

Emmanuel Lutheran Church

of North Hollywood

Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost

Bulletin for Worship

November 15, 2026

10:00 am

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

Prelude

Please stand

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

Confession And Forgiveness

The assembly stands. 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,
our dwelling place for all generations,
whose compassion never slumbers.
Amen.
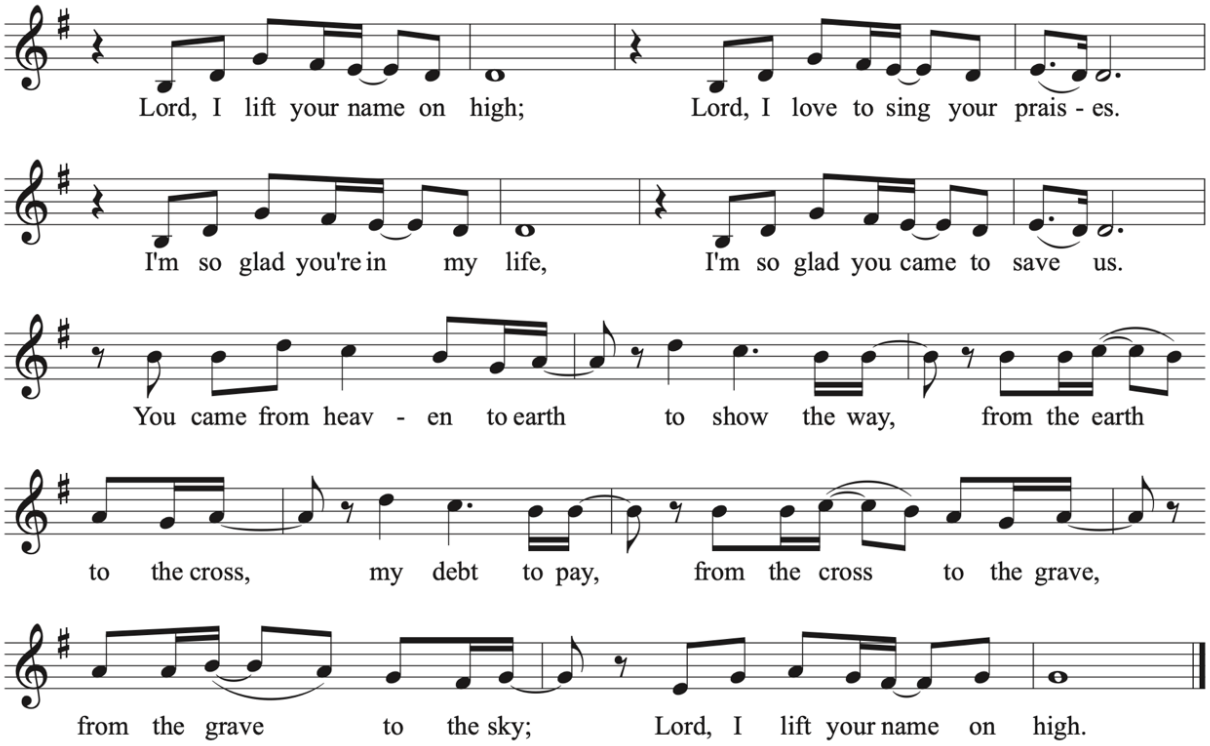
The presiding minister may lead one of the following or another prayer of preparation.

Confident that God justifies us by grace through faith,
let us confess our sin.
Amen.

Holy God,
we confess that we have trusted in our preparation
instead of your invitation.
We prioritize our piety over care for your beloved.
We trust the voice of our shame and fear,
which keeps us from entering fully
into relationship with you and others.
We are not awake to the coming of your reign.
Rouse us and rescue us,
that we may enter into your joy.
Amen.

Inherit the riches of God's grace.
☩ Jesus, the good shepherd, feeds you with his mercy.
You are forgiven.
Blessed are you.
Amen.

