



Emmanuel Lutheran Church

of North Hollywood

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Bulletin for Worship

September 27, 2026

10:00 am

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

PRELUDE

Please stand

GATHERING

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

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God,
who pours love into our hearts
and healing upon the earth.

Amen.

The presiding minister may lead one of the following or another prayer of preparation.

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

Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Compassionate God,
**we confess that we struggle to embody your goodness
in the world and in our own hearts.**

Creation groans from overuse.

Jealousy and bitterness strain our relationships.

Indifference keeps us from seeking justice.

**Divisions disrupt your call to show genuine love
to others.**

Turn our hearts back to you.

Restore our world and reconcile us to one another.

**Renew us to live as your holy people,
following the way of Jesus Christ. Amen.**

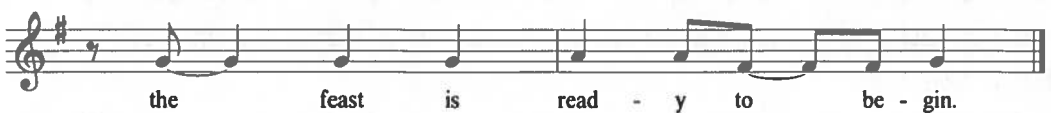
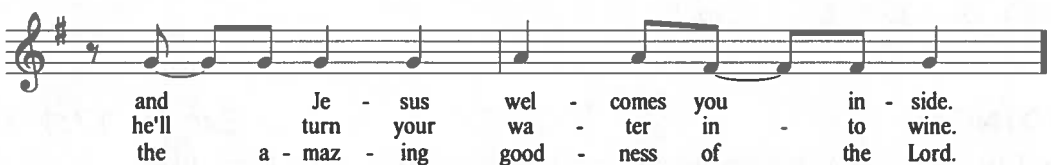
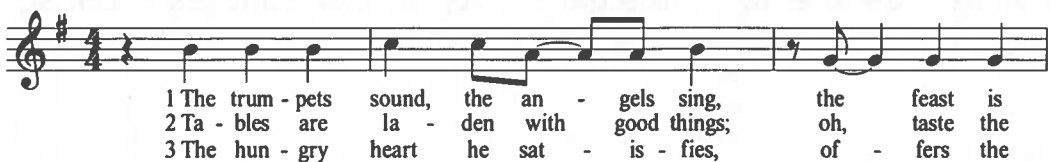
Hear this good news:

We have peace with God through † Jesus Christ,
in whom there is no condemnation,
but only forgiveness and the promise of eternal life.
Receive freely this healing gift of grace.

Amen.

GATHERING SONG ~ ELW 531

"The Trumpets Sound, the Angels Sing"



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, you show perpetual lovingkindness to us your servants. Because we cannot rely on our own abilities, grant us your merciful judgment, and train us to embody the generosity of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Please be seated

WORD

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE ~ Pastor Rick Hall

The children are invited to Sunday School

FIRST READING

Exodus 17:1-7

¹ From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the LORD commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. ² The people quarreled with Moses and said, "Give us water to drink." Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the LORD?" ³ But the people thirsted there for water, and the people complained against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?" ⁴ So Moses cried out to the LORD, "What shall I do for this people? They are almost ready to stone me." ⁵ The LORD said to Moses, "Go on ahead of the people and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile and go. ⁶ I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink." Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. ⁷ He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the LORD, saying, "Is the LORD among us or not?"
The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: 25:1-9

¹To you, O LORD,
I lift up my soul.

²**My God, I put my trust in you; let me not be put to shame,
nor let my enemies triumph over me.**

³Let none who look to you be put to shame;
rather let those be put to shame who are treacherous.

⁴**Show me your ways, O LORD,
and teach me your paths.**

⁵Lead me in your truth and teach me,
for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all the day
long.

⁶**Remember, O LORD, your compassion and love,
for they are from everlasting.**

⁷Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions;
remember me according to your steadfast love and for the sake of your
goodness, O LORD.

⁸**You are gracious and upright, O LORD;
therefore you teach sinners in your way.**

⁹You lead the lowly in justice
and teach the lowly your way.

