



Emmanuel Lutheran Church

of North Hollywood

Second Sunday of Easter

Bulletin for Worship

April 12, 2026

10:00am

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

GATHERING

Prelude

Please stand

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

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne
and to the Lamb!

Amen.

Let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism.

Water may be poured into the font as the presiding minister continues.

Merciful God,

you are the one who was, who is, and who is to come.

You lead us beside still waters.

We thank you for the waters of creation:

morning dew, gentle rain, roaring waves.

We thank you for the waters that nourish us (*local waters may be named*).

Blessed are you.

You guide us to springs of the water of life.

Jesus Christ, you are the faithful witness

who accompanies us on our journeys.

We give you thanks for your life-giving death and resurrection.

We praise you for joining us in joy and sorrow.

Blessed are you.

You guide us to springs of the water of life.

Holy Spirit, you anoint our head with oil and our cup overflows.

Break down barriers that divide us.

Fill us with the breath of peace.

Blessed are you.

You guide us to springs of the water of life.

Holy One, we thank you for the gifts and grace of baptism,
and for making us a new creation.

We join with saints and angels, giving you honor and praise,
now and forever.

Amen.

Gathering Song ~ ELW 165 "Worthy is Christ"

Refrain
Assisting minister



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia.

All



1 Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo-ple of God. Pow-er and rich-es and wis-dom and



strength, and hon-or and bless-ing and glo-ry are his.

Refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia.



2 Sing with all the peo-ple of God and join in the



hymn of all cre-a-tion: Bless-ing and hon-or and glo-ry and



might be to God and the Lamb for-ev-er. A-men.

Final refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain



has be-gun his reign. Al-le-lu-ia. Al-le-lu-ia.

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 and eternal God, the strength of those who believe and the hope of those who doubt, may we, who have not seen, have faith in you and receive the fullness of Christ's blessing, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Please be seated

Children's Message ~ Pastor Rick Hall

The children are invited to Sunday School

First Lesson

Acts 2:14a, 22-32

^{14a} Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed [the crowd]: ²² "Fellow Israelites, listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know ²³ this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law. ²⁴ But God raised him up, having released him from the agony of death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power. ²⁵ For David says concerning him, 'I saw the Lord always before me, for he is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken; ²⁶ therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced; moreover, my flesh will live in hope. ²⁷ For you will not abandon my soul to Hades or let your Holy One experience corruption. ²⁸ You have made known to me the ways of life; you will make me full of gladness with your presence.' ²⁹ "Fellow Israelites, I may say to you confidently of our ancestor David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. ³⁰ Since he was a prophet, he knew that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would put one of his descendants on his throne. ³¹ Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying, 'He was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh experience corruption.' ³² "This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses." and will act, says the LORD."

Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm: 16

- ¹ Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you;
I have said to the LORD, "You are my Lord, my good above all other."
- ² **All my delight is in the godly that are in the land,
upon those who are noble among the people.**
- ³ But those who run after other gods
shall have their troubles multiplied.
- ⁴ **I will not pour out drink offerings to such gods,
never take their names upon my lips.**
- ⁵ O LORD, you are my portion and my cup;
it is you who uphold my lot.
- ⁶ **My boundaries enclose a pleasant land;
indeed, I have a rich inheritance.**
- ⁷ I will bless the LORD who gives me counsel;
my heart teaches me night after night.
- ⁸ **I have set the LORD always before me;
because God is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.**
- ⁹ My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices;
my body also shall rest in hope.
- ¹⁰ **For you will not abandon me to the grave,
nor let your holy one see the pit.**
- ¹¹ You will show me the path of life;
in your presence there is fullness of joy, and in your right hand
are pleasures forevermore.

Second Lesson

1 Peter 1:3-9

³ Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead ⁴ and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, ⁵ who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. ⁶ In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, ⁷ so that the genuineness of your faith—being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. ⁸ Although you have not seen him, you love him, and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, ⁹ for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand

Gospel Acclamation ~ ELW S 151a

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

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

Gospel

John 20:19-31

¹⁹ When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors were locked where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁰ After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹ Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." ²² When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³ If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

²⁴ But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵ So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

²⁶ A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁷ Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." ²⁸ Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" ²⁹ Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

³⁰ Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples that are not written in this book. ³¹ But these are written so that you may continue to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

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.

Trusting in the power of Christ's resurrection to heal and redeem our broken world, let us pray for the needs of all creation.

Brief silence

After each petition of the prayers...

Leader: Hear us, O God

People: Receive our prayer.

The presiding minister concludes the prayers with these words.

God of resurrection power, use us and these prayers to proclaim the good news of new life to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Savior.