Gathering Song ~ ELW 857 "Lord, I Lift Your Name on High"



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.
Righteous God, our merciful master, you own the earth and all its peoples, and you give us all that we have. Inspire us to serve you with justice and wisdom, and prepare us for the joy of the day of your coming, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

Please be seated

WORD

Musical Offering ~ "Clap Your Hands! (¡Pueblos todos, aplaudan!)"
Laurel Hall 2nd grade
solos, Elle Fox and Adrian Nurizzo
Directed by Jennie Olivia

Children's Message ~ Pastor Rick Hall

The children are invited to Sunday School

First Reading Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18

7 Be silent before the Lord GOD, for the day of the LORD is at hand! The LORD
has prepared a sacrifice; he has consecrated his guests. 12 At that time I will
search Jerusalem with lamps, and I will punish the people who settle like
dregs in wine, those who say in their hearts, "The LORD will not do good, nor
will he do harm." 13 Their wealth shall be plundered and their houses laid
waste. Though they build houses, they shall not inhabit them; though they
plant vineyards, they shall not drink wine from them. 14 The great day of the
LORD is near, near and hastening fast; the sound of the day of the LORD is
bitter; the warrior cries aloud there. 15 That day will be a day of wrath, a day
of distress and anguish, a day of ruin and devastation, a day of darkness and
gloom, a day of clouds and thick darkness, 16 a day of trumpet blast and
battle cry against the fortified cities and against the lofty battlements. 17 I
will bring such distress upon people that they shall walk like the blind;
because they have sinned against the LORD, their blood shall be poured out
like dust and their flesh like dung. 18 Neither their silver nor their gold will be
able to save them on the day of the LORD's wrath; in the fire of his passion
the whole earth shall be consumed, for a full, a terrible end he will make of
all the inhabitants of the earth
The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Psalm: 90:1-12

1 Lord, you have been our refuge
from one generation to another.
2 **Before the mountains were brought forth, or the land and the earth were born, from age to age you are God.**
3 You turn us back to the dust and say,
"Turn back, O children of earth."
4 **For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is past and like a watch in the night;**
5 you sweep them away like a dream,
they fade away suddenly like the grass:
6 **in the morning it is green and flourishes;**
in the evening it is dried up and withered.
7 For we are consumed by your anger;
we are afraid because of your wrath.
8 **Our iniquities you have set before you,**
and our secret sins in the light of your countenance.
9 When you are angry, all our days are gone;
we bring our years to an end like a sigh.
10 **The span of our life is seventy years, perhaps in strength even eighty; yet the sum of them is but labor and sorrow, for they pass away quickly and we are gone.**
11 Who regards the power of your wrath?
Who rightly fears your indignation?
12 **So teach us to number our days**
that we may apply our hearts to wisdom.
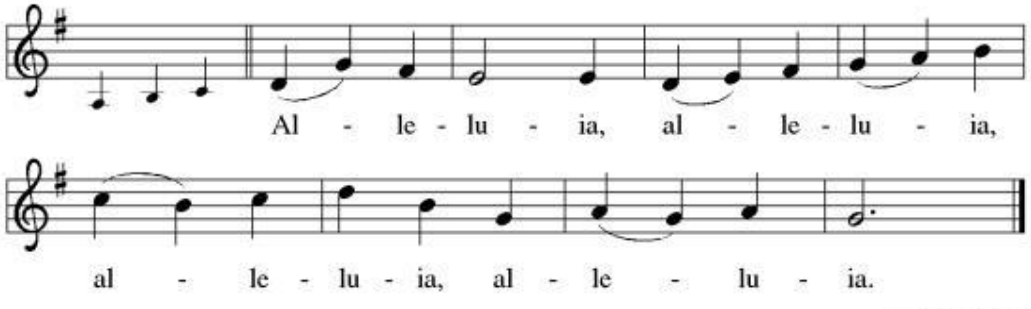
Second Reading 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

1 Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need
to have anything written to you. 2 For you yourselves know very well that the day of
the Lord will come like a thief in the night. 3 When they say, "There is peace and
security," then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labor pains come upon
a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! 4 But you, brothers and sisters, are
not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; 5 for you are all children of
light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. 6 So, then, let
us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober, 7 for those who
sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. 8 But since we
belong to the day, let us be sober and put on the breastplate of faith and love and

for a helmet the hope of salvation. [9] For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, [10] who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. [11] Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.
The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Please stand

