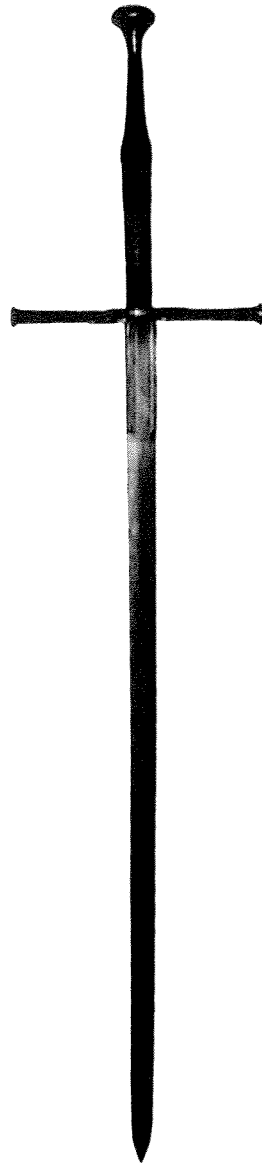


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PRELUDE — LET US EVER WALK WITH JESUS

ARR. MICHAEL COSTELLO

ENTRANCE RITE

*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God,
whose compassion endures forever.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin to God.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Compassionate God,
we confess to you all our sins. 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. Restore us to dwell in your peace. 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." In the name of God, Father, ✠ Son, and Holy Spirit, your sins are forgiven. Rest in God's love.

Amen.

*GATHERING SONG — LET THE WHOLE CREATION CRY ELW NO. 876

*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.

*GLORIA

ELW p. 139

Assisting minister



Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

All



Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther,



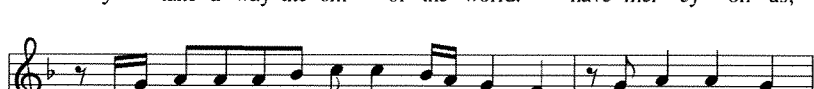
we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.



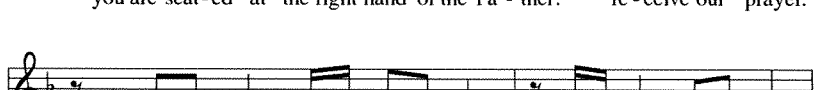
Lord Je-sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,



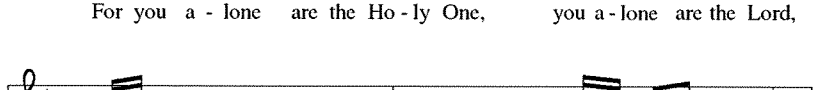
you take a-way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;



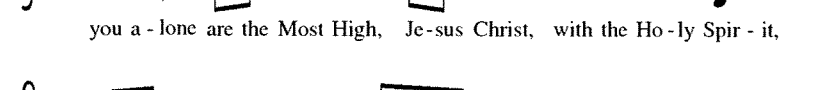
you are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.



For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,



you a - lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,



in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

Teach us, good Lord God, to serve you as you deserve, to give and not to count the cost, to fight and not to heed the wounds, to toil and not to seek for rest, to labor and not to ask for reward, except that of knowing that we do your will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

JEREMIAH 20:7-13

A Reading from Jeremiah.

- ⁷ O Lord, you have enticed me,
and I was enticed;
you have overpowered me,
and you have prevailed.
I have become a laughingstock all day long;
everyone mocks me.
- ⁸ For whenever I speak, I must cry out;
I must shout, "Violence and destruction!"
For the word of the Lord has become for me
a reproach and derision all day long.
- ⁹ If I say, "I will not mention him
or speak any more in his name,"
then within me there is something like a burning fire
shut up in my bones;
I am weary with holding it in,
and I cannot.
- ¹⁰ For I hear many whispering:
"Terror is all around!
Denounce him! Let us denounce him!"
All my close friends
are watching for me to stumble.
"Perhaps he can be enticed,
and we can prevail against him
and take our revenge on him."
- ¹¹ But the Lord is with me like a terrifying warrior;
therefore my persecutors will stumble,
and they will not prevail.
They will be greatly shamed,
for they will not succeed.
Their eternal dishonor
will never be forgotten.
- ¹² O Lord of hosts, you test the righteous;
you see the heart and the mind;
let me see your retribution upon them,
for to you I have committed my cause.

