



Emmanuel Lutheran Church

of North Hollywood

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

Bulletin for Worship

August 16, 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 821 "Shout to the Lord"

My Je - sus, my Sav - ior, Lord, there is none like you.

All of my days I want to praise the won - ders of your might - y love.

My com - fort, my shel - ter, tow - er of ref - uge and strength;

let ev - ry breath, all that I am nev - er cease to wor - ship you.

Shout to the Lord, all the earth; let us sing pow - er and maj - es - ty, praise

to the King. Moun - tains bow down and the seas will roar at the

sound of your name. I sing for joy at the work of your hands;

for - ev - er I'll love you, for - ev - er I'll stand.

Noth - ing com - pares to the prom - ise I have in you.

The musical score is written on ten staves in treble clef with a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#). The lyrics are written below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

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...

God of all peoples, your arms reach out to embrace all those who call upon you. Teach us as disciples of your Son to love the world with compassion and constancy, that your name may be known throughout the earth, through 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 45:1-15

[After Judah offered himself in place of his brother Benjamin,] ¹ Joseph could no longer control himself before all those who stood by him, and he cried out, "Send everyone away from me." So no one stayed with him when Joseph made himself known to his brothers. ² And he wept so loudly that the Egyptians heard it, and the household of Pharaoh heard it. ³ Joseph said to his brothers, "I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?" But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence.

⁴ Then Joseph said to his brothers, "Come closer to me." And they came closer. He said, "I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. ⁵ And now do not be distressed or angry with yourselves because you sold me here, for God sent me before you to preserve life. ⁶ For the famine has been in the land these two years, and there are five more years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. ⁷ God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth and to keep alive for you many survivors. ⁸ So it was not you who sent me here but God; he has made me a father to Pharaoh and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. ⁹ Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, 'Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me; do not delay. ¹⁰ You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children's children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. ¹¹ I will provide for you there, since there are five more years of famine to come, so that you and your household and all that you have will not come to poverty.' ¹² And now your eyes and the eyes of my brother Benjamin see that it is my own mouth that speaks to you. ¹³ You must tell my father how greatly I am honored in Egypt and all that you have seen. Hurry and bring my father down here." ¹⁴ Then he fell upon his brother Benjamin's neck and wept, while Benjamin wept upon his neck. ¹⁵ And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them, and after that his brothers talked with him.

Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm: 67

- ¹ May God be merciful to us and bless us;
may the light of God's face shine upon us.
- ² **Let your way be known upon earth,
your saving health among all nations.**
- ³ Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.
- ⁴ **Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,
for you judge the peoples with equity and guide all the nations on
earth.**
- ⁵ Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.
- ⁶ **The earth has brought forth its increase;
God, our own God, has blessed us.**
- ⁷ May God give us blessing,
and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe.

Second Lesson

Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32

[Paul writes:] ¹ I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. ^{2a} God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew.

²⁹ For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. ³⁰ Just as you were once disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, ³¹ so also they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they also may now receive mercy. ³² For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all.

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 15:10-28

[¹⁰ [Jesus] called the crowd to him and said to them, "Listen and understand:¹¹ it is not what goes into the mouth that defiles a person, but it is what comes out of the mouth that defiles." ¹² Then the disciples approached and said to him, "Do you know that the Pharisees took offense when they heard what you said?" ¹³ He answered, "Every plant that my heavenly Father has not planted will be uprooted. ¹⁴ Let them alone; they are blind guides of the blind. And if one blind person guides another, both will fall into a pit." ¹⁵ But Peter said to him, "Explain this parable to us." ¹⁶ Then he said, "Are you also still without understanding? ¹⁷ Do you not see that whatever goes into the mouth enters the stomach and goes out into the sewer? ¹⁸ But what comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart, and this is what defiles. ¹⁹ For out of the heart come evil intentions, murder, adultery, sexual immorality, theft, false witness, slander. ²⁰ These are what defile a person, but to eat with unwashed hands does not defile."]