Gospel Acclamation



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

Gospel

Matthew 25:14-30

[Jesus said to the disciples:] [14] "For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; [15] to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. At once [16] the one who had received the five talents went off and traded with them and made five more talents. [17] In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. [18] But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. [19] After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. [20] Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.' [21] His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things; I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' [22] And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.' [23] His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things; I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' [24] Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow and gathering where you did not scatter, [25] so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent
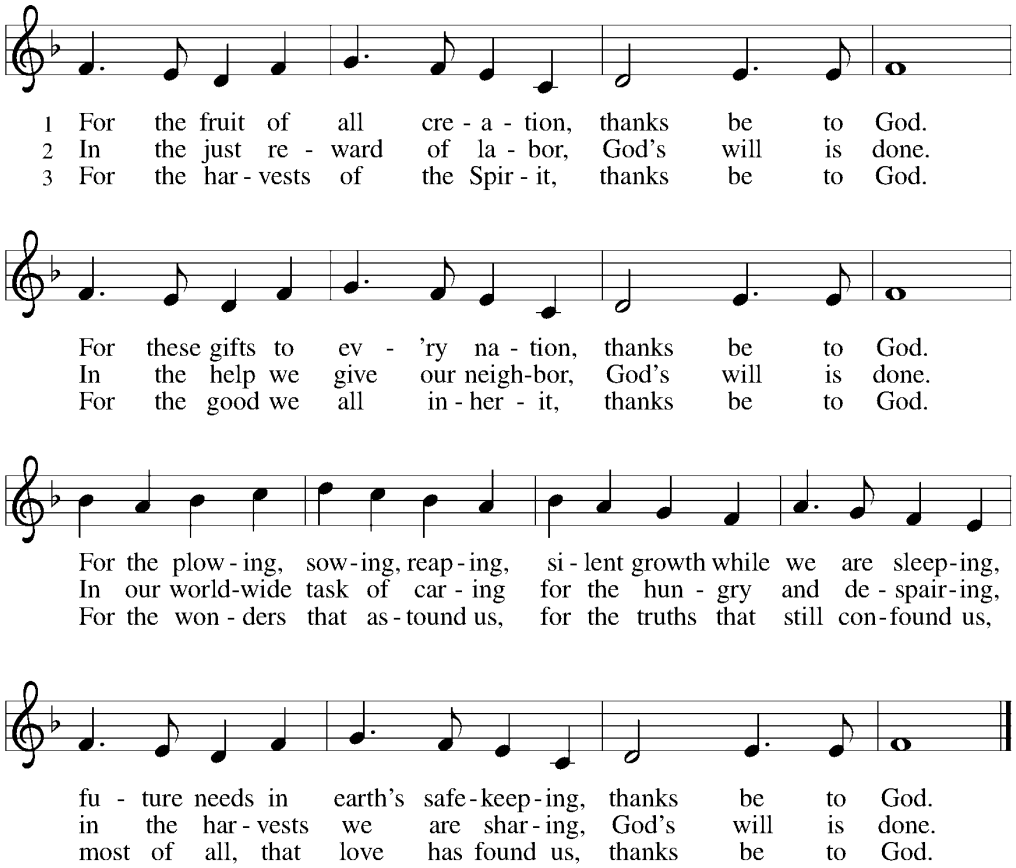
in the ground. Here you have what is yours.’ [26] But his master replied, ‘You
wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow
and gather where I did not scatter? [27] Then you ought to have invested my
money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was
my own with interest. [28] So take the talent from him, and give it to the one
with the ten talents. [29] For to all those who have, more will be given, and
they will have an abundance, but from those who have nothing, even what
they have will be taken away. [30] As for this worthless slave, throw him into
the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’ ”
The gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

Sermon ~ Pastor Rick Hall

Please stand

Hymn of the Day ~ 679 “For the Fruit of All Creation”



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 these or similar words.

United with the great cloud of witnesses, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all of creation.

