Emmanuel
LUTHERAN CHURCH & PRESCHOOL

11 AM Traditional 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

Prelude
"Morning Has Broken", arr. Fred Bock. One License FBC-A000695.

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.

Grounded in Grace. Growing in Generosity.
Stewardship Temple Talk by Erika Aspuria

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
Lord of Light
ELW 688

1 Lord of light, your name outshining
all the stars and suns of space,
use our talents in your kingdom
as the servants of your grace;
use us to fulfill your purpose
in the gift of Christ your Son:

Refrain
Father, as in highest heaven,
so on earth your will be done.

2 By the toil of faithful workers

in some far outlying field,
by the courage where the radiance
of the cross is still revealed,
by the victories of meekness,
through reproach and suff'ring won: Refrain

3 Grant that knowledge, still increasing,
at your feet may lowly kneel;
with your grace our triumphs hallow,
with your charity our zeal;
lift the nations from the shadows
to the gladness of the sun: Refrain

4 By the prayers of faithful watchers,
never silent day or night;
by the cross of Jesus, bringing
peace to all and healing light;
by the love that passes knowledge,
making all your children one: Refrain

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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.

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Word: God Speaks to Us in Scripture and Prayer

Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18

Reader: A reading from the Prophet Zephaniah, chapter one.

Reader:

7 Be silent before the Lord GOD,
for the day of the LORD is at hand!
The LORD has prepared a sacrifice;
he has consecrated his guests.
12 At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps,
and I will punish the people
who settle like dregs in wine,
those who say in their hearts,
"The LORD will not do good,
nor will he do harm."
13 Their wealth shall be plundered
and their houses laid waste.
Though they build houses,
they shall not inhabit them;
though they plant vineyards,
they shall not drink wine from them.
14 The great day of the LORD is near,
near and hastening fast;
the sound of the day of the LORD is bitter;
the warrior cries aloud there.

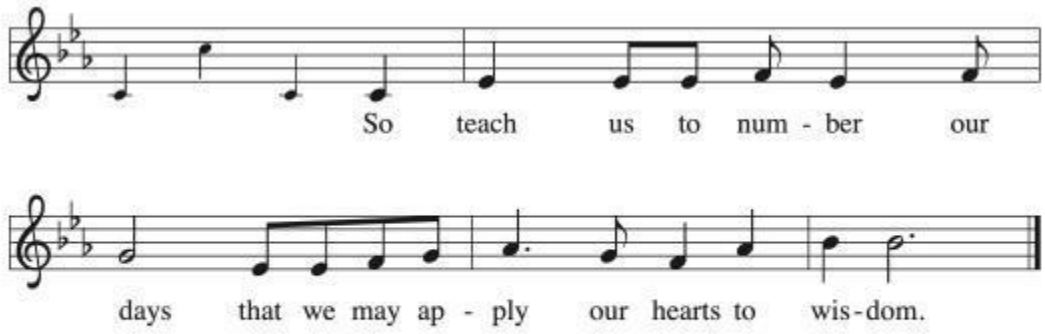
15 That day will be a day of wrath,
a day of distress and anguish,
a day of ruin and devastation,
a day of darkness and gloom,
a day of clouds and thick darkness,
16 a day of trumpet blast and battle cry
against the fortified cities
and against the lofty battlements.
17 I will bring such distress upon people
that they shall walk like the blind;
because they have sinned against the LORD,
their blood shall be poured out like dust
and their flesh like dung.
18 Neither their silver nor their gold
will be able to save them
on the day of the LORD's wrath;
in the fire of his passion
the whole earth shall be consumed,
for a full, a terrible end
he will make of all the inhabitants of the earth.

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

Psalm 90:1-12
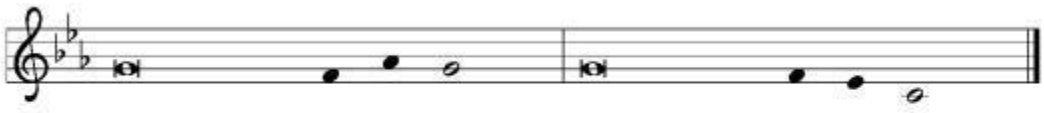
*We will be singing the Psalm. The cantor sings the refrain, and the congregation repeats the refrain. The verses are sung responsively. The refrain is repeated as indicated by "***R***".*

[**R**] Refrain:



Psalm 90:12
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Tone:



