



*A Children's Christmas Service*

Preschool – Grade 2

Emmanuel Lutheran Church and School

December 10, 2025

## Welcome!

We are honored that you are with us today. May the word and songs that you hear strengthen your faith and prepare your heart to reflect on the coming of our Savior! 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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# From Heaven Above

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### PreK-Grade 2



#### Pre-Service Music

#### Processional Hymn

346 Angels We Have Heard on High

All:

Angels we have heard on high,  
sweetly singing o'er the plains,  
and the mountains in reply  
echoing their joyous strains.

*Refrain:*

Gloria in excelsis Deo,  
gloria in excelsis Deo.

All:

Shepherds, why this jubilee?  
Why your joyous strains prolong?  
What the gladsome tidings be  
which inspire your heav'nly song? *Refrain*

Kindergarten-Grade 2:

*Come to Bethlehem and see  
him whose birth the angels sing;  
come, adore on bended knee  
Christ the Lord, the newborn King. Refrain*

*Please stand.*

*During our services,  
the congregation  
speaks the responses  
in bold.*

## Invocation

Minister: In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**All: Amen.**

## Responsive Reading

From heaven above,

**The angels sing.**

On earth below,

**Our praises bring.**

Our Lord has come,

**With us to dwell.**

Now we go out:

**Good News to tell!**

*Be seated.*

## Hymn

Kindergarten-Grade 2

**344 What Child Is This**

*What child is this who, laid to rest,  
on Mary's lap is sleeping,  
whom angels greet with anthems sweet  
while shepherds watch are keeping?  
This, this is Christ the King,  
whom shepherds guard and angels sing;  
haste, haste to bring him laud,  
the babe, the son of Mary!*

## Christmas Meditation

**Pastor Gary Pufahl**

## Offering

## Musical Offering

**O Come, Little Children**

Sandra Eithun

# The Message Presented by the Children

Grade 2

In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered. <sup>2</sup> This was the first census taken while Quirinius was governing Syria. <sup>3</sup> And everyone went to register, each to his own town. <sup>4</sup> And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the town of Nazareth, into Judea, to the town of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was from the house and family line of David. <sup>5</sup> He went to be registered with Mary, his wife, who was pledged to him in marriage and was expecting a child.

<sup>6</sup> And so it was that while they were there, the time came for her to give birth. <sup>7</sup> And she gave birth to her firstborn son, wrapped him in swaddling cloths, and laid him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn.

## Hymn

Grades 1-2

### 340 Away in a Manger

*Away in a manger, no crib for a bed,  
the little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head.  
The stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay,  
the little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.*

*The cattle are lowing, the baby awakes,  
but little Lord Jesus no crying he makes.  
I love you, Lord Jesus; look down from the sky,  
and stay by my side until morning is nigh.*

*Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask you to stay  
close by me forever and love me, I pray.  
Bless all the dear children in your tender care,  
and take us to heaven to live with you there.*

Preschool and Kindergarten

*Coming down from heav'n above,  
Jesus came to us in love.  
God Himself became a child,  
Mary's Baby, sweet and mild.*

## Hymn

### 331:1-2 From Heaven Above to Earth I Come

Preschool-Grade 2:

*"From heav'n above to earth I come  
To bear good news to ev'ry home;  
Glad tidings of great joy I bring,  
Whereof I now will say and sing:*

All:

**"To you this night is born a child  
Of Mary, chosen virgin mild;  
This little child of lowly birth  
Shall be the joy of all the earth."**

Grades 1-2

There were in the same country shepherds staying out in the fields, keeping watch over their flock at night. <sup>9</sup> An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified! <sup>10</sup> But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. For behold, I bring you good news of great joy, which will be for all people: <sup>11</sup> Today in the town of David, a Savior was born for you. He is Christ the Lord. <sup>12</sup> And this will be a sign for you: You will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger." <sup>13</sup> Suddenly, there was with the angel a multitude from the heavenly army, praising God and saying, <sup>14</sup> "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward mankind.

## Hymn

### 354:1-3 O Come, All Ye Faithful

All:

**O come, all ye faithful,  
joyful and triumphant!  
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem!  
Come and behold him,  
born the King of angels.**

*Refrain:*

**O come, let us adore him,  
O come, let us adore him,  
O come, let us adore him,  
Christ the Lord!**

All:  
**God from true God, and  
Light from Light eternal,  
born of a virgin, to earth he comes!  
Only-begotten Son of God the Father: *Refrain***

All:  
**Sing, choirs of angels,  
sing in exultation,  
sing, all ye citizens of heav'n above!  
Glory to God, all glory in the highest: *Refrain***

Grades 1-2:  
*Angels filled the sky with light,  
Singing out into the night:  
God has sent His Son for all:  
Find Him in a cattle stall.*

## Hymn

**33:1, 6 From Heaven Above to Earth I Come**

Preschool-Grade 2:  
*"From heav'n above to earth I come  
To bear good news to ev'ry home;  
Glad tidings of great joy I bring,  
Whereof I now will say and sing:*

All:  
**How glad we'll be to find it so!  
Then with the shepherds let us go  
To see what God for us has done  
In sending us His own dear Son.**

Grades K-2

<sup>15</sup> When the angels went away from them into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Now let's go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has made known to us." <sup>16</sup> So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby, who was lying in the manger. <sup>17</sup> When they had seen him, they told others the message they had been told about this child. <sup>18</sup> And all who heard it were amazed by what the shepherds said to them. <sup>19</sup> But Mary treasured up all these things, pondering them in her heart. <sup>20</sup> And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen, which were just as they had been told.

