

The Beginning of the End >



All Saints' Day

It's time to focus on the future

Emmanuel Lutheran Church

November 1, 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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The Beginning of the End: It's time to focus on the future

Childbearing is painful. Yet each day countless women willingly become pregnant. They know that the pain of childbirth can be endured if it is temporary, with happier times coming immediately after.

The time between Christ's first and second coming is full of hardships, especially for believers. How do we bear it? We remember that it is temporary. Happier times are coming!

This joyful truth is crystal clear on All Saints' Day. On this day we remember every saint who has gone before us. We have in mind all those who had faith in Jesus, both the heroes of faith in Scripture and all faithful Christian family members. They all endured hardship and pain. But no more. Now they enjoy perfect glory, peace, and joy.

It's the beginning of the end, and we endure by remembering all the saints, focusing on the future glory that awaits us.

Service of the Word



Pre-Service Music

Jerusalem, My Happy Home
Wilbur Held, Raymond H. Haan

When We All Get to Heaven
Marilyn Arison, Lloyd Larson

Opening Hymn

880 For All the Saints

1 For all the saints who from their la - bors rest,
2 Thou wast their rock, their for - tress, and their might;
3 Oh, may thy sol - diers, faith - ful, true, and bold

who thee by faith be - fore the world con - fessed, thy
thou, Lord, their cap - tain in the well-fought fight;
fight as the saints who no - bly fought of old and

name, O Je - sus, be for - ev - er blest.
thou, in the dark - ness drear, their one true light.
win with them the vic - tor's crown of gold.

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

Please stand.

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

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.

Confession of Sins

We are made saints by the blood of Jesus. We acknowledge, however, that we remain sinners in thought, word, and deed. Let us then confess our sins with the saints around us and before our forgiving God.

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.

Response

88o For All the Saints



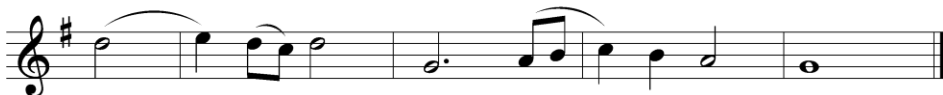
4 Oh, blest com - mun - ion, fel - low - ship di - vine!
5 And when the fight is fierce, the war - fare long,
6 The gold - en eve - ning bright-ens in the west;



We fee - bly strug - gle, they in glo - ry shine; yet
steals on the ear the dis - tant tri - umph - song, and
soon, soon, to faith - ful war - riors com - eth rest;



all are one in thee, for all are thine.
hearts are brave a - gain and arms are strong.
sweet is the calm of par - a - dise the blest.



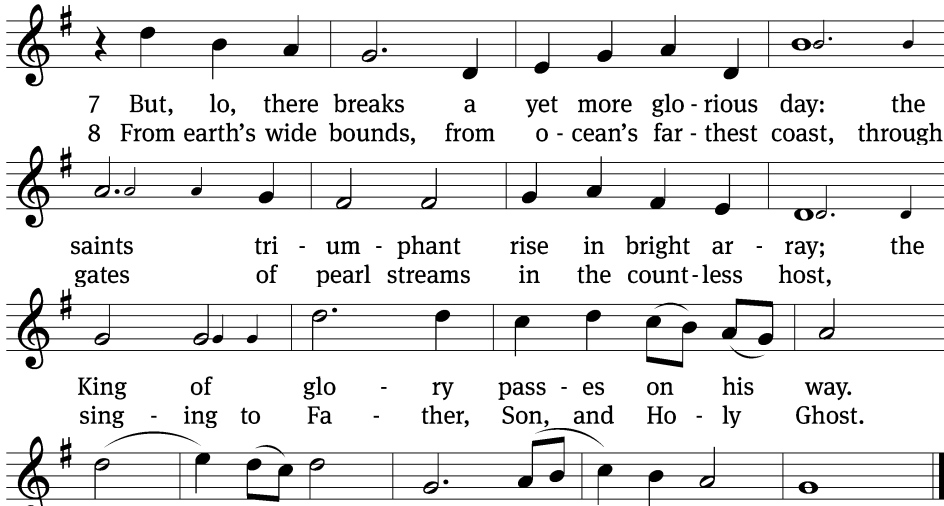
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Absolution