¹³ Sing to the Lord;
praise the Lord!
For he has delivered the life of the needy
from the hands of evildoers.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

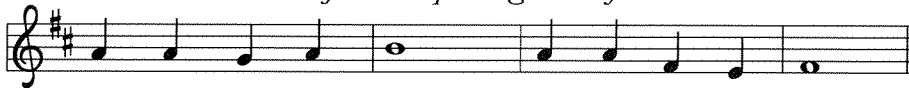
Silence for reflection follows the reading.

PSALM – SUNG RESPONSIVELY

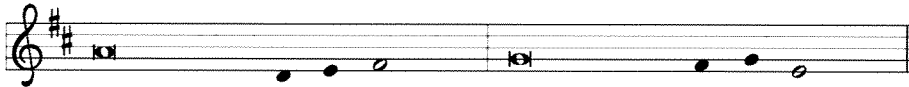
PSALM 69:7-10 [11-15] 16-18

The Cantor introduces the refrain which is repeated by the Assembly.

All join in repeating the Refrain where indicated.



An - swer me, O LORD, for your love is kind.



⁷ Surely, for your sake I have suf- | fered reproach,
and shame has cov- | ered my face.

⁸ **I have become a stranger to | my own kindred,
an alien to my | mother's children.**

⁹ Zeal for your house has eat- | en me up;
the scorn of those who scorn you has fall- | en upon me.

¹⁰ **I humbled my- | self with fasting,
but that was turned to | my reproach. R**

[¹¹ I put on | sackcloth also,
and became a by- | word among them.

¹² **Those who sit at the gate mur- | mur against me,
and the drunkards make | songs about me.**

¹³ But as for me, this is my prayer to you, at the time you have | set, O Lord:
“In your great mercy, O God, answer me with your un- | failing help.

¹⁴ **Save me from the mire; do not | let me sink;
let me be rescued from those who hate me and out of | the deep waters. R**

¹⁵ Let not the torrent of waters wash over me, neither let the deep swal- | low me
up; do not let the pit shut its | mouth upon me.]

¹⁶ **Answer me, O Lord, for your | love is kind;
in your great compassion, | turn to me.**

¹⁷ Hide not your face | from your servant;
be swift and answer me, for I am | in distress.

¹⁸ **Draw near to me | and redeem me;
because of my enemies de- | liver me. R**

A reading from Romans.

^{1b} Should we continue in sin in order that grace may increase? ² By no means! How can we who died to sin go on living in it? ³ Do you not know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? ⁴ Therefore we were buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we also might walk in newness of life.

⁵ For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. ⁶ We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, so we might no longer be enslaved to sin. ⁷ For whoever has died is freed from sin. ⁸ But if we died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. ⁹ We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. ¹⁰ The death he died, he died to sin once for all, but the life he lives, he lives to God. ¹¹ So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

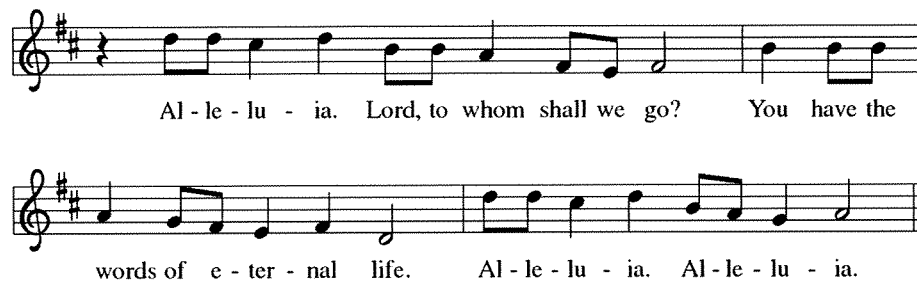
The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Silence for reflection follows the reading.

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*The Cantor introduces the Gospel Acclamation which is repeated by the Assembly.
The verse is sung by the Cantor. All repeat the Acclamation following the verse.*



Alleluia. Jesus says, The Spirit of the Lord will testify on ¹ my behalf,* and you also ¹ are to testify. *Alleluia.* (John 15:26, 27)

*GOSPEL READING

MATTHEW 10:24-39

The holy gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

²⁶ "So have no fear of them, for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered and nothing secret that will not become known. ²⁷ What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light, and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. ²⁸ Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather, fear the one who

can destroy both soul and body in hell. ²⁹ Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. ³⁰ And even the hairs of your head are all counted. ³¹ So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows.