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

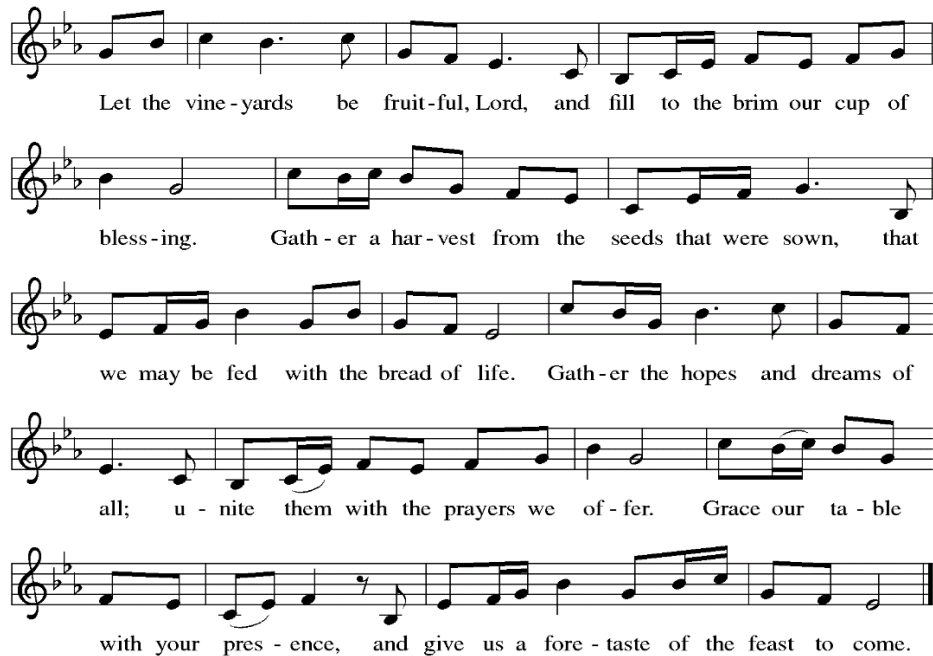
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Musical Offering

Please stand

Offertory Song ~ ELW 183 Let the Vineland Be Fruitful



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. Grace our ta-ble
with your pres-ence, and give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.

Offertory Prayer

Merciful God,
accept the fruits of our labor, gathered to give you glory.
You have set a table before us, a glimpse of that great day
when we will hunger and thirst no more.
Nourish us with the body and blood of Jesus,
that goodness and mercy may follow us
and bless the world you love.
In the name of Jesus,

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.

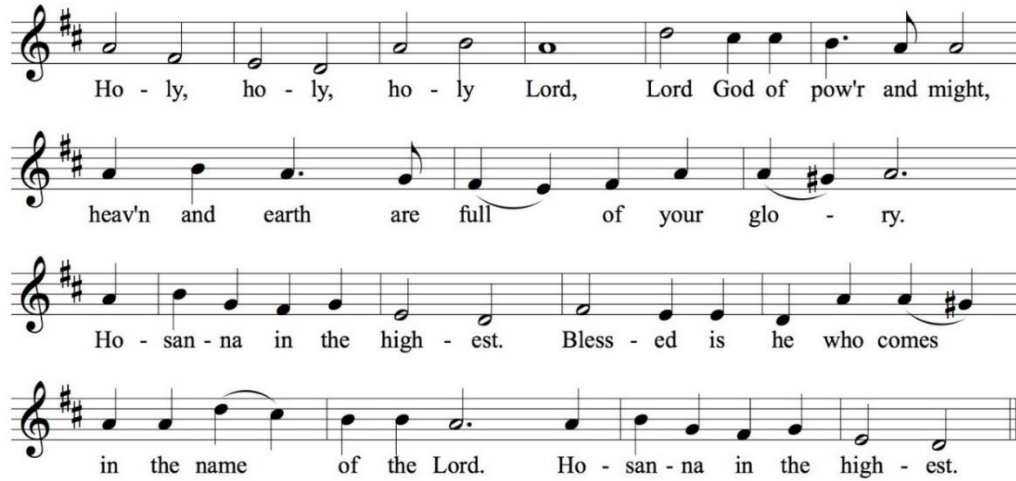
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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 190



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r 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.

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.

