

EMMANUEL

Lutheran Church

“Mine house shall be called
an house of prayer for all people.”

- Isaiah 56:7, KJV



Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost
August 16, 2026

Evangelical Lutheran Worship – Setting 8

All are welcome...and we do mean ALL. No matter who you are, what you look like, where you are from, or who you love. We are all children of God and loved by God. And just as God loves all of us, we are called to love one another as well.

Call to Worship (Chimes)

Welcome & Announcements – Visitors are asked to fill out a Welcome card from the pew racks and give it to the Assisting Minister during the prelude.

Prayers – You may add to the prayers today by filling out an ivory prayer card found in the pew racks. Prayer cards are collected during the prelude.

Prelude

Sinfonia

- Bach

***PLEASE STAND AS YOU ARE ABLE**

*The congregation responds by reading the words in **bold print**.*

***Confession and Forgiveness**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God, who forgives all our sin, whose compassion endures forever. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Compassionate God, we confess to you all our sins, the wrongs we have done and the good we have left undone. We have tried to carry what only you can hold. We have trusted our own strength when you offered us your rest. Our burden is heavy and we cannot free ourselves. In your mercy, call us back to you. Your yoke is easy and your burden is light. Your arms are open and your table is set. Your love is patient and your grace is enough. Restore us to dwell in your peace. Renew in us a spirit willing to receive what we could never earn. In Christ's name we pray, **Amen.**

Jesus says, "Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest." The one who speaks these words is not far away. He is here; among the weary, the burdened, the worn. He has carried the weight of our sin to the cross and left it there. You do not have to carry it anymore. In the name of God, Father, ✠ Son, and Holy Spirit, your sins are forgiven. Rest in God's love. **Amen.**

***Greeting**

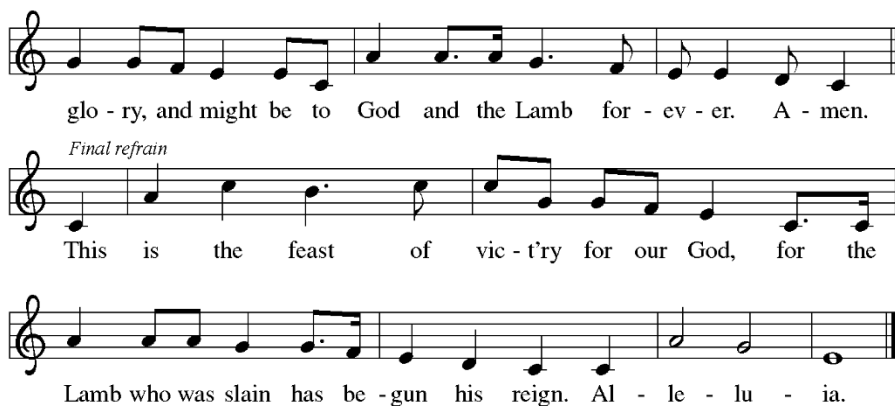
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

***Hymn of Praise**

Refrain

This is the feast of vic-t'ry for our God, for the
Lamb who was slain has be-gun his reign. Al-le-lu-ia.
1 Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be
peo-ple of God. Pow-er, rich-es, wis-dom, and strength, and
Refrain
hon-or, bless-ing, and glo-ry are his. This is the feast of
vic-t'ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain has be-gun his reign. Al-
le-lu-ia. 2 Sing with all the peo-ple of God, and
join in the hymn of all cre-a-tion: Bless-ing, hon-or,



***Prayer of the Day**

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray. God of all peoples, **your arms reach out to embrace all those who call upon you. Teach us as disciples of your Son to love the world with compassion and constancy, that your name may be known throughout the earth, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

First Lesson – Isaiah 56:1, 6-8

The First Lesson is from the 56th chapter of Isaiah.

¹ Thus says the Lord:

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

⁶ And 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—

⁷ these 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.

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

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm – Psalm 67

Responsive Reading

- ¹ May God be merciful to us and bless us;
may the light of God's face shine upon us.
- ² **Let your way be known upon earth,
your saving health among all nations.**
- ³ Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.
- ⁴ **Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,
for you judge the peoples with equity and guide all the nations on
earth.**
- ⁵ Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.
- ⁶ **The earth has brought forth its increase;
God, our own God, has blessed us.**
- ⁷ May God give us blessing,
and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe.

Second Lesson – Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32

The Second Lesson is from the 11th chapter of Romans.

[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.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

*Gospel Acclamation



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.



Al - le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia.

***Gospel – Matthew 15:21-28**

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 15th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

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.

