



Day of Pentecost

He lives to pour out his Spirit

Emmanuel Lutheran Church


May 24, 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:

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What Difference Does It Make? He lives to pour out his Spirit

When the disciples were distressed about Jesus leaving them, he assured them, “It is for your good that I am going away. Unless I go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you” (John 16:7).

That Advocate is the Holy Spirit. If Jesus had stayed in the grave, the Holy Spirit would have had no reason to come upon the disciples in power.

But Jesus lives, and it makes a difference. The Spirit provides faith and purpose for life.

Pentecost, the celebration of the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, is the third great festival of the Church, along with the Nativity and the Resurrection. Pentecost closes the fifty-day period after Easter and ends the festival half of the church year. The Church dresses in red on this day to commemorate the tongues of fire that marked the Spirit’s gift as well as the blood of the martyrs.

Service of the Word and Sacrament



Pre-Service Music

Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord
Fredrick Zachau and Kevin Hildebrand

Holy Spirit, Every Dwelling
Michael Burkhardt

Opening Hymn

592 Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling

Please stand.

Invocation

In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

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

The Coming of the Holy Spirit

The Day of Pentecost: Part 1

Acts 2:1–21

¹When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. ²Suddenly a sound like the rushing of a violent wind came from heaven, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. ³They saw divided tongues that were like fire resting on each one of them. ⁴They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, since the Spirit was giving them the ability to speak fluently.

*On Pentecost the
disciples proclaimed
the gospel. Through
their words the Holy
Spirit unleashes his
saving power.*

⁵Now there were godly Jewish men from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. ⁶When this sound was heard, a crowd came together and was confused, because each one heard them speaking in his own language. ⁷They were completely baffled and said to one another, "Look, are not all these men who are speaking Galileans?" ⁸Then how is it that each of us hears them speaking in his own native language? ⁹Parthians, Medes, and Elamites; residents of Mesopotamia, and of Judea, Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt, and the parts of Libya around Cyrene; visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes; ¹¹Cretans and Arabs – we hear them declaring in our own languages the wonderful works of God." ¹²They were all amazed and perplexed. They kept saying to one another, "What does this mean?" ¹³But others mocked them and said, "They are full of new wine."

¹⁴Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice, and spoke loudly and clearly to them:

“Men of Judea, and all you residents of Jerusalem, understand this, and listen closely to my words.¹⁵These men are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only the third hour of the day. ¹⁶On the contrary, this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel:

¹⁷This is what God says will happen in the last days:

I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh.

Your sons and your daughters will prophesy.

Your young men will see visions. Your old men will dream dreams.

¹⁸Even on my servants, both men and women,

I will pour out my Spirit in those days, and they will prophesy.

¹⁹I will show wonders in the sky above, and signs on the earth below, blood and fire and a rising cloud of smoke.

²⁰The sun will be turned to darkness and the moon to blood before the coming of the great and glorious day of the Lord.

²¹And this will happen:

Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.

Confession of Faith

Third Article of the Apostles' Creed

As we celebrate the Lord pouring out the Holy Spirit on the Day of Pentecost, we join in confessing the words of the Third Article of the Apostles' Creed, as well as its explanation from Luther's Small Catechism.

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

Yes, 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.

What does this mean?

I believe that I cannot by my own thinking or choosing believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to him. But the Holy Spirit has called me by the gospel, enlightened me with his gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith. In the same way he calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian church on earth, and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith. On the Last Day He will raise me and all the dead and give eternal life to me and all believers in Christ. This is most certainly true.

The Day of Pentecost: Part 2

Acts 2:22,23,32,33,37-39,41

[Peter continued:] “Men of Israel, listen to this: Jesus of Nazareth was a man accredited by God to you by miracles, wonders and signs, which God did among you through him, as you yourselves know. This man was handed over to you by God’s set purpose and foreknowledge; and you, with the help of wicked men, put him to death by nailing him to the cross. God has raised this Jesus to life, and we are all witnesses of the fact. Exalted to the right hand of God, he has received from the Father the promised Holy Spirit and has poured out what you now see and hear.” When the people heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the other apostles, “Brothers, what shall we do?” Peter replied, “Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off—for all whom the Lord our God will call.” Those who accepted his message were baptized, and about three thousand were added to their number that day.

*Peter told the crowd,
“Repent and be
baptized, and you
will receive the gift
of the Holy Spirit.”*

Confession of Faith

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism, Parts 1,2,3

Martin Luther’s Small Catechism

What is baptism?

