



**Pentecost 1 / Holy Trinity**

Say It Out Loud! God is Triune

Emmanuel Lutheran Church


May 31, 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. A television allows you to see and hear the service.
- **Children's worship notes** are available. Ask an usher.
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## First Sunday after Pentecost / Holy Trinity — May 31, 2026

### Say It Out Loud! God is Triune

We believe in the triune God. He is the only true God.

The festival of the Holy Trinity is a time to celebrate God revealing himself to us as one God in three persons. The Triune God wants his people to teach this mystery in its biblical truth and purity.

God is One. He is indivisible. He cannot be separated or compartmentalized.

Yet God reveals himself as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. How can this be? God is not three beings or three entities or three parts. The Church uses terms like "Trinity" and "Triune" for God, but God remains incomprehensible.

This festival of the Holy Trinity begins the second half of the Church Year with a proclamation of people being baptized and blessed in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. The only true God adopts us into his family and calls us his children!



#### Connection card

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we ask that you  
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# Service of the Word and Sacrament



## Pre-Service Music

### Opening Hymn

483 Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty

*Please stand.*

### Invocation

We begin in the name of our triune God, which was placed on us at our Baptism. In the name of the Father,  
**who created us.**

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

In the name of the † Son,  
**who redeemed us.**

In the name of the Holy Spirit,  
**who sanctifies us.**

### Confession

CW 172

If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.  
**If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just  
and will forgive us our sins  
and purify us from all unrighteousness.**

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

**Holy God, gracious Father,**

**I am sinful by nature**

**and have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and actions.**

**I have not loved you with my whole heart;**

**I have not loved others as I should.**

**I deserve your punishment both now and forever.**

**But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins**

**with his innocent suffering and death.**

**Trusting in him, I pray: God, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

*Silence for meditation and reflection.*

## Absolution

CW 172

Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. 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.**

## Lord, Have Mercy

Kyrie

God the Father in heaven,  
**have mercy upon us.**

God the Son, Redeemer of the world,  
**have mercy upon us.**

God the Holy Spirit, Sanctifier of people's souls,  
**have mercy upon us.**

Lord God Almighty – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,  
**we praise you for revealing to us your love and mercy.**

Blessed be the Holy Trinity and the undivided Unity.  
**Let us give glory to the Triune God because he has shown us mercy.**

## Response

617 Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

The musical notation consists of three staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, using quarter and half notes. The lyrics are written below the notes.

Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise him, all  
crea-tures here be - low; praise him a - bove, ye heav'n - ly host;  
praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

# The Word

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**

## Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

Almighty God and Father, dwelling in majesty and mystery, filling and renewing all creation by your eternal Spirit, and manifesting your saving grace through our Lord Jesus Christ, in mercy cleanse our hearts and lips that, free from doubt and fear, we may ever worship you, one true, immortal God, with your Son and the Holy Spirit, living and reigning, now and forever.  
**Amen.**

*Be seated.*

## First Reading

*Spoken responsively with the minister.*

**Genesis 1:1–2:3** *The triune God demonstrates his power at Creation.*

In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. <sup>2</sup>The earth was undeveloped and empty. Darkness covered the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the surface of the waters. <sup>3</sup>God said, “Let there be light,”  
**and there was light. <sup>4</sup>God saw that the light was good.**

He separated the light from the darkness. <sup>5</sup>God called the light “day,” and the darkness he called “night.”  
**There was evening and there was morning – the first day.**

<sup>6</sup>God said, “Let there be an expanse between the waters, and let it separate the water from the water.” <sup>7</sup>God made the expanse, and he separated the water that was below the expanse from the water that was above the expanse.  
**And it was so.**

<sup>8</sup>God called the expanse “sky.” There was evening and there was morning – the second day.

<sup>9</sup>God said, “Let the waters under the sky be gathered together to one place, and let the dry land appear.”  
**And it was so.**

The waters under the sky gathered to their own places, and the dry land appeared. <sup>10</sup> God called the dry ground “land,” and the gathering places of the waters he called “seas.”

**God saw that it was good.**

<sup>11</sup> God said, “Let the earth produce plants – vegetation that produces seed, and trees that bear fruit with its seed in it – each according to its own kind on the earth.”

**And it was so.**

<sup>12</sup> The earth brought forth plants, vegetation that produces seed according to its own kind, and trees that bear fruit with its seed in it, each according to its own kind.

**And God saw that it was good.**

<sup>13</sup> There was evening and there was morning – the third day.

