



Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 13, 2026

Serving the Community since September 1945

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

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Bishop's Message

A prayer for the 25th Anniversary of the September 11 attacks:

God of all peace and all wisdom, we come to you as a nation of grievers and a nation of healers. We come to you as people whose lives have been shattered by violence, in wars, in terrorism, in shootings, in domestic settings. We come to you as people who seek peace and understanding. We come to you as people who need your forgiveness as we forgive others.

This week our nation remembers the awful attacks on September 11, 2001 and the ways in which our lives were changed. Bless those for whom this anniversary brings up painful, life-changing memories and loss. Soothe those who seek revenge, or harm others in their unprocessed trauma. Heal the seemingly insurmountable rifts between peoples and nations. Guide us away from blame, distrust and violence. Inspire us to peace and understanding. Remind us of your unsurpassable love, your everlasting hope and your unchanging peace.

You alone are God, you alone are holy, you alone bring wholeness. We bless you O God, now, in our past and in our future. Amen.

God's Work Our Hands Sunday, September 13

Join Us Sunday, September 13, 11-12 p.m.: Plan to stay after worship – Come to the reception room, grab a cup of coffee, and help us make blankets for the unhoused. 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:**•
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.

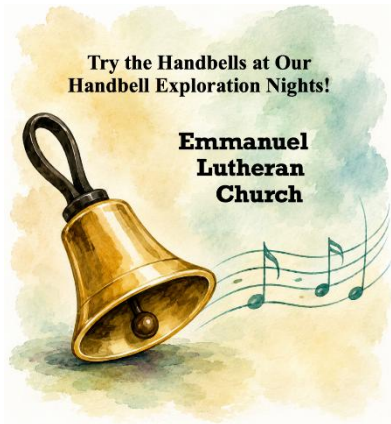


Bagels & Lox Sunday

September 13, 2026

Join us in the reception room
immediately following
worship

Try the Handbells at Our
Handbell Exploration Nights!



**Emmanuel
Lutheran
Church**

Curious about handbells? Come try them out!

Join us for two fun **Handbell Exploration Nights:**
Thursday, September 17 and Thursday,
September 24, 6:30–7:30 PM. We'll meet in the **Bell**
Room, which is located towards the front of the
sanctuary and to the left.

We'll learn some basic ringing techniques, learn a
little about reading music, and have fun making music
together!

No experience necessary. No commitment required.

Just come and ring!

Contact [Mark Longfield](#) for more information:
Regular Handbell Choir rehearsals begin in October

The Bible —A New Adult Bible Study starting, September 20

This year the Adult Bible Study will be learning more about
“The Bible.” Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend
our fun-filled discussion-based study on The Bible. If you don't
know anything about the Bible between Genesis and Revelation this study is for you! If
you already know the Bible backwards and forwards then we need you to help us along
in our conversations. And if you know just enough to be “dangerous” this study is for you
as well! No one will be excluded in our new year of studying The Word of God.



Starting Sunday, September 20 at 9:00 a.m., in the church conference room, we will
gather to learn more about the book which has been on the best seller list for years. 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, September 20 at 9:00 a.m. sharp.

Liz, Bible Study facilitator

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!!!***



SUNDAY SCHOOL



Soda Bottles Needed

Sunday School is preparing for Rally Day and needs empty, clean, two-liter soda bottles. If you would like to donate, please see Mark Rickertsen to make arrangements.

Sunday School will continue to take place during the Sermon time of our regular worship service. We will be having our kick off Rally Day soon and will resume meeting in September.

See Mark Rickertsen or Pastor Rick if you have questions or would like to volunteer.

Message

Pastor Rick Hall

Organist

Andy Gladbach

Greeter

Catherine Menton

Communion

Assistants

Sue Clauss

Bonnie Koch

Diana Howison

CaroleJean Willis

Debby Semel

Lector

Scott Robinson

Usher

Jeanine Wilson

Barbara Piecka

Gaffer

Bonnie Ericson

Sound

Stephen Howison

Live Stream

Bob Akin

Birthdays

13) Darlene Michener

Pricilla Stark

14) Beef Evans

Chloe Schaeffer

Emmanuel Lutheran Church Sunday School presents:

RALLY SUNDAY!

