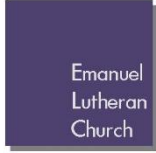


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If you have any questions, please speak with Pastor Joanna.*

**Twenty Third Sunday after Pentecost**

**10:00 AM**

**November 16, 2025**

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

## Welcome and Announcements

**Prelude**

*Sanctuary*

**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,  
who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

**All:** Amen.

**Pastor:** Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Faithful God,

**All:** you have shown us the ways of your heart,  
yet we stray from your paths.  
We are stuck in sinful systems of oppression  
and do not embrace the freedom  
of your faithful promises.  
We ignore our neighbors.  
We exploit the earth.  
We reject your abundance,  
trusting our impulses instead of your steadfast love.  
Repair our relationships, restore what we have broken,  
renew our hearts, and bring us to new life. Amen.

Pastor: Hear the good news:  
 God the Faithful One loves you,  
 † in Christ Jesus your sins are forgiven,  
 and by the power of the Holy Spirit you are set free.

All: Amen.

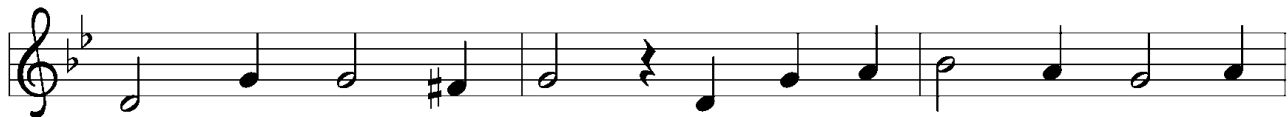
**\*Gathering Hymn**

*If You But Trust in God to Guide You*

ELW 769



1 If you but trust in God to guide you with gen - tle  
 2 What gain is there in anx - ious weep - ing, in help - less  
 3 The Lord our rest - less hearts is hold - ing, in peace and  
 4 Sing, pray, and keep God's ways un - swerv - ing, of - fer your



hand through all your ways, you'll find that God is there be -  
 an - ger and dis - tress? If you are in your Sav - ior's  
 qui - et - ness con - tent. We rest in God's good will un -  
 ser - vice faith - ful - ly. Trust heav - en's word; though un - de -



side you when cross - es come, in try - ing days. Trust then in  
 keep - ing, in sor - row will he love you less? For Christ who  
 fold - ing, what wis - dom from on high has sent. God, who has  
 serv - ing, you'll find God's prom - ise true to be. This is our



God's un - chang - ing love; build on the rock that will not move.  
 took for you a cross will bring you safe through ev - 'ry loss.  
 cho - sen us by grace, knows ver - y well the fears we face.  
 con - fi - dence in - deed: God nev - er fails in time of need.

Text: Georg Neumark, 1621–1681; tr. composite

Music: WER NUR DEN LIEBEN GOTT, Georg Neumark

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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 God, the protector of all who trust in you, without you nothing is strong, nothing is holy. Embrace us with your mercy, that with you as our ruler and guide, we may live through what is temporary without losing what is eternal, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

All: Amen.

### First Reading: Malachi 4:1-2a

<sup>1</sup> See, the day is coming, burning like an oven, when all the arrogant and all evildoers will be stubble; the day that comes shall burn them up, says the LORD of hosts, so that it will leave them neither root nor branch. <sup>2a</sup> But for you who revere my name the sun of righteousness shall rise, with healing in its wings.

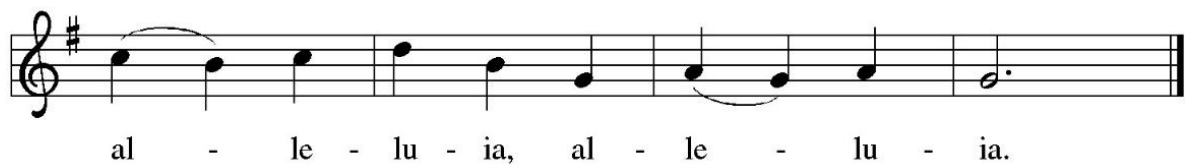
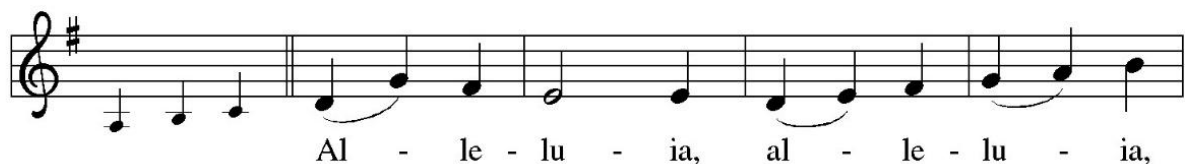
The Word of the Lord. All: Thanks be to God.

