



Emmanuel Lutheran Church
of North Hollywood

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

Bulletin for Worship

August 31, 2025

10:00am

*Welcoming all people, Emmanuel Lutheran Church and schools
love, teach and serve through Christ.*

GATHERING

Prelude

Please stand

Confession and Forgiveness

In the name of the Father,
and of the ✝ Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Baptized into Christ, let us confess our sin.

Brief silence for reflection

Merciful God,
**you free us to love others,
but we neglect our neighbors and follow our own way.
You lead us by the Spirit of joy and peace,
but we turn away from the abundant life you offer.
You surround us with patience, kindness,
and generosity,
but we grow weary in doing what is right.
In your mercy, forgive us.
Do not give up on us.
Heal us, break our bonds,
and show us the path of life.**

Amen

You belong to Christ Jesus
and you are God's children through faith.
In the cross of ✝ Christ,
and through the power of the Holy Spirit,
your sins are forgiven.
Clothed with Christ, you are a new creation.

Amen.

Gathering Song ~ ELW 532 "Gather Us In"



1 Here in this place the new light is stream-ing, now is the dark - ness
 2 We are the young, our lives are a mys - t'ry, we are the old who
 3 Here we will take the wine and the wa - ter, here we will take the
 4 Not in the dark of build-ings con - fin - ing, not in some heav - en,



van - ished a - way; see in this space our fears and our dream-ings
 yearn for your face; we have been sung through-out all of his - t'ry,
 bread of new birth, here you shall call your sons and your daugh-ers,
 light years a - way— here in this place the new light is shin - ing,



brought here to you in the light of this day.
 called to be light to the whole hu - man race.
 call us a - new to be salt for the earth.
 now is the king - dom, and now is the day.



Gath-er us in, the lost and for - sak - en, gath-er us in, the
 Gath-er us in, the rich and the haugh-ty, gath-er us in, the
 Give us to drink the wine of com-pas - sion, give us to eat the
 Gath-er us in and hold us for - ev - er, gath-er us in and



blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall a - wak - en,
 proud and the strong; give us a heart, so meek and so low - ly,
 bread that is you; nour-ish us well, and teach us to fash - ion
 make us your own; gath-er us in, all peo - ples to - geth - er,



we shall a - rise at the sound of our name.
 give us the cour - age to en - ter the song.
 lives that are ho - ly and hearts that are true.
 fire . . of love in our flesh and our bone.

Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray...

O God, you resist those who are proud and give grace to those who are humble. Give us the humility of your Son, that we may embody the generosity of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Please be seated

Children's Message ~ Pastor Rick Hall

The children return to sit with their families. Crayons and coloring books are available in the bookshelves at the back and up in the cry room. Ask an usher for help if needed.

First Lesson

Proverb 25:6-7a

⁶ Do not put yourself forward in the king's presence or stand in the place of the great,
^{7a} for it is better to be told, "Come up here," than to be put lower in the presence of a noble.

Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm: 112

¹ Hallelujah! Happy are they who fear the LORD
and have great delight in God's commandments!

² **Their descendants will be mighty in the land;
the generation of the upright will be blessed.**

³ Wealth and riches will be in their house,
and their righteousness will last forever.

⁴ **Light shines in the darkness for the upright;
the righteous are merciful and full of compassion.**

⁵ It is good for them to be generous in lending
and to manage their affairs with justice.

⁶ **For they will never be shaken;
the righteous will be kept in everlasting remembrance.**

⁷ They will not be afraid of any evil rumors;
their heart is steadfast, trusting in the LORD.

⁸ **Their heart is established and will not shrink,**

until they see their desire upon their enemies.

⁹ They have given freely to the poor, and their righteousness stands fast forever; they will hold up their head with honor.

¹⁰ **The wicked will see it and be angry; they will gnash their teeth and pine away; the desires of the wicked will perish.**

Second Lesson

Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16

¹ Let mutual affection continue. ² Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. ³ Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them, those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured. ⁴ Let marriage be held in honor by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled, for God will judge the sexually immoral and adulterers. ⁵ Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have, for he himself has said, "I will never leave you or forsake you." ⁶ So we can say with confidence,

"The Lord is my helper;
I will not be afraid.

What can anyone do to me?"

⁷ Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. ⁸ Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. ¹⁵ Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. ¹⁶ Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand

Gospel Acclamation ~ ELW a205a



Al - le-lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav - ing word.



Let it burn like fire with - in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

The holy gospel according to Luke
Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel

Luke 14:1, 7-14

¹ On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the Sabbath, they were watching him closely.

⁷ When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honor, he told them a parable. ⁸ “When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honor, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host, ⁹ and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, ‘Give this person your place,’ and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. ¹⁰ But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, ‘Friend, move up higher’; then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. ¹¹ For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.”

