Emmanuel
LUTHERAN CHURCH & PRESCHOOL

11 AM Traditional Worship, November 8, 2026
The Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost
Year of Matthew

Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Vienna, VA

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Gathering: The Holy Spirit Gathers Us in Worship

Prelude
"Trumpet Tune in F Major" by David N. Johnson. One License 99876.

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. 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.

Prayer of Blessing for Our Veterans
Pastor: Let us observe a moment for reflection…

Pastor: God of grace and glory, we pray to you for our veterans today. Some still bear wounds in body, mind, and heart and so we ask your Holy Spirit of healing upon them. Their struggles are also shared by their family and friends; dear Lord, comfort and strengthen them as well. For freedom and the greater good our veterans gave of themselves, their time, their work, and made sacrifices we may never know and can never repay.

All: Lord, we are proud of them and thankful for them. We honor them and bless them. We give you thanks for them. We ask you to bless them out of your steadfast love and abundant mercy. Bless them with your peace. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

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
O God, Our Help in Ages Past
ELW 632

1 O God, our help in ages past,

our hope for years to come,
our shelter from the stormy blast,
and our eternal home:

2 Under the shadow of your throne
your saints have dwelt secure;
sufficient is your arm alone,
and our defense is sure.

3 Before the hills in order stood
or earth received its frame,
from everlasting you are God,
to endless years the same.

4 A thousand ages in your sight
are like an evening gone,
short as the watch that ends the night
before the rising sun.

5 Time, like an ever-rolling stream,
bears all our years away;
they fly forgotten, as a dream
dies at the op'ning day.

6 O God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
still be our guard while troubles last
and our eternal home.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674-1748, alt. Public domain.

Thanksgiving for Baptism

Pastor: In holy Baptism, God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope.
All: Thanks be to God!

Pastor: 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.
All: Thanks be to God!

Pastor: We are claimed as God's children through faith, we are a new creation, and our sins are forgiven.
All: Thanks be to God!

Pastor: We are sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked by the ☩ cross of Christ forever.
All: Alleluia! Amen!

Hymn of Praise

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow
ELW 884

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heav'nly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Amen.

Text: Thomas Ken, 1637-1711. Public domain.

Word: God Speaks to Us in Scripture and Prayer

Amos 5:18-24

Reader: A reading from the Prophet Amos, chapter five.

Reader:
18 Woe to you who desire the day of the LORD!
Why do you want the day of the LORD?
It is darkness, not light,
19 as if someone fled from a lion
and was met by a bear
or went into the house and rested a hand against the wall
and was bitten by a snake.
20 Is not the day of the LORD darkness, not light,

and gloom with no brightness in it?
21 I hate, I despise your festivals,
and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies.
22 Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and grain offerings,
I will not accept them,
and the offerings of well-being of your fatted animals
I will not look upon.
23 Take away from me the noise of your songs;
I will not listen to the melody of your harps.
24 But let justice roll down like water
and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

Reader: Word of God. Word of Life.
All: Thanks be to God!

Psalm 70

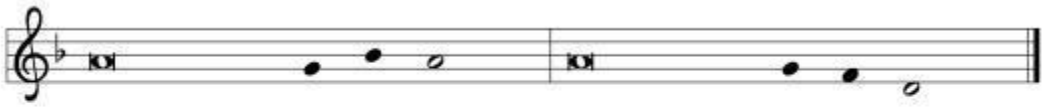
*We will be singing the Psalm. The cantor sings the refrain, and the congregation repeats the refrain. The verses are sung responsively. The refrain is repeated as indicated by "***R***".*

[**R**] Refrain:



Psalm 70:5
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Tone:



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[1] Be pleased, O God, to de- | liver me;
O LORD, make | haste to help me.
[2] **Let those who seek my life be put to shame | and confounded;**
let those who take pleasure in my misfortune draw back and | be disgraced. R
[3] Let those who say to me "Aha!" and gloat | over me
turn back because | of their shame.
[4] **Let all who seek you rejoice and be | glad in you;**
let those who love your salvation say forever, "Great | is the LORD!"
[5] But as for me, I am poor and needy; come to me quick- | ly, O God.
You are my helper and my deliverer; O LORD, | do not tarry. **R**

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

Reader: A reading from Saint Paul's first letter to the Thessalonians, chapter four.

Reader:
[13] We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. [14] For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. [15] For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. [16] For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. [17] Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will be with the Lord forever. [18] Therefore encourage one another with these words.

