



What Makes Christians *Different*

Pentecost 9

Christians seek spiritual wealth

Emmanuel Lutheran Church

July 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. A television allows you to see and hear the service.
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- **Hearing assistance.** A hearing loop is available in the worship area for hearing aids equipped with a T-coil.



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Ninth Sunday after Pentecost — July 26, 2026

What Makes Christians Different?

Christians seek spiritual wealth

Of all the things you call your own, what do you value the most? What do you consider your life's top priorities?

Many people start their list with family and friends. Financial security and health follow closely. Reputation and recreation make the cut. How about faith? Is it the top priority? Is it in the Top 10? What if other priorities must be sacrificed to keep faith the top priority?

The Bible helps Christians keep worldly wealth in perspective. It can buy the things of this world, things, but it doesn't last. It can buy things that rust and decay, but there is something more valuable. True wealth is spiritual wealth. It is found only in God and his eternal blessings for us in Christ.

Service of the Word and Sacrament



Pre-Service Music

Jesus is Mine

René Frank

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Paul Manz, Cindy Berry

Give Me Jesus

Anna Laura Page

Opening Psalm

The vocalists will sing the first refrain. Join them on each refrain after the verses as well as singing verse 3.

Psalm 63

Marty Haugen

Refrain (vocalists):

*In the morning I will sing, I will sing glad songs to you,
I will sing glad songs of praise to you.
I will sing glad songs of praise to you.*

*O God, you are my God; for you I long;
for you my soul is thirsting.
My body pines for you
like a dry, weary land without water.
So I gaze on you in the sanctuary
to see your strength and your glory.*

Refrain: all sing

In the morn-ing I will sing, I will
sing glad songs to you, I will sing glad songs of praise to
you. I will sing glad songs of praise to you.

*For your love is better than life,
 my lips will speak your praise.
 So I will bless you all my life,
 in your name I will lift up my hands.
 My soul shall be filled as with a banquet,
 my mouth shall praise you with joy.*

Refrain: all sing

In the morn-ing I will sing, I will
 sing glad songs to you, I will sing glad songs of praise to
 you. I will sing glad songs of praise to you.

Verse 3: all sing

3 On my bed I re-mem-ber you. On you I
 muse through the night, for you have been my help; in the
 shad-ow of your wings I re-joice. My soul clings to
 you; your right hand holds me fast.

Refrain

Refrain: all sing



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 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.