Baptism is not just plain water, but it is water used by God’s command and connected with God’s Word.

What does Baptism do for us?

Baptism works forgiveness of sins, delivers from death and the devil, and gives eternal salvation to all who believe this, as the words and promises of God declare.

How can water do such things?

It is certainly not the water that does such things, but God’s Word which is in and with the water and faith which trusts this Word used with the water. For without God’s Word the water is just plain water and not Baptism. But with this Word it is Baptism, that is, a gracious water of life and a washing of rebirth by the Holy Spirit.

The Word

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

Holy Spirit, God and Lord, come to us this joyful day with your sevenfold gift of grace. Rekindle in our hearts the holy fire of your love that in a true and living faith we may tell abroad the glory of our Savior, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Father, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Be seated.

First Reading

1 Corinthians 12:3–11

When God pours out his Spirit, it is for the benefit of the entire Church.

³Therefore I am informing you that no one speaking by God's Spirit says, "A curse be upon Jesus," and no one can say, "Jesus is Lord," except by the Holy Spirit.

⁴There are various kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit. ⁵There are various kinds of ministries, and yet the same Lord. ⁶There are various kinds of activity, but the same God, who produces all of them in everyone.

⁷Each person is given a manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. ⁸To one person a message of wisdom is given by the Spirit; to another, a message of knowledge, as the same Spirit provides it; ⁹by the same Spirit, faith is given to someone else; and to another, the same Spirit gives healing gifts. ¹⁰Another is given powers to do miracles; another, the gift of prophecy; another, the evaluating of spirits; someone else, different kinds of tongues; and another, the interpretation of tongues. ¹¹One and the same Spirit produces all of these, distributing them to each one individually as he desires.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand.

Gospel Acclamation

The congregation sings each refrain. The minister sings the verse.



Refrain



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

*Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful people,
and kindle in them the fire of your love.*

Refrain

Gospel

John 7:37-39

³⁷On the last and most important day of the festival, Jesus stood up and called out, "If anyone is thirsty, let him come to me and drink!" ³⁸As the Scripture has said, streams of living water will flow from deep within the person who believes in me." ³⁹By this he meant the Spirit, whom those who believed in him were going to receive. For the Holy Spirit had not yet come, because Jesus had not yet been glorified.

Jesus promised that those who were spiritually thirsty would be filled with the living water of the Spirit.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

Be seated.

Hymn of the Day

585 Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord

Sermon

John 7:37-39

Drink deeply. Pour abundantly.

Please stand.

Response

942 Create in Me a Clean Heart

Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right
spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your
pres - ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re -
store un - to me the joy of your sal - va - tion,
and up - hold me with your free Spir - it. A - men.

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

Come Holy Ghost, Creator Blest
Maurice Duruflé

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.



Give online

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may scan this code.*



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The Sacrament

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who on this day kept his promise and poured out the Holy Spirit to empower his Church to proclaim the gospel in all the world.

Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

Holy, Holy, Holy

Sanctus



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er,



God of might. Heav - en and earth are full of your



glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.



Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the



Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho -



san - na in the high - est!

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.

Amen.

Jesus, Lamb of God

Agnus Dei

Je - sus, Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.
Je - sus, Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.
Je - sus, Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us your peace.

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

477 O Day Full of Grace

593 Holy Spirit, Light Divine

Please stand.

Thanksgiving

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
his mercy endures forever.

Whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup,
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

We give you thanks, O Lord, for the foretaste of the heavenly banquet you have given us in this Sacrament. Through this gift you have fed our faith, nourished our hope, and strengthened our love. By your Spirit, help us to live as your holy people until that day when you will receive us as your guests at the wedding supper of the Lamb, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Blessing

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

O Day Full of Grace

Wayne L. Wold and Donald Rotermund

Serving at Worship

Preaching Minister

Presiding Minister

Organ

Video streamer and slides

Video captions

Sound

Hymn selections

Pastor Jon Buchholz

Pastor Gary Pufahl

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In our prayers

- Chris Heise – Home recovering from surgery and anticipating additional treatments.
- Patricia Kern – In hospice care.
- Kaylee – Home recovering from surgery and going through additional treatments.
- James Purucker – In hospice care at home.
- Lenore Richey – Recently hospitalized and recovering at home.

Flowers

Thank you to Mike and Janice Wilson for beautifying our sanctuary with altar flowers in honor of their 60th wedding anniversary.

Communion

Thank you to Nettie Dins and Sara Redman for helping set up Communion for this weekend.

Ushers

8:00 a.m.

