

# IDENTITY

revealed

## **Transfiguration**

Jesus is the Son of God in glory

Emmanuel Lutheran Church

February 15, 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.



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## Transfiguration – February 15, 2026

### Identity Revealed: Jesus is the Son of God in glory

Jesus was a real human being, and when he taught his disciples, that's just what he looked like.

But one day atop a high mountain, Jesus gave his disciples a glimpse of his glory as the Son of God. For just a little while, Jesus' face shone with glorious radiance. His clothing reflected God's glory.

After he came down from the mountain with his disciples, Jesus continued his journey to Jerusalem to suffer and die. There, atop another mountain, he poured out his blood for the sin of the world.

It is good for us to view Jesus in glory on the mountain. It prepares us for Lent. It prepares us for Jesus' passion. And it prepares us for life.

# Service of the Word

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## Pre-Service Music

O Wondrous Type! O Vision Fair

Kevin Hildebrand

Setting of Psalm 148

Dan Ferko

A Musical Rondo for Transfiguration Sunday

Aaron David Miller

## Opening Hymn

389 How Good, Lord, to Be Here

*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 of Sins

We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.

**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.*

God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.

**Amen.**

## Dialogue for the Transfiguration of our Lord

When Jesus was transfigured before Peter, James, and John, Peter said,

*Matthew 17:4* **"Lord, it is good that we are here."**

*Exodus 34:33* It was different for the Children of Israel. Moses "put a veil over his face, so that the Israelites might not gaze" at the glory fading from his face.

*2 Corinthians 3:18* **But now we gaze upon the glory of Christ. "We all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord, are being transformed" into the likeness of Christ.**

Our Lord Jesus Christ comes to us in Word and Sacrament. He visits us in the spoken gospel, and in, with, and under the bread and wine of the Lord's Supper. Let us hear God's Word, respond in faith, and join saints and angels in singing the praises of our glorious Savior.

### Response

884 Lord, When Your Glory I Shall See

Lord, when your glo - ry I shall see and taste your king-dom's  
plea - sure, your blood my roy - al robe shall be, my  
joy be - yond all mea - sure! When I ap - pear be - fore your  
throne, your right - eous - ness shall be my crown; with  
these I need not hide me. And there, in gar - ments rich - ly  
wrought, as your own bride I shall be brought, to  
stand in joy be - side you.

## Prayer of the Day

O God, in the glorious transfiguration of your only-begotten Son, you confirmed the mysteries of the faith by the testimony of Moses and Elijah, and in the voice that came from the bright cloud, you foreshadowed our adoption as your sons. In your mercy, make us co-heirs of glory with Jesus our King, and bring us at last to heaven; 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.*

## First Reading

**Exodus 24:9–18**

<sup>9</sup>Then Moses, Aaron, Nadab, Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel went up. <sup>10</sup>They saw the God of Israel. Under his feet they saw what looked like a pavement of sapphire as clear as the sky. <sup>11</sup>The LORD did not lay his hand on the dignitaries of the people of Israel. They gazed at God, and they ate and drank.

<sup>12</sup>The LORD said to Moses, “Come up to me on the mountain. Wait there, and I will give you the stone tablets with the law and the commands that I have written, so that you can teach them.”

<sup>13</sup>Moses set out with his assistant Joshua and went up onto the mountain of God. <sup>14</sup>He said to the elders, “Wait here for us, until we come back to you. Look, here are Aaron and Hur. They will be with you. Whoever is involved in a dispute can go to them.”

<sup>15</sup>Moses went up onto the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. <sup>16</sup>The Glory of the LORD settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered the mountain for six days. On the seventh day the LORD called to Moses out of the middle of the cloud. <sup>17</sup>The appearance of the Glory of the LORD looked like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the people of Israel. <sup>18</sup>Moses entered into the middle of the cloud and climbed up the mountain. Moses was on the mountain forty days and forty nights.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*On Mount Sinai,  
Moses saw the glory  
of the Lord's law.  
On the Mount of  
Transfiguration,  
Moses would see the  
glory of the Lord's  
gospel.*

# Psalm of the Day

Psalm 148  
Hal Hopson

**Refrain** **3**

We have seen his glo - ry!