²¹ Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. ²² Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, "Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon." ²³ But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, "Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us." ²⁴ He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." ²⁵ But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." ²⁶ He answered, "It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." ²⁷ She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." ²⁸ Then Jesus answered her, "Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And her daughter was healed from that moment.

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated

Message ~ Pastor Rick Hall

Please stand

Hymn of the Day ~ ELW 612 "Healer of Our Every Ill

Refrain



Heal - er of our ev - 'ry ill, light of each to - mor - row,



give us peace be - yond our fear, and hope be - yond our sor - row.



1 You who know our fears and sad - ness, grace us with your
2 In the pain and joy be - hold - ing how your grace is
3 Give us strength to love each oth - er, ev - 'ry sis - ter,
4 You who know each thought and feel - ing, teach us all your

Refrain



peace and glad - ness; Spir - it of all com - fort, fill our hearts.
still un - fold - ing, give us all your vi - sion, God of love.
ev - 'ry broth - er; Spir - it of all kind - ness, be our guide.
way of heal - ing; Spir - it of com - pas - sion, fill each heart.

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.

<https://www.shelbygiving.com/App/Form/d491ee0f-8efd-4459-97c5-fa8df58e33b1>

Musical Offering ~ "Be Thou My Vision" Irish Traditional
Michelina Wright, violin arranged by Mark Longfield

Please stand

Offertory Song ~ WOV Setting 5 Let the Vineyards 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 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 496 "One Bread, One Body"

Refrain

One bread, one bod-y, one Lord of all; one cup of
bless-ing which we bless, and we, though man-y
through-out the earth, we are one bod - y in this one Lord.

1 Gen - tile or Jew, ser - vant or free,
2 Man - y the gifts, man - y the works,
3 Grain for the fields, scat-tered and grown,

Refrain

wom-an or man, no more.
one in the Lord of all.
gath-ered to one for all.

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 763 “My Life Flows On in Endless Song”



- 1 My life flows on in end-less song; a-bove earth's lam-en-ta-tion,
- 2 Through all the tu-mult and the strife, I hear that mu-sic ring-ing.
- 3 What though my joys and com-forts die? The Lord my Sav-ior liv-eth.
- 4 The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart, a foun-tain ev-er spring-ing!



I catch the sweet, though far-off hymn that hails a new cre-a-tion.
It finds an ech-o in my soul. How can I keep from sing-ing?
What though the dark-ness gath-er round? Songs in the night he giv-eth.
All things are mine since I am his! How can I keep from sing-ing?

Refrain



No storm can shake my in-most calm while to that Rock I'm cling-ing.



Since Christ is Lord of heav-en and earth, how can I keep from sing-ing?

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?

Worship Team

Message	Pastor Rick Hall
Organist	Andy Gladbach
Greeter	Kathleen Marsden
CA Bread	Debby Semel
CA Wine #1 (tray)	George Watson
CA Wine #2 (tray)	Tom Reilly
CA Empty #3 (recp.)	Gail Bohannon
CA Empty #4 (recp.)	Diana Howison
Lector	Callie Source
Usher #1	Terri Lau
Usher #2	Gerry Koch
Usher #3	Morgan Loy
Gaffer	Bonnie Ericson
Sound	Ted Akin
Live Stream	Bob Akin

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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.



Lox & Bagels Sunday

September 23, 2026

***Join us in the reception room
immediately following worship***

ELATE Presents:

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

directed by:
Vsevolod Yuri Krawczeniuk

featuring:
Samwise Aaron
Anna Booher
Catherine Brown
Allen Corcoran
Kelli Crawford
Lynn De Young
Mikey Fatum
Michael McAdam
Callie Sorce
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Reservations/Information:
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Lincoln Stegman Theatre
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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

THIS IS WHERE WE CAME IN is presented by arrangement with Concord Theatricals on behalf of Samuel French, Ltd.
www.concordtheatricals.com

elate.ticketleap.com/tickets/elate

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 imagine 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

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.



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).

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: _____

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ADDRESS: _____

THANKS! Pastor Hall will contact you soon!