Saints of God, know that even as you confess your sins, you are forgiven by our God, the Holy One who has called you to be holy. As a called and ordained servant of the Word, and in the place and by the command of our Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son † and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Response

880 For All the Saints



7 But, lo, there breaks a yet more glo - rious day: the
8 From earth's wide bounds, from o - cean's far - thest coast, through
saints tri - um - phant rise in bright ar - ray; the
gates of pearl streams in the count - less host,
King of glo - ry pass - es on his way.
sing - ing to Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Prayer of the Day

Almighty God, you have knit your people together into one holy Church, the body of Christ our Lord. Grant us grace to follow the example of your blessed saints in lives of faith and willing service and with them at last inherit the inexpressible joys that you have prepared for those who love you; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen.

Be seated.

Anthem (10:30 a.m.)

See page 12 for lyrics.

Lord, When Your Glory I Shall See

Kurt J. Eggert
arr. Carl Schalk

*St. John's vision lets
us see all the saints
in heaven so that we
might remember the
future glory that
waits for us.*

First Reading

Revelation 7:9–17

⁹After these things I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people, and language, standing in front of the throne and of the Lamb, clothed with white robes, and with palm branches in their hands. ¹⁰They called out with a loud voice and said:

Salvation comes from our God, who sits on the throne, and from the Lamb.

¹¹All the angels stood around the throne, the elders, and the four living creatures. They fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, ¹²saying: Amen. Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanks and honor and power and might belong to our God forever and ever. Amen.

¹³One of the elders spoke to me and said, "These people dressed in white robes, who are they and where did they come from?"

¹⁴And I answered him, "Sir, you know."

And he said to me:

These are the ones who are coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

¹⁵Because of this they are in front of the throne of God, and they serve him day and night in his temple.

He who sits on the throne will spread his tent over them.

¹⁶They will never be hungry or thirsty ever again.

The sun will never beat upon them, nor will any scorching heat,

¹⁷for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd.

He will lead them to springs of living water.

And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Second Reading

1 John 3:1–3

¹See the kind of love the Father has given us that we should be called children of God, and that is what we are! The world does not know us, because it did not know him. ²Dear friends, we are children of God now, but what we will be has not yet been revealed. We know that when he is revealed we will be like him, and we will see him as he really is. ³Everyone who has this hope purifies himself just as Jesus is pure.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand.

*In love God the Father
adopted us as his
children, making us
heirs of future glory.*

Gospel Acclamation

Revelation 7:15

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



They are before the throne of God and serve him day and night in his temple.

Refrain

Gospel

Matthew 5:1-12

¹When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up onto a mountain. When he sat down, his disciples came to him. ²He opened his mouth and began to teach them. He said these things.

³Blessed are the poor in spirit,
because theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

⁴Blessed are those who mourn,
because they will be comforted.

⁵Blessed are the gentle,
because they will inherit the earth.

⁶Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,
because they will be filled.

⁷Blessed are the merciful,
because they will receive mercy.

⁸Blessed are the pure in heart,
because they will see God.

⁹Blessed are the peacemakers,
because they will be called sons of God.

¹⁰Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness,
because theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

¹¹Blessed are you when people insult you and persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me. ¹²Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven. In fact, that is how they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

*Sorrow, hardship,
and persecution are
temporary. Future
glory and eternal
blessings are
coming, a gift from
God to all his saints.*

The Gospel of our Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

Remembering the Saints Triumphant

For none of us lives to himself alone and none of us dies to himself alone. If we live, we live to the Lord; and if we die, we die to the Lord.

So, whether we live or die, we belong to the Lord.

Alexis Naumann (69) on December 12, 2025

Jesus says, "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies;

And whoever lives and believes in me will never die."

Lois Henderson (70) on January 26, 2026

I know that my Redeemer lives, and that in the end he will stand upon the earth.

And after my skin has been destroyed, yet in my flesh I will see God.

Cherie Boeder (81) on February 20, 2026

Jesus promises, "I tell you the truth, whoever hears my word and believes in him who sent me has eternal life and will not be condemned;

He has crossed over from death to life."

Yolie Schoening (79) on April 1, 2026

Jesus promises, "If I go and prepare a place for you,

I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am."