**Verses**

1. Let the whole cre - a - tion cry,  
2. Men and wom - en, young and old,  
3. Praise God, all you hosts a - bove,  
4. From the north to south - ern pole

"Glo - ry to the Lord on high."  
Raise the an - them man - i - fold;  
Ev - er shin - ing forth in love;  
Let the might - y cho - rus roll:

Heav'n and earth, a - wake and sing.  
Join with chil - dren's songs of praise,  
Sun and moon, up - lift your voice;  
"Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly One,

"God is our e - ter - nal King."  
Wor - ship God through length of days.  
Night and stars, in God re - joice!  
Glo - ry be to God a - lone!"

## Second Reading

2 Peter 1:16–21

<sup>16</sup>To be sure, we were not following cunningly devised fables when we made known to you the powerful appearance of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we were eyewitnesses of his majesty. <sup>17</sup>For he received honor and glory from God the Father, when the voice came to him from within the Majestic Glory, saying, “This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased.” <sup>18</sup>We heard this voice, which came out of heaven when we were with him on the holy mountain.

*As an eyewitness to the majesty and glory of Jesus, St. Peter testifies to the reliability of the Christian faith.*

<sup>19</sup>We also have the completely reliable prophetic word. You do well to pay attention to it, as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the Morning Star rises in your hearts, <sup>20</sup>since we know this above all else: No prophecy of Scripture comes about from someone's own interpretation. <sup>21</sup>In fact, no prophecy ever came by the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were being carried along by the Holy Spirit.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand.*

## Gospel Acclamation

Mark 9:7

Alleluia! A cloud covered them, and a voice came from the cloud:

“This is my Son, whom I love. Listen to him!” Alleluia!

## Gospel

Matthew 17:1–9

<sup>1</sup>Six days later Jesus took with him Peter, James, and John the brother of James; and he led them up onto a high mountain by themselves. <sup>2</sup>There he was transfigured in front of them. His face was shining like the sun. His clothing became as white as the light. <sup>3</sup>Just then, Moses and Elijah appeared to them, talking with Jesus.

*On the mountain Jesus revealed his glory as the eternal Son of God.*

<sup>4</sup>Peter said to Jesus, “Lord, it is good for us to be here. If you want, I will make three shelters here: one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.”

<sup>5</sup>While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them. Just then, a voice came out of the cloud, saying, “This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased. Listen to him.”

<sup>6</sup>When the disciples heard this, they fell face down and were terrified. <sup>7</sup>Jesus approached and as he touched them, he said, “Get up, and do not be afraid.”

<sup>8</sup>When they opened their eyes, they saw no one except Jesus alone. <sup>9</sup>As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus commanded them, “Do not tell anyone what you have seen until the Son of Man has been raised from the dead.”

The Gospel of our Lord.

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

*Be seated.*

## Hymn of the Day

391 O Wondrous Type! O Vision Fair

## Sermon

2 Peter 1:16–21

### *Glimpses of Glory*

*Please stand.*

### **The Apostles' Creed**

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

*Be seated.*

## Offering

### **Musical Offering**

Alleluia, Song of Triumph  
Robert Hobby and Lani Smith

*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.*

## Hymn

600 All Praise to Him

*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.**

*Be seated.*

## Farewell to Alleluia

Brothers and sisters in Christ, when we next gather for worship, it will be Ash Wednesday, the first day of Lent. On that day we will begin our solemn journey to the Savior's cross. While the joy of faith remains undiminished throughout the year, our rejoicing during Lent is muted and quiet. For centuries, therefore, Christian churches have omitted their most jubilant songs during this season, including the word *alleluia*, which means, "praise the Lord."

Now for a time we say farewell to *alleluia*. We do this to prepare ourselves for the quieter days of Lent. The *alleluias* will return on Easter dawn as we gather to shout our praise to the risen Lord.

