



Emmanuel Lutheran Church of North Hollywood

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Bulletin for Worship

September 14, 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.

Gathering Song ~ ELW 593 "Drawn to the Light" (verses 1 and 3)



1 Peo - ple who walk in dark - ness have sought a light in the
 2 How can we tell a heav - en from hell if ev - 'ry - one
 3 Where is the sun? Oh, there will be none! The Lamb is the



heart of the dark - est night. Just when we thought all would be
 dwells in the dark of night? Morn-ing dis - pels, gent - ly com -
 one who is shin - ing bright, bids us to come! Life has be -



lost, we were drawn to the light of God.
 pels, and we're drawn to the light of God.
 gun when we're drawn to the light of God.



Refrain
 Dawn is in sight! Gone is the night, drawn to the



light and the morn - ing. Glo - rious and bright, oh, what a



sight to be drawn to the light of God.

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

2 Pow - er and rich-es, wis-dom and might, all hon - or and
glo - ry to Christ for - ev - er. *Refrain*

3 For God has come to dwell with us, to make us peo-ple of
God; to make all things new. *Refrain*

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray...

O God, overflowing with mercy and compassion, you lead back to yourself all those who go astray. Preserve your people in your loving care, that we may reject whatever is contrary to you and may follow all things that sustain our life in your Son, 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

Exodus 32:7-14

⁷ The LORD said to Moses, "Go down at once! Your people, whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt, have acted perversely; ⁸ they have been quick to turn aside from the way that I commanded them; they have cast for themselves an image of a calf and have worshiped it and sacrificed to it and said, 'These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!' " ⁹ The LORD said to Moses, "I have seen this people, how stiff-necked they are. ¹⁰ Now let me alone so that my wrath may burn hot against them and I may consume them, and of you I will make a great nation."

¹¹ But Moses implored the LORD his God and said, "O LORD, why does your wrath burn hot against your people, whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand? ¹² Why should the Egyptians say, 'It was with evil intent that he brought them out to kill them in the mountains and to consume them from the face of the earth'? Turn from your fierce wrath; change your mind and do not bring disaster on your people. ¹³ Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, your servants, how you swore to them by your own self, saying to them, 'I will multiply your descendants like the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have promised I will give to your descendants, and they shall inherit it forever.' " ¹⁴ And the LORD changed his mind about the disaster that he planned to bring on his people.

Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm: 51:1-10

¹ Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love;
in your great compassion blot out my offenses.

² **Wash me through and through from my wickedness,
and cleanse me from my sin.**

³ For I know my offenses,
and my sin is ever before me.

⁴ **Against you only have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight;
so you are justified when you speak and right in your judgment.**

⁵ Indeed, I was born steeped in wickedness,
a sinner from my mother's womb.

⁶ **Indeed, you delight in truth deep within me,
and would have me know wisdom deep within.**

⁷ Remove my sins with hyssop, and I shall be clean;
wash me, and I shall be purer than snow.

⁸ **Let me hear joy and gladness;**
that the body you have broken may rejoice.

⁹ Hide your face from my sins,
and blot out all my wickedness.

¹⁰ **Create in me a clean heart, O God,**
and renew a right spirit within me.

Second Lesson

1 Timothy 1:12-17

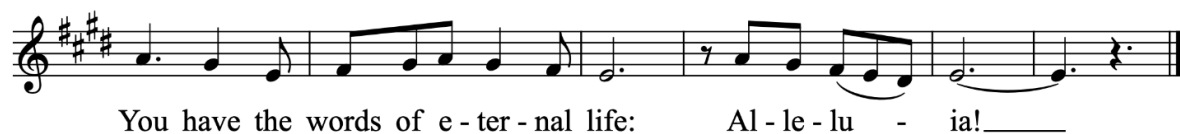
¹² I am grateful to Christ Jesus our Lord, who has strengthened me, because he considered me faithful and appointed me to his service, ¹³ even though I was formerly a blasphemer, a persecutor, and a man of violence. But I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief, ¹⁴ and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. ¹⁵ The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance: that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners—of whom I am the foremost. ¹⁶ But for that very reason I received mercy, so that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display the utmost patience as an example to those who would come to believe in him for eternal life. ¹⁷ To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand

Gospel Acclamation ~ from Now the Feast and Celebration



The holy gospel according to Luke

Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel

Luke 15:1-10

Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to [Jesus.] ² And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them."

