



Emmanuel Lutheran Church

of North Hollywood

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

Bulletin for Worship

August 9, 2026

10:00 am

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

GATHERING

Prelude

Please stand

Confession and Forgiveness

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God,
whose compassion endures forever.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin to God.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Compassionate God,
we confess to you all our sins.
Our burden is heavy, and we cannot free ourselves.
In your mercy, call us back to you.
Your yoke is easy and your burden is light.
Restore us to dwell in your peace.
In Christ's name we pray,
Amen.

Jesus says, "Come to me,
all you who are weary
and are carrying heavy burdens,
and I will give you rest."
In the name of God,
Father, ✝ Son, and Holy Spirit,
your sins are forgiven.
Rest in God's love.
Amen.

Gathering Song ~ ELW 759 "My Faith Looks Up to Thee"



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!

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 our defender, storms rage around and within us and cause us to be afraid. Rescue your people from despair, deliver your sons and daughters from fear, and preserve us in the faith of your Son, 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 on the bookshelves at the back and up in the cry room. Ask an usher for help if needed.

First Lesson

Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28

¹ Jacob settled in the land where his father had lived as an alien, the land of Canaan. ² These are the descendants of Jacob. Joseph, being seventeen years old, was shepherding the flock with his brothers; he was a helper to the sons of Bilhah and

Zilpah, his father's wives, and Joseph brought a bad report of them to their father. ³ Now Israel loved Joseph more than any other of his children because he was the son of his old age, and he made him an ornamented robe. ⁴ But when his brothers saw that their father loved him more than all his brothers, they hated him and could not speak peaceably to him.

¹² Now his brothers went to pasture their father's flock near Shechem. ¹³ And Israel said to Joseph, "Are not your brothers pasturing the flock at Shechem? Come, I will send you to them." He answered, "Here I am." ¹⁴ So he said to him, "Go now, see if it is well with your brothers and with the flock, and bring word back to me." So he sent him from the valley of Hebron.

He came to Shechem, ¹⁵ and a man found him wandering in the fields; the man asked him, "What are you seeking?" ¹⁶ "I am seeking my brothers," he said; "tell me, please, where they are pasturing the flock." ¹⁷ The man said, "They have gone away, for I heard them say, 'Let us go to Dothan.' " So Joseph went after his brothers and found them at Dothan. ¹⁸ They saw him from a distance, and before he came near to them they conspired to kill him. ¹⁹ They said to one another, "Here comes this dreamer. ²⁰ Come now, let us kill him and throw him into one of the pits; then we shall say that a wild animal has devoured him, and we shall see what will become of his dreams." ²¹ But when Reuben heard it, he delivered him out of their hands, saying, "Let us not take his life." ²² Reuben said to them, "Shed no blood; throw him into this pit here in the wilderness, but lay no hand on him"—that he might rescue him out of their hand and restore him to his father. ²³ So when Joseph came to his brothers, they stripped him of his robe, the ornamented robe that he wore, ²⁴ and they took him and threw him into a pit. The pit was empty; there was no water in it.

²⁵ Then they sat down to eat, and looking up they saw a caravan of Ishmaelites coming from Gilead, with their camels carrying gum, balm, and resin, on their way to carry it down to Egypt. ²⁶ Then Judah said to his brothers, "What profit is it if we kill our brother and conceal his blood? ²⁷ Come, let us sell him to the Ishmaelites and not lay our hands on him, for he is our brother, our own flesh." And his brothers agreed. ²⁸ When some Midianite traders passed by, they drew Joseph up, lifting him out of the pit, and sold him to the Ishmaelites for twenty pieces of silver. And they took Joseph to Egypt.

Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm: 85:8-13

⁸ I will listen to what the LORD God is saying; for you speak peace to your faithful people and to those who turn their hearts to you.

⁹ **Truly, your salvation is very near to those who fear you,
that your glory may dwell in our land.**

¹⁰ Steadfast love and faithfulness have met together;
righteousness and peace have kissed each other.

¹¹ **Faithfulness shall spring up from the earth,**

and righteousness shall look down from heaven.

¹² The LORD will indeed grant prosperity,
and our land will yield its increase.

¹³ **Righteousness shall go before the LORD
and shall prepare for God a pathway.**

Second Lesson

Romans 10:5-15

⁵ Moses writes concerning the righteousness that comes from the law, that “the person who does these things will live by them.” ⁶ But the righteousness that comes from faith says, “Do not say in your heart, ‘Who will ascend into heaven?’ ” (that is, to bring Christ down) ⁷ “or ‘Who will descend into the abyss?’ ” (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). ⁸ But what does it say? “The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart” (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim), ⁹ because if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰ For one believes with the heart, leading to righteousness, and one confesses with the mouth, leading to salvation. ¹¹ The scripture says, “No one who believes in him will be put to shame.” ¹² For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. ¹³ For “everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.” ¹⁴ But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him? ¹⁵ And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written, “How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!”

Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand

Gospel Acclamation ~ ELW Setting 8 - S188

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

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

Gospel

Matthew 14:22-33

²² [Jesus] made the disciples get into a boat and go on ahead to the other side [of the Sea of Galilee,] while he dismissed the crowds.²³ And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone,²⁴ but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them.²⁵ And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea.²⁶ But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out in fear.²⁷ But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid."²⁸ Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water."²⁹ He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus.³⁰ But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and, beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!"³¹ Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, "You of little faith, why did you doubt?"³² When they got into the boat, the wind ceased.³³ And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated

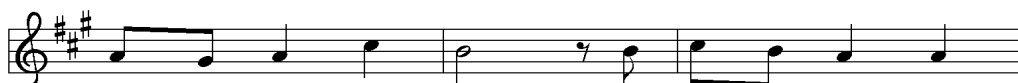
Message ~ Pastor Rick Hall

Please stand

Hymn of the Day ~ ELW 635 "We Walk By Faith"



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.

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.

With bold trust in God's unfailing provision, we pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

Brief silence

After each petition of the prayers...

Leader: Merciful God,

People: receive our prayer.

The presiding minister concludes the prayers with these words.

Receive our prayers and answer, O God, as you have promised. All this we ask in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

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.

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Musical Offering ~ Piano Sonata No. 8 in C minor, Op. 13 (*Pathétique*)
II. Adagio cantabile by Ludwig van Beethoven

Please stand

Offertory Song ~ WOV Setting 5 Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful

The musical score is written for a single voice part in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of six staves of music. The lyrics are written below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a clear beginning and end.

Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of
bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were
sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life.
Gath - er the hopes and dreams of all; u - nite them with the prayers we
of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your pres - ence,
Lord, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

Offertory Prayer

Loving God,
we offer at your table the gifts of our hearts.
Help us take heart in you and share freely of your love,
so that all creation can taste your abundance.
We ask this in the name of Jesus,
through the Spirit abiding with us now and forever.

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 Setting 8 - S190

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry, full of your glo-ry. Ho -
san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high -
est. Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na, ho - san - na, 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.

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.

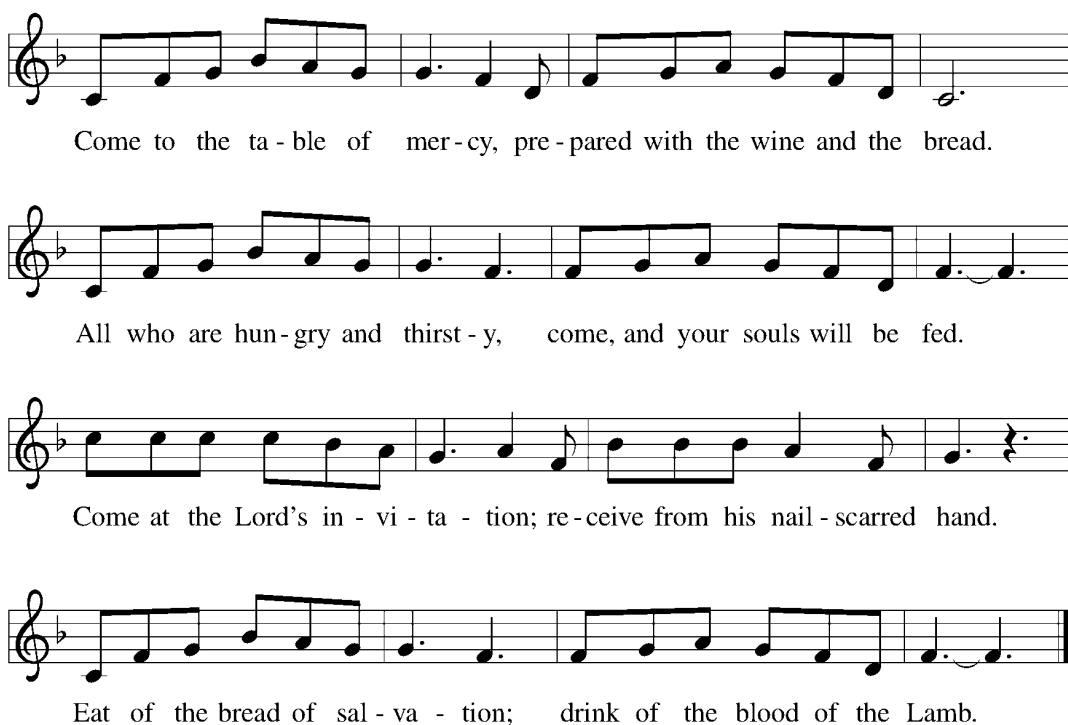
Please come forward at the direction of the ushers. (gluten free and grape juice options available)

Hymn ~ ELW Setting 8 - S191 "Jesus, 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, Lamb of God.

