



Emmanuel Lutheran Church
of North Hollywood

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Bulletin for Worship

September 7, 2025

10:00am

*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 and loving God,
we are your stiff-necked people.
We trample on the needy.
We grumble about your grace to others.
We turn away from the poor.
Have mercy on us and forgive our sins.
Rejoice over us as ones who were lost
and have been found.
Amen.

Even when we are faithless, God remains faithful.
Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners.
You who were lost have been found.
In the name of ✝ Jesus, your sins are forgiven!
Amen.

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.

Canticle of Praise

ELW 167 ~ "Now the Feast and Celebration"

Refrain



Now the feast and cel - e - bra - tion, all of cre - a - tion



sings for joy to the God of life and love and free-dom;



praise and glo - ry for - ev - er - more!



1 Now is the feast of the Lamb once slain, whose blood has



Refrain
freed and u - nit-ed us to be one great peo-ple of God.



2 Pow - er and rich-es, wis-dom and might, all hon - or and



Refrain
glo - ry to Christ for - ev - er.



3 For God has come to dwell with us, to make us peo-ple of



Refrain
God; to make all things new.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray...

Direct us, O Lord God, in all our doings with your continual help, that in all our works, begun, continued, and ended in you, we may glorify your holy name; and finally, by your mercy, bring us to everlasting life, 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 in the bookshelves at the back and up in the cry room. Ask an usher for help if needed.

First Lesson

Deuteronomy 30:15-20

¹⁵ "See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, death and adversity. ¹⁶ If you obey the commandments of the LORD your God that I am commanding you today, by loving the LORD your God, walking in his ways, and observing his commandments, decrees, and ordinances, then you shall live and become numerous, and the LORD your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to possess. ¹⁷ But if your heart turns away and you do not hear but are led astray to bow down to other gods and serve them, ¹⁸ I declare to you today that you shall certainly perish; you shall not live long in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess. ¹⁹ I call heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, ²⁰ loving the LORD your God, obeying him, and holding fast to him, for that means life to you and length of days, so that you may live in the land that the LORD swore to give to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob."

Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm: 1

¹ Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked,
nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats of the scornful!

² **Their delight is in the law of the LORD,
and they meditate on God's teaching day and night.**

³ They are like trees planted by streams of water, bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither;
everything they do shall prosper.

⁴ **It is not so with the wicked;
they are like chaff which the wind blows away.**

⁵ Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes,
nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.

**⁶ For the LORD knows the way of the righteous,
but the way of the wicked shall be destroyed.**

Second Lesson

Philemon 1-21

¹ Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother, To our beloved coworker Philemon, ² to our sister Apphia, to our fellow soldier Archippus, and to the church in your house: ³ Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

⁴ I thank my God always when I mention you in my prayers, ⁵ because I hear of your love for all the saints and your faith toward the Lord Jesus. ⁶ I pray that the partnership of your faith may become effective as you comprehend all the good that we share in Christ. ⁷ I have indeed received much joy and encouragement from your love, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you, my brother.

⁸ For this reason, though I am more than bold enough in Christ to command you to do the right thing, ⁹ yet I would rather appeal to you on the basis of love—and I, Paul, do this as an old man and now also as a prisoner of Christ Jesus. ¹⁰ I am appealing to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I have become during my imprisonment. ¹¹ Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful to you and to me. ¹² I am sending him, that is, my own heart, back to you. ¹³ I wanted to keep him with me so that he might minister to me in your place during my imprisonment for the gospel, ¹⁴ but I preferred to do nothing without your consent in order that your good deed might be voluntary and not something forced. ¹⁵ Perhaps this is the reason he was separated from you for a while, so that you might have him back for the long term, ¹⁶ no longer as a slave but more than a slave, a beloved brother—especially to me but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord.

¹⁷ So if you consider me your partner, welcome him as you would welcome me. ¹⁸ If he has wronged you in any way or owes you anything, charge that to me. ¹⁹ I, Paul, am writing this with my own hand: I will repay it. I say nothing about your owing me even your own self. ²⁰ Yes, brother, let me have this benefit from you in the Lord! Refresh my heart in Christ. ²¹ Confident of your obedience, I am writing to you, knowing that you will do even more than I ask.

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 14:25-33

²⁵ Now large crowds were traveling with [Jesus], and he turned and said to them,
²⁶ "Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. ²⁷ Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. ²⁸ For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? ²⁹ Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, ³⁰ saying, 'This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.' ³¹ Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? ³² If he cannot, then while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. ³³ So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions."

