



**Fourth Sunday of Easter**

He lives to become my Good Shepherd

Emmanuel Lutheran Church


April 26, 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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### What Difference Does It Make?

#### He lives to become my Good Shepherd

Without the resurrection of Jesus, we would have to choose our own direction in life. We're terrible at it, because, like sheep, we can generally see only what's in front of us at the moment, and we get ourselves into plenty of trouble. It is especially difficult for us to look far into our future as Jesus plans it. If he had not risen from the dead, we would be on our own.

When we wander alone, we become easy prey. Confused and lost, we would become easy marks and easy victims. Wandering in the dark shadows, we would be snatched away from God forever.

But Jesus lives, and it makes all the difference. We have the reliable direction of the Good Shepherd. He feeds us with his Word. He protects us from the roaring lion, Satan. He is leading us into the green pastures of eternal life.

For centuries, the Church has observed this Fourth Sunday of Easter to celebrate that Jesus lives to be our Good Shepherd.

# Service of the Word and Sacrament



## Pre-Service Music

Medley of Good Shepherd hymns  
Robert Hobby, Dale Wood

## Opening Hymn

916 Today Your Mercy Calls Us

*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.*

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**He is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

## Confession and Absolution

God invites us to come into his presence and worship him with humble and penitent hearts. Therefore, let us acknowledge our sinfulness and ask him to forgive us.

**Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful, and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

*Silence for meditation and reflection.*

God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only-begotten Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son + and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

## Response

## 442 Christ the Lord Is Risen Today; Alleluia



2 For the sheep the Lamb has bled, Al - le - lu - ia!  
4 Christ, who once for sin - ners bled, Al - le - lu - ia!

sin - less in the sin - ners' stead. Al - le - lu - ia!  
now the first - born from the dead, Al - le - lu - ia!

"Christ is ris'n," to - day we cry; Al - le - lu - ia!  
throned in end - less might and pow'r, Al - le - lu - ia!

now he lives, no more to die. Al - le - lu - ia!  
lives and reigns for - ev - er - more. Al - le - lu - ia!

## Prayer of the Day

O Lord Jesus Christ, you are the Good Shepherd who laid down your life for the sheep. Lead us now to the still waters of your life-giving Word that we may abide in your Father's house forevermore; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

*Be seated.*

## Holy Baptism (8:00 a.m.)

## Anthem (8:00 a.m.)

## Jesus, Tender Shepherd Hear Me

*All this day thy hand has led me,  
and I thank thee for thy care;  
thou hast clothed me, warmed and fed me,  
listen to my daily prayer.*

*Refrain:*

*When I'm troubled and afraid  
I will trust in thee and pray.  
Jesus, tender Shepherd, hear me,  
bless thy little lamb today,  
bless thy little lamb today.*

*Let my sins be all forgiven,  
bless the friends I love so well;  
take me, when I die, to heaven,  
happy there with thee to dwell. (Refrain)*

## The Word

### First Reading

Acts 2:42-47

<sup>42</sup>They continued to hold firmly to the apostles' teaching and to the fellowship, to the breaking of the bread, and to the prayers. <sup>43</sup>Awe came over every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. <sup>44</sup>All the believers were together and had everything in common. <sup>45</sup>They were selling their possessions and property and were distributing the proceeds according to what anyone needed.

*The Good Shepherd's flock grew as people devoted themselves to the apostolic teaching.*

<sup>46</sup>Day after day, with one mind, they were devoted to meeting in the temple area, as they continued to break bread in their homes. They shared their food with glad and sincere hearts, <sup>47</sup>as they continued praising God and being viewed favorably by all the people. Day after day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

### Response

552 The King of Love My Shepherd Is

Psalm 23: part 1

1 The King of love my shep - herd is, whose  
2 Where streams of liv - ing wa - ter flow, my  
3 Per - verse and fool - ish oft I strayed, but  
good - ness fails me nev - er; I noth - ing lack if  
Sav - ior gent - ly leads me, and where the ver - dant  
yet in love he sought me and on his shoul - der  
I am his, and he is mine for - ev - er.  
pas - tures grow, with food ce - les - tial feeds me.  
gent - ly laid and home, re - joic - ing, brought me.

