



Pentecost 9
On Heavenly Treasure
Emmanuel Lutheran Church
August 10, 2025

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.
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Undivided Attention: On Heavenly Treasure

Last week Jesus warned us against overvaluing earthly wealth. This week Jesus warns against undervaluing heavenly treasure. Last week, Jesus exposed the folly of greed. This week, Jesus exposes the folly of worry, even when we don't seem to have enough to get by.

This week might be the bigger challenge!

When it seems we lack providence or protection for our daily lives, it can be hard to avoid worry. That's why Jesus asks us to give our undivided attention to him, so that he can take our worries away.

Jesus points to creatures that do not labor or toil — but they still eat every day. Even more, Jesus points to our Father, who promises to give us the heavenly treasures of his kingdom. Jesus assures us that our Father will throw in any needed earthly possessions as well.

We can rest from our worries, confident that our loving Father knows all we need.

Service of the Word and Sacrament

Pre-Service Music

Precious Lord, Take My Hand
Fred Bock, Karen Emmett Phipps

It Is Well with My Soul
Melody Bober, Marilyn Arison

Opening Hymn

803 Day by Day

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 and Absolution

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

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

Silence for meditation and reflection.

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

Amen.

The works of the Lord are great and glorious; his name is worthy of praise.

O Lord, Our Lord

C: O Lord, our Lord, how glo - rious is your name in
all the earth. Al - might - y God, mer - ci - ful Fa - ther,
you crown our life with your love. You take a - way our sin;
you com - fort our spir - it; you make us pure and
ho - ly in your sight. You did not spare your on - ly Son,
but gave him up for us all. O Lord, our Lord,
how glo - rious is your name in all the earth.
O Son of God, e - ter - nal Word of the Fa - ther,
you came to live with us; you made your Fa - ther known;
you washed us from our sins in your own blood. You are the
King of glo - ry; you are the Lord! O Lord, our Lord,
how glo - rious is your name in all the earth.

The musical score is written for a single voice part in treble clef. It begins in the key of D major (two sharps) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. There are several triplet markings (indicated by a '3' over a group of notes) in the first system. The score includes a key signature change to B minor (two sharps) for the final phrase. The lyrics are: 'O Lord, our Lord, how glo - rious is your name in all the earth. Al - might - y God, mer - ci - ful Fa - ther, you crown our life with your love. You take a - way our sin; you com - fort our spir - it; you make us pure and ho - ly in your sight. You did not spare your on - ly Son, but gave him up for us all. O Lord, our Lord, how glo - rious is your name in all the earth. O Son of God, e - ter - nal Word of the Fa - ther, you came to live with us; you made your Fa - ther known; you washed us from our sins in your own blood. You are the King of glo - ry; you are the Lord! O Lord, our Lord, how glo - rious is your name in all the 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.



Be seated.

The Word

First Reading

Genesis 15:1–6

¹After these events the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision. He said, “Do not be afraid, Abram. I am your shield, your very great reward.”

²Abram said, “LORD God what can you give me, since I remain childless, and the one who will inherit my estate is Eliezer of Damascus?” ³Abram also said, “Look, you have given me no offspring, so a servant born in my house will be my heir.”

⁴Just then, the word of the LORD came to him. God said, “This man will not be your heir, but instead one who will come out of your own body will be your heir.” ⁵The LORD then brought him outside and said, “Now look toward the sky and count the stars, if you are able to count them.” He said to Abram, “This is what your descendants will be like.” ⁶Abram believed in the LORD, and the LORD credited it to him as righteousness.

In faith, Abram treasured all the LORD’s gracious promises.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm of the Day

Psalm 121

Spoken responsively with the minister.

I lift up my eyes to the mountains —
where does my help come from?

**My help comes from the LORD,
the maker of heaven and earth.**

He will not let your foot slip —
he who watches over you will not slumber;

**indeed, he who watches over Israel
will neither slumber nor sleep.**

The LORD will keep you from all harm —
he will watch over your life;

**the LORD will watch over your coming and going
both now and forevermore.**

Second Reading

Hebrews 11:1–3,8–16

*The gift of faith
allows us to see the
treasure that is
found in the city
whose architect and
builder is God.*

¹Faith is being sure about what we hope for, being convinced about things we do not see. ²For by this faith the ancients were commended in Scripture.

³By faith we know that the universe was created by God's word, so that what is seen did not come from visible things.

⁸By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go to a place that he was going to receive as an inheritance, and he left without knowing where he was going.

⁹By faith he lived as a stranger in the Promised Land, as if it did not belong to him, dwelling in tents along with Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. ¹⁰For he was looking forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God.

