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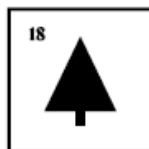
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ADVENT WORSHIP SERIES

Welcome!

We are honored that you are with us today. May the Word of God that you hear strengthen your faith and increase your desire to serve the Lord! If you are a guest today, we are thankful you have joined us. We hope that you will join us again soon.

For your convenience

For your convenience, please take note of the following:

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First Sunday in Advent — December 1, 2024

A Real Christmas Remembers Why Christ Came

It is easy to get so caught up in the imagery – a tiny newborn baby, lying in the straw-filled manger under a star-filled sky – that we forget the why.

Why did the Son of God come into our world and take on human flesh? So that he might die as the sacrifice for our sins. One Christmas carol puts it this way: “Neither crib nor cross refuses, all he suffers for your good to redeem you by his blood.”

Advent marks the start of a new Church Year. We begin at the end, watching King Jesus ride into Jerusalem on a donkey colt, knowing full well that he would be killed before the end of the week. The events of Palm Sunday give us a glimpse into all Jesus’ work, proving the Son of God was willing to humble himself and endure anything for our salvation.

That is precisely why Christ came. And a real Christmas remembers why Christ came.

Service of the Word



Pre-Service Music

Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming

Jay Rouse

Prepare the Royal Highway

David Cherwien, Dale Wood

Opening Hymn

302 Prepare the Royal Highway

Please stand

Invocation

The grace of our Lord + Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

And also with you.

During our services, the congregation speaks the responses in bold.

Confession

God opposes the proud but shows favor to the humble.

Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will lift you up.

James 4:6, 10

Dear friends, the season of Advent is a time of preparation as we await Christ's second coming on the Last Day. We prepare our hearts to meet him as we humbly seek his forgiveness.

Holy God, gracious Father, I am sinful by nature and have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have not loved you with my whole heart; I have not loved others as I should. I deserve your punishment both now and forever. But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins with his innocent suffering and death. Trusting in him, I pray: God have mercy on me, a sinner.

Silence for meditation and reflection

If you, LORD, kept a record of sins, Lord, who could stand?

But with you there is forgiveness; therefore, you are feared.

Psalm 130:3, 4

Response

Magnificat

956:1,2 And Holy Is Your Name

We will sing the Song of Mary (Magnificat) throughout the season of Advent. Considering Mary's circumstances and its focus purely on Christ, these words have held a very prominent place in Christian churches since at least 540 A.D. They will serve as the Gospel and sermon theme for the last Advent Sunday.



1 My _____ soul is filled with joy as I
2 I am low - ly as a child, but I



sing to God, my Sav - ior. You have looked up - on your
know from this day for - ward that my name will be re -



ser - vant, you have vis - it - ed your peo - ple.
mem - bered, and the world will call me bless - ed.

Refrain



And ho - ly is your name through all gen - er -



a - tions! Ev - er - last - ing is your mer - cy to the



peo - ple you have cho - sen, and ho - ly is your name!

God's promise to Abraham and his descendants was fulfilled in the coming of his Son. Jesus Christ humbled himself by submitting to God's law. He humbled himself by becoming obedient to death on a cross. God promises to lift up the humble and fill the hungry with good things because of the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Though he was rich, yet for our sakes he became poor, so that we through his poverty might become rich.

2 Corinthians 8:9

Even as we await Christ's second coming, he comes to us here and now in the words he gives his messengers to speak: I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son † and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Magnificat

3 I pro - claim your pow'r, O God! You work
 4 To the hun - gry you give food, send the
 won - ders for your ser - vants; you have scat - tered the proud -
 rich a - way with noth - ing. In your mer - cy you are
 heart - ed, you have lift - ed up the low - ly.
 mind - ful of the peo - ple you have cho - sen.

Refrain

And ho - ly is your name through all gen - er -
 a - tions! Ev - er - last - ing is your mer - cy to the
 peo - ple you have cho - sen, and ho - ly is your name!

The Lighting of the Advent Wreath

We light one Advent candle, remembering Jesus, who will come again. He will gather his people from everywhere, both the living and the dead.

We remember Jesus, who will come at the end of time. None of us knows what day that will be.

We hear his call to watch.

We light one Advent candle as a sign of our watchfulness and waiting.

Come, Lord Jesus, be our guest.