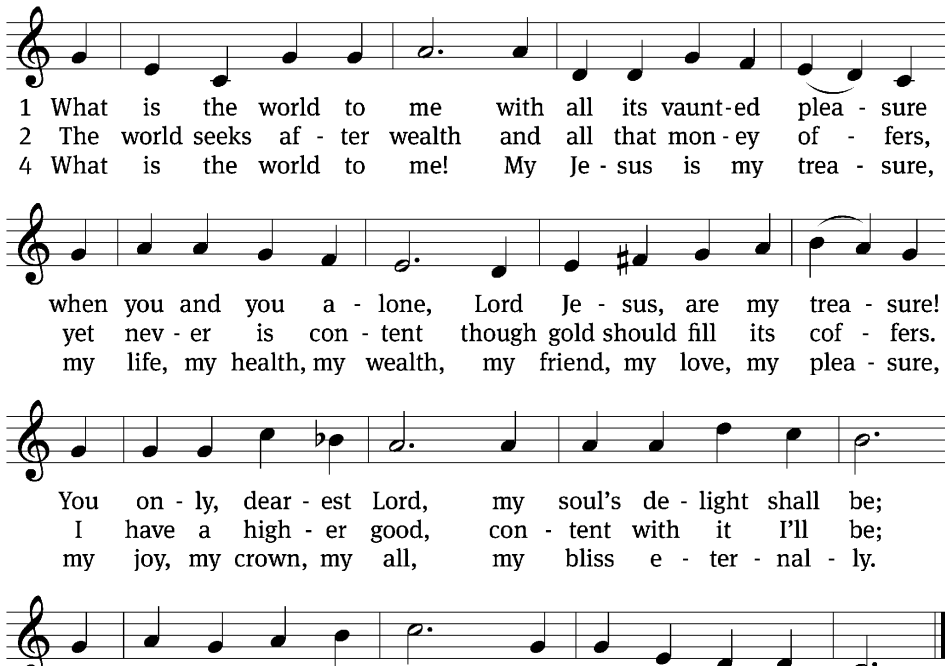
Absolution

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

717 What Is the World to Me



1 What is the world to me with all its vaunt-ed plea - sure
2 The world seeks af - ter wealth and all that mon - ey of - fers,
4 What is the world to me! My Je - sus is my trea - sure,
when you and you a - lone, Lord Je - sus, are my trea - sure!
yet nev - er is con - tent though gold should fill its cof - fers.
my life, my health, my wealth, my friend, my love, my plea - sure,
You on - ly, dear - est Lord, my soul's de - light shall be;
I have a high - er good, con - tent with it I'll be;
my joy, my crown, my all, my bliss e - ter - nal - ly.
you are my peace, my rest. What is the world to me!
my Je - sus is my wealth. What is the world to me!
Once more then I de - clare: What is the world to me!

Prayer of the Day

O God, you reveal your mighty power chiefly in showing mercy and kindness. Grant us the full measure of your grace that we may obtain your promises and become partakers of your heavenly glory; 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.

The Word

First Reading

1 Kings 3:5–12

⁵The LORD appeared to Solomon in Gibeon in a dream at night.

God said, “Ask for whatever you want me to give you.”

⁶Solomon said, “You have shown great mercy and faithfulness to your servant, my father David, just as he walked before you in truth, righteousness, and uprightness of heart toward you. You have shown this great mercy and faithfulness to him and have given him a son who is seated on his throne to this very day. ⁷O LORD my God, now you have made your servant king in the place of my father David, but I am a little child. I do not know how to go out or come in. ⁸And I, your servant, am among your people whom you have chosen, a great people, who cannot be counted or numbered because they are so many. ⁹Now give to your servant a perceptive heart to judge your people, to distinguish between good and evil, for who is able to judge this great people of yours?”

¹⁰In the eyes of the LORD, Solomon's request was good. ¹¹So God said to him, “Because you have asked for this, and you have not asked for a long life, nor have you asked for riches, nor have you asked for the lives of your enemies, but you have asked for discernment to reach just verdicts, ¹²therefore I will act according to your words. Yes, I will give you a wise and discerning heart, so that there will never have been anyone like you before you, nor will anyone like you rise up after you.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Lord offered to give Solomon anything he wanted. Solomon requested the spiritual wealth of a believing heart that could discern right from wrong.

Second Reading

1 Timothy 6:17–21

¹⁷Instruct those who are rich in this present age not to be arrogant or to put their hope in the uncertainty of riches, but rather in God, who richly supplies us with all things for our enjoyment. ¹⁸Instruct them to do good, to be rich in good works, to be generous and willing to share. ¹⁹In this way they are storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of that which is truly life.

²⁰O Timothy, guard what has been entrusted to you, turning away from godless, empty talk and the contradictions of what is falsely called “knowledge.” ²¹By professing it, some have veered away from the faith. Grace be with you. Amen.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Paul warns against the two pet sins of those who have worldly wealth: arrogance and false hope.

Please stand.

Gospel Acclamation

Colossians 3:1,2

Spoken by the minister.

Alleluia. Since, then, you have been raised with Christ,
set your minds on things above, not on earthly things. Alleluia.

Gospel

Matthew 13:44–52

*Through a series of
parables Jesus
teaches the value of
spiritual wealth.*

⁴⁴“The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and hid again. In his joy, he goes away and sells all that he has and buys that field.

⁴⁵“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant seeking fine pearls.

⁴⁶When he found one very valuable pearl, he went and sold all that he had and bought it.

⁴⁷“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a dragnet that was cast into the sea and gathered fish of every kind. ⁴⁸When the net was filled, they pulled it onto the shore. They sat down and gathered the good fish into containers, but threw the bad ones away. ⁴⁹That is how it will be at the end of the world. The angels will go out and separate the wicked from the righteous who are among them. ⁵⁰And they will throw the wicked into the fiery furnace where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.” ⁵¹Jesus said to them, “Did you understand all these things?”

They answered him, “Yes.”