*Let's Build Faith.
Let's Fly Together*

WHAT:
Our annual "Sunday School Year" kickoff event.

WHEN:
Sunday, September 13, 2026
after worship (11:00am).

WHO:
All children ages 3+ (including LHS and LPS families and their friends). Parents (and high school students) are needed to help and assist younger kids.

WHERE:
Band/Choir Room (upstairs in the administration building) and Bell Tower Court Yard.

Join us for this fun activity where our lesson will be about faith skills. We'll learn what faith skills you could already possess and how these connect to building and flying "Bottle Rockets."

Donations of empty carbonated soda bottles are needed. Please bring your clean 1/2, 1 and 2 liter bottles to Emmanuel any Sunday morning between now and September 13, 2026 (or contact Mark Rickertsen to make other arrangements).

Volunteers are needed to help out with specific build/fly jobs. Please contact Mark Rickertsen for more information (818) 469-9455 (call/text).

WEAR OLDER CLOTHES THAT CAN GET WET.

Emmanuel Lutheran Church
6020 Radford Ave., N. Hollywood, CA 91606 | Phone (818) 761-6124 | www.elcnoho.org



The Handcrafts Group is meeting again on Sunday, September 20.

We will be in the Conference Room of Emmanuel's administrative wing and we will begin at 1pm.

Please join us! If you have any questions, check with [Diana Howison](#). See you then!

What story does the Bible tell?

What happened right after Jesus rose from the dead?

Who is Jesus?

What kind of kingdom does God want?

How do I find things in the Bible?

Who is Moses?

What are God's people supposed to do now?

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

CONFIRMATION CLASS 2026-2027

Sept-May First Sundays

Begins Sept 13th (due to Labor Day Holiday)

A Shared confirmation experience for youth in the Twin Valleys Conference of the Southwest California Synod*

**Typically 6-8th grades, but older youth are welcome!*

Contact Pastor Megan Hunt Fryling to sign up!

*Text or call 610-680-7220
pastor@bethlehemlutheran.net*

1:30-4:00 pm

Greetings Confirmation Families!

Welcome to a new year of our Twin Valleys Confirmation program!

This year, we'll be starting classes Sunday, September 13, at Emmanuel Lutheran: 6020 Radford Ave, North Hollywood, CA 91606. Each class will run from 1:30 pm - 4:00 pm.

[Click here to download the schedule for the year.](#)

Parents/guardians should attend the first 15 minutes of class on the 13th and we can answer questions and review the schedule with you. It's also a terrific opportunity to connect with other families for carpooling purposes for the rest of the year. If your child can't make it on the 13th, don't panic! Just let me know and we'll connect you with your church's pastor (or me) to get them all up to speed for the next class in October.

We also have room for more students, so if you know any youth in your congregation who haven't signed up, but who would be interested, share this info and have them connect with me! While most students do Confirmation during their middle school years, we also welcome high school students. Looking forward to a fun and faith-filled year!

Blessings, Pastor Megan Fryling
610-680-7220

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PRACTICAL TOOLS.
STRONGER CONNECTIONS.
GRACE FOR THE JOURNEY.

Parenting is one of life's most important jobs—and it's not always easy.

You don't have to do it alone.
We're here to help.

REAL SUPPORT.
REAL SOLUTIONS.
REAL LIFE.



NOW ENROLLING:

PARENTING CLASS FOR FAMILIES

Children Ages 2–12



6-WEEK COURSE

Wednesdays

Begins September 16th



6:30 – 8:30 PM

(2-hour sessions)



For parents and caregivers
of children ages 2–12



Hill Ave Grace Lutheran Church
73 N. Hill Avenue
Pasadena, CA 91106

A PRACTICAL, SUPPORTIVE COURSE

Led by Licensed Marriage & Family Therapist Garry Mohr, this encouraging course is designed to give you practical strategies to build stronger relationships, improve communication, and raise confident, compassionate kids.

