.
hear my cry, hear my call, hold my hand lest I fall.
at the riv - er I stand, guide my feet, hold my hand.



Take my hand, pre-cious Lord, lead me home.

*Post Communion Prayer

AM: O God, through this meal you have strengthened us
and appointed us to be your servants.
Send us to do good and to share our possessions with all in need.
We ask this in Jesus' name.

All: Amen.

*Sending Hymn

Lord of All Hopefulness

ELW 765



1 Lord of all hope - ful - ness, Lord of all joy,
2 Lord of all ea - ger - ness, Lord of all faith,
3 Lord of all kind - li - ness, Lord of all grace,
4 Lord of all gen - tle - ness, Lord of all calm,



whose trust, ev - er child - like, no cares could de - stroy:
whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe:
your hands swift to wel - come, your arms to em - brace:
whose voice is con - tent - ment, whose pres - ence is balm:



be there at our wak - ing, and give us, we pray,
be there at our la - bors, and give us, we pray,
be there at our hom - ing, and give us, we pray,
be there at our sleep - ing, and give us, we pray,



your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.
your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.
your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.
your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.

Text: Jan Struther, 1901–1953
Music: SLANE, Irish traditional
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*Blessing

Pastor: The God of righteousness,
who gives justice to the oppressed, who gives food to the hungry,
who sets the prisoners free, ☩ bless you now and forever.

All: Amen.

***Dismissal**

AM: Go in peace. Do not lose heart.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

Give Me Jesus

Finn Lambert and Hannah Nemiah, vocalists

Please join us for Coffee Hour downstairs in Luther Hall following worship.
All are welcome!

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

*The rose on the baptismal font this morning is in honor and celebration of the birth of
John Bear Wilhelm, born on Saturday, October 4, 2025.
John is the son of John and Rebecca Wilhelm.*

Seasonal Sharing

The "little white church" is out in the Narthex this morning and will be every Sunday morning from now through the end of November to collect monetary donations to benefit Emanuel's Seasonal Sharing program. Funds collected will be used to help offset the cost of providing gift cards for MACC and Head Start families for Thanksgiving as well as purchasing gift cards for them at Christmas to purchase food and Christmas gifts for their families.

WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS

Assisting Minister: Ray Purtell

Ushers: Richard Marsh, Pat Nelson, Marianne Wilcox, Ann-Linda Bray

Communion Assistants: Susan Tracey, Ann-Linda Bray

Lector: JaneMarie Galiette

Sunday School Teacher: Danielle Berneski

Sunday School Volunteer: Jodi Eskin

Altar Guild: Elsa Robinson, Lynda Brown, Kim Boerner-Mercier, Ligi Milord

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Calendar of Events

Sunday, October 19, 2025

Assisting Minister - Ray Purtell

Stewardship Temple Talk – Kathy Rusch

10:00am –10:45am Sunday School - Youth Room

10:00am –11:00am Worship Service in the Sanctuary

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

Monday, October 20, 2025

CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM

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

Tuesday, October 21, 2025

CHURCH OFFICE - CLOSED

7:00pm –9:00pm Council Meeting – LH

Wednesday, October 22, 2025

CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM

No events are scheduled.

Thursday, October 23, 2025

CHURCH OFFICE - CLOSED

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

5:45pm –6:45pm New Day Singers Rehearsal - Sanctuary

7:00pm –8:30pm Anthem Choir Rehearsal - Music Room

Friday, October 24, 2025

CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM

8:30am –1:00pm Health Collective - LH/MR

Saturday, October 25, 2025

9:00am –10:45am Grow With Me Music - Community Room

4:00pm –9:00pm Braman Family Gathering – LH

Sunday, October 26, 2025

REFORMATION SUNDAY (Noah Berneski – Confirmation)

STEWARDSHIP/COMMITMENT SUNDAY

Assisting Minister - Adela Garmendia

10:00am –10:45am Sunday School - Youth Room

10:00am –11:00am Worship Service in the Sanctuary

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

4:00pm –6:00pm Reformation Organ Concert/Evening Prayer at
Concordia Lutheran Church - 40 Pitkin St., Manchester

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.

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 next to the guest book 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 October is **Technology Fund**. If you would like to give to any of the special offerings in 2025, 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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Reformation Sunday after Pentecost Scripture Readings—Sunday, October 26, 2025:

Jeremiah 31:31-34

I will write my law in their hearts, says the LORD

Psalms 46

The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our stronghold. (Ps. 46:7)

Romans 3:19-28

Justified by God's grace as a gift

John 8:31-36

Jesus says, Continue in my word and you will know the truth

Coffee Hours

You can sign-up to host coffee hour in one of three ways:

- ♦ On the paper sign-up sheet in the narthex
- ♦ Through the online sign-up sheet:
https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1uFDDtVaSqBAxWhfcOeNICaNBfsM6oeYYcdt7IMOD_ZE/edit?usp=sharing
- ♦ Call or email Anne in the Church Office: 860-643-1193 or ahleinrich@emanuelmanchester.org

The Nominating Committee is soliciting interest from members of the congregation for these committees: *Congregation Council, Endowment, Finance, Nominating*

Each position is for a three-year term that begins immediately following the annual congregation meeting in January 2026. (Information on the role of the Council/Committees can be found in chapters 12 and 13 of Emanuel's Constitution). The Nominating Committee will present nominations for elected positions at the annual meeting of the congregation scheduled for January 25, 2026.