## Hymn

Preschool and Kindergarten

## The Shepherd Song

Kristi West and Karyn Henley

*Shepherds bow your heads and pray  
Thanks for what God's done today.  
He sent Baby Jesus who is sleeping in the hay.*

*Shepherds bow your heads and pray  
Thanks for what God's done today.  
He has sent his son; His love is in my heart to stay.*

*Goats, hush now. Quiet cow. Donkeys doze; eyelids close  
Settle down, all around, and let the baby sleep in the hay.*

*Shepherds bow your heads and pray  
Thanks for what God's done today.  
He sent Baby Jesus who is sleeping in the hay.*

*Congregation Speaks:*

**The shepherds marveled at the Word.  
Their minds were shocked; their hearts were stirred.  
They ran to see this wonder new:  
The Savior born for me and you!  
And when they saw the promised Lord,  
Their joy and adoration soared.  
They spread the news both far and wide:  
Across the quiet countryside!**

## Hymn

**331:1, 14 From Heaven Above to Earth I Come**

Preschool-Grade 2:

*"From heav'n above to earth I come  
To bear good news to ev'ry home;  
Glad tidings of great joy I bring,  
Whereof I now will say and sing:*

All:

**My heart for very joy must leap;  
My lips no more can silence keep.  
I, too, must sing with joyful tongue  
That sweetest ancient cradle song.**

*Please stand.*



## Prayer

*Spoken by the minister.*

Father in heaven, You sent Your Son to earth to be our Savior. You sent the angels down to tell the Good News. You sent the shepherds out to tell the Good News. And You send us now to tell the Good News. Help us share the message of Your love throughout the world. In His name we pray. Amen.

## 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.*

## Kindergarten-Grade 2

From heav'n above, our Lord came down  
To wear for us a thorny crown.  
He died to save us from our sin;  
He rose again, our life to win!  
The angels came, great news to tell.  
The shepherds saw Immanuel.  
Now, we can share the truth we know  
As messengers, where'er we go.

## Hymn

**331: 15 From Heaven Above to Earth I Come**

All:

**Glory to God in highest heav'n,  
Who unto us His Son has giv'n!  
While angels sing with pious mirth  
A glad new year to all the earth.**

## Blessing

*Spoken by the minister.*

The Lord above is with you wherever you go. May the peace of the Father, + the Son, and the Holy Spirit be with you every day as you tell of his love to others. Amen.

## Recessional Hymn

361 Go Tell It on the Mountain

All sing:

*Refrain:*

Go tell it on the mountain,  
Over the hills and ev'rywhere;  
Go tell it on the mountain  
That Jesus Christ is born!

While shepherds kept their watching  
O'er silent flocks by night,  
Behold, throughout the heavens  
There shone a holy light. *Refrain*

The shepherds feared and trembled  
When lo, above the earth  
Rang out the angel chorus  
That hailed our Savior's birth. *Refrain*

Down in a lonely manger  
The humble Christ was born;  
And God sent us salvation  
That blessèd Christmas morn. *Refrain*

## Post-Service Music

Please join us for a meal in the Ministry and Education Center following the service.

## Serving at Worship

Minister  
Piano  
Director

Pastor Gary Pufahl  
Erin Hahnke  
Robin Marten, *Preschool*  
Molly Heyn, *Kindergarten*  
Alissa Schroeder, *Grade 1*  
Chris Wempner, *Grade 2*  
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*Preschool – Grade 2*  
Cathy Wightman  
Wes Wightman

Children

Video streamer and slides  
Sound

## Ushers

3:30 p.m.

Craig Kiecker, Andrew Olson

## This week at Emmanuel

### Wednesday

Midweek Advent meal	4:30-6:30 p.m.
Midweek Advent service	6:30 p.m.
Adult choir in the MEC	7:30 p.m.

### Thursday

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

### Friday

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

### Saturday

ELS soccer tournament at Arizona Lutheran Academy

## Sunday, December 14

Worship services	8:00 and 10:30 a.m.
Bible study, Sunday school, teen study	9:15 a.m.
Public School Catechism	12:00-1:30 p.m.
Christmas service: Grades 3-8	4:00 p.m.

