



exactly  
what i need

**Lent 5**

Exactly What I Need: Life  
Emmanuel Lutheran Church  
March 22, 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

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## Lent 5 – March 22, 2026

### Exactly What I Need: Life

Death looms over all of us. It casts its pall over every human being.

I recognize the finality of death. I am tempted to wonder, "Was my life worth it? What if I don't leave a legacy or live on in the memories of my loved ones after I die. Will those I leave behind be taken care of?"

What's more important is what happens to me at death. When I meet my Maker, what will he say to me? Come, you who are blessed? Depart, you who are cursed? What is my eternal destiny?

Jesus promises exactly what I need: He promises life. One day I will be reunited with my believing loved ones. I will live with Jesus forever in heaven.

Jesus declared victory over death. He raised people from the dead to prove his power over death.

He gives me exactly what I need: Life.

# Service of the Word and Sacrament

## Pre-Service Music

### Opening Hymn

404 Jesus, Grant That Balm and Healing

*Please stand.*

### Invocation

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

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

### Confession and Absolution

**CW 188**

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.*

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.**



# The Word

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

## Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

Eternal God and Father, help us to remember Jesus, who obeyed your will and bore the cross for our salvation, that through his anguish, pain, and death we receive the forgiveness of sins, victory over the grave, and finally inherit eternal life; 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

**2 Kings 4:17–22,32–37**

<sup>17</sup>But the woman conceived, and she gave birth to a son at that same time of year, just as Elisha said to her.

<sup>18</sup>The boy grew up, and one day he went out to his father, who was with the reapers. <sup>19</sup>Then he said to his father, “My head! My head!”

His father said to his servant, “Carry him to his mother.” <sup>20</sup>So he picked him up and carried him to his mother, and the boy sat on her lap until noon. Then he died.

<sup>21</sup>Then she went up and laid him on the bed of the man of God. She shut the door behind her and went out. <sup>22</sup>Then she called to her husband and said, “Send one of the servants to me with one of the donkeys, so that I can run to the man of God and come back.”

<sup>32</sup>When Elisha came to the house, there the boy was – dead, lying on his bed. <sup>33</sup>So he went in and he shut the door behind the two of them. Then he prayed to the LORD. <sup>34</sup>He got up and lay down on top of the boy. He put his mouth to the boy's mouth, his eyes to the boy's eyes, his palms to the boy's palms. Then he bent down over him, and the boy's flesh became warm. <sup>35</sup>He went back into the house and paced back and forth. Then he went up and bent down over him, and the boy sneezed seven times. Then the boy opened his eyes.

<sup>36</sup>Then Elisha called Gehazi and said, “Call the woman of Shunem!” So he called her, and she came in. He said, “Pick up your son.” <sup>37</sup>So she came in and fell at Elisha's feet and bowed down to the ground. Then she picked up her son and went out.

*God enables the prophet Elisha to prove to a grieving mother that God can and will raise people from the dead.*

The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## Second Reading

Romans 8:11–19

*The Father promises  
to raise me from the  
dead and make me  
an heir of  
everlasting glory.*

<sup>11</sup>And if the Spirit of the one who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, the one who raised Christ from the dead will also make your mortal bodies alive through his Spirit, who is dwelling in you.

<sup>12</sup>So then, brothers, we do not owe it to the sinful flesh to live in harmony with it. <sup>13</sup>For if you live in harmony with the sinful flesh, you are going to die. But if by the Spirit you put to death the actions of the body, you will live.

<sup>14</sup>Indeed, those who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. <sup>15</sup>For you did not receive a spirit of slavery so that you are afraid again, but you received the Spirit of adoption by whom we call out, “Abba, Father!” <sup>16</sup>The Spirit himself joins our spirit in testifying that we are God's children.

<sup>17</sup>Now if we are children, we are also heirs – heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, since we suffer with him, so that we may also be glorified with him.