¹¹By faith Abraham also received the ability to conceive children, even though Sarah herself was barren and he was past the normal age, because he considered him faithful who made the promise. ¹²And so from one man, and he as good as dead, descendants were born as numerous as the stars in the sky and as countless as the sand along the seashore.

¹³One by one, all of these died in faith, without having received the things that were promised, but they saw and welcomed them from a distance. They confessed that they were strangers and pilgrims on the earth. ¹⁴Indeed, people who say things like that make it clear that they are looking for a land of their own. ¹⁵And if they were remembering the land they had come from, they would have had an opportunity to return. ¹⁶Instead, they were longing for a better land — a heavenly one. For that reason, God is not ashamed to be called their God, because he prepared a city for them.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Please stand.

Response

Do Not Worry

*The vocalists sing the first refrain and verses.
Join them on each refrain after verse 1.*

Paul Tate

Do not wor-ry a-bout to-mor-row; to -
mor-row will take care of it - self.
Trust in God who knows your heart.
God will re - mem - ber you,
God will take care of you.

Rest in God alone, who clothes you and protects you.

Rest in God alone, who loves you as his own.

*God hears the cries of your heart; do not worry! **Refrain***

Rest in God alone, who never will forsake you.

Rest in God alone, your shelter and your shield.

*God hears the cries of your heart; do not worry! **Refrain***

Rest in God alone, your safety and your glory.

Rest in God alone, your refuge and your strength.

*God hears the cries of your heart; do not worry! **Refrain***

Rest in God alone, who formed your inmost being.

Rest in God alone, who knit you in the womb.

*God hears the cries of your heart; do not worry! **Refrain***

*Jesus assures us that
we have a Father in
heaven who knows
what we need better
than we do.*

Gospel

Luke 12:22–34

²²Jesus said to his disciples, “For that reason I tell you, stop worrying about your life, about what you will eat, or about your body, what you will wear.

²³Certainly life is more than food, and the body is more than clothing.

²⁴Consider the ravens: They do not sow or reap; they have no warehouse or barn; and yet God feeds them. How much more valuable are you than birds!

²⁵And who of you by worrying can add a single moment to his lifespan? ²⁶Since you are not able to do this little thing, why do you worry about the rest?

²⁷Consider how the wild flowers grow. They do not labor or spin. But I tell you, not even Solomon in all his glory was dressed like one of these. ²⁸If this is how God clothes the grass in the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the furnace, how much more will he clothe you, you of little faith? ²⁹Do not constantly chase after what you will eat or what you will drink. Do not be worried about it. ³⁰To be sure, the nations of the world chase after all of these things, but your Father knows that you need them. ³¹Instead, continue to seek the kingdom of God, and all these things will be added to you. ³²Do not be afraid, little flock, because your Father is pleased to give you the kingdom. ³³Sell your possessions and give to the needy. Provide money bags for yourselves that do not become old, a treasure in the heavens that will not fail, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. ³⁴For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

Be seated.

Hymn of the Day

828 Where Your Treasure Is

The vocalists sing the first refrain and verse. Join them on the following refrain and verses.

Sermon

Hebrews 11:1–3, 8–16

Hope for a city built by God

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

Jesus, Refuge of the Weary
Jeffrey Blersch

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.



O Christ, Lamb of God

Agnus Dei

Musical notation for the Agnus Dei. It consists of five staves with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is: C4 (quarter), D4 (quarter), E4 (quarter), F4 (quarter), G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), B-flat4 (quarter), C5 (quarter), B-flat4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), G4 (quarter), F4 (half). The lyrics are: "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." The lyrics are written below the staves.

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

Farewell to a Called Worker

The Blessing (8:00 a.m.)

Sung by choir.

853 I'm But a Stranger Here
809 Do Not Let Your Hearts Be Troubled

Pastor Chris Pflughoeft

The Lord Bless and Keep You

Cathy S. Bowen

*The Lord bless and keep you.
The Lord lift his countenance upon you and give you his peace.
The Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious.*

The Blessing (10:30 a.m. and Monday)

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.



Post-Service Music

Prelude and Fugue in F Major

J.S. Bach

Serving at Worship

Preaching Minister
Presiding Minister
Organ
Vocalists
Choir
Video streamer and slides
Video captions
Sound

Pastor Chris Pflughoeft
Pastor Gary Pufahl
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In our prayers

- Seth Meyer – Currently recovering in Colorado from a car accident.
- Much-needed rain for the state of Arizona.

Ushers

8:00 a.m.