If you have an interest in serving on any of these committees, please complete and return the brief form to the church office as soon as possible but no later than Sunday, October 19. Copies of the form are available in the narthex, the church office and as a link on the Friday weekly update.

Reformation Sunday and Stewardship Sunday

Building, Belonging, Becoming

You will be receiving a letter early this week with a Statement of Intent and brochure. **Next Sunday, October 26, we will observe Stewardship Sunday by presenting our Statements of Intent during the worship service.** You are also welcome to mail your Statement of Intent to the church office or to submit it electronically through the link on the homepage of our website: emanuelmanchester.org, if you will not be present in worship on October 26. Thank you for being part of this community! October 26 is also Reformation Sunday! We'll celebrate Noah Berneski affirming his baptism through a service of confirmation during worship. **We invite everyone to wear RED for Reformation!**

Daylight Savings Time Ends on Sunday, November 2, 2025.

Please remember to turn your clocks back one hour before going to bed on Saturday night, 11/1.

Organ Concert *within* Evening Prayer

Reformation Sunday - October 26th - 4:00 P.M.

Please arrive by 3:50 for the introduction to the music and liturgy

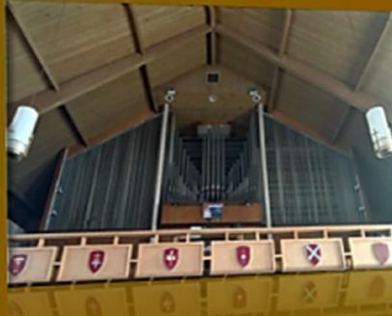
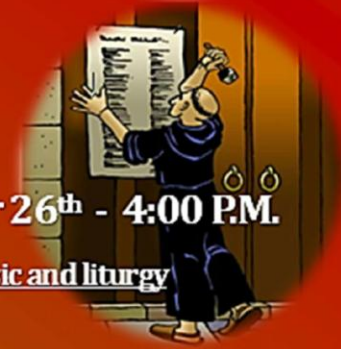
**Concordia Lutheran Church
40 Pitkin Street, Manchester, CT**

Reformation-themed music by Bach, Messiaen, Bender, and Manz, plus
musical surprises from recent years!

 John Anderson, *Organist*

 The Concordia Choir — Linda Hilliard, *Director*

 Reception Following in Kaiser Hall



All Saints Sunday

We will celebrate All Saints Sunday on November 2, 2025 during worship. It's an incredibly meaningful service where we remember those Saints who have gone before us. We will name those members of Emanuel who have died in the past year during the prayers, and we will also hold a time in the service where you will be able to light a candle in memory of a loved one. **You're invited to bring a photo of your loved one and place it on the table in front of the sanctuary.** This can be someone who has died in the past year or a loved one you continue to grieve—there's no right or wrong with this. We hope this service can be a balm, a time of gratitude, and a time of leaning into the promises of God.

Also on Sunday, November 2nd, following worship we will hold a service of **DEDICATION for the new MEMORIAL BRICKS** outside in the memorial garden. If there is inclement weather, the Service of Dedication will be held in the Community Room/Chapel.

GATHER CONNECTICUT BRUNCH & HIKE

November 1st at 11:30AM

Meet us at Sarah's on Main in Portland CT
at 11:30am for brunch.

After brunch, we'll carpool to
River Highland Trail in Cromwell for a hike at 1PM.

RSVP with the QR code.



Ruth Circle Gathering

Tuesday, November 4th at 7:00 PM in Luther Hall

The program for the evening will be a craft project led by Linda Jackson. She will show Ruth Circle members how to make little stuffed felt cardinals, blue birds, doves, and chickadees. The little birds that get made will be hung on wreaths in the sanctuary during Advent. Please bring a pair of scissors. If you plan to attend, please let one of the hostesses know so that Linda can bring enough materials to make the birds.

Hostesses are Helen Johnson, Diane Gawlinski, Karin Buus.

FME

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Sunday, November 9, at 4 pm

This dynamic ensemble returns to FME to present "Handel's London," a brilliant soundscape of 18th century London's vibrant musical stage.



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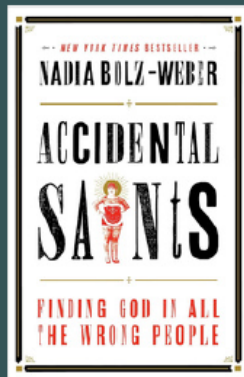
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EMANUEL LUTHERAN BOOK CLUB

ACCIDENTAL SAINTS BY
NADIA BOLZ-WEBER

saturday, nov. 22 at 6pm



Please read the book
prior to our
discussion. We'll meet
in the family room.
Bring snacks and a
beverage if you like!

Do you recognize this crown?

Emanuel's Historian, Matt Heinrich was recently made aware that there used to be a crown/tiara that was made available to young women, who were members of Emanuel and were getting married, to wear at their wedding. The crown was to be returned soon after the wedding. *(Thanks to Elsa Robinson for providing this photo).* The attic and closets at Emanuel have been extensively searched, and the crown is unable to be located. If you know anything about the whereabouts of the crown, or any information about the history or who may have worn it last, please contact Matt in person or by email to: fmheinrich73@gmail.com

