



Emmanuel
LUTHERAN CHURCH & PRESCHOOL

**10 AM Worship, August 16, 2026
Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost
Year of Matthew**

Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Vienna, VA

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Gathering: The Holy Spirit Gathers Us in Worship

Prelude

"O Love How Deep, How Broad, How High", arr. David N. Johnson. One License 34320.

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. 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

Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing
ELW 886

- 1 Oh, for a thousand tongues to sing
my great Redeemer's praise,
the glories of my God and King,
the triumphs of his grace!
- 2 My gracious Master and my God,
assist me to proclaim,
to spread through all the earth abroad
the honors of your name.
- 3 The name of Jesus charms our fears
and bids our sorrows cease,
sings music in the sinner's ears,
brings life and health and peace.
- 4 He speaks, and list'ning to his voice,



new life the dead receive;
the mournful, broken hearts rejoice,
the humble poor believe.

- 5 Look unto him, your Savior own,
O fallen human race!
Look and be saved through faith alone,
be justified by grace!
- 6 To God all glory, praise, and love
be now and ever giv'n
by saints below and saints above,
the church in earth and heav'n.

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Word: God Speaks to Us in Scriptures and Prayer

Isaiah 56:1, 6-8

Reader: A reading from the Prophet Isaiah, chapter fifty-six.

Reader:

¹Thus says the LORD:

Maintain justice, and do what is right,
for soon my salvation will come
and my deliverance be revealed.

⁶And the foreigners who join themselves to the LORD,
to minister to him, to love the name of the LORD,
and to be his servants,

all who keep the Sabbath and do not profane it
and hold fast my covenant—

⁷these I will bring to my holy mountain
and make them joyful in my house of prayer;
their burnt offerings and their sacrifices
will be accepted on my altar,
for my house shall be called a house of prayer
for all peoples.

⁸Thus says the Lord GOD,
who gathers the outcasts of Israel:
I will gather others to them
besides those already gathered.



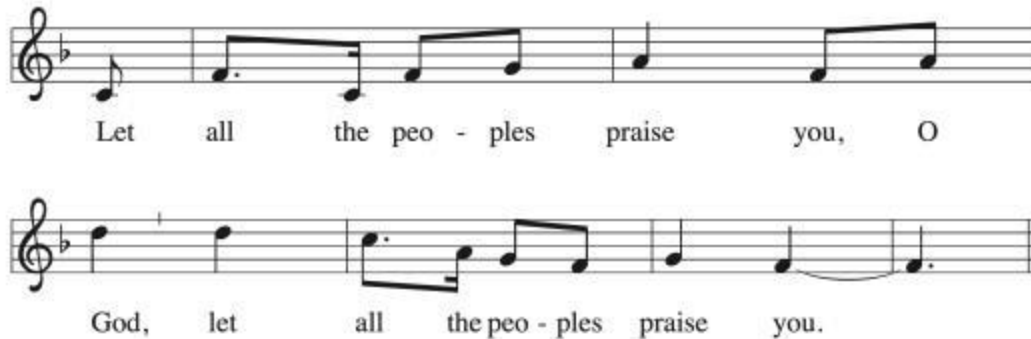
Reader: Word of God. Word of Life.

All: Thanks be to God!

Psalm 67

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:



Tone:



¹ May God be merciful to I us and bless us;
may the light of God's face I shine upon us.

² **Let your way be known I upon earth,
your saving health a- I mong all nations.**

³ Let the peoples praise I you, O God;
let all the I peoples praise you.

⁴ **Let the nations be glad and I sing for joy,
for you judge the peoples with equity and guide all the na- I tions on
earth. R**

⁵ Let the peoples praise I you, O God;
let all the I peoples praise you.

⁶ **The earth has brought I forth its increase;
God, our own I God, has blessed us.**

⁷ May God I give us blessing,
and may all the ends of the earth I stand in awe. **R**

Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32

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



Reader:

[Paul writes:] ¹ I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. ^{2a} God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew.

²⁹ For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. ³⁰ Just as you were once disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, ³¹ so also they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they also may now receive mercy. ³² For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all.

Reader: Word of God. Word of Life.

All: Thanks be to God!

Choir Anthem

We've Come This Far by Faith

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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.

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Matthew 15:10-28

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

All: Glory to you, O Lord!

Pastor:



¹⁰ [Jesus] called the crowd to him and said to them, “Listen and understand:¹¹ it is not what goes into the mouth that defiles a person, but it is what comes out of the mouth that defiles.” ¹² Then the disciples approached and said to him, “Do you know that the Pharisees took offense when they heard what you said?” ¹³ He answered, “Every plant that my heavenly Father has not planted will be uprooted. ¹⁴ Let them alone; they are blind guides of the blind. And if one blind person guides another, both will fall into a pit.” ¹⁵ But Peter said to him, “Explain this parable to us.” ¹⁶ Then he said, “Are you also still without understanding? ¹⁷ Do you not see that whatever goes into the mouth enters the stomach and goes out into the sewer? ¹⁸ But what comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart, and this is what defiles. ¹⁹ For out of the heart come evil intentions, murder, adultery, sexual immorality, theft, false witness, slander. ²⁰ These are what defile a person, but to eat with unwashed hands does not defile.”

