



Emmanuel
LUTHERAN CHURCH & PRESCHOOL

**10 AM Worship, July 26, 2026
Ninth Sunday after Pentecost
Year of Matthew**

Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Vienna, VA

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Gathering: The Holy Spirit Gathers Us in Worship

Prelude

David Allen, Guest Musician

Welcome

Good morning and welcome to worship at Emmanuel Lutheran Church! You can find bulletins and ways to give online at elcvienna.org. Here in person, you will find hymnals, Bibles, prayer cards, offering envelopes, and a QR code for offerings in the pew holders as well. Our liturgy is projected on the walls for you. We do have large-print bulletins and hearing assistance devices available. Inquire about those with our ushers in the back of the sanctuary. We invite newcomers to stop by our welcome table just outside the sanctuary after worship.

Invocation

Pastor: In this holy season after Pentecost, we are gathered in the name of the Father, ☩ the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

Gathering Hymn

Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory
ELW 890

- 1 Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord;
he is trampling out the vintage where the grapes of wrath are stored;
he has loosed the fateful lightning of his terrible swift sword:
his truth is marching on.

Refrain

Glory, glory! Hallelujah!
Glory, glory! Hallelujah!
Glory, glory! Hallelujah!
His truth is marching on.

- 2 He has sounded forth the trumpet that shall never call retreat;
he is sifting out the hearts of men before his judgment seat.
Oh, be swift, my soul, to answer him; be jubilant, my feet!
Our God is marching on. *Refrain*

- 3 In the beauty of the lilies Christ was born across the sea,



with a glory in his bosom that transfigures you and me.
As he died to make men holy, let us live to make men free,
while God is marching on. *Refrain*

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Word: God Speaks to Us in Scriptures and Prayer

1 Kings 3:5-12

Reader: A reading from the First Book of Kings, chapter three.

Reader:

⁵ At Gibeon the LORD appeared to Solomon in a dream by night, and God said, "Ask what I should give you." ⁶ And Solomon said, "You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant my father David because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart toward you, and you have kept for him this great and steadfast love and have given him a son to sit on his throne today. ⁷ And now, O LORD my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David, although I am only a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in. ⁸ And your servant is in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a great people so numerous they cannot be numbered or counted. ⁹ Give your servant, therefore, an understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil, for who can govern this great people of yours?"

¹⁰ It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. ¹¹ God said to him, "Because you have asked this and have not asked for yourself long life or riches or for the life of your enemies but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, ¹² I now do according to your word. Indeed, I give you a wise and discerning mind; no one like you has been before you, and no one like you shall arise after you."

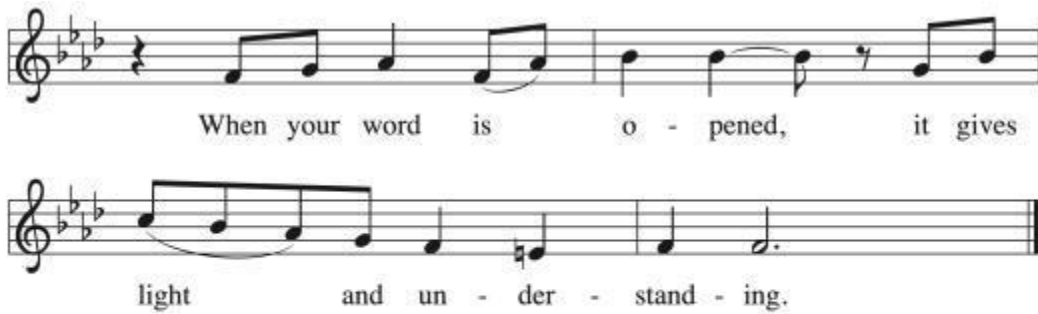
Reader: Word of God. Word of Life.

All: Thanks be to God!

Psalms 119:129-136

We will be singing the Psalm. The cantor sings the refrain, and the congregation repeats the refrain. The verses are sung responsively. The refrain is repeated as indicated by "R".

[R] Refrain:



Psalm 119:130

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Tone:



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- ¹²⁹ Your de- l crees are wonderful;
therefore I obey them with l all my heart.
- ¹³⁰ **When your word is opened l it gives light;
it gives understanding l to the simple.**
- ¹³¹ I open my l mouth and pant
because I long for l your commandments.
- ¹³² **Turn to me and be gra- l cious to me,
as you always do to those who l love your name. R**
- ¹³³ Order my footsteps l in your word;
let no iniquity have dominion l over me.
- ¹³⁴ **Rescue me from those l who oppress me,
and I will keep l your commandments.**
- ¹³⁵ Let your face shine up- l on your servant
and teach l me your statutes.
- ¹³⁶ **My eyes shed l streams of tears,
because people do not l keep your teaching. R**

Romans 8:26-39

Reader: A reading from Saint Paul's letter to the Romans, chapter 8.