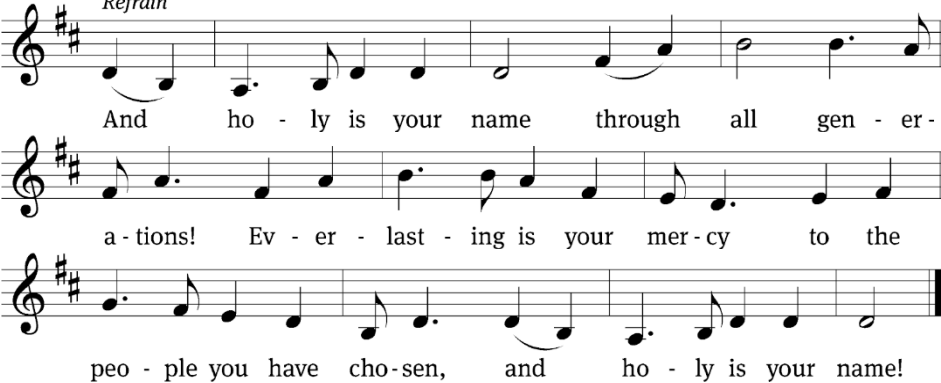
Through your Word and Spirit may our souls be blest.

Magnificat



5 In your love you now ful - fill all you
prom - ised to your peo - ple. I will praise you, God, my
Sav - ior, ev - er - last - ing is your mer - cy.

Refrain



And ho - ly is your name through all gen - er -
a - tions! Ev - er - last - ing is your mer - cy to the
peo - ple you have cho - sen, and ho - ly is your name!

Prayer of the Day

Stir up your power, O Lord, and come. Protect us by your strength, and save us from the threatening dangers of our sins; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Be seated.

The Word

First Reading

Jeremiah 33:14-16

¹⁴ Listen, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when I will fulfill the good promises that I have spoken to the house of Israel and concerning the house of Judah.

¹⁵ In those days and at that time,
I will cause a righteous Branch to grow up from David's line.
He will establish justice and righteousness on earth.

¹⁶ In those days Judah will be saved,
and Jerusalem will dwell securely.
This is what she will be called:
The LORD Our Righteousness.

The LORD promised that a descendant of King David would be our righteous Savior.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Anthem

Behold, A Branch is Growing

arr. David Simmons

*Behold, a branch is growing of loveliest form and grace!
As prophets sang, foreknowing, it springs from Jesse's race
And now begins to flow'r
In midst of coldest winter,
At deepest midnight hour.*

*Isaiah 'twas foretold it the Rose I have in mind.
With Mary we behold it, the virgin mother kind.
To show God's love aright,
She bore to us a Savior,
When half-spent was the night.*

*O flow'r, whose fragrance tender with sweetness fills the air,
Dispels with glorious splendor the darkness ev'rywhere;
True man, yet very God,
From sin and death now save us,
And share our ev'ry load.*

Second Reading

1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

Christ came the first time so that by his saving work we might be found blameless and holy when he comes again.

⁹ Indeed, how can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy we have before God on account of you? ¹⁰ Night and day we are praying earnestly to see you in person and to supply what is lacking in your faith.

¹¹ May God our Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. ¹² And may the Lord increase your love and make it overflow for each other and for all people, just as ours does for you, ¹³ so that he may establish your hearts as blameless in holiness before our God and Father, when our Lord Jesus comes with all his saints.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand.

Gospel Acclamation

Revelation 22:20

The congregation sings the refrain and verse.



Refrain



Verse



Come to us, Em-man-u-el; come and set your peo-ple free.

Refrain

Gospel

Luke 19:28-40

²⁸ After Jesus had said these things, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. ²⁹ As he came near to Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples ahead, ³⁰ saying, "Go to the village ahead of you. When you enter it, you will find a colt tied, on which no one has ever sat. Untie it and bring it here. ³¹ And if anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' you will say this: 'The Lord needs it.'"

Jesus rides into Jerusalem on a donkey colt, knowing he would soon be put to death. This is why Christ came.

³² Those who were sent ahead went and found things just as he had told them. ³³ As they were untying the colt, its owners said to them, "Why are you untying the colt?"

³⁴ They said, "The Lord needs it."