Eli Gruman, Noah Gruman, Mojo Krup, Jacob Pufahl

10:30 a.m.

Baxter Priebe, Ben Priebe, Roger Odle



*Emmanuel usher
sign-up.*

Communion

Thank you to Wendy Binger and Janice Wilson for helping set up Communion for the weekend.

This week at Emmanuel

Sunday

Worship services

8:00 and 10:30 a.m.

In-person Bible study, Sunday school, teen study

No classes this week

Farewell reception for the Pflughoeft family

9:15 a.m.

ELS K-8 Back-to-School Orientation

2:00-4:00 p.m.

Monday

Monday night worship service

6:30 p.m.

Monday night Bible study in the MEC

7:40 p.m.

Book of Mark

Led by Pastor Chris Pflughoeft

Tuesday

ELS - First day of school

Wednesday

Wednesday Bible study in the MEC

8:30 a.m.

The Book of the Twelve

Led by Pastor Chris Pflughoeft

Thursday

Thursday Bible study at Denny's, Broadway and Priest, Tempe 6:00 a.m.

Life Applications from Genesis 1-11

Led by Pastor Dan Pautz

Friday

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

Sunday, August 17

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

Looking ahead

August 18	Monday night worship service	6:30 p.m.
August 19	Church Council meeting	6:00 p.m.
August 20	Wednesday Bible study in the MEC	8:30 a.m.
	<i>Jesus: Master Storyteller</i>	
	<i>Led by Pastor Jon Buchholz</i>	
August 21	Thursday Bible study at Denny's	6:00 a.m.
	<i>Life Applications from Genesis 1-11</i>	
	<i>Led by Pastor Dan Pautz at</i>	
	<i>Denny's (Broadway and Priest in Tempe)</i>	
	Bible Basics in the MEC	6:30 p.m.
	<i>Led by Pastor Jon Buchholz</i>	
August 22	ELS chapel	8:30 a.m.
	ELS early release	1:50 p.m.
August 24	Worship services	8:00 and 10:30 a.m.
	In-person Bible study, Sunday school, teen study	9:15 a.m.
August 25	Monday night worship service	6:30 p.m.
August 27	Wednesday Bible study in the MEC	8:30 a.m.
	<i>Jesus: Master Storyteller</i>	
	<i>Led by Pastor Jon Buchholz</i>	
	Adult choir resumes in the MEC	6:30 p.m.
August 28	Thursday Bible study at Denny's	6:00 a.m.
	<i>Life Applications from Genesis 1-11</i>	
	<i>Led by Pastor Dan Pautz at</i>	
	<i>Denny's (Broadway and Priest in Tempe)</i>	
	God's Ways Bible study in the MEC	6:00 p.m.
	<i>Led by Pastor Gary Pufahl</i>	
	Bible Basics in the MEC	6:30 p.m.
	<i>Led by Pastor Jon Buchholz</i>	
August 29	ELS chapel	8:30 a.m.
	ELS early release	1:50 p.m.
	Joy Fellowship – Organ Stop Pizza	4:00 p.m.
August 31	Worship services	8:00 and 10:30 a.m.
	In-person Bible study	9:15 a.m.
	Sunday school, teen study	No classes this week

September 1	Labor Day	Church office closed
	ELS – No school	
	Monday night worship service	6:30 p.m.
September 2	School Board meeting	6:30 p.m.
	Stewardship meeting	8:00 p.m.
September 3	Wednesday Bible study in the MEC	8:30 a.m.
	<i>Jesus: Master Storyteller</i>	
	<i>Led by Pastor Jon Buchholz</i>	
	Adult choir in the MEC	6:30 p.m.
September 4	Thursday Bible study at Denny's	6:00 a.m.
	<i>Life Applications from Genesis 1-11</i>	
	<i>Led by Pastor Dan Pautz at</i>	
	<i>Denny's (Broadway and Priest in Tempe)</i>	
	God's Ways Bible study in the MEC	6:00 p.m.
	<i>Led by Pastor Gary Pufahl</i>	
	Bible Basics in the MEC	6:30 p.m.
	<i>Led by Pastor Jon Buchholz</i>	
September 5	ELS chapel	8:30 a.m.
	ELS early release	1:50 p.m.
	ELS – Family grill-out	5:30-7:30 p.m.
September 6	Evangelism outreach (promote rummage sale)	9:00-10:30 a.m.
September 7	Worship services	8:00 and 10:30 a.m.
	In-person Bible study, Sunday school, teen study	9:15 a.m.
September 8	Monday night worship service	6:30 p.m.
	Worship committee meeting	6:30 p.m.
September 10	Wednesday Bible study in the MEC	8:30 a.m.
	<i>Jesus: Master Storyteller</i>	
	<i>Led by Pastor Jon Buchholz</i>	
	Adult choir in the MEC	6:30 p.m.
September 11	Thursday Bible study at Denny's	6:00 a.m.
	<i>Life Applications from Genesis 1-11</i>	
	<i>Led by Pastor Dan Pautz at</i>	
	<i>Denny's (Broadway and Priest in Tempe)</i>	
	God's Ways Bible study in the MEC	6:00 p.m.
	<i>Led by Pastor Gary Pufahl</i>	
	Bible Basics in the MEC	6:30 p.m.
	<i>Led by Pastor Jon Buchholz</i>	
September 12	ELS chapel	8:30 a.m.
	ELS early release	1:50 p.m.

