

IDENTITY

revealed

Epiphany 2

Jesus is the Lamb of God
Emmanuel Lutheran Church
January 18, 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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Identity Revealed: Jesus is the Lamb of God

For centuries Israel offered sacrifices to God for sin. Over and over, a substitute shed its blood as the price for forgiveness.

Then Jesus appears, the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. He comes to bear the sin of mankind. He fulfills all righteousness with his perfect life. He comes to die as the substitute for sinful mankind.

In faith we hold onto his forgiveness and are covered in his righteousness. In faith we cling to Jesus as our Savior and our Substitute.

Connected to him by faith, you have new perspective and new motivation for loving and serving Jesus with a Christian life.

Service of the Word

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Pre-Service Music

Opening Hymn

550 Lamb of God

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.

Response

526 What Wondrous Love Is This



1 What won-drous love is this, O my soul, O my soul! What
3 To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing; to
won-drous love is this, O my soul! What won-drous love is
God and to the Lamb I will sing; to God and to the
this that caused the Lord of bliss to bear the dread-ful curse
Lamb, who is the great I AM, while mil-lions join the theme,
for my soul, for my soul, to bear the dread-ful curse for my soul!
I will sing, I will sing, while mil-lions join the theme, I will sing.

Prayer of the Day

Almighty God, you gave your only-begotten Son to be the light of the world. Grant that your people, illumined by your Word and sacraments, may shine with the radiance of Christ's glory, that he may be known, worshiped, and believed to the ends of the earth; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, now and forever.
Amen.

Be seated.

First Reading

Isaiah 49:1-6

*God displays his
splendor by the
suffering of the
Servant of the Lord.*

¹Listen to me, you coastlands.
Pay attention, you faraway peoples!
The LORD called me from the womb.
When I was inside my mother, he mentioned my name.
²He made my mouth like a sharpened sword.
He hid me in the shadow of his hand.
He made me a polished arrow.
He concealed me in his quiver.
³He said to me, "You are my servant Israel,
in whom I will display my glory."

⁴But I said to myself, "I have labored in vain.
I spent my strength and came up empty, with nothing.
Yet a just verdict for me rests with the LORD,
and my reward is with my God."

⁵But now the LORD,
who formed me from the womb to be his servant,
to turn Jacob back to him,
so that Israel might be gathered to him,
so that I will be honored in the eyes of the LORD,
because my God has been my strength —

⁶the LORD said:
It is too small a thing that you should just be my servant
to raise up only the tribes of Jacob
and to restore the ones I have preserved in Israel,
so I will appoint you to be a light for the nations,
so that my salvation will be known to the end of the earth.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Response

525 The Lamb



2 The Lamb, the Lamb, one per - fect fi - nal of - fer - ing.
3 The Lamb, the Lamb, as way - ward sheep their shep - herd kill



The Lamb, the Lamb, let earth join heav'n his praise to sing.
so still, his will, on our be - half the law to fill.



Refrain
Wor - thy is the Lamb whose death makes me his



own! The Lamb is reign - ing on his throne.

*The Lamb of God was
flesh and blood so he
could be sacrificed to
win forgiveness of all
our sins.*

Second Reading

Colossians 2:6–15

⁶Therefore, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to walk in him,
⁷by being rooted and built up in him, and strengthened in the faith just as you
were taught, while you overflow in faith with thanksgiving.

⁸See to it that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty
deceit, which are in accord with human tradition, namely, the basic principles
of the world, but not in accord with Christ. ⁹For all the fullness of God's being
dwells bodily in Christ. ¹⁰And you have been brought to fullness in him. Christ
is the head over every ruler and authority. ¹¹You were also circumcised in him,
with a circumcision not done by human hands, in the putting off of the body of
flesh, in the circumcision of Christ, ¹²when you were buried with Christ in
baptism. And in baptism you were also raised with him through the faith
worked by the God who raised Christ from the dead.