## Second Reading

1 Peter 2:19–25

*St. Peter calls on us to follow our Shepherd and Overseer even if it means we will suffer for doing good.*

<sup>19</sup>For this is favorable: if a person endures sorrows while suffering unjustly because he is conscious of God. <sup>20</sup>For what credit is it to you if you receive a beating for sinning and patiently endure it? But if you suffer for doing good and endure it, this is favorable with God.

<sup>21</sup>Indeed, you were called to do this, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example so that you would follow in his steps. <sup>22</sup>He did not commit a sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth. <sup>23</sup>When he was insulted, he did not insult in return. When he suffered, he made no threats. Instead, he entrusted himself to him who judges justly. <sup>24</sup>He himself carried our sins in his body on the tree so that we would be dead to sins and alive to righteousness. By his wounds you were healed. <sup>25</sup>For you were like sheep going astray, but you are now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

## Response

555 The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want

Psalm 23: part 2

3 Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale, yet  
4 My ta - ble thou hast fur - nish - ed in  
5 Good - ness and mer - cy all my life shall  
will I fear no ill; for thou art with me,  
pres - ence of my foes; my head thou dost with  
sure - ly fol - low me, and in God's house for -  
and thy rod and staff me com - fort still.  
oil a - noint, and my cup o - ver - flows.  
ev - er - more my dwell - ing - place shall be.

*Please stand.*

## Gospel

John 10:1-10

<sup>1</sup>“Amen, Amen, I tell you: Anyone who does not enter the sheep pen by the door, but climbs in by some other way, is a thief and a robber. <sup>2</sup>The one who enters by the door is the shepherd of the sheep. <sup>3</sup>The doorkeeper opens the door for him, and the sheep listen to his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. <sup>4</sup>When he has brought out all his own sheep, he walks ahead of them. The sheep follow him because they know his voice. <sup>5</sup>They will never follow a stranger, but will run away from him, because they do not know the voice of strangers.” <sup>6</sup>Jesus used this illustration in speaking to the people, but they did not understand what he was telling them.

*Jesus, the Good Shepherd, is the gate through which we enter the green pastures of salvation.*

<sup>7</sup>So Jesus said again, “Amen, Amen, I tell you: I am the door for the sheep. <sup>8</sup>All who came before me were thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them. <sup>9</sup>I am the door. Whoever enters through me will be saved. He will come in and go out, and find pasture.

<sup>10</sup>“A thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise be to you, O Christ!**

*Be seated.*

## Hymn of the Day

551 Jesus, Shepherd of the Sheep

## Sermon

1 Peter 2:19-25

***Your Good Shepherd heals your wounds***

*Please stand.*

## Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary, and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate. He suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

## 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.*

### Offering

### Musical Offering

Arioso  
J.S. Bach

### Personal Preparation for Holy Communion

*As you prepare to receive the Sacrament today, you may use the Christian Questions on page 295 in your blue hymnal.*

### Adult Confirmation (10:30 a.m.)

Diane Phillippi

*Please stand.*



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online giving, you  
may scan this code.*



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# The Sacrament

The Lord be with you.



**C: And al - so with you.**

Lift up your hearts.



**C: We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



**C: It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

Praise to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In love he has blessed us with every spiritual blessing. He raised Christ from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms and placed all things under his feet for the benefit of the Church. Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ. To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and thanks and honor and glory for ever and ever:

# Holy, Holy, Holy

Sanctus

C: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord of hosts.  
The whole earth is full of your glo - ry.  
You are my God, and I will ex - alt you.  
I will give you thanks, for you have be - come my sal -  
va - tion. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord of hosts.  
The whole earth is full of your glo - ry.