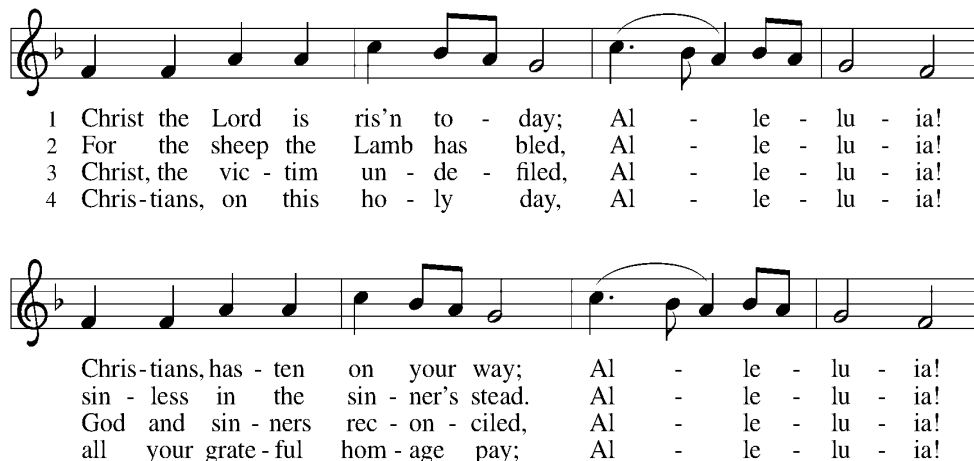
Please come forward at the direction of the ushers. (gluten free and grape juice options available)

Hymn ~ ELW s154 "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.

Communion Song ~ ELW 369 "Christ the Lord Is Risen Today; Alleluia!"



1 Christ the Lord is ris'n to - day; Al - le - lu - ia!
2 For the sheep the Lamb has bled, Al - le - lu - ia!
3 Christ, the vic - tim un - de - filed, Al - le - lu - ia!
4 Chris-tians, on this ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!

Chris-tians, has - ten on your way; Al - le - lu - ia!
sin - less in the sin - ner's stead. Al - le - lu - ia!
God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled, Al - le - lu - ia!
all your grate - ful hom - age pay; Al - le - lu - ia!



of - fer praise with love re - plete, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Christ the Lord is ris'n on high; Al - le - lu - ia!
 when con - tend - ing death and life, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Christ the Lord is ris'n on high; Al - le - lu - ia!



at the pas - chal vic - tim's feet. Al - le - lu - ia!
 now he lives, no more to die. Al - le - lu - ia!
 met in strange and awe - some strife. Al - le - lu - ia!
 now he lives, no more to die. Al - le - lu - ia!

Prayer after Communion

Holy One,
 through this meal you have made your home among us
 and are making all things new.
 Send us now to speak peace to anxious hearts,
 to love our enemies,
 and to bring your healing to the nations.
 In the name of Jesus,

Amen

SENDING

Announcements

Please stand

Blessing

The minister blesses the congregation.

God Almighty, who is the beginning and the end,
 Jesus Christ, the firstborn of the dead,
 and the Spirit, our advocate and peace,
 ✚ bless you now and forever.

Amen

Sending Song ~ ELW 363 “Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain”
 stanzas 1, 4, 5



1 Come, you faith - ful, raise the strain of tri - um - phant glad - ness!
 2 'Tis the spring of souls to - day; Christ has burst his pris - on,
 3 Now the queen of sea - sons, bright with the day of splen - dor,
 4 Nei - ther could the gates of death, nor the tomb's dark por - tal,
 5 Al - le - lu - ia! now we cry to our Lord im - mor - tal,



God has brought forth Is - ra - el in - to joy from sad - ness,
 and from three days' sleep in death as a sun has ris - en.
 with the roy - al feast of feasts comes its joy to ren - der;
 nor the watch - ers, nor the seal, hold you as a mor - tal;
 who tri - um - phant burst the bars of the tomb's dark por - tal;



loosed from Pha-raoh's bit - ter yoke Ja - cob's sons and daugh - ters;
 All the win - ter of our sins, long and dark, is fly - ing
 comes to glad Jer - u - sa - lem, who with true af - fec - tion
 but to - day, a - mong your own, you ap - pear, be - stow - ing
 Al - le - lu - ia! with the Son God the Fa - ther prais - ing;



led them with un - moist - ened foot through the Red Sea wa - ters.
 from the Light to whom we give laud and praise un - dy - ing.
 wel - comes in un - wea - ried strain Je - sus' res - ur - rec - tion!
 your deep peace, which ev - er - more pass - es hu - man know - ing.
 Al - le - lu - ia! yet a - gain to the Spir - it rais - ing.

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
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Greeter #2	Rebecca Nesse
CA Bread	Mark Longfield
CA Wine #1 (tray)	George Watson
CA Wine #2 (tray)	Sue Clauss
CA Empty #3 (recp.)	Gail Bohannon
CA Empty #4 (recp.)	Diana Howison
Lector	Jeff Thorson
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Usher #2	Barbara Piecka
Gaffer	Marshall Bowen
Sound	Ted Akin
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

Member Directory

Dear Congregation Members, our Directory Task Force (Marshall Bowen, Terri Lau, Elsa Lewis, Adrienne Madolora and George Watson) have been hard at work reaching out via emails. We are asking for a confirmation of the way you would like your listing in the new Emmanuel pictorial directory. When you receive the email, please respond with any updated information. If you have not heard from us yet, you should be getting that email in the next week or so.