Reader: Word of God. Word of Life.
All: Thanks be to God!

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

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty
ELW 858 v. 1

1 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!

O my soul, praise him, for he is your health and salvation!
Let all who hear now to his temple draw near,
joining in glad adoration!

Text: Joachim Neander, 1650-1680; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827-1878, alt. Public domain.

Matthew 25:1-13

Pastor: The good news of Jesus Christ according to the gospel of Saint Matthew, the twenty-fifth chapter.
All: Glory to you, O Lord!

Pastor:
[Jesus said to the disciples:] [1] "Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten young women took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. [2] Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. [3] When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them, [4] but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. [5] As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. [6] But at midnight there was a shout, 'Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' [7] Then all those young women got up and trimmed their lamps. [8] The foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' [9] But the wise replied, 'No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.' [10] And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet, and the door was shut. [11] Later the other young women came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' [12] But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know you.' [13] Keep awake, therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

Pastor: The gospel of the Lord!
All: Praise to you, O Christ!

Message

"Wise Women" based upon Matthew 25 by Pastor Tony Prinsen

Hymn of the Day

Blessed Assurance
ELW 638

1 Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!
Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,

born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.

Refrain
This is my story, this is my song,
praising my Savior, all the day long:
this is my story, this is my song,
praising my Savior all the day long.

2 Perfect submission, perfect delight,
visions of rapture now burst on my sight;
angels descending bring from above
echoes of mercy, whispers of love. Refrain

3 Perfect submission, all is at rest;
I in my Savior am happy and blest,
watching and waiting, looking above,
filled with his goodness, lost in his love. Refrain

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Apostles' Creed

Leader: We confess our common faith in the words of the Apostles' 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: Led by the Holy Spirit, let us turn to God in prayer for the church, the world, and all those in need.

Leader: We pray for the church universal, for its ministries, and for the spread of the gospel through our hands. God of grace,
All: hear our prayer.

Leader: For the nations and those who govern. Give those in authority understanding hearts, that they work together to bring justice and peace on earth. God of grace,
All: hear our prayer.

Leader: For those in need, we pray for… God of grace,
All: hear our prayer.

Leader: We remember the faithful departed. Give us thankful hearts for those who have gone before us in faith. God of grace,
All: hear our prayer.

Leader: Into your hands, most merciful God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your abiding love; through Jesus Christ, our resurrected and living Lord.
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!

Choral Offertory

"Keep Your Lamps," Traditional African American Spiritual arranged by Andre Thomas. One License 25669.

Meal: Jesus Gives Us Forgiveness and Life

Holy Communion

The Great Thanksgiving, Setting One, ELW p. 107

Pastor: The Lord be with you.
All: And also with you.

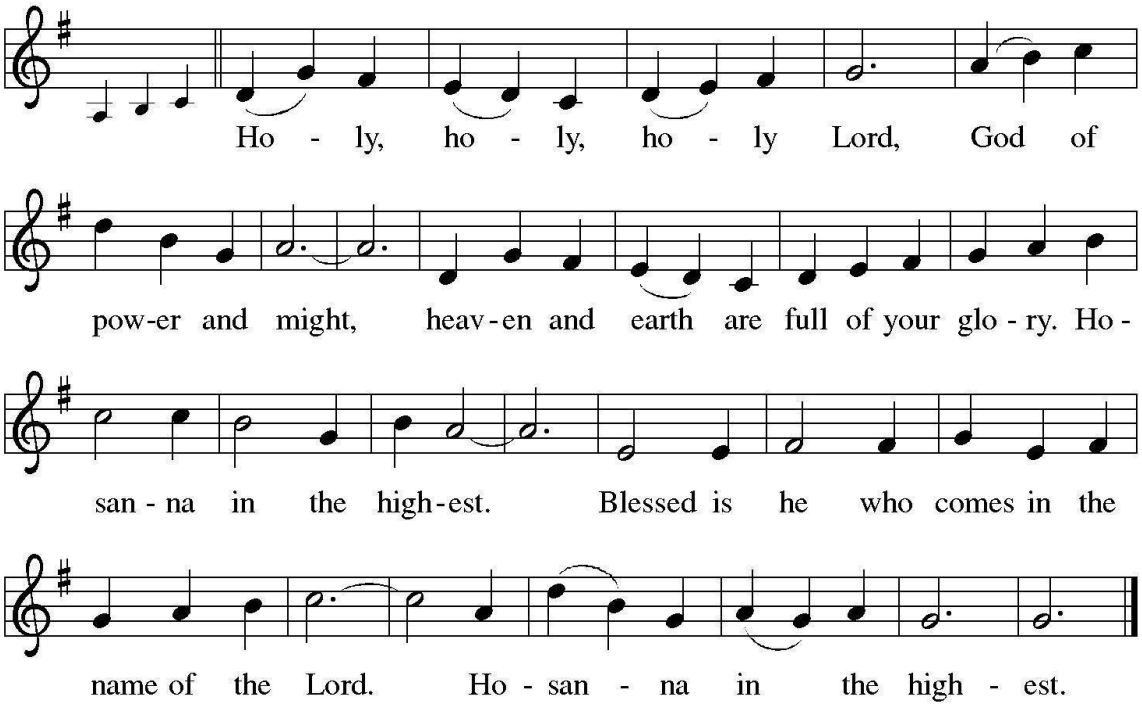
Pastor: Lift up your hearts.
All: We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Pastor: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,
through our Savior Jesus Christ;
who on this day overcame death and the grave,
and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.
And so, with all the choirs of angels,
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Sanctus