⁵²He said to them, “Therefore every expert in the law who has been trained as a disciple in the kingdom of heaven is like the owner of a house who brings out of his treasure both new things and old things.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

Be seated.

Hymn of the Day

828 Where Your Treasure Is

The vocalists will sing the first refrain and first verse. Join them for the remainder of the hymn.

Sermon

1 Timothy 6:17–19

Enjoy God's riches!

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

*In the morning when I rise, give me Jesus.
Give me Jesus, give me Jesus.
You can have all this world, give me Jesus.*

*And when I feel afraid, give me Jesus.
Give me Jesus, give me Jesus.
You can have all this world, give me Jesus.*

*And when the trumpet sounds, give me Jesus.
Give me Jesus, give me Jesus.
You can have all this world, give me Jesus.*



Give online

*If you prefer
online giving, you
may scan this code.*

Give Me Jesus
Mark Patterson



Connection card

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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 or Personal Preparation on page 19 of this service folder.

Please stand.

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 sends the Holy Spirit to testify that we are his children and to strengthen us when we are weak. 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

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.

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.

Distribution Hymns

753 My Worth Is Not in What I Own

823 Jesus, Priceless Treasure

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.



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.

Post-Service Music

For the Beauty of the Earth

Carol Tornquist

All Things Bright and Beautiful

David Paxton

Serving at Worship

Preaching Minister

Presiding Minister

Organ

Instrumentalist

Vocalists

Video streamer and slides

Video captions

Sound

Hymn selections

Pastor Daniel Gensmer

Pastor Gary Pufahl

Kurt Rosenbaum

Rachel Severeid, *oboe*

Eli Gruman, April Long,

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In our prayers

- Family of Pauline Gray who was called home to heaven on July 17.
- Family of Edward Tinsley who was called home to heaven on July 20.
- Chris Heise – Recently hospitalized.
- Anna Hengst, who was confirmed in the Christian faith today.
- Lance Marten, who had successful surgery.
- Kaylee – Home recovering from surgery and going through additional treatments.
- Bill Zidar – Battling cancer.
- Much-needed rain for the state of Arizona.

Flowers

Thank you to Mike and Tina Richey and family for beautifying our sanctuary with altar flowers in memory of Kellie Anne and Grandma Kellie.

Communion

Thank you to Mandi Odle and Martha Wenzel for helping set up Communion for this weekend.

Landscaping

Thank you to Dick, Steven, and Eric Sallquist and families for helping maintain, trim and clean the outside church property this week.

Ushers

8:00 a.m.

Noah Gruman, Lance Marten, Tim and Sam Warren

10:30 a.m.

Caden Head, Steve Meyers, Roger Odle, Mike Wilson

This week at Emmanuel

Sunday

Worship services

8:00 and 10:30 a.m.

In-person adult and teen Bible study

9:15 a.m.

Timely Topics, Timeless Truths

Sunday school, junior high Bible study

9:15 a.m.

Tuesday

Quarterly voters' meeting

6:30 p.m.

Wednesday

Wednesday Bible study

8:30 a.m.

Jonah: Running from God
Led by Pastor Daniel Gensmer

Emmanuel Family Night

6:00-8:00 p.m.

Thursday

Thursday Bible study at Denny's

6:00 a.m.

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

Saturday

Back-to-School work day

7:00-11:00 a.m.

Sunday, August 2

Worship services with installations

8:00 and 10:30 a.m.

In-person adult and teen Bible study

9:15 a.m.

Timely Topics, Timeless Truths

Sunday school, junior high Bible study

9:15 a.m.

Looking ahead

August 4

Stewardship meeting

8:00 p.m.

August 5

Wednesday Bible study

8:30 a.m.

Jonah: Grace in the deep
Led by Pastor Daniel Gensmer

August 6

Back-to-School orientation

4:30-7:30 p.m.

Thursday Bible study at Denny's

6:00 a.m.

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

August 8

Elders' meeting

7:30 a.m.

Memorial service for Pauline Gray

10:00 a.m.

with reception to follow

August 9

Worship services

8:00 and 10:30 a.m.

In-person Bible study, Sunday school, teen study

9:15 a.m.

August 12

ELS (Emmanuel Lutheran School) First Day of School

Wednesday Bible study

8:30 a.m.