### Second Reading: 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13

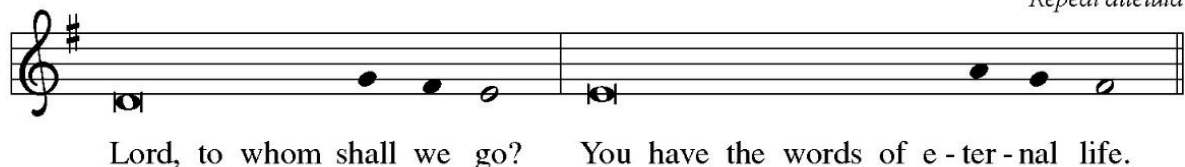
<sup>6</sup> Now we command you, brothers and sisters, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to keep away from every brother or sister living irresponsibly and not according to the tradition that they received from us. <sup>7</sup> For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us; we were not irresponsible when we were with you, <sup>8</sup> and we did not eat anyone's bread without paying for it, but with toil and labor we worked night and day so that we might not burden any of you. <sup>9</sup> This was not because we do not have that right but in order to give you an example to imitate. <sup>10</sup> For even when we were with you, we gave you this command: anyone unwilling to work should not eat. <sup>11</sup> For we hear that some of you are living irresponsibly, mere busybodies, not doing any work. <sup>12</sup> Now such persons we command and exhort in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living. <sup>13</sup> Brothers and sisters, do not be weary in doing what is right.

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

### \*Gospel Acclamation



*Repeat alleluia*



**\*Gospel Reading: Luke 21:5-19**

Pastor: The holy gospel according to Luke.

**All: Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>5</sup> When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, Jesus said, <sup>6</sup> “As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down.”

<sup>7</sup> They asked him, “Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?” <sup>8</sup> And he said, “Beware that you are not led astray, for many will come in my name and say, ‘I am he!’ and, ‘The time is near!’ Do not go after them.

<sup>9</sup> “When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified, for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately.” <sup>10</sup> Then he said to them, “Nation will rise against nation and kingdom against kingdom; <sup>11</sup> there will be great earthquakes and in various places famines and plagues, and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven.

<sup>12</sup> “But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. <sup>13</sup> This will give you an opportunity to testify. <sup>14</sup> So make up your minds not to prepare your defense in advance, <sup>15</sup> for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. <sup>16</sup> You will be betrayed even by parents and siblings, by relatives and friends, and they will put some of you to death. <sup>17</sup> You will be hated by all because of my name. <sup>18</sup> But not a hair of your head will perish. <sup>19</sup> By your endurance you will gain your souls.”

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord.

**All: Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Sermon**

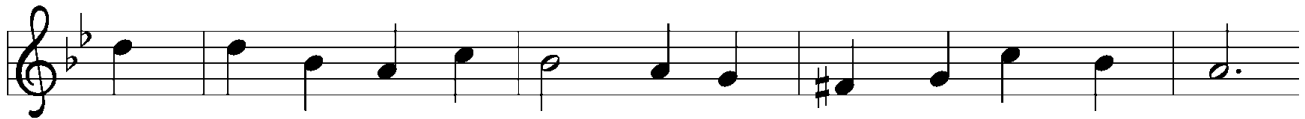
**Pastor Joanna Hertzog Betkoski**



1 O God of ev - 'ry na - tion, of ev - 'ry race and land,  
 2 From search for wealth and pow - er and scorn of truth and right,  
 3 Lord, strength-en all who la - bor that all may find re - lease  
 4 Keep bright in us the vi - sion of days when war shall cease,