³⁵ Then they brought the colt to Jesus. They threw their robes on the colt and set Jesus on it. ³⁶ As he went along, people spread their robes on the road. ³⁷ As he was approaching the slope of the Mount of Olives, the whole crowd of disciples began to praise God joyfully, with a loud voice, for all the miracles they had seen, ³⁸ saying, "Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!"

³⁹ Some of the Pharisees from the crowd said to him, "Teacher, rebuke your disciples!"

⁴⁰ He replied, "I tell you, if these people would be silent, the stones would cry out."

The Gospel of our Lord.



C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

Be seated.

Hymn of the Day

301 Savior of the Nations, Come

Sermon

Jeremiah 33:14-16

Are clothes a good Christmas present?

After the sermon, please stand.

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his 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 into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Be seated.



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Offering

Musical Offering

Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming
Michael Burkhardt

Please stand.

Prayer of the Church

Lord's Prayer

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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

Be seated.

Hymn

548 The King of Glory Comes

Please stand.

Prayer for Grace

O Lord God, our heavenly Father, pour out the Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep us strong in your grace and truth, protect and comfort us in all temptation, and bestow on us your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Blessing

Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

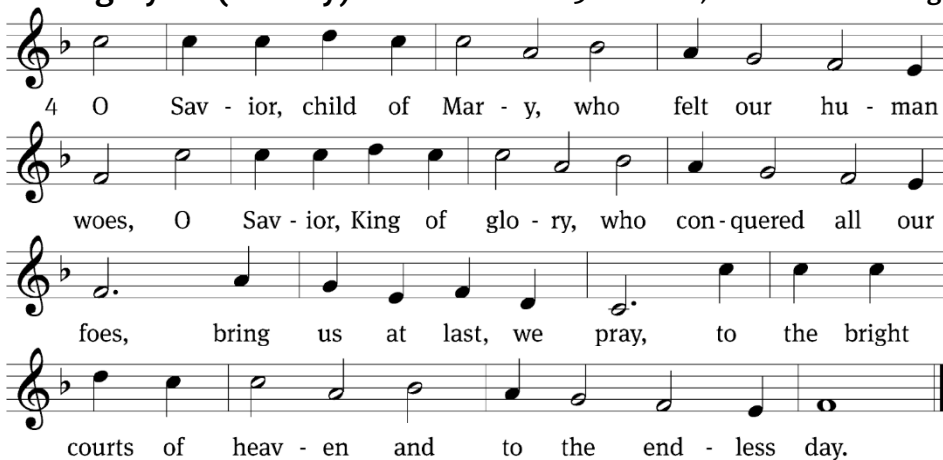
The Lord look on you with favor and † give you peace.



Remain standing.

Closing Hymn (Sunday)

360 Behold, a Branch Is Growing



Closing Hymn (Monday)

360 Behold, a Branch Is Growing



1 Be - hold, a branch is grow - ing of love - liest form and
2 I - sa - iah had fore - told it in words of prom - ise
3 This flow'r, whose fra - grance ten - der with sweet - ness fills the



grace! As proph - ets sang, fore - know - ing, it springs from Jes - se's
sure, and Mar - y's arms en - fold it, a vir - gin meek and
air, dis - pels with glo - rious splen - dor the dark - ness ev - 'ry -



race and now be - gins to flow'r in midst of
pure. Through God's e - ter - nal will this child to
where. True man, and yet true God, from sin and



cold - est win - ter, at deep - est mid - night hour.
her is giv - en at mid - night calm and still.
death he saves us and light - ens ev - 'ry load.

Post-Service Music

Come, O Savior of the World

Glenn Medlock

Advent Themes

Randolph Currie

Serving at Worship

Minister

Organ

Trio

Video streamer and slides

Video captions

Sound

Acolyte

Pastor Chris Pflughoeft

Kurt Rosenbaum

April Degner, Lucy Hahnke, Josh Severeid

Reed Bode, Chris Wempner

Angie Keezer

George Willis

Colton Sallquist (8:00 a.m.)

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In our prayers

- Peace and comfort to the family of Troy Pautz who joined the saints triumphant on November 25.
- Paul Brandenburg – undergoing ankle surgery this week.

Ushers

8:00 a.m.

Lon Meyer, Eric Sallquist, Jacob Sallquist, Doug Thompson

10:30 a.m.

