

## Time after Pentecost September 11, 2022

*The grumbling of the religious leaders in today's gospel is actually our holy hope: This Jesus welcomes sinners and eats with them. That our God seeks and saves the lost is not only a holy hope, it is our only hope. As the writer of 1 Timothy reminds us, "The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners." Thanks be to God.*

**Questions for Reflection:** In Luke 15:1-10, Jesus tells the parable of the shepherd who seeks out one lost sheep and a woman who searches her home for a missing coin. Is there someone from whom you are estranged, a distant friend or family member, or a person from your church you haven't seen in a while? If appropriate, find a way to contact that person and let them know you have missed them.

**Morning Prayer:** O Lord, have mercy on us this day according to your steadfast love. Create clean hearts and new spirits within us and open our lips to declare your praise; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

**Evening Prayer:** Tonight, O God, we give you thanks for your grace overflowing in our lives and for the gifts of faith and love in Christ. Strengthen us for your service, be patient with us in our failings, and continue to pour out your mercy upon us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### Order of Service

#### GOD GATHERS US

Prelude

**Gathering** ELW# 821 *Shout to the Lord*

**We Ask God's Forgiveness** *Refiner's Fire*

**We Sing Praise** *You Are My King (Amazing Love)*

**We Pray**

#### GOD SPEAKS TO US

Exodus 32:7-14	Bible 69
Psalms 51:1-10	Bible 452
1 Timothy 1:12-17	Bible 963
Luke 15:1-10	Bible 850

**Sermon** Pastor Annemarie Burke

**Song of the Day** ELW #574 *Here I Am, Lord*

**Prayers of Intercession**

#### GOD FEEDS US

**We Pass the Peace**

#### We Give our Offerings

*How did you see God acting through you or others this week?*

ELW #467 *We Place upon Your Table, Lord*

#### Holy Communion

*All are welcome to receive Holy Communion. You do not need to be a member of this or any church congregation. Gluten free wafers available on request. If it is part of your own faith tradition to not receive communion, you are very welcome to come forward for a blessing instead.*

**Lamb of God** ELW #195

#### Song During Communion

ELW #469 *By Your Hand You Feed Your People*

#### GOD SENDS US

**Blessing and Sending into Internship** *Julie Gerrish*

#### Sending Song

ELW #543 *Go, My Children with My Blessing*

#### Blessing and Dismissal

Postlude

### Announcements

*You can also get announcements and calendar of events on our website [www.MyEsperanza.org](http://www.MyEsperanza.org)*

#### TODAY! Fall worship schedule begins

We Worship at **9:00AM**, followed by fellowship time at 10:00AM. Sunday School will start at 10:15AM for children, and at 10:30 for all others.

**Sunday School kick off-** Sunday, September 11<sup>th</sup> for Children Pre-K through 5<sup>th</sup> grade youth. Each Sunday we will gather in the upstairs great room to actively learn about our God. We will learn about how much God loves us and how we can love others. We will learn about our earth and how we can and care for God's creation. Join us after worship for lessons, crafts, snacks, and prayers.

#### HUNGER MINISTRY: OCTOBER 15 PACKING EVENT AT FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN

As a Christian nonprofit organization, Feed My Starving Children (FMSC) is called to feed God's starving children hungry in body and spirit. From FMSC's website: "Every year, millions of children die from preventable causes such as pneumonia, diarrhea, malaria and undernutrition. Hunger is still causing nearly half of deaths in children under 5 years old. From this data, we estimate at least 6,200 children die each day from causes related to undernutrition. This is heartbreaking." Through late August 2022, FMSC has sent meals to 56 countries, including 2.75 million meals to Ukraine. FMSC needs help packing meals. To respond to this need, a work event for Esperanza has been scheduled from 11:30 AM to 1:15 PM on Saturday, October 15. This is a great opportunity for our youth to get involved in responding to a global need. Youth 5 and older can participate with an adult. Forty-five work slots have been reserved for Esperanza. FMSC's Phoenix metro packing location is at 1345 S. Alma School Drive, Mesa, 85210. FMSC would also appreciate a

donation (the day of the event would be fine) to help purchase meal ingredients. If you would like to participate, there is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex or contact the office at 480-759-1515. If you would like to carpool or have questions, please contact Larry or Peggy Hanson or the church office.