Wayne Score (78) on April 15, 2026

Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.

I tell you the truth, today you will be with me in paradise.

Pauline Gray (59) on July 17, 2026

He will lead them to springs of living water.

And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.

Evelyn Gross (101) on August 27, 2026

Jesus said, "I am the Way and the Truth and the Life.

No one comes to the Father, except through me."

Elaine Kern (79) on September 13, 2026

Be seated.

Hymn of the Day

889 Jerusalem the Golden

Sermon

1 John 3:1-3

We are children of God now and forever.

Please stand.

Te Deum

953 Holy God, We Praise Your Name

1 Ho - ly God, we praise your name; Lord of
 2 Hark! The glad ce - les - tial hymn an - gel
 3 All a - pos - tles join the strain as your
 4 You are King of glo - ry, Christ, Son of

all, we bow be - fore you. All on
 choirs a - bove are rais - ing; cher - u -
 sa - cred name they hal - low; proph - ets
 God, yet born of Mar - y, for us

earth your scep - ter claim; all in heav'n a -
 bim and ser - a - phim, in un - ceas - ing
 swell the glad re - frain, and the white - robed
 sin - ners sac - ri - ficed, on the cross our

bove a - dore you. In - fi - nite your vast do -
 cho - rus prais - ing, fill the heav'ns with sweet ac -
 mar - tyrs fol - low, and from morn to set of
 sins did car - ry; first to break the bars of

main, ev - er - last - ing is your reign.
 cord: "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord!"
 sun through the Church the song goes on.
 death, you have o - pened heav'n to faith.

Be seated.

Offering

Musical Offering

Please stand.

Behold a Host, Arrayed in White

Dale A. Witte



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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

837 When Will I Walk

Please stand.

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.

Remain standing.

Closing Hymn

881 Sing with All the Saints in Glory



1 Sing with all the saints in glo - ry, sing the
2 Oh, what glo - ry, far ex - ceed - ing all that
3 Life e - ter - nal! Heav'n re - joic - es: Je - sus

res - ur - rec - tion song! Death and sor - row, earth's dark
eye has yet per - ceived! Ho - liest hearts for a - ges
lives who once was dead. Shout with joy, O death - less

sto - ry, to the for - mer days be - long.
plead - ing nev - er that full joy con - ceived.
voic - es! Child of God, lift up your head!

All a - round the clouds are break - ing; soon the
God has prom - ised, Christ pre - pares it; there on
Life e - ter - nal! Oh, what won - ders crowd on

storms of time shall cease; in God's like - ness we a -
high our wel - come waits. Ev - 'ry hum - ble spir - it
faith; what joy un - known, when, a - mid earth's clos - ing

wak - en, know - ing ev - er - last - ing peace.
shares it, Christ has passed th' e - ter - nal gates.
thun - ders, saints shall stand be - fore the throne!

Be seated.

Anthem (8:00 a.m.)

Lord, When Your Glory I Shall See

Kurt J. Eggert
arr. Carl Schalk

*Lord, when your glory I shall see and taste your kingdom's pleasure,
Your blood my royal robe shall be, my joy beyond all measure!
When I appear before your throne,
Your righteousness shall be my crown;
With these I need not hide me.
And there, in garments richly wrought,
As your own bride I shall be brought,
To stand in joy beside you.*

Post-Service Music

Hymn to Joy

Albert L. Travis, Charles Callahan, Hal H. Hopson

Serving at Worship

Minister

Pastor Gary Pufahl

Organ

Kurt Rosenbaum

Choir

Male choir

Video streamer and slides

Chris Wempner, Baxter Priebe

Video captions

Jeremy Burmeister

Sound

George Willis

Hymn selections

Sara Redman

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In our prayers

- Chris Heise – Home recovering.
- Kaylee – Receiving treatments for cancer.
- Scott Trautman – Receiving treatments for cancer.
- Bill Welker – Receiving treatments for cancer.
- Bill Zidar – Receiving treatments for cancer.
- Thanks and praise to the Lord for the recent rain in Arizona.

Ushers

8:00 a.m.

Mojo and Henry Krup, Andrew Olson, Jonathan Rossman

10:30 a.m.