## Words of Institution

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my + body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my + blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: A - men.

## O Christ, Lamb of God

Agnus Dei

C: O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; grant us your peace. A - men.

*Be seated.*

### Distribution

*For our distribution today, you may approach the altar using the side aisles. The two sides will meet at the bottom step in the middle. For those who prefer a low-gluten wafer, please indicate such to the pastor when he distributes the host. The low-gluten wafers are in a soufflé cup on the paten. The grape-colored cups in each tray are alcohol-removed wine. We will dismiss down the center aisle.*

*Members and any guests who have spoken with a pastor prior to the service about receiving Communion may come forward at the direction of the ushers.*

### Distribution Hymns

668 Jesus Comes Today with Healing

440 Christ Jesus Lay in Death's Strong Bands

*Please stand.*

## Thanksgiving

Hear the prayer of your people, O Lord, that the lips which have praised you here may glorify you in the world, that the eyes which have seen the coming of your Son may long for his coming again, and that all who have received in his true body and blood the pledge of your forgiveness may be restored to live a new and holy life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## 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.

**Amen.**

*Be seated.*

## Post-Service Music

**I Know that My Redeemer Lives**

Neil Harmon

## Serving at Worship

Preaching Minister

Pastor Gary Pufahl

Presiding Minister

Pastor Jon Buchholz

Organ

Kevin Bode

Choir (8:00 a.m.)

Grades 1-2

Alissa Schroeder, *director*

Katie Meihak, *accompanist*

Video streamer and slides

Cathy Wightman, Charlie Myers

Video captions

Jeremy Burmeister

Sound

Wes Wightman

Hymn selections

Lisa Thiesfeldt

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## In our prayers

- Ken Dins – Recovering from illness.
- Chris Heise – Hospitalized at St. Joseph’s.
- Kaylee – Home recovering from surgery and going through additional treatments.
- Nancie, who was baptized today.
- Diane Phillippi, who was confirmed today.
- Louise Sallquist – Recovering at home.

## Flowers

Thank you to Dan Kucenski for beautifying our sanctuary with altar flowers in memory of Susan Kucenski.

## Communion

Thank you to Karen Tromp and Kristina Richey for helping set up Communion for this weekend.

## Landscaping

Thank you to Josh Winterstein for helping maintain, trim and clean the outside church property this week.

## Ushers

8:00 a.m.

Peter Gross, Craig Wentzel, Rob Wenzel, Justus Wenzel

10:30 a.m.

Caden Head, Michael Kobs, Ryan Konig, Michael Prael



Emmanuel usher  
sign-up.

## This week at Emmanuel

### Sunday

Worship services

8:00 and 10:30 a.m.

In-person Bible study, Sunday school, teen study

9:15 a.m.

Public School Catechism

12:00-1:30 p.m.

### Monday

Communications meeting

6:30 p.m.

### Tuesday

Quarterly voters' meeting

6:30 p.m.

### Wednesday

Wednesday Bible study in the MEC

8:30 a.m.

*Drive through the Gospels  
Led by Pastor Gary Pufahl*

Adult choir practice

6:30 p.m.

### Thursday

Thursday Bible study at Denny's

6:00 a.m.

*21st Century Lessons from the Life of Jacob  
Led by Pastor Dan Pautz at  
Denny's (Broadway and Priest in Tempe)*

God's Ways Bible study in the MEC

6:00 p.m.

*Led by Pastor Gary Pufahl*

Bible Basics in the MEC

6:30 p.m.

*Led by Pastor Jon Buchholz*

### Friday

Chapel

8:30 a.m.

ELS early release

1:50 p.m.

ELS Grades 5-8 musical *Peter Pan, Jr.*

7:00 p.m.

## Saturday

Elders' meeting	7:30 a.m.
ELS Grades 5-8 musical <i>Peter Pan, Jr.</i>	2:00 p.m.