After each petition of the prayers…

God, in your mercy,
receive our prayer.

The presiding minister concludes the prayers with these words

Into your steadfast love, faithful God, we entrust all for whom we pray, in the name of Jesus, your beloved.
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

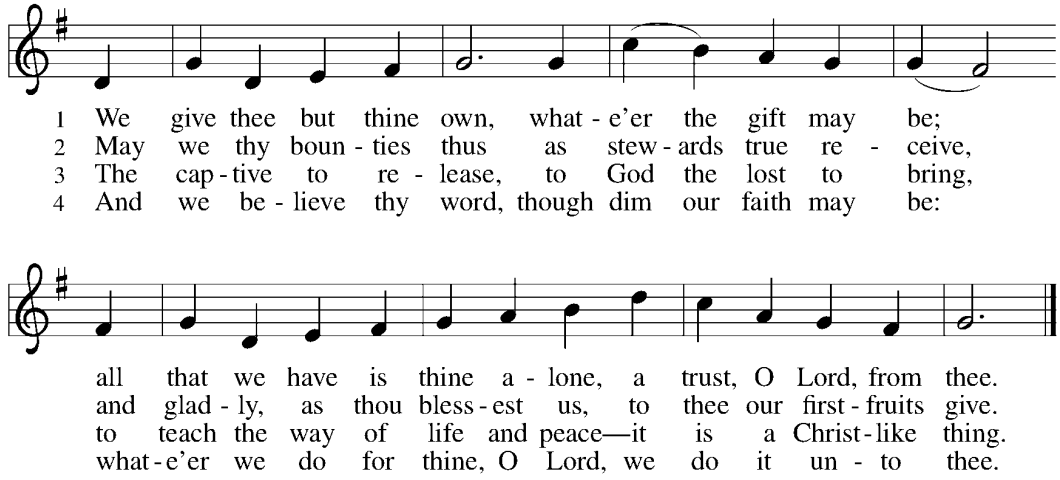
For those not worshipping in person, please mail your tithe or offering to the church, give online at our website, or use the link here to give.

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Musical Offering ~ "Thee We Adore, O Hidden Savior"
arranged by Cathy Mocklebust 17th century French
Emmanuel Lutheran Handbell Ensemble

Please stand

Offertory Song ~ ELW 686 "We Give Thee but Thine Own"
stanza 1



Offering Prayer

Eternal God,
our time, talents, and treasures are gifts from you.
Receive what we offer,
and all that you entrust to us,
until hungry no more, all the world is fed,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