¹³Even when you were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of
your flesh, God made you alive with Christ by forgiving us all our trespasses.
¹⁴God erased the record of our debt brought against us by his legal demands.
This record stood against us, but he took it away by nailing it to the cross.
¹⁵After disarming the rulers and authorities, he made a public display of them
by triumphing over them in Christ.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Response

422 A Lamb Goes Uncomplaining Forth

1 A Lamb goes un - com - plain - ing forth, our guilt and
2 This Lamb is Christ, the soul's great friend, the Lamb of

e - vil bear - ing and, lad - en with the sins of earth,
God, our Sav - ior; him God the Fa - ther chose to send

none else the bur - den shar - ing, goes pa - tient on,
to gain for us his fa - vor. "Go forth, my Son,"

grows weak and faint, to slaughter led without complaint,
the Fa - ther said, "and free my chil - dren from their dread
that spot - less life to of - fer; bears shame and stripes
of guilt and con - dem - na - tion. The wrath and stripes
and wounds and death, an - guish and mock - er - y and saith,
are hard to bear, but by your pas - sion they will share
"Will - ing all this I suf - fer."
the fruit of your sal - va - tion."

Please stand.

Gospel

John 1:29–41

²⁹The next day, John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, "Look! The Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world! ³⁰This is the one I was talking about when I said, 'The one coming after me outranks me because he existed before me.' ³¹I myself did not know who he was, but I came baptizing with water so that he would be revealed to Israel."

³²John also testified, "I saw the Spirit descend like a dove from heaven and remain on him. ³³I myself did not recognize him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, 'The one on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain, he is the one who will baptize with the Holy Spirit.' ³⁴I saw this myself and have testified that this is the Son of God."

³⁵The next day, John was standing there again with two of his disciples.

³⁶When John saw Jesus passing by, he said, "Look! The Lamb of God!" ³⁷The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus.

³⁸When Jesus turned around and saw them following him, he asked, "What are you looking for?"

As the last and greatest of the prophets, John beautifully summarizes God's plan of salvation by pointing to Jesus and calling him the Lamb of God.

They said to him, “Rabbi” (which means “Teacher”), “where are you staying?”

³⁹He told them, “Come, and you will see.” So they came and saw where he was staying. They stayed with him that day. It was about the tenth hour.

⁴⁰Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, was one of the two who heard John and followed Jesus. ⁴¹The first thing Andrew did was to find his own brother Simon and say to him, “We have found the Messiah!” (which is translated “the Christ”).

The Gospel of our Lord.
Praise be to you, O Christ!

Be seated.

Hymn of the Day

398 Not All the Blood of Beasts

Sermon

John 1:29–41

The Lamb asks what you are looking for

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

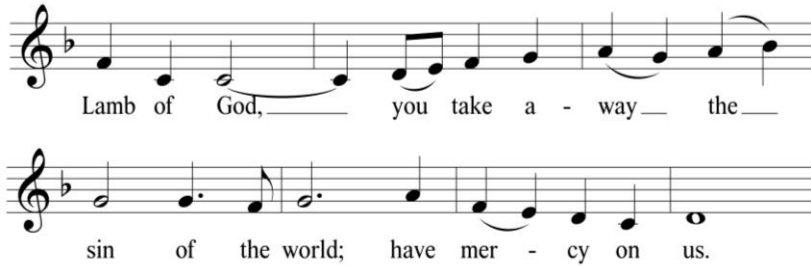
Musical Offering

Just As I Am
David Scherschel

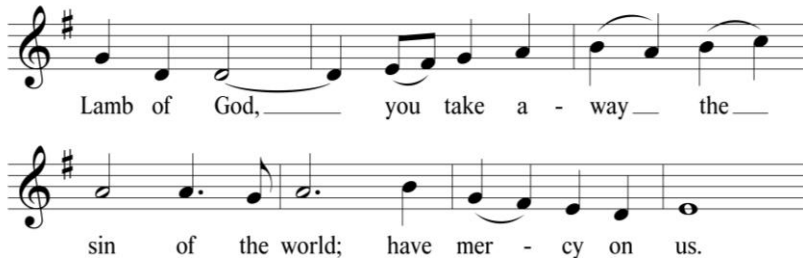
Please stand.