re - deem your whole cre - a - tion with your al - might - y hand;  
 from trust in bombs that show - er de - struc - tion through the night,  
 from fear of rat - tling sa - ber, from dread of war's in - crease;  
 when ha - tred and di - vi - sion give way to love and peace,



where hate and fear di - vide us and bit - ter threats are hurled,  
 from pride of race and sta - tion and blind - ness to your way,  
 when hope and cour - age fal - ter, Lord, let your voice be heard;  
 till dawns the morn - ing glo - rious when truth and love shall reign,



in love and mer - cy guide us and heal our strife - torn world.  
 de - liv - er ev - 'ry na - tion, e - ter - nal God, we pray.  
 with faith that none can al - ter, your ser - vants un - der - gird.  
 and Christ shall rule vic - to - rious o'er all the world's do - main.

Text: William W. Reid Jr., b. 1923

Music: LLANGLOFFAN, Welsh tune, 19th cent.

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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: Gathered with one voice, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

*To the words: "Hear us, O God.," the congregation responds: "Your mercy is great."*

AM: We offer these and all our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your grace and unyielding love; 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**

**Anthem Choir**

***We Shall Overcome*, arr. by Rollo Dilworth**

### **\*Offertory Prayer**

Pastor: God of healing and hope,  
you bless those who are hungry,  
promising to fill them with good things.  
Fulfill that promise through us and these your gifts.  
Nourish us with the abundance of your feast  
and unite us into the blessed body of Jesus Christ our Savior,  
now and forever.