<sup>14</sup> God said, “Let there be lights in the expanse of the sky to divide the day from the night, and let them serve as markers to indicate seasons, days, and years. <sup>15</sup> Let them serve as lights in the expanse of the sky to give light to the earth.”

**And it was so.**

<sup>16</sup> God made the two great lights: the greater light to rule the day, and the lesser light to rule the night. He also made the stars. <sup>17</sup> God set these lights in place in the expanse of the sky to provide light for the earth, <sup>18</sup> to rule over the day and over the night, and to divide the light from the darkness.

**God saw that it was good.**

<sup>19</sup> There was evening and there was morning – the fourth day.

<sup>20</sup> God said, “Let the waters swarm with living creatures, and let birds and other winged creatures fly above the earth in the open expanse of the sky.” <sup>21</sup> God created the large sea creatures and every living creature that moves, with which the waters swarm, according to their own kind, and every winged bird according to its own kind.

**God saw that it was good.**

<sup>22</sup> God blessed them when he said, “Be fruitful and multiply. Fill the waters of the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth.” <sup>23</sup> There was evening and there was morning – the fifth day.

<sup>24</sup> God said, “Let the earth produce living creatures according to their own kind, livestock, creeping things, and wild animals according to their own kind.”

**And it was so.**

<sup>25</sup> God made the wild animals according to their own kind, and the livestock according to their own kind, and everything that creeps on the ground according to its own kind.

**God saw that it was good.**

<sup>26</sup> God said, “Let us make man in our image, according to our likeness, and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the sky, and over the livestock, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that crawls on the earth.”

<sup>27</sup> **God created the man in his own image. In the image of God he created him. Male and female he created them.**

<sup>28</sup> God blessed them and said to them, “Be fruitful, multiply, fill the earth, and subdue it. Have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the sky, and over every living thing that moves on the earth.” <sup>29</sup> God said, “Look, I have given you every plant that produces seed on the face of the whole earth, and every tree that bears fruit that produces seed. It will be your food. <sup>30</sup> To every animal of the earth, and to every bird of the sky, and to everything that creeps on the earth, in which there is the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food.”

**And it was so. <sup>31</sup> God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. There was evening and there was morning – the sixth day.**

**2** The heavens and the earth were finished, along with everything in them. <sup>2</sup> On the seventh day God had finished his work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all his work that he had been doing. <sup>3</sup> God blessed the seventh day and set it apart as holy, because on it he rested from all his work of creation that he had done.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*By sharing his grace, love, and fellowship, the Trinity gives us unity and peace.*

## Second Reading

**2 Corinthians 13:11-14**

<sup>11</sup>Finally, brothers, rejoice. Set things in order. Be encouraged. Agree with one another. Be at peace. And the God of love and peace will be with you.

<sup>12</sup>Greet one another with a holy kiss. <sup>13</sup>All the saints greet you.

<sup>14</sup>The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand.*

## Gospel Acclamation

**Isaiah 6:3**

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



*Refrain*



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

*Holy, holy, holy is the LORD Almighty; the whole earth is full of his glory.*

**Refrain**

*Jesus calls us to do ministry in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.*

## Gospel

**Matthew 28:16-20**

<sup>16</sup>The eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had directed them. <sup>17</sup>When they saw him, they worshiped him, but some hesitated because they were uncertain. <sup>18</sup>Jesus approached and spoke to them saying, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. <sup>19</sup>Therefore go and gather disciples from all nations by baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, <sup>20</sup>and by teaching them to keep all the instructions I have given you. And surely I am with you always until the end of the age."

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise be to you, O Christ!**

*Be seated.*

Hymn of the Day

600 All Praise to Him

Sermon

2 Corinthians 13:11–14

***Blessings from our Triune God***

*After the sermon, please remain seated.*

**Athanasian Creed**

Whoever wishes to be saved must, above all else, hold to the true Christian faith.  
**Whoever does not keep this faith pure in all points will certainly perish forever.**

Now this is the true Christian faith:

**We worship one God in three persons and three persons in one God, without mixing the persons or dividing the divine being.**

For each person—the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit—is distinct,  
**but the deity of Father, Son, and Holy Spirit is one, equal in glory and coeternal in majesty.**

What the Father is, so is the Son, and so is the Holy Spirit.