Reader:

²⁶ The Spirit helps us in our weakness, for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with groanings too deep for words.

²⁷ And God, who searches hearts, knows what is the mind of the Spirit,



because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

²⁸ We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. ²⁹ For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. ³⁰ And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified.

³¹ What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? ³² He who did not withhold his own Son but gave him up for all of us, how will he not with him also give us everything else? ³³ Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. ³⁴ Who is to condemn? It is Christ who died, or rather, who was raised, who is also at the right hand of God, who also intercedes for us. ³⁵ Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will affliction or distress or persecution or famine or nakedness or peril or sword? ³⁶ As it is written,

"For your sake we are being killed all day long;
we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered."

³⁷ No, in all these things we are more than victorious through him who loved us. ³⁸ For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, ³⁹ nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Reader: Word of God. Word of Life.

All: Thanks be to God!

Special Music*

Let It Rain (Is There Anybody)

Verse 1

Is there anybody's sunshine
Been turned to rain
Is there anyone's blue sky
Been turned to gray

Verse 2

Is there anybody's good time
Turned out real bad
Is there anyone's happiness
Turned out sad

Pre-Chorus 1

And I know I can't trust in the things that I see



All I know He's at work and He's working on me

Chorus 1

So let it rain let it pour
Lord I need You more and more
Let it rain rain down on me
Every day whatever You want
Not my will but Yours Lord
Let it rain rain down on me

Verse 3

Is there anybody's mountain
Too tall to climb
Is there anybody's faith feel
Like you're running dry

Pre-Chorus 2

Let me tell you He's able He's done it for me
He can make every mountain
He'll throw that mountain into the sea

Bridge

Yeah the same God who brought the sunshine
Is the same one who brings the rain
Yeah the same God who made the sun shine
Is the same one who knows my name

Chorus 2

So let it rain if You want
You are God and I am not
Let it rain rain down on me
Every day whatever You want
Not my will but Yours Lord
Let it rain rain down on me

Ending

Let it rain rain down on me
(I know my God is working on me)
Let it rain rain down on me

David Crowder, Ed Cash
CCLI Song #7121647



Children's Message

Children are invited forward for a message just for them! Following the children's message, children are invited to Children's Chapel and will return to the sanctuary after the message.

Gospel Acclamation

Christ, Be Our Light
ELW 715, refrain

Christ, be our light!
Shine in our hearts.
Shine through the darkness.
Christ, be our light!
Shine in your church gathered today.

Text: Bernadette Farrell, b. 1957. One License 80229.

Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

Pastor: The good news of Jesus Christ according to the gospel of Saint Matthew, the thirteenth chapter.

All: Glory to you, O Lord!

Pastor:

³¹ [Jesus] put before [the crowds] another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field;³² it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches."

³³ He told them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened."

⁴⁴ "The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and reburied; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

⁴⁵ "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls;
⁴⁶ on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it.

⁴⁷ "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; ⁴⁸ when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. ⁴⁹ So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous ⁵⁰ and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be



weeping and gnashing of teeth.

⁵¹ "Have you understood all this?" They answered, "Yes." ⁵² And he said to them, "Therefore every scribe who has become a disciple in the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old."

Pastor: The gospel of the Lord!

All: Praise to you, O Christ!

Message

"The Kingdom of Heaven" based upon Matthew 13 by Pastor Tony Prinsen

Song of the Day*

My Beloved

Chorus

There's a sun coming up in my soul

Lord in my soul

There's a sun coming up in my soul

Lord in my soul

I see the light I see the light

I see the light I see the light

Oh thank You God I see the light

Whoa whoa whoa

Verse 1

My beloved bring me awake

Take me up to Your resurrection place

My beloved bring me awake

'Cause I want to feel Your light on my face

Verse 2

My beloved take me away

Over Jordan up out of this place

My beloved for You I wait

With You here 'til forever face to face

Bridge

No more sorrow no more pain

No more darkness weighing down on me

No longer blind now I can see

Forever light forever free yeah



Ending

I see the light I see the light
I see the light I see the light
Oh thank You God I see the light
Whoa whoa whoa whoa

David Crowder, Ed Cash, Seth Philpott
CCLI Song #6538248

Apostle's Creed

Leader: We confess our common faith in the words of the Apostle's Creed.

