



Midweek Lent 5

It Is Finished: The kingly priest

Emmanuel Lutheran Church

March 18, 2026

Welcome!

We are honored that you are with us today. May the Word of God that you hear strengthen your faith and increase your desire to serve the Lord! If you are a guest today, we are thankful you have joined us. We hope that you will join us again soon.

For your convenience

For your convenience, please take note of the following:

- **Restrooms** are to the left as you exit the sanctuary.
- **Nursery.** There is a room where children may be quieted to the left down the hall across from the bathrooms as you exit the sanctuary.
- **Children's worship notes** are available. Ask an usher.
- **Hearing assistance.** A hearing loop is available in the worship area for hearing aids equipped with a T-coil. 

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

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God's Old Testament people didn't know "Separation of Church and State" the way we see it now, but the kings and the priests did have separate functions. Kings ruled, defended, and cared for their people. Priests interceded between God and his people by offering prayers and sacrifices. They held different offices.

In the New Testament, one man occupies both positions. Jesus is the one who was born King of the Jews to rescue his people from their enemies and rule the hearts of his elect. Jesus is the one who was anointed priest and intercessor to offer himself as the perfect sacrifice on the cross and to intercede with our prayers before the Father.

In Jesus, priest and king are one. His kingdom of grace spreads and grows wherever forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation are proclaimed in his Name.

Compline

Pre-Service Music

Hymn

404 Jesus, Grant That Balm and Healing



Remain seated.

The Lord Al - might - y grant us a qui - et
night and peace at the last.
A - men.
It is good to give thanks to the Lord,
to sing praise to your name, O Most High,
to her - ald your love in the morn - ing,
your truth at the close of day.

*Sung responsively,
with congregation
singing the words in
bold.*

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Confession and Absolution

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

Our help is in the name of the Lord,
the maker of heaven and earth.

Let us confess our sins in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence for personal reflection.

Almighty God, our heavenly Father,
we have sinned against you

in our thoughts,

in our words,

in our deeds,

and in all that we have not done.

Forgive us in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Deliver and restore us,

that we may rest in peace.

By the mercy of God we are redeemed by Jesus Christ,
and in him we are forgiven.

Let us rest in his peace until the rising of the sun,
when we shall serve him in newness of life.

Amen.

Psalm

Psalm 143

The congregation reads the psalm together.

¹ **LORD, hear my prayer.**

Give ear to my cry for mercy.

In your faithfulness, answer me in your righteousness.

² **Do not bring charges against your servant,
because no one living can be righteous before you.**

³ **For the enemy pursues my soul.**

He crushes my life to the ground.

He makes me dwell in dark places like those long dead,

⁴ **so my spirit grows faint inside me.**

Within me my heart is devastated.

⁵ **I remember the days of long ago.**

I meditate on all your works,

and I consider what your hands have done.

⁶ **I spread out my hands to you.**

My soul thirsts for you like a weary land.

⁷ **Hurry! Answer me, LORD.**

My spirit fails.

Do not hide your face from me,

or I will be like those who go down to the pit.

⁸ Let me hear about your mercy in the morning,
for I trust in you.

Teach me the way that I should go,
for I lift up my soul to you.

⁹ Rescue me from my enemies, O LORD,
for I hide myself in you.

¹⁰ Teach me to do your will,
for you are my God.

May your good Spirit lead me on level ground.

¹¹ For the sake of your name, O LORD, preserve my life.

In your righteousness, bring me out of trouble.

¹² In your mercy, wipe out my enemies,
and destroy all who threaten my life,
for I am your servant.

Passion History Part 4

Trial before Pontius Pilate

At the conclusion of the Passion History:

The Gospel of our Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

The musical score is written for a single voice part in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of eight staves of music. The lyrics are: "In - to your hands I com-mend my spir - it. In - to your hands I com-mend my spir - it. You have re - deemed me, O Lord God of truth. In - to your hands I com-mend my spir - it. Glo - ry to the Fa - ther and to the + Son and to the Ho - ly Spir - it. In - to your hands I com - mend my spir - it." The score includes various musical notations such as rests, eighth notes, quarter notes, and half notes. There are two triplet markings (indicated by a '3' over a bracket) under the words "hands" in the second and fifth staves. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

In - to your hands I com-mend my spir - it.

