



Easter 6

We have lasting joy
Emmanuel Lutheran Church
May 25, 2025

Welcome!

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

For your convenience

For your convenience, please take note of the following:

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



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

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Because He Lives: We have lasting joy

Conventional wisdom says that joy flows directly from our circumstance. Our disposition is nothing more than the product of the events, conditions, and relationships in our lives. Therefore, it would seem that for our disposition to change, our circumstances would need to change.

But Jesus offers a joy that is superior. It is not a product of circumstance; it's a product of Easter.

Easter proves that God can take what normally causes people to weep and turn it into what causes people to rejoice. Sin, death, and shame went into Jesus' tomb. Forgiveness, life, and glory came out. Our risen Savior gives us a joy that remains constant in the highest of life's highs and the lowest of life's lows.

Because he lives, we have deep and lasting joy.

Service of the Word and Sacrament



Pre-Service Music

Opening Hymn

449 This Joyful Eastertide

Please stand.

Invocation

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

Alleluia! Christ is risen!
He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

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

Confession

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.**

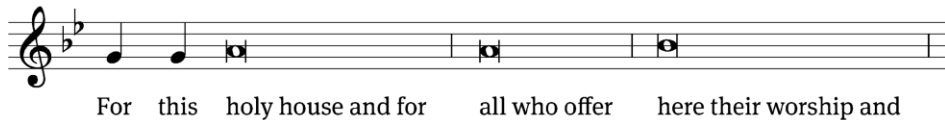
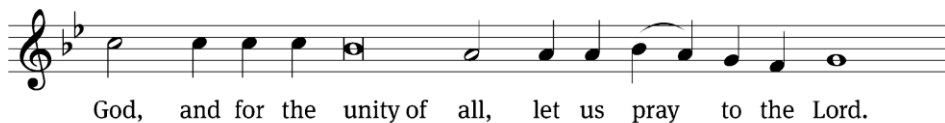
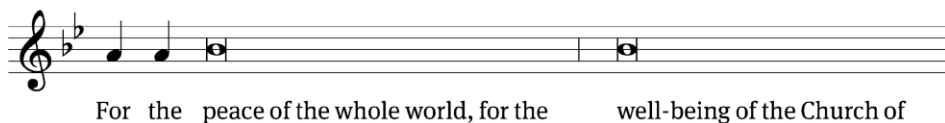
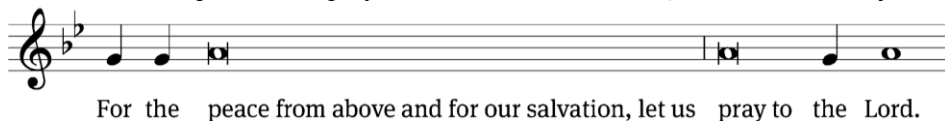
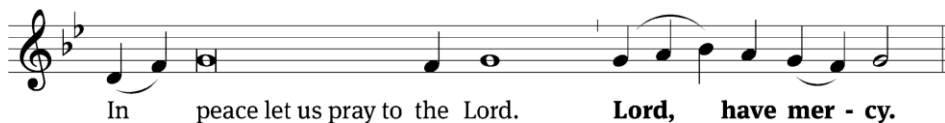
Silence for meditation and reflection.

Absolution

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



Glory to God in the Highest

Gloria

The musical score is written for a single melodic line in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of 12 staves of music. The lyrics are written below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with many half and whole notes. The piece concludes with a double bar line on the final staff.

Glo - ry to God in the high - est, 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 to God in the high - est, 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. You are seat - ed at the
right hand of the Fa - ther; re - ceive our prayer.

Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to his
 peo - ple on earth. For you a -
 lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,
 you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ,
 with the Ho - ly Spir - it in the glo - ry of
 God the Fa - ther. A - men. A - men.
 Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to his
 peo - ple on earth.

The Word

Salutation

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

O God, you are the giver of everything good. Inspire us, your humble servants, to long for what is right and, through your gracious guidance, accomplish it to your glory; 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

Acts 14:8–22

⁸In Lystra there was a man who was sitting down because he had no strength in his feet. He had never walked because he was lame from birth. ⁹When he was listening to Paul as he was speaking, Paul looked at him closely and saw that he had faith to be healed. ¹⁰Paul said in a loud voice, “Stand up on your feet!” And the man jumped up and began to walk.

¹¹When the crowds saw what Paul had done, they raised their voices, saying in the Lycaonian language, “The gods have come down to us in human form.”