Prayer of the Church

Gracious Father in heaven, you do not desire the death of the wicked, but that all should repent, turn from evil, and find forgiveness and salvation. In love you sent your only-begotten Son to bear our sin and to bring us salvation. You sent him to be the Savior of the world, the Redeemer of all mankind, and the hope of people of every nation. As we see the gift of your Son revealed, together with John the Baptist we proclaim:



Lord Jesus, you were revealed at your baptism in the River Jordan as the chosen Christ of God, our Rescuer and our Redeemer. Your perfect obedience to all of the law of God has earned righteousness in our place. Your healing touch of love revealed the tender mercy and compassion of the Father to the downtrodden and the despairing. By your suffering on the cross you bore the burden of the sin of the world, and in your death you shed your blood as the price of redemption for all the human race. We look to you, our Savior and Friend, and with John the Baptist we proclaim:



O Holy Spirit, you anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the seal of God's approval, revealing him as the Son of God and the Savior of the nations. You have opened our eyes to see and believe that in Christ alone is our salvation and hope. We pray that you would allow the Good News of salvation to ring out in every region of the globe. Turn hearts everywhere from darkness in unbelief to the light of faith in truth. Bring your gift of free forgiveness to people of all generations, so that in the end there may be people of every nation, tribe and language joining in the eternal song of praise to the Lamb who was slain and who with his blood redeemed people for God. It is because you enable us to confess that we proclaim along with John the Baptist:



Special prayers and petitions may be said.

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

814 Just as I Am, without One Plea

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.

Closing Hymn

929 May the Peace of God

Post-Service Music

Just As I Am

David Nevue

The Power of the Cross

Lloyd Larson

Serving at Worship

Preaching Minister

Presiding Minister

Piano

Video streamer and slides

Video captions

Sound

Hymn selector

Pastor Allen Schroeder

Pastor Jon Buchholz

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Chris Wempner

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In our prayers

- Lois Henderson – Healing and treatment for unknown lung disease.
- Jay Meshay – Hospitalized, recovering from triple bypass surgery.
- Miriam Meyer – Home recovering from illness.
- Seth Meyer – Back home in Arizona to continue his accident recovery.
- Moses – In Banner Health NICU.
- Kaylee – Receiving treatment for cancer.
- Lorenzo Ortega – Home recovering from hospitalization.
- Yolie Schoening – Dealing with foot issues and other health concerns.
- Connor – In Banner Health NICU.
- Much-needed rain for the state of Arizona.



*Emmanuel usher
sign-up.*

Ushers

8:00 a.m.

Dan Gruman, Eli Gruman, Noah Gruman, Jacob Pufahl

10:30 a.m.

Matt Corrigan, Caden Head

Flowers

Thank you to Pastor Dan and Ingrid Pautz and family for beautifying our sanctuary with altar flowers in loving memory of Marilyn Pautz.

Landscaping

Thank you to Tony and Alice Orlowski and family 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	No class
Church open forum	9:15 a.m.
Sunday school, teen study	9:15 a.m.
Public School Catechism	12:00-1:30 p.m.

Monday

Martin Luther King day No school / Church office closed

Tuesday

Church council meeting 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday

Wednesday Bible study in the MEC 8:30 a.m.

Pastoral Epistles

Led by Pastor Gary Pufahl

Adult choir in the MEC 6:30 p.m.

Thursday

Thursday Bible study at Denny's 6:00 a.m.
21st Century Lessons from the Life of Abraham
Led by Pastor Dan Pautz at
Denny's (Broadway and Priest in Tempe)

God's Ways Bible study in the MEC 6:00 p.m.
Led by Pastor Gary Pufahl

Bible Basics in the MEC 6:30 p.m.
Led by Pastor Jon Buchholz

Friday

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

Sunday, January 25

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

January 26 Greeter training and ice cream social in the MEC 6:30 p.m.

January 27 Quarterly voters' meeting 6:30 p.m.

January 28 Wednesday Bible study 8:30 a.m.
Pastoral Epistles
Led by Pastor Gary Pufahl

January 29 Adult choir in the MEC 6:30 p.m.
Thursday Bible study at Denny's 6:00 a.m.
21st Century Lessons from the Life of Abraham
Led by Pastor Dan Pautz at
Denny's (Broadway and Priest in Tempe)

God's Ways Bible study in the MEC 6:00 p.m.
Led by Pastor Gary Pufahl

Bible Basics in the MEC 6:30 p.m.
Led by Pastor Jon Buchholz

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

January 31 Men of His Word conference 7:15 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
Emmanuel's Ministry and Education Center

February 1 Christian Education Sunday
Worship services 8:00 and 10:30 a.m.
Bible study, Sunday school, teen study 9:15 a.m.
Public School Catechism No class
Church picnic 12:00-2:00 p.m.