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Pastor Rob Eller

Hymn of the Day: *In Christ There is No East or West

ELW 650

***Apostles’ Creed**

With the whole church let us confess our faith:

**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 the People (please sit)

After each prayer, please offer the words:

Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

*Thank you for placing your offering in the **Offering Box** before the service began. Your continued financial support of this congregation helps us to do God's work in the community and the world.*

Offering Song

The Trumpets Sound

ELW 531



Ta - bles are la - den with good things; O taste the



peace and joy he brings. He'll fill you up with love di - vine;



he'll turn your wa - ter in - to wine.

Refrain



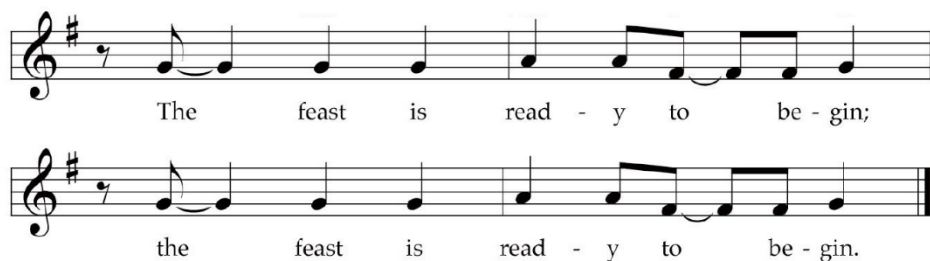
Sing with thank - ful - ness songs of pure de - light.



Come and rev - el in heav - en's love and light.



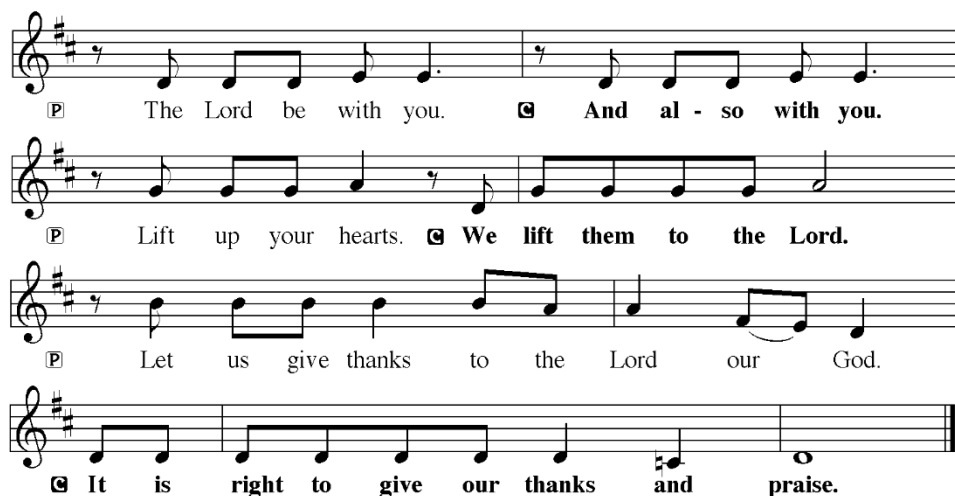
Take your place at the ta - ble of the King.



Offertory Prayer (please sit)

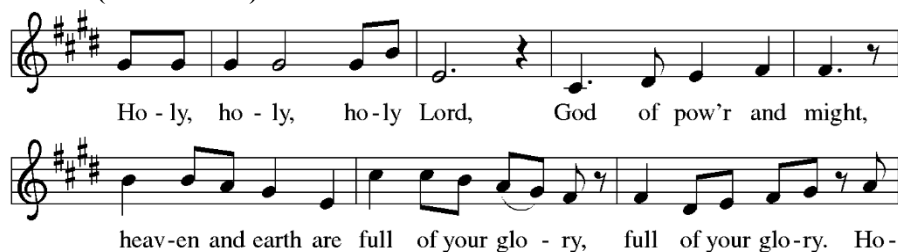
Let us pray. Loving God, we offer at your table the gifts of our hearts. Help us take heart in you and share freely of your love, so that all creation can taste your abundance. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit abiding with us now and forever. **Amen.**