¹²Barnabas they called Zeus, and Paul they called Hermes, because he was the main speaker. ¹³The priest of Zeus, whose temple was just outside the city, brought bulls and garlands to the city gates, because he wanted to offer sacrifices, along with the crowds.

¹⁴But when the apostles Paul and Barnabas heard about this, they tore their clothes and rushed into the crowd, shouting, ¹⁵“Men, why are you doing these things? We too are men with the same nature as you. We are preaching the good news to you so that you turn from these worthless things to the living God, who made the heaven, the earth, the sea, and everything in them. ¹⁶In past generations he allowed all the nations to go their own ways. ¹⁷Yet he did not leave himself without testimony of the good he does. He gives you rain from heaven and crops in their seasons. He fills you with food and fills your hearts with gladness.” ¹⁸Even though they said these things, they had a hard time stopping the crowds from sacrificing to them.

¹⁹Then some Jews came from Antioch and Iconium and persuaded the crowds to stone Paul. When they thought he was dead, they dragged him out

As a witness of Christ's resurrection, Paul's joy and his ministry were unaffected by circumstance.

of the city. ²⁰But after the disciples had gathered around him, he stood up and went into the city. The next day, he left with Barnabas for Derbe.

²¹After they preached the good news in that city and had gathered many disciples, they returned to Lystra, Iconium, and Antioch, ²²strengthening the souls of the disciples and encouraging them to continue in the faith. They told them, "We must go through many troubles on our way to the kingdom of God."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Second Reading

Revelation 21:21–27

*The great joy we
have now will
soon be made
perfect and
complete.*

²¹The twelve gates are twelve pearls. Each of the gates is made out of one pearl. And the street of the city is pure gold, like transparent glass.

²²I did not see a temple in the city, because the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are its temple. ²³The city does not need the sun or the moon to shine on it, because the glory of God has given it light, and the Lamb is its lamp. ²⁴The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it. ²⁵There is no day when its gates will be shut, for there will be no night in that place. ²⁶They will bring the glory and the honor of the nations into it. ²⁷Nothing that is unclean and no one who does what is detestable or who tells lies will ever enter it, but only those who are written in the Lamb's Book of Life.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand.

Gospel Acclamation

Psalms 30:5

Spoken by the minister:

Weeping may stay for the night, but rejoicing comes in the morning.

All sing:



Gospel

John 16:16–24

¹⁶“In a little while you are not going to see me anymore, and again in a little while you will see me, because I am going away to the Father.”

*Jesus promises
that our grief
will be turned to
perfect joy.*

¹⁷Therefore some of his disciples asked one another, “What does he mean when he tells us, ‘In a little while you are not going to see me, and again in a little while you will see me,’ and ‘Because I am going away to the Father’?” ¹⁸So they kept asking, “What does he mean by ‘a little while’? We don’t understand what he’s saying.”

¹⁹Jesus knew that they wanted to ask him about this, so he said to them, “Are you trying to determine with one another what I meant by saying, ‘In a little while you are not going to see me, and again in a little while you will see me’?” ²⁰Amen, Amen, I tell you: You will weep and wail, but the world will rejoice. You will become sorrowful, but your sorrow will turn to joy. ²¹A woman giving birth has pain, because her time has come. But when she has delivered the child, she no longer remembers the anguish, because of her joy that a person has been born into the world.

²²“So you also have sorrow now. But I will see you again. Your heart will rejoice, and no one will take your joy away from you. ²³In that day you will not ask me anything. Amen, Amen, I tell you: Whatever you ask the Father in my name, he will give you. ²⁴Until now you have not asked for anything in my name. Ask, and you will receive, so that your joy may be made complete.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

Be seated.

Hymn of the Day

513 In You Is Gladness

Sermon

John 16:16–24

A moment of sorrow, an eternity of joy

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

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, and we praise you especially for the glorious resurrection of your Son, the true Passover Lamb, who by his sacrifice took away the sins of the world and by his resurrection restored everlasting life. 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!

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Lord God, you are worthy to receive thanks and praise from all people. You created the world and all who live in it, and in your mercy you saved us. We give thanks to you for the grace of your Son, Jesus Christ.

Though in very nature God, he took the nature of a servant and became obedient to death, even death on a cross. He offered himself as a sacrifice for sin and redeemed us from its curse and penalty. He rescued us from the terrors of death and restored eternal life with you. He conquered our enemies and gained for us the kingdom of grace and glory.