## Sunday, May 3

Worship services	8:00 and 10:30 a.m.
In-person Bible study, Sunday school, teen study	9:15 a.m.
<i>Donuts for Dollars</i> Emmanuel teens fundraiser	Between services
Mother's Day tea	2:00-4:00 p.m.

## Looking ahead

May 5	Arizona Pastors' conference	<i>Grace Lutheran, Glendale</i>
	Stewardship meeting	8:00 p.m.
May 6	Arizona Pastors' conference	<i>Grace Lutheran, Glendale</i>
	Wednesday Bible study	No class this week
	<i>Culver's</i> Emmanuel teens fundraiser	5:00-8:00 p.m.
		<i>at Culver's on Southern Ave in Tempe</i>
	ELS Spring music recital	6:00-8:00 p.m.
	Adult choir in the MEC	6:30 p.m.
May 7	Thursday Bible study at Denny's	6:00 a.m.
		<i>21st Century Lessons from the Life of Jacob</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>
May 8	Chapel	8:30 a.m.
	ELS early release	1:50 p.m.
May 10	Mother's Day	
	Worship services	8:00 and 10:30 a.m.
	In-person Bible study, Sunday school, teen study	9:15 a.m.
May 11	Worship Committee meeting	6:30 p.m.
May 12	School Board meeting	6:30 p.m.
May 13	Wednesday Bible study	8:30 a.m.
		<i>Drive through the Gospels</i>
		<i>Led by Pastor Gary Pufahl</i>
	Adult choir in the MEC	6:30 p.m.
May 14	Thursday Bible study at Denny's	6:00 a.m.
		<i>21st Century Lessons from the Life of Jacob</i>
		<i>Led by Pastor Dan Pautz at</i>
		<i>Denny's (Broadway and Priest in Tempe)</i>
	Confirmation examination	6:30 p.m.
May 15	Chapel	8:30 a.m.
	ELS early release	1:50 p.m.
	ELS Spring concert	6:30 p.m.

May 17	Confirmation Sunday Worship services	8:00 and 10:30 a.m. <i>Confirmation during 8:00 a.m. service</i>
	Confirmation reception	9:15 a.m.
	In-person Bible study, Sunday school, teen study	No classes
May 19	Church Council meeting	6:00 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](http://elctempe.org/connect), or by filling out one of the cards in the pews. Thank you!



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## Mr. Andrew Olson receives a divine call

St. Paul's Lutheran Church and School in Columbus, Ohio, called Mr. Andrew Olson to teach grades 3-4. He currently serves as our 6th-grade teacher and director of athletics. Please keep Mr. Olson and his family in your prayers as he considers the ministries here and at St. Paul's.

## Survey on Emmanuel's ministry

As our Personal Member Ministry is taking form, Benjamin Ruppel (Emmanuel's Personal Member Ministry Coordinator) is gathering information on members' perspectives of our overall ministry atmosphere. Please click on this [assessment link](#) or scan the provided QR Code. Printed assessments are available upon request. Please take a few minutes and read each question and prayerfully answer all the questions you are comfortable with. This will be kept confidential. This assessment will be available until this Thursday, April 30. Any questions please feel free to contact Benjamin Ruppel at the church office or email [bruppel@elctempe.org](mailto:bruppel@elctempe.org).



*Member ministry assessment*

## Arizona Lutheran Academy musical | *Oliver!*

Experience the Magic of *Oliver!* at Arizona Lutheran Academy (AZ Lutheran). Based on Charles Dickens' timeless masterpiece *Oliver Twist*, this Tony Award-winning musical by Lionel Bart has captivated audiences from the West End to Broadway. Come journey through Victorian London featuring legendary songs like "Food, Glorious Food," "Consider Yourself," and "I'd Do Anything." Performances are at 7:00 p.m. on May 1 and 2, and 2:00 p.m. on May 3. Purchase tickets using the QR code or click [here](#).