Joe Beatrice, Joel Hahnke, Lucas Hahnke, Doug Thompson

10:30 a.m.

Tom Bernthal, Caden Head, Tim Kriewall, Josh Winterstein

This week at Emmanuel

Sunday

Worship services 8:00 and 10:30 a.m.
Mrs. Priebe farewell cake and presentation 9:15 a.m.
In-person Bible study, Sunday school, teen study No classes

Monday

Memorial Day Church and school offices closed

Wednesday

Wednesday Bible study 8:30 a.m.
Drive through the Gospels
Led by Pastor Gary Pufahl

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)

Friday

Joy Fellowship meal and planning meeting 11:30 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

Sunday, May 31

Worship services 8:00 and 10:30 a.m.
In-person Bible study, Sunday school, teen study 9:15 a.m.

Looking ahead

June 2 Call meeting 6:30 p.m.
School Board meeting 6:30 p.m.
Stewardship meeting 8:00 p.m.
June 3 Wednesday Bible study 8:30 a.m.
Drive through the Gospels
Led by Pastor Gary Pufahl
June 4 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)
June 7 Worship services 8:00 and 10:30 a.m.
In-person Bible study, Sunday school, teen study 9:15 a.m.
June 8 - 10 Arizona-California District Convention
June 8 Convention opening worship service at Emmanuel 9:30 a.m.
June 9 Summer Art Camp (lower grades) 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
Convention meal and fellowship at Emmanuel *evening*
June 10 Wednesday Bible study No class this week
Summer Art Camp (lower grades) 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
Emmanuel Family Night 6:00-8:00 p.m.

June 11	Thursday Bible study at Denny's <i>21st Century Lessons from the Life of Joseph</i> <i>Led by Pastor Dan Pautz at</i> <i>Denny's (Broadway and Priest in Tempe)</i>	6:00 a.m.
	Summer Art Camp (lower grades)	9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
June 12	Summer Art Camp (lower grades)	9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
June 14	Worship services	8:00 and 10:30 a.m.
	In-person Bible study, Sunday school, teen study	9:15 a.m.
June 15	Summer Art Camp (upper grades)	9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
	Evangelism meeting	6:30 p.m.
June 16	Summer Art Camp (upper grades)	9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
	Free estate planning seminar <i>at Arizona Lutheran Academy</i>	11:00 a.m.
	Church Council meeting	6:00 p.m.
June 17	Wednesday Bible study <i>Drive through the Gospels</i> <i>Led by Pastor Gary Pufahl</i>	8:30 a.m.
	Summer Art Camp (upper grades)	9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
June 18	Thursday Bible study at Denny's <i>21st Century Lessons from the Life of Joseph</i> <i>Led by Pastor Dan Pautz at</i> <i>Denny's (Broadway and Priest in Tempe)</i>	6:00 a.m.
	Summer Art Camp (upper grades)	9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
June 19	Summer Art Camp (upper grades)	9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
June 21	Father's Day Blood Drive at Emmanuel	7:00-10:30 a.m.
	Worship services	8:00 and 10:30 a.m.
	In-person Bible study, Sunday school, teen study	9:15 a.m.
June 24	Wednesday Bible study <i>Drive through the Gospels</i> <i>Led by Pastor Gary Pufahl</i>	8:30 a.m.
	Emmanuel Family Night	6:00-8:00 p.m.
June 25	Thursday Bible study at Denny's <i>21st Century Lessons from the Life of Joseph</i> <i>Led by Pastor Dan Pautz at</i> <i>Denny's (Broadway and Priest in Tempe)</i>	6:00 a.m.
June 26 - 28	Emmanuel church campout	
June 28	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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Christian education hour

There will be no Christian Education Hour today, Sunday, May 24, due to the farewell reception for Mrs. Priebe and Memorial Day weekend. Please join us in the MEC (Ministry and Education Center) following the 8:00 a.m. service for cake and a presentation as we thank Mrs. Priebe for her years of service at Emmanuel Lutheran School.

Emmanuel Lutheran Church receives a pastoral graduate

On Thursday, May 21, pastoral candidate Daniel Gensmer was assigned to serve as an associate pastor at Emmanuel Lutheran Church and School. He and his wife, Rachel, are expecting their first child in June. The plan is that they will move to Arizona in July. We give thanks to the Lord that he has sent the Gensmer family to be a part of our Emmanuel family. Please keep them in your prayers.