## Closing Hymn

## 977 Alleluia, Song of Triumph



1 Al - le - lu - ia, song of tri - umph, sound of joy that  
2 Al - le - lu - ia we are sing - ing, voic - ing hymns in  
3 Al - le - lu - ia can - not al - ways be our song while  
4 May our hymns be filled with long - ing— hear us, Ho - ly



can - not die; al - le - lu - ia is the an - them  
pure ac - cord, with Christ's ho - ly Church u - nit - ed,  
here be - low; al - le - lu - ia our trans - gres - sions  
Trin - i - ty— as we look to your blest East - er,



ev - er dear to choirs on high; saints a - dorned in  
jus - ti - fied, re - deemed, re - stored, and with all his  
make us for a while for - go. For the sol - emn  
here, and then e - ter - nal - ly, when we shall once



robes of glo - ry join the great an - gel - ic cry.  
faith - ful peo - ple raise our songs to praise the Lord.  
time is com - ing when our tears for sin must flow.  
more be sing - ing al - le - lu - ia joy - ful - ly!

## Post-Service Music

## Trumpet Voluntary in D Major

John Stanley

## Serving at Worship

Minister

Organ

Video streamer and slides

Video captions

Sound

Hymn selection

Pastor Jon Buchholz

Kevin Bode

Reed Bode, Will Meihak

Jeremy Burmeister

Wes Wightman

Nathan and Christina Crabtree

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## In our prayers

- Cherie Boeder – Receiving home hospice care
- Bonnie Delco – Recovering from the shingles virus.
- Ken Dins – Hospitalized at Banner Desert.
- Seth Meyer – Continuing his accident recovery.
- Kaylee – Receiving treatment for cancer.
- Much-needed rain for the state of Arizona.
- Peace and healing to those who are sick.

## Ushers

8:00 a.m.	Tor Henriksen, Eric Sallquist, Colton Sallquist, Jacob Sallquist
10:30 a.m.	Steve Sallquist, Luke Sallquist, Nick Sallquist, Mark Schroeder



*Emmanuel usher  
sign-up.*

## Flowers

Thank you to Craig and Elizabeth Bird for beautifying our sanctuary with altar flowers in honor of their wedding anniversary.

## Landscaping

Thank you to Mike and Tina Richey for helping maintain, trim and clean the outside church property this week.

## **This week at Emmanuel**

### **Sunday**

Blood drive	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.
Public School Catechism	12:00-1:30 p.m.

### **Monday**

President's Day	No school
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### **Tuesday**

Church council meeting	6:00 p.m.
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### **Wednesday**

Wednesday Bible study in the MEC	8:30 a.m. <i>Drive through the Gospels</i> <i>Led by Pastor Gary Pufahl</i>
Ash Wednesday worship service	3:30 and 6:30 p.m.
Lent supper in the MEC	4:45-6:15 p.m.
Adult choir in the MEC	No practice

### **Thursday**

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>

### **Friday**

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

### **Sunday, February 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**

February 25	Wednesday Bible study	8:30 a.m. <i>Drive through the Gospels</i> <i>Led by Pastor Gary Pufahl</i>
	Midweek Lent worship service	3:30 and 6:30 p.m.
	Lent supper in the MEC	4:45-6:15 p.m.
	Adult choir in the MEC	7:30 p.m.

February 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>	
February 27	Chapel	8:30 a.m.
	ELS early release	1:50 p.m.
	Fish Fry	4:00-7:00 p.m.
March 1	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.
March 3	Stewardship meeting	8:00 p.m.
March 4	Wednesday Bible study	8:30 a.m.
	<i>Drive through the Gospels</i>	
	<i>Led by Pastor Gary Pufahl</i>	
	Midweek Lent worship service	3:30 and 6:30 p.m.
	Lent supper in the MEC	4:45-6:15 p.m.
	Adult choir in the MEC	7:30 p.m.
March 5	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>	
	Martin Luther College mini concert for ELS	10:00-10:30 a.m.
	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 6	John Henderson Memorial basketball tourney	No school
	Martin Luther College concert	7:00-8:30 p.m.
March 7	John Henderson Memorial basketball tourney	
March 8	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.



### Connection card

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



*Balgeman  
Meal Train*

### Meal Train for the Balgeman family

Let's show our support for the Balgeman family as they welcome their newest blessing. Any help with home-cooked meals or take out/delivery would be greatly appreciated. You can sign up to provide a meal using the QR code or this link: <https://mealtrain.com/16z335>; available dates and meal details can also be found on this link.



*Severeid Meal  
Train*

### Meal Train for the Severeid family

Josh and Rachel Severeid have been blessed with a baby boy. Help is needed with meals for the new parents. If you are able to help with home-cooked meals or take out/delivery, it would be much appreciated. You can sign up to provide a meal using the QR code or this link: <https://mealtrain.com/3ynm88>; available dates and meal details can also be found on this link.