Caden Head, Mike Richey, Carter Richey, Tristan Richey



*Emmanuel usher
sign-up.*

This week at Emmanuel

Sunday

Online live-streamed service	8:00 a.m.
In-person services	8:00 and 10:30 a.m.
In-person Bible study, Sunday school, teen study	No class this week
Public school catechism	No class this week
Pioneers meeting	1:00 p.m.

Monday

Worship in church	6:30 p.m.
In-person Bible study	7:40 p.m.
	<i>Book of James</i>
	<i>Led by Pastor Chris Pflughoeft in</i>
	<i>Emmanuel's Ministry and Education Center (MEC)</i>

Tuesday

Stewardship meeting	8:00 p.m.
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Wednesday

Bible study	8:30 a.m.
	<i>Ruth: A Gem in the Junk Pile</i>
	<i>Led by Pastor Gary Pufahl in</i>
	<i>Emmanuel's Ministry and Education Center (MEC)</i>
Midweek Advent services	3:30 and 6:30 p.m.
Midweek Soup Supper	5:00 p.m.
Adult choir in the MEC	7:30 p.m.

Thursday

Bible study	6:00 a.m.
	<i>Attitude Adjustment (Book of Philippians)</i>
	<i>Led by Pastor Dan Pautz at Denny's (Broadway and Priest in Tempe)</i>
ASU campus ministry	5:30 p.m.
God's Ways Bible study in the MEC	6:00 p.m.
Bible Basics in the MEC	6:30 p.m.

Friday

ELS chapel	8:30 a.m.
Joy Fellowship – Christmas Party	12:00 p.m.
ELS early release	1:50 p.m.

Saturday

Elders' meeting	7:30 a.m.
Christmas caroling (<i>Solterra Senior Living in Chandler</i>)	10:00 a.m.
Teen Christmas party and gift wrapping	7:00 p.m.

Next Sunday, December 8

Worship services	8:00 and 10:30 a.m.
In-person Bible study, Sunday school, teen study	9:15 a.m.
Call meeting in the MEC	11:45 a.m.
Public school catechism	12:00 p.m.
Advent by Candlelight	3:00 p.m.

Looking ahead

December 9	Monday night worship service	6:30 p.m.
	Bible study in the MEC	7:40 p.m.
December 11	Wednesday Bible study in the MEC	8:30 a.m.
	Midweek Advent services	3:30 and 6:30 p.m.
	Midweek Soup Supper	5:00 p.m.
	Adult choir in the MEC	7:30 p.m.
December 12	Thursday Bible study at Denny's	6:00 a.m.
	ASU campus ministry	No meeting this week
	God's Ways Bible study in the MEC	6:00 p.m.
	Bible Basics in the MEC	6:30 p.m.
December 13	ELS chapel	8:30 a.m.
	ELS early release	1:50 p.m.
December 14	Christmas invitation handout	9:00 a.m.
December 15	In-person services	8:00 and 10:30 a.m.
	In-person Bible study, Sunday school, teen study	9:15 a.m.
	Public school catechism	12:00 p.m.
	Children's Christmas services	2:00 and 4:00 p.m.
December 16	Monday night worship service	6:30 p.m.
	Bible study in the MEC	7:40 p.m.
December 17	Church council meeting	6:00 p.m.
December 18	Wednesday Bible study in the MEC	8:30 a.m.
	Midweek Advent services	3:30 and 6:30 p.m.
	Midweek Soup Supper	5:00 p.m.
	Adult choir in the MEC	7:30 p.m.
December 19	Thursday Bible study at Denny's	6:00 a.m.
	ASU campus ministry	No meeting this week
	God's Ways Bible study in the MEC	6:00 p.m.
	Bible Basics in the MEC	6:30 p.m.
December 20	ELS chapel	8:30 a.m.
	ELS early release	12:00 p.m.
	Arizona Lutheran Academy Christmas concert	7:00 p.m.
December 21	Christmas for Kids	10:00 a.m.
December 22	In-person services	8:00 and 10:30 a.m.
	In-person Bible study, Sunday school, teen study	No classes
	Public school catechism	No class this week

December 23-January 3	Christmas break	No school
December 23	Monday night worship service	6:30 p.m.
	Bible study in the MEC	No class this week
December 24	Christmas Eve Lessons and Carols	3:30 and 5:00 p.m.
	Christmas Eve Candlelight Services	6:30 and 8:00 p.m.
December 25	Christmas Day Service	9:00 a.m.
December 31	New Year's Eve Service	3:30 and 6:30 p.m.

