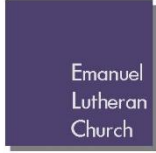


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If you have any questions, please speak with Pastor Joanna.

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

10:00 AM

October 5, 2025

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

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

Here at the Table

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 God is here! As we your peo - ple meet to of - fer
2 Here are sym - bols to re - mind us of our life - long
3 Here our chil - dren find a wel - come in the Shep - herd's
4 Lord of all, of church and king - dom, in an age of



praise and prayer, may we find in full - er mea - sure
need of grace; here are ta - ble, font, and pul - pit;
flock and fold; here as bread and wine are tak - en,
change and doubt, keep us faith - ful to the gos - pel;



what it is in Christ we share. Here, as in the
here the cross has cen - tral place. Here in hon - es -
Christ sus - tains us as of old. Here the ser - vants
help us work your pur - pose out. Here, in this day's



world a - round us, all our var - ied skills and arts
ty of preach - ing, here in si - lence, as in speech,
of the Ser - vant seek in wor - ship to ex - plore
ded - i - ca - tion, all we have to give, re - ceive;



wait the com - ing of the Spir - it in - to o - pen minds and hearts.
here, in new - ness and re - new - al, God the Spir - it comes to each.
what it means in dai - ly liv - ing to be - lieve and to a - dore.
we, who can - not live with - out you, we a - dore you! We be - lieve!

Text: Fred Pratt Green, 1903–2000

Music: ABBOT'S LEIGH, Cyril V. Taylor, 1907–1991

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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: Benevolent, merciful God: When we are empty, fill us. When we are weak in faith, strengthen us. When we are cold in love, warm us, that with fervor we may love our neighbors and serve them for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

All: Amen.

Stewardship Temple Talk

Shannon Baldassario, CEO of MACC Charities

First Reading: Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4

¹ The oracle that the prophet Habakkuk saw.

² O LORD, how long shall I cry for help,
and you will not listen?

Or cry to you "Violence!"
and you will not save?

³ Why do you make me see wrongdoing
and look at trouble?

Destruction and violence are before me;
strife and contention arise.

⁴ So the law becomes slack,
and justice never prevails.

The wicked surround the righteous;
therefore judgment comes forth perverted.

^{2:1} I will stand at my watchpost
and station myself on the rampart;

I will keep watch to see what he will say to me
and what he will answer concerning my complaint.

² Then the LORD answered me and said:
Write the vision; make it plain on tablets,
so that a runner may read it.

³ For there is still a vision for the appointed time;
it speaks of the end and does not lie.

If it seems to tarry, wait for it;
it will surely come; it will not delay.

⁴ Look at the proud!
Their spirit is not right in them,
but the righteous live by their faithfulness.

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

Second Reading: 2 Timothy 1:1-14

¹ Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, for the sake of the promise of life that is in Christ Jesus,

² To Timothy, my beloved child:

Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

³ I am grateful to God—whom I worship with a clear conscience, as my ancestors did—when I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day. ⁴ Recalling your tears, I long to see you so that I may be filled with joy. ⁵ I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that lived first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, lives in you. ⁶ For this reason I remind you to rekindle the gift of God that is within you through the laying on of my hands, ⁷ for God did not give us a spirit of cowardice but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline.

⁸ Do not be ashamed, then, of the testimony about our Lord or of me his prisoner, but join with me in suffering for the gospel, in the power of God, ⁹ who saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works but according to his own purpose and grace, and this grace was given to us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, ¹⁰ but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Savior Jesus Christ, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. ¹¹ For this gospel I was appointed a herald and an apostle and a teacher, ¹² and for this reason I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know the one in whom I have put my trust, and I am sure that he is able to guard until that day the deposit I have entrusted to him. ¹³ Hold to the standard of sound teaching that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. ¹⁴ Guard the good deposit entrusted to you, with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us.

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 17:5-10**

Pastor: The holy gospel according to Luke.

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

⁵ The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith!" ⁶ The Lord replied, "If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you.