¹² He said also to the one who had invited him, “When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers and sisters or your relatives or rich neighbors, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. ¹³ But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. ¹⁴ And you will be blessed because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.”

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated

Message ~ Pastor Rick Hall

Please stand

Hymn ~ ELW 712 "Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service"



1 Lord, whose love in hum-ble ser-vice bore the weight of hu-man need,
2 Still your chil-dren wan-der home-less; still the hun-gry cry for bread;
3 As we wor-ship, grant us vi-sion, till your love's re-veal-ing light
4 Called by wor-ship to your ser-vice, forth in your dear name we go,



who up-on the cross, for-sak-en, worked your mer-cy's per-fect deed:
still the cap-tives long for free-dom; still in grief we mourn our dead.
in its height and depth and great-ness dawns up-on our quick-ened sight,
to the child, the youth, the a-ged, love in liv-ing deeds to show;



we, your ser-vants, bring the wor-ship not of voice a-lone, but heart;
As you, Lord, in deep com-pas-sion healed the sick and freed the soul,
mak-ing known the needs and bur-dens your com-pas-sion bids us bear,
hope and health, good-will and com-fort, coun-sel, aid, and peace we give,



con-se-crating to your pur-pose ev-'ry gift which you im-part.
by your Spir-it send your pow-er to our world to make it whole.
stir-ring us to ar-dent ser-vice, your a-bun-dant life to share.
that your ser-vants, Lord, in free-dom may your mer-cy know and live.

Apostles' Creed

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 Intercession

The presiding minister invites the assembly into prayer.

Let us pray for the church, the creation, and the whole people of God, for God is near.

Brief silence

After each petition of the prayers...

Leader: Hear us, O God.

People: Your mercy is great

The presiding minister concludes the prayers with these words.

Confident in God's presence and promise, we entrust our prayers to the one who always receives them; through Jesus Christ, our wisdom and companion.

Amen.

Peace

The presiding minister and the assembly greet each other in the peace of the risen Christ.

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace and may say

Peace be with you or similar words.

Please be seated

MEAL

Offering

For those not worshipping in person, please mail your tithe or offering to the church, give online at our website, or use the link here to give.

Musical Offering

Please stand

Offertory Song ~ ELW 686 “We Give Thee but Thine Own” (stanzas 1 and 2)



1 We give thee but thine own, what - e'er the gift may be;
2 May we thy boun - ties thus as stew - ards true re - ceive,
3 The cap - tive to re - lease, to God the lost to bring,
4 And we be - lieve thy word, though dim our faith may be:



all that we have is thine a - lone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.
and glad - ly, as thou bless - est us, to thee our first - fruits give.
to teach the way of life and peace—it is a Christ-like thing.
what - e'er we do for thine, O Lord, we do it un - to thee.

Offertory Prayer

Let us pray...

Creator God,

in your wisdom you bring forth all that is good

and the harvest is plentiful.

Strengthen us at your table with these gifts of the earth

and our labor,

that we may work for the good of all;

through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

Amen

Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The presiding minister continues:

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise...

...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, Holy, Holy - ELW s207

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,

heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -

san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

The Words of Institution

Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son,
who reached out to heal the sick and suffering,
who preached good news to the poor,
and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:

This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension,
we await his coming in glory.

Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord,
and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food,
the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord;
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be all honor and glory, now and forever.

Amen.

Lord's Prayer

**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.

Please be seated

The table is set; the meal is ready. All are welcome at the Lord's Table.

Please come forward at the direction of the ushers. (gluten free and grape juice options available)

Hymn ~ ELW s208 "Lamb of God"



1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;

you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.
e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

Please stand

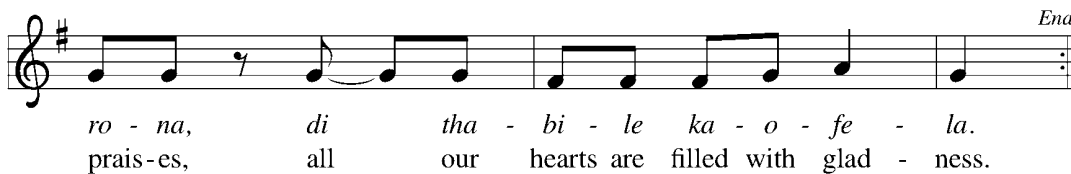
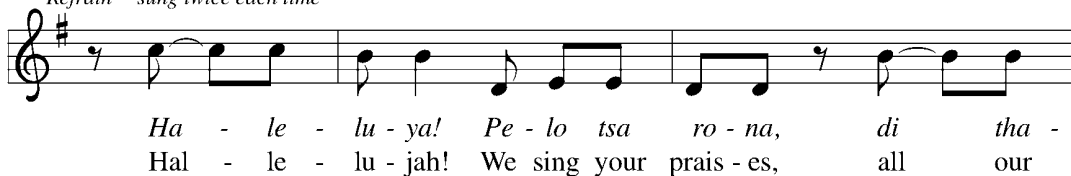
Prayer after Communion