²¹ Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. ²² Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, “Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon.” ²³ But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, “Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us.” ²⁴ He answered, “I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.” ²⁵ But she came and knelt before him, saying, “Lord, help me.” ²⁶ He answered, “It is not fair to take the children’s food and throw it to the dogs.” ²⁷ She said, “Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters’ table.” ²⁸ Then Jesus answered her, “Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish.” And her daughter was healed from that moment.

Pastor: The gospel of the Lord!

All: Praise to you, O Christ!

Message

“Out of the Heart” based upon Matthew 15 by Pastor Tony Prinsen

Hymn of the Day

There Is a Balm in Gilead
ELW 614

Refrain

There is a balm in Gilead
to make the wounded whole;
there is a balm in Gilead
to heal the sin-sick soul.

1 Sometimes I feel discouraged



and think my work's in vain,
but then the Holy Spirit
revives my soul again. Refrain

2 If you cannot preach like Peter,
if you cannot pray like Paul,
you can tell the love of Jesus
and say, "He died for all." Refrain

3 Don't ever be discouraged,
for Jesus is your friend;
and if you lack for knowledge
he'll ne'er refuse to lend. Refrain

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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!

Offertory Instrumental

"My Jesus, I Love Thee" by Adoniram J. Gordon, arr. by Mark Hayes. One License 195275.

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!

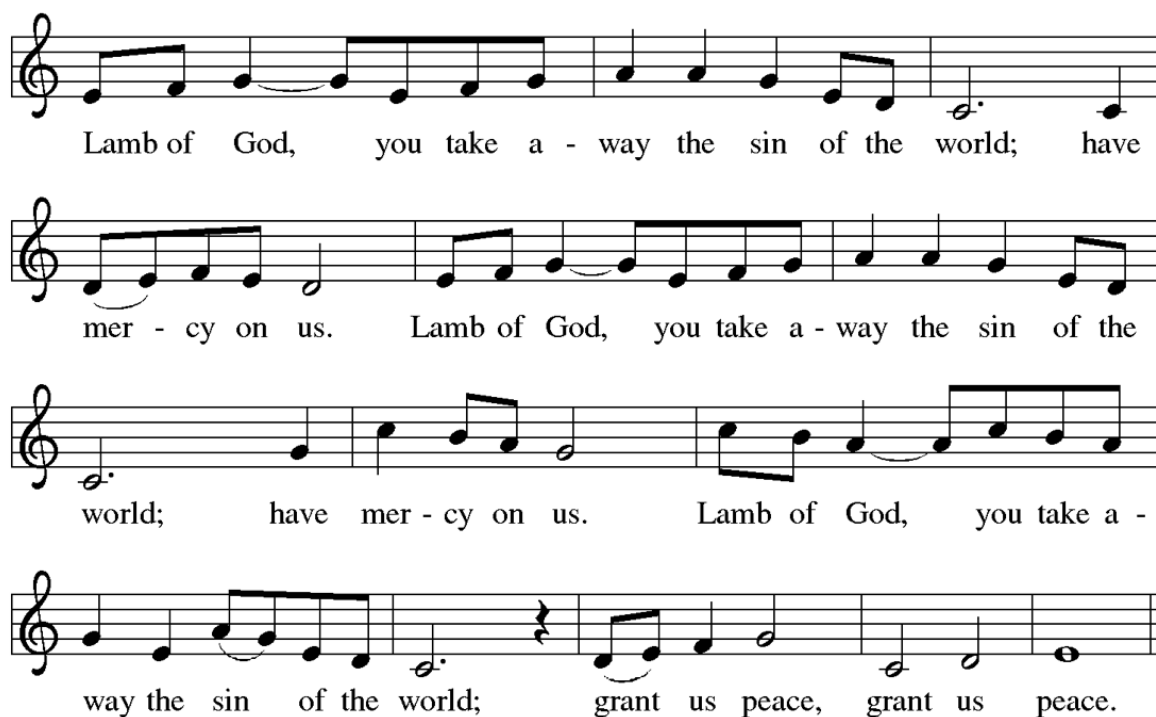
Communion Instructions

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

ELW Setting One, p. 112



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Communion Music

"Come All Christians, Be Committed"/"Let Us Break Bread Together" Medley, arr. by David J. Howard. One License 761538.

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 Hymn



On Our Way Rejoicing
ELW 537

- 1 On our way rejoicing
gladly let us go.
Christ our Lord has conquered;
vanquished is the foe.
Christ without, our safety;
Christ within, our joy;
who, if we be faithful,
can our hope destroy?

Refrain

On our way rejoicing;
as we forward move,
hearken to our praises,
O blest God of love!

- 2 Unto God the Father
joyful songs we sing;
unto God the Savior
thankful hearts we bring;
unto God the Spirit
bow we and adore,
on our way rejoicing
now and evermore. Refrain

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Sending

Leader: Go in peace and share the good news!

All: Thanks be to God!

Postlude

"Trumpeting in B Flat Major" by James Melby. One License AF2019282.

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 en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Manahoac. Learn more about native ancestral lands at <https://native-land.ca/>.

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