

IDENTITY

revealed

Epiphany 4 / Christian Education Sunday
Jesus calls you blessed
Emmanuel Lutheran Church
February 1, 2026

Welcome!

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

For your convenience

For your convenience, please take note of the following:



Connection card

During the offering we ask that you complete an online connection card.

- **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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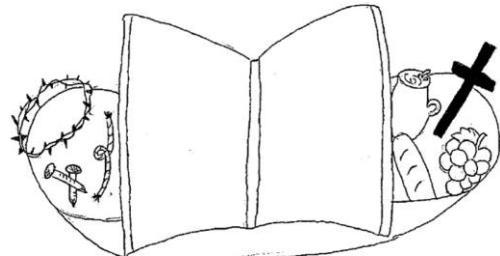
Identity Revealed: Jesus calls you blessed

You may not feel blessed when you are hungry or insulted or mourning the death of a loved one.

You may not be in the mood to boast when you feel foolish, weak, or lowly.

But God's ways are not the world's ways. God's strength is not man's strength. God has chosen things that are foolish, weak, and despised by this world to display his ultimate power and bring eternal victory. He wraps himself in flesh and is born in a stable. He humbles himself and conquers all his enemies through a cross.

Jesus chose you to be his own. He gives you gifts upon gifts and grace upon grace, and as you take up your cross and follow him, he calls you blessed.



The student artist captured the theme for today. Jesus reminds us we are blessed through the many gifts he bestows on us, both physically (food and drink on the right side) and most importantly, spiritually (God's Word being the focal point of the picture). Jesus' lowliness and humiliation is depicted through the cross, thorns, nails, and rope.

Service of the Word

Much of today's service has been planned and selected by the 7th and 8th grade music class. Each year, every student in our school studies parts of our Lutheran worship. As a culminating activity to their studies, these upper-grade students planned today's pre-service, offering, and post-service music, the hymns, the Kyrie and Gloria, the Gospel Acclamation and psalm. Not only did they choose the content, but they also made decisions on how to present it (spoken vs. sung, with instruments or without, etc.) Artwork was also done by a few students. As a whole, they learned the basics of planning worship that is centered around a theme and chosen Scripture lessons. They learn the importance of Christ-centered content and are taught the dynamic nature of our Lutheran liturgy and ways in which all people of all ages participate in sharing the gospel.

Pre-Service Music

Opening Hymn

633 Speak, O Lord

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

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.

Lord, Have Mercy

Sung responsively by minister and congregation. Congregation sings the lines in bold.

In peace let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mer - cy.

For the peace from a - bove and for our sal -
va - tion, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mer - cy.

For the peace of the whole world,
for the well - be - ing of the Church of God,
and for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mer - cy.



For this ho - ly house and for all who of - fer here their



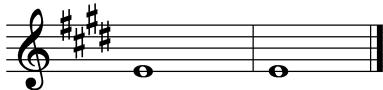
wor - ship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



Help, save, com - fort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.



A - men.

Glory to God in the Highest

Sung by all.

Glo - ry, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the
high - est! Glo - ry, glo - ry to God, and peace to his
peo - ple on earth. Lord God, heav-en - ly King, al -
might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we
give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.
Glo - ry, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the
high - est! Glo - ry, glo - ry to God, and peace to his
peo - ple on earth. Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly
Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer - cy on us, have mer - cy on us.

You are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer, receive our prayer.

Glory, glory to God, glory to God in the highest! Glory, glory to God, and peace to his people on earth.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in the glory of God the Father.

Glory, glory to God, glory to God in the highest! Glory, glory to God, and peace to his people on earth.

The Word

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, look with mercy on our weaknesses, and in all our dangers and needs stretch out the right hand of your majesty to help and defend us; 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

Zephaniah 2:3; 3:11–13

*The Lord promises
that those who trust
him will not be put
to shame.*

³Seek the LORD, all you humble people of the earth who have carried out his commands. Seek righteousness. Seek humility. Maybe then you will be sheltered in the day of the LORD's anger.

¹¹In that day you will no longer bear the shame of your rebellions against me. Then I will remove the proud boasters from among you, and you will never again be arrogant on my holy hill. ¹²But I will leave among you the people who are humble and weak. They will seek refuge in the name of the LORD. ¹³The Israelites who remain will no longer act unjustly. They will not lie, and a deceitful tongue will not be found in their mouth. Instead, they will graze peacefully like sheep and lie down. No one will terrify them.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm of the Day

Psalm 78

Spoken responsively with the minister.