Holy, Holy, Holy, Setting One, p. 108



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.**

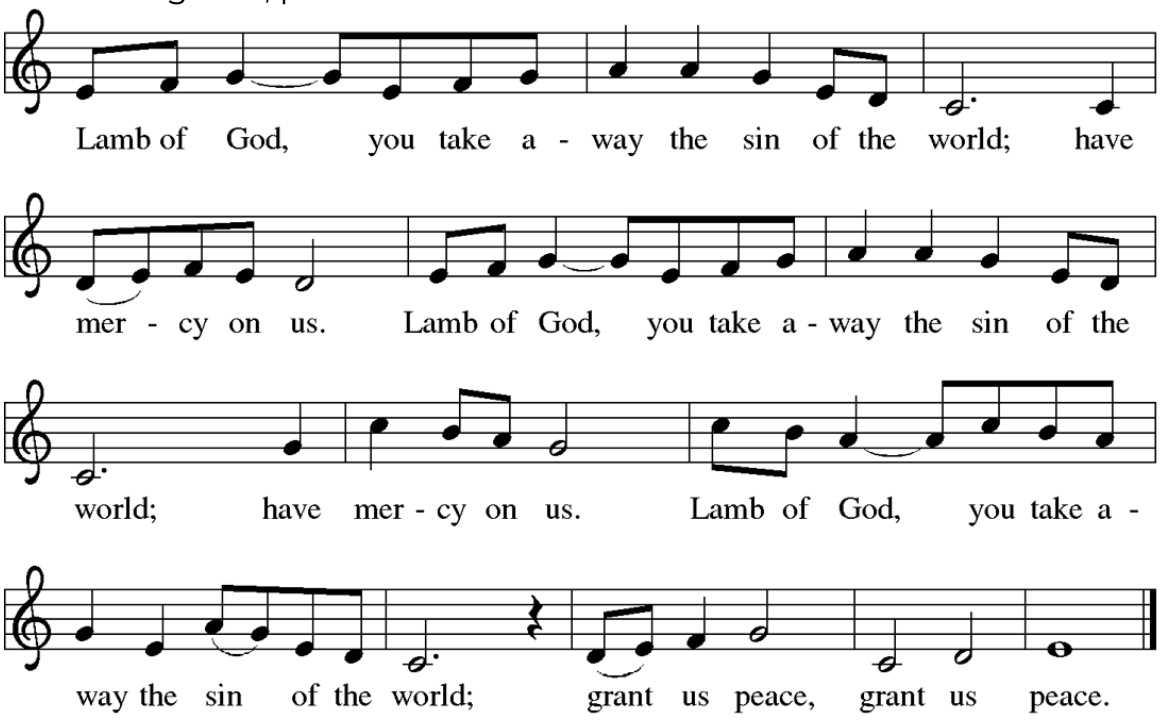
Pastor: The gifts of God for the people of God. All are welcome here at the Lord's table.
All: Thanks be to God!

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



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Communion Music

"Wade in the Water" arr. By Joel Ramey. One License 1135986.

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

Leader: May God the Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you in faith, hope, and love.
All: Amen.

Sending 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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Sending

Leader: Go in peace and serve the Lord!
All: Thanks be to God!

Postlude

"Finale from Concerto No. 5" by Handel. Public domain.

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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