**Habitat House for 2022-2023** Our starting date for work on our 26<sup>th</sup> house for Habitat for Humanity is October 29, 2022. This year's house will be a two-story and is located at 3610 S. Roosevelt Street, Tempe AZ 85282. Our family is a single mom, Angela Pelosi, with three children. Start thinking about how you can help with the build, with lunches for the volunteers, and with a financial donation. Remember, with your donation to Habitat for Humanity, you can claim a tax credit on your Arizona State Tax return. Additional information will be provided as we receive it from Habitat. Contact John Fisher, Jim Gisselquist or John Gemma if you have any questions. Thank you to all who have made our past builds a success.

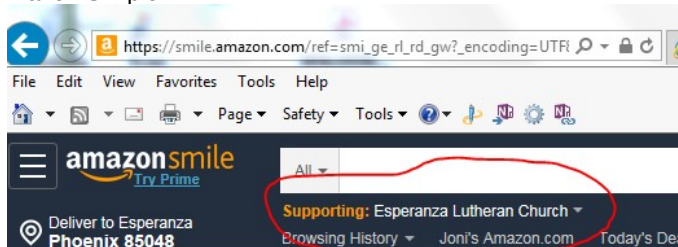
**Yoga at Esperanza!** Aubree Duplessis his having a summer yoga series here in the community room upstairs from Aug 16-Sept 22<sup>nd</sup>. Flyers with information including signups on the Narthex table.

**Kyrene Family Resource Center**

While the KFRC welcomes a variety of non-perishable foods, the greatest current need is for the following: cereal, spaghetti sauce, pasta, granola bars, and peanut butter. Any questions, please contact Peggy or Larry Hanson.

**Fundraiser-** Amazon donates 0.5% of the price of your eligible AmazonSmile purchases to the charitable organization of your choice.

Go to : Smile.Amazon.com, Log on, under the amazon search bar it says "supporting" with a pull down menu- search for Esperanza Lutheran Church. We get .05% each purchase you make. Simple!



**Voices For CASA** On an ongoing basis, we support Voices for CASA with \$10 fast-food gift cards. These gift cards go to CASAs (Court Appointed Special Advocates) for their meetings with the foster children they help. Please bring any gift cards to the church office. If you have any questions about this program or about Voices, please contact John Gemma at jgemma@cox.net.

**Prayer Shawls** Each week a group of knitters gather on campus to make prayer shawls for our community. These shawls can be found on the rack by the altar. These prayer shawls are for ANYONE who is in need (illness, birth of a baby, marriage, or in need of a pick me up). Please remember to fill out the white card that is attached and place the card in the Prayer Shawl container (on the counter in the entryway to the sanctuary). Let's spread God's comfort and peace into the world.

**Come PhLY with Me!** High Schoolers and parents: make sure you've signed up so you get all the latest and greatest info! www.phlyministry.com

**Families and Youth, please refer to our up-to-date calendar on the Esperanza website for event updates by visiting myesperanza.org/calendar**

**Pet Prayer Shawl Ministry-** to benefit 2DARescue. 2darecue.org Shawls are crocheted by Alice Schultze. A suggested donation for each shawl is: \$20.00 -50% of donations will go to the rescue and 50% goes to purchase supplies. Questions? Contact Alice Schultze [roseypetunia@cox.net](mailto:roseypetunia@cox.net).

**General Fund Results Through August**

August 2022 YTD	Revenue	Expense	Net Income/(Loss)
Actual	\$231,233	\$203,923	\$27,310