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Pentecost 16

Jesus' Church: A Church that's quick to forgive

Emmanuel Lutheran Church

September 17, 2023

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.
- **Cry room.** There is a room where children may be quieted to the left down the hall next to the bathrooms and church office as you exit the sanctuary.
- **Children’s bulletins** are available. Ask an usher.
- **Hearing assistance.** A hearing loop is available in the



worship area for hearing aids equipped with a T-coil.

If there is any other way in which we can assist you, let us know.

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“Pay it forward.” That phrase means that when someone does something kind for you, instead of paying that person back directly, you pass along kindness to another person instead. Doing something kind for someone else is a way of thanking the person who originally did something kind for you.

Today God applies that concept to forgiveness. God forgave our countless sins. He was willing to pay an incomprehensible price – the death of his Son. Obviously, we will never have occasion do the same for God. We will never have to forgive God because everything he does for us shows perfect love and care. God never wrongs us. But others may do us wrong. Others cause us pain. And when we are quick to forgive, it is one way we thank God for being so quick to forgive us.

This is what God wants in his Church – people who, like him, are quick to forgive.

Divine Service II

Pre-Service Music

Opening Hymn

731 Oh, How Good It Is

Please stand

Invocation

The grace of our Lord T 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 of Sins

We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.

Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.

Silence for meditation.

God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.

Amen.

Prayer and Praise

In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

Song of Praise

C: Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good. Bless - ed are they who take ref - uge in him. Your Word, O Lord, is eternal; it stands firm in the heavens. Your faith - ful - ness con - tin - ues forever. Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good. Bless - ed are they who take ref - uge in him.

The musical score is written on a single treble clef staff with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 4/4 time signature. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics placed below the notes. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

Prayer of the Day

Lord God, heavenly Father, you graciously forgive us all our sins and abundantly provide for all our needs of body and soul. Give us confidence in your mercy, and teach us also to be merciful to our neighbor, that we willingly forgive all people, and judging only ourselves, lead blessed lives to your glory; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: A - men.

The musical score is written on a single treble clef staff with a key signature of one sharp (F#). It consists of a short melodic phrase followed by a double bar line.

Be seated

Anthem

Create in Me

Jeff Reeves

*Create in me a clean heart, make my spirit right and true.
Guide me with your wisdom, Lord,
As I seek to follow you.*

*God of creation and Lord of my life,
Show me how I can be more like you
In all that I do, in word and thought and deed.*

*Create in me a clean heart, give me strength to trust and obey.
Call me with your voice of love
To the light of your perfect way.*

*God of creation and Lord of my life,
Show me how I can be more like you
In all that I do, in word and thought and deed.*

*Restore in me your joy, the gift of life anew;
And then shall my mouth sing songs of praise,
For all that comes from you.*

*God of creation and Lord of my life,
Show me how I can be more like you
In all that I do, in word and thought and deed.*

Second Reading

Ephesians 4:29–5:2

⁹ Do not let any unwholesome talk come from your mouths. Say only what is beneficial when there is a need to build up others, so that it will be a blessing to those who hear. ³⁰ Do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. ³¹ Get rid of every kind of bitterness, rage, anger, quarreling, and slander, along with every kind of malice. ³² Instead, be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving one another, just as God in Christ has forgiven us.

St. Paul teaches that kindness, compassion, and forgiveness are marks of God's Church.

^{5:1} Therefore, be imitators of God as his dearly loved children. ² And walk in love, just as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand

Gospel Acclamation

Colossians 3:13

Alleluia. Bear with each other and forgive one another.
Forgive as the Lord forgave you.

All:



*Through a parable
Jesus teaches that
the ability to
forgive others
comes when the
Spirit enables us
to understand
how much God
has forgiven us.*

Gospel

Matthew 18:21–35

²¹ Then Peter came up and asked Jesus, “Lord, how many times must I forgive my brother when he sins against me? As many as seven times?”

²² Jesus said to him, “Not seven times, but I tell you as many as seventy-seven times. ²³ For this reason the kingdom of heaven is like a king who wanted to settle accounts with his servants. ²⁴ When he began to settle them, a man who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him. ²⁵ Because the man was not able to pay the debt, his master ordered that he be sold, along with his wife, children, and all that he owned to repay the debt.