The Father is uncreated, the Son uncreated, the Holy Spirit uncreated; the Father is infinite, the Son infinite, the Holy Spirit infinite; the Father is eternal, the Son eternal, the Holy Spirit eternal;

**yet they are not three who are eternal, but there is one who is eternal, just as they are not three who are uncreated, nor three who are infinite, but there is one who is uncreated and one who is infinite.**

In the same way the Father is almighty, the Son is almighty, the Holy Spirit is almighty;

**yet they are not three who are almighty, but there is one who is almighty.**

So the Father is God, the Son is God, the Holy Spirit is God;

**yet they are not three Gods, but one God.**

So the Father is Lord, the Son is Lord, the Holy Spirit is Lord;

**yet they are not three Lords, but one Lord.**

For just as Christian truth compels us to confess each person individually to be God and Lord,

**so the true Christian faith forbids us to speak of three Gods or three Lords.**

The Father is neither made nor created nor begotten of anyone. The Son is neither made nor created, but is begotten of the Father alone. The Holy Spirit is neither made nor created nor begotten, but proceeds from the Father and the Son.

**So there is one Father, not three Fathers; one Son, not three Sons; one Holy Spirit, not three Holy Spirits.**

And within this Trinity none comes before or after; none is greater or inferior,  
**But all three persons are coequal and coeternal,**

so that, in every way, as stated before, all three persons are to be worshiped as one God, and one God worshiped as three persons.

**Whoever wishes to be saved must have this conviction of the Trinity.**

*Please stand.*

## 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

### 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 23 of this service folder.*

*Please stand.*



#### Give online

*If you prefer  
online giving, you  
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 lives and reigns forever in perfect unity with you and the Holy Spirit as one God and one Lord. 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

484 Oh, That I Had a Thousand Voices

612 How Great Thou Art

1 O Lord my God, when I in awe-some won - der  
3 And when I think that God, his Son not spar - ing,  
con - sid - er all the works thy hand hath made,  
sent him to die, I scarce can take it in,  
I see the stars, I hear the might - y thun - der,  
that on the cross my bur - den glad - ly bear - ing  
thy pow'r through - out the u - ni - verse dis - played;  
he bled and died to take a - way my sin;  
*Refrain*  
Then sings my soul, my Sav - ior - God, to thee, How great thou  
art! How great thou art! Then sings my soul, my  
Sav - ior - God to thee, How great thou art! How great thou art!

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.**

*Remain standing.*

## Blessing (sung)

929 May the Peace of God

1 May the peace of God our heav'n - ly Fa - ther,  
2 May this peace which pass - es un - der - stand - ing,  
and the grace of Christ the ris - en Son,  
and this grace which makes us what we are,  
and the fel - low - ship of God the Spir - it  
and this fel - low - ship of his com - mun - ion  
keep our hearts and minds with - in his love.  
make us one in spir - it and in heart.

*Refrain*

And to him be praise for his glo - rious reign  
 from the depths of earth to the heights of heav'n.  
 We de - clare the name of the Lamb once slain—  
 Christ e - ter - nal, the King of kings.

*Be seated.*

## Post-Service Music

### Serving at Worship

Minister

Piano

Video streamer and slides

Video captions

Sound

Hymn selections

Pastor Gary Pufahl

Erin Hahnke

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## In our prayers

- Chris Heise – Home recovering 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 – Home recovering.
- Much-needed rain for the state of Arizona.

## Flowers

Thank you to Dick and Louise Sallquist for beautifying our sanctuary with altar flowers in honor of their 60th wedding anniversary.

## Communion

Thank you to Stella Hayes and Cindy Michaels 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.  
In-person Bible study, Sunday school, teen study 9:15 a.m.

### Tuesday

Call meeting 6:30 p.m.  
School Board meeting 6:30 p.m.  
Stewardship meeting 8:00 p.m.

### 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)*

### Sunday, June 7

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

## Looking ahead

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	5:30-9:00 p.m.
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	6:00 a.m.
	<i>21st Century Lessons from the Life of Joseph Led by Pastor Dan Pautz at Denny's (Broadway and Priest in Tempe)</i>	
	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	11:00 a.m.
	<i>at Arizona Lutheran Academy</i>	
	Church Council meeting	6:00 p.m.
June 17	Wednesday Bible study	8:30 a.m.
	<i>Drive through the Gospels Led by Pastor Gary Pufahl</i>	
	Summer Art Camp (upper grades)	9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
June 18	Thursday Bible study at Denny's	6:00 a.m.
	<i>21st Century Lessons from the Life of Joseph Led by Pastor Dan Pautz at Denny's (Broadway and Priest in Tempe)</i>	
	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	8:30 a.m.
	<i>Drive through the Gospels Led by Pastor Gary Pufahl</i>	
	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 card

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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](http://elctempe.org/connect), or by filling out one of the cards in the pews. Thank you!