³ So he told them this parable: ⁴ "Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing

one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? ⁵ And when he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. ⁶ And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found my lost sheep.' ⁷ Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.

⁸ "Or what woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? ⁹ And when she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.' ¹⁰ Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents."

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated

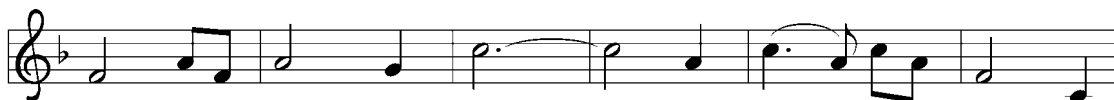
Message ~ Pastor Rick Hall

Please stand

Hymn ~ ELW 779 "Amazing Grace"



1 A - maz - ing grace!— how sweet the sound— that
 2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and
 3 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares I
 4 The Lord has prom - ised good to me; his
 5 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, bright



saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but
 grace my fears re - lieved; how pre - cious did that
 have al - read - y come; 'tis grace has brought me
 word my hope se - cures; he will my shield and
 shin - ing as the sun, we've no less days to



now am found; was blind, but now I see.
 grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved!
 safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.
 por - tion be as long as life en - dures.
 sing God's praise than when we'd first be - gun.

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>

Food and toiletry items to be brought up to the altar at this time. A young person can assist you if needed.

Musical Offering ~ "St. Theresa's Prayer" arr. Christina LaBerge Chancel Choir

Please stand

Offertory Song ~ from Now the Feast and Celebration (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.

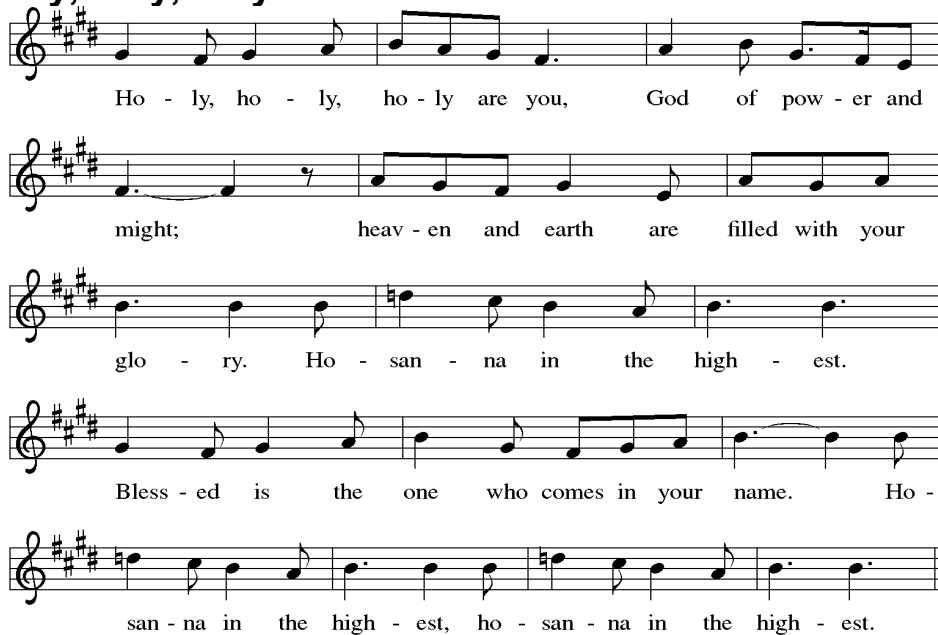
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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 ~ from Now the Feast and Celebration