**Connection card**

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we ask that you
complete an online
connection card.*

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!

Pflughoeft family farewell | Today (August 10)

Today (Sunday, August 10) between the services we will be honoring Pastor Pflughoeft and family for their years of service at Emmanuel. Pastor Pflughoeft accepted a call to Grace Lutheran Church in Yorba Linda, California. Cards and farewell gifts you'd like to present to the Pflughoefts may be brought to the farewell reception.

Bible Basics starts August 21

Pastor Buchholz will begin the next series of Bible Basics on Thursday, August 21, at 6:30 p.m. This class is for adults wishing to study the basic teachings of Scripture in 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. Childcare for small children is available.

Joy Fellowship | August 29

Our Joy Fellowship group is for those who are 55 years and older. Join our Joy Fellowship group as we enjoy pizza and organ music at Organ Stop Pizza on Friday, August 29, starting at 4:00 p.m. Organ Stop Pizza is located at 1149 E. Southern Avenue, Mesa, AZ 85204. A sign-up sheet will be available in the Ministry and Education Center. Any questions, contact Wendy Binger.

Financial Peace University classes start September 7

Ever feel like no matter what you do, you can't get ahead with money? You're not alone. You'd be surprised how many people you know are struggling just like you. But it's time to make a change! Join Emmanuel's Financial Peace University class at 9:15 a.m. starting on Sunday, September 7, and learn to pay off debt, save money, and build lasting wealth.

Financial Peace University is a 9-week course that will be led by Emmanuel members Daniel Warskow and Michael Prael. Starting today (Sunday, August 10), Daniel Warskow will be available between services to answer any questions. Discounted registrations (\$20 off the standard registration price) can be purchased directly through Daniel Warskow.

Visit <http://elctempe.org/fpu> to learn more and register!

Emmanuel community rummage sale | September 27

We are hosting an Emmanuel community rummage sale on campus on Saturday, September 27, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. This event is a chance for our members to sell items they no longer use and give our neighbors an opportunity to visit Emmanuel.

We will be sectioning off the southwest parking lot into small lots (two parking spaces for each reservation). All interested parties need to register by August 31. If enough people sign up, we will move forward with plans and will be inviting the surrounding community with an invitation handout scheduled for Saturday, September 6 (meeting in the MEC at 9:00 a.m.). The rummage sale will be on Saturday, September 27, with set-up starting at 7:00 a.m. and the sale starting at 9:00 a.m. More details will be provided by Benjamin Ruppel to those who sign up.

Interested in participating in the rummage sale? Sign up [here](#) or use the provided QR code.



*Emmanuel usher
sign-up.*

Kingdom Workers men's breakfast | September 27

Kingdom Workers will be starting a new men's breakfast, inviting members and friends of our East Valley congregations. Emmanuel will be hosting the initial men's breakfast on Saturday, September 27, 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. An agenda will be provided at a later date. Those who are interested in attending, please contact Chet Jaehnig or Benjamin Ruppel.

Christian education hour

Please note, there will be no **Adult Bible study**, **Junior High/Teen Bible study** or **Sunday School** classes today (Sunday, August 10) due to the farewell reception for the Pflughoeft family between services. Classes resume next Sunday, August 17, 2025.

SIGN UP FOR **FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY**

Wherever you are with money, FPU is for you.

Whether you're at rock bottom or just want to do better, there's hope.
Take the first step to financial peace. Sign up today!

Sign up for this Financial Peace University class today!

Class Link: <https://www.fpu.com/FCBFBC> Location: Upstairs classroom in the MEC

Coordinator: Daniel Warskow Contact Info: daniel.warskow@gmail.com

Day/Time: Sundays at 9:15 a.m. Start Date: September 7, 2025

QR Code



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).



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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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