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[1] Lord, you have | been our refuge
from one generation | to another.
[2] **Before the mountains were brought forth, or the land and the | earth were born,**
from age to age | you are God.
[3] You turn us back to the | dust and say,
"Turn back, O child- | ren of earth."
[4] **For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when | it is past**
and like a watch | in the night; R
[5] you sweep them away | like a dream,
they fade away suddenly | like the grass:
[6] **in the morning it is | green and flourishes;**
in the evening it is dried | up and withered.
[7] For we are consumed | by your anger;
we are afraid because | of your wrath.
[8] **Our iniquities you have | set before you,**
and our secret sins in the light | of your countenance. R
[9] When you are angry, all our | days are gone;
we bring our years to an end | like a sigh.
[10] **The span of our life is seventy years, perhaps in strength | even eighty;**
yet the sum of them is but labor and sorrow, for they pass away quickly and | we are gone.
[11] Who regards the power | of your wrath?
Who rightly fears your | indignation?
[12] **So teach us to num- | ber our days**
that we may apply our | hearts to wisdom. R

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

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

Reader:
[1] Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. [2] For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. [3] When they say, "There

is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them, as
labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! [4] But
you, brothers and sisters, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like
a thief; [5] for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of
the night or of darkness. [6] So, then, let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us
keep awake and be sober, [7] for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who
are drunk get drunk at night. [8] But since we belong to the day, let us be sober
and put on the breastplate of faith and love and for a helmet the hope of
salvation. [9] For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation
through our Lord Jesus Christ, [10] who died for us, so that whether we are
awake or asleep we may live with him. [11] Therefore encourage one another
and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

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!

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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

Hymn of the Day

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light
ELW 815

1 I want to walk as a child of the light.
I want to follow Jesus.
God set the stars to give light to the world.
The star of my life is Jesus.

Refrain
In him there is no darkness at all.
The night and the day are both alike.
The Lamb is the light of the city of God.
Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.

2 I want to see the brightness of God.
I want to look at Jesus.
Clear Sun of righteousness, shine on my path,
and show me the way to the Father. Refrain

3 I'm looking for the coming of Christ.
I want to be with Jesus.
When we have run with patience the race,
we shall know the joy of Jesus. 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

"Lead, Kindly Light," text by John B. Kykes, music by John Henry Newman, arranged by Jason Robison. One License FBC-A017433.

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

The Great Thanksgiving, Setting One, ELW p. 107

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

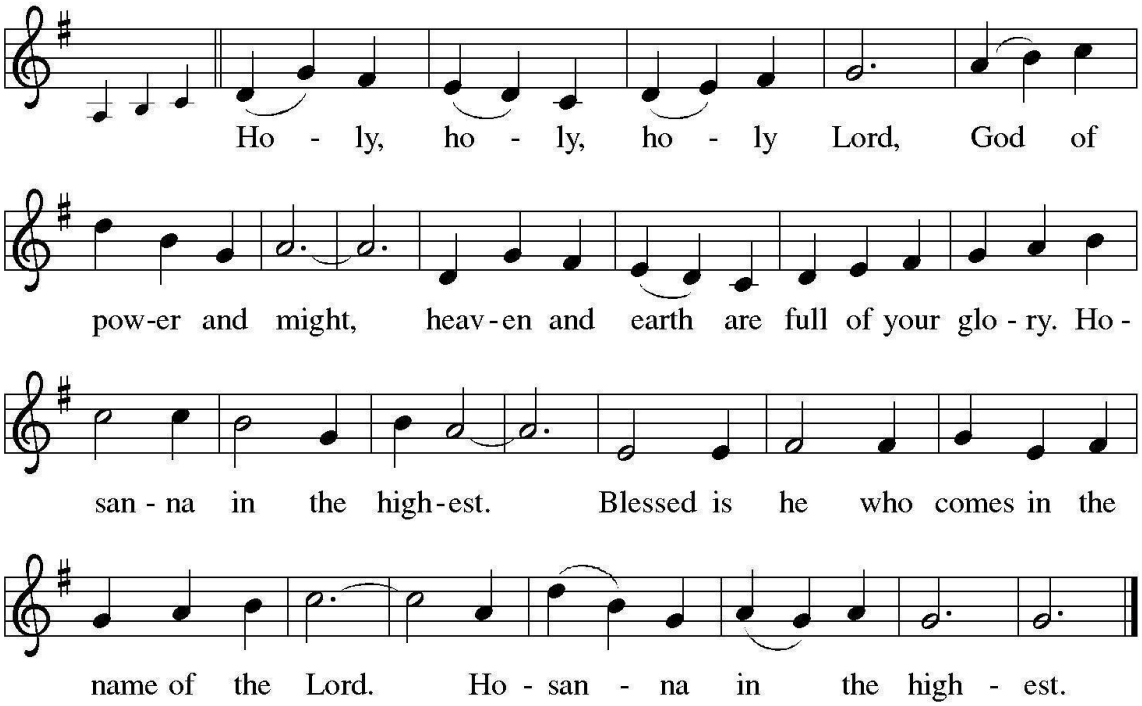
Pastor: Lift up your hearts.
All: We lift them to the Lord.