**All: 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

Leader: Let us pray.

Leader: God our faith, you call the church to make disciples of all nations.
Encourage your people in the proclamation of the gospel and into lives of
humble service. Lord, in your mercy,

All: hear our prayer.

Leader: God our life, you spoke creation into being and called it good. Protect
lands and waters and sustain living creatures of every kind. Lord, in your
mercy,

All: hear our prayer.



Leader: God our peace, you have called us to love our neighbor. Heal divisions between nations, that all people might live in your peace. Lord, in your mercy,

All: hear our prayer.

Leader: God our healer, you call us to do your work with our hands for your children in need. We pray for... Lord, in your mercy,

All: hear our prayer.

Leader: God our salvation, you give rest when our work is done. We give thanks for all the saints who now rest in you, confident in the promise of resurrection life in the age to come. Lord, in your mercy,

All: hear our prayer.

Leader: Hear our prayers and answer us, O God, in the name of Jesus Christ, we pray.

All: Amen.

Peace

Leader: May the peace of the Risen Lord be with you always!

All: And also with you.

Leader: Let us share signs of peace.

Offering

Offerings in support of our mission and ministry can be made at elcvienna.org/give or mailed to the church. Offering envelopes and QR codes are in the pew holders. Ushers will take the offering in person. Every gift matters—thank you!

Choir Offertory

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Meal: Jesus Gives Us Forgiveness and Life

Holy Communion Words of Institution

Pastor: We remember that in the night in which he was betrayed, Jesus took bread, broke it, and gave it to his disciples saying, "Take and eat. This is my body given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."



Pastor: And 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 all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this in remembrance of me."

The Lord's Prayer

Pastor: Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray...

**All: Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.**

Pastor: All people are called to Christ's table. Come, eat what is good.

All: Thanks be to God!

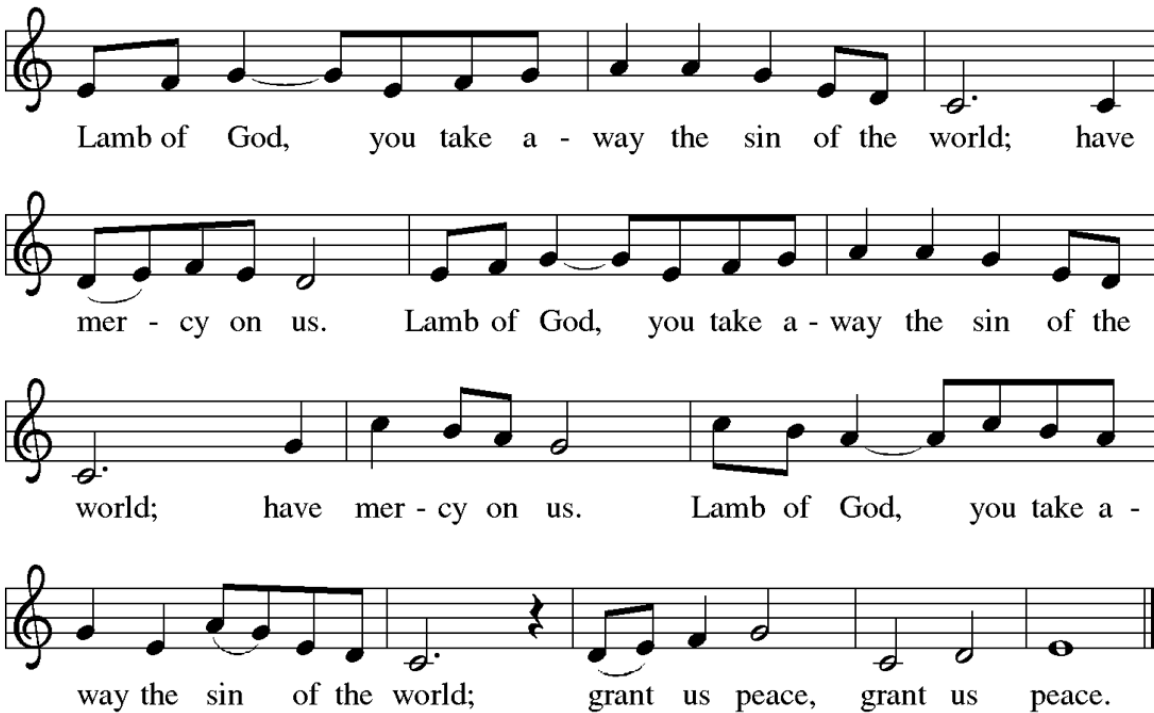
Communion Instructions

All are invited to come forward to receive communion or a blessing. Wafers will be dipped in wine and handed to you. If you prefer a wafer without wine, please let us know. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request. We have goldfish and a blessing for our non-communing children. You are also welcome to pray at the communion rail after you have been communed.