Let us pray...
Mothering God,
you gathered us to your table
and we drank deeply of your grace.
Send us out by your Spirit
to love our neighbors as ourselves
and proclaim your love in Jesus' name.
Amen

SENDING

Sending Song ~ ELW 535 "Hallelujah! We Sing Your Praises"

Refrain— sung twice each time



Repeat stanza, then sing refrain



Please be seated

Announcements

Please stand

Benediction

The minister blesses the congregation.

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✝ give you peace.

Amen

Go in peace. Encourage one another in Christ.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

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Worship Team

Message	Pastor Rick Hall
Minister of Music	Mark Longfield
Greeter	Shirley Heidersbach
CA Bread	Mark Longfield
CA Wine #1 (tray)	Debby Semel
CA Wine #2 (tray)	Liz Rickertsen
CA Empty #3 (recp.)	George Watson
CA Empty #4 (recp.)	Gail Bohannon
Lector	Barbara Reilly
Usher #1	Kurt Marsden
Usher #2	Debi Marsden
Gaffer	Marshall Bowen
Sound	Stephen Howison
Live Stream	Jessie Tobey

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ANNOUNCEMENTS



WELCOME PASTOR RICK!!

We are excited to welcome Pastor Rick and his family with open arms, hearts, and minds. We look forward to growing together, as his leadership and guidance helps shape our future. We ask that God bless Pastor Rick, his family, and his ministry here at our church and schools. May the Holy Spirit guide him as he shares the teachings of Jesus Christ.

Tom Reilly
ELC Council President

Reception for Pastor Rick Hall, August 31st

Cake and ice cream reception following service in the reception room. His formal installation will be later this fall. Come celebrate with us!



God's Work Our Hands

Sunday, September 14

Sunday, September 14: Come help us make quilts for the unhoused directly after worship.

This is also the day we collect donations for Central Lutheran Food Distribution and NoHo Home Alliance. Start now by gathering items from the following list:

Regular Canned Goods for Housed– NO GLASS or EXPIRED FOODS, please:

• Fruits • Vegetables • Meats & Tuna • Peanut butter (large or small)

Dry goods: Beans • Rice • Pasta • Cereal & cereal bars

Pop Top Food Cans for Unhoused:

Fruits • Vegetables • Meats & Tuna • Soups – stews

Foods Easily Hydrated w/Hot Water:

Cup Noodles • Instant single serve Mac'N'Cheese • Instant single serve Oatmeal

Snacks:

Breakfast bars – preferably chewy bars • Chips – snack size bags • Crackers – snack size bags • Gummies – Fruit Chews

Toiletries:

Toothpaste, soap bars, shampoo, conditioner, lotion and toothbrushes, disposable razors & shaving cream, dental floss, body wash, deodorant, Hand sanitizer, ChapSticks, Skin lotion, Q-tips, Suntan lotion, wet wipes.

Pick up your copy today!

Devotionals Booklets Available July – Sept. 2025 edition

Devotional booklets are available in the literature rack in the church narthex, ***Portals of Prayer*** and ***Christ in our Home*** each covering one quarter of 2025. ***Spark*** is available in limited number. In this magazine style devotional book ***Spark***, there are activities and stories to lead everyone in the family through the season. Finally, ***The Word in Season*** is also available. Pick up any of these in the narthex today! Pick these up at no charge. They are our gifts to help you

Adult Bible Study : The rest of July, and August we will enjoy time off. We gather again Sunday, Sept.14.



We need helping hands to pack more bags! We are asking people for an hour or two of their time to pack bags at Temple Beth Hillel. Check out some of the ways you can volunteer below. Then visit our website, NHIFP.org, go to the tab "Sign Up Genius" to help out!

Transportation Team transports the loaded grocery bags from the packing site at Temple Beth Hillel to the food distribution site at First Christian Church. Sign up to help out here: [North Hollywood Interfaith Food Pantry: Transport bags from Temple to new pantry and/or unload truck \(signupgenius.com\)](http://NorthHollywoodInterfaithFoodPantry:TransportbagsfromTempletonewpantryand/orunloadtruck(signupgenius.com))

Packing Team fills the bags and sorts them in the basement of Temple Beth Hillel. Sign up to help out here: [North Hollywood Interfaith Food Pantry: Pack Bags at the Temple OR at Distribution - CHECK LOCATION ADDRESS! \(signupgenius.com\)](http://NorthHollywoodInterfaithFoodPantry:PackBagsattheTempleORatDistribution-CHECKLOCATIONADDRESS!(signupgenius.com))

Sack Lunches Team makes sack lunches at home and delivers them to the First Christian Church. Sign up to help out here: [North Hollywood Interfaith Food Pantry: Provide sack lunches - make at home and deliver \(signupgenius.com\)](http://NorthHollywoodInterfaithFoodPantry:Providesacklunches-makeathomeanddeliver(signupgenius.com))

Please place your groceries in the food collection box in the narthex and they will be delivered to Temple Beth Hillel.