⁷ "Who among you would say to your slave who has just come in from plowing or tending sheep in the field, 'Come here at once and take your place at the table'? ⁸ Would you not rather say to him, 'Prepare supper for me; put on your apron and serve me while I eat and drink; later you may eat and drink'? ⁹ Do you thank the slave for doing what was commanded? ¹⁰ So you also, when you have done all that you were ordered to do, say, 'We are worthless slaves; we have done only what we ought to have done!' "

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon **Pastor Mark Lingle, Associate to the Bishop of the New England Synod**

***Hymn of the Day**

How Firm a Foundation

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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: 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

A Home of Grace by Joseph M. Martin

Anthem Choir

***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.



1 We walk by faith and not by sight; with
 2 We may not touch your hands and side, nor
 3 Help then, O Lord, our un - be - lief; and
 4 For you, O res - ur - rec - ted Lord, are
 5 And when our life of faith is done, in



gra - cious words draw near, O Christ, who spoke as
 fol - low where you trod; but in your prom - ise
 may our faith a - bound to call on you when
 found in means di - vine: be - neath the wa - ter
 realms of clear - er light may we be - hold you



none e'er spoke: "My peace be with you here."
 we re - joice, and cry, "My Lord and God!"
 you are near and seek where you are found:
 and the word, be - neath the bread and wine.
 as you are, with full and end - less sight.

Text: Henry Alford, 1810–1871, alt.

Music: SHANTI, Marty Haugen, b. 1950

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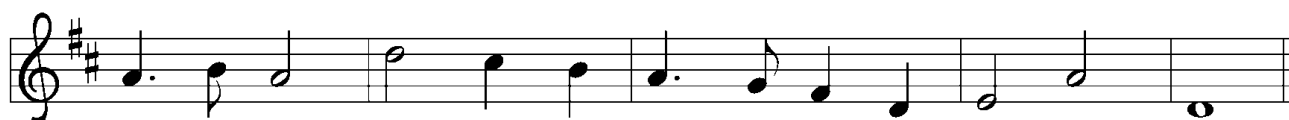
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1 My faith looks up to thee, thou Lamb of Cal - va - ry,
 2 May thy rich grace im - part strength to my faint - ing heart,
 3 While life's dark maze I tread and griefs a - round me spread,
 4 When ends life's tran - sient dream, when death's cold, sul - len stream



Sav - ior di - vine! Now hear me while I pray, take all my
 my zeal in - spire; as thou hast died for me, oh, may my
 be thou my guide; bid dark-ness turn to day, wipe sor-row's
 shall o'er me roll; blest Sav - ior, then, in love fear and dis -



guilt a - way, oh, let me from this day be whol - ly thine!
 love to thee pure, warm, and change-less be, a liv - ing fire!
 tears a - way, nor let me ev - er stray from thee a - side.
 trust re-move; oh, bear me safe a - bove, a ran - somed soul!

Text: Ray Palmer, 1808–1887

Music: OLIVET, Lowell Mason, 1792–1872

***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.**



1 Lord, dis - miss us with your bless-ing, fill our hearts with joy and peace;
2 Thanks we give and ad - o - ra - tion for your gos - pel's joy - ful sound.
3 Sav - ior, when your love shall call us from our strug - gling pil - grim way,



let us each, your love pos - sess-ing, tri - umph in re - deem-ing grace.
May the fruits of your sal - va - tion in our hearts and lives a - bound.
let no fear of death ap - pall us, glad your sum - mons to o - bey.



Oh, re - fresh us; oh, re - fresh us, trav - 'ling through this wil - der - ness.
Ev - er faith-ful, ev - er faith-ful to your truth may we be found.
May we ev - er, may we ev - er reign with you in end-less day.

Text: attr. John Fawcett, 1740–1817, sts. 1–2, alt.; Godfrey Thring, 1823–1903, st. 3, alt.
Music: SICILIAN MARINERS, Sicilian, 18th cent.

***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

Love the Lord Your God

New Day Singers

If you would like Individual Healing Prayer this morning, please approach the altar rail or the side pew by the ramp following the postlude.

