

Emmanuel Lutheran Church of North Hollywood

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost
Bull*etin for Worship*August 10, 2025
10:00 am

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.



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...

Almighty God, you sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your church. Open our hearts to the riches of your grace, that we may be ready to receive you wherever you appear, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Please be seated

Children's Message ~ Pastor Chuck Bunnell

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 Genesis 15:1-6

¹ After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." ² But Abram said, "O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" ³ And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." ⁴ But the word of the LORD came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir." ⁵ He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." ⁶ And he believed the LORD, and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness. Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm: 33:12-22

- ¹² Happy is the nation whose God is the LORD! Happy the people chosen to be God's heritage!
- ¹³ The LORD looks down from heaven, and sees all humankind.
- ¹⁴ God sits firmly enthroned and watches all who dwell on the earth.
- ¹⁵ God fashions all their hearts and observes all their deeds.
- ¹⁶ A king is not saved by the size of the army, nor are warriors rescued by their great strength.
- ¹⁷ The horse gives vain hope for victory; despite its great strength it cannot save.
- ¹⁸ Truly, your eye is upon those who fear you, O LORD, upon those who wait for your steadfast love,
- ¹⁹ to deliver their lives from death, and to keep them alive in time of famine.
- ²⁰ Our innermost being waits for you, O LORD, our helper and our shield.
- ²¹ Surely, our heart rejoices in you, for in your holy name we put our trust.
- ²² Let your lovingkindness, O LORD, be upon us, even as we place our hope in you.

Second Lesson

Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

¹ Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. ² Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. ³ By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.

⁸ By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance, and he set out, not knowing where he was going. ⁹ By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. ¹⁰ For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. ¹¹ By faith, with Sarah's involvement, he received power of procreation, even though he was too old, because he considered him faithful who had promised. ¹² Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, "as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore."

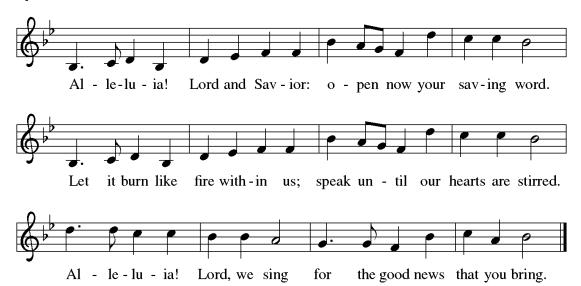
¹³ All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, ¹⁴ for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. ¹⁵ If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. ¹⁶ But as it is, they desire a better homeland, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand

Gospel Acclamation ~ ELW a205a



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

Gospel Luke 12:32-40

[Jesus said:] ³² "Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. ³³ Sell your possessions and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. ³⁴ For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

³⁵ "Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; ³⁶ be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. ³⁷ Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. ³⁸ If he comes during the middle of the night or near dawn and finds them so, blessed are those slaves.

³⁹ "But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. ⁴⁰ You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect."

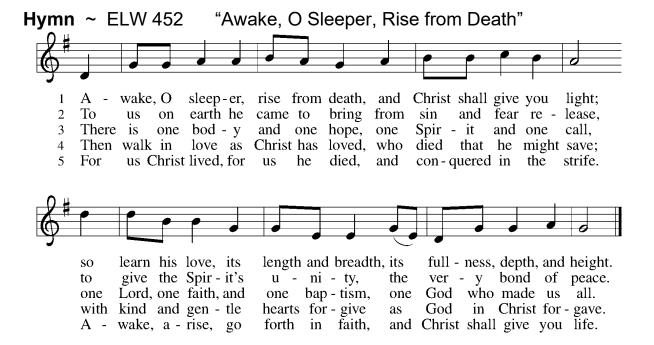
The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated

Message ~ Pastor Chuck Bunnell

Please stand



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.

Prayers of Intercession

The presiding minister invites the assembly into prayer.

In solidarity with all creation, we join our voice to the voice of the whole church and pray for the needs of the world.