**All: Amen.**

### \*Holy Communion

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

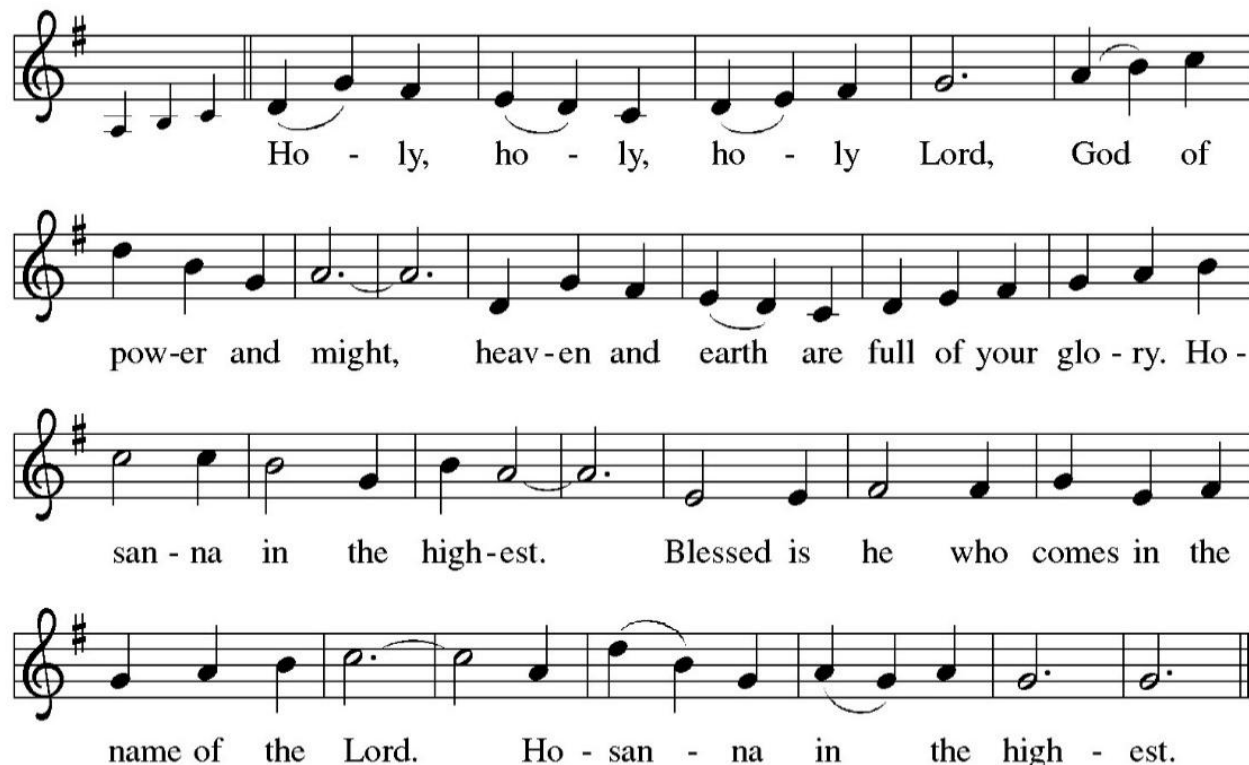
**All: We lift them to the Lord.**

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-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: There is a place for you at the table of God.

Come, receive the food that does not perish, a taste of life eternal.

All: Amen.

*All are welcome to receive communion—if this is your first time receiving or your 500<sup>th</sup> 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 -

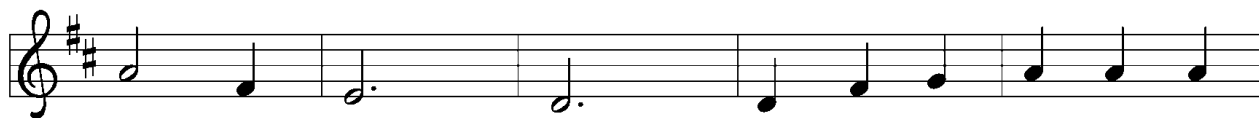
way the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

# *I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light*

ELW 815



1 I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to  
 2 I want to see . . . the bright-ness of God. I want to  
 3 I'm look - ing for . . . the com - ing of Christ. I want to



fol - low Je - sus. God set the stars to give  
 look at Je - sus. Clear Sun of righ - teous-ness,  
 be with Je - sus. When we have run . . . with



light to the world. The star of my life is Je - sus.  
 shine on my path, and show me the way to the Fa - ther.  
 pa - tience the race, we shall know the joy of Je - sus.

## *Refrain*



In him there is no dark-ness at all. The night and the



day are both a - like. The Lamb is the light of the



cit - y of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.

Text: Kathleen Thomerson, b. 1934  
 Music: HOUSTON, Kathleen Thomerson  
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# Canticle of the Turning

ELW 723



1 My soul cries out with a joy - ful shout that the  
2 Though I am small, my . . . God, my all, you . . .  
3 From the halls of pow'r to the for - tress tow'r, not a  
4 Though the na - tions rage from . . age to age, we re -



God of my heart is great, and my spir - it sings of the  
work great . . things in me, and your mer - cy will last from the  
stone will be left on stone. Let the king be - ware for your  
mem - ber who holds us fast: God's mer - cy must de -



won - drous things that you bring to the ones who wait.  
depths of the past to the end of the age to be.  
jus - tice tears ev - 'ry ty - rant . . . from his throne.  
liv - er us from the con - quer - or's crush - ing grasp.



You fixed your sight on your ser - vant's plight, and my  
Your ver - y name puts the proud to shame, and to  
The hun - gry poor shall . . weep no more, for the  
This sav - ing word that our fore - bears heard is the



weak - ness you did not spurn, so from east to west shall my  
those who would for you yearn, you will show your might, put the  
food they can nev - er earn; there are ta - bles spread, ev - 'ry  
prom - ise which holds us bound, till the spear and rod can be



name be blest. Could the world be a - bout to turn?  
strong to flight, for the world is a - bout to turn.  
mouth be fed, for the world is a - bout to turn.  
crushed by God, who is turn - ing the world a - round.



*Refrain*  
My heart shall sing of the day you bring. Let the fires of your jus - tice burn.



Wipe a - way all tears, for the dawn draws near, and the world is a - bout to turn.

Text: Rory Cooney, b. 1952, based on the Magnificat  
Music: STAR OF COUNTY DOWN, Irish traditional  
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### \*Post Communion Prayer

AM: God of field and flower, wheat and grape,  
you have nourished us with the bread of heaven that gives life to the world.  
Strengthened by the body and blood of your Son,  
send us out to gather your good gifts for all who hunger and thirst,  
and embolden us to love and serve in Christ's name.