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.**

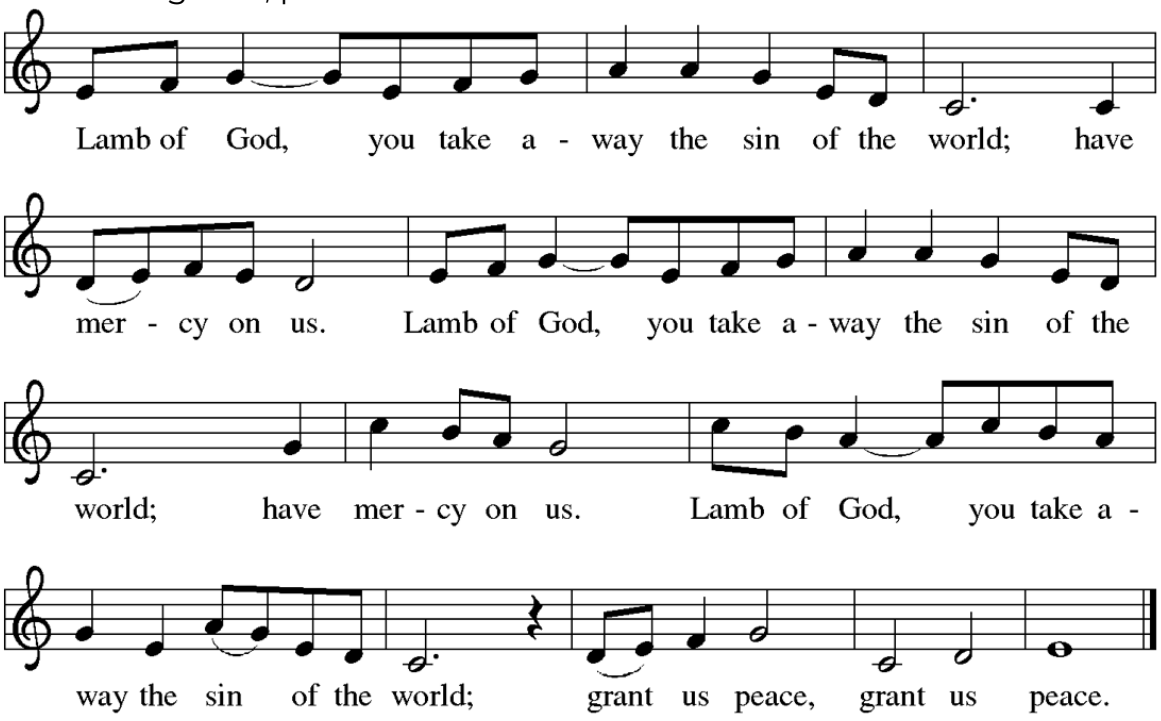
Pastor: The gifts of God for the people of God. All are welcome here at the Lord's table.
All: Thanks be to God!

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

"Abide with Me,, setting, Anne Krentz Organ. One License AF2020794.

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

Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ
ELW 674

1 Let us talents and tongues employ,
reaching out with a shout of joy:
bread is broken, the wine is poured,
Christ is spoken and seen and heard.

Refrain
Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again,
pass the Word around: loaves abound!
Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again,
pass the Word around: loaves abound!

2 Christ is able to make us one,
at the table he sets the tone,
teaching people to live to bless,
love in word and in deed express. Refrain

3 Jesus calls us in, sends us out
bearing fruit in a world of doubt,

gives us love to tell, bread to share:
God (Immanuel) ev'rywhere! Refrain

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Sending

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

Postlude

"Linstead," arr. Mark Sedio. One License AF20201730.

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

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