Agnus Dei

Lamb of God

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Communion Song*

Come Jesus Come

Verse 1

Sometimes I fall to my knees and pray
Come Jesus come let today be the day
Sometimes I feel like I'm gonna break
But I'm holding on to a hope that won't fade

Chorus

Come Jesus come
We've been waiting so long
For the day You return to heal every hurt
And right every wrong
We need You right now
Come and turn this around
Deep down I know this world isn't home
Come Jesus come
Come Jesus come

Verse 2



There'll be no war and there'll be no chains
When Jesus comes let today be the day
He'll come for the weak
And the strong just the same
And all will believe in the power of His name

Verse 3

One day He'll come and we'll stand face to face
Come and lay it all down 'cause it might be today
The time is right now there's no need to wait
Your past will be washed by rivers of grace

Tag

Come Jesus come come
Come Jesus come

Bryan Fowler, Hank Bentley, Stephen McWhirter, Tara McWhirter
CCLI Song #7154136

Sending: The Holy Spirit Leads Us in Mission to the World

Invitation to Ministry

As the Spirit leads us out into mission in the world, we invite you to join us in our ministries. We invite our newcomers to stop by the welcome table just outside the sanctuary to connect and learn more about the work of our congregation.

Blessing

This Aaronic Blessing is based on Numbers 6:22-27.

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace.

All: Amen.

Sending Song*

Thrive

Intro

Oh oh



Verse 1

Here in this worn and weary land
Where many a dream has died
Like a tree planted by the water
We never will run dry

Pre-Chorus

So living water flowing through
God we thirst for more of You
Fill our hearts and flood our souls
With one desire

Chorus

Just to know You and to make You known
We lift Your name on high
Shine like the sun make darkness run and hide
We know we were made for so much more
Than ordinary lives
It's time for us to more than just survive
We were made to thrive

Verse 2

Into Your Word we're digging deep
To know our Father's heart
Into the world we're reaching out
To show them who You are

Bridge

Joy unspeakable
Faith unsinkable
Love unstoppable
Anything is possible
(REPEAT 3X)

Interlude

Oh oh
Oh oh

Ending

We were made to thrive

Mark Hall, Matthew West
CCLI Song #7006228



Sending

Leader: Go in peace and share the good news!

All: Thanks be to God!

Postlude*

Thrive

Mark Hall, Matthew West

CCLI Song #7006228

Thank you so much for worshipping with us!

Join Us in Making a Difference

Our mission is to nurture, grow, and share our Christian faith as Lutherans in a multicultural world. We envision Emmanuel Lutheran Church as a welcoming, vibrant, growing, and faith-filled Christian community whose participants generously share their time, talents, and resources in a changing world.

You Are Welcome Here

Emmanuel Lutheran Church welcomes all who are seeking God's love and grace. We welcome and affirm full participation by all because God welcomes all, regardless of race, culture, national origin, citizenship status, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, relationship or socio-economic status, addictions, physical or mental health, disability, imprisonment, age, or other circumstances. Our unity is in Christ.

We Honor the First People

As the Holy Spirit gathers us in worship, we acknowledge that Lutherans in the Metropolitan Washington D.C. Synod, ELCA, worship, live, and work on the ancestral homelands of the Nacotchtank (also referred to as Anacostan), Piscataway peoples, Pamunkey, Putuxent, Susquehannock, and Yacocomico peoples; as well as the Doeg, and the Virginia tribes—including the Rappahannock, Pamunkey, Upper Mattaponi, Chickahominy, Eastern Chickahominy, Nansemond, Monacan, Manahoac, Mattaponi, Patawomeck, and Nottaway. Emmanuel Lutheran Church gathers upon the ancestral lands of the Piscataway and Manahoac peoples. Find out more about the Piscataway at en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Piscataway_people and the Manahoac at



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