Tom Bernthal, Caden Head, Josh Winterstein

Flowers

Thank you to Eric and Julie Sallquist for beautifying our sanctuary with altar flowers in honor of their 18th wedding anniversary.

Landscaping

Thank you to Gary and Wendy Binger for helping maintain, trim and clean the outside church property this week.

This week at Emmanuel

Sunday

Worship services

8:00 and 10:30 a.m.

In-person adult Bible study

9:15 a.m.

Adult Bible class: Taboo Topics

Table Talk: Galatians

Sunday school, teen and junior high Bible study

9:15 a.m.

Public school Catechism

12:00-1:30 p.m.

Family Fall Festival

4:00-6:00 p.m.

Monday

Light in the Valley – campus ministry

6:00 p.m.

Tuesday

Stewardship meeting

8:00 p.m.

Wednesday-Friday

ELS Arizona-California teachers' conference

No school

Wednesday

Wednesday Bible study

8:30 a.m.

Book of Daniel

Led by Pastor Gary Pufahl

Adult choir practice

6:30 p.m.

Thursday

Thursday Bible study at Denny's

6:00 a.m.

21st Century Lessons from the Life of Joseph

Led by Pastor Dan Pautz at

Denny's (Broadway and Priest in Tempe)

God's Ways Bible study

6:00-8:30 p.m.

Bible Basics class

6:30-8:00 p.m.

Friday

Helping the Hurting training session

6:30-8:30 p.m.

Heritage Lutheran Church, Gilbert, Arizona

Saturday

<i>Helping the Hurting</i> training session	9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.
	<i>Heritage Lutheran Church, Gilbert, Arizona</i>
Memorial service for Elaine Kern	10:00 a.m.
	<i>Reception following the service</i>

Sunday, November 8

Worship services	8:00 and 10:30 a.m.
In-person adult Bible study	9:15 a.m.
	<i>Adult Bible class: Taboo Topics</i>
	<i>Table Talk: Galatians</i>
Sunday school, teen and junior high Bible study	9:15 a.m.
Public school Catechism	12:00-1:30 p.m.

Looking ahead

November 10	Evangelism meeting	6:30 p.m.
November 11	Veterans Day program	1:00 p.m.
November 14	<i>Women of the Word</i> ladies' group event	9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
	PALM meeting	9:00-11:00 a.m.
		<i>Lamb of God Church, Phoenix, Arizona</i>
November 15	Emmanuel teen night	6:00-8:00 p.m.
November 17	Church Council meeting	6:00-8:00 p.m.
November 20	ELS Christ ~ Connection ~ Coffee	9:00-10:00 a.m.
		<i>following ELS chapel</i>
November 21	Elders' meeting	7:30-9:00 a.m.
November 22	Grief Share - Surviving the Holidays	2:00-4:00 p.m.
November 25	ELS Thanksgiving break	Noon dismissal
	Thanksgiving Eve worship service	6:30 p.m.
	Adult choir	No practice
November 26-27	ELS Thanksgiving break	No school
November 26	Thanksgiving Day	Church office closed
	Thursday Bible study at Denny's	No class
	Thanksgiving Day worship service	9:00 a.m.
	God's Ways Bible study	No class
	Bible Basics class	No class
November 27	Day after holiday	Church office closed
November 28	Decorate church and MEC for Christmas	9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
November 29	Public school Catechism	No class
November 30	ELS	Classes resume
December 1	Stewardship meeting	8:00 p.m.
December 2	Midweek Advent worship	3:30 and 6:30 p.m.
	Midweek Advent meal	4:45-6:15 p.m.
December 5	Elders' meeting	7:30-9:00 a.m.
	Invitation handout: Christmas	9:00-11:00 a.m.

December 6	Emmanuel Lutheran Church's 75th anniversary Adult Bible study, Sunday school, teen Bible study Emmanuel's 75th anniversary celebration	No classes 9:15 a.m.
		<i>Fellowship and presentation</i>
	Advent by Candlelight	2:00-4:00 p.m.
December 8	Grief Share – Surviving the Holidays	6:00-8:00 p.m.
December 9	Midweek Advent worship	3:30 and 6:30 p.m.
	Midweek Advent meal	4:45-6:15 p.m.