Bless us as we receive your Son's body and blood, and lead us to remember his suffering, death, and resurrection. Forgive our sins and fill us with the hope of new life in heaven. Hear our praise and receive our thanks as we worship you — the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Lord's Prayer

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

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.

Distribution Hymns

611 Joyously I'll Praise My Savior
824 This Is the Threefold Truth

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.

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.

Closing Hymn (Monday)

824 This Is the Threefold Truth

Post-Service Music

Serving at Worship

Preaching Minister
Presiding Minister
Organ
Video streamer and slides
Video captions
Sound
Hymn selections
Acolyte

Pastor Jon Buchholz
Pastor Gary Pufahl
Kevin Bode
Chris Wempner, Will Meihak
Angie Keezer
George Willis
Sara Redman
CJ Sulit (8:00 a.m.)

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In our prayers

- Steve Henderson – Hip pain and upcoming surgery.
- Seth Meyer – Recovering from a car accident.
- Much-needed rain for the state of Arizona.

Ushers

8:00 a.m.

Eli Gruman, Noah Gruman, Jon Rossman

10:30 a.m.

Caden Head, Roger Odle



*Emmanuel usher
sign-up.*

Communion

Thank you to Nettie Dins and Sara Redman for helping set up Communion for the weekend.

This week at Emmanuel

Sunday

Worship services

8:00 and 10:30 a.m.

In-person Bible study, Sunday school, teen study

No classes

Monday

Memorial Day

Church office closed

Monday night worship service

6:30 p.m.

Monday night Bible study in the MEC

No class this week

Tuesday

Early Childhood Vacation Bible School

9:00-11:00 a.m.

Wednesday

Wednesday Bible study in the MEC

8:30 a.m.

*The Book of the Twelve
Led by Pastor Dan Pautz*

Early Childhood Vacation Bible School

9:00-11:00 a.m.

Thursday

Thursday Bible study at Denny's, Broadway and Priest, Tempe 6:00 a.m.

*Life Applications from Genesis 1-11
Led by Pastor Dan Pautz*

Early Childhood Vacation Bible School

9:00-11:00 a.m.

Bible Basics in the MEC

6:30 p.m.

Led by Pastor Jon Buchholz

Saturday

Invitation handout

9:00-10:30 a.m.

Sunday, June 1

Worship services

8:00 and 10:30 a.m.

In-person Bible study, Sunday school, teen study

9:15 a.m.

Looking ahead

June 2	Monday night worship service	6:30 p.m.
	Monday night Bible study in the MEC	7:40 p.m.
		<i>Book of Mark</i>
		<i>Led by Pastor Chris Pflughoeft</i>
June 3	Stewardship meeting	8:00 p.m.
June 4	Wednesday Bible study in the MEC	8:30 a.m.
		<i>The Book of the Twelve</i>
		<i>Led by Pastor Chris Pflughoeft</i>
June 5	Thursday Bible study at Denny's	6:00 a.m.
		<i>Life Applications from Genesis 1-11</i>
		<i>Led by Pastor Dan Pautz at</i>
		<i>Denny's (Broadway and Priest in Tempe)</i>
	Bible Basics in the MEC	6:30 p.m.
		<i>Led by Pastor Jon Buchholz</i>
June 7	Black Canyon Delegate Conference	9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
June 8	Worship services	8:00 and 10:30 a.m.
	In-person Bible study, Sunday school, teen study	9:15 a.m.
June 9	Summer Art Camp in the ELS art studio	9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
	Monday night worship service	6:30 p.m.
	Monday night Bible study in the MEC	7:40 p.m.
		<i>Book of Mark</i>
		<i>Led by Pastor Chris Pflughoeft</i>
June 10	Summer Art Camp in the ELS art studio	9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
June 11	Wednesday Bible study in the MEC	8:30 a.m.
		<i>The Book of the Twelve</i>
		<i>Led by Pastor Chris Pflughoeft</i>
	Summer Art Camp in the ELS art studio	9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
	Emmanuel Family Nights	6:00-8:00 p.m.
June 12	Thursday Bible study at Denny's	6:00 a.m.
		<i>Life Applications from Genesis 1-11</i>
		<i>Led by Pastor Dan Pautz at</i>
		<i>Denny's (Broadway and Priest in Tempe)</i>
	Summer Art Camp in the ELS art studio	9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
	Bible Basics in the MEC	6:30 p.m.
		<i>Led by Pastor Jon Buchholz</i>
June 13	Summer Art Camp in the ELS art studio	9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
June 14	Blood Drive	7:00-11:00 a.m.
June 15	Father's Day	
	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 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!