Notes and News



Connection cards

The connection cards have a valuable purpose in helping us serve you better. We ask all our worshipers to help us serve you by scanning the QR code, by going to elctempe.org/connect, or by filling out one of the cards in the pews. Thank you!

Connection card

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Christian education hour

Please note, there will be no classes today (December 1) due to the Thanksgiving holiday and ELS Thanksgiving Break. Classes will resume next Sunday, December 8.

Lutheran Pioneers | Today (December 1)

Pioneers is meeting today (Sunday, December 1), from 1:00-2:30 p.m. at Emmanuel's Ministry and Education Center. This meeting will focus on scriptwriting and staging for the puppet ministry performance at the end of the school year. During the last 15 minutes of the meeting, parents are invited to attend a brief informational regarding the upcoming pine car derby.



*Lutheran Pioneers
- Registration*

Lutheran Pioneers gives your child the opportunity to learn and grow in a caring, Christian environment. From baking and sewing to building and acting, your child can learn skills for a life of service to God. Lutheran Boy and Girl Pioneers is for kindergarten through grade 6. Please register your child if you would like to receive emails about upcoming events. There is no fee or obligation for registering. Visit our website (elctempe.org/pioneers) for more information.

New Meditations available

Meditations is a daily devotional magazine that is released every three months. Each daily devotion has a Scripture reading, a meditation, and a prayer. Your complimentary copy of *Meditations* is available on the back counter at church. Please pick up the current issue that starts with a devotion for December 1.

Mission to the Children gifts

We are once again planning to share Christmas joy with the children of Sonora, Mexico. On the bulletin board in the church narthex, there are instructions on how you can join in this effort. We would like to have all gifts returned to church by December 1. Thank you for your generosity.

Midweek Advent worship

Join us this Wednesday for our first Midweek Advent worship services at 3:30 and 6:30 p.m. Our theme this year is Christmas Trees. We'll ponder the trees of the Bible that point us to the Tree of Life, the coming Christ. As we have in recent years, we'll begin each service with a sing-along of popular Advent and Christmas songs, so arrive early to share your requests.

Midweek soup suppers return

Take a break from the hustle and bustle next month. Join your brothers and sisters in Christ for a Wednesday night soup supper in December: 4, 11 and 18, from 5:00-6:00 p.m. (between our midweek Advent services). The services are at 3:30 and 6:30 p.m. on December 4, 11, and 18.

We need many volunteers to make this a success. Please consider signing up to provide a crockpot of soup, chili, or stew, donate crackers, bread, drinks or dessert, or to help clean-up afterwards. Please consider serving and signing up on the sign-up sheet in the Ministry and Education Center or using the provided QR code. We look forward to these fellowship opportunities in our Ministry and Education Center and celebrating our Savior's birth!



*Midweek Advent
Soup Supper
volunteer sign-up*

Opportunity to sing | Lessons and Carols

For those who enjoy singing, you are invited to be a part of this year's Lessons and Carols choir on December 24, 3:30 p.m. and repeated at 5:00 p.m. It is a highlight at Emmanuel. A special choir of 30-40 Emmanuel members and WELS friends of Emmanuel will sing the gospel truths of Christmas. Many steps have been taken to make this opportunity accessible to those who aren't a part of the adult choir but enjoy singing. If you would like to sing, contact Kevin Bode, kbode@elstempe.org, by December 4 for more information. In December, we would rehearse after the 6:30 p.m. Advent service.

Joy Fellowship | December 6

Our annual Christmas Party for the Joy Fellowship group will be this Friday, December 6, at 12:00 p.m. The party will be at Glenn and Ruth Derge's home, 3540 S. McClelland Dr., Chandler. Lunch will be served, and the meal costs \$25.00 per person. We will have a White Elephant gift exchange with a maximum of \$15.00 per gift. Please bring a dessert to share, maybe your favorite Christmas cookies or candy. The sign-up sheet is on the table in the Ministry and Education Center.

Memorial service for Troy Pautz

On November 25 the Lord took Troy Pautz home to heaven at the age of 53 years. Visitation will be Friday, December 13, at Tempe Mortuary, and a Memorial Service will be held here at Emmanuel on Saturday, December 14. More information to come. May our Lord Jesus give strength and comfort to his family and friends!