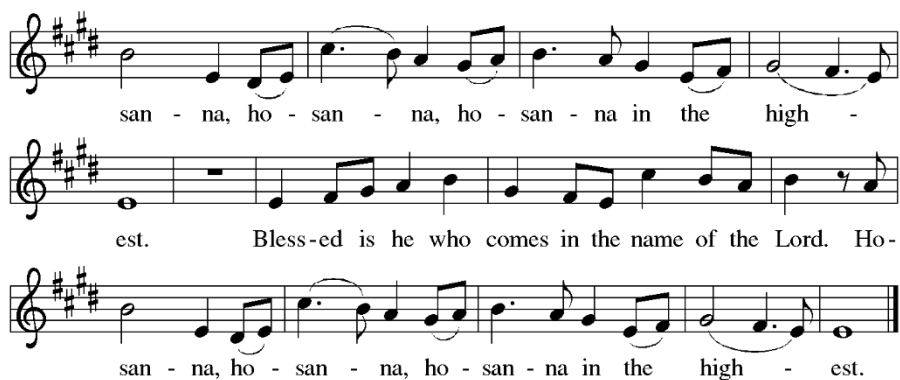
*Great Thanksgiving (Please Stand)



It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places
give thanks and praise . . .
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

*Sanctus (Please Stand)





***Eucharistic prayer (Please Stand)**

In the night in which he was betrayed,
 our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
 broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
 Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
 Do this for the remembrance of me.

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 for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
 Do this for the remembrance of me.

...we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory in your
 holy church, now and forever. **Amen**

***Lord's Prayer (Please Stand)**

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

Our Father, who art in heaven,

hallowed be thy name,

thy kingdom come,

thy will be done,

on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread;

and forgive us our trespasses,

as we forgive those

who trespass against us;

and lead us not into temptation,

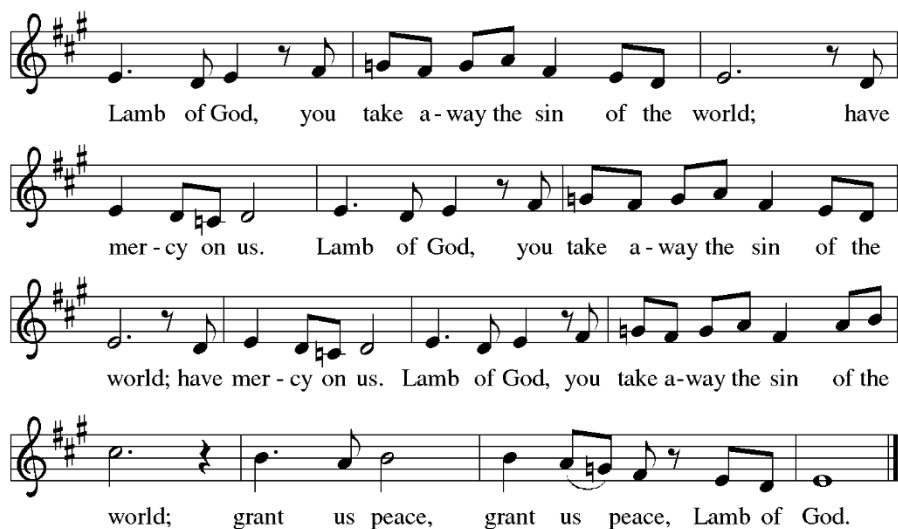
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.

***Invitation to Communion (Please Stand)**

Heaven has come near. Come, share in the feast!

Thanks be to God!

Communion Song



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, Lamb of God.

Communion Distribution (*Your choice of WHITE wine or PURPLE grape juice*)

The body of Christ given for you.

The blood of Christ shed for you.

***Blessing**

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you
in his grace. Amen

***Prayer after Communion**

Let us pray. Compassionate God, through the gifts of bread and wine our
hearts are filled with the abundance of your love. Strengthen us that we,
through this holy meal, may share your love freely, as you have shared with
us. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit nourishing us now
and forever. Amen.

***Benediction**

Life is short and we do not have much time to gladden the hearts of those who make the journey with us. So be swift to love, and make haste to be kind. And the blessing of God, ☩ who made us, who loves us, and who travels with us be with you now and forever. **Amen.**

***Sending Hymn: *Oh, For A Thousand Tongues to Sing* ELW 886**

***Dismissal**

While our worship here has ended, let us continue through our service to others. So go in peace to love and serve the Lord, **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

Fantasie in C Minor

- Bach

Today's Worship Leaders and Assistants – August 16, 2026

Presiding Pastor: Rev. Robert M. Eller | Assisting Minister: Tricia Self

Greeter: Lori Rainsberg | Lector: Marsha Smith

Communion Assistants: Linda and Ward Holdsworth

Worship Coordinator: Ruth Patrick | Organist: John Foust

Next Sunday's Worship Leaders and Assistants – August 23, 2026

Presiding Pastor: Rev. Robert M. Eller | Assisting Minister: Wayne York

Greeter: Dorthy Glass | Lector: Rob Sterling

Communion Assistants: Marcia Lile and Wayne York

Worship Coordinator: Ruth Patrick | Organist: John Foust



WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Communion: Please fill out a communion card and place it in the basket during communion. If you are unable to come forward, Pastor Rob will bring it back to your seat. Gluten-free wafers and grape juice are available.