IN THIS COURSE YOU'LL LEARN:

- Positive discipline strategies that work
- How to strengthen connection and communication
- Tools to support emotional growth and resilience
- Solutions for everyday parenting challenges

MATERIALS COST

Cost \$140, grants available.



*Invest in your family.
It's worth it.*

COMING SOON

Parenting
with Teens
Help for the
teen years

Co-Parenting
with Grace
Support for parents in
separate households

More resources.
More support.
More grace.
Stay tuned!



ENROLL TODAY!

Spots are limited. Secure your place in this life-changing series for your family.



REGISTER OR LEARN MORE:

hillavenuegrace.org/parenting

OR EMAIL US: office@hillavenuegrace.org



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Parenting with Grace We're excited to introduce Parenting with Grace, an ongoing series of practical, supportive classes for parents and caregivers of children ages 2–12. Led by Licensed Marriage & Family Therapist Garry Mohr, these classes are designed to offer real-life tools, encouragement, and a place to connect with others who understand the joys and challenges of raising children.

Our first six-week course begins Wednesday, September 16, from 6:30–8:30 PM at Hill Ave Grace Lutheran Church. And this is just the beginning—additional parenting classes and resources will be offered in the months ahead. www.hillavenuegrace.org/parenting

CAN YOU HELP?



LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF

The Quilters are gathering the following items to complete Personal Care kits and Baby Care kits for Lutheran World Relief. We welcome any donations to help us accomplish this project.

- 12 jackets or sweaters with or without hoods-infant to 24 month (no inappropriate characters)
- 16 pairs of socks, infant to size 2
- 13 hand towels, dark color preferred
- 13 diaper pins or large safety pins
- 46 bars of mild soap (Dove or Ivory are great)

The Quilters will assemble the kits the end of September and then the kits will be shipped to LWR in October.

Karen Ohrt



Prayer List ...

Nesbitt Blaisdell,
Bob Boehman
Mike Cosenza
Dick Krussow
Ernine Larson
Kimberly Laux
Samuel Lee
Edie Lewis
Lillie Lim
Leo Lujan
Mary Ann Manore
Patrick Moya
Jim & Karen Ohrt
Lumina Padron-Sanche
Aaron Rockwell
Pam Sullivan
Vehling Family
Muriel Waugh

We pray for those newly added to the Prayer List...

Linda Boehman
Emerson Jones
Jonathan Lockwood
Judy Marsh
Catherine Menton
Janet Sellers
Pete Van Zago
Casey Williams-Krubiner

.Shut-ins:

Karen Bollesen;
Gloria Blackman;
Jim & Marie Crawford
Bill Hoffman;
Bernadine Poulsen;
Mavien Ready;
Thorsen Family

..Mission Concerns:

ELC sponsored
missionaries around
the world;
California Lutheran University;
ELCA World Relief

... in Military Service:

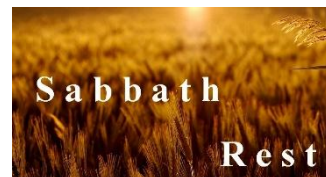
Lord, thank You for the men
and women in our armed forces. We
pray Your protection over each one as
they carry out their various duties in
defense of our country. Wherever they
are in the world, we pray You would
lead and protect them from all the
forces of evil.

We also ask you to place your hand of
protection and peace on the families
of those who have sent a loved one to
serve in the Armed Forces.

Prayer of the Day: O Lord God, merciful judge, you are the inexhaustible fountain of forgiveness. Replace our hearts of stone with hearts that love and adore you, that we may delight in doing your will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Please note Pastor Rick's Sabbath day is observed on Fridays.

He will be available in the church office Monday through Thursday each week.