Women of the ELCA – 2025 SWO Convention

October 10–11, 2025 | California Lutheran University, Thousand Oaks

Join women from across the Southwest California Synod for a weekend of worship, learning, and sisterhood at our 2025 SWO Convention. The event will feature inspiring speakers, engaging workshops, and opportunities for connection.

Registration & Nomination Forms: <https://form.jotform.com/kristalshipp/2025-welca-registration-form>

Deadline: October 3, 2025

**2025 SOUTHWEST CALIFORNIA
WOMEN'S ORGANIZATION
WELCA FALL
CONVENTION**

**ALL ARE WELCOME:
*Celebrating Diverse Voices***

**OCTOBER 10–11,
2025**

- Inspiring Bible study & plenary sessions
- Music, worship, and meaningful workshops
- Opportunities for renewal and connection

REGISTRATION

Registration – \$80 pp
HOTEL: Single Occupancy – \$155 pp per night
Double Occupancy – \$85 pp pr night

SCAN TO REGISTER

California Lutheran University, Thousand Oaks

**QUESTIONS? Julie Jensen | Convention Registrar
(805) 218-8416 | jujujnsn21@gmail.com**

Emmanuel Lutheran Church

Want to become a Member?



What does membership mean?

Membership is divided into baptized members and confirmed members.

A baptized member is a person who is baptized into the Christian faith and becomes a member of the congregation where the baptism occurred. That can be either a child or an adult. A baptized member does not have the privilege of vote at a congregational meeting and cannot hold a leadership position such as Church Council or Call Committee.

A confirmed member is a baptized person who has been instructed in the teachings of the Christian church and Lutheran theology and has made public affirmation of their commitment. A confirmed member has full privileges within the congregation including vote and leadership roles.

How does one become a member?

There are several ways a person becomes a member of a Lutheran congregation such as Emmanuel Lutheran Church.

If you grow up in a congregation where your parents are members, you will most likely go through the process of baptism as an infant and confirmation in the teen years.

If a person has been baptized and raised in a different Lutheran (ELCA) congregation and now wishes to join Emmanuel Lutheran Church, that person/family would request a Letter of Transfer from the pastor of the old congregation which is sent to the pastor of the new congregation. The new pastor would receive that letter and then publicly receive that person/family into membership, either baptized or confirmed. (Note: Missouri Synod Lutheran congregations do not recognize the ELCA and do not issue Letters of Transfer.)

If the individual/family is coming to Emmanuel from a Christian Church that is not Lutheran (Roman Catholic, Episcopal, Methodist, Presbyterian, Baptist... Missouri Synod), and has been baptized within that tradition, they do not need to be re-baptized but will need to be instructed in Lutheran theology and faith (Often referred to as “New Member Class” or “New Member Orientation”).

They would then make public profession of their faith in the worship setting and be received as confirmed members.

If the person wishing to join is coming from a non-Christian or non-faith background, then they would need to be baptized and confirmed in order to be full members of the congregation.

What else do I need to know?

Laurel Hall and ECC parents need to be mindful that though a discount on tuition is offered to members of Emmanuel Lutheran Church, a family needs to be a member in good standing for one year before the request for the discount can be made. To be in good standing means that you regularly attend the worship services and make a commitment to financially support Emmanuel Lutheran Church.

In all circumstances, the individual/family should have a conference with the pastor to discuss their unique situation and the best way to proceed.

If you are interested in joining ELC, please contact Ancel Sitton in the church office. ASitton@elcnoho.org or (818) 761-6124



EMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH
North Hollywood, California

Please check as many as you wish.

- 0 I wish to meet with Pastor Rick Hall to learn more about the sacrament of Holy Communion.
- 0 I wish to meet with Pastor Rick Hall to learn more about the sacrament of Holy Baptism.
- 0 I wish to meet with Pastor Rick Hall to learn more about becoming a member of Emmanuel Lutheran Church.
- 0 Today, or next Sunday will be my first communion, or the first communion for:

DATE: _____

NAME: _____

EMAIL: _____

PHONE: _____

ADDRESS: _____

THANKS! Pastor Hall will contact you soon!