Communion Song ~ ELW 481 "Come to the Table"



Come to the ta-ble of mer-cy, pre-pared with the wine and the bread.
All who are hun-gry and thirst-y, come, and your souls will be fed.
Come at the Lord's in-vi-ta-tion; re-ceive from his nail-scarred hand.
Eat of the bread of sal-va-tion; drink of the blood of the Lamb.

Prayer after Communion

Compassionate God,
through the gifts of bread and wine
our hearts are filled with the abundance of your love.
Strengthen us that we, through this holy meal,
may share your love freely, as you have shared with us.
We ask this in the name of Jesus,
through the Spirit nourishing us now and forever.

Amen

SENDING

Announcements

Please stand

Blessing

The minister blesses the congregation.

Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer,
✝ one God,
bless, heal, and hold you
today and always.

Amen

Sending Song ~ ELW 632 “O God, Our Help in Ages Past” (stanzas 1-4)



- 1 O God, our help in a - ges past, our hope for years to come,
- 2 Un - der the shad - ow of your throne your saints have dwelt se - cure;
- 3 Be - fore the hills in or - der stood or earth re - ceived its frame,
- 4 A thou - sand a - ges in your sight are like an eve - ning gone,



our shel - ter from the storm - y blast, and our e - ter - nal home:
suf - fi - cient is your arm a - lone, and our de - fense is sure.
from ev - er - last - ing you are God, to end - less years the same.
short as the watch that ends the night be - fore the ris - ing sun.

5 Time, like an ever-rolling stream,
bears all our years away;
they fly forgotten, as a dream
dies at the op'ning day.

6 O God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
still be our guard while troubles last
and our eternal home.

Go in peace. Encourage one another in Christ.
Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Father God, give me eyes to see and ears to hear and so I ask: Lord, How is it that you would have me help the neighbor today?

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Worship Team

Message	Pastor Rick Hall
Organist	Andy Gladbach
Greeter	Catherine Menton
CA Bread	Liz Rickertsen
CA Wine #1 (tray)	Barbara Reilly
CA Wine #2 (tray)	Sue Clauss
CA Empty #3 (recp.)	CaroleJean Willis
CA Empty #4 (recp.)	Darlene Michener
Lector	Bonnie Koch
Usher #1	Jeanine Wilson
Usher #2	Barbara Piecka
Gaffer	Sylvia Ottemoeller
Sound	Stephen Howison
Live Stream	Jessie Tobey

Thank You Visitors and Members!

On our elcnoho.org website, please click on “Member/Visitor Form” to give us feedback.

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Emmanuel Lutheran Church
Pictorial Directory
Summer 2026
In North Hollywood since 1946



Dear Congregation Members, the new Pictorial Directory is now available! It will be good for everyone who wonders who those people are that you have been sitting next to all these months (years?). Please contact church Office Manager **Ancel Sitton** and she would be happy to send you the PDF. She can be reached at:

ASitton@elcnoho.org

Or you can call the church at
(818) 761-6124.
Happy viewing!





CORRECTION OF DATE:

August 9, 2026

Fruit Sunday

- ** Bring a cut up fruit to share. It can be any type of fruit, as long as it is washed and cut up.
ie: watermelon, peaches, cantaloupe, cucumbers, etc.
- ** We will be providing cottage cheese, honey, salt & pepper.
- ** We are asking for volunteers to bring grape jelly (16 oz), cheese cubes, or any other condiment that you like, feel free to bring and share. A sign up sheet will be available in the AAJ reception room.

August 23, 2026

Pot Luck Salad Sunday

Sept. 13, 2026

Lox & Bagels

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Join us!

The **handcraft group** meets on
Sunday, August 9th
at 1:00 pm
in the conference room

--Diana Howison



God's Work Our Hands

Sunday, September 13th, 2026

Sunday, September 13: Plan on staying after worship – grab a cup of coffee and help us make quilts for the unhoused in the Reception Room from 11:00 am – 12:00 pm. There will also be sign-ups for various activities that day on the patio.