Emmanuel Lutheran Church
Pictorial Directory
Summer 2026
In North Hollywood since 1948



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!



Download the [Prayer Ventures here](#) for September 2026. These petitions are offered as guides to prayer each day of the month for global, social and outreach ministries of the ELCA, as well as for the needs and circumstances of our neighbors, communities and world.

SAVE THE DATE



The African Descent Lutheran Association-Los Angeles Chapter
Southwest California Synod -ELCA

**A Celebration Worship Service
Honoring Rev. Dr. Nelson W. Trout**

The First African Descent Bishop elected to the American Lutheran Church South Pacific District (now ELCA).

Theme : Hands of Service, Hearts of God

Sunday - September 20 , 2026 | 3:00PM

All clergy and rostered leaders are invited to Vest (the color is **RED**) and process. Arrive by 2:15pm.

**Ascension Lutheran Church
5820 West Blvd
Los Angeles, California 90043**



The Preacher for the occasion is :
The Rev. Brenda Bos
Bishop, Southwest California Synod



Honoring The Rev. Dr. Nelson Wesley Trout Bishop Trout, the Teacher was the first African American Bishop of the former American Lutheran Church. He was elected on the campus of what is now California Lutheran University. He served as the Bishop of the South Pacific District from 1983 to 1987, which comprised 310 congregations and had 144,000 members. [Read more here,](#)

Flooding in Nepal



On Aug. 26, powerful floodwaters carrying glacial ice and mud swept down the Himalayas through a mountain valley. Hundreds of people have died, and hundreds more remain missing as families are waiting for news of loved ones. Homes have been destroyed, roads and bridges are gone, and entire communities are struggling to access basic necessities. Lutheran Disaster Response has long-standing relationships with trusted partners throughout Nepal. With your help, Lutheran Disaster Response will support emergency relief and long-term recovery through these established partners who know their communities best.

[GIVE NOW](#)

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Join us for the "Würst"
party of the year - the Eagle
Rock Oktoberfest Benefiting
Solheim Senior Community!

SAT, SEPT 19

5:00pm – 9:00pm
At 2236 Merton Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90041

Purchase your tickets today online at
solheimsenior.org/oktoberfest

Pre-Sale Tickets: \$10 Kids Ages 6-12: \$5
Tickets at Door: \$15 Kids 5 and Under: Free

Your ticket buys you entrance to the Oktoberfest with live music by Bavarian
Stew and more! Tickets must be purchased separately for food and drink.

For more information, visit
solheimsenior.org/oktoberfest or call 323-257-7518.

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authentic German food,
beer and more, you're
sure to have a great time...
all while supporting a
great cause!

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dignity and security.
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about Solheim Senior
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www.solheimsenior.org



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Next Quarter Devotionals Available

Devotional booklets are available in the literature rack in the church narthex, ***Christ in Our Home*** covering one quarter of 2026. ***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! These are offered for you at no charge. They are our gift to help you.



Give Now

The link takes you directly to our giving page. If you have questions about any giving options, you may benefit from watching this tutorial on safely donating online: Online Giving

Please feel free to call the business office: (818) 763-5434.

YOUR COUNCIL

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Marshall Bowen
Aaron Kraft
Morgan Loy
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Greg Sieme
Anna Wilson



SoCalSynod

Visit the synod website to check out upcoming events. Sign up to receive newsletters from the synod office.



For the Kids

+ **Download Children's pages** with stories, puzzles and quizzes based on the lessons for the week.

[Gospel pages for 7+++](#)
[Gospel pages 3-7](#)

LSS



See how Lutheran Social Services works and how you can make a donation. Your donations are essential. See a complete list of urgent local needs in this time of covid here.

Gather Bible Study

for
Women of the ELCA at
Emmanuel Lutheran

Church Website

There are several links in these online newsletters. Please let me know if any of them don't work for you. THANK YOU for your positive comments. I always welcome your input.

Sincerely,
Marty McCambridge
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