SECOND READING

Philippians 2:1-13

¹If, then, there is any comfort in Christ, any consolation from love, any partnership in the Spirit, any tender affection and sympathy, ²make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. ³Do nothing from selfish ambition or empty conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. ⁴Let each of you look not to your own interests but to the interests of others. ⁵Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, ⁶who, though he existed in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be grasped, ⁷but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, assuming human likeness. And being found in appearance as a human, ⁸he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross. ⁹Therefore God exalted him even more highly and gave him the name that is above every other name, ¹⁰so that at the name given to Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

¹² Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence but much more now in my absence, work on your own salvation with fear and trembling, ¹³ for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



The holy gospel according to Matthew

Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL

Matthew 21:23.32

²³ When [Jesus] entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching and said, "By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?" ²⁴ Jesus said to them, "I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. ²⁵ Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?" And they argued with one another, "If we say, 'From heaven,' he will say to us, 'Why, then, did you not believe him?'" ²⁶ But if we say, 'Of human origin,' we are afraid of the crowd, for all regard John as a prophet." ²⁷ So they answered Jesus, "We do not know." And he said to them, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things.

²⁸ "What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, 'Son, go and work in the vineyard today.' ²⁹ He answered, 'I will not,' but later he changed his mind and went. ³⁰ The father went to the second and said the same, and he answered, 'I go, sir,' but he did not go. ³¹ Which of the two did the will of his father?" They said, "The first." Jesus said to them, "Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. ³² For John came to you in the way of righteousness, and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him, and even after you saw it you did not change your minds and believe him."

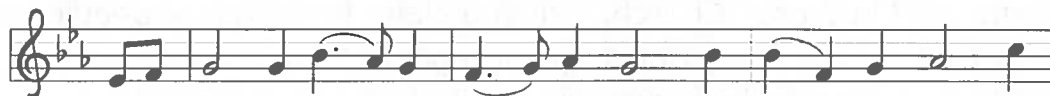
The gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

SERMON ~ Pastor Rick Hall

Please stand

HYMN OF THE DAY ~ ELW 592 "Just As I Am, without One Plea"



1 Just as I am, with - out one plea, but that thy blood was
2 Just as I am, though tossed a - bout with man - y_a con - flict,
3 Just as I am, thou wilt re - ceive, wilt wel - come, par - don,
4 Just as I am; thy love un - known has bro - ken ev - 'ry



shed for me, and that thou bidd'st me come to thee,
man - y_a doubt, fight - ings and fears with - in, with - out,
cleanse, re - lieve; be - cause thy prom - ise I be - lieve,
bar - rier down; now to be thine, yea, thine a - lone,



O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Please be seated congregation

Please come forward teachers, Sunday school teachers, and staff

**Commissioning and Blessing of
Teachers, Sunday School Teachers & Staff**

Pastor addresses those being installed

Brothers and sisters, you have answered God's call to the educational ministry of this congregation. Will you in the confidence that your call comes from God? Will you carry out this ministry centered in Christ's call, striving to trust God as your guide and inspiration?

Those being installed respond

I will, and I ask God to help me.

Pastor addresses those being installed

Will you trust in God's care, seek to grow in love for those you serve, strive for excellence in your skills, and honor the gospel with a faithful life?

Those being installed respond

I will, and I ask God to help me.

Pastor addresses the assembly

I ask you, Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Will you claim these gifted people as those called by God to help carry out our congregation's ministry of education? Will you support them, pray for them, and enthusiastically celebrate the work they do?

We will, and we ask God to help us.

Almighty God, who has given the gifts and the will to do these things, graciously give the strength and compassion to perform them.

Let us Pray ...

Stir up in these servants the gifts of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

Amen.

Welcome to God's Work here at Emmanuel Lutheran Church and Schools!

Amen.

APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

The presiding minister invites the assembly into prayer with these or similar words.

Reminded of God's gracious and abundant love, we offer our prayers,
confident that God hears us.

After each petition of the prayers...

Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

The presiding minister concludes the prayers with these words

Grant the prayers we have offered, what we have forgotten to ask, and
whatever else you see that we need. We ask this in Jesus' name.

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.

Musical Offering ~ "I Love You, Lord"
Chancel Choir

by Laurie Klein
arranged by Jack Schrader

Please stand

OFFERTORY SONG ~ WOV Setting 5



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.

OFFERING PRAYER

God of creation,
you send rain and the earth springs forth abundantly.
All blessings are from you;
make us generous with what we have.
Use our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts
in service to you and in love to our neighbors,
today and always.

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 1 - S190

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of
pow-er and might, heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high-est. Blessed is he who comes in the
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son,
who reached out to heal the sick and suffering,
who preached good news to the poor,
and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:

Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension,
we await his coming in glory.

Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord,
and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food,
the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord;
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be all honor and glory, now and forever.
Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

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

COMMUNION

Come to the banquet, for all is now ready.

Please be seated

*The table is set; the meal is ready. All are welcome at the Lord's Table.
Please come forward at the direction of the ushers. (gluten free and grape juice options
available)*

COMMUNION SONG ~ ELW setting 1 s112 "Lamb of God"

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 814 "Take, Oh, Take Me As I Am"

Take, oh, take me as I am; sum - mon out what I shall be;
set your seal up - on my heart and live in me.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

Sustaining God,

with this bread and cup,

you nourish us with mercy and abundant life.

By your Spirit, send us from this table to serve a needy world.

Make us living signs of your liberation, healing, and love,

following the way of Jesus, in whose name we pray.

Amen.

SENDING

Announcements

Please stand

Blessing

The minister blesses the congregation.

The God of love
draw you into full accord and one mind,
in the body of Christ Jesus.

Amen.

The God of hope
grant you strength and joy in all circumstances
through the interceding of the Spirit.

Amen.

The God of grace
✠ bless you now and forever.

Amen.

Sending Song ~ ELW 314 "Arise, Your Light Has Come!"



1 A - rise, your light has come! The Spir - it's call o - bey;
2 A - rise, your light has come! Fling wide the pris - on door;
3 A - rise, your light has come! All you in sor - row born,
4 A - rise, your light has come! The moun - tains burst in song!



show forth the glo - ry of your God which shines on you to - day.
pro - claim the cap - tive's lib - er - ty, good tid - ings to the poor.
bind up the bro - ken - heart - ed ones and com - fort those who mourn.
Rise up like ea - gles on the wing, God's pow'r will make us strong.

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

***Father God, give me eyes to see and ears to hear and so I ask: Lord,
How is it that you would have me help the neighbor today?***

Worship Team

Message	Pastor Rick Hall
Greeter	Kathleen Marsden
CA Bread	Debby Semel
CA Wine #1 (tray)	Sue Clauss
CA Wine #2 (tray)	Bonnie Koch
CA Empty #3 (recp.)	CaroleJean Willis
CA Empty #4 (recp.)	Diana Howison
Lector	Marti McCloud Patti Evans Brian Anderson
Usher #1	Barbara Piecka
Usher #2	Gerry Koch
Gaffer	Sylvia Ottemoeller
Sound	Ted Akin
Live Stream	Bob Akin

ANNOUNCEMENTS



The Bible — Gospels on September 29-October 18

The Adult Bible Study has begun learning about “**The Bible.**” We will spend four weeks reading highlights of **The Gospels.** Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend our fun-filled discussion-based study on *The Bible.*

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

The general set up will be to learn about how the Bible is laid out in sections and then zero in on a nugget in Scripture in that section. Each week we will learn more about workings of the Bible, as well, then break in to the book to read more about it.