February 3 Stewardship meeting 8:00 p.m.

February 4	Wednesday Bible study	8:30 a.m. <i>Pastoral Epistles</i> <i>Led by Pastor Gary Pufahl</i>
	Adult choir in the MEC	6:30 p.m.
February 5	Thursday Bible study at Denny's	6:00 a.m. <i>21st Century Lessons from the Life of Abraham</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>
February 6	Chapel	8:30 a.m.
	ELS K-8 Grandparents' Day	10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
	ELS early release	12:00 p.m.
February 7	Evangelism outreach: ELS open enrollment	9:00-10:30 a.m.
February 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.
February 9	Worship committee meeting	6:30 p.m.
February 11	Wednesday Bible study	8:30 a.m. <i>Pastoral Epistles</i> <i>Led by Pastor Gary Pufahl</i>
	Adult choir in the MEC	6:30 p.m.
February 12	Thursday Bible study at Denny's	6:00 a.m. <i>21st Century Lessons from the Life of Abraham</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 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.

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.

Help needed and Meal Train for the Rognholt family

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>.

Open Forum today (Sunday, January 18)

In place of Sunday Bible class today, Sunday, January 18, we will hold an open forum for our congregation. The open forum is an opportunity to connect with your pastors and congregation leaders, ask questions, and get updated information on different church programs, our elementary school, our congregation's budget, and more. The open forum shares important information that will be presented to the voters for their consideration at the voters' meeting on Tuesday, January 27. Sunday school and teen group will still meet today.

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.



Connection card

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*Balgeman
Meal Train*



*Severeid
Meal Train*



*Rognholt
Meal Train*

New Bible studies start

Beginning next Sunday, January 25, we will return to holding two Bible studies on Sunday mornings between services. During this Family Bible Hour, we'll also have Sunday School for younger children and Teen Group for middle- and high-schoolers.

- **The Ten Commandments.** Join Pastor Buchholz in the Oak Room for an in-depth study of the Ten Commandments given through Moses at Mount Sinai. Although it was carved in stone nearly 3,500 years ago, God's Moral Law remains in full force and effect today. Learn practical ways to apply the commandments to our daily lives as Christians.
- **Psalms – A Time to Sing.** Pastor Pufahl leads this series in the Olive Room. The psalms were the hymnal for God's Old Testament people. Join the psalmists in singing and shouting and celebrating the gifts of God's grace that he showers down upon his people. The joy expressed in the psalms is unmatched, and it overflows into every aspect of our lives.

Greeter training and ice cream social | January 26

Like chatting with people? Enjoy a bowl of ice cream every now and then? Join us Monday, January 26, at 6:30 p.m. for greeter training followed by an ice cream social. This training is for those who need a refresher, new to greeting, or interested in learning more about becoming a Sunday morning greeter. Contact Pastor Buchholz or Benjamin Ruppel with questions.

Register now for men's conference on January 31

Men of His Word is a gathering of WELS pastors and lay leaders who have been holding yearly conferences in Minnesota and Wisconsin for over a decade. The group is now expanding to Arizona under the guidance of a local team of volunteers. The annual conference for Men of His Word – Arizona will be held on Saturday, January 31, 2026, at the Desert Willow Conference Center (48th Street and Broadway in Phoenix). The conference is open to all men who would like to grow spiritually, be inspired by God's Word, and fellowship with Christian brothers from the Southwest. For more information and to register, visit MenofHisWord.org/Phoenix/ and click on the registration button.

Day of in-person registration will be open at 7:15 a.m. on January 31 with breakfast being served until 8:00 a.m. The conference will start at 8:00 a.m. with devotion followed by the keynote speaker. Register and purchase your ticket today; the cost is \$125 and students are \$50.

Men of His Word Conference Scholarship

Through a generous donation, men from Emmanuel who sign up for the conference will receive a \$50 cash-back scholarship. Only 40 scholarships are available. Register now and pay the registration fee, and once you have attended the event this month, you will receive a \$50 reimbursement. Gentlemen, take advantage of this opportunity to attend this excellent conference with your brothers in Christ. Those interested in receiving a scholarship can sign up [here](#) or use the provided QR code.



