



Emmanuel Lutheran Church
of North Hollywood

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

Bulletin for Worship

August 24, 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.

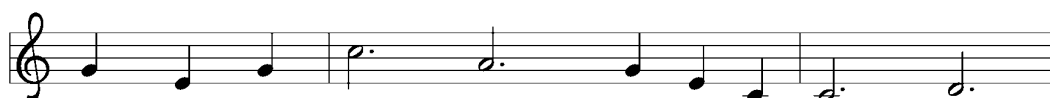
Gathering Song ~ ELW 556 "Morning Has Broken"



1 Morn - ing has bro - ken like the first morn - ing;
 2 Sweet the rain's new fall, sun - lit from heav - en,
 3 Mine is the sun - light! Mine is the morn - ing,



black-bird has spo - ken like the first bird.
 like the first dew - fall on the first grass.
 born of the one light E - den saw play!



Praise for the sing - ing! Praise for the morn - ing!
 Praise for the sweet - ness of the wet gar - den,
 Praise with e - la - tion, praise ev - 'ry morn - ing,



Praise for them, spring - ing fresh from the Word!
 sprung in com - plete - ness where God's feet pass.
 God's re - cre - a - tion of the new day!

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, mighty and immortal, you know that as fragile creatures surrounded by great dangers, we cannot by ourselves stand upright. Give us strength of mind and body, so that even when we suffer because of human sin, we may rise victorious through your Son, 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

Isaiah 58:9b-14

^{9b} If you remove the yoke from among you, the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil, ¹⁰ if you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted, then your light shall rise in the darkness and your gloom be like the noonday. ¹¹ The LORD will guide you continually and satisfy your needs in parched places and make your bones strong, and you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring of water whose waters never fail. ¹² Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt; you shall raise up the foundations of many generations; you shall be called the repairer of the breach, the restorer of streets to live in. ¹³ If you refrain from trampling the Sabbath, from pursuing your own interests on my holy day; if you call the Sabbath a delight and the holy day of the LORD honorable; if you honor it, not going your own ways, serving your own interests or pursuing your own affairs; ¹⁴ then you shall take delight in the LORD, and I will make you ride upon the heights of the earth; I will feed you with the heritage of your ancestor Jacob, for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.

Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm: 103:1-8

¹ Bless the LORD, O my soul,
and all that is within me, bless God's holy name.
² **Bless the LORD, O my soul,**
and forget not all God's benefits—
³ who forgives all your sins
and heals all your diseases;
⁴ **who redeems your life from the grave**
and crowns you with steadfast love and mercy;
⁵ who satisfies your desires with good things
so that your youth is renewed like an eagle's.
⁶ **O LORD, you provide vindication**
and justice for all who are oppressed.
⁷ You made known your ways to Moses
and your works to the children of Israel.
⁸ **LORD, you are full of compassion and mercy,**
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

Second Lesson

Hebrews 12:18-29

¹⁸ You have not come to something that can be touched, a blazing fire, and darkness, and gloom, and a tempest, ¹⁹ and the sound of a trumpet, and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that not another word be spoken to them. ²⁰ (For they could not endure the order that was given, "If even an animal touches the mountain, it shall be stoned to death.") ²¹ Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, "I tremble with fear.") ²² But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, ²³ and to the

assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, ²⁴ and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.

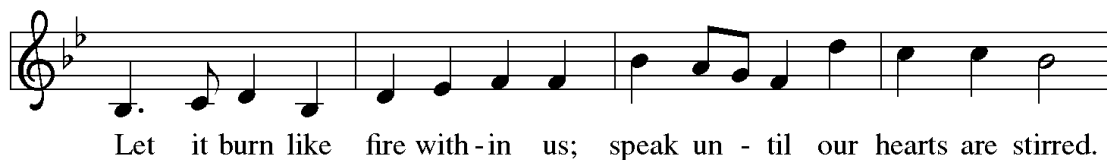
²⁵ See that you do not refuse the one who is speaking, for if they did not escape when they refused the one who warned them on earth, how much less will we escape if we reject the one who warns from heaven! ²⁶ At that time his voice shook the earth, but now he has promised, “Yet once more I will shake not only the earth but also the heaven.” ²⁷ This phrase, “Yet once more,” indicates the removal of what is shaken—that is, created things—so that what cannot be shaken may remain. ²⁸ Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us show gratitude, by which we may offer to God an acceptable worship with reverence and awe, ²⁹ for indeed our God is a consuming fire.