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

Liz, Bible Study facilitator

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— JOIN US FOR —

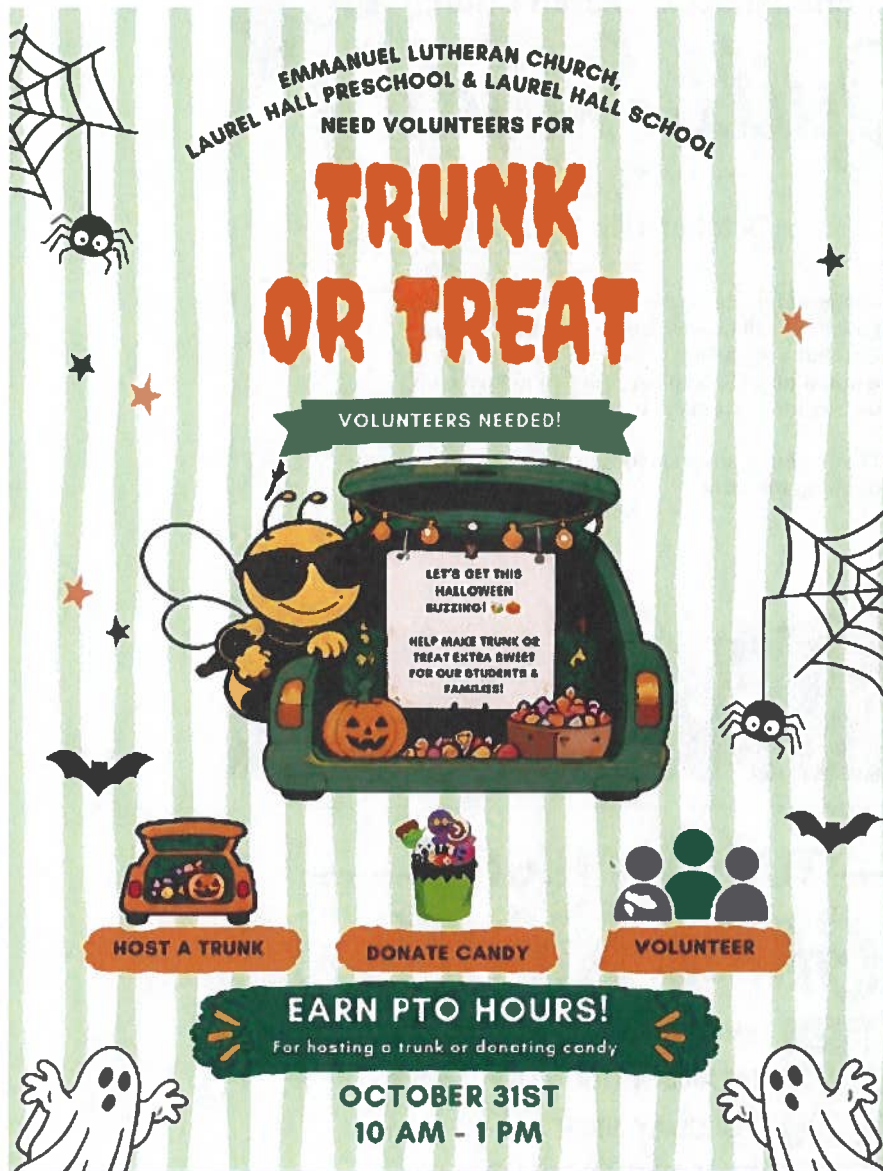
Salad **SUNDAY**

Enjoy a variety of fresh, homemade salads
and fellowship with our church family!

 **Sunday, September 27, 2026**

 **Reception Room**
Immediately following service

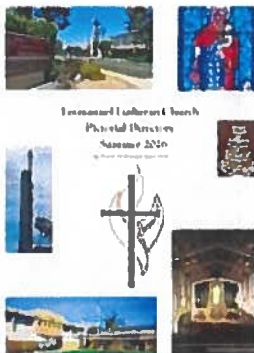
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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Please sign up
with
Pastor Rick Hall
rhall@elcnoho.org

Our Directory is Now Available!!!



Dear Congregation Members, the new Pictorial Directory is now available! It will be good for everyone who wonders who those people are that you have been sitting next to all these months (years?).

Please contact church Office Manager **Ancel Sitton** and she would be happy to send you the PDF. She can be reached at: ASitton@elcnoho.org

Or you can call the church at (818) 761-6124. Happy viewing!



TUESDAY NIGHT GAME NIGHT!!

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



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

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



CONFIRMATION 2026-2027

A Year of Exploring the Bible, Faith, and Life Together

Youth throughout the Twin Valleys Conference are invited to join us for a new year of Confirmation. Together, we will explore the Bible, Lutheran faith, and what it means to live as God's people.

Classes: Once a month, Sundays, 1:30-4:00 p.m.

First Class:

Sunday, September 13
Emmanuel Lutheran Church
6020 Radford Ave., North Hollywood

Parents/guardians are asked to stay for the first 15 minutes to review the schedule, ask questions, and connect with other families.

New students are welcome! Middle-school and high-school youth are encouraged to participate.

Questions or registration:
Pastor Megan Fryling
610-680-7220
pastor@bethlehemlutheran.net

Lutheran Day of Service

San Gabriel Valley Habitat for Humanity

Southwest California Synod
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
Christ's Love, Our World

Join us for another day of service with SGV Habitat for Humanity as we help rebuild homes in Altadena for families recovering from the Los Angeles wildfires!

Event: Saturday, 10/24/2026
Registration Deadline: Friday 10/9/2026

Ways to Volunteer

Construction Volunteers:
Sign up directly with Habitat for Humanity to help rebuild homes in Altadena. Limited spaces available. Must be 16 or older.

Construction Volunteer Sign Up:
bit.ly/LutheranRebuild

To donate to the Disaster Relief Fund, use the link below and select "Disaster Relief Fund" from the drop-down menu.
bit.ly/DisasterReliefGive

Lunch Support Volunteers:
Help serve and energize fellow volunteers! Feel free to bring a dessert or drinks to share. Lunch will be provided at Christ the Shepherd Lutheran Church in Altadena at 12:00pm.