Give ear, O my people, to my instruction.
Turn your ear to the words of my mouth.

I will open my mouth to share a lesson,
things we have heard and known, things our fathers have told us.

We will not hide them from their descendants.
**We will tell the next generation the praiseworthy deeds of the LORD,
his power, and the wonders that he has done.**

He set up testimony for Jacob.
In Israel he established the law.

Then the next generation would know it, even the children not yet born.
They would rise up and tell their children.

Then they would put their confidence in God,
and they would not forget the deeds of God, but they would keep his commands.

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 1:26–31

²⁶For example, consider your call, brothers. Not many of you were wise from a human point of view, not many were powerful, and not many were born with high status. ²⁷But God chose the foolish things of the world to put to shame those who are wise. God chose the weak things of the world to put to shame the things that are strong, ²⁸and God chose the lowly things of the world and the despised things, and the things that are not, to do away with the things that are, ²⁹so that no one may boast before God. ³⁰But because of him you are in Christ Jesus, who became for us the wisdom from God, namely, our righteousness and sanctification and redemption. ³¹God did this so that, just as it is written, “Let the one who boasts boast in the Lord.”

God changes how we view ourselves by connecting us to Christ Jesus.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand.

Gospel Acclamation

Colossians 3:16

The congregation sings each refrain.



Refrain



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



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

Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly.

Refrain

Gospel

*In the Beatitudes,
our Savior turns the
ideas of the world
upside down.*

Matthew 5:1-12

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

Be seated.



Hymn of the Day

690 *Blest Are They*

A student vocalist sings verse 5. Join him/her on the refrain that follows.

Sermon

Matthew 5:1-12

Blessings are found in unlikely places

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.

Anthem

Cornerstone

Reuben Morgan, Jonas Myrin, and Eric Liljero

*My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus blood and righteousness;
I dare not trust the sweetest frame,
But wholly trust in Jesus name.*

*Christ alone, Cornerstone.
Weak made strong in the Savior's love.
Through the storm, he is Lord,
Lord of all.*

*When darkness seems to hide his face,
I rest on his unchanging grace;
In every high and stormy gale
My anchor holds within the veil.
My anchor holds within the veil.*

*He is Lord, Lord of all
Christ alone, Cornerstone.
Weak made strong in the Savior's love.
Through the storm, he is Lord.
Lord of all.*

*When he shall come with trumpet sound
Oh may I then in him be found,
Dressed in his righteousness alone,
Faultless stand before the throne.*

Hymn

You are invited to sing in harmony, if able.

640 God's Word Is Our Great Heritage

God's Word is our great her - i - tage And shall be ours for -

ev - er; To spread its light from age to age Shall be our

chief en - deav - or. Through life it guides our way; In death it

is our stay. Lord, grant, while worlds en - dure, We keep its

teach - ings pure Through - out all gen - er - a - tions.

Offering

Musical Offering

Blessed Assurance Jesus is Mine!

*Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!
Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,
Born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.*

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

850 It Is Well with My Soul

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.

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.

Closing Hymn

760 Oh, Blest the House

This is one of two songs that served our students in chapel in the 2nd quarter. Students are daily reminded of their connection with Christ and also assured in what they sing, too!

Post-Service Music

Serving at Worship

Minister

Piano

Choir

Instrumentalists

Video streamer and slides

Video captions

Sound

Hymn selections

Artwork

Pastor Jon Buchholz

Kurt Rosenbaum

Emmanuel Lutheran School, Grades K-8 students

Last names A-L (8:00 a.m.)

Last names M-Z and Preschool (10:30 a.m.)

Kevin Bode, *bass*

Barb Andrews, *acoustic*

Josh Severeid, *saxophone*

Kris Pufahl, *clarinet*

Cathy Wightman, Jacob Sallquist

Angie Keezer

George Willis

ELS students

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In our prayers

- Family of Lois Henderson – Lois was taken to heaven on January 26.
- Jay Meshay – Home recovering from surgery.
- Seth Meyer – Back home in Arizona to continue his accident recovery.
- Kaylee – Receiving treatment for cancer.
- Yolie Schoening – Currently in rehab in Mesa.
- Much-needed rain for the state of Arizona.

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.

This week at Emmanuel

Sunday

Christian Education 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	No class
Church picnic	12:00-2:00 p.m.

Tuesday

Stewardship meeting	8:00 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>
Joy Fellowship at Arizona Science Center	9:30 a.m. <i>meet at Emmanuel</i>
Adult choir in the MEC	6:30 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>
ELS Night at the Arts in the MEC	3:30-5:30 p.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>

Friday

ELS K-8 Grandparents' Day	10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
Chapel	10:40 a.m.
ELS early release	12:00 p.m.