²⁶ “Then the servant fell down on his knees in front of him, saying, ‘Master, be patient with me, and I will pay you everything!’ ²⁷ The master of that servant had pity on him, released him, and forgave him the debt.

²⁸ “But when that servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him one hundred denarii. He grabbed him and began choking him, saying, ‘Pay me what you owe!’

²⁹ “So his fellow servant fell down and begged him, saying, ‘Be patient with me, and I will pay you back!’ ³⁰ But he refused. Instead he went off and threw the man into prison until he could pay back what he owed.

³¹ “When his fellow servants saw what had happened, they were very distressed. They went and reported to their master everything that had taken place.

³² “Then his master called him in and said to him, ‘You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt when you begged me to. ³³ Should you not have had mercy on your fellow servant just as I had mercy on you?’ ³⁴ His master was angry and handed him over to the jailers until he could pay back everything he owed.

³⁵ “This is what my heavenly Father will also do to you unless each one of you forgives his brother from his heart.”

The Gospel of our Lord.



Be seated

Hymn of the Day

726 Love in Christ Is Strong and Living

We forgive by remembering we are forgiven

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

Offering

Musical Offering

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



Bourrée
G. F. Handel

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*Jesus taught his
disciples to
pray the Lord's
Prayer. He
invites us to
come to our
heavenly Father
boldly and
confidently.*

Hymn

733 Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive

Please stand

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 T give you peace.



Be seated.

Closing Hymn (Sunday)

930 Go, My Children, with My Blessing



1 Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, nev - er a - lone.
2 Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure.
4 I the Lord will bless and keep you and give you peace;



Wak - ing, sleep - ing, I am with you; you are my own.
Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.
I the Lord will smile up - on you and give you peace;



In my love's bap - tis - mal riv - er I have made you mine for -
Here you heard my dear Son's sto - ry; here you touched him, saw his
I the Lord will be your Fa - ther, Sav - ior, Com - fort - er, and



ev - er. Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, you are my own.
glo - ry. Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure.
Broth - er. Go, my chil - dren; I will keep you and give you peace.

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Closing Hymn (Monday)

784 Now the Light Has Gone Away

Post-Service Music

Serving at Worship

Minister

Piano

Choir

Instrumentalist

Soloist

Video streamer

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Sound

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Erin Hahnke

grades 1-4

Rachel Severeid, *director*

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Wes Wightman (8:00), Joshia Rajan (10:30)

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Ushers

8:00 a.m.

Barry Redman, Bryan Rakowski, Kevin Wenzel,

Eric and Jacob Sallquist

10:30 a.m.

Justin Lamb, Caden Head

6:30 p.m.

Landscaping

Thank you to Jim and Christine Olson for helping maintain, trim and clean the outside church property this week.

This week at Emmanuel

Sunday	Online service	8:00 a.m.
	In-person services	8:00 and 10:30 a.m.
	In-person Bible study	9:15 a.m.
		<i>Let's Go</i>
		<i>Led by Pastor Gary A. Pufahl</i>
	MUMs Sunday Fellowship	9:15 a.m.
	Teen Bible studies and Sunday School	9:30 a.m.
Monday	Confirmation class	12:00 p.m.
	ELS picture day	
	Worship in church	6:30 p.m.
	In-person Bible study	7:30 p.m.
		<i>The Theology of the Cross</i> <i>Led by Pastor Gary A. Pufahl</i>
Tuesday	Evangelism committee meeting	6:30 p.m.
	ELS chess club	3:15 p.m.
	ELS football practice	3:15 p.m.
	ELS A team volleyball home game vs. Atonement	4:00 p.m.
	Church Council meeting	6:00 p.m.
	Light in the Valley campus ministry Bible study	7:00 p.m.
Wednesday	In-person Bible study	8:30 a.m.
		<i>Deuteronomy</i>
		<i>Led by Pastor Gary A. Pufahl at Pyle Adult Recreation Center</i>
	ELS A and B teams volleyball practice	3:15 p.m.
	ELS football home game vs. Pilgrim	4:00 p.m.
	Group life/fellowship task force meeting	6:00 p.m.
	Adult choir	6:30 p.m.
Thursday	In-person Bible study	6:00 a.m.
		<i>Book of Acts</i>
		<i>Led by Pastor Dan Pautz at Denny's</i>
	ELS football practice	3:15 p.m.
	ELS B team volleyball practice	3:15 p.m.
	ELS A team volleyball away game at Pilgrim	4:00 p.m.
	In-person Bible study	6:00 p.m.
		<i>God's Ways</i>
		<i>Led by Pastor Gary A. Pufahl at Pyle Adult Recreation Center</i>
Friday	Bible Basics	6:30 p.m.
	ELS Chapel	8:30 a.m.
	ELS early release	1:50 p.m.