*AZ Lutheran - Oliver! tickets*



Mother's Day tea –  
sign up

### **Mother's Day tea | May 3**

Ladies of Emmanuel, the WOW group (*Women of the Word*), is cordially inviting you, mothers and daughters (age 6 and up), to a Mother's Day tea on Sunday, May 3, from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. in the Ministry and Education Center. We will enjoy finger sandwiches, fruit cups, scones, and a variety of desserts. Each guest is asked to bring your favorite teacup to use at the tea. Please RSVP by this Thursday, April 30; use the sign-up sheet on the table in the MEC, this [link](#), or the provided QR code.

On Saturday, May 2, from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m., we will be setting up and prepping food for the tea. Please use the sign-up sheet (paper, link or QR code) to sign up to help and also to bring a food item (a dessert and/or fruit).

### **Donuts for Dollars Emmanuel teens fundraiser | May 3**

The teens will be holding a fundraiser on Sunday, May 3. They will sell donuts after first service and continue to sell until they run out. Donuts are \$1 each, but extra donations are welcomed and appreciated. The proceeds will offset the cost of our Emmanuel teens attending the WELS International Youth Rally.

### **Culver's Emmanuel teens fundraiser | May 6**

Join us on Wednesday, May 6, from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. at the Culver's on 630 E Southern Ave, Tempe. Plan to come for dinner, custard, or both. All sales that night will benefit our teens attending the WELS International Youth Rally in Ohio this summer.

### **Get your Emmanuel swag today!**

Who doesn't need a new hat with all this sun? How about a new t-shirt or comfy sweatshirt? You can now easily find our Emmanuel Swag shop on our website. Simply visit our Get Involved page (hover over "Connect") and click on the blue "Emmanuel Swag" button.

### **Father's Day gift idea from Northwestern Publishing House**

*Why God Made Dads* is a book that helps kids see dads and fatherhood as one of many of God's good gifts. This is a faith-filled, family-friendly book highlighting God's love, guidance, and protection – along with spiritual nurturing – that kids receive through their fathers. Click [here](#) or scan the QR code to learn more about this book and purchase your copy.



Northwestern  
Publishing House –  
Book information

## Summer art camps

Join Mrs. Amber Bode this summer for a week of artistic fun. This summer Mrs. Bode is offering two art camps; see below for details. Email Mrs. Bode at [amber.lee.bode@gmail.com](mailto:amber.lee.bode@gmail.com) to register by May 15. These camps aren't for the *paint* of heart!

### Art Camp Week 1

Current 1st-4th graders

When: June 9-12 (No Monday due to district convention)

Time: 9:00-12:00pm

Location: Emmanuel art classroom

Fee: \$100 (ESA accepted)

### Art Camp Week 2

Current 5-8th graders

When: June 15-19

Time: 9:00-12:00pm

Location: Emmanuel art classroom

Fee: \$115 (ESA accepted)

## Emmanuel family nights

This summer we will be hosting four Emmanuel Family Nights. This is a fun opportunity for us to gather for a meal or snack, a devotion, and a fun activity. These will be held on Wednesdays in the summer: June 10, June 24, July 8, and July 22. More information to come.

## Arizona Lutheran Academy Coyote | Summer sports camps

Coyote camps offer excellent, affordable instruction, with opportunities to learn fundamentals and time to practice them. The camp directors are AZ Lutheran teachers and coaches with experience working with children of all ages. For more information and registration, visit [ALAcoyotes.org/camps](http://ALAcoyotes.org/camps).

## Travel with WELS groups

Interested in traveling with members of your faith family? The [OWLS](#) (WELS Seniors) is partnering with [Father's World Tours](#) to offer group tours that incorporate daily devotion and connections with local WELS (Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod) ministries. The next trip ready to register for is [Adventures in Alaska](#) scheduled for July 20 through August 4. Trips are open to WELS members of all ages. Visit [www.fathersworldtours.com](http://www.fathersworldtours.com) or contact Steve Balza ([steve@fathersworldtours.com](mailto:steve@fathersworldtours.com) or 507-217-1731) to learn more.