<sup>18</sup>For I conclude that our sufferings at the present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is going to be revealed to us. <sup>19</sup>In fact, creation is waiting with eager longing for the sons of God to be revealed.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand.*

## Gospel Acclamation

John 11:25

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



*Refrain*



*I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me will live, even though they die.*

**Refrain**

## Gospel

John 11:17–27,38–45

<sup>17</sup>When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb for four days.

<sup>18</sup>Bethany was near Jerusalem, about two miles away. <sup>19</sup>Many Jews had come to Martha and Mary to comfort them concerning their brother.

<sup>20</sup>When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went to meet him, while Mary was sitting in the house.

<sup>21</sup>Martha said to Jesus, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. <sup>22</sup>But even now I know that whatever you ask from God, God will give you.”

<sup>23</sup>Jesus said to her, “Your brother will rise again.”

<sup>24</sup>Martha replied, “I know that he will rise in the resurrection on the Last Day.”

<sup>25</sup>Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me will live, even if he dies. <sup>26</sup>And whoever lives and believes in me will never perish. Do you believe this?”

<sup>27</sup>“Yes, Lord,” she told him. “I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, who was to come into the world.”

<sup>38</sup>Jesus was deeply moved again as he came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. <sup>39</sup>“Take away the stone,” he said.

Martha, the dead man's sister, told him, “Lord, by this time there will be an odor, because it has been four days.”

<sup>40</sup>Jesus said to her, “Did I not tell you that if you believe, you will see the glory of God?” <sup>41</sup>So they took away the stone.

Jesus looked up and said, “Father, I thank you that you heard me. <sup>42</sup>I knew that you always hear me, but I said this for the benefit of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me.” <sup>43</sup>After he said this, he shouted with a loud voice, “Lazarus, come out!”

<sup>44</sup>The man who had died came out with his feet and his hands bound with strips of linen and his face wrapped with a cloth. Jesus told them, “Loose him and let him go.”

<sup>45</sup>Therefore many of the Jews who came to Mary and saw what Jesus did believed in him.

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

*Be seated.*

*A corpse responds to the empowering command of Christ, proving that Jesus is the Lord of life.*

*Jesus is the life*

*Please stand.*

**Nicene Creed**

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary, and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate. He suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

**Prayer of the Church**

**Lord's Prayer**

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.**

*Be seated.*

## Offering

### Musical Offering

### Personal Preparation for Holy Communion

*As you prepare to receive the Sacrament today, you may use the Christian Questions on page 295 in your blue hymnal or Personal Preparation on page 19 of this service folder.*

*Please stand.*

## The Sacrament

The Lord be with you.

**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 brought the gift of salvation to all people by his death on the tree of the cross so that the devil, who overcame us by a tree, would in turn by a tree be overcome.

Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:



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#### Connection card

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# Holy, Holy, Holy

Sanctus



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of hosts,  
heav - en and earth are full, full of your glo - ry.  
Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.  
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.  
Ho - san - na, 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  $\dagger$  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  $\dagger$  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.**

# Lamb of God

# Agnus Dei

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the  
world; have mer - cy on us.

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the  
world; have mer - cy on us.

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the  
world; grant us, grant us 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

**799 I Leave All Things to God's Direction**

**663 Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness**

*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.**

O God the Father, source of all goodness, in your loving-kindness you sent your Son to share our humanity. We thank you that through him you have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament. We also pray that you will not forsake us but will rule our hearts and minds by your Holy Spirit so that we willingly serve you day after day; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.  
**Amen.**

## Blessing

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.*

## Post-Service Music

### Serving at Worship

Preaching Minister	Pastor Allen Schroeder
Presiding Minister	Pastor Jon Buchholz
Organ	Kevin Bode
Video streamer and slides	Jacob and Lauren Sallquist
Video captions	Angie Keezer
Sound	George Willis
Hymn selections	Lisa Thiesfeldt

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## In our prayers

- Ken Dins – Recovering from illness.
- Kaylee Odle – 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.

## Ushers

8:00 a.m.

Matt Heyn, Sean Lieske, Dane Lieske, Jacob Pufahl

10:30 a.m.

Caden Head



*Emmanuel usher  
sign-up.*

## Flowers

Thank you to Mike and Tina Richey and family for beautifying our sanctuary with altar flowers in memory of Kellie Anne.