Looking ahead

September 24	Rooted book study
September 26	ELS B team volleyball home game vs. Emmaus ELS A team volleyball home game vs. Atonement Light in the Valley campus ministry Bible study
September 27	ELS A and B teams volleyball activity at ALA ELS football away game at Cross of Glory
September 28	ELS B team volleyball away game at Grace ELS A team volleyball away game at Grace Bible Basics
September 29	ELS Fall Family Grill Out
September 30	ELS volleyball tournament at ALA JOY Fellowship – Hale Theater, <i>Something's Afoot</i>
October 2	ELS football away game at Christ Greenfield School Board meeting
October 3	Light in the Valley campus ministry Bible study Stewardship meeting
October 4	ELS football home game vs. Atonement
October 5	Bible Basics
October 7	Elders' meeting
October 8	Pat Johnson's memorial service
October 9-13	ELS no school – Fall break
October 10	Light in the Valley campus ministry Bible study
October 14	Invitation handout for Family Fall Festival
October 15	Lutheran Pioneers and JOY Fellowship event
October 17	Church Council meeting Light in the Valley campus ministry Bible study
October 18	ELS no school(k-8) – parent/teacher conferences ELS football away game vs. Emmaus
October 19	Bible Basics
October 21	ELS football tournament at ALA Family Fall Festival set-up
October 22	Family Fall Festival
October 24	Voters' meeting Light in the Valley campus ministry Bible study
October 25	ELS 1-4 grade kickball tournament at ALA
October 26	Bible Basics
October 28	ELS father vs. son flag football game

Notes and News

Connection card QR code

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 or by filling out one of the cards in the pews.



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What does God say about transgenderism?

During our Sunday morning Bible study on September 24, October 1, and October 8, an endocrinologist and elder at Emmanuel Lutheran Church, will share a message about transgenderism and God's Word. In a world that wants to lead young people especially to question God's design, this doctor will share what God's Word says about this topic. He will also dispel some myths about this topic that have been spread by advocates of gender fluidity and transgenderism. Everybody is invited to attend for these three Sundays from 9:25 until 10:15 a.m. We will meet in the sanctuary of Emmanuel Lutheran Church.

Family Fall Festival invitation handout

Come join us for a nice walk through our community as we share invitations to our Family Fall Festival. This is one of our biggest opportunities to welcome people to our campus. On Saturday, October 14, we will meet at Emmanuel at 9:00 a.m. Donuts, coffee, and water will be provided. Then, we will go out and share invitations for this event. Please consider joining us. If you would like to join in on this outreach project, please reach out to one of the pastors.

Family Fall Festival

On Sunday, October 22, from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m., we will have our annual Family Fall Festival. The whole family is welcome to come to a fun and free event. This event will take place at the south end of our campus. You are welcome to join us for trunk-or-treating, carnival games, bounce houses, and more fun activities. Please spread the word with your family and friends. If you would like to learn more, please go to elctempe.org/news-events. We look forward to seeing you there.

Trunks are needed for Family Fall Festival

Are you artistic? Do you like to decorate? Do you like to dress up in costume.3s? If you answered yes to any of these questions, we would love to have you participate in our Family Fall Festival as a trunk decorator. The Family Fall Festival will be on Sunday, October 22, from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. If you have any questions, reach out to Martha Wenzel (wenzel715email@gmail.com) or Pastor Pflughoeft. You can register to do a trunk by scanning the QR code.



Volunteer for Family Fall Festival.

AV volunteers needed

We are in need of volunteers to help with AV during worship. If you are a teen or college age student interested in AV or would like to volunteer during worship service, please reach out to Chris Wempner at cwempner@elstempe.org. We thank you for your willingness to serve at Emmanuel.

Rooted Bible Study

Will the Real Jesus Please Stand Up: Chapter 9. September 24 at 3:00 p.m. Hosted at the Crabtree Residence: 1910 West Calle del Norte Chandler, Arizona 85224. There will be snacks.