## Looking ahead

December 16	Joy Fellowship at Barleen's	11:00 a.m.
	Church Council meeting	6:00 p.m.
December 17	Wednesday Bible study in the MEC	8:30 a.m.
	<i>Pastoral Epistles</i>	
	<i>Led by Pastor Gary Pufahl</i>	
	Midweek Advent services	3:30 and 6:30 p.m.
	Midweek Advent meal in the MEC	4:30-6:30 p.m.
	Adult choir in the MEC	7:30 p.m.
December 18	Thursday Bible study at Denny's	6:00 a.m.
	<i>21st Century Lessons from the Life of Abraham</i>	
	<i>Led by Pastor Dan Pautz at</i>	
	<i>Denny's (Broadway and Priest in Tempe)</i>	
	ELS Winter music recital	1:00-2:30 p.m.
	God's Ways Bible study in the MEC	6:00 p.m.
	<i>Led by Pastor Gary Pufahl</i>	
	Bible Basics in the MEC	6:30 p.m.
	<i>Led by Pastor Jon Buchholz</i>	
December 19	Chapel	8:30 a.m.
	ELS early release	12:00 p.m.
	Arizona Lutheran Academy Christmas concert	7:00 p.m.
December 21	Worship services	8:00 and 10:30 a.m.
	In-person Bible study, Sunday school, teen study	No classes
	Public School Catechism	12:00-1:30 p.m.
December 22 - January 2	ELS Christmas Break	No school
December 24	Christmas Eve	
	Wednesday Bible study	No class
	Christmas Eve Lessons and Carols	3:30 and 5:00 p.m.
	Christmas Eve Candlelight services	6:30 and 8:00 p.m.
	Adult choir	No practice
December 25	Christmas Day	Church office closed
	Thursday Bible study	No class
	Christmas Day worship service	9:00 a.m.
	God's Ways Bible study in the MEC	No class
	Bible Basics in the MEC	No class
December 28	Worship services	8:00 and 10:30 a.m.
	In-person Bible study, Sunday school, teen study	No classes
	Public School Catechism	No class

December 31	New Year's Eve	
	Wednesday Bible study	No class
	New Year's Eve worship service	3:30 and 6:30 p.m.
	Adult choir	No practice
January 1	New Year's Day	Church office closed
	Thursday Bible study	No class
	God's Ways Bible study in the MEC	No class
	Bible Basics in the MEC	No class
January 4	Worship services	8:00 and 10:30 a.m.
	In-person Bible study, Sunday school, teen study	9:15 a.m.
	Public School Catechism	No class
January 5	ELS Christmas Breaks ends	School resumes
January 6	Festival of the Epiphany candlelight service	6:30 p.m.
	Stewardship meeting	8:00 p.m.

## Notes and News

### Connection cards

The connection cards have a valuable purpose in helping us serve you better. We ask all our worshippers 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!

### Midweek Advent services and meals

Advent is a time of preparation for Jesus' birth. To prepare our hearts to welcome Jesus, we continue to gather for our final midweek Advent worship service on Wednesday, December 17, at 3:30 and 6:30 p.m. Our midweek Advent theme is *Bible Songs of Christmas*. Come early and join in the pre-service singalong of your favorite Christmas hymns and carols. Escape the rush and hurry of the commercialized pre-Christmas season, and quiet your heart in repentance, contemplation, and worship of Jesus, the true Reason for the Season.

During the time between the afternoon and evening services we'll gather in the MEC for Advent suppers.

### Wednesday, December 17, 4:30-6:30 p.m.

We are asking people to please bring a crockpot of soup, crackers, bread rolls, fruit, veggies, or dessert to share.



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## **Prayers and gift cards for Kaylee and family**

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

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

## **RaiseRight gift card program**

Giving gift cards for Christmas this year? Purchase them from our RaiseRight program!

Our RaiseRight Coordinator, John Mueller, is excited to assist you in ordering gift cards. Purchasing RaiseRight gift cards raises funds for students' tuition accounts at our Arizona WELS schools, the Arizona Lutheran tuition assistance fund, and our congregations and schools. You can order your RaiseRight through the Arizona Lutheran office ([RaiseRight@ALAcoyotes.org](mailto:RaiseRight@ALAcoyotes.org)) or order at any time through [RaiseRight.com](http://RaiseRight.com). You will need the Enrollment Code, which can be provided by contacting John Mueller ([RaiseRight@ALAcoyotes.org](mailto:RaiseRight@ALAcoyotes.org)), and then enroll to start earning. Orders are placed twice a month, with deadlines of 8:00 a.m. on the 15th and the last day of the month. Visit our webpage at [elctempe.org/raiseright](http://elctempe.org/raiseright) to learn more. Please note, for physical cards, be sure to place your order before December 15 to receive cards before Christmas. You can always purchase and print e-cards from your computer or smartphone via the [RaiseRight mobile app](#).

## **Christmas celebration at Emmanuel**

You can find more information at [elctempe.org/Christmas](http://elctempe.org/Christmas).

- Sunday, Dec. 14, Children's Christmas service, at 4:00 p.m.  
*"Good Christian Friends, Rejoice", Grades 3 to 8*
- Wednesday, Dec. 24, Lessons and Carols, at 3:30 and 5:00 p.m.
- Wednesday, Dec. 24, Candlelight services, at 6:30 and 8:00 p.m.
- Thursday, Dec. 25, Christmas Day worship, at 9:00 a.m.

We will also give thanks to the Lord for another year of his grace at our **New Year's Eve** worship with Holy Communion:

- Wednesday, Dec. 31, at 3:30 and 6:30 p.m.

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

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

# From Heaven Above

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### for All Ages

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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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