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hands I com - mend my spir - it.

Hymn

407 When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

Sermon

The kingly priest

Zechariah 6:9-13

⁹The word of the LORD came to me:

¹⁰Take an offering from the exiles – from Heldai, Tobijah, and Jedaiah, who have come from Babylon – and on that very day go into the house of Josiah son of Zephaniah. ¹¹Take the silver and gold and make a crown, and place it on the head of Joshua son of Jehozadak, the high priest.

¹²Tell him that this is what the LORD of Armies says:

There is a man whose name is the Branch, because he will branch out from his place and build the temple of the LORD. ¹³He is the one who will build the temple of the LORD. He will be clothed with majesty, and he will sit and rule on his throne. He will be a priest on his throne, and there will be peaceful relations between the two offices.



Give online

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online giving, you
may scan this code.*

Offering

Musical Offering

(3:30 p.m.) When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

John Carter

(6:30 p.m.) Lord Jesus, Think On Me

Brian Henkelmann

Please stand.

Evening Prayer

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

I thank you, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, your dear Son, that you have graciously kept me this day. Forgive me all my sins, and graciously keep me this night. Into your hands I commend my body and soul and all things. Let your holy angel be with me, that the wicked foe may have no power over me.

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.

Song of Simeon

CW 231

Guide us wak - ing, O Lord,
and guard us sleep - ing
that a - wake we may watch with Christ
and a - sleep we may rest in peace.
In peace, Lord, in peace you let your ser - vant
now de - part ac - cord - ing to your word. For my
eyes have seen your sal - va - tion, which
you have pre - pared for ev - 'ry peo - ple, a
light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the
glo - ry of your peo - ple Is - ra - el.

The musical score is written in a single system with ten staves. It begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics printed below the notes. The lyrics are: "Guide us wak - ing, O Lord, and guard us sleep - ing that a - wake we may watch with Christ and a - sleep we may rest in peace. In peace, Lord, in peace you let your ser - vant now de - part ac - cord - ing to your word. For my eyes have seen your sal - va - tion, which you have pre - pared for ev - 'ry peo - ple, a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of your peo - ple Is - ra - el." The score ends with a final whole note on a half rest.

Guide us wak - ing, O Lord,
 and guard us sleep - ing
 that a - wake we may watch with Christ
 and a - sleep we may rest in peace,
 in peace, in peace.

Let us praise the Lord.
 Thanks be to God.

Blessing

The almighty and merciful Lord – the Father, the + Son, and the Holy Spirit –
 bless us and keep us.

Amen.

Be seated.

Hymn

397:1,4,7 My Song Is Love Unknown



1 My song is love un - known, my Sav - ior's love to
4 Why? What has my Lord done? What makes this rage and
7 Here might I stay and sing; no sto - ry so di -



me, love to the love - less shown that they might love - ly
spite? He made the lame to run, he gave the blind their
vine, nev - er was love, dear King, nev - er was grief like



be. Oh, who am I that for my sake
sight. Sweet in - ju - ries! Yet they at these
thine. This is my friend, in whose sweet praise



my Lord should take frail flesh and die?
them - selves dis - please and 'gainst him rise.
I all my days could glad - ly spend!

Text and tune: Public domain

Post-Service Music

(3:30 p.m.) There is a Balm in Gilead

Lloyd Larson

(6:30 p.m.) The Day You Gave Us, Lord, Has Ended

Philip Sparke

Serving at Worship

Minister

Pastor Peter Zaferos

Pilgrim Lutheran Church, Mesa, Arizona

Piano

Lisa Thiesfeldt

Instrumentalist

Kali Gonzalez, *violin* (6:30 p.m.)

Video streamer, captions, slides

Chris Wempner, Charlie Myers

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Wes Wightman

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In our prayers

- Ken Dins – Recovering from illness.
- Craig Kiecker – Recovering from hip surgery.
- Kaylee – Healing from her surgery.
- Louise Sallquist – Recovering from illness.
- Yolie Schoening – Recovering from illness.
- Wayne Score – Hospitalized at Banner Gateway.
- Donna Zidar – Recovering at home.
- Much-needed rain for the state of Arizona.