### Emmanuel Lutheran Church calls Pastor Patrick Freese

On Tuesday, January 13, the congregation called **Pastor Patrick Freese** of Abita Springs, Louisiana, to serve as Emmanuel's associate pastor in the area of youth and family ministry. Please pray for Pastor Freese, his wife Sarah, and their two children, as he deliberates this call to serve the Lord in Tempe.

### Save the date | Blood Drive on February 15

Please consider saving the life of a loved one by donating blood this morning (Sunday, February 15) from 7:00 to 10:30 a.m. The Vitalant bloodmobile will be out in the parking lot for you to donate. Tell a friend, family member or neighbor we have this opportunity here on campus. Click [here](#) or scan the QR code to register. 90% of all donations stay here in Arizona helping our community.



*Blood Drive  
sign-up*

### Peace Lutheran Church open house and dedication service

We are invited to join in the celebration of Peace Lutheran Church opening their new church building. Open house will be this coming Saturday, February 21, 12:00-4:00 p.m. with tours, food, drinks, bounce house and face painting. On Sunday, February 22, at 4:00 p.m. there will be a dedication service with a potluck dinner to follow. Peace Lutheran Church is located at 15317 E. Riggs Road in Gilbert.

## **Donuts for Dollars - Teen fundraiser**

The Emmanuel teens will be holding a fundraiser next Sunday, February 22. They will sell donuts beginning after first service and continue to sell until they run out. Donuts are \$1 each but extra donations are welcomed and appreciated! The proceeds will offset the cost of our Emmanuel teens attending the WELS International Youth Rally.

## **Lenten meals and fellowship**

Let's get together! Enjoy a meal and fellowship on Wednesday nights for the six 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).

### **Ash Wednesday, February 18th - Chili and corn bread**

Setup and cleanup led by Emmanuel Church Council

Church Council will provide chili, corn bread, fruit, veggies, condiments, and desserts

Church Council members can sign-up [here](#)

### **Wednesday, February 25th - Mac-n-Cheese**

Setup and cleanup led by Emmanuel's ladies' group (*Women of the Word*, WOW)

WOW will provide macaroni and cheese

Congregation will bring veggies and dip, fruit, and desserts

Sign-up [here](#)

Additional information regarding remaining Lenten meals will be provided in the coming weeks. WOW will have a freewill offering to offset the cost of paper products and accompaniment to the meal. Please use the sign-up links or QR codes 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](mailto:klrichey@cox.net).

## **Fish Fry on February 27**

Mark your calendars for Friday, February 27. The Emmanuel Fish Fry makes its return! Come on out and enjoy a fish dinner prepared by Tony Orłowski and his fish fry crew. Fish will be served between 4:00 and 7:00 p.m. in the Ministry and Education Center (MEC). In addition, carnival games for kids will take place on the basketball court, and a pie auction will take place in the MEC.

Meal tickets are now on sale in the courtyard following services. Presale ticket prices are \$15/adult and \$7/children (K-8). Tickets at the door will increase to \$17/adult and \$9/children. Carnival game tickets will be \$5/child or \$10/family and available for purchase at the entrance.

All proceeds from the Fish Fry will go toward the purchase of a new K-2 Superkids Language Arts curriculum. Anyone interested in making a donation toward this curriculum should contact the school office.



*Church Council  
Lenten meal  
(2/18) sign-up*



*Lenten meal  
(2/25) sign-up*

### **Free estate workshops | March 5**

Reliant Law Group, owned and operated by Arizona Lutheran Academy alumni, invites you to a free seminar on Thursday, March 5, at 6:00 p.m. (at Arizona Lutheran).

- 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 for Martin Luther College choir concert | March 6**

Mark your calendars for Friday, March 6, at 7:00 p.m. The College Choir from Martin Luther College will be presenting a concert here at Emmanuel! We are pleased to host them for the evening. Our responsibilities include feeding them dinner that night and providing a home for 60+ singers. Hosts are needed. For housing inquiries, click [here](#) or scan the provided QR code for more information on host responsibilities and the opportunity to sign up. Thank you for considering keeping a future pastor or teacher for the night! For dinner inquiries, contact Chet Jaehnig at (480) 329-5766 or [chet.jaehnig@gmail.com](mailto:chet.jaehnig@gmail.com).