³² “Everyone, therefore, who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven, ³³ but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven.

³⁴ “Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace but a sword.

³⁵ For I have come to set a man against his father,
and a daughter against her mother,
and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law,
³⁶ and one’s foes will be members of one’s own household.

³⁷ “Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me, and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me, ³⁸ and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me. ³⁹ Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it.”

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

THE REV. TIM SCHOLL

Silence for reflection follows the sermon

*HYMN OF THE DAY — CHILDREN OF THE HEAVENLY FATHER ELW NO. 781

*APOSTLES’ CREED ELW P. 105

*PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

*After “God of grace,” congregation responds, “**Hear our prayer.**”*

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

*PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

OFFERING — ANDANTE

FLOR PEETERS

*An offering is gathered for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need.
During this time, the table is set. After the offering is gathered, the assembly stands. Bread,
wine, money, and other gifts may be brought forward.*

*HYMN AT THE PRESENTATION

Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right

spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your

pres-ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re -

store un - to me the joy of your sal - va - tion,

and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

*OFFERTORY PRAYER

Let us pray.

Loving God,

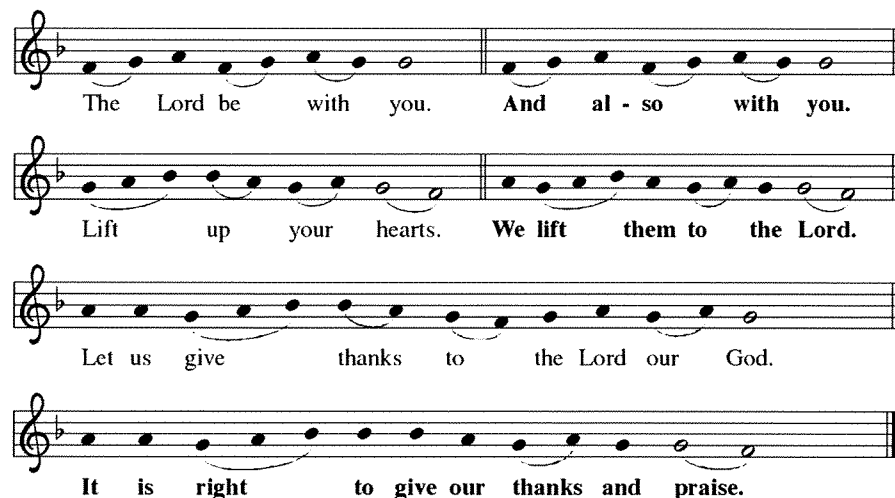
we offer at your table the gifts of our hearts. Help us take heart in you and share freely of your love, so that all creation can taste your abundance. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit abiding with us now and forever.

Amen.

*THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

All who are baptized and believe with us that Christ is truly present in the bread and wine are invited to communion. Ushers will assist with the communion. Please pick up an empty cup from the small table at the altar rail to receive the wine. Baskets will be placed on either side to dispose of your cup. Individual communion kits will be available from the ushers for those who prefer them. We serve low-gluten bread. If you are unable to come to the Communion rail, please inform an usher and the ministers will bring Communion to you in your pew.

