



Emmanuel
LUTHERAN CHURCH & PRESCHOOL

**10 AM Worship, September 6, 2026
Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Year of Matthew**

Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Vienna, VA

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Gathering: The Holy Spirit Gathers Us in Worship

Prelude

"We Gather Together", a Dutch Folk Song. Public domain.

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 up on the large screens for you. We do have large-print bulletins and hearing assistance devices available. Ask our ushers in the back of the sanctuary about those. 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

Children of the Heavenly Father
ELW 781

- 1 Children of the heav'nly Father
safely in his bosom gather;
nestling bird nor star in heaven
such a refuge e'er was given.
- 2 God his own doth tend and nourish,
in his holy courts they flourish.
From all evil things he spares them,
in his mighty arms he bears them.
- 3 Neither life nor death shall ever
from the Lord his children sever;
unto them his grace he showeth,
and their sorrows all he knoweth.
- 4 Though he giveth or he taketh,
God his children ne'er forsaketh;



his the loving purpose solely
to preserve them pure and holy.

Text: Carolina Sandell Berg, 1832-1903; tr. Ernst W. Olson, 1870-1958. One License 03614.

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism for Milo Thomas Makai

The Presentation

Pastor: God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism. By water and the Word, God delivers us from sin and death and raises us to new life in Jesus Christ. We are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and joined in God's mission for the life of the world. Parents, Rachel and Luke, do you wish to have Milo baptized into the grace of God in Jesus Christ by the Holy Spirit here today? If so, please say, "We do."

Luke and Rachel: We do.

Our Baptismal Promises

Pastor: Parents, as you bring Milo to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with these responsibilities: to live with him among God's faithful people, bring him to the Word of God and the holy supper, teach him the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments, place in his hands the holy scriptures, and nurture him in faith and prayer, so that he may learn to trust God, proclaim Christ through word and deed, care for others and the world God made, and work for justice and peace. Do you promise to help Milo grow in the Christian faith and life? If so, please say "We do."

Rachel and Luke: We do.

Pastor: Mary, standing in for Nicholas and Esther as baptismal sponsors, do you promise to nurture Milo in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help him live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church? If so, please say "I do."

Mary (for Nicholas and Esther): I do.

Pastor: People of God gathered here, do you promise to support Milo and pray for him in his new life in Christ? If so, please say, "We do."

All: We do.



Our Confession of Faith

Pastor: I ask all gathered here to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church. Do you renounce the devil, all the forces that defy God, the powers of this world that rebel against God, the ways of sin that draw us away from God? If so, answer, "Yes by the help of God."

All: Yes, by the help of God.

Pastor: Let us confess our common faith, the faith in which we are baptized. Do you believe in God the Father?

All: I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Pastor: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

All: 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 will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Pastor: Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

All: 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.

Holy Baptism

Pastor: Let us pray...Lord God, we give you thanks that you pour out your Holy Spirit and the power of your living Word, so that all who are washed in the waters of baptism are given new life. To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

All: Amen.

Pastor: Milo Thomas Makai, you are baptized in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

All: Milo, God loves you, you are forgiven, and you belong to Christ in whom you have been baptized.

Pastor: Let us pray. We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give us new birth, cleanse us from sin, and raise us to eternal life. Sustain Milo with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and might, the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the Spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

All: Amen.



The Anointing

Pastor: Milo, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

All: Amen.

Lighting the Baptismal Candle

Pastor: Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

Our Welcome

Pastor: Let us welcome the newly baptized into the holy family of God.

All: Milo, we welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and hearing God's creative and redeeming Word to all the world. Amen!

Special Music

"Little Children Welcome" by Fred Pratt Green
Onelicense.net 19448

Children's Message

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

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.

John 15:1-17

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

All: Glory to you, O Lord!



¹“I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. ²He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. ³You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. ⁴Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. ⁵I am the vine; you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. ⁶Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. ⁷If you abide in me and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. ⁸My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples. ⁹As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. ¹⁰If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commandments and abide in his love. ¹¹I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete.

¹²“This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. ¹³No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends. ¹⁴You are my friends if you do what I command you. ¹⁵I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing, but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. ¹⁶You did not choose me, but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. ¹⁷I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.

Pastor: The gospel of the Lord!

All: Praise to you, O Christ!

Message

“Rooted & Grounded: Sharing the Knoxville Youth Mission Trip” with Pastor Tony Prinsen, Elizabeth Leylegian, Talia Prinsen, Gayle Schlueter, Erika Dix, Gunnar Prinsen, and Keith Wymer



Hymn of the Day

Gather Us In

ELW 532

- 1 Here in this place the new light is streaming,
now is the darkness vanished away;
see in this space our fears and our dreamings
brought here to you in the light of this day.
Gather us in, the lost and forsaken,
gather us in, the blind and the lame;
call to us now, and we shall awaken,
we shall arise at the sound of our name.
- 2 We are the young, our lives are a myst'ry,
we are the old who yearn for your face;
we have been sung throughout all of hist'ry,
called to be light to the whole human race.
Gather us in, the rich and the haughty,
gather us in, the proud and the strong;
give us a heart, so meek and so lowly,
give us the courage to enter the song.
- 3 Here we will take the wine and the water,
here we will take the bread of new birth,
here you shall call your sons and your daughters,
call us anew to be salt for the earth.
Give us to drink the wine of compassion,
give us to eat the bread that is you;
nourish us well, and teach us to fashion
lives that are holy and hearts that are true.
- 4 Not in the dark of buildings confining,
not in some heaven, light years away—
here in this place the new light is shining,
now is the kingdom, and now is the day.
Gather us in and hold us forever,
gather us in and make us your own;
gather us in, all peoples together,
fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

Text: Marty Haugen, b. 1950. One License 00031.



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

"The Summons", arr. by Anne Krentz Organ. One License AF20230478.

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 children who are not communing. 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

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a -
way the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

One License # AF2019242

Communion Music

"Jesus Loves the Little Children", arr. By Mark Hayes. One License 240987.

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

Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee

ELW 836

- 1 Joyful, joyful we adore thee,
God of glory, Lord of love!
Hearts unfold like flow'rs before thee,
praising thee, their sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness,
drive the gloom of doubt away.
Giver of immortal gladness,
fill us with the light of day.
- 2 All thy works with joy surround thee,
earth and heav'n reflect thy rays,
stars and angels sing around thee,
center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain,
flow'ry meadow, flashing sea,
chanting bird, and flowing fountain
call us to rejoice in thee.
- 3 Thou art giving and forgiving,
ever blessing, ever blest,
wellspring of the joy of living,
ocean-depth of happy rest!
Thou our Father, Christ our brother,
all who live in love are thine;
teach us how to love each other,
lift us to the joy divine!

Text: Henry van Dyke, 1852-1922. Public domain.



Sending

Leader: Go in peace and share the good news!

All: Thanks be to God!

Postlude

"Trumpet Tune in D Major" by Georg Philipp Telemann. One License 3033172.

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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