All: Amen.

### \*Sending Hymn

#### *When Peace like a River*

ELW 785



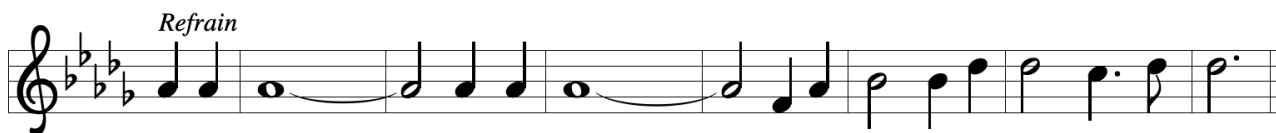
1 When peace like a riv - er at - tend - eth my way, when  
2 Though Sa - tan should buf - fet, though tri - als should come, let  
3 He lives—oh, the bliss of this glo - ri - ous thought; my  
4 Lord, has - ten the day when our faith shall be sight, the



sor - rows like sea bil - lows roll, what - ev - er my lot, thou hast  
this blest as - sur - ance con - trol, that Christ hath re - gard - ed my  
sin, not in part, but the whole, is nailed to his cross and I  
clouds be rolled back as a scroll, the trum - pet shall sound and the



taught me to say, it is well, it is well with my soul.  
help - less es - tate, and hath shed his own blood for my soul.  
bear it no more. Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!  
Lord shall de - scend; e - ven so it is well with my soul.



It is well with my soul, it is well, it is well with my soul.

Text: Horatio G. Spafford, 1828-1888

Music: VILLE DU HAVRE, Philip P. Bliss, 1838-1876

### **\*Blessing**

Pastor: The love of God the Sovereign strengthen you,  
God the Son save you,  
and God the Holy Spirit anoint you for the work ahead.  
The holy Trinity bless you ✙  
and grant you a faithful and courageous heart  
now and forever.

All: Amen.

### **\*Dismissal**

AM: Go in peace. Share the harvest.

All: Thanks be to God.

### **Postlude**

**Combined Choirs**

*Abide With Me*, arr. by Jantz A. Black

Please join us for Coffee Hour and Cookies & Care Package packing event downstairs  
in Luther Hall following worship. All are welcome!

*The lectern flowers this morning are given in memory of Emily Rockwood by her loving family.*

### **WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS**

**Assisting Minister:** Beverly Niemann

**Ushers:** Richard Marsh, Pat Nelson, Marianne Wilcox, ***volunteer needed***

**Communion Assistants:** Carol Kohl, ***volunteer needed***

**Lector:** Marianne Wilcox

**Sunday School Teacher:** Brett Hertzog Betkoski

**Sunday School Volunteer:** Jodi Eskin

**Altar Guild:** Elsa Robinson, JaneMarie Gallette, Ligi-Elin Milord

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### **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.

## *Calendar of Events*

### **Sunday, November 16, 2025**

*Assisting Minister – Beverly Niemann*

10:00am –10:45am Sunday School - Youth Room  
10:00am –11:00am Worship Service in the Sanctuary  
11:00am –12:00pm Congregation Event:

Cookies & Care Packages - LH

1:30pm –4:00pm Christ Church Worship Service - Sanctuary  
4:30pm –6:30pm Chaimovitch Piano Recital - Sanctuary

### **Monday, November 17, 2025**

**CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM**

10:00am –12:30pm Music From the Heart Band rehearsal - MR  
7:00pm –8:30pm Nominating Committee Meeting via Zoom

### **Tuesday, November 18, 2025**

**CHURCH OFFICE - CLOSED**

7:00pm –9:00pm Council Meeting – LH

### **Wednesday, November 19, 2025**

**CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM**

### **Thursday, November 20, 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, November 21, 2025**

**CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM**

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

### **Saturday, November 22, 2025**

9:00am –10:45am Grow With Me Music - Community Room  
6:00pm –8:00pm Emanuel Book Club: Accidental Saints  
by Nadia Bolz-Weber - Family Room

### **Sunday, November 23, 2025**

*Assisting Minister - Campfield Heinrich*

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

**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 November is **Seasonal Sharing**. 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.