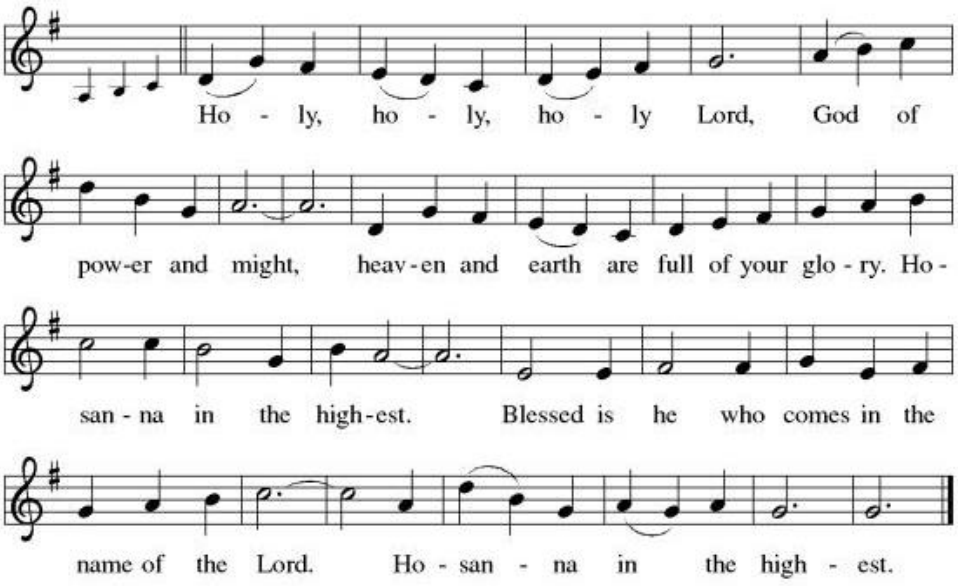
Great Thanksgiving

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



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
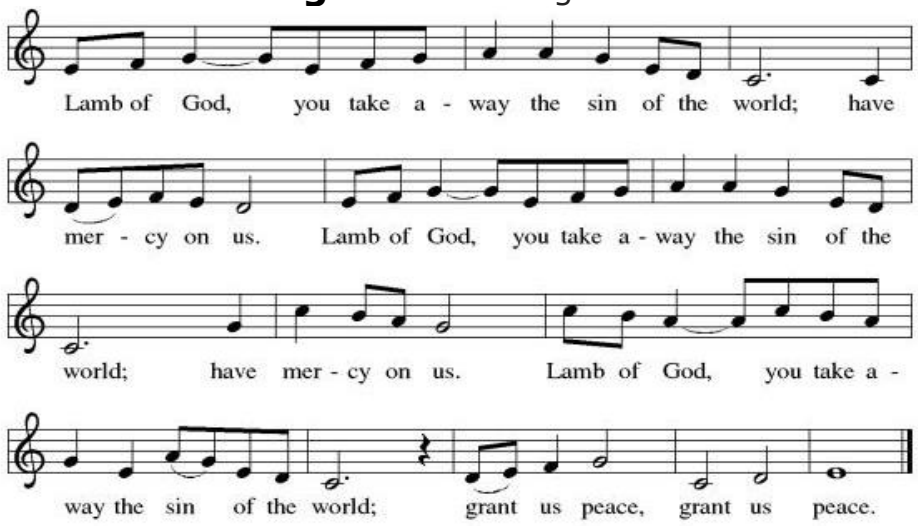
Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever.
Amen.

Communion
Come to the banquet, for all is now ready.

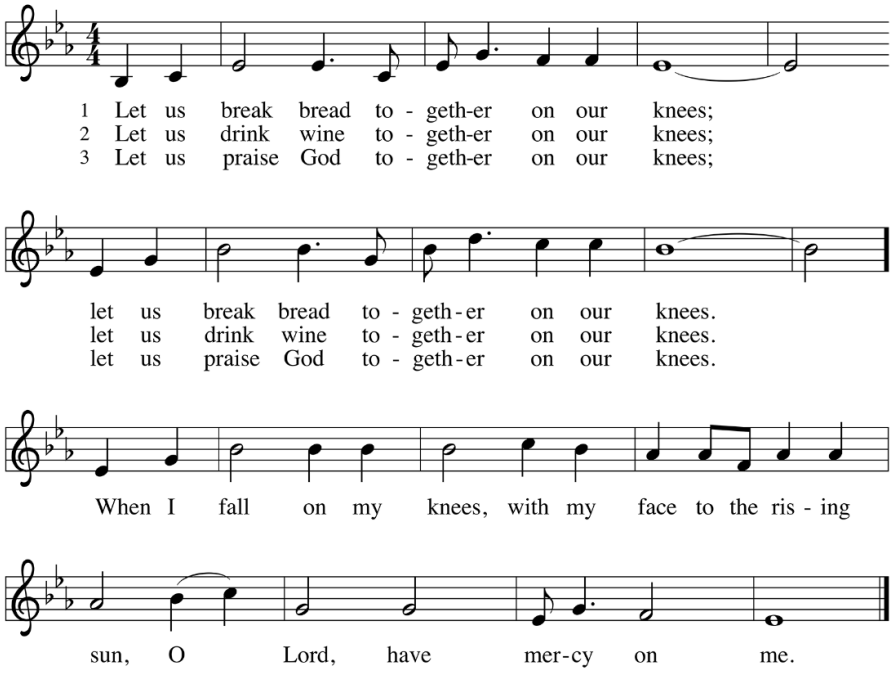
Please be seated

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)

Communion Song ~ ELW Setting 1 S112 "Lamb of God"



Communion Song ~ ELW 471 "Let Us Break Bread Together"



Prayer after Communion

Holy God,
we have received your never-ending mercy in this meal.
You continuously seek the lost,
bind the injured,
and feed your people abundantly.
Now send us out,
awake to your presence,
now and forever.
Amen.