Jonah: Grace for others
Led by Pastor Daniel Gensmer

August 13

Thursday Bible study at Denny's

6:00 a.m.

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

August 14

ELS chapel

8:30 a.m.

ELS early release

1:50 p.m.



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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!



*Gensmer
Meal Train*

Meal Train for the Gensmer family

Let's help welcome the Gensmer family as they settle into Arizona and life with a newborn. Any help with home-cooked meals or take out/delivery would be greatly appreciated. You can sign up to provide a meal using the QR code or this link: <https://mealtrain.com/8lqo28>; available dates and meal details can also be found on this link.

Back-to-School work day | August 1

The annual Back-to-School work day is scheduled for Saturday, August 1. All parents, teens, and students are invited and encouraged to come and help get the campus and classrooms ready for the 2026-2027 school year. To beat the heat, the work day will begin at 7:00 a.m. and continue through the morning until the project list is completed. Even if you can't make it at 7:00 a.m., feel free to come a little later and stay for however long you are able. Many supplies will be made available, but you are welcome to bring your own cleaning supplies and materials.

Installation choir on August 2

Emmanuel will have a special installation service for Mrs. Erin Hahnke (grade 1) and Mrs. Rikki Willis (1/2-time position in grade 5) on Sunday, August 2, at the 8:00 a.m. service. In recognition of this special day, a choir will sing an anthem. Both families would be very encouraged if you're present and able to sing! Music has been selected that allows for a single rehearsal on the morning of August 2 at 7:20 a.m. For those who would like another "live" rehearsal, please meet in the front of church immediately following the 8:00 a.m. service today (July 26). Musical recordings can be sent to you in advance to further prepare you for August 2. For more information, contact Kevin Bode at (480) 694-3532. Thank you for considering this opportunity!

Memorial service for Pauline Gray | August 8

Pauline Gray was taken home to heaven on Friday, July 17. Her memorial service is scheduled at Emmanuel for Saturday, August 8, 10:00 a.m. Reception to follow in the Ministry and Education Center. *"Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on"* (Revelation 14:13).

Adult choir resumes | August 26

Any high-school age student and older is invited to be involved with our congregation's adult choir. We meet Wednesdays from 6:30–7:30 p.m. to prepare music for our worship throughout the year. A new year begins Wednesday, August 26, in the MEC (Ministry and Education Center). If you can carry a tune, you are encouraged to join this group! The time together is upbeat, and making music for his glory is emotionally powerful. Can't make every week but still would like to be involved? There are several options available to you. Child care is provided throughout the year. For more information, contact Kevin Bode at kbode@elstempe.org or (480) 694-3532.

Please donate plastic bags

A member of our congregation makes mats for the homeless out of plastic bags. Please bring these bags on the fourth Sunday of the month to help her service to the homeless.

Needy food pantry donations

Thank you to all who contribute goods to our food pantry. Your support is much appreciated! Currently we have an abundance of canned vegetables and pasta, so these items are not needed. Suggestions for other donations include peanut butter, cans of tuna or chicken, or individual fruit cups. Gift cards to Fry's or Walmart would also be helpful. If you have questions, please reach out to Alysha Bergsma in the office.

Support our Emmanuel Lutheran School teachers | School supply drive

As you walk down the store aisles and notice the back-to-school displays, please keep our school's wonderful teachers in mind. Teachers often purchase extra classroom supplies out of their own pockets to ensure their students have everything they need to succeed. If you would like to bless our educators with a donation of school supplies, items can be dropped off at either the church or school office. Please clearly mark your bags or boxes *Donations for Teachers*. Thank you for your generosity and for supporting our school community!

Supplies needed:

- Expo markers - fine tip (black)
- Expo markers - broad tip (all colors)
- Crayola markers - broad tip (classic, tropical and bold colors)
- Crayola markers - fine tip (all colors)
- Crayola colored pencils
- Ink stamp pads - variety of colors
- Clear packing tape
- Masking tape
- Sharpie markers - all colors
- Fun pens - felt tip, ball point, gel (all colors)

Emmanuel Lutheran School art donations

The art department of Emmanuel Lutheran School is asking for donations for the upcoming school year. Please place all donations in the church or school offices. Please direct questions to Mrs. Amber Bode at (480) 694-4698. Thank you for making our art program a success!