Saturday

Elders meeting	7:30 a.m.
Evangelism outreach: ELS open enrollment	9:00-10:30 a.m.
Memorial service for Lois Henderson	11:00 a.m. <i>with luncheon to follow</i>

Sunday, February 8

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 9	Worship committee meeting	6:30 p.m.
February 10	School Board meeting	6:30 p.m.
February 11	Wednesday Bible study	8:30 a.m.
		<i>Drive through the Gospels</i>
		<i>Led by Pastor Gary Pufahl</i>
		9:30-10:30 a.m.
February 12	Free estate workshop in the MEC	6:30 p.m.
	Adult choir in the MEC	6:00 a.m.
	Thursday Bible study at Denny's	
		<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.
February 13	ELS Valley Teacher in-service	No school
February 15	Blood drive	7:00-10:30 a.m.
	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.
February 16	Presidents' Day	No school
February 17	Church council meeting	6:00 p.m.
February 18	Wednesday Bible study	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
February 19	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.
February 20	Chapel	8:30 a.m.
	ELS early release	1:50 p.m.
February 22	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.

February 25	Wednesday Bible study	8:30 a.m.
	<i>Drive through the Gospels</i>	
	<i>Led by Pastor Gary Pufahl</i>	
	3:30 and 6:30 p.m.	
February 26	Midweek Lent worship service	4:45-6:15 p.m.
	Lent supper in the MEC	7:30 p.m.
	Adult choir in the MEC	
	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.



Notes and News

Connection cards

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

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.

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.



Balgeman
Meal Train



Severeid Meal
Train

Help needed and Meal Train for the Rognholt family



Rognholt
Meal Train

Let's show our support for the Rognholt family as they welcome their two newest blessings. Luke and Jayme are in need of assistance with the twins a few hours during the week when Luke is working. If you are able to help, please contact Karen Henriksen at (602) 301-6243 or Luke Rognholt at (623) 476-6604. Also, any home-cooked meals or take out/delivery would be much appreciated. You can sign up to provide a meal using the QR code or this link: <http://mealtrain.com/0dvw54>.

Emmanuel church picnic today (February 1)



Food Sign-Up

It's that time of year again! Our annual church picnic is this afternoon (Sunday, February 1), 12:00-2:00 p.m. Please join us for fellowship, festivities, fun, and food. Hamburgers, hot dogs, buns, barbecue beans, drinks, and condiments will be provided.

We are asking for members to bring cold sides and desserts. To sign up for dishes, use the provided link ([Food Sign-up](#)) or the QR code.



Helper Sign-Up

More information about this event, including volunteer opportunities, can be found at this link ([Picnic Helper Sign-up](#)) or the provided QR code.

Emmanuel Lutheran Church calls Pastor Patrick Freese



AZ Lutheran
Grandparents
Day sign-up

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.

Grandparents Day at Arizona Lutheran Academy | February 4

If you are the grandparent of an AZ Lutheran student, mark this Wednesday, February 4 on your calendar. That morning, faculty and students will welcome grandparents on campus to join their grandchildren at chapel, attend a few classes, enjoy some food and entertainment, and spend time with their grandchild at school. The sign-up can be accessed [here](#) or scanning the QR code. Sign up today!

Joy Fellowship | February 4

Our Joy Fellowship group is for those 55 years and older. We will meet at Emmanuel on Wednesday, February 4, at 9:30 a.m. for a trip to the Arizona Science Center. We will explore the Pompeii exhibit and watch a show at the Dorrance Dome theater; the cost is \$45.00. Lunch will be at the Market Cafe in the Science Center. There is a sign-up sheet and more information in the MEC. Contact Wendy Binger at (480) 452-6169 or Chet Jaehnig at (480) 329-5766.

Fine Arts Fair | February 5

Get ready to be inspired! Join us for the Fine Arts Fair where art and music come together. Explore art by preschool through eighth grade artists and enjoy a special band performance at 4:30 p.m. See you this Thursday, February 5, in the Ministry and Education Center (MEC) from 3:30-5:30 p.m. Contact Mrs. Amber Bode (amber.lee.bode@gmail.com) for more details or questions.

Grandparents Day at Emmanuel Lutheran School | February 6

Grandparents Day at Emmanuel will be celebrated this Friday, February 6, for students in grades K-8, from 10:00 a.m. until noon. Grandparents will join their students for chapel and fun activities.