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 13:10-17

¹⁰ Now [Jesus] was teaching in one of the synagogues on the Sabbath. ¹¹ And just then there appeared a woman with a spirit that had crippled her for eighteen years. She was bent over and was quite unable to stand up straight. ¹² When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said, “Woman, you are set free from your ailment.” ¹³ When he laid his hands on her, immediately she stood up straight and began praising God. ¹⁴ But the

leader of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had cured on the Sabbath, kept saying to the crowd, "There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be cured and not on the Sabbath day." ¹⁵ But the Lord answered him and said, "You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the Sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger and lead it to water? ¹⁶ And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen long years, be set free from this bondage on the Sabbath day?" ¹⁷ When he said this, all his opponents were put to shame, and the entire crowd was rejoicing at all the wonderful things being done by him.

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated

Message ~ Pastor Chuck Bunnell

Please stand

Hymn ~ ELW 838 "Beautiful Savior"



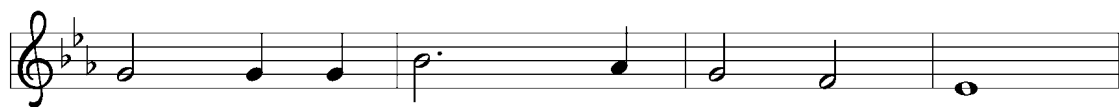
1 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, King of cre - a - tion,
 2 Fair are the mead - ows, fair are the wood - lands,
 3 Fair is the sun - shine, fair is the moon - light,
 4 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, Lord of the na - tions,



Son of God and Son of Man!
 robed in flow'rs of bloom - ing spring;
 bright the spar - kling stars on high;
 Son of God and Son of Man!



Tru - ly I'd love thee, tru - ly I'd serve thee,
 Je - sus is fair - er, Je - sus is pur - er,
 Je - sus shines bright - er, Je - sus shines pur - er
 Glo - ry and hon - or, praise, ad - o - ra - tion,



light of my soul, my joy, my crown.
 he makes our sor - rowing spir - it sing.
 than all the an - gels in the sky.
 now and for - ev - er - more be thine!

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.

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: Hear us, O God.

People: Your mercy is great.

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 ~ “In the Garden”
Caleb Collins

by C. Austin Miles

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

Godspeed

Congregational President:

Pastor Chuck Burnell we asked you to be our interim pastor: to proclaim God's Word, to baptize new members into the Church of Jesus Christ, to announce God's forgiveness to us, and to preside at our celebrations of the Lord's Supper. With the Gospel, you have comforted us in times of sickness and trouble and at the death of our loved ones. Sharing our joys and sorrows, you and Arlene have been important to our life together in the Church of Jesus Christ and in our service to this community.

Congregation:

**The Lord is loving to everyone, and God's compassion is over all God's works.
All your works praise you, O Lord, and your faithful servants bless you.**

Congregational President:

Let us give thanks for God's many blessings and for the life and ministry we have shared.

Congregation:

Gracious God, we thank you for the gift of your Church. By the power of your Holy Spirit, you have gathered us together in love and made us your own. Here we are strengthened by your Word, nourished by your Holy Supper, and encouraged in the journey of faith by our brothers and sisters in Christ. Continue to pour out your Spirit on us, that we may proclaim the good news of your love in all that we say and do. Amen

Congregational President:

Let us pray. Eternal God, you continually call your people to new tasks and set before them new opportunities. We thank you for your servant, Pastor Chuck Bunnell and his year of ministry in your Church. By your Spirit, prosper those deeds done according to your will; and grant him and Elizabeth grace to continue your work in this new season of their life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Congregation:

Thank you, God, your love that binds us together is stronger than the earthly differences that keep us apart. May God's blessings be with you as you go forth from us. Amen.

Sending Song ~ ELW 879 "For the Beauty of the Earth"



1 For the beau - ty of the earth, for the beau - ty of the skies,
2 For the won - der of each hour of the day and of the night,
3 For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's de - light,
4 For the joy of hu - man love, broth - er, sis - ter, par - ent, child,
5 For each per - fect gift of thine, peace on earth and joy in heav'n;



for the love which from our birth o - ver and a - round us lies:
hill and vale and tree and flow'r, sun and moon and stars of light:
for the mys - tic har - mo - ny link - ing sense to sound and sight:
friends on earth and friends a - bove; for all gen - tle thoughts and mild:
for thy - self, best gift di - vine, to our world so free - ly giv'n:

Refrain



Christ, our God, to thee we raise this our sac - ri - fice of praise.