- plastic water bottles (standard size - 16.9 oz)
- aluminum foil
- plastic tablecloths
- cleaned plastic (or glass) yogurt containers
- foam or paper plates
- cardboard squares or circles
- Ziploc (or off brand) plastic baggies of any size

Save the dates for next summer's church campout | 2027

Start planning your summer escape for next year – our annual church campout is scheduled for Thursday through Sunday, July 22-25, 2027. Add the dates to your calendar and dream of camp fires, s'mores, and the smell of ponderosa. More information to come after the new year.

Christian education hour

Here is a list of our classes, topics, and locations for our Sunday morning education hour. *Please note the changes to our Christian education hour through the summer.*

The **Adult Bible study** is meeting in the Oak Room of the Ministry and Education Center (MEC). The study topic today is "Timely Topics, Timeless Truths – Visiting heaven".

The **Teen Bible study Grades 9-12** will be joining the adults in the Oak Room of the MEC.

The **Junior High Bible study Grades 7-8** is meeting in the 7th grade classroom on the second floor of the MEC. The study topic today is "What Makes Christians Different? Christians seek spiritual wealth."

The Sunday School for **Grades 3-6** is meeting in the 8th grade classroom on the second floor of the MEC. They will be watching a movie today.

The Sunday School for **Kindergarten-Grade 2** is meeting in the 6th grade classroom on the second floor of the MEC. The study topic today is "Jesus rises."

The Sunday School for **two- and three-year-olds** and **4K** is meeting in the church nursery. Parents are encouraged to remain with their children. The study topic today is "10 sick men."

Personal preparation for Holy Communion

The following questions for self-examination (adapted from various sources) may be helpful as you prepare to receive the Sacrament.

As we prepare to partake of the Holy Supper of our Lord Jesus Christ, it is appropriate that we diligently examine ourselves, as St Paul exhorts us. For this Sacrament has been instituted for the special comfort and strengthening of those who humbly confess their sins and hunger and thirst for righteousness.

But if we thus examine ourselves, we find nothing in ourselves but sin and death, from which we can in no way set ourselves free. Therefore our Lord Jesus Christ has had mercy upon us and has taken upon himself our nature, so that he might fulfill the whole will and law of God and for us and for our deliverance suffer death and all that we by our sins have deserved. In order that we should more confidently believe this and be strengthened in faith and cheerful obedience to his holy will, he has instituted the holy Sacrament of his Supper, in which he feeds us with his body and gives us to drink of his blood.

Therefore, whoever eats this bread and drinks this cup firmly believing the words of Christ, lives in Christ and Christ in him, and has eternal life.

We should also do this in remembrance of him, proclaiming his death – that he was delivered over for our sins and raised to life for our justification. Then with thankful hearts we commit ourselves again to take up our cross and follow him, keep his commandments, and love one another as he has loved us.

As you examine yourself, consider these questions before God, who searches the heart:

Q: Do you sincerely confess that you have sinned against God and deserved his wrath and punishment?

A: *Truly you should confess, for Holy Scripture declares, "If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us."*

Q: Do you heartily repent of all your sins committed in thought, word, and action?

A: *Truly you should repent, as did the penitent sinners: King David, who prayed for a contrite heart; Peter, who wept bitterly; the woman caught in adultery; the prodigal son; and others.*

Q: Do you sincerely believe that God, by his grace, for Jesus' sake, forgives you all your sins?

A: *Truly you should believe, for Holy Scripture declares, "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life."*

Q: Do you promise that with the help of the Holy Spirit you will from this time forward amend your sinful life?

A: *Truly you should so promise, for Holy Scripture declares, "No one who lives in him keeps on sinning," and Jesus himself declares, "If you love me, you will obey what I command."*

Personal prayer:

Lord Jesus, as a penitent sinner filled with joy and gratitude, I now come to your table to receive the precious food of your life-giving body and blood. May it strengthen me to remain in you as you remain in me, so that I bear much fruit in devoted service to you and in acts of love and kindness to others. Amen.

A person should examine himself before eating of the bread and drinking from the cup. For anyone who eats and drinks without recognizing the body of the Lord eats and drinks judgment on himself. But if we judged ourselves, we would not come under judgment (1 Corinthians 11:28,29,31).



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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