*MLC choir  
housing sign-up*

### **Arizona Lutheran Academy Gala donations and sponsorships**

Would you consider donating an item or service to the Arizona Lutheran Academy Gala and Auction? If you own a business, consider one of our sponsor packages, which include print and web advertising. Your donation between now and March 6 will support the students at Arizona Lutheran Academy and the campus branding and improvements. Get donation ideas [here](#) or visit [ALAcoyotes.org/gala](http://ALAcoyotes.org/gala).

### **Singing opportunities**

All are invited to join the adult choir for some upcoming special services. There are three opportunities: all males for Palm Sunday, mixed voices for Easter Sunday, and all females for the Sunday after Easter. You are invited to join us at 7:30 p.m. on each Wednesday night leading up to Holy Week (starting Wednesday, February 25). We would enjoy having additional singers for these special worship opportunities! For more information, contact Kevin Bode, [kbode@elstempe.org](mailto:kbode@elstempe.org).



# Emmanuel Lutheran School's Friday Fish Fry

February 27 | 4:00-7:00 p.m.

Join us for a delicious dinner, pie auction,  
& fun-filled activities for kids!

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Pie Auction 4:00-5:30 p.m.

Kids' Activities 4:00-6:00 p.m.



All proceeds & donations  
will go toward the purchase of a new  
K-2 Superkids Language Arts curriculum!

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Consider donating a pie for our auction!

Tickets are available after both services today  
and in the school office during the week:

**\$15 Adult | \$7 Child (K-8th grade)**

Tickets at the door:

**\$17 Adult | \$9 Child (K-8th grade)**

**Kids' Play Area \$5 Child | \$10 Family**  
(pay at time of entrance)

Bounce House, Carnival Games, Face Painting, Cake Walk

## **LWMS - Grand Canyon West Spring Rally, March 21, 2026**

**Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church  
14650 W. Bell Rd., Surprise, AZ**

***"A Light for the Nations"***

**Isaiah 49:6**

**".....and bring back those of Israel I have kept. I will also make you a light for the Gentiles, that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth."**

### **Guest Speakers:**

**Morning:** Staff minister Phil Bischoff. Director of Outreach and Youth Ministry at Cross Walk Lutheran, Laveen, AZ.

**Afternoon:** Pastor Noah Willitz. Lead pastor for Deer Valley Lutheran, Phoenix, AZ.

### **Board Recommendation for Mission Fund (75%):**

**#HM-2024-01: 100 Missions in 10 Years.**

In 2021, Synod convention delegates approved a new goal that allows WELS Home Missions to plant 100 new home mission churches and enhance 75 existing ministries from 2023-2033.

### **Board Recommendation for Freewill Offering:**

**#WM-2024-04: New World Mission Fields.**

The Board for World Missions is searching for new locations to plant churches. Your gifts will allow for thorough follow-up research and exploratory trips to each new mission field.

Other International Board-approved Recommendations for Mission Projects need to be submitted to a board member by March 11, 2026, to be considered at the rally.

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**Lutheran Women's Missionary Society  
United to Serve Jesus**

## 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 "Ten Commandments."

The **Table Talk** is meeting in the Olive Room of the Ministry and Education Center (MEC). The study topic today is "Psalms – a time to sing."

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 "Identity Revealed: Jesus is the Son of God in glory."

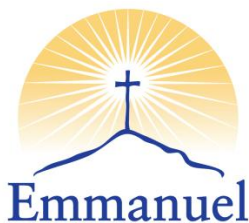
The **Junior High Bible study Grades 7-8** is meeting in the 8<sup>th</sup> grade classroom on the second floor of the MEC. The study topic today is "Identity Revealed: Jesus is the Son of God in glory."

The Sunday School for **Grades 4-6** is meeting in the 4<sup>th</sup> grade classroom at the south campus. The study topic today is "Homecoming hopes."

The Sunday School for **Grades 1-3** is meeting in the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade classroom at the south campus. The study topic today is "Homecoming hopes."

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

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 "Jesus calms the storm."



# 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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