A reminder about our church library

The church library is located in the back of the church; look for the door to your right as you exit the sanctuary. There are lots of books to choose from: children's books, Christian fiction, People's Bibles and more. No library card is needed – just fill out the form (clip board) to check out a book. When you're ready to return a book, you can place it in the brown basket under the window area in the library. Parents, please help our young readers return books after two weeks.

Christmas caroling | December 7

Join us for caroling at Solterra Senior Living this coming Saturday, December 7! Whether you're 5 or 95, bring your holiday spirit and join us as we spread Christmas cheer to the wonderful residents of Solterra Senior Living (350 S. Alma School Rd. Chandler, AZ 85224) on Saturday, December 7. Here's the plan:

9:00 a.m. - Meet at Emmanuel in the MEC for a quick warm-up and practice.

9:30 a.m. - Caravan to Solterra (think sleigh ride, but with cars).

10:00-11:00 a.m. - Carol your hearts out and bring some smiles to the residents of Solterra.

Whether you hit all the high notes or prefer to hum in the back row, there's a spot for you! Any questions, contact Chandler Balgeman at 719-232-6897.

Teen Christmas party and gift wrapping | December 7

On Saturday, December 7, at 7:00 p.m., all high school students are invited to join a Christmas party at Emmanuel. There will be fun Christmas activities and wonderful time to spend with Christian friends. This party will also include a service project as the teens will wrap the presents to be sent to Mission to the Children.

Call meeting | December 8

In light of Mrs. Severeid's resignation, we will have a call meeting next Sunday, December 8, at 11:45 a.m. (following the second service) in the MEC. We will discuss the need to call a third-grade teacher; all members are invited to attend the meeting.

Advent by Candlelight | December 8

Ladies of Emmanuel are invited to join us for Advent by Candlelight next Sunday, December 8, at 3:00 p.m. The event will be held in the Ministry and Education Center. This is an event put on by women, and for women. It is a time to reflect on the coming of the Savior and to help refocus our lives during the busy holiday season. It is a time of fellowship, devotion, and song. Invite your female friends and family members to join you. Questions, reach out to Bethany Olson (abcolson14@gmail.com).

Junior Choir on TV | December 10

On Tuesday morning, December 10, our junior choir has the opportunity to share their faith through song on TV! *Good Morning Arizona* on 3TV and CBS5, whose station is located in northern Phoenix, is giving us roughly a four-minute live segment. May the Lord bless this opportunity for our students and that this dark-filled world can see the light of the gospel found here at Emmanuel! The airtime is tentatively 9:50 a.m.

Poinsettia donations

Help beautify the church this Christmas season. Women of the Word (WOW) will be selling poinsettias to decorate the altar for Christmas Eve and Christmas Day services. The cost is \$15, payable either in cash or check (made out to Ladies Group). Please give your payment to either Karen Henriksen, Wendy Binger, or the church office in an envelope marked "WOW." Please have all orders and payments in by December 15. If you have any questions, please call Karen Henriksen at 602-301-6243. The sign-up sheet is on the table in the Ministry and Education Center.

Christmas for Kids | December 21

On Saturday, December 21, from 10:00 a.m. to noon, we will host our annual Christmas for Kids program. Would you like to serve for this program? This will be a great opportunity to share the true meaning of Christmas with others. Those who are interested in serving can connect with Pastor Pflughoeft at 480-291-2928, visit elctempe.org/C4K or use the provided QR code to sign-up to volunteer.



*Christmas for Kids
volunteer sign-up*

Position available at Kingdom Workers

Kingdom Workers is looking to hire an Arizona Regional Mobilizer. Kingdom Workers is a global, Christian nonprofit that partners with Christians to share Jesus' love while providing help and aid to communities (kingdomworkers.com/about-us/). More information and how to apply can be found using the provided QR code.



*Kingdom Workers
job application*

About Us

Emmanuel Lutheran Church shares the love of Jesus and the truth of his saving Word with the people in our church, our community and the world.

The objectives of our mission are:

- To **preach**, by proclaiming the Word of God, as we worship and praise God in a loving Christian atmosphere;
- To **teach**, by fostering an ongoing increase in knowledge and maturity in God's Word;
- To **reach**, by sharing the Gospel of God's Word with all people, and to do so;
- By **each** member actively participating in our ministry.

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