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.

ELATE Presents:

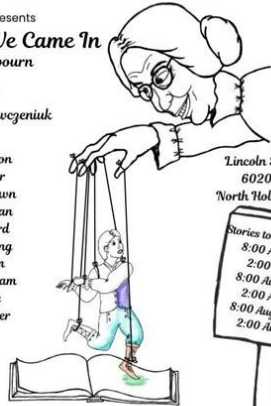
ELATE 2026 presents
This Is Where We Came In
by Alan Ayckbourn

directed by:
Usevolod Yuri Krawczyniuk

featuring:
Samwise Aaron
Anna Booher
Catherine Brown
Allen Corcoran
Kelli Crawford
Lynn De Young
Mikey Fatum
Michael McAdam
Callie Sorce
Gregg Stickler
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Reservations/Information:
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Stories told here today at
8:00 August 14, 15
2:00 August 16
8:00 August 21, 22
2:00 August 23
8:00 August 28, 29
2:00 August 30

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ELATE is a ministry of Emmanuel Lutheran Church

Show Update: *This is Where We Came In* opens Friday, August 14 and runs weekends (F-Sa-Sun) through August 30.

Also coming up are auditions for the brand-new musical *The Three Sillies* written by Lynn DeYoung, opening November 6, running weekends through November 22. Audition dates still to be determined!

This is Where We Came In by Alan Ayckbourn is the next ELATE Production running during the month of August.

Imagine being trapped in a world where you are forced to act out old folk tales told over and over again as told by three very inept story tellers who keep getting the stories wrong. Also image that everything that happens in the stories really happens to you. That's the situation that our five story-players find themselves in. If only someone would come along who could release them from this cycle of folk tale purgatory.

Join our merry band of story-players as they struggle to find the freedom to tell their own stories. *This is Where We Came In* is a delightful, hilarious and heartwarming story for the entire family

Show runs Friday and Saturdays at 8PM on Aug. 14,15,21,22,28,29 and Sundays at 2:00PM on Aug 16,23 and 30. Admission is \$15.00

Call 818-509-0882 or go to
<https://events.ticketleap.com/tickets/elate-1094460696/this-is-where-we-came-in> to purchase tickets



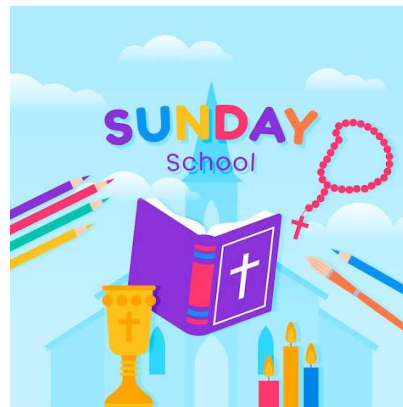
School Committee Seeking Church Representatives

Emmanuel Lutheran Church is seeking member representatives to join the School Committee. This important role has been created by Council to:

- Celebrate our success by recognizing and celebrating the accomplishments, milestones, and ongoing successes within the school communities.
- Promote effective communication between the schools, congregation and Congregation Council.
- Provide thoughtful guidance on areas needing attention or improvement to ensure the ongoing excellence of the schools' academic, spiritual, and community programs.
- Assist in long-term planning for the enhancement of LHS and LHP.
- Help maintain and strengthen the relationship between the schools, the church, and the broader community.

Questions can be directed to Mark Rickertsen, School Committee Chair via email (mark.rickertsen@yahoo.com or text 818-469-9455).

Sunday School Announcements



Soda Bottles Needed

Sunday School is preparing for Rally Day and needs empty, clean, two-liter soda bottles. If you would like to donate, please see Mark Rickertsen to make arrangements.

Important Sunday School Announcements

Thank you to everyone for their input and feedback about the Sunday School Format. Sunday School will remain during the Sermon time of our regular worship service. We will be having our kick off Rally Day soon. We will resume meeting in September. If you're interested in helping out, we need teaching assistants! See Mark Rickertsen or Pastor Rick if you have questions or would like to volunteer.

Contact Us

Please check as many as you wish.

- ☐ I wish to meet with Pastor Rick Hall to learn more about the sacrament of Holy Communion.
- ☐ I wish to meet with Pastor Rick Hall to learn more about the sacrament of Holy Baptism.
- ☐ I wish to meet with Pastor Rick Hall to learn more about becoming a member of Emmanuel Lutheran Church.
- ☐ 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!