Lunch Volunteer Sign Up:
Email Victoria Villa
Disaster Relief Coordinator
victoria@socialsynod.org

Emmanuel Lutheran Foundation (ELF) 2026-2027 GRANT PROGRAM ANNOUNCEMENT



ELF is currently accepting Grant Proposals

Grants are awarded to proposals that directly support the mission and programs of Emmanuel Lutheran Church (ELC), Laurel Hall School (LHS), or Laurel Hall Preschool. Funded projects must represent new initiatives or improvements that fall outside of the organization's annual operating budgets.

Examples of previously funded projects include guest author visits, a preschool garden supporting science learning, Assembly Room curtains, and upgrades to the church sound system.

Each year, the Emmanuel Lutheran Foundation (ELF) Board determines the total amount available for grants based on investment returns of the five previous years. Please note that not all submitted proposals may be funded. In some cases, a grant may be awarded in an amount less than requested.

A proposal that is not funded should not be viewed as lacking merit. It may fall under another area of the operating budget or simply have been among many highly competitive applications.

ELF is proud to support a variety of meaningful projects that reflect the shared values of ELC, LHS, and LHP.

TIMELINE

COMPLETE APPLICATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY OCTOBER 16, 2026

NOTIFICATION OF GRANT AWARDS & AMOUNTS IS NOVEMBER 10, 2026

DEADLINE FOR SUBMITTING PURCHASE ORDERS IS APRIL 5, 2027

A SHORT DESCRIPTION OF OUTCOMES w/ PHOTOS IS DUE MAY 14, 2027

Application Submission

- 1) Email the completed application to ELFGrants@elcnoho.org OR
- 2) Deliver a hard copy to the ELF Mailbox in the Administration Building of Emmanuel Lutheran Church, 6020 Radford St., North Hollywood, CA 91606

Emmanuel Lutheran Foundation Grant Application Form 2026-27

COMPLETE APPLICATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY October 16, 2026
NOTIFICATION OF GRANT AWARDS & AMOUNTS IS November 10, 2026
DEADLINE FOR SUBMITTING PURCHASE ORDERS IS April 5, 2027
A SHORT DESCRIPTION OF OUTCOMES w/ PHOTOS IS DUE May 14, 2027

1. APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name _____

Email _____

Street Address _____

City _____ **Zip Code** _____

Phone () _____

2. SUPERVISOR SIGN-OFF (LHS Principal Marti McCloud, LHP Director Lesley Diaz, or ELC Pastor Rick Hall)

Print Name _____

Email _____

Signature indicates knowledge of the application _____

3. PROJECT/PROGRAM INFORMATION

A. Project/Program Name _____

B. Amount Requested \$ _____

C. Project Proposal: Please attach a one-page written proposal that addresses the four areas that follow. Confine your request to a single program or project. Questions regarding the application form and proposal may be directed to Kimberly Laux at ELFGrants@elcnoho.org.

- A clear and concise summary of the project or program. What are the purposes or benefits, and who will it serve? What activities are planned?
- The amount being requested, and how the funds would be used. Providing cost estimates from vendors/suppliers will strengthen the proposal. If additional sources of funding will be used, please include that source and estimated amount.
- A timeline. Please include a clear outline of project/program dates, ending with the date for sending a short description of outcomes with photos, in order to show the impact(s) of the grant.
- Payment process. ELF requires that purchase orders be submitted by April 5, 2027. Full instructions for purchase orders will be included with a grant award notification, scheduled for November 10, 2026. Recipients are requested to note Emmanuel Lutheran Foundation as the funding source in all project publicity.

Submit the completed application form & proposal by October 16, 2026!

1) Email to ELFGrants@elcnoho.org

or

2) Deliver of a hard copy to the ELF mailbox in the Emmanuel Lutheran Church Administrative Building, 6020 Radford Ave, North Hollywood, CA 91606

The Emmanuel Lutheran Foundation grows through generous gifts that are prudently invested and prayerfully dispersed to support the ministries of Emmanuel Lutheran Church, including Laurel Hall School and Preschool.

A gift to the Foundation is truly "A GIFT THAT KEEPS GIVING!"

For ELF Use Only

Date application received

Date notified

Date funds dispersed
