Emmanuel
LUTHERAN CHURCH & PRESCHOOL

9 AM Contemporary Worship, November 15, 2026
The Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost
Year of Matthew

Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Vienna, VA

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Gathering: The Holy Spirit Gathers Us in Worship

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.

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 Song

Shout To The North

Verse 1
Men of faith rise up and sing
Of the great and glorious King
You are strong when you feel weak
In your brokenness complete

Chorus
Shout to the north and the south
Sing to the east and the west
Jesus is Savior to all
Lord of heaven and earth

Verse 2
Rise up women of the truth
Stand and sing to broken hearts
Who can know the healing pow'r
Of our awesome King of love

Verse 3
Rise up church with broken wings
Fill this place with songs again
Of our God who reigns on high

By His grace again we'll fly

Bridge
We've been through fire
We've been through rain
We've been refined
By the pow'r of His name
We've fallen deeper
In love with You
You've burned
The truth on our lips

Ending
Lord of heaven and earth
Lord of heaven and earth
Lord of heaven and earth

Martin Smith
CCLI Song #1562261

Grounded in Grace. Growing in Generosity.

Stewardship Temple Talk by Erika Aspuria

Special Music

Who Am I

Verse 1
Who am I that the Lord of all the earth
Would care to know my name
Would care to feel my hurt
Who am I that the Bright and Morning Star
Would choose to light the way
For my ever wand'ring heart

Pre-Chorus
Not because of who I am
But because of what You've done
Not because of what I've done
But because of who You are

Chorus
I am a flower quickly fading
Here today and gone tomorrow

A wave tossed in the ocean
A vapor in the wind
Still You hear me when I'm calling
Lord You catch me when I'm falling
And You've told me who I am
I am Yours

Verse 2
Who am I that the eyes that see my sin
Would look on me with love
And watch me rise again
Who am I that the voice that calmed the sea
Would call out through the rain
And calm the storm in me

Mark Hall
CCLI Song #4196651

Word: God Speaks to Us in Scripture and Prayer

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
Come, All You People
ELW 819 v.1

1 Come, all you people, come and praise the Most High;
come, all you people, come and praise the Most High;
come, all you people, come and praise the Most High;
come now and worship the Lord.

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Matthew 25:14-30
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:] 14 “For it is as if a man, going on a journey,
summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; 15 to one he gave
five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability.
Then he went away. At once 16 the one who had received the five talents went
off and traded with them and made five more talents. 17 In the same way, the
one who had the two talents made two more talents. 18 But the one who had
received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his
master’s money. 19 After a long time the master of those slaves came and
settled accounts with them. 20 Then the one who had received the five talents
came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, ‘Master, you handed over to
me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.’ 21 His master said to him,
‘Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few
things; I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your
master.’ 22 And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying,
‘Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more
talents.’ 23 His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you
have been trustworthy in a few things; I will put you in charge of many things;
enter into the joy of your master.’ 24 Then the one who had received the one
talent also came forward, saying, ‘Master, I knew that you were a harsh man,
reaping where you did not sow and gathering where you did not scatter, 25 so
I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what
is yours.’ 26 But his master replied, ‘You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did
you, that I reap where I did not sow and gather where I did not scatter?
27 Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my
return I would have received what was my own with interest. 28 So take the
talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. 29 For to all those
who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance, but from
those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. 30 As for this
worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be
weeping and gnashing of teeth.’ ”

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

Message
“Talents and Tools” based upon Matthew 25 by Pastor Lydia Posselt

Song of the Day
Here I Am To Worship

Verse 1
Light of the world

You stepped down into darkness
Opened my eyes let me see
Beauty that made
This heart adore You
Hope of a life spent with You

Chorus
So here I am to worship
Here I am to bow down
Here I am to say that You're my God
And You're altogether lovely
Altogether worthy
Altogether wonderful to me

Verse 2
King of all days
Oh so highly exalted
Glorious in heaven above
Humbly You came
To the earth You created
All for love's sake became poor

Bridge
And I'll never know how much it cost
To see my sin upon that cross
And I'll never know how much it cost
To see my sin upon that cross

Tim Hughes
CCLI Song #3266032

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!

Offertory

We Are

Verse 1
Ev'ry secret ev'ry shame
Ev'ry fear ev'ry pain
Live inside the dark
But that's not who we are
We are children of the day

Pre-Chorus
So wake up sleeper lift your head
We were meant for more than this
Fight the shadows conquer death
Make the most of the time we have left

Chorus
We are the light of the world

We are the city on a hill
We are the light of the world
And we gotta we gotta we gotta
Let the light shine
(REPEAT)

Interlude
Let the light shine
Let the light shine ooh

Verse 2
We are called to spread the news
To tell the world the simple truth
Jesus came to save there's freedom in His name
So let His love break through

Bridge
We are the light we are the light we are the light
So let your light shine brighter
We are the light we are the light we are the light
Jesus You are the light You are the light
You are the light
We will lift You high and shine shine shine

Ending
Let the light shine let the light shine
Let the light shine let the light shine

Chuck Butler, Ed Cash, Hillary McBride, James Tealy
CCLI Song #6129877

Blessing the Stewardship Commitments

Leader: Let us pray God's blessings upon our stewardship commitments...God of abundance and generosity, since the beginning of time when you made all that is you have given us your bounty and called us to be stewards of it. We give you thanks and praise for all you have given us, and we ask your blessings upon our commitments given here today. God bless them and multiply them through the ministries we do together to grow disciples and serve your people, especially those in need. In Jesus' name. Amen.

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: 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.

Communion Song

All Who Are Thirsty

Verse
All who are thirsty
All who are weak
Come to the fountain
Dip your heart in the stream of life
Let the pain and the sorrow
Be washed away
In the waves of His mercy
As deep cries out to deep
(We sing)

Chorus 1
Come Lord Jesus come
Come Lord Jesus come
(REPEAT)

Chorus 2
Holy Spirit come
Holy Spirit come
(REPEAT)

Interlude
As deep cries out to deep
As deep cries out to deep
As deep cries out to deep we sing

Brenton Brown, Glenn Robertson
CCLI Song #2489542

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 Song

Step By Step/Forever We Will Sing

Step By Step

Chorus
O God You are my God
And I will ever praise You
O God You are my God
And I will ever praise You
I will seek You in the morning
And I will learn to walk in Your ways
And step by step You'll lead me
And I will follow You all of my days

David (Beaker) Strasser
CCLI Song #696994

Forever We Will Sing

Chorus
Hallelujah
We honor You Lord Jesus
And forever we will sing
Hallelujah
For You alone are worthy
And forever we will sing
Hallelujah hallelujah
Hallelujah hallelujah
We honor You Lord Jesus
We lift Your name on high

Michael W. Smith
CCLI Song #3905678

Sending

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

Postlude

Step By Step/Forever We Will Sing

Step By Step
David (Beaker) Strasser
CCLI Song #696994

Forever We Will Sing
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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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