### **Emanuel LUTHERAN CHURCH Staff**

**Church Office: 860-643-1193**

Joanna Hertzog Betkoski, Pastor  
Anne Heinrich, Office Administrator  
Donna Connolly, Parish Nurse  
Barton Sattler, Treasurer  
Berk Little, Worship Support Specialist

Jeff Sirois, Director of Music  
Katie Kurlak, Director of Family Ministries  
Kathy Hatch, Property Supervisor  
Jodi Eskin, Financial Secretary  
Kathy Rusch, Worship Support Specialist

### **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](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](mailto:aheinrich@emanuelmanchester.org)

### **Twenty Fourth Sunday after Pentecost Scripture Readings—Sunday, November 23, 2025:**

#### **Jeremiah 23:1-6**

*Coming of the shepherd and righteous Branch who will execute justice*

#### **Psalms 46**

*I will be exalted among the nations. (Ps. 46:10)*

#### **Colossians 1:11-20**

*Hymn to Christ, firstborn of all creation; peace through his blood*

#### **Luke 23:33-43**

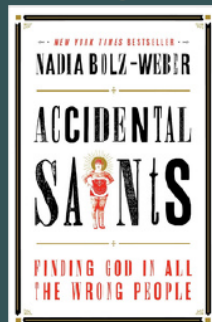
*Jesus is crucified between two thieves: you will be with me in Paradise*



## 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!

### **Camp Calumet Camper Registration for Summer 2026**

If your child is between the ages of 8-15, it is time to sign them up for a camp experience that will make this the best summer ever! Calumet offers one-week and two-week sessions at its overnight camp on the shores of Lake Ossipee in Freedom, NH.

Sign up during the **Early Bird Registration** and receive your **2026 Resident Camp T-Shirt for no additional cost!** *Registrations must be completed by November 14<sup>th</sup> to be eligible.*

Please note that Calumet uses a tiered pricing system, plus a \$50 application fee.

Visit: [calumet.org](http://calumet.org) for registration information.

To register, visit: <https://calumet.org/summercamp/residentcamp>

Camper Referral discount: Recommend Calumet's Resident Camp to friends and family and receive \$100 off your fee for each first-time camper (non-sibling) who registers for camp based on your recommendation. Not only will you save money, but you will share the wonders of Calumet's overnight camp with others.

### **Once again, Emanuel will offer camperships for children attending Calumet Resident or Day Camp!**

To secure a Calumet Campership from Emanuel, please email Anne in the Church Office ([aheinrich@emanuelmanchester.org](mailto:aheinrich@emanuelmanchester.org)) along with your child(ren)'s name(s) and the following information.

In your email, please specify the rate that best applies to your family situation.

Rate 1: \$1105/week (This rate reflects the true cost of camp.)

Rate 2: \$980/week (Rate for families for whom the full cost of camp is out of reach. Rate is subsidized by generous donors.)

Rate 3: \$855/week (This rate covers a portion of the true cost and is subsidized by generous donations by individuals and congregations.)

Then indicate the amount of campership that will meet your needs.

Emanuel will apply the campership to the rate selected above.

☐ 100%      ☐ 75%      ☐ 50%      ☐ 25%

Each camper's registration fee, \$50, will be covered by Emanuel and added to each campership award. Don't delay! Let us know your plans now so that we can help send kids to camp. **Please let us know your plans ASAP but not later than December 31, 2025.**

### **Christmas Poinsettias**

It is time to order poinsettia plants to decorate Emanuel for Christmas Eve! There are two sizes to choose from this year.

The 8" diameter pots with two poinsettia plants are \$22.

The 6 ½" diameter pots with one poinsettia plant are \$14.



You have the option to designate them "in honor of", "in memory of", or "to the Glory of God". The poinsettias are locally grown at Woodland Gardens in Manchester. Order Forms are available at both entrances to the sanctuary and in the church office. The deadline to place your order is **Sunday, November 30, 2025.**