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.**

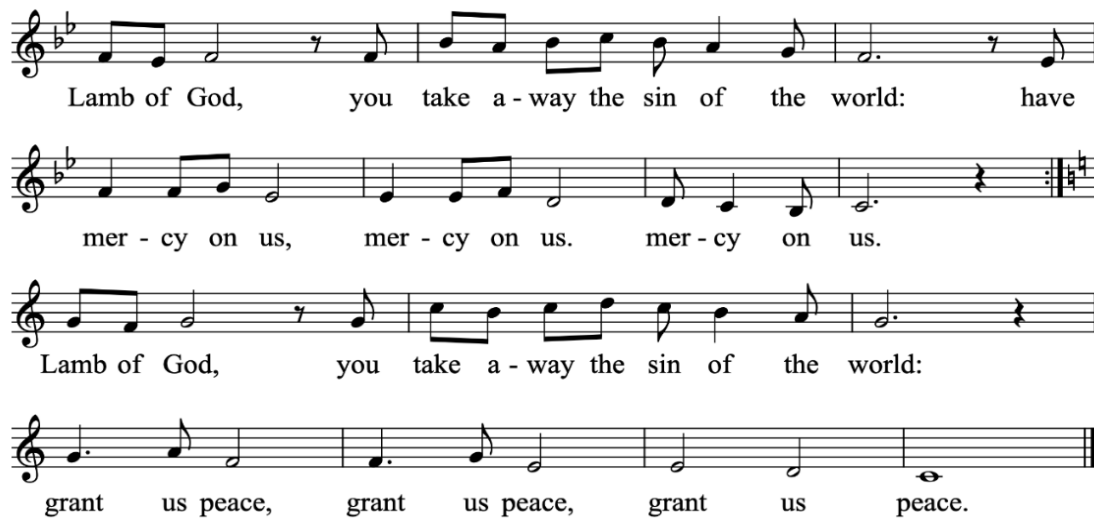
Amen.

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)

Communion Song ~ from Now the Feast and Celebration



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.

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

Announcements

Please stand

Blessing and Sending for Mission

Pastor: Friends in Christ: Today we give thanks to God and seek God's blessing as we send our donations of food, personal care items and blankets to Central Lutheran Food Donation and NoHo Home Alliance.

Let us pray.

Blessed are you, O Lord our God, creator of the universe. We lift our voices to join the songs of heaven and earth in thanksgiving for the many blessings you have given us. Renew in us the commitment to use our gifts in the service of others, and especially of those in need. Let us be your hands to feed the hungry, shelter the homeless, clothe the naked, comfort the weary and outcast, welcome the stranger, care for creation, and be loving neighbors to all people.

Youth 1 - Otis: Bless this food

CONGREGATION: May those who receive it be nourished and strengthened, and may these gifts be a sign of your love to all people.

Youth 2 - Eloise: Bless these personal care items.

CONGREGATION: May those who receive them be cared for and healed, and may these gifts be a sign of your love to all people.

Youth 3 - Maya: Bless this fabric to be made into blankets following the service.

CONGREGATION: May those who receive them find dignity in their use and comfort in their warmth, and may these gifts be a sign of your love to all people.

ALL: To you, O God, be glory and honor through your Son, Jesus Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, in your church and in the world, now and forever.

Amen

Sending Song ~ ACS 1000 "God's Work, Our Hands"



1 God's work, our hands: work - ing to - geth - er,
 2 God's work, our feet: trav - 'ling to - geth - er,
 3 God's work, our voice: sing - ing to - geth - er,
 4 God is at work in and a - round us:



build - ing a fu - ture, re - pair - ing the world,
 fol - low - ing Je - sus to plac - es un - known,
 prais - ing, pro - claim - ing to all who will hear,
 seed - lings are sprout - ing and bread's on the rise!



rais - ing up homes, plant - ing new gar - dens,
 walk - ing as friends, march - ing for free - dom,
 pray - ing for peace, shout - ing for jus - tice,
 Washed and set free, hum - bled and hon - ored,



feed - ing the hun - gry and shelt - 'ring the cold.
 run - ning the race with God's fu - ture the goal.
 claim - ing God's love for the lost and the least.
 gift - ed by grace, we re - spond in God's love.



Bless, God, our hands as we work in your name,
 Bless, God, our feet as we fol - low your way,
 Bless, God, our voice as we speak in your name,
 Bless, God, our lives as we an - swer your call,



shar - ing the good news of your gos - pel.
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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	Catherine Menton
CA Bread	Debby Semel
CA Wine #1 (tray)	Mark Longfield
CA Wine #2 (tray)	Sylvia Ottemoeller
CA Empty #3 (recp.)	Diana Howison
CA Empty #4 (recp.)	Sue Class
Lector	Liz Rickertsen
Usher #1	Jeanine Wilson
Usher #2	TBD
Gaffer	Marshall Bowen
Sound	Bob Akin
Live Stream	Jessie Tobey

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 FOOD / TOILETRY DRIVE & QUILT MAKING

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 14TH | 10AM-12PM

6020 Radford Avenue
North Hollywood, CA 91606



**10am
Worship**



10am - 12pm

Collection of donations for



Central Lutheran Food Distribution and NoHo Home Alliance.