Joy Fellowship meal and meeting | May 29

Before our summer break, we will meet for a potluck and discuss ideas for outings in the next year. Our potluck will be this Friday, May 29, at 11:30 a.m. in the MEC at Emmanuel. Bring a dish to serve along with your ideas. Our Joy Fellowship group is for those 55 years and older. Please speak with Wendy Binger or Chet Jaehnig if you have any questions.

Call meeting | June 2

The Council is recommending that we call a part-time teacher to teach fifth grade. Mrs. Priebe has decided to step down from teaching. Therefore, we will have a call meeting on Tuesday, June 2, at 6:30 p.m.



Northwestern
Publishing House –
Book information

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.

Emmanuel summer 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 June and July from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. in Emmanuel’s Ministry and Education Center. Any questions, contact Alysha Bergsma at church@elctempe.org or (480) 967-3983.

June 10 – Game night, join us for an optional meal (5:00 p.m. in the MEC) before our evening activity beings

June 24 – Craft night, snacks and drinks

July 8 – Game night, snacks and drinks

July 22 – Movie night, join us for an optional meal (5:00 p.m. in the MEC) before our evening activity begins

Our first summer night will be Wednesday, June 10, 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. Join us for game night – bring your favorite board game or card game, and let's have some fun!



June 10 – Summer
Night meal sign-up

We'll also be serving a meal before our evening activity begins, if you'd like to join us for dinner. The meal will be at 5:00 p.m. in the MEC (Ministry and Education Center). We'll be providing food from Someburros, along with water.

Sign up [here](#) (or use the QR code) to let us know you plan to join us for dinner and if you want to bring something to share. Please RSVP by Wednesday, June 3, to ensure we order enough food.

Free estate planning seminar | June 16

Reliant Law Group, owned and operated by Arizona Lutheran Academy (AZ Lutheran) alumni, invites you to a free estate planning seminar on Tuesday, June 16, at 11:00 a.m. Seminar will take place at AZ Lutheran, Room 33.

- Don't have an estate plan?
- Have an existing estate plan or trust that needs updating?
- Learn how to keep your family and assets out of Arizona Probate Court.
- Ensure you have a plan to leave a legacy!

Learn more and register at: ALAcoyotes.org/estate.

Save the date | Blood Drive on June 21

The Vitalant bloodmobile is coming to Emmanuel on Sunday, June 21, 7:00 to 10:30 a.m. Your donation could help a family member, friend or neighbor in need. Spread the word and please consider donating. To schedule your donation appointment, visit donors.vitalant.org/dwp/portal/dwa, click on "Blood Drive Code" and enter code: EmmanuelLC, or use the provided QR code.



*Blood Drive
sign-up*

Information for donors - To learn more about donor eligibility and tips to prepare, read the following: Donor eligibility link: vitalant.org/blood-donation-requirements, donor eligibility phone: 877-258-4825, donor preparation:

- #1 deferral for women is low iron; women begin eating iron rich foods
- Begin drinking lots of water
- Eat prior to donation (no fasting)
- Bring photo ID reflecting first and last names
- Visit restroom prior to beginning the donation process
- Donors may take their health history the *day of* donations – see below.

Fast Track Health History Questionnaire Link: www.Vitalant.org/health.

Regarding Fast Track: Simply log on *day of donation* and follow the prompts. When completed either print out the boarding pass or snap a picture of the QR code for Vitalant staff to scan.



*Church campout -
registration*

Church campout at Woods Canyon Lake

Plan your summer escape by attending our annual church campout this June on the cool Mogollon Rim. The 2026 Emmanuel campout is Friday through Sunday, 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.

Good Shepherd Bible Camp | July 12-18

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.

Carpool available for Good Shepherd Bible Camp



*GSBC camper
carpool sign-up*

Emmanuel Lutheran will be caravanning with Crosswalk Church and Emmanuel will be taking up to two vans to Good Shepherd Bible Camp (GSBC) this summer. If your camper is in need of transportation to and/or from GSBC, reserve their seat today as seats are limited. Click [here](#) or scan the QR code for more information and to reserve a seat on the van. Pick-up and drop-off will be at Arizona Lutheran Academy (AZ Lutheran) Sunday morning, July 12, and Saturday evening, July 18. Once information is gathered, there will be follow-up communication on carpool cost and further details. Register for carpool by June 14.

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."*

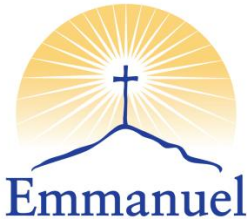
Q: Do you promise that with the help of the Holy Spirit you will from this time forward amend your sinful life?

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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