*DIALOGUE



The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

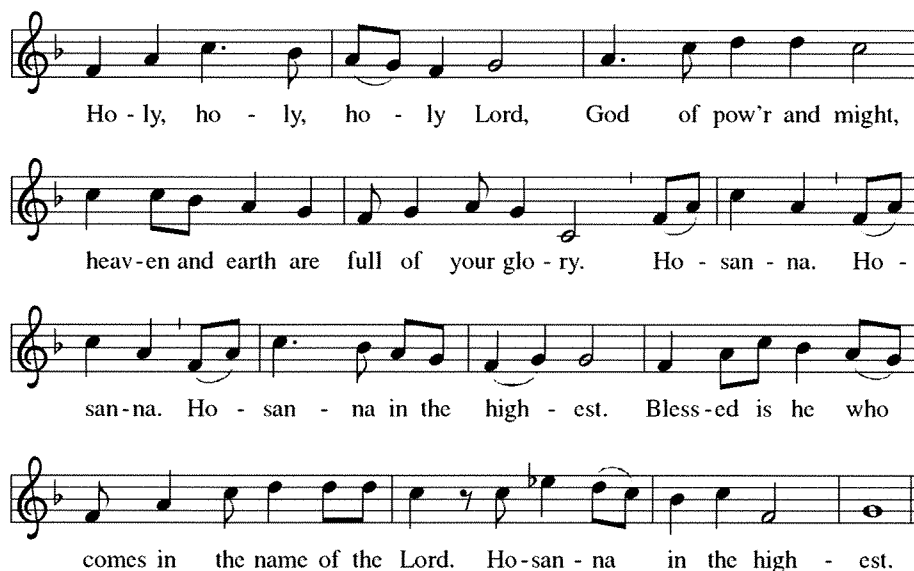
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

*PREFACE

*SANCTUS



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,

heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -

san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who

comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

*EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

The presiding minister continues, using one of the following or another appropriate form.

You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God.

You are most holy,
and great is the majesty of your glory.

You so loved the world that you gave your only Son,
so that everyone who believes in him may not perish
but have eternal life.

We give you thanks for his coming into the world
to fulfill for us your holy will
and to accomplish all things for our salvation.

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.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup,
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.



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

Remembering, therefore, his salutary command,
his life-giving passion and death, his glorious resurrection and ascension,
and the promise of his coming again,
we give thanks to you, O Lord God Almighty,
not as we ought but as we are able;
we ask you mercifully to accept our praise and thanksgiving
and with your Word and Holy Spirit to bless us, your servants,
and these your own gifts of bread and wine,
so that we and all who share in the body and blood of Christ

may be filled with heavenly blessing and grace,
and, receiving the forgiveness of sin,
may be formed to live as your holy people
and be given our inheritance with all your saints.

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



Amen, amen, amen.

***THE LORD'S PRAYER**

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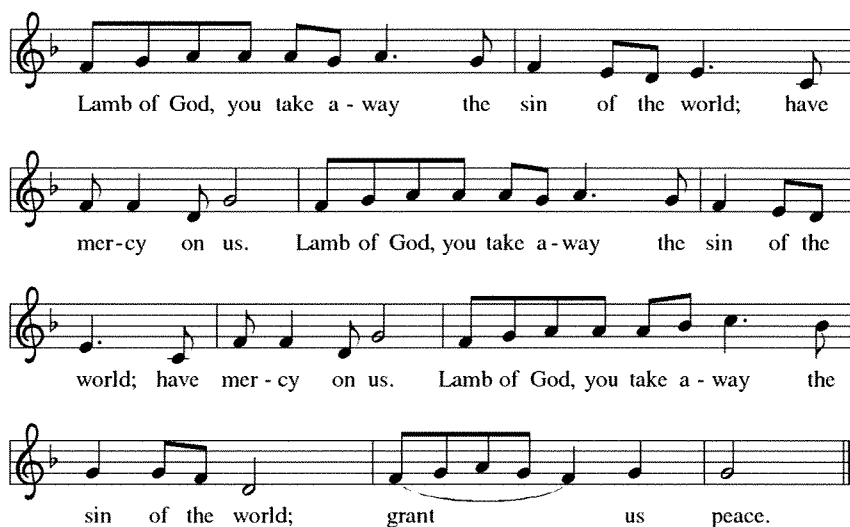
Presider

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

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

AGNUS DEI



MUSIC AT THE COMMUNION — WE ARE BAPTIZED IN CHRIST JESUS

ELW NO 451

***TABLE BLESSING**

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

*POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

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

Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer,

✠ one God,

bless, heal, and hold you
today and always.

Amen.

*SENDING HYMN — HOW FIRM A FOUNDATION

ELW NO. 796

*DISMISSAL

Heaven has come near. Go, share the good news!

Thanks be to God.

*POSTLUDE — ALLEGRO MAESTOSO

G.F. HANDEL

*You are invited to remain for the postlude that concludes our worship.
If you do not wish to stay, please be respectful of those who are listening.*

SERVING YOU TODAY

The assisting minister for the service is **Greg Hull**. The reader for the service is **Jackie Kokai**. The technology minister is **Nate Sears**. All are sharing service on the altar guild.