Open enrollment outreach | February 7

Enjoy walking? Want an opportunity to enjoy the cooler weather? Join us this coming Saturday, February 7, to hand out information about Preschool through Grade 8 open enrollment for the 2026-2027 school year. All members, parents, guardians are welcome to join and put in some steps in support of our school. We will meet in the Ministry and Education Center at 9:00 a.m. to distribute maps and materials. We then will walk the neighborhoods providing information about our school. Any questions, contact Benjamin Ruppel at bruppel@elctempe.org.

Tuition assistance workshop | February 10

Arizona Lutheran Academy is committed to helping families afford a private, Christian education for their children. Be sure to learn about all the options available by attending the upcoming Tuition Assistance Workshop on Tuesday, February 10, at 6:00 p.m. on the AZ Lutheran campus. Register at ALAcoyotes.org/TAW.

Free estate workshops | February 11 and March 5

Reliant Law Group, owned and operated by Arizona Lutheran Academy alumni, invites you to a free seminar.

- 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!

Choose a seminar date:

- February 11 at Emmanuel Lutheran (9:30 a.m.)
- March 5 at AZ Lutheran (6:00 p.m.)

Learn more and register at: ALAcoyotes.org/estate



Blood Drive
sign-up

Save the date | Blood Drive on February 15

Please consider saving the life of a loved one by donating blood on 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.

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 on 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 on 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.

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.

- [Spring Training in Arizona](#) - February 20-27
- [Horsin' Around in Kentucky](#) - April 17-26 from New Ulm or April 18-25 from Milwaukee
- [Adventures in Alaska](#) - July 20-August 4

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

Arizona Lutheran Academy seeking Gala sponsors

Please consider being a sponsor of Arizona Lutheran Academy's 15th Annual Gala. Consider one of our sponsor packages, which include web and print advertising, starting at \$300. Your investment will make a visible difference as we grow and expand! Visit ALAcoyotes.org/gala to sponsor the event.

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 Orlowski 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 go on sale today (Sunday, February 1) 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.

Save the date | LWMS Spring Rally

LWMS (Lutheran Women's Missionary Society) Spring Rally for the Grand Canyon West circuit will be on Saturday, March 21, 2026. Shepherd of the Valley in Surprise, Arizona will be hosting. The rally is from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., with registration/check-in starting at 8:15 a.m. A continental breakfast will be served, and lunch is included. More information and registration is available at www.gcwlwms.org. Rally registration fee is \$20 by February 28, then \$25 from February 28 to March 11. Mail in or register online by March 11.

The Emmanuel ladies' group, *WOW (Women of the Word)*, will be collecting donations for the mission offering that the LWMS is supporting (new world mission fields). A freewill offering will take place on Sunday, March 1.

A sign-up sheet for those who wish to carpool will be available in March. All ladies of Emmanuel are also members of LWMS. We hope you can join us!

Holy Week choirs open to all

All are invited to join the adult choir for our Holy Week services. There are three opportunities: all males for Palm Sunday, all females for Holy Thursday, and mixed voices for Easter Sunday. You are invited to join us at 7:30 p.m. on each Wednesday night leading up to Holy Week. We would enjoy having additional singers for this special week of worship! For more information, contact Kevin Bode, kbode@elstempe.org.

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 7th grade classroom on the second floor of the MEC. The study topic today is “Identity Revealed: Jesus calls you blessed.”

The **Junior High Bible study Grades 7-8** is meeting in the 8th grade classroom on the second floor of the MEC. The study topic today is “Identity Revealed: Jesus calls you blessed.”

The Sunday School for **Grades 4-6** is meeting in the 4th grade classroom at the south campus. The study topic today is “Comfort in captivity.”

The Sunday School for **Grades 1-3** is meeting in the 3rd grade classroom at the south campus. The study topic today is “Comfort in captivity.”

The Sunday School for **4K Preschool-Kindergarten** is meeting in the kindergarten classroom at the south campus. The study topic today is “Comfort in captivity.”

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 feeds us.”



About Us

Emmanuel Lutheran Church shares the love of Jesus and the truth of his saving Word with the people in our church, our community and the world.

The objectives of our mission are:

- To **preach**, by proclaiming the Word of God, as we worship and praise God in a loving Christian atmosphere;
- To **teach**, by fostering an ongoing increase in knowledge and maturity in God's Word;
- To **reach**, by sharing the Gospel of God's Word with all people, and to do so;
- By **each** member actively participating in our ministry.

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