*Men of His Word
scholarship sign-up*

Tuition assistance workshop

AZ Lutheran is committed to helping families afford a private, Christian education for their children. If you are concerned with the tuition, be sure to find out about all the options available to you by attending our first Tuition Assistance Workshop of the school year this Wednesday, January 21, at 6:00 p.m. on the AZ Lutheran campus. Register at ALAcoyotes.org/TAW.

Guest Talk at Salem Lutheran Church | January 24

You're invited! Professor Glen Thompson (Asia Lutheran Seminary) is leading a free study session about the first Christian mission in China at Salem Lutheran Church (6701 E. Osborn Road, Scottsdale) on Saturday, January 24, beginning at 10:00 a.m. (light snacks will follow the presentation). There will also be copies of Professor Thompson's book *Jingiao* on this subject available for purchase (\$25) and free signing. For more information or to optionally RSVP, please contact the Salem church office at salemlutheranwels@yahoo.com or (480) 947-6012.

Emmanuel church picnic | February 1

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

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

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

Save the date | Grandparents Day at Arizona Lutheran Academy

If you are the grandparent of an AZ Lutheran student, mark 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 invitation and sign-up will be available soon. Until then, put February 4 on your calendar.

Save the date | Grandparents Day at Emmanuel Lutheran School

Grandparents Day at Emmanuel will be celebrated on Friday, February 6, from 10:00 a.m. until noon. More details will be shared in the near future.

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 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.



Food Sign-Up



Helper Sign-Up

2026 Flower chart

The new flower calendar is on the bulletin board in the church narthex if you want to sign up to place flowers on the altar this year (2026). You may place flowers for any occasion on any date that is available. Choose your date(s) early for best selection! Many of our members commemorate special events, such as birthdays, anniversaries, baptisms, or they contribute flowers in memory of loved ones. Contact information for possible florist options is included on the calendar posted in the narthex. Thank you for the flowers that beautify our sanctuary each week!

2026 Landscaping schedule

New year, new schedule! The 2026 landscaping calendar is on the bulletin board in the church narthex if you want to sign up this year (2026). Landscaping consists of picking up trash around the campus, weeding, blowing off the courtyard and surrounding plant/flower beds, and other general clean-up. Full volunteer landscaping instructions will be emailed to volunteers a week in advance to their scheduled date. If you have any questions, please contact Kevin Wenzel at (kevinw@wenzeldev.com). Thank you for helping maintain, trim and clean the outside church property each week!



*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.

Arizona Lutheran Academy Game Show Gala 2026

Come on down! Get ready to spin the wheel and guess the price at our Game Show Gala on Saturday, March 28, 2026. This retro-themed evening will bring back the glitz, charm, and excitement of your favorite classic game shows — complete with themed games, dinner, and a night of fun to support our mission. Visit ALAcoyotes.org/Gala to learn more.

Interested in sponsoring Arizona Lutheran Academy's 2026 Gala? If you own a business in Arizona, we want your name on our sponsor list! Your sponsorship between now and March 6 will support the students at Arizona Lutheran Academy and the campus branding and improvements. Plus, sponsor packages include tickets, print, and web advertising. Visit ALAcoyotes.org/gala to sponsor or learn more.

Church library reminder

If you have checked out a book (or several) from our church library to enjoy, and need them longer than two weeks, please come in to sign them out for a longer period of time. Thank you and happy reading!

Christian education hour

Here is a list of our classes, topics, and locations for our Sunday morning education hour.

Please note, there will be no **Adult Bible study** or **Table Talk** today (1/18/2026) due to our church open forum. Classes will resume next Sunday, 1/25/26. Join us at 9:15 a.m. in the Ministry and Education Center for the open forum.

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 is the Lamb of God."

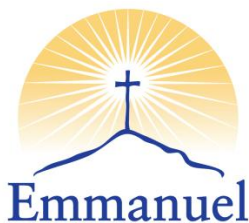
The **Junior High Bible study Grades 7-8** is meeting in the 8th grade classroom on the second floor of the MEC. The study topic today is "Identity Revealed: Jesus is the Lamb of God."

The Sunday School for **Grades 4-6** is meeting in the 4th grade classroom at the south campus. The study topic today is "God redeems his people."

The Sunday School for **Grades 1-3** is meeting in the 3rd grade classroom at the south campus. The study topic today is "God redeems his people."

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

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 is baptized."



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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