Brief silence

After each petition of the prayers...

Leader: God of grace,

People: hear our prayer.

The presiding minister concludes the prayers with these words.

Trusting in your lovingkindness, we place our prayer and hope in you, in the name of Jesus Christ.

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

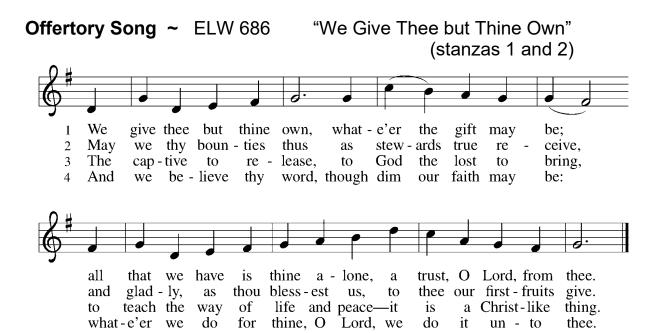
Offering

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.

https://www.shelbygiving.com/App/Form/d491ee0f-8efd-4459-97c5-fa8df58e33

Musical Offering ~ "Just As I Am, without One Plea" William B. Bradbury Mark Longfield

Please stand



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.

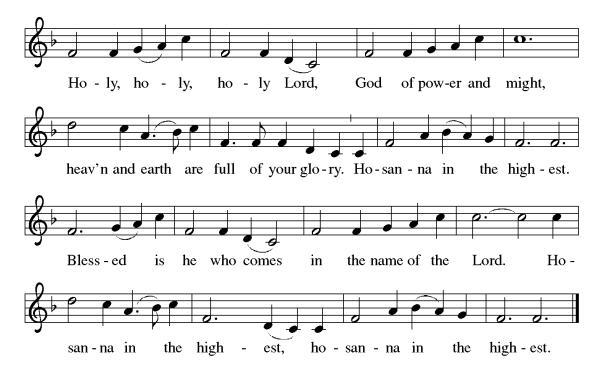
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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



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.

Please be seated

Amen.

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"



Please stand

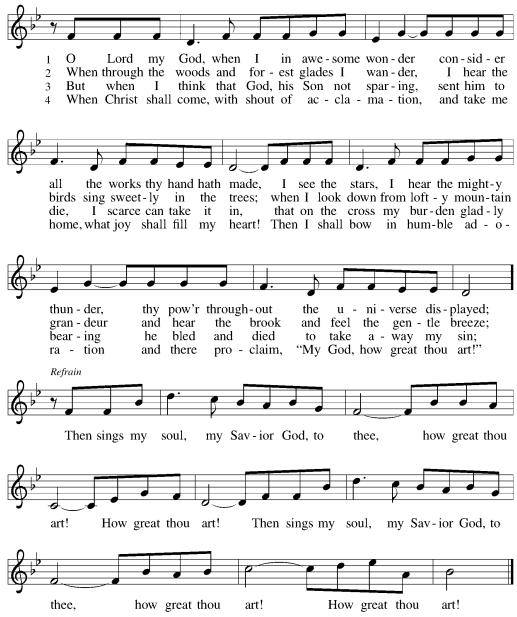
Prayer after Communion

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 856 "How Great Thou Art"



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 Chuck Bunnell

Minister of Music Mark Longfield

Organist Bonnie Koch

Greeter Jeanine Wilson

CA Bread Liz Rickertsen

CA Wine #1 (tray) Debby Semel

CA Wine #2 (tray) George Watson

CA Empty #3 (recp.) Sylvia Ottemoeller

CA Empty #4 (recp.) CarolJean Willis

Lector Sue Clauss

Usher #1 Terri Lau

Usher #2 Tom Reilly

Gaffer Marshall Bowen

Sound Aaron Rockwell

Live Stream Bob Akin

Thank You Visitors and Members! On our <u>elcnoho.org</u> website, please click on "Member/Visitor Form" to give us feedback.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

To: Emmanuel Lutheran Church Parishioners & Staff



Dear Members of the Emmanuel and Laurel Hall Community,

This is the eleventh, and likely final, in a continuing series of articles regarding the progress of our Call Committee.