Congregational Meeting: There will be a congregational meeting today following worship to vote on a proposal from council and property committee for a new roof. Please plan on attending.

Birthday Bash: Dorthy Glass is turning 90 this month! The congregation is invited to celebrate with Dorthy on Saturday August 29, 2-4pm at Park Village Southside (1019 Oldtown Valley Road, New Philadelphia). Please RSVP to Kathy Beatty by call or text message, 330-524-0106.

Altar Flowers: There are numerous openings through the rest of 2026. Please sign up in the lobby; 1 vase is \$25, 2 vases are \$50.

Sunday School: The Sunday School year will kick off on September 13 with a welcome back party in the lobby at 8:30am. Come meet the teachers, get your kids enrolled, and have some fun! More details coming soon.

God's Work Our Hands: For God's Work Our Hands this year, we are taking on two service projects. The first is collecting towels and wash cloths for Harbor House. There is a collection bin near the coat racks. Donations are due by September 13. The second project is a volunteer opportunity at the Greater Dover New Philadelphia Food Pantry on Friday September 10 from 4:45-8:15pm and Friday September 11 from 8:45am-12:15pm. Sign-up sheet and information is in the lobby. See Barb Sandy with any questions.

Mid-Day Prayer Break: Do you have a lot on your mind? Come see Pastor Rob for the Mid-Day Prayer Break every Wednesday from 11am - 1pm outside in front of the church for conversation, prayer, healing, and Holy Communion.

Evangelism Team: Pastor Rob has made it a priority this summer to restart the Evangelism committee as a team to create projects and opportunities for outreach into the community that we are called to serve. If you are interested in helping, please see Pastor Rob.

Pastoral Visits: If you or anyone you know would like a visit from Pastor Rob, please call the church office or Pastor Rob to make arrangements.

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

Monday August 17

* AA Meeting – 12:00pm

Tuesday August 18

* Pastor's Group – 11:00am

* Stamp Club – 6:00pm

Wednesday August 19

* Mid-Day Prayer Break –
11:00am-1:00pm

Thursday August 20

Friday August 21

Saturday August 22

Sunday August 23

* Sunday worship – 9:30am

CHURCH COUNCIL

Neil Rupe – President

Ken Lab – Vice President

Wayne York – Secretary

Deb Ritenour – Treasurer
(non-voting)

Paula Freeland

Marsha Smith

Heidi Torch

Attendance 8/9: 30

Readings for Next

August Benevolence:

HopeWood Outdoors

(Formerly LOMO – Lutheran
Outdoor Ministries of Ohio)

Sunday

Isaiah 51:1-6

Psalms 138

Romans 12:1-8

Matthew 16:13-20



Altar Flowers Are Given to the glory of God...

In honor and with thankfulness to God for our 42nd wedding anniversary on
August 25 by Bert and Phyllis Kohler

Church Family and Friends in Need of Prayer...

Assisted Living/Nursing Home:

Kay Frantz, Dorthy Glass, Dick Hugh, Myrna Hugh, Larry Humbert,
Peggy Immel, Shirley Yoder

Other Members:

Sam Bates, Shirley Brug, Jim Deibel, Ed Fishel, Dean Fisher, John Frank,
Diana Gray, Breanne Mathias, Susan Miller, Marsha Mills, Chuck Moore,
Ruth Patrick, Naomi Potts, Chris Smith, Cindy Smith, Dane Smith,
Marilyn Swaldo, Judy Swinehart, Sandi Hannenkrat-Wemple,
Virginia Wyer, **Rachel Yanders**

Friends and Family:

Paige Ricketts, Lois Victor

Names in **BOLD** listed above were prayed for at the altar last Sunday



EMMANUEL

Lutheran Church

◀ FAITH IN ACTION ▶

202 East High Ave – New Philadelphia, Ohio

330-364-7571 – office@emmanuelnp.com

www.emmanuelnp.com – facebook.com/emmanuelnewphilly

Portions of this service are reprinted from:

From Sundays & Seasons.com, ©2024 Augsburg Fortress. All rights reserved.

Reprinted by permission under Augsburg Fortress Liturgies Annual License #44712.

One License.net, License #: A-730527. CCLI License #11470776.