



What Makes Christians *Different*

Pentecost 10

Christians trust God to provide
Emmanuel Lutheran Church
August 2, 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.
- **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.



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

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Tenth Sunday after Pentecost —August 2, 2026

What Makes Christians Different? Christians trust God to provide

The hardest times to trust God are the times we need him most. It's easier to trust God when your job is going great, your health is fine, your relationships are solid, and your family is good. It's easier to trust God when the sun is shining. But what happens when life is suddenly overshadowed by dark days?

When tragedy strikes, we may wonder if God continues to care for us. At those times, Christians do not despair like those who have no hope. Instead, we focus on certain foundational facts. We are chosen and adopted as God's dear children. God provides us with countless spiritual blessings and promises us an eternity of peace and joy. When we recognize these spiritual blessings, how can we not trust that God will give us everything we truly need at the right time? Christians trust God to provide.

Service of the Word



Pre-Service Music

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Nelson Boschmann

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

John Carter

My Shepherd Will Supply My Need

Brian Henkelman and Bradley Sowash

Opening Hymn

624 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

arr. Tony Alonso

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 of Sins and Absolution

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.

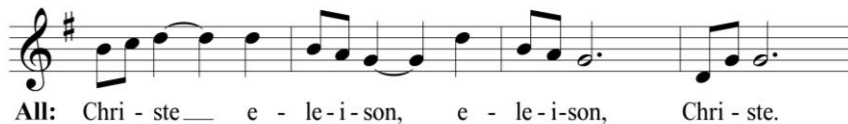
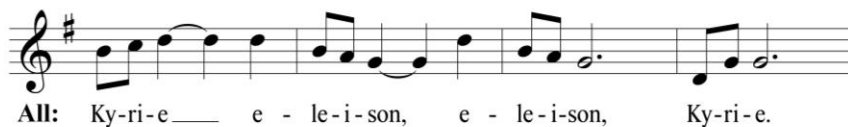
Amen.

Lord, Have Mercy

Sung as noted.

Kyrie

*Kyrie eleison is Latin
meaning Lord, have
mercy. Christe eleison
is Latin meaning
Christ, have mercy.*





M: Lord Je - sus, you feed us with your bod-y and blood:



Cantor: Ky-ri-e — e - le-i-son, e - le-i-son, Ky-ri-e.



All: Ky-ri-e — e - le-i-son, e - le-i-son, Ky-ri-e.

Glory to God

Gloria

The congregation sings the refrain. The verses are sung by the vocalists.



Glo-ry to God in the high-est! Glo-ry to God,



Glo-ry to God! Glo-ry to God in the high - est!



Peace to his peo - ple on earth!

*Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,
We worship you, we give you thanks,
We praise you for your glory.*

Refrain: all

*Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:
Have mercy on us;
You are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.*

Refrain: all

*For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,
You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
With the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.*

Refrain: all (sung twice)

Glo-ry to God in the high-est! Glo-ry to God,
Glo-ry to God! Glo-ry to God in the high - est!
Peace to his peo - ple on earth! Glo-ry to God
in the highest! Glo-ry to God, Glo-ry to God!
Glo-ry to God in the highest! Peace on earth!

Prayer of the Day

Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray and willing to give far more than we either desire or deserve. Pour upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask except through the merits and mediation of 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

1 Kings 17:1–6

¹Elijah from Tishbe, one of the settlers in Gilead, said to Ahab, “As surely as the LORD lives, the God of Israel before whom I stand, there will be no dew or rain during the coming years, except at my word.”

²Then the word of the LORD came to him: ³“Leave this place and turn east. Hide yourself by the Kerith Ravine, east of the Jordan. ⁴You will drink from the stream, and I will command the ravens to provide for you there.”

⁵So Elijah went and did just as the LORD had said. He lived in the Kerith Ravine, east of the Jordan. ⁶The ravens brought him bread and meat in the morning and in the evening, and he drank from the stream.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Elijah told a wicked king God would send years of drought and famine. In those dark times, the Lord provided food for his faithful prophet.

Psalm of the Day

Psalm 136

Sung as noted.