SENDING

Announcements

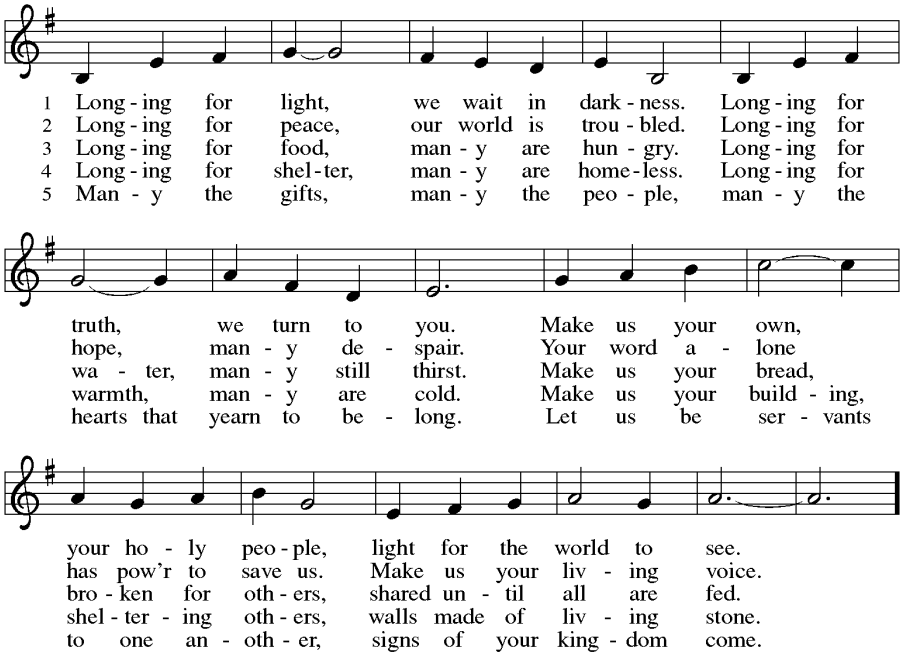
Please stand

Blessing

The minister blesses the congregation.

The holy Trinity,
Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit,
bless you with wisdom to welcome the reign of God,
today and always.
Amen.

Sending Song ~ ELW 715 "Christ, Be Our Light" (verses 1 and 2)



Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
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?

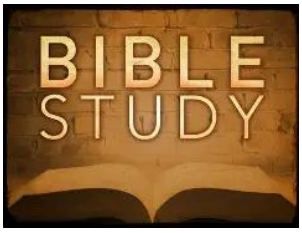
Worship Team

Message	Pastor Rick Hall
Greeter	Jeanine Wilson
CA Bread	Liz Rickertsen
CA Wine #1 (tray)	Sue Clauss
CA Wine #2 (tray)	Bonnie Koch
CA Empty #3 (recp.)	George Watson
CA Empty #4 (recp.)	Sylvia Ottemoeller
Lector	Bonnie Koch
Usher #1	Kurt Marsden
Usher #2	Debie Marsden
Gaffer	Bonnie Ericson
Sound	Ted Akin
Live Stream	Jessie Toby

ANNOUNCEMENTS







***The Bible* — History through 13 of Paul's Letters**

October 25-December 20

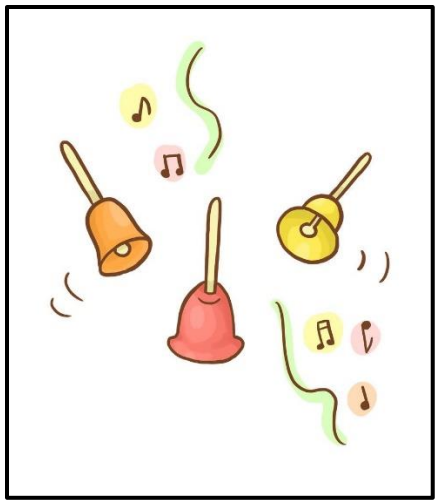
The Adult Bible Study is getting into **"The Bible."** We have just completed the four Gospels and are moving on to the **Acts of the Apostles through all 13 of Paul's Letters** to the churches. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend our fun-filled discussion-based study on *The Bible*.