Please be seated

Announcements

Please stand

Musical Blessing ~ “The Lord Bless You and Keep You” by Peter Lutkin

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
Greeter	Brian Hollowaty
CA Bread	Liz Rickertsen
CA Wine #1 (tray)	Tom Reilly
CA Wine #2 (tray)	Sue Clauss
CA Empty #3 (recp.)	Diana Howison
CA Empty #4 (recp.)	CaroleJean Willis
Lector	Kimberly Laux
Usher #1	Jeanine Wilson
Usher #2	Morgan Loy
Gaffer	Marshall Bowen
Sound	Ted Akin
Live Stream	Bob Akin

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Thank You Pastor Chuck!

We were so fortunate that Pastor Chuck expressed interest in being our interim pastor while we moved along our journey to find a new pastor. His love and appreciation for the Emmanuel Community was evident from the start. He guided us with ideas, insights, and inspiration. His support, encouragement, and ability to lift our spirits were so incredibly valuable. He not only gave us words to live by during his Sunday services, he showed us by example how to welcome a stranger and appreciate a friend.

I hope that we all will emulate his actions and continue them going forward. So, it is with a full heart we wish all of God's blessings for Pastor Chuck and Beth on their next chapter. Our thanks cannot be big enough.

Please join us this Sunday, August 24th at 10 AM for Pastor Chuck's final service as our interim and then stay afterwards for the celebration in the reception room! Pizza and cake included.

Tom Reilly

ELC Council President

Two big Sundays coming up at the end of August!

August 24

Pastor Chuck's final Sunday as our interim pastor is Sunday, August 24. Join us as we thank him for the joy he expressed in leading us through this time of discernment in our search for a permanent pastor. Thank you, Pastor Chuck!

August 31

Pastor Rick's first Sunday is Labor Day weekend, Sunday, August 31. We will welcome Pastor Rick with a cake and ice cream reception after church. His formal installation will be later this fall. Come celebrate with us!

God's Work Our Hands

Sunday, September 14: 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 wips

School Committee

Emmanuel Lutheran Church School Committee is looking for two members willing to serve a one and two-year term. We meet monthly via zoom for one hour. School experience is a plus but not required. For more information message Mark Rickertsen at mark.rickertsen@yahoo.com or 818-469-9455.

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.

ELATE Show and Auditions

ELATE 2025 presents
Moliere's
THE MISER

directed by:
Vsevolod Yuri Krawczeniuk

assistant directed by:
CaroleJean Willis

produced by:
**Deborah Sadlouskos
Sara Locke
Emily Dane**

Aug. 8, 9 @ 8pm
Aug. 10 @ 2pm
Aug. 15, 16 @ 8pm
Aug. 17 @ 2pm
Aug. 22, 23 @ 8pm
Aug. 24 @ 2pm

featuring:
**Brianna Batiste
Elijah Barnes
Anna Booher
Jose Cervantes
Lynn De Young
Mac Linh Fatum
Michael McAdam
Callie Sorce
Gregg Stickeler
Kappa V**


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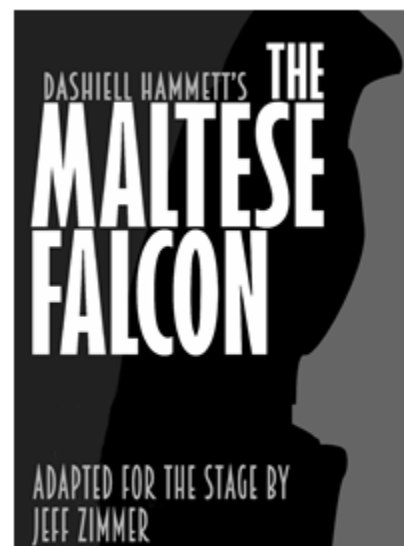
ELATE is a ministry of Emmanuel Lutheran Church



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.



Charleen Stegman
July 15, 1930 - April 7, 2025

This is updated information about the service for Charleen. We continue to hold her family and friends in our prayers.

Charleen was a longtime and vital member of Emmanuel. She joined Emmanuel with her husband Linc and children, Jolinda, Sheralyn, Mark and Scott.

Charleen served the church in many ways, as greeter, usher, and major supporter of ELATE.



Charleen's Celebration of life will take place August 30, 10:30 am at Emmanuel Lutheran Church. Food and Fellowship will take place directly following the service in the Reception Room. All are welcome to join us in remembering Charleen.



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)

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.org)

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

Hospitality

24 - Pizza/Potluck Salad - Pastor Chuck's final Sunday as our interim pastor is Sunday, August 24. Join us as we thank him for the joy he expressed in leading us through this time of discernment in our search for a permanent pastor. Thank you, Pastor Chuck!

Registration for 2026 Women of the ELCA Gathering opens



july 16-19, 2026 ✦ des moines, iowa

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.

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



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