If you would prefer talking on the phone, please call **Elsa Lewis at (818) 590-5169.**

We would like a photo from everyone in the directory. A picture taken with your smartphone will work. Let us know if you would prefer us to arrange to have your photo taken on a Sunday morning. **Thanks for your help.**

Directory task force: Marshall Bowen, Chair, Terri Lau, Elsa Lewis, Adrienne Madolora and George Watson.

[“12 Disciples of Jesus” continues in the Adult Bible Study](#)

Join our Adult Sunday morning Bible Study/Sunday School, every Sunday **at 9:00 a.m. sharp** and conclude at 9:45 to get ready for worship. We meet in the Conference Room on the first floor of the Administration building. Our upcoming topics include:



Sunday, April 19 – The Women who followed Jesus – Martha & Mary

Sunday, April 26 – The Women who followed Jesus – Mary Magdalene

Sunday, May 3 – The Women who followed Jesus – The Samaritan Woman (we heard about her in Pastor Rick's sermon on 3/8/26)!!

Sunday, May 10 – The Women who followed Jesus – Lydia

Our lively group always has room for more, as we learn about those closest to Jesus. See you on Sunday morning. –Liz

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SATURDAY APRIL 18, 2026
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Confirmation Classes continue as we partner with other churches in the Twin Valley Conference to teach Confirmation classes. Classes will be held Sunday afternoons from 1:30- 3:30pm at differing locations and churches throughout the Conference. Classes will only be once a month and will run until May.

If you are in the 6-8th grade and want to attend or if you are the parent of a middle schooler who wants their kiddo to attend, please contact Pastor Rick at rhall@elcnoho.org or call the church 818-761-6124 or catch him on Sunday. It should be an exciting year of learning as we will focus on: What does it mean to be Lutheran?

A Message From Your Nominating Committee



We are looking for congregation members who would like to share their gifts and talents by serving on Council, the Nominating Committee (if you have been a member at least 2 years), or as Trustee on the Emmanuel Lutheran Foundation. If you are interested in serving for one of these positions or finding out more about the positions contact Sue Clauss; Nominating Committee Chair at sueelc@aol.com; talk to one of the other Nominating Committee Members. Read the full description of duties [HERE](#).

Open positions for 2026/2027 are President, Treasurer, two Members-At-Large on Council, two positions on Nominating Committee, and two positions on ELF. This is a great way to serve our community and our Lord as well as have fun working with other members of Emmanuel!

Nominating Committee Members: Chair: Sue Clauss, Bonnie Ericson, Kristen Longfield, Kathleen Marsden, and Sylvia Ottemoeller.

FROM THE WRITER OF AMADEUS
Lettice & LOVAGE
by Peter Shaffer
Directed by Mikey Fatim

April 19th - May 3rd
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ELATE presents *Lettice and Lovage*, the story of a later in life friendship between the most unlikely humans. Lettice, an eccentric child of the theatre, and Lotte, the epitomes career women find common ground in Peter Shaffer's wonderful tale of worlds colliding. It's a joyous, laugh a minute way to remind ourselves that differences can be overcome, and anyone can become friends. Even if an axe happens to be involved. *Lettice and Lovage* runs April 17, 18, 19, 24, 25, 26 and May 1, 2, 3, Friday and Saturdays at 8pm, Sundays at 2pm in the Lincoln Stegman Theatre.

Tickets available for purchase at the door, online [here](#), or by calling 818-509-0882.

A Season of Renewal & Resolve



April brings longer days, warmer afternoons, and the first real signs of spring. There's a sense of forward motion this time of year, a reminder that growth and renewal are possible. At the pantry, that same spirit fuels our work.

Across Los Angeles County, many families are still feeling the strain of high housing costs, rising grocery prices, and wages that have not kept pace with the cost of living.

Nearly one in four households continues to experience food insecurity. For parents, seniors, and working neighbors who are doing everything they can, that gap is real.

Spring invites us to step into action with fresh energy. It is a season to roll up our sleeves, strengthen our partnerships, and show up for our community with empathy and purpose. With your support, we continue to meet the need head on, making sure that as the weather warms, hope and stability grow right alongside it.

There is work to do, and we are ready for it together.

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.org)

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.org)

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NHIFP DISTRIBUTION

11634 Moorpark Street, Studio City
(1/2 block east of Colfax)

Mondays and Fridays between 7:30 AM - 11:00 AM

TEMPLE BETH HILLEL

12326 Riverside Drive, Valley Village
(enter off Laurelgrove)

Mondays and Fridays between 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM

GOT EXTRA GROCERY BAGS?

If you've got gently used paper or plastic bags taking up space in your pantry, we'd love to give them a second life! Drop them at our distribution site Mondays and Fridays between 7:30 AM and 11:00AM —we'll put them to good use!

Plastic bags are especially appreciated.

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!