JOY Fellowship

The 55+ JOY Fellowship group will be enjoying the musical farce and a “who done it” at the Hale Theater in Gilbert on Saturday, September 30, at 4:00 p.m. Please join us for some fellowship and fun as we watch *Something’s Afoot*. Tickets are \$35. A sign-up sheet and flier with more details are located on the table in the narthex.

Join us on Sunday, October 15, from 5:00 to 7:00 pm for spaghetti and bingo with the Lutheran Pioneers at Dobson Ranch – La Casita Center. An informational flier and a sign-up sheet are on the table in the narthex.

Fellowship hosts needed

Each host supplies home-baked or purchased items for the Sunday 9:15 a.m. fellowship. Please coordinate with your hosting partners. Suggested items are donuts, muffins, bars, cookies, bagels, fruit, cheese and crackers. Coffee and water are provided by the Ladies Group and will be made and set out prior to the 8:00 a.m. Sunday service. Plates, napkins, cups, and plastic tableware will be set up on the serving tables. Each host arrives prior to the 9:15 a.m. fellowship time to set up food items on the serving tables. Serving tables and the coffee cart will be in the church office. Please label any food items that contain nuts. Each host will clean up and take home any leftovers. Please bring your own serving containers and serving utensils. Wipe down tables as needed. Clean up can be done after Bible class or after the 10:30 a.m. worship service. Please make sure the coffee pot is unplugged, it will be washed on Monday morning. If you prefer not to bake or serve, but would rather donate monetarily, please place cash or checks in the envelopes on the clipboard on the table in the narthex, label them fellowship, and place them in the collection plates. Donations of water are always needed. Thank you for supporting our Christian education hour fellowship.

Christian education hour

Here is a list of our classes, topics, and locations for our Sunday morning education hour. A map of the campus can be found on page 18.

The **Adult Bible study** is meeting in the church at the north campus. The study topic is "Let's Go."

The **Teen Bible study Grades 9-12** is meeting in the 8th grade classroom at the south campus. The study topic today is "Bumper sticker theology."

The **Junior High Bible study Grades 7-8** is meeting in the 7th grade classroom at the south campus. The study topic today is "Bumper sticker theology."

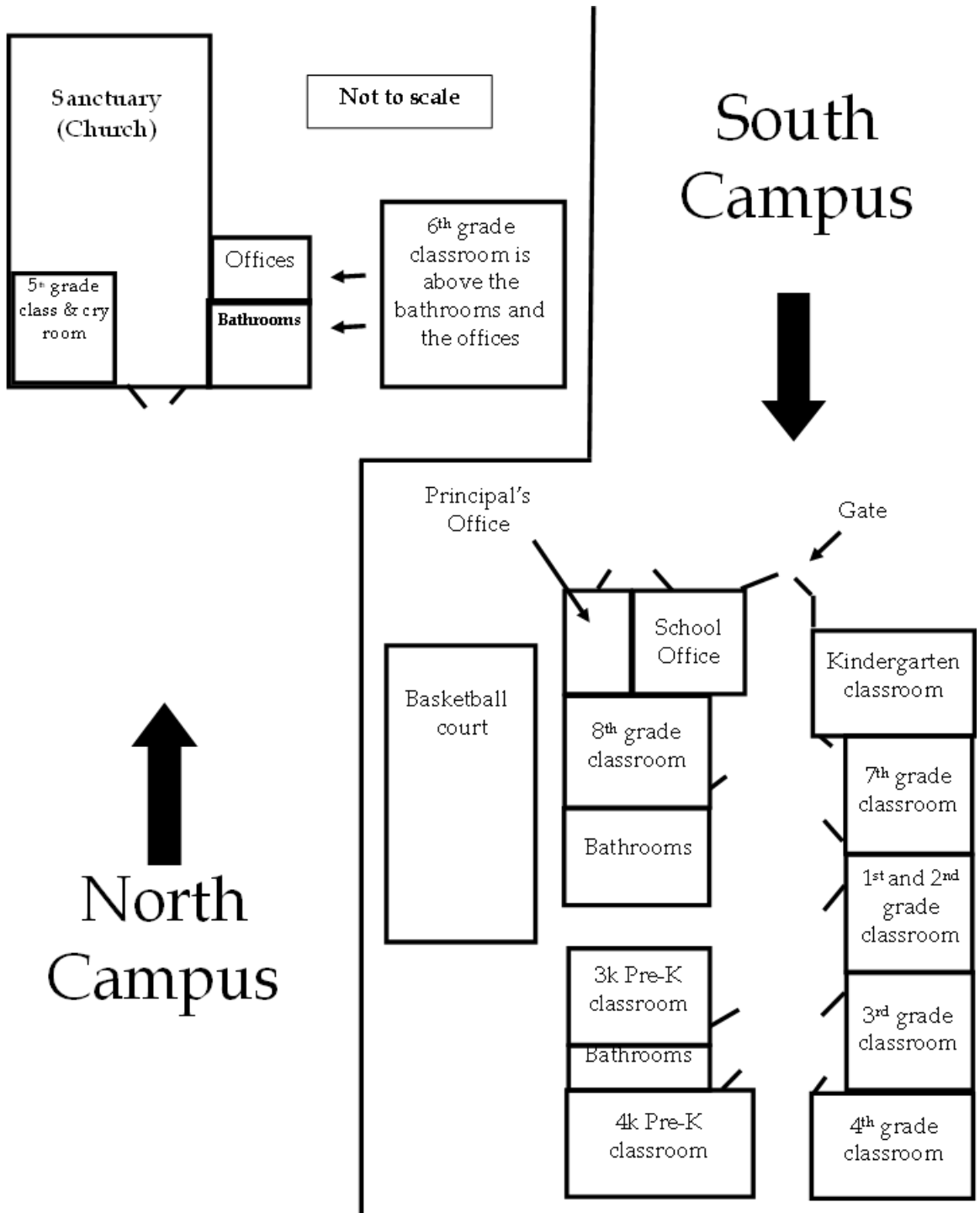
The Sunday School for **Grades 4-6** is meeting in the 4th grade classroom at the south campus. The study topic today is "Noah."