Join us **Sunday, morning at 9:00 a.m.** in the church conference room.

Key verses which highlight the book of the Bible we are studying that week, helps us get to the heart of that book. We have already learned how much Jesus pointed back to the Old Testament as reported in the Gospels.

Hope to see you on Sunday at 9:00 a.m. sharp.

--Liz, Bible Study facilitator



Children's Chime and Bell Ensemble

If you're elementary school age and would like to ring some chimes and bells, we have a place for you!

For six weeks (not consecutive) after church, our Minister of Music, Mark Longfield, will teach children how to ring handbells and chimes. We'll also learn some music basics, like rhythm and singing.

We'll meet for 30 minutes, from 11:15–11:45 a.m., in the handbell room (through the sanctuary and to the left).

On December 20, the kids will have the opportunity to play something during the 10 a.m. church service.

Here are the dates:

- November 15
- November 22
- December 6
- December 13

Children are welcome to attend any practices they can make, even if they can only come to one. They'll still learn something and have fun! If they can't make the December 20 service, that's OK, too.

Any elementary school student, from any school, is welcome!Please email Mark with any questions: mlongfield@laurelhall.com

Mark Longfield
Director of Music
Guitar and Handbell Teacher

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Christmas

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NOVEMBER 1ST 2026 – DECEMBER 6TH 2026

LAUREL HALL PRESCHOOL

MORE INFO

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TUESDAY NIGHT GAME NIGHT!!

WHO:	EVERYONE!!!
WHAT:	MEXICAN TRAIN DOMINOES
WHEN:	TUESDAY NIGHTS 6-9:30pm
WHERE:	RECEPTION ROOM @ ELC
WHY:	FELLOWSHIP & LAUGHTER



** We meet at 6:00pm in the reception room for a quick bite to eat (BYOF (food)) and then we start playing. (If you choose, you can eat at home before coming and arrive before 6:30).

COME JOIN US FOR A NIGHT OF FUN & LAUGHTER!!
HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!!!

Emmanuel Lutheran Church presents:

TURKEY STEM RUN

Science • Technology • Engineering • Mathematics

Join our Second-Grade Families after church

November 15th

for a "Turkey Run" STEM activity.

All member and families are invited to join in the event (building Turkey Models and then racing them thru an obstacle course) or watch and encourage our LHS students and their families.



Another great new original musical is coming soon to ELATE's stage beginning November 6th! It's *The 3 Sillies*!

In a once-upon a time and town, a young man breaks off the engagement to his neighbor's daughter, deciding she's far too silly to marry when he finds her and her parents weeping over an imagined future incident with an axe. When they protest, he agrees to marry her if he can find three sillier people anywhere in the world.

Join the town and our young couple as they search for Sillies and learn who they are and what it means to love. *The 3 Sillies* is a delightful musical comedy for the whole family.

Book and Lyrics by Lynn DeYoung, Music by Tom Pease. Directed by Lynn DeYoung. Featuring: Samwise Aaron, Ryan Alexander, Sara Blythe, Anna Booher, Hannah Crowe, Emily Dane, Lynn DeYoung, Mae Linh Fatum, Shaun Hardy, Vsevolod Krawczeniuk, Kobe Kubes, Marilyn Lazik, Michael McAdam, Gregg Stickeler, Kappa V

Fridays & Saturdays at 8pm, November 6, 7, 13, 14, 20, 21.

Sundays at 2pm, November 8, 15, 22, Lincoln Stegman Theatre.

Reservations/Information: 818-509-0882

Purchase tickets online: **https://events.ticketleap.com/.../elate.../the-three-sillies**

$15 General Admission.