Connection card

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

Christian education hour

Please note, there will be no **Adult Bible study**, **Table Talk**, **Teen study** or **Sunday school** classes today (Sunday, 5/25/2025) due to Memorial Day weekend. Classes will resume next Sunday, June 1, 2025.

Meal Train for the Meyer family

A meal train has been set up to help the Meyer family while Seth continues to be treated at Banner University Medical Center. Meals can be delivered at the front entrance of the hospital (1111 E. McDowell Road, Phoenix) between 5:00-5:30 p.m.; please include plates and utensils if possible. Please note, meals need to arrive ready-to-eat as there is no access to microwaves, ovens, or refrigerators. To schedule delivery, contact either Ben at (480) 295-6298 or Hannah at (480) 246-9028. You can view more information and sign up to provide a meal using the QR code or this link: <https://mealtrain.com/y5ndml>. Thank you for your continued prayers for Seth's healing and support to the family. You are invited to view updates on Seth Meyer and to share your prayers, pictures, thoughts, or encouragement; go to prayersforseth.com.



Meal Train sign-up

Good Shepherd Bible Camp

Registration is now open for Good Shepherd Bible Camp! 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 13-19. Learn more at goodshepherdbiblecamp.com or use the provided QR code. If you would like to serve as a chaperone for this fun getaway, please speak with Pastor Pflughoeft.



GSBC - registration

Early Childhood Vacation Bible School (ECE VBS)

Early Childhood Vacation Bible School is this week! Children entering three-year-old kindergarten (3K) through Kindergarten can sign up for this year's ECE VBS from May 27 to May 29. The theme for this year is "Australian Adventure." Visit elctempe.org/vbs to learn more about this fun event, to register your kids, or sign-up to volunteer to help.



Sign up for ECE VBS

Invitation handout | May 31

Join us walking the neighborhood inviting families to our church and Emmanuel Family Nights. We will start at 9:00 a.m. this coming Saturday, May 31, meeting in the Ministry and Education Center; light refreshments will be available. Let us know if you want maps to hand out at another time, due to your schedule. Contact BenjaminRuppel@gmail.com for questions.

Baby bottle offerings

Earlier this month we celebrated Mother's Day, and Father's Day is June 15. We have an opportunity to support two great ministries: 1) New Beginnings – A Home for Mothers and 2) Alpha Pregnancy Resource Center.

Here's what we can do:

- Pray that the people in these ministries can touch the lives of others with the gospel.
- Take a baby bottle home with you (you can take more than one). *Baby bottles are in the church narthex.*
- Fill the baby bottle with your cash, change, or checks (checks made out to Emmanuel Lutheran Church).
- Bring the baby bottle(s) back to church between now and June 15.

We will give 50% of the offerings to New Beginnings and 50% to Alpha.

Emmanuel family nights

This summer we will be hosting four Emmanuel Family Nights, when families can gather for a meal, a devotion, and a fun activity. These will be held on Wednesdays in the summer: June 11, June 25, July 9, and July 23. Learn more at elctempe.org/familynights.

Blood Drive | June 14

The Vitalant bloodmobile is coming to Emmanuel on Saturday, June 14, 7:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Your donation could help a family member, friend or neighbor in need. Spread the word and please consider donating.

ALA summer sports camps

Arizona Lutheran Academy (ALA) summer sports camps take place the first three weeks of June. Baseball-softball (co-ed) and volleyball (girls) camps are June 2-5, and basketball camps (boys and girls) are June 9-12 and June 16-19; all summer sports camps are for grades 4-8.



ALA sports camps
- registration

To find more information about the camps or to register, use the QR code or visit ALAcoyotes.org/camps.

Donations for Emmanuel Lutheran School art department

The art department of Emmanuel Lutheran School is asking for donations for the upcoming school year. Please place all donations in the church or school offices. Any questions can be directed to Mrs. Amber Bode at (480) 694-4698. Thank you for making our art program a success!

Items requested:

- iodized salt (generic brand)
- all-purpose flour (generic brand)
- plastic tablecloths
- small or regular paper plates
- cleaned plastic yogurt containers
- cardboard squares
- new acrylic (interior) paints
- newspaper
- yarn (any color)
- coffee wooden stirring sticks

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

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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