



CHRISTMAS

Christmas 2

He Brings the Dawn of Redeeming Grace
Emmanuel Lutheran Church
January 4, 2026

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:

- **Restrooms** are to the left as you exit the sanctuary.
- **Nursery.** There is a room where children may be quieted to the left down the hall across from the bathrooms as you exit the sanctuary.
- **Children's worship notes** are available. Ask an usher.
- **Hearing assistance.** A hearing loop is available in the worship area for hearing aids equipped with a T-coil.



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Christ the Savior is Born: He Brings the Dawn of Redeeming Grace

We continue our Christmas celebration of the dawning of the light of all mankind.

When the sun rises, we can see things that we haven't seen before. The earth is bathed in the glow of a new day. The shadows disappear. The darkness flees.

When Christ the Savior is born, the light of new revelation breaks over the world. Jesus beams with his truth and grace upon our fallen world. He has come to drive away the shadows and dispel the darkness.

When the Son rises, we can clearly see the grace of God, our Redeemer.

Service of the Word

Pre-Service Music

Rejoice! He Is Here

Mark Hayes

Now Sing We, Now Rejoice

Paul Manz, Ted Smith

Come, Your Hearts and Voices Raising

R.E. Granger, Paul Manz



Opening Hymn

362 Come, Your Hearts and Voices Raising

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 and Absolution

Dear friends, let us come before God with a sincere heart and confess our sins to God our Father, seeking his grace, through Jesus the Christ child.

Almighty God, merciful Father, I confess that I have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and actions. Do not treat me as my sins deserve or repay me according to my iniquities. In the name of Jesus my Savior I pray: God, have mercy on me, a sinner.

Silence for meditation.

When the time had fully come, God sent his Son,
born of a woman, born under law, to redeem those under law, that we might receive the full rights of sons.

Because you are sons, God sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, the Spirit who calls out, "*Abba*, Father." So you are no longer a slave, but a son; and since you are a son, God has made you also an heir. Hear the word of your Father, spoken through his servant: I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Song of Praise

363 Now Sing We, Now Rejoice



1 Now sing we, now re - joice, now raise to heav'n our voice;
3 Now through his Son doth shine the Fa-ther's grace di - vine.
4 Oh, where shall joy be found? Where but on heav'n - ly ground,



he from whom joy stream - eth poor in a man - ger lies;
Death was reign - ing o'er us through sin and van - i - ty
where the an - gels sing - ing with all his saints u - nite,



not so bright - ly beam - eth the sun in yon - der skies.
till he o - pened for us a bright e - ter - ni - ty.
sweet - est prais - es bring - ing in heav'n - ly joy and light.



Thou my Sav - ior art! Thou my Sav - ior art!
May we praise him there! May we praise him there!
Oh, that we were there! Oh, that we were there!

Prayer of the Day

Almighty God, you have filled us with the new light of the Word who became flesh and lived among us. Let the light of our faith shine in all we do; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Be seated.

First Reading

Isaiah 61:10–62:3

¹⁰I will rejoice greatly in the LORD.
My soul will celebrate because of my God,
for he has clothed me in garments of salvation.
With a robe of righteousness he covered me,
like a bridegroom who wears a beautiful headdress like a priest,
and like a bride who adorns herself with her jewelry.

¹¹For as the earth produces its growth,
and as a garden causes what has been sown to sprout up,
so God the LORD will cause righteousness and praise to sprout up
in the presence of all the nations.

¹For the sake of Zion I will not be silent.
For the sake of Jerusalem I will not be quiet,
until her righteousness goes forth shining brightly,
and her salvation burns like a torch.

²Nations will see your righteousness,
and all kings will see your glory.
You will be called by a new name
that the mouth of the LORD will assign to you.

³Then you will be a beautiful crown in the LORD's hand,
and a royal diadem in the palm of your God.

*God promises that
his righteousness
and glory will be
made known to all
nations.*

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm of the Day

Psalm 98

The refrain is sung and the verses are spoken as noted.

Refrain



Minister Sing to the LORD a new song,
for he has done marvelous things;

Females his right hand and his holy arm
have worked salvation for him.

Males The LORD has made his salvation known
and revealed his righteousness to the nations.

Refrain

Minister Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth,
burst into jubilant song with music.

Females Let the rivers clap their hands,
let the mountains sing together for joy;

Males let them sing before the LORD,
for he comes to judge the earth.

All He will judge the world in righteousness
and the peoples with equity.

Refrain

Second Reading

Ephesians 1:3–18

³Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places.

Paul prays that we might know God better.

⁴He did this when he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world, so that we would be holy and blameless in his sight. In love ⁵he predestined us to be adopted as his sons through Jesus Christ. He did this in accordance with the good purpose of his will, ⁶and for the praise of his glorious grace, which he has graciously given us in the one he loves.

⁷In him we also have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in keeping with the riches of his grace, ⁸which he lavished on us in all wisdom and insight. ⁹He made known to us the mystery of his will in keeping with his good purpose, which he planned in Christ. ¹⁰This was to be carried out when the time had fully come, in order to bring all things together in Christ, things in heaven and things on earth.

¹¹In him we have also obtained an inheritance, because we were predestined according to the plan of him who works out everything in keeping with the purpose of his will. ¹²He did this so that his glory would be praised as a result of us, who were the first to hope in Christ.

¹³In him, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and in him, when you also believed, you were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit. ¹⁴He is the down payment of our inheritance until the redemption of God's own possession, so that his glory would be praised.

¹⁵This is why, ever since I heard about your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all the saints, ¹⁶I never stop giving thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers. ¹⁷I keep praying that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, will give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation in knowing Christ fully. ¹⁸I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened, so that you may know the hope to which he has called you, just how rich his glorious inheritance among the saints is.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand.

Gospel Acclamation

Psalm 98:3

Alleluia. All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God. Alleluia.

Gospel

John 1:14–18

*Through Jesus we
discover the grace
and truth of God the
Father.*

¹⁴The Word became flesh and dwelled among us. We have seen his glory, the glory he has as the only-begotten from the Father, full of grace and truth.

¹⁵John testified about him. He cried out, “This was the one I spoke about when I said, ‘The one coming after me outranks me because he existed before me.’” ¹⁶For out of his fullness we have all received grace upon grace. ¹⁷For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. ¹⁸No one has ever seen God. The only-begotten Son, who is close to the Father's side, has made him known.

The Gospel of our Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

Be seated.

Hymn of the Day

376 Rise Up and Shine

Sermon

Ephesians 1:3–18

Do you know how rich you are?

Please stand.

The 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.

Offering

Musical Offering

The March of the Wisemen
George Blake

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

364 Love Has Come

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.



The 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.



Be seated.

Closing Hymn

381 The People Who in Darkness Walked

Post-Service Music

March of the Three Kings

George Blake

To Follow a Star

Lani Smith

We Three Kings of Orient Are

Tedd Smith

Serving at Worship

Minister

Pastor Jon Buchholz

Organ

Kurt Rosenbaum

Video streamer and slides

Reed Bode, Chris Wempner

Video captions

Jeremy Burmeister

Sound

George Willis

Hymn selections

Sara Redman

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In our prayers

- Lois Henderson – Home recovering from illness.
- Seth Meyer – Back home in Arizona to continue his accident recovery.
- Kaylee Odle – Receiving treatment for cancer.

Ushers

8:00 a.m.

10:30 a.m.

Caden Head



*Emmanuel usher
sign-up.*

Flowers

Thank you to Kevin and Amber Bode and family for beautifying our sanctuary with altar flowers in loving memory of Bella Marie Bode.

Landscaping

Thank you to Glenn and Ruth Derge for helping maintain, trim and clean the outside church property this week.

This week at Emmanuel

Sunday

Worship services	8:00 and 10:30 a.m.
In-person Bible study, Sunday school, teen study	No classes
Presentation by Jason Jonker with Resilient Ministry	9:15 a.m.
Summer WELS Youth Rally informational meeting	9:15 a.m.
Public School Catechism	No class

Monday

ELS Christmas Break ends	School resumes
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Tuesday

Festival of the Epiphany candlelight service in the MEC	6:30 p.m.
Stewardship meeting	8:00 p.m.

Wednesday

Wednesday Bible study in the MEC	8:30 a.m.
	<i>Pastoral Epistles</i>
	<i>Led by Pastor Gary Pufahl</i>
Adult choir in the MEC	6:30 p.m.
Board of Evangelism	6:30 p.m.

Thursday

Thursday Bible study at Denny's	6:00 a.m.
	<i>21st Century Lessons from the Life of Abraham</i>
	<i>Led by Pastor Dan Pautz at</i>
	<i>Denny's (Broadway and Priest in Tempe)</i>
God's Ways Bible study in the MEC	6:00 p.m.
	<i>Led by Pastor Gary Pufahl</i>
Bible Basics begins in the MEC	6:30 p.m.
	<i>Led by Pastor Jon Buchholz</i>

Friday

Chapel	8:30 a.m.
ELS early release	1:50 p.m.

Saturday

Take down Christmas decoration	9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
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Sunday, January 11

Worship services	8:00 and 10:30 a.m.
Bible study, Sunday school, teen study	No classes
Pancake breakfast in the MEC	9:15-10:30 a.m.
Public School Catechism	12:00-1:30 p.m.

Looking ahead

January 14	Wednesday Bible study	8:30 a.m.
		<i>Pastoral Epistles</i>
		<i>Led by Pastor Gary Pufahl</i>
	Adult choir in the MEC	6:30 p.m.
January 15	Thursday Bible study at Denny's	6:00 a.m.
	<i>21st Century Lessons from the Life of Abraham</i>	
	<i>Led by Pastor Dan Pautz at</i>	
	<i>Denny's (Broadway and Priest in Tempe)</i>	
	God's Ways Bible study in the MEC	6:00 p.m.
		<i>Led by Pastor Gary Pufahl</i>
	Bible Basics in the MEC	6:30 p.m.
		<i>Led by Pastor Jon Buchholz</i>
January 16	ALA Basketball Invitation Tournament	TBA
		<i>Arizona Lutheran Academy</i>
	Chapel	8:30 a.m.
	ELS early release	1:50 p.m.
January 17	ALA Basketball Invitation Tournament	TBA
		<i>Arizona Lutheran Academy</i>
January 18	Worship services	8:00 and 10:30 a.m.
	In-person Bible study	No class
	Church open forum	9:15 a.m.
	Sunday school, teen study	9:15 a.m.
	Public School Catechism	12:00-1:30 p.m.
January 19	Martin Luther King day	No school / Church office closed
January 20	Church council meeting	6:00 p.m.
January 21	Wednesday Bible study	8:30 a.m.
		<i>Pastoral Epistles</i>
		<i>Led by Pastor Gary Pufahl</i>
	Adult choir in the MEC	6:30 p.m.

January 22	Thursday Bible study at Denny's <i>21st Century Lessons from the Life of Abraham</i> <i>Led by Pastor Dan Pautz at</i> <i>Denny's (Broadway and Priest in Tempe)</i>	6:00 a.m.
	God's Ways Bible study in the MEC <i>Led by Pastor Gary Pufahl</i>	6:00 p.m.
	Bible Basics in the MEC <i>Led by Pastor Jon Buchholz</i>	6:30 p.m.
January 23	Chapel ELS early release	8:30 a.m. 1:50 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!



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Christian education hour

Please note, there will be no **Adult Bible study**, **Table Talk**, **Teen study** or **Sunday school** classes today (1/4/2026) due to Christmas Break, nor next Sunday (1/11/2026) due to the pancake breakfast. Classes will resume in later this month.

Today, Sunday, January 4, 2026, Jason Jonker, the director of Resilient Recovery Ministry, will give a presentation at 9:15 a.m., between our Sunday morning services.

Help needed and Meal Train for the Rognholt family

Let's show our support for the Rognholt family as they welcome their two newest blessings. Luke and Jayme are in need of assistance with the twins a few hours during the week when Luke is working. If you are able to help, please contact Karen Henriksen at (602) 301-6243 or Luke Rognholt at (623) 476-6604. Also, any home-cooked meals or take out/delivery would be much appreciated. You can sign up to provide a meal using the QR code or this link:
<http://mealtrain.com/0dvw54>.



*Rognholt
Meal Train*

Meal Train for the Severeid family

Josh and Rachel Severeid have been blessed with a baby boy. Help is needed with meals for the new parents. If you are able to help with home-cooked meals or take out/delivery it would be much appreciated. On the link provided you will find available dates and details for meals. Use the QR code or this link:
<https://mealtrain.com/3ynm88>



*Severeid
Meal Train*

Epiphany celebration at Emmanuel

Our celebration of the Christmas season culminates with our special worship for the **Festival of the Epiphany** at a special candlelight service.

- Tuesday, Jan. 6, 2026, at 6:30 p.m.

Please mark your calendar and plan to join us for this special evening service, as we celebrate the light of our Savior that shines in the world and shines in our hearts.

Prayers and gift cards for Kaylee and family

Kaylee, a fifth-grader at our Emmanuel Lutheran School, has been diagnosed with cancer and begun chemotherapy treatments. We keep Kaylee and her family in our prayers.

Our Emmanuel family has an opportunity to assist and support Kaylee's family by giving a gift card to help with meals and groceries. Some of the family's preferred locations are Panera Bread, Salad-and-Go, Chick-fil-A, and Fry's. If you wish to give a gift card, you can drop it off in the church or school offices and it will be delivered to the family. An easy way to purchase gifts cards is by purchasing them from Emmanuel's RaiseRight coordinators, John and Jean Mueller, on Sunday mornings from 9:15-10:15 a.m. in the MEC or visit our webpage at elctempe.org/raiseright to learn more.

RaiseRight gift card program

Our RaiseRight Coordinator, John Mueller, is excited to assist you in ordering gift cards. Purchasing RaiseRight gift cards raises funds for students' tuition accounts at our Arizona WELS schools, the Arizona Lutheran tuition assistance fund, and our congregations and schools. You can order your RaiseRight through the Arizona Lutheran office (RaiseRight@ALAcoyotes.org) or order at any time through RaiseRight.com. You will need the Enrollment Code, which can be provided by contacting John Mueller (RaiseRight@ALAcoyotes.org), and then enroll to start earning. Orders are placed twice a month, with deadlines of 8:00 a.m. on the 15th and the last day of the month. Visit our webpage at elctempe.org/raiseright to learn more.

Fine Arts Fair | February 5

Get ready to be inspired! Join us for the Fine Arts Fair where art and music come together. Explore art by preschool through eighth grade artists and enjoy a special band performance at 4:30 p.m. See you Thursday, February 5, in the Ministry and Education Center (MEC) from 3:30-5:30 p.m. Contact Mrs. Amber Bode for more details or questions.

Special presentation by Resilient Recovery | Today (January 4)

Today, Sunday, January 4, Jason Jonker, the director of Resilient Recovery Ministry, will give a presentation at 9:15 a.m., between our Sunday morning services.

Resilient Recovery is a Bible study on addiction, perfect for people who want non-judgmental support. They make it easy to get help because they remember how hard it was to reach out for help the first [or the 20th] time. They make people feel comfortable because they've experienced the difficulties.

This program works because it is built on the historical Christian practices that promote change. People receive help from God's Word and the Holy Spirit. Their program is also informed by the latest science on recovery.

Resilient is also an acronym that describes the program:

- Rest in Jesus and His Care
- Express My Need for Jesus
- Seek God's Presence and Power
- Imagine Freedom in Christ
- Live Transparently by Owning My Sin
- Invite Jesus to Change Me
- Exalt Jesus Above All Things
- Neutralize Temptation through Meditation on God's Word
- Tell Others What God Has Done for You

Join us on Sunday, January 4, as we learn more about this ministry that is offered by our sister church, Crosswalk Lutheran Church in Laveen, Arizona.

Summer WELS Youth Rally informational meeting | Today (January 4)

We are holding an informational meeting today, January 4, at 9:15 a.m. in the 7th grade classroom. This is for all families interested in sending their teen(s) and/or helping chaperone for this summer's July youth rally in Ohio.

Door-to-Door witnessing to the LDS of the East Valley

Heritage Lutheran Church, along with Truth in Love Ministry (tilm.org) and students from Martin Luther College and Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary, will be witnessing door-to-door to the LDS of the East Valley from January 4-11. If you are interested in participating or would like more information, please call the Heritage church office at (480) 855-3619 or send an email to office@heritagelutheran.com.

Financial Peace University classes start in January

Ever feel like no matter what you do, you can't get ahead with money? You're not alone. You'd be surprised how many people you know are struggling just like you. But it's time to make a change!

Dan Warskow will be leading two different virtual sessions of FPU starting in January. Financial Peace University is a 9-week course which will focus on learning to pay off debt, saving money, and building lasting wealth. Virtual classes meet online via Zoom so you can attend from the comfort of your home.

Mondays: January 5, 2026 - March 2, 2026 at 7 PM (link: fpu.com/5A85D6)

Wednesdays: January 7, 2026 - March 4, 2026 at 6:30 PM (link: fpu.com/AF0381)

Emmanuel members interested in attending can reach out to Dan for a discounted price.

daniel.warskow@gmail.com

Also, any FPU alumni are welcome to attend for free if they want a refresher class. Contact Dan and he will enroll you in the class.

Bible Basics starts January 8

This Thursday, January 8, at 6:30 p.m., we will begin another session of Bible Basics. Bible Basics is a course in which we study the basic truths of the Christian faith. This class is open for those who desire to become communicant members of this church, those who want to learn more about what the Bible teaches, school parents who want to learn what their children are taught in our elementary school, or anyone interested in studying and growing in God's Word. This course is 15 weeks long and will be held on Thursdays from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. If you are interested or know someone who may be interested, please contact Pastor Buchholz.

2026 offering envelopes

The offering envelopes for 2026 are ready to be picked up this week. The table in the Ministry and Education Center has the envelopes in alphabetical order. If you do not see your name and would like to order envelopes, or, if you do not wish to receive offering envelopes but prefer online giving, please contact the church office (480) 967-3983.

Head start taking down Christmas decorations | January 7

Calling all Wednesday morning Bible study participants. If you could stay for an extra hour following class on January 7, we need help just to take the ornaments off the trees in the MEC.

Take down Christmas decorations | January 10

Join us on Saturday, January 10, starting at 9:00 a.m. as we take down the Christmas decorations and store them for next year. Come when you are able to and stay for however long; we'll be at the church and MEC from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. (or until the job is done). We will be in need of 8 or 10-foot ladders. Contact Karen Henriksen at (602) 301-6243 or Chet Jaehnig at (480) 329-5766 if you have any questions.

Pancake breakfast | January 11

Bring a healthy appetite with you to church on Sunday, January 11! We'll be hosting a delicious pancake breakfast between services in the MEC. Along with tasty pancakes, you can enjoy sausage and beverages. There's no charge for the pancake breakfast, but a free-will collection will be gathered. Your contributions will help support the costs of Emmanuel's youth who are attending the WELS International Youth Rally this coming summer.

Open Forum on January 18

In place of Sunday Bible class on January 18 we will hold an open forum for our congregation. The open forum is an opportunity to connect with your pastors and congregation leaders, ask questions, and get updated information on different church programs, our elementary school, our congregation's budget, and more. The open forum shares important information that will be presented to the voters for their consideration at the voters' meeting on Tuesday, January 27. Sunday school and teen group will still meet on January 18.

Tuition assistance workshop

AZ Lutheran is committed to helping families afford a private, Christian education for their children. If you are concerned with the tuition, be sure to find out about all the options available to you by attending our first Tuition Assistance Workshop of the school year on Wednesday, January 21, at 6:00 p.m. on the AZ Lutheran campus. Register at ALAcoyotes.org/TAW.

Save the date | Grandparents Day

If you are the grandparent of an AZ Lutheran student, mark Wednesday, February 4, 2026, on your calendar. That morning, we will welcome grandparents on campus to join their grandchildren at chapel, attend a few classes, enjoy some food and entertainment, and spend time with their grandchild at school. The invitation and sign-up will be available shortly after Christmas. Until then, put February 4 on your calendar.

New Bible studies start

Beginning on Sunday, January 25, we will return to holding two Bible studies on Sunday mornings between services. During this Family Bible Hour, we'll also have Sunday School for younger children and Teen Group for middle- and high-schoolers.

- **The Ten Commandments.** Join Pastor Buchholz in the Oak Room for an in-depth study of the Ten Commandments given through Moses at Mount Sinai. Although it was carved in stone nearly 3,500 years ago, God's Moral Law remains in full force and effect today. Learn practical ways to apply the commandments to our daily lives as Christians.
- **Psalms – A Time to Sing.** Pastor Pufahl leads this series in the Olive Room. The psalms were the hymnal for God's Old Testament people. Join the psalmists in singing and shouting and celebrating the gifts of God's grace that he showers down upon his people. The joy expressed in the psalms is unmatched, and it overflows into every aspect of our lives.

Arizona Lutheran Academy Game Show Gala 2026

Come on down! Get ready to spin the wheel and guess the price at our Game Show Gala on Saturday, March 28, 2026. This retro-themed evening will bring back the glitz, charm, and excitement of your favorite classic game shows – complete with themed games, dinner, and a night of fun to support our mission. Visit ALAcoyotes.org/Gala to learn more.

Emmanuel church picnic | February 1

It's that time of year again! Our annual church picnic is scheduled for Sunday, February 1, 12:00-2:00 p.m. Please join us for fellowship, festivities, fun, and food. Hamburgers, hotdogs, buns, barbecue beans, drinks, and condiments will be provided.



Food Sign-Up

We are asking for members to contribute cold sides and desserts. Link provided to sign-up for dishes [Food Sign-up](#) or the provided QR code



Helper Sign-Up

More information about this event, volunteer opportunities, can be found at this link: [Picnic Helper Sign-up](#) or the provided QR code.

Register now for men's conference on January 31

Men of His Word is a gathering of WELS pastors and lay leaders who have been holding yearly conferences in Minnesota and Wisconsin for over a decade. The group is now expanding to Arizona under the guidance of a local team of volunteers. The second annual conference for Men of His Word – Arizona will be held on Saturday, January 31, 2026, in Phoenix. The conference is open to all men who would like to grow spiritually, be inspired by God's Word, and fellowship with Christian brothers from the Southwest. For more information, visit MenofHisWord.org/Phoenix/ and click on the early bird registration button.

Registration is open for the Men of His Word (MOHW) Conference, to be held on Saturday, January 31, 2026, at the Desert Willow Conference Center (48th Street and Broadway in Phoenix). Register and purchase your early bird ticket now for \$100; students \$50. The cost will increase to \$125 after the first of the year.

Men of His Word Conference Scholarship

Through a generous donation, men from Emmanuel who sign up for the conference will receive a \$50 cash-back scholarship. Only 40 scholarships are available. Register now and pay the registration fee, and once you have attended the event in January, you will receive a \$50 reimbursement. (Students who register before tomorrow, January 5, and receive the scholarship, will end up attending for free!) Gentlemen, take advantage of this opportunity to attend this excellent conference with your brothers in Christ. Those interested in receiving a scholarship can sign up [here](#) or use the provided QR code.



*Men of His Word
scholarship sign-up*



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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