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Notes and News

Connection cards

The connection cards have a valuable purpose in helping us serve you better. We ask all our worshipers to help us serve you by scanning the QR code, by going to elctempe.org/connect, or by filling out one of the cards in the pews. Thank you!

Many thanks from our pastors

Our pastors dedicate their lives to the service of God and sharing his Word. October was Pastor Appreciation Month and was an opportunity to highlight our pastors and honor their service to our church, community and Jesus' mission.

Our pastors would like to thank everyone for the cards, kind and encouraging words, gifts, and the treats that they have received throughout the month of October. We are blessed with wonderful church members, and the pastors are privileged to serve God's people here in Tempe and throughout the community.

Thank you!

Last Sunday, October 25, Emmanuel Lutheran Church hosted the East Valley Area Reformation Service. This year we celebrated the 509th anniversary of the beginning of the Lutheran Reformation and the service theme was *The Truth will set you free*. Following the service, we gathered in the Ministry and Education Center for fellowship and a meal. Thank you to all who participated in the service and helped with the meal! It was a blessing to worship with you and celebrate these important events in the history of the Christian Church. Special thanks to our choirs, musicians and other vocalists who beautified the service with their God-given talents, and to all those who helped with the fellowship meal.

Memorial service for Elaine Kern | November 7

Elaine Kern was called home to heaven on Sunday, September 13. A memorial service has been scheduled for Saturday, November 7, at 10:00 a.m. here at Emmanuel Lutheran. A reception will take place in the Ministry and Education Center following the service.

Mr. Kevin Bode receives call

On Sunday, October 18, our part-time 5th grade teacher and part-time music director Kevin Bode received a divine call from St. Matthew's in Oconomowoc, Wisconsin. He is called to be a full-time music coordinator in the church. Keep Mr. Bode in your prayers as he considers where best to serve the Lord.

Family Fall Festival | This afternoon (November 1)

Our annual Family Fall Festival is afternoon, Sunday, November 1, 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. This is a fun, family-friendly event with Trunk-or-Treat, face painting and more. Visit our website (elctempe.org/fallfestival) or use the QR code for more information.



*Family Fall Festival
– Information*

Due to the weather that was forecast for the weekend and days leading up to the event, we are planning on holding the event in the Ministry and Education Center.

Kingdom Workers' Helping the Hurting training sessions | November 6-7

[Kingdom Workers](#) is a global, Christian nonprofit that partners with Christians to share Jesus' love while helping their neighbors. Their aim is physical and spiritual healing for the people they serve, which results in lasting change that glorifies God. One of Kingdom Workers' programs is [RISE](#), a program that helps train advocates to support survivors of relationship abuse. They are hosting *Helping the Hurting* training sessions at Heritage Lutheran Church in Gilbert, Arizona, on Friday, November 6, 6:30-8:30 p.m., and Saturday, November 7, 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Sign up for one or both sessions using [the sign-up form](#) or scan the QR code.



*Helping the Hurting
training*

Veterans Day program | November 11

Emmanuel Lutheran School will be hosting a Veterans Day Program on Wednesday, November 11. All veterans and their spouses are invited to a luncheon beginning at noon. Invitation flyers are available in the back of church for veterans. Feel free to take as many as you need to share with veterans.



*RSVP for Veterans
Day program*

Please RSVP for the lunch by calling the school office at (480) 967-3991, emailing Miss Chris Wempner at cwempner@elstempe.org, using the provided QR code, or clicking on this [lunch link](#). The students will present a program beginning at 1:00 p.m. in the church. All congregational members and parents are invited to attend and help us honor the veterans.

Taste and See: Ladies' apple butter fellowship | November 14

Emmanuel's ladies' group, WOW (*Women of the Word*), is hosting an apple butter workshop next month. Ladies, you're invited to join us at Emmanuel on Saturday, November 14, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. in the MEC for a sweet time of fellowship. We will be chopping, simmering, and jarring homemade spiced apple butter together. No baking experience needed. Bring your favorite apron, come prepared to chop, mix and jar, and everyone will take home a fresh jar. Visit elctempe.org/WOW for more information and to sign up.