It has been a long time coming, but I am happy to report that Emmanuel Lutheran Church, North Hollywood has a permanent full-time pastor.

Reverand Richard Hall, Pastor Rick, received a call by enthusiastic election of this past Sunday's congregational meeting and has accepted.

Pastor Rick has given notice at his current church. He will be moving during the next few weeks and is due to start as our pastor August 25. This is just in time for all the back-to-school festivities at Laurel Hall and Rally Day at Emmanuel.

Many thanks for the many prayers and steadfast support over the past year and a half while the Call Committee has diligently been searching for the right fit for Emmanuel and Laurel Hall

Soon to be ex-Call Committee chair, Marshall Bowen



For those of you who were disappointed at the Meet and Greet that Pastor Rick was a Broncos fan, take heart as you note that he is at Dodger Stadium in this photo!

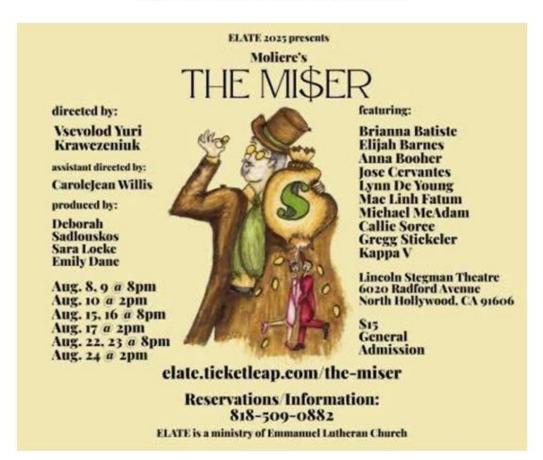
Pick up your copy today!

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

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

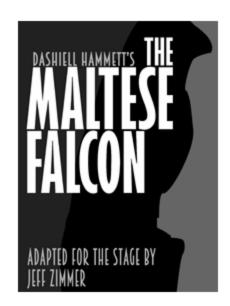
ELATE Show and Auditions



The Emmanuel Lutheran Actors Theatre Ensemble (ELATE) will be holding auditions for the classic murder mystery "The Maltese Falcon" by Dashiell Hammett in the Administration building Wednesday and Thursday, August 13, and 14, from 7:30-9:00 and Saturday morning, August 16 from 10-noon.

The show is scheduled to open October 10 and will run three weekends. Parents! Teachers! Members! Visitors! Friends of Friends! Everyone is welcome to come and audition for the show. Download cast list here.

Sides will be provided. The show will be directed by Jeff Zimmer and will be performed in the Lincoln Stegman Theatre.





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)

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)

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)

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

Registration for 2026 Women of the ELCA Gathering opens



The theme for the 2026 Triennial Gathering is "I Am Worthy," based on Psalm 139:14: "I am fearfully and wonderfully made." This statement serves as a reminder of God's promise to be with us, even in times of devastation and division. By repeating the phrase "I am worthy," we can recognize the Holy Spirit's ongoing work in our lives.

Learn more about the 2026 Women of the ELCA Gathering at the website: https://welcatg.org. The website is updated regularly with information about speakers, workshops, hotels, and more! Plus, we are looking for sponsors, vendors and exhibitors.

Congratulations!!

Bonnie and Gerry Koch celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary this past July 13.

Please join us for a celebration reception following worship Sunday, August 10.

See you there!



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 Chuck Bunnell to learn more about the sacrament of Holy Communion.	
0	I wish to meet with Pastor Chuck Bunnell to learn more about the sacrament of Holy Baptism.	
0	I wish to meet with Pastor Chuck Bunnell to learn more about beco member of Emmanuel Lutheran Church.	ming a
0	Today, or next Sunday will be my first communion, or the first common for:	nunion
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THANKS! Pastor Bunnell will contact you soon!