Emmanuel usher
sign-up.

Ushers

3:30 p.m.

6:30 p.m.

Henry Krup

This week at Emmanuel

Wednesday

Midweek Lent worship service

3:30 and 6:30 p.m.

Lenten supper in the MEC

4:45-6:15 p.m.

Adult choir practice

7:30 p.m.

Thursday

Thursday Bible study at Denny's

6:00 a.m.

*21st Century Lessons from the Life of Jacob
Led by Pastor Dan Pautz at
Denny's (Broadway and Priest in Tempe)*

God's Ways Bible study in the MEC

6:00 p.m.

Led by Pastor Gary Pufahl

Bible Basics in the MEC

6:30 p.m.

Led by Pastor Jon Buchholz

Sunday, March 22

Worship services	8:00 and 10:30 a.m.
In-person Bible study, Sunday school, teen study	9:15 a.m.
Public School Catechism	12:00-1:30 p.m.

Looking ahead

March 23	ELS	Classes resume
March 25	Wednesday Bible study	8:30 a.m.
		<i>Drive through the Gospels</i>
		<i>Led by Gary Pufahl</i>
	Midweek Lent worship service	3:30 and 6:30 p.m.
	Lenten supper in the MEC	4:45-6:15 p.m.
	Adult choir in the MEC	7:30 p.m.
March 26	Thursday Bible study at Denny's	6:00 a.m.
		<i>21st Century Lessons from the Life of Jacob</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>
March 27	Chapel	8:30 a.m.
	ELS early release	1:50 p.m.
March 28	Evangelism outreach: Easter events handouts	9:00-10:30 a.m.
March 29	Palm Sunday	
	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.
April 1	Wednesday Bible study	8:30 a.m.
		<i>Drive through the Gospels</i>
		<i>Led by Gary Pufahl</i>
	Adult choir in the MEC	6:30 p.m.
April 2	Thursday Bible study at Denny's	6:00 a.m.
		<i>21st Century Lessons from the Life of Jacob</i>
		<i>Led by Pastor Dan Pautz at</i>
		<i>Denny's (Broadway and Priest in Tempe)</i>
	Holy Thursday worship service	3:30 and 6:30 p.m.
		<i>with Holy Communion</i>
	God's Ways Bible study in the MEC	No class
	Bible Basics in the MEC	No class
April 3	ELS - Easter break	No school
	Good Friday worship service (Service of the Cross)	1:00 p.m.
		<i>with Holy Communion</i>
	Good Friday Tenebrae service (Service of Darkness)	7:00 p.m.



Notes and News

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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!

Call for a new pastor

On Tuesday, March 3, Emmanuel called **Pastor David J. Meyer** to serve as pastor overseeing our youth and family ministries. Pastor Meyer and his wife, Anna, live in South Milwaukee, Wisconsin, where he serves as pastor of St. John's Lutheran Church, Oak Creek, Wisconsin. Please pray for Pastor Meyer and his family, as he deliberates this call and determines where he can best serve.

Lenten meals and fellowship

Let's get together! Enjoy a meal and fellowship on Wednesday nights for the two remaining weeks during Lent. Bring your family, friends and dish to share. If you plan to attend and/or provide a dish, please RSVP using the provided QR code, link or paper sign-up in the Ministry and Education Center (MEC).



March 18 Lenten meal sign-up

Wednesday, March 18 – Baked ziti

This evening's setup and cleanup is led by Emmanuel's ladies' group (*Women of the Word, WOW*). WOW is providing baked ziti. The congregation will bring salad, bread, fruit, and desserts. Sign-up [here](#).

Wednesday, March 25 – Sub sandwiches

Setup and cleanup led by Emmanuel's teen group. Emmanuel teens will provide sub sandwiches and sides. Any monetary offerings collected will go towards the Emmanuel teens traveling to the WELS Youth Rally this summer.

WOW will have a freewill offering to offset the cost of paper products and accompaniment to the meal. Please use the sign-up link or QR code provided above, or the paper sign-up on the table in the MEC, to RSVP your attendance (and if you're able to volunteer) and join the fun! If you have any questions, please contact Tina Richey at klrichey@cox.net.