- 1 We give thanks un - to you, O God ____ of ____ might:
2 In your wis - dom and love you shaped ____ the ____ skies:
3 You have filled all the skies with glo - ry and light:
4 From of old you have led your peo - ple in faith:
5 You de - liv - ered the ones who called ____ un - to you:
6 You have o - pened the sea and brought your peo - ple through:
7 You re - mem - ber your prom - ise age ____ to ____ age:
8 You give food and ____ life to all ____ liv - ing things:



for your love is nev - er - end - ing;



- 1 We give thanks un - to you, the God of gods:
2 You ____ spread out the earth up - on the sea:
3 The ____ sun for the day and moon for night:
4 You have shown your com - pas - sion, strength, and love:
5 From ____ bond - age to free - dom, you brought them forth:
6 Brought them in - to a land that flows with life:
7 You show mer - cy on those of low de - gree:
8 We give thanks un - to you, the God of all:



for your love is nev - er - end - ing.

Second Reading

Ephesians 1:3–10

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.

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.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand.

Before the world was formed, God chose us to be his beloved children. This is why we can trust God to provide.

Gospel Acclamation

C: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

These words are writ - ten that we may be - lieve that

Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Gospel

Matthew 14:13–21

Jesus graciously and abundantly provides for the needs of a great multitude.

¹³When Jesus heard this, he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place to be alone. When the crowds heard this, they followed him on foot from the towns.

¹⁴When Jesus got out of the boat, he saw a large crowd. He had compassion on them and healed their sick. ¹⁵When evening came, his disciples came to him and said, “This is a deserted place and the hour is already late. Send the crowds away, so that they can go into the villages and buy food for themselves.”

¹⁶But Jesus said to them, “They do not need to go away. You give them something to eat.”

¹⁷They told him, “We have here only five loaves and two fish.”

¹⁸“Bring them here to me,” he replied. ¹⁹Then he instructed the people to sit down on the grass. He took the five loaves and the two fish. After looking up to heaven, he blessed them. He broke the loaves and gave them to the disciples. The disciples gave the food to the people. ²⁰They all ate and were filled. They picked up twelve basketfuls of what was left over from the broken pieces. ²¹Those who ate were about five thousand men, not even counting women and children.

The Gospel of our Lord.

C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

Be seated.

Hymn of the Day

602 Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Sermon

Ephesians 1:3–10

Blessed in every season of life!

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

Jesus, Thank You
Pat Sczebel

The 10:30 a.m. service continues on page 13.

Installation of elementary school teachers (8:00 a.m.)

Mrs. Erin Hahnke

1st grade teacher

Mrs. Rikki Willis

5th grade part-time teacher

Anthem (8:00 a.m.)

Take My Life and Let It Be

Thomas Keesecker

*Take my life and let it be
consecrated, Lord, to thee;
take my moments and my days,
let them flow in ceaseless praise.
Take my hands and let them move
at the impulse of thy love;
take my feet and let them be
swift and beautiful for thee.
Take my voice and let me sing
always, only for my King;
take my lips and let them be
filled with messages from thee.*

*Take my silver and my gold,
not a mite would I withhold;
take my intellect and use
ev'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose.
Take my will and make it thine,
it shall be no longer mine;
take my heart, it is thine own,
it shall be thy royal throne.*

*Take my love, my Lord, I pour
at thy feet its treasure store;
take myself, and I will be
ever, only, all for thee.*

Installation and Appreciation (10:30 a.m.)

Chandler Balgeman (Teen group leader)
Amber Hayes (Sunday School teacher)
Josh Numrich (Sunday School superintendent)
Eric Sallquist (summer Sunday School teacher)
Julie Sallquist (summer Sunday School teacher)
Chris Sulit (Teen group leader)
Aislinn Wait (Sunday School teacher)
Tina Wentzel (Sunday School teacher)
Nathan Crabtree (Treasurer)
Mojo Krup (Arizona Lutheran Academy Lay Delegate)
Josh Numrich (Communications Committee Chairman)
Andy Wait (School Board Chairman)
Wes Wightman (Technology Committee Chairman)

Chandler Balgeman (former Communications Committee Chairman)
Dan Gruman (former Arizona Lutheran Academy Lay Delegate)
John Kissinger (former Treasurer)
Andrew Miller (former Arizona Lutheran Academy Lay Delegate)

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

As able, join the vocalists in singing the entire hymn.