## Communion

Thank you to Carol Trudgen and Martha Wenzel for helping set up Communion for this weekend.

## Landscaping

Thank you to Hans and Karen Tromp 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 Bible study, Sunday school, teen study

9:15 a.m.

Public school catechism

12:00-1:30 p.m.

### Monday

ELS

Classes resume

### Wednesday

Wednesday Bible study in the MEC

8:30 a.m.

*Drive through the Gospels  
Led by Pastor Gary Pufahl*

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.
	<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.

## Saturday

Easter invitation handout in the neighborhood	9:00-10:30 a.m.
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## Sunday, March 29

Palm Sunday	
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

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.
April 5	Easter Sunday	
	Song services	6:30 and 9:15 a.m.
	Easter breakfast in the MEC	7:30-9:15 a.m.
	Festival services	8:00 and 10:30 a.m.
	Bible study, Sunday school, teen study	No classes this week
	Public School Catechism	No class this week

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

## Connection card

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## 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 meal and fellowship

Let's get together! Enjoy a meal and fellowship on Wednesday night for the final remaining week during Lent. Bring your family and friends.

### 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.

## Freewill door offering supporting AZ Lutheran Gala

The Women of the Word (WOW, Emmanuel's Ladies' Group) will be supporting the AZ Lutheran (Arizona Lutheran Academy) Gala through a monetary donation. Proceeds from today's freewill door offerings will fund this effort. Please make checks payable to "Ladies Group." Your sponsorship of this event will be an exciting way for you to serve and inspire our teens for generations to come. Thank you for considering this opportunity to support ALA students. If you have any questions, please contact Wendy Binger at [jbwendy97@gmail.com](mailto:jbwendy97@gmail.com).

## 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.

### **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](mailto: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](http://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 is 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.

### **Join us for Holy Week**

Join us as we travel with Jesus from the upper room to the garden of Gethsemane to the cross then to the empty tomb. We will be celebrating with the following services:

- **Palm Sunday – March 29**  
8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. services
- **Holy Thursday – April 2**  
3:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. services
- **Good Friday – April 3**  
Service of the Cross with Holy Communion 1:00 p.m.  
Tenebrae Service (Service of Darkness) 7:00 p.m.
- **Easter Sunday - April 5**  
Easter Sunrise (song) services: 6:30 a.m. and 9:15 a.m.  
Easter breakfast: 7:30 to 9:15 a.m.  
Easter Festival services: 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

## Save the date for Easter breakfast

Join us for Easter breakfast, which will be served from 7:30 a.m. to 9:15 a.m. on Easter Sunday, April 5. Menu and signup will be available in the coming days outlining food donations and volunteer opportunities. If you have any questions, please contact Tina Richey or Wendy Binger.

## Cheering section at Pat's Run | April 11

We are putting together a group to cheer on the people walking or running in Pat's Run on April 11. We are asking those who join our cheering section to wear an Emmanuel t-shirt and or hat. Those interested in carpooling can meet in the Ministry and Education Center (MEC) at 6:15 a.m. the morning of the run (Saturday, April 11). Our goal is to walk around the area finding a spot to cheer on the participants (especially our fellow members) in the event. Please bring a water bottle, wear sunblock, typical drill in our climate.

## 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 WELS members of all ages. Visit [www.fathersworldtours.com](http://www.fathersworldtours.com) or contact Steve Balza ([steve@fathersworldtours.com](mailto:steve@fathersworldtours.com) or 507-217-1731) to learn more.

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

You think this weekend is hot? It's not even summer yet! Plan your summer escape by attending our annual church campout this June on the cool Mogollon Rim. 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, 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.

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. If you have any questions, please contact Alysha Bergsma at (480) 789-0726. Registration deadline is 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*



*Church campout -  
Fee payment (via  
online giving)*

## **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 "Exactly What I Need: Life."

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 "Exactly What I Need: Life."

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 "Fishers follow."

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 "Fishers follow."

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

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 goes to the cross."

# 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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