The little white church is in the narthex this morning collecting donations for Emanuel's Samaritan Fund.

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

*The altar flowers this morning are given by Roberta and Wally Irish in honor of
Kaylin Lehmus Mitchell.*

The October – December issue of the "Christ in Our Home" Devotional is available to pick up at both entrances to the Sanctuary. Regular and large print copies are offered.

WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS

Presiding Minister: Pastor Joanna Hertzog Betkoski

Assisting Minister: Kim Boerner-Mercier

Preacher: Pastor Mark Lingle

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

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Lector: Beverly Niemann

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Calendar of Events

Sunday, October 5, 2025

Assisting Minister - Kim Boerner-Mercier

Pastor Mark Lingle, Associate to the Bishop – preaching

Pastor Joanna Hertzog Betkoski – presiding

Stewardship Temple Talk – Shannon Baldasario,

CEO of MACC Charities

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 6, 2025

CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM

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

Tuesday, October 7, 2025

CHURCH OFFICE - CLOSED

No events are scheduled.

Wednesday, October 8, 2025

CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM

No events are scheduled.

Thursday, October 9, 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 10, 2025

CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM

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

Saturday, October 11, 2025

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

Sunday, October 12, 2025

Assisting Minister - Ben Hogue

Pumpkin Painting for the Children During Coffee Hour

Stewardship Temple Talk - Kate Seyboth

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

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

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

5:00pm – 7:30pm Christ Church Pastor's Anniversary Celebration

Worship Service in the Sanctuary

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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**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



Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost Scripture Readings—Sunday, October 12, 2025:

2 Kings 5:1-3, 7-15c

Naaman washes in the Jordan and is cleansed

Psalm 111

I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart. (Ps. 111:1)

2 Timothy 2:8-15

If we die with Christ, we will live with Christ

Luke 17:11-19

One leper made clean by Jesus gives thanks to God

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 aheinrich@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.

**Ruth Circle Gathering
Tuesday, October 7th
at 7 PM in Luther Hall**

The congregation is invited to attend the October Ruth Circle Gathering. Joyce Halmers will present a program on her recent trip to Portugal where she experienced the beauty of Portugal. Portugal is the world's leading producer of cork with about one-third of the global cork oak forest area located in this country. This vital industry uses the sustainable, renewable bark of the cork tree to produce many products from wine stopper to fashion items. Come and hear all about this beautiful country.

Hostesses: Carol Kohl, Kris Fournier, Betsy Grupe

**Children's Sermon & Pumpkin Painting
Sunday, October 12th**

There will be a Children's Sermon during worship and then following worship at Coffee Hour, there will be pumpkin painting for children in Luther Hall. Please join us!

**Women's Breakfast
Wednesday, October 15th
at 9 AM at Cosmic Omelet,
485 Hartford Road, Manchester**

If you would like to attend, a RSVP to Lynne Gustafson: cgustafson01@snet.net is required by MONDAY, October 13th.

EMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

FUN, FESTIVE, & FULL OF FALL!



✓ CORN MAZE: SEPTEMBER 28TH

Meet at Lyman Orchards
(32 Reeds Gap Rd Middlefield,
CT 06455), Sunday, 9/28 at
1 PM. We'll meet at the parking
lot closest to the corn maze!

✓ APPLE PICKING: OCTOBER 18TH

Meet at Belltown Hill Orchards
(483 Matson Hill Rd, South
Glastonbury, CT 06073),
Saturday, 10/18 at 10 AM.
Join us for apple picking,
fellowship and fresh air!

✓ COOKIES & CARE PACKAGES: NOV. 16TH

Join us in Luther Hall after worship on
Sunday, 11/16 for cookie decorating and
assembling care packages for Emanuel's
homebound members. And we'll need
help with delivery, too! If you're willing to
bake or make something for the care
packages, please contact Katie Kurlak:
familyministry@emanuelmanchester.org

**All are welcome to join us for these fall, intergenerational activities.
Let's experience the magic of the season - TOGETHER!**

SAVE THE DATES!

For more details please contact Katie Kurlak:
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