Pastor Cole  
2027 Israel trip  
brochure

### Trip to Israel in 2027

Imagine walking through Jerusalem where Jesus walked, or taking a boat ride on the Sea of Galilee where Jesus calmed the storm. From January 26 to February 4 2027, Pastor Daniel Cole of Immanuel Lutheran Church in Springerville and Taylor, Arizona, will be hosting a tour of Israel through *Imagine Tours and Travel*. This trip includes airfare, deluxe motor coaches, guided sightseeing, all entrance fees, and breakfast and dinner daily. If you have any questions or would like more information, there are brochures in the back of church (or scan the QR code), or please contact Pastor Cole at (920) 588-0309 (call or text), [revdan.cole@gmail.com](mailto:revdan.cole@gmail.com) or visit [immanuelaz.com](http://immanuelaz.com).



Church campout -  
registration

### Save the date for our annual church campout at Woods Canyon Lake

It's warming up here in the Valley and it's only going to get warmer. Plan your summer escape by attending our annual church campout this June on the cool Mogollon Rim. The 2026 Emmanuel campout is scheduled for June 26-28. If you have a tent, camper, trailer, or RV (max 30-ft), this is a great time for fun and fellowship. Join us at Woods Canyon Lake campground, about 30 miles east of Payson. The cost is \$55 per family or \$30 for a single person. Enjoy hiking, group activities for adults and kids, s'mores around the bonfire, and Sunday morning worship.



Church campout -  
Fee payment (via  
online giving)

John and Alysha Bergsma will once again be our camp hosts, and they are excited to get out of the heat and enjoy the beauty of nature. If you have any questions, please contact Alysha Bergsma at (480) 789-0726. Registration deadline is Wednesday, June 3; use the provided QR codes to register (or click [here](#)) and make your payment (via [online giving - Church Campout Fee](#)). More details will follow for those who sign up to attend.

### Save the dates for Good Shepherd Bible Camp

Registration is now open for Good Shepherd Bible Camp (GSBC)! We are planning to send two buses of campers from our church and school to Good Shepherd Bible Camp in Angelus Oaks, California. Camp this year will be July 12-18, 2026 (Sunday-Saturday). This is for students entering grades 4th through 10th. Learn more and register [here](#). If you would like to serve as a travel chaperone or be part of camp staff for this fun getaway, please speak with Benjamin Ruppel at [bruppel@elctempe.org](mailto:bruppel@elctempe.org).

## Christian education hour

Here is a list of our classes, topics, and locations for our Sunday morning education hour.

The **Adult Bible study** is meeting in the Oak Room of the Ministry and Education Center (MEC). The three-week series starting today is "Sharing Christian virtues through charity." *Please note **Table Talk** will resume again after Labor Day.*

The **Teen Bible study Grades 9-12** is meeting in the 7<sup>th</sup> grade classroom on the second floor of the MEC. The study topic today is "What Difference Does It Make? He lives to become my Good Shepherd."

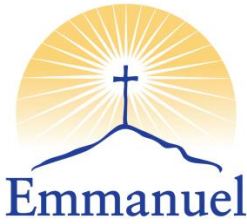
The **Junior High Bible study Grades 7-8** is meeting in the 8<sup>th</sup> grade classroom on the second floor of the MEC. The study topic today is "What Difference Does It Make? He lives to become my Good Shepherd."

The Sunday School for **Grades 4-6** is meeting in the 4<sup>th</sup> grade classroom at the south campus. The study topic today is "A life restored."

The Sunday School for **Grades 1-3** is meeting in the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade classroom at the south campus. The study topic today is "A life restored."

The Sunday School for **4K Preschool-Kindergarten** is meeting in the kindergarten classroom at the south campus. The study topic today is "A life restored."

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 "Jesus is our Good Shepherd."



# About Us

**E**mmanuel 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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