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UPCOMING COMMEMORATIONS

John the Baptist Wednesday, June 24, 2026

John said, "[Jesus] must increase, but I must decrease." And so his birth is celebrated half a year before Jesus', just as the daylight in the northern hemisphere begins to wane. Jesus honored John as being the greatest prophet.

Presentation of the Augsburg Confession, 1530 Thursday, June 25, 2026

On this day in 1530 the German and Latin editions of the Augsburg Confession were presented to the Emperor Charles of the Holy Roman Empire. The Augsburg Confession was written by Philipp Melanchthon and endorsed by Martin Luther, and consists of a brief summary of points in which the reformers saw their teaching as either agreeing with or differing from that of the Roman Catholic Church of the time.

Philipp Melanchthon, renewer of the church, died 1560 Thursday, June 25, 2026

Though he died on April 19, Philipp Melanchthon is commemorated today because of his connection with the Augsburg Confession. Colleague and co-reformer with Martin Luther, Melanchthon was a brilliant scholar, known as "the teacher of Germany."

PRAYER LIST

Heal your people, O God. Look with compassion on immigrants, exiles, and all who are afraid or feel lost. Give rest to those who are weary, comfort to those who are grieving, and recovery to those who are ill. We especially pray for: Joy, Steve, Dennis, Carl, Janet, Jennifer, Libby, Zeke, Joyce, Alex, Mike, Bryan, Leisha, JoAnn, Char, Debbie, Laura, Ron, Mark, Jenny, John, Barbara, Kendra, Lisa, Edna, Diane, Tom, and all those whom we now name before you. Hear us, O God, your mercy is great.

If you would like to have a family member or friends name added to the list, please be sure to get their permission before having their name(s) added. Names will be listed for a month and removed. You can then request to have them added again for continued prayers. Thank you.

FLOWERS AND CANDLE

The Altar Flowers are to the Glory to God.

The Sanctuary Candle to the Glory to God.

THIS WEEK AT EMMANUEL MAY 31 TO MAY 31

Sunday (31)	10:30 AM –	Worship Service
Tuesday (02)	6:00 PM –	TOPS
Wednesday (03)	10:30 AM –	Adult Bible Study
Thursday (04)	6:00PM –	Elyria Family of 4H'ers
Sunday (07)	10:30 AM –	Worship Service

Last Week's response				
	June 14	YTD		Attendance
Given —	1,235	50,504	10:30 in-person	22
Needed —	<u>3,154</u>	<u>75,696</u>	Abbewood Service (5/24)	17
Over/(Short)	(919)	(25,192)	Livestream Total Views Past 7 Days	80

PATRIOT SYMPHONIC BAND

Our next fellowship event will be a free concert performance by the Patriot Symphonic Band at Paper Moon Winery in Vermilion. The concert will on Saturday, June 27, and starts at 7 PM.

HOSPITALITY HOUSE REQUESTS

For the month of June, Hospitality House is requesting dry mixes, this can include cakes, muffins, and pancake mixes. The collection boxes are located under the coat rack by the elevator at the entrance. Thank you for your continued support of this mission.

EMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH
EDUCATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP FALL 2026

Emmanuel Lutheran Church (Elyria, Ohio) is pleased to announce a \$1000 educational scholarship for a student who is pursuing trade or scholastic studies beginning fall of 2026. Studies include college, trade schools, technical training/certification, and career certifications in any academic or skill pursuit. This does not have to be related to religious training.

This award is based upon the candidate's personal accomplishments, current service to church and community, as well as future goals and plans.

The scholarship will be a one-time award to a candidate approved by the Church Council, and will be awarded by July 15, 2026. Candidates must submit an application, and a brief personal statement. Funds awarded may be used for tuition, fees, books, supplies, and direct expenses related to the program.

Applicants can request an application and instructions from the Emmanuel Church council or church office beginning May 14, 2026.

Applications must be submitted by June 30, 2026 (for the fall semester). The award will be announced by July 15, 2026. A check will be presented to the recipient by August 1, 2026.

For further information or questions contact Gust Wuorinen (worrynone@aol.com)