*Ladies'
group event*

Use this [link to sign up](#), scan the QR code, or sign up in the MEC for this fun event. Please note, in order to accommodate the space and ensure enough supplies, sign up as soon as possible. *Keep me as the apple of your eye – Psalm 17:8.*

Phoenix Area Lutheran Ministries (PALM)

Join your WELS (Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod) colleagues from valley churches on Saturday, November 14, at 9:00 a.m. for fellowship. The Phoenix Area Lutheran Ministries (PALM) is a group of area WELS members (men and women) gathering to share opportunities for faith and fellowship across valley WELS churches. Lamb of God will be hosting this event (599 E. Chandler Boulevard, Phoenix, Arizona 85048).

Grief Share

Christians grieve differently than the world around us because of the hope we have in Christ. But even though Christians grieve with hope, the loss of a loved one presents unexpected challenges as they learn to navigate a world without their loved one. The holiday season can be especially challenging. With this in mind, Emmanuel is excited to present our new Grief Share support group, which intends to provide a safe space to share our struggles, our experiences, and find comfort in God's word. If you or someone you know has struggled with grief, consider joining our Grief Share support group on either Sunday, November 22, 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., or on Tuesday, December 8, 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Learn more and register for either event using the QR code or visiting our website (elctempe.org/griefshare). Reach out to Pastor Gensmer with any questions.



Grief Share

Hanging of the Greens

Please join us on Saturday, November 28, as we gather to decorate the sanctuary, courtyard and MEC (Ministry and Education Center) for Christmas. We will begin at 9:00 a.m. with lunch served at noon. If you can come for a part of the time or for the whole time, your help is appreciated and needed. We especially need individuals willing to climb ladders. Scan the QR code to RSVP so we can plan accordingly for lunch. Plan to join us on November 28 for lots of decorating fun! Contact Karen Henriksen at [\(602\) 301-6243](tel:6023016243) for any questions.



*Christmas
decorating day*



*Advent by
Candlelight*

Save the date: Advent by Candlelight | December 6

Ladies of Emmanuel (and friends and family) are invited to join us for Advent by Candlelight on Sunday, December 6, from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. The event will be held in the Ministry and Education Center (MEC) at Emmanuel. This is an event put on by women, and for women. It is a time to reflect on the coming of the Savior and to help refocus our lives during the busy holiday season. It is a time of fellowship, devotion, and song.

We are currently looking for several women to host a table. That means you will have a table of up to eight ladies and be responsible for decorating your table and providing small finger foods and drinks for your table. [Hosts can sign up here](#), scan the QR code, or sign up in the MEC. Please reach out to Bethany Olson (abcolson14@gmail.com) or Alysha Bergsma (church@elctempe.org) if you would like more information.

Those of you who wish to attend but do not want to host a table, please be on the lookout for information in upcoming bulletins on how you can sign up as well.

Christian education hour

Here is a list of our classes, topics, and locations for our Sunday morning education hour.

The **Adult Bible study** is meeting in the Oak Room of the Ministry and Education Center (MEC). The study topic today is "Taboo Topics."

The **Table Talk Bible study** is meeting in the Olive Room of the Ministry and Education Center (MEC). The study topic today is "Galatians."

The **Teen Bible study Grades 9-12** is meeting in the 7th grade classroom on the second floor of the MEC. The study topic today is "The Beginning of the End: It's time to focus on the future."

The **Junior High Bible study Grades 7-8** is meeting in the 8th grade classroom on the second floor of the MEC. The study topic today is "The Beginning of the End: It's time to focus on the future."

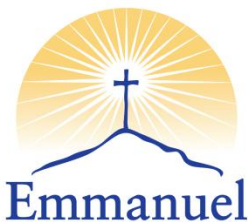
The Sunday School for **Grades 4-6** is meeting in the 4th grade classroom at the south campus. The study topic today is "A merciful substitute."

The Sunday School for **Grades 1-3** is meeting in the 3rd grade classroom at the south campus. The study topic today is "A merciful substitute."

The Sunday School for **4K Preschool-Kindergarten** is meeting in the kindergarten classroom at the south campus. The study topic today is "A merciful substitute."

The Sunday School for **two- and three-year-olds** is meeting in the preschool classrooms at the south campus. Parents are encouraged to remain with their children. The study topic today is "Timothy hears God's Word."

The **MUMs** (mothers understanding mothers) group is meeting in the church nursery. This is for moms and their children under age 2.



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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