School administrative assistant position open

Earlier this school year, Mrs. Erin Hahnke accepted the call to serve as Emmanuel's first grade teacher for the 2026-2027 school year. Therefore, Emmanuel Lutheran School is seeking to hire an administrative assistant for the school office. A position description and application are available in the school office. Applications will be accepted through the month of March with interviews occurring in April. If you have questions about the position, please contact the school office at (480) 967-3991.

Make Christian education a reality

Using your tax liability, you can help more students experience the blessings of a Christian education at Arizona Lutheran Academy. To make your contribution, donate online at ACSTO.org.

Proclaim the good news! | March 28

Enjoy walking? Sharing a friendly smile? Need to get some steps in? Join us on Saturday, March 28, as we meet in Emmanuel's Ministry and Education Center at 9:00 a.m. to distribute maps and materials. We then will walk our neighborhoods inviting our neighbors to join us on Easter Sunday. Any questions, contact Benjamin Ruppel at bruppel@elctempe.org.

AZ Lutheran Gala | March 28

Arizona Lutheran Academy is hosting its 15th annual Gala and auction on Saturday, March 28. You can still get involved!

- Support the effort with a monetary gift for campus improvements.
- Bid online in the silent auction. This is free to anyone!

Give a gift, view the silent auction, or register to bid at ALAcoyotes.org/gala.

Easter lilies for church and kalanchoes for the MEC

Help beautify the church and Ministry and Education Center (MEC) for Easter morning! Flowers are available for purchase at the cost of \$15 each, payable either by cash or check (payable to Ladies Group). Easter lilies will be placed in the front of church for Easter morning, and kalanchoes will be Easter breakfast table centerpieces in the MEC. Due to limited space, there are a maximum of eight Easter lilies and eight kalanchoes available for purchase. Please give your payment to either Karen Henriksen, Wendy Binger, or the church office in an envelope marked "WOW Easter Flowers." If you have any questions, please call Karen Henriksen at (602) 301-6243. Please sign up on the sheet provided in the MEC.

Travel with WELS groups

Interested in traveling with members of your faith family? The [OWLS](#) (WELS Seniors) is partnering with [Father's World Tours](#) to offer several group tours that incorporate daily devotion and connections with local WELS (Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod) ministries. They have three trips ready to register, and they'd love to have you along.

- [Horsin' Around in Kentucky](#) - April 17-26 from New Ulm or April 18-25 from Milwaukee
- [Adventures in Alaska](#) - July 20-August 4

Trips are open to W/ELS members of all ages. Visit www.fathersworldtours.com or contact Steve Balza (steve@fathersworldtours.com or 507-217-1731) to learn more.

Trip to Israel in 2027

Imagine walking through Jerusalem where Jesus walked, or taking a boat ride on the Sea of Galilee where Jesus calmed the storm. From January 26 to February 4 2027, Pastor Daniel Cole of Immanuel Lutheran Church in Springerville and Taylor, Arizona, will be hosting a tour of Israel through *Imagine Tours and Travel*. This trip includes airfare, deluxe motor coaches, guided sightseeing, all entrance fees, and breakfast and dinner daily. If you have any questions or would like more information, there are brochures in the back of church (or scan the QR code), or please contact Pastor Cole at (920) 588-0309 (call or text), revdan.cole@gmail.com or visit immanuelaz.com.



Pastor Cole
2027 Israel trip
brochure

Save the date for our annual church campout at Woods Canyon Lake

It's warming up here in the valley and it's only going to get warmer. Plan your summer escape by attending our annual church campout this June in the cooler climate of northern Arizona. The 2026 Emmanuel campout is scheduled for 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. Woods Canyon Lake is located about 30 miles east of Payson. The cost is \$55 per family or \$30 for a single person, which will go towards the camping fee and supplies for the weekend.



Church campout -
registration

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 God has blessed us with. If you have any questions, please contact Alysha Bergsma at (480) 789-0726. Registration deadline is Wednesday, June 3; use the provided QR code to register (or click [here](#)); information to make payment will be provided at a later date. More details will follow for those who sign up to attend.



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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