### New Sunday Bible Study starts today

This morning we're beginning a new Bible Study on the Book of Hebrews. We'll spend eight weeks taking to heart this powerful book that reveals why everything about Jesus Christ and the New Covenant he instituted is superior to anything else out there – especially the Old Covenant! Join us in the MEC between services, grab a snack, and enjoy some great food for body and soul.

### 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 this Tuesday, June 2, at 6:30 p.m.

### 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.



*Northwestern  
Publishing House –  
Book information*

### Emmanuel summer family nights

This summer we are 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 (June 10 and 24, July 8 and 22) from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. in Emmanuel's Ministry and Education Center (MEC). Any questions, contact Alysha Bergsma at [church@elctempe.org](mailto:church@elctempe.org) or (480) 967-3983.

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!

We'll also be serving a meal before our evening activity begins, if you'd like to join us for dinner on June 10. The meal will be at 5:00 p.m. in the MEC. 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 this Wednesday, June 3, to ensure we order enough food.



*June 10 – Summer Night meal sign-up*

### **Church campout at Woods Canyon Lake**

There's still room for you to join us next month up north, out of the Phoenix heat. Enjoy cooler weather at our annual church campout on the Mogollon Rim Friday through Sunday, June 26-28. Registration deadline is this 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.



*Church campout - registration*

If you have a tent, camper, trailer, or RV (max 30-ft), this is a great time for fun and fellowship. We'll be camping 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 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 [church@elctempe.org](mailto:church@elctempe.org) or (480) 789-0726.

### **Arizona-California District Convention in early June | Help needed**

The 37th Biennial Convention of the Arizona-California District of the WELS will be held June 8-10, 2026. The Opening Service will be held on the morning of Monday, June 8, at 9:30 a.m. here at Emmanuel Lutheran Church. Following the Opening Service, the convention will begin at 1:00 p.m. at the Arizona Grand.

Along with hosting the opening service at Emmanuel, we will also be hosting several events throughout the convention that will need food items and volunteers to staff.

Please consider donating food and/or your time for these events. For more information and to sign-up, click [here](#) or scan the QR code. Please sign up by this Friday, June 5.



*District Convention food and volunteer sign-up*

Teens, looking for service hours opportunities this summer? Check out the available opportunities and sign up today.

## 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](http://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](http://donors.vitalant.org/dwp/portal/dwa), click on "Blood Drive Code" and enter code: EmmanuelLC, or use the provided QR code.

Information for donors - To learn more about donor eligibility and tips to prepare, read the following: Donor eligibility link: [vitalant.org/blood-donation-requirements](http://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](http://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.



Blood Drive  
sign-up

## Help our youth get to Good Shepherd Bible Camp

Good Shepherd Bible Camp is for children going into 4th through 10th grades. It's a full week (6 nights) of outdoor fun and Christian fellowship from July 12-18, 2026. Emmanuel Lutheran Church would like to help these students get to camp by offsetting some of their travel expenses.

The goal: \$1,500

We have organized freewill donations on Sundays during the month of June. The youth of our congregation have volunteered to serve refreshments for our Sunday morning fellowship time (9:15-10:15 a.m.) on the following Sundays:

- June 7
- June 14
- June 21
- June 28

Any freewill donations will go toward this goal. If you want to give any over-and-above gift or sponsor a camper who is attending, please contact Benjamin Ruppel at (480) 967-3983. Thank you for your support!

## Good Shepherd Bible Camp | July 12-18

Registration is still 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](mailto:bruppel@elctempe.org).

## Carpool available for Good Shepherd Bible Camp

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.



*GSBC camper  
carpool sign-up*

## **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 "Book of Hebrews".

The **Teen Bible study Grades 9-12** is meeting in the 7<sup>th</sup> grade classroom on the second floor of the MEC. The study topic today is "Say It Out Loud! God is Triune."

The **Junior High Bible study Grades 7-8** is meeting in the 8<sup>th</sup> grade classroom on the second floor of the MEC. The study topic today is "Say It Out Loud! God is Triune."

The Sunday School for **4K Preschool through Grade 6** will be watching a movie today.

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 "God's angel helps Peter."

## 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

**E**mmanuel 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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