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated

Message ~ Pastor Rick Hall

Please stand

Hymn ~ ELW 685 "Take My Life, That I May Be"



- 1 Take my life, that I may be con - se - crat - ed, Lord, to thee;
- 2 Take my hands and let them move at the im - pulse of thy love;
- 3 Take my voice and let me sing al - ways, on - ly, for my King;
- 4 Take my sil - ver and my gold, not a mite would I with - hold;



take my mo - ments and my days; let them flow in cease - less praise.
take my feet and let them be swift and beau - ti - ful for thee.
take my lips and let them be filled with mes - sag - es from thee.
take my in - tel - lect, and use ev - 'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose.

- 5 Take my will and make it thine;
it shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart, it is thine own;
it shall be thy royal throne.
- 6 Take my love; my Lord, I pour
at thy feet its treasure store;
take myself, and I will be
ever, only, all for thee.

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.

Gracious God, we come to you in prayer for the church, the world, and all in need.

Brief silence

After each petition of the prayers...

Leader: God of Grace

People: receive our prayer.

The presiding minister concludes the prayers with these words.

We entrust these prayers to you, O God, in the name of Jesus Christ, our redeemer and friend.

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 ~ "Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

Muriel Waugh

Music by William M. Runyon

Text by Thomas O. Chisholm

Please stand

Offertory Song ~ ELW 465 "As the Grains of Wheat" (verse 1)

Refrain



As the grains of wheat once scat-tered on the hill were
gath-ered in - to one to be - come our bread; so may all your peo-ple from
all the ends of earth be gath-ered in - to one in you.
1 As this cup of bless-ing is shared with-in our midst,
2 Let this be a fore-taste of all that is to come when
Refrain
may we share the pres - ence of your love.
all cre - a - tion shares this feast with you.

Offertory Prayer

Let us pray...

Lord of the harvest,

we return to you a portion of what you have given to us.

Turn us to set our hope not on the uncertainty of riches,

but on you, who richly provides for us.

Multiply what we have gathered

to bless all who are suffering and in need,

through Jesus Christ our 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 191

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly are you, God of pow - er and
might; heav - en and earth are filled with your
glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is the one who comes in your name. 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"

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world: have
mer - cy on us, mer - cy on us. mer - cy on us.
Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world:
grant us peace, grant us peace, grant us peace.

Please stand

Prayer after Communion

O God,
through this meal you have strengthened us
and appointed us to be your servants.
Send us to do good and to share our possessions
with all in need.
We ask this in Jesus' name
Amen

SENDING

Sending Song ~ ELW 632 "Oh God, Our Help in Ages Past"



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



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

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

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

Please be seated

Announcements

Please stand

Benediction

The minister blesses the congregation.

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace.

Amen

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
Greeter	Kathleen Marsden
CA Bread	Debby Semel
CA Wine #1 (tray)	Sue Clauss
CA Wine #2 (tray)	Bonnie Koch
CA Empty #3 (recp.)	George Watson
CA Empty #4 (recp.)	Gail Bohanon
Lector	Mark Garland
Usher #1	Terri Lau
Usher #2	Tom Reilly
Gaffer	Marshall Bowen
Sound	Aaron Rockwell
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



God's Work Our Hands

Sunday, September 14

Sunday, September 14: 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.



Confirmation Classes Starting in October

This year we will be partnering with other churches in the Twin Valley Conference to teach Confirmation classes. Classes will be held on 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?**



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.



2025 SWO Convention

October 10–11, 2025 | California Lutheran University, Thousand Oaks

Join women from across the Southwest California Synod for a weekend of worship, learning, and sisterhood at our 2025 SWO Convention. The event will feature inspiring speakers, engaging workshops, and opportunities for connection.

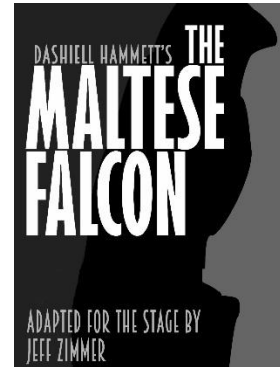
Registration & Nomination Forms: <https://form.jotform.com/kristalshipp/2025-welca-registration-form> **Deadline: October 3, 2025**

ELATE

Thanks to everyone involved in the production of *The Miser* and all those who came to see it!

ELATE's next show is a stage adaptation of Dashiell Hammett's original 1929 serial version of *The Maltese Falcon* as printed in *Black Mask* magazine.

This was turned into a popular novel in 1931, then made into 3 movies--1931, 1936 and 1941, the latter being the most famous. Every version is different in slightly (and sometimes more than slightly!) different ways. Our adaptation opens **October 10**, and runs three weekends.



September is Deaf Awareness Month



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



EMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH
North Hollywood, California

Please check as many as you wish.

- 0 I wish to meet with Pastor Rick Hall to learn more about the sacrament of Holy Communion.
- 0 I wish to meet with Pastor Rick Hall to learn more about the sacrament of Holy Baptism.
- 0 I wish to meet with Pastor Rick Hall to learn more about becoming a member of Emmanuel Lutheran Church.
- 0 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!