11am - 12pm.



**After worship, grab a cup of coffee and help us make quilts
for the unhoused in the Reception Room!**

There will also be sign-ups for various activities on the patio.

Please contribute if you can!



FOOD DONATIONS

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



TOILETRY DONATIONS

- TOOTHPASTE
- SOAP BARS
- SHAMPOO & CONDITIONER
- LOTION
- TOOTHBRUSHES
- DISPOSABLE RAZORS & SHAVING CREAM
- DENTAL FLOSS
- BODY WASH
- DEODORANT
- HAND SANITIZER
- CHAPSTICKS
- Q-TIPS
- SUNTAN LOTION
- WET WIPES



Installation of Teachers and Staff

Please join us at worship on Sunday, Sept. 21 at 10am as we install all your favorite teachers, administrators and staff for the 25-26 school year. We look forward to celebrating the wonderful contributions that they make in the lives of our students. Afterwards we will gather in their honor in the reception room for sub sandwiches, cake and coffee.



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?**

Jesus' 12 Disciples—A New Adult Bible Study starting, September 21

Would you like to know more about “**The Twelve**,” handpicked by Jesus to be his disciples? Do you have questions about how these people were trained to spread the Good News about Jesus’ life, death, and resurrection? If so, then this Bible Study is for You!

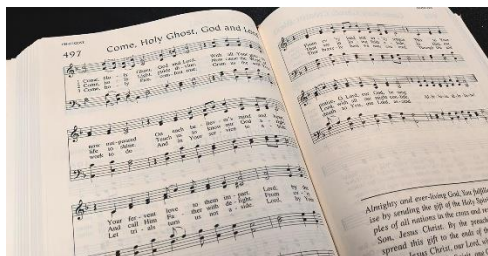
Starting **Sunday, September 21 at 9:00 a.m.**, in the church conference room, we will gather and have our Bibles ready to learn more about these “fine men?”! Hold it, weren’t they a bunch of fishermen/tax collectors/zealots who Jesus chose? What about the Pharisees and Sadducees? Why weren’t they chosen?

Together we will delve into the New Testament to find out more. Jesus chose these men in the same way Jesus chooses us. This study will take us into at least the early Spring, depending how much discussion we have each week.

Hope to see many of you on Sunday, Sept. 21 at 9 a.m.!

Come Join the Handicrafts Group

The Handicrafts group is meeting Sunday, September 14, at 1:00pm. We would love to have you join us. We'll be meeting in the Conference Room of Emmanuel. If you have any questions, please contact Diana Howison at diana_howison@sbcglobal.net.



Got a favorite hymn you've been waiting to sing? Or maybe you missed it the last time around? Now's your chance!

Join us at 9:40 on Sundays—September 21, September 28, and October 5—for a time of hymn-singing. Our Minister of Music, Mark Longfield, will be taking requests straight from the congregation. Dust off those hymnals and get ready to sing your favorites!



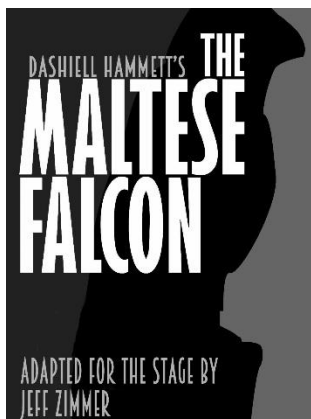
2025 SWO Convention

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



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.

Auditions

Auditions for *The Bethlehem Project* (written and directed by Jeff Zimmer with music by Mike Renneker) will be held **Tuesday, October 14, 7:30-9pm** and **Saturday, October 18, 10 a.m.- noon** at the Lincoln Stegman Theatre!

The show is a series of brief comedy sketches and songs. That's right, it's a **MUSICAL**! ELATE's first musical in 7 years!!! There will be a special preview show on November 30, and then the show runs December 5-7.

Don't let the "musical" part scare you away! There are plenty of parts for people who can't sing as well! But we could use someone who can do a Stan Laurel impression, and we need a teen girl to sing a featured song as Mary.

Please come and be a part of this FUN show!

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!