After the hymn, you may remain seated.

615 Jesus, Thank You

Introduced at the Song Service in May, this new hymn combines distinctively Lutheran words with a very pleasing melody suitable for all ages.

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.

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.

Closing Hymn

597 Now Thank We All Our God

Post-Service Music

Now Thank We All Our God

Dieter Falk and Mark Weston

Serving at Worship

Minister

Pastor Gary Pufahl

Piano

Kevin Bode

Instrumentalists

Leia Hahnke and Kris Pufahl, *clarinet*

Autumn Bode, *flute*

Adeline Clark, *bass*

Barb Andrews, *acoustic*

Vocalists

Leia Hahnke, Jordan Orlowski

Choir

Choir and members of Emmanuel

Acolyte

Cameron Sulit (8:00 a.m.)

Video streamer and slides

Colton and Lauren Sallquist

Video captions

Angie Keezer

Sound

Jacob Sallquist

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In our prayers

- Church officers, newly installed elementary school teachers and Sunday school teachers – Thanks, blessings and guidance for their service.
- Chris Heise – Home recovering.
- Kaylee – Home recovering from surgery and going through additional treatments.
- Bill Zidar – Battling cancer.

Flowers

Thank you to the Bergsma family for beautifying our sanctuary with altar flowers in honor of the newly installed elementary school and Sunday school teachers and elected officers.

Ushers

8:00 a.m.

Al and Will Meihak, Tim and Sam Warren

10:30 a.m.

Steve, Nick and Luke Sallquist, Mark Schroeder

This week at Emmanuel

Sunday

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.

Tuesday

Stewardship meeting

8:00 p.m.

Wednesday

Wednesday Bible study

8:30 a.m.

Jonah: Grace in the deep

Led by Pastor Daniel Gensmer

Back-to-School orientation

4:30-7:30 p.m.

Thursday

Thursday Bible study at Denny's

No class this week

Saturday

Elders' meeting

7:30 a.m.

Memorial service for Pauline Gray

10:00 a.m.

*with reception to follow***Sunday, August 9**

Worship services

8:00 and 10:30 a.m.

In-person adult and teen Bible study

9:15 a.m.

Hebrews

Sunday school, junior high Bible study

9:15 a.m.

Looking ahead

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.

August 16

Worship services

8:00 and 10:30 a.m.

In-person adult and teen Bible study

9:15 a.m.

Hebrews

Sunday school, junior high Bible study

9:15 a.m.

August 18

Church Council meeting

6:00 p.m.

August 19

Wednesday Bible study

8:30 a.m.

*Jonah: Jonah's offense**Led by Pastor Daniel Gensmer*

August 20

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)*

Bible Basics class begins

6:30-8:00 p.m.

August 21

ELS chapel

8:30 a.m.

ELS early release

1:50 p.m.

August 23

Worship services

8:00 and 10:30 a.m.

In-person Bible study, Sunday school, teen study

9:15 a.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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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.



*Gensmer
Meal Train*

A big thank-you from our school family and staff

Yesterday Saturday (August 1) we had our annual Back-to-School work day. A huge thank-you to all who came out to help get the campus and classrooms ready for the 2026-2027 school year. Thank you!

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 this coming 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).

Bible Basics starts August 20

Pastor Buchholz will begin the next series of Bible Basics on Thursday, August 20, at 6:30 p.m. This class is for adults wishing to study the basic teachings of Scripture in the preparation for becoming communicant members at Emmanuel. It's also for anyone who would like to refresh your understanding of Scripture, ask questions and participate in discussion with the pastor, and find new applications of Scripture to daily life. Speak with Pastor Buchholz to register for Bible Basics.

A heartfelt thank-you from Mrs. Bode and ELS

On behalf of the art department at ELS (Emmanuel Lutheran School), thank you for the generous donations! The storage closet is full. You have set our school year up for success.

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.

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)

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.

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.

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 – Haunted houses".

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 trust God to provide."

The Sunday School for **Grades 3-6** is meeting in the 8th grade classroom on the second floor of the MEC. The study topic today is "Road to Emmaus."

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 "Road to Emmaus."

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 "Jesus teaches Peter."



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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