The Sunday School for **Grades 1-3** is meeting in the 3rd grade classroom at the south campus. The study topic today is "Noah."

The Sunday School for **4K Preschool and Kindergarten** is meeting in the kindergarten classroom at the south campus. The study topic today is "Noah."

The Sunday School for **two- and three-year-olds** is meeting in the preschool classrooms at the south campus. Parents are encouraged to remain with their children. The study topic today is "God saved Noah."

The **MUMs Group** is meeting in the Pre-K classroom at the south campus. Mothers and their children under 2 years are welcome to join for a devotion and fellowship.



Arizona Lutheran Academy (ALA)

Homecoming 2023

Mark your calendars for ALA's homecoming week:

- October 2-8 is homecoming week
- October 7 homecoming dance
- October 8 ALA Hall of Fame induction

Kids carnival

On October 6, all kids can enjoy the kids carnival from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. \$10 wristbands can be purchased at the football gate (cash or card). Each wristband purchase includes unlimited play at the carnival and the child's admission to the football game. Grab a burger or hot dog at the concession stand and relax at the picnic tables.

ALA Hall of Fame

The ALA Hall of Fame was established to honor Arizona Lutheran Academy's top student-athletes, coaches, and individuals who have made a positive impact on the ALA family, providing role models for today's student-athletes. This year, four individuals will be inducted on Sunday, October 8, Rachel (Bauer) Day (1996), Alfred Erives (2013), Rachel (Burk) Plitzuweit (1991), and Kristen (Schulz) Theiler (2010). Visit alacoyotes.org/alumni/hall-of-fame/ to purchase tickets.

Visit ALAcoyotes.org/homecoming and ALA's social media channels for more information about our homecoming events.

Fall concert

ALA's choirs and band will present the fall concert, *Storybook Songs*, on Thursday, October 12, at 7:00 p.m. in the ALA gym. The concert is free and open to students, families, and ALA friends – all are welcome.

Dates to remember

View the entire monthly calendar at ALAcoyotes.org/calendar.

All events are at ALA unless noted.

October 2-8	ALA Homecoming Week
October 7	Homecoming Dance
October 12	ALA fall concert, 7:00 p.m.
October 15	Raise Right (Script) ordering deadline
October 22	ALA Sunday – Mt. Calvary, Flagstaff
October 25	Lutheran Elementary School kickball at ALA
October 31	Raise Right (Script) ordering deadline



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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