



Emmanuel Lutheran Church  
of North Hollywood

Christmas Eve  
Community Worship

5:00 pm

*December 24, 2025*

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

## **GATHERING**

**Prelude ~**

“The First Noel”

Emily Koch & Jim Hogan

Traditional  
arr. Jim Hogan

*Please stand*

**Processional Carol ~ “O Come, All Ye Faithful”**

O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant!  
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;  
come and behold him, born the king of angels:

*Refrain*

O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,  
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,  
sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!  
Glory to God in the highest: *Refrain*

Yea, Lord we greet thee, born this happy morning;  
Jesus, to thee be glory giv’n!  
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing: *Refrain*

**Welcome and Invocation ~ Pastor Rick Hall**

**Prayer of the Day**

Let us pray...

Almighty God, you made this holy night shine with the brightness of the true Light. Grant that here on earth we may walk in the light of Jesus’ presence and in the last day wake to the brightness of his glory; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

*Please be seated*

**Tom Reilly, Congregation Council President**

**First Lesson**

Isaiah 9:2-7

<sup>2</sup> The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness—on them light has shined. <sup>3</sup> You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. <sup>4</sup> For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian. <sup>5</sup> For all the boots of the tramping warriors and all the garments rolled in blood shall be burned as fuel for the fire. <sup>6</sup> For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. <sup>7</sup> His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onward and forevermore. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

**Music Offering ~**

“Greensleeves”

Traditional

String Quartet

arr. Matthew Naughtin

Michelina Wright, violin 1

Samatha Lee, violin 2

I-Ting Huang, viola

David Mergen, cello

**Pati Evans, Laurel Hall Teacher**

**Second Lesson**

Titus 2:11-14

<sup>11</sup> The grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all, <sup>12</sup> training us to renounce impiety and worldly passions, and in the present age to live lives that are self-controlled, upright, and godly, <sup>13</sup> while we wait for the blessed hope and the manifestation of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ. <sup>14</sup> He it is who gave himself for us that he might redeem us from all iniquity and purify for himself a people of his own who are zealous for good deeds.

**Carol ~ “It Came Upon a Midnight Clear”**

It came upon the midnight clear, that glorious song of old,

from angels bending near the earth to touch their harps of gold:

"Peace on the earth, good will to all, from heav'n's all-gracious king."

The world in solemn stillness lay to hear the angels sing.

**Erika Sieme, Laurel Hall PTO co-president**

**Mary and Joseph's Journey**

Luke 2:1-7

<sup>1</sup> In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. <sup>2</sup> This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. <sup>3</sup> All went to their own towns to be registered. <sup>4</sup> Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. <sup>5</sup> He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. <sup>6</sup> While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. <sup>7</sup> And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

**Carol ~ "Away in a Manger"**

Away in a manger, no crib for his bed,  
the little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head;  
the stars in the sky looked down where he lay,  
the little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.

**A.J. Coggeshall, Laurel Hall 8<sup>th</sup> grade student**

**The Angels Announce Jesus' Birth**

Luke 2:8-14

<sup>8</sup> In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. <sup>9</sup> Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. <sup>10</sup> But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: <sup>11</sup> to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. <sup>12</sup> This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger." <sup>13</sup> And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, <sup>14</sup> "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!"

**Carol ~ "Hark, the Herald, Angels Sing"**

Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn king;  
peace on earth, and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled."  
Joyful, all you nations, rise; join the triumph of the skies;  
with angelic hosts proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"  
Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn king!"

**Pastor Rick Hall, ELC Senior Pastor**

**The Shepherds Respond to the Good News**

Luke 2:15-20

<sup>15</sup> When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us." <sup>16</sup> So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. <sup>17</sup> When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; <sup>18</sup> and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. <sup>19</sup> But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. <sup>20</sup> The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

**Carol ~ "Go Tell it on the Mountain"**

Go tell it on the mountain, over the hills and ev'rywhere;  
go tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born!

While shepherds kept their watching o'er silent flocks by night,  
behold, throughout the heavens there shone a holy light.

Go tell it on the mountain, over the hills and ev'rywhere;  
go tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is Born!

**Message ~ Pastor Rick Hall**

*Please stand*

**Carol ~ "Angels We Have Heard on High"**

All: Angels we have heard on high, sweetly singing o'er the plains,  
and the mountains in reply, echo back their joyous strains.  
Gloria in excelsis Deo; gloria in excelsis Deo.

All: Shepherds, why this jubilee? Why your joyous strains prolong?  
Say what may the tidings be, which inspire your heavenly song.  
Gloria in excelsis Deo; gloria in excelsis Deo.

*Interlude*

Choir: *Come to Bethlehem and see Him whose birth the angels sing;  
come, adore on bended knee, Christ the Lord, the newborn King.  
Gloria in excelsis Deo; gloria in excelsis Deo.*

All: See Him in a manger laid, Whom the choirs of angels praise;  
Mary, Joseph, lend your aid, while our hearts in love we raise.  
Gloria in excelsis Deo; gloria in excelsis Deo.

## Prayers of Intercession

*The presiding minister invites the assembly into prayer.*

Empowered by the news of Christ's birth, let us pray boldly for the church, creation, and all who are in need.

*After each petition of the prayers...*

**Leader:** God of grace,  
**People:** receive our prayer.

*The presiding minister concludes the prayers with these words.*

With the joy of Christ's birth in our hearts, we commend our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your boundless mercy and eternal love; through Jesus Christ our Savior.  
**Amen.**

*Please be seated*

## MEAL

### Offering

*For those who wish to give a Christmas offering, the ushers will pass the plates during the special music.*

*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 ~** "Angels' Carol"  
Chancel Choir

John Rutter

*Please stand*

### Offertory Prayer

Let us pray . . .  
God of glory,  
great are your wonders among us

and many are the blessings you bestow.  
Use us and these your gifts for the needs of the world,  
that all the ends of the earth may rejoice in your saving grace,  
through Christ our Savior.

**Amen.**

## **Eucharistic Prayer and Words of Institution**

### **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.

You are invited to share with us the real presence of Jesus Christ our Lord in Holy Communion. All who believe are welcome to come forward and receive the bread and the wine. If you do not wish to partake, you are invited to come forward for a Christmas blessing from the Pastor.

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

**Communion music ~ "Do You Have Room?" by Shawna Belt Edwards  
Emily Koch & Jim Hogan**

### **Prayer after Communion**

Let us pray...

Incarnate God, you are among us at this table.

May we treasure this gift and ponder in our hearts  
the mystery of your presence.

Move us to discover the wonders of your love  
in the everyday moments of our lives,  
through Christ born in us.

**Amen**

## **Invitation to light candles and Christmas Prayer**

Pastor Rick Hall

### **Carol ~ “Silent Night, Holy Night”**

Silent night, holy night! All is calm, all is bright  
round yon virgin mother and child. Holy Infant, so tender and mild,  
sleep in heavenly peace, sleep in heavenly peace.

Silent night, holy night! Shepherds quake at the sight;  
glories stream from heaven afar, heav'nly hosts sing, alleluia!  
Christ, the Savior, is born! Christ, the Savior, is born!

Silent night, holy night! Son of God, love's pure light  
radiant beams from your holy face, with the dawn of redeeming grace,  
Jesus, Lord, at your birth, Jesus, Lord, at your birth.

*Please stand*

### **Benediction**

May you be filled with the wonder of Mary, the obedience of Joseph, the joy of the angels, the eagerness of the shepherds, the determination of the magi and the peace of the Christ child. Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

**Amen**

### **Carol ~ “Joy to the World”**

Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth receive her king;  
let ev'ry heart prepare him room and heav'n and nature sing,  
and heav'n and nature sing, and heav'n, and heav'n and nature sing.

Joy to the earth, the Savior reigns! Let all their songs employ,  
while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains repeat the sounding joy,  
repeat the sounding joy, repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

He rules the world with truth and grace and makes the nations prove  
the glories of his righteousness and wonders of his love,  
and wonders of his love, and wonders of his love,

### **Postlude**

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## **Worship Team**

<b>Message</b>	Pastor Rick Hall
<b>Minister of Music</b>	Mark Longfield
<b>Organist</b>	Andy Gladbach
<b>Greeter</b>	Barbara Reilly
<b>Crucifer</b>	Henry Kraft
<b>Communion Asst. (bread)</b>	Debby Semel
<b>Communion Asst. (bread)</b>	George Watson
<b>Communion Asst. (wine)</b>	Sue Clauss
<b>Communion Asst. (wine)</b>	Bonnie Koch
<b>Communion Asst. (wine)</b>	Diana Howison
<b>Communion Asst. (recp.)</b>	Sylvia Ottemoeller
<b>Communion Asst. (recp.)</b>	Darlene Michener
<b>Communion Asst. (recp.)</b>	CaroleJean Willis
<b>Prayers</b>	Jeff Zimmer
<b>Reader</b>	Tom Reilly
	Pati Evans
	Erika Sieme
	A.J. Coggeshall
	Pastor Rick Hall
<b>Usher #1</b>	Kurt Marsden
<b>Usher #2</b>	Debie Marsden
<b>Gaffer</b>	Marshall Bowen
<b>Sound</b>	Ted Akin
<b>Live Stream</b>	Bob Akin
<b>Living Nativity</b>	
<b>Mary</b>	Lois Kirk
<b>Joeph</b>	Jason Plattner
<b>Angel</b>	Dianna Roden
	Cadence Longfield
	Eleanor Stuart
<b>Inn Keeper</b>	Jeff Zimmer
<b>Shepherds</b>	Alex Reilly
	Reed Longfield
	James Kraft
	Jet and Ying Tremble
	Oliver Stuart & Fitzgerald Stuart
	Fitzgerald Stuart
<b>Director</b>	Marshall Bowen
<b>Costumes</b>	Bonnie Koch

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### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**



## **Offering Envelopes**



Envelopes for 2026 are ready to be picked up in the Narthex. Please begin using them no earlier than January 2026 because your box of 2026 envelopes may be a different number than your box of 2025 envelopes. Also, please do not use 2025 envelopes after December 31, 2025. If you do not see your name and would like envelopes, please contact Diana Howison at [dianahowison@sbcglobal.net](mailto:dianahowison@sbcglobal.net)

As the 2025 calendar year comes to a close, please remember that all 2025 contributions need to be in the offering plate by Sunday, December 28, made through the online portal no later than December 31, post-marked no later than December 31 for correct recording. Thank you for your faithful stewardship; this is how our ministry continues.



In the month of December the Adult Bible Study Class will be studying Jesus' disciple John. We look forward to learning more about the beloved disciple in the coming weeks. Join us on Sunday mornings at 9 AM.

Thank you, Liz



### **The church office**

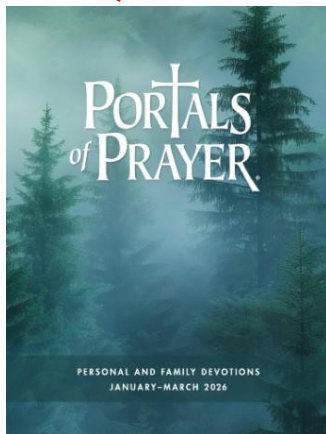
will be closed on  
December 22 – Jan 2 for the Holidays. For any  
immediate needs please coordinate with  
Ancel, Office Manager by 12  
noon, on December 15, 2025



### **Confirmation Classes**

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](mailto: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?**

## Next Quarter Devotionals Available



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 gift to help you.



The last Sunday School for the year will take place on 12/21. Classes will resume on 1/11.

# NEW SWAG FOR SALE

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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](https://www.signupgenius.com)

[Interfaith Food Pantry: Transport bags from Temple to new pantry and/or unload truck \(signupgenius.com\)](https://www.signupgenius.com)

**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! \(signupgenius.com\)](https://www.signupgenius.com)

**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 \(signupgenius.com\)](https://www.signupgenius.com)

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

**Got extra grocery bags?** If you've got gently used paper or plastic bags taking up space in your pantry, we'd love to give them a second life! Drop off whatever you can spare at our distribution site—we'll put them to good use.

Other ways you can help us is by shopping from our [Amazon Wish List](https://www.amazon.com)

## FOOD ASKS OF THE MONTH



We always need cat and dog food (wet or dry).

Please donate cans of hearty soups and chili.



Drop off food donations at:

Our Distribution Site  
- **Mondays and Fridays**  
**between 7:30AM-11:00**  
(11634 Moorpark St. -1/2 block east of Colfax)

Temple Beth Hillel  
(enter off  
Laurelgrove) **Mondays-Fridays, 4:00-5:00PM** Please donate cans of hearty soups and chili.





## **ACKNOWLEDGEMENT FOR POINSETTIAS FOR CHRISTMAS**

Sara Arndt	in memory of husband, Wayne Arndt
John & Sue Clauss	to the glory of God
John & Sue Clauss	in honor of Pastor Rick Hall and Family
John & Sue Clauss	in memory of loved ones
John & Sue Clauss	in honor of all our friends at Emmanuel
John Clauss	in honor of the Sound and Livestream Teams – Bob Akin, Ted Akin, Stephen Howison, Mark Rickertsen, Aaron Rockwell, and Jessie Tobey
Ron & Karon Jones	in memory of our Parents: James & Annette Bowers, and Woodrow & Helen Jones
Ron & Karon Jones	in honor of our Children & Grandchildren: Christopher & Travis and Annette & Austin Jones
Kari Jorgensen	in honor of the Reilly Family
Kathleen Marsden	in memory of loved ones
Quilters of Emmanuel in memory of Joan Gooding, a faithful Emmanuel Quilter	

## Contact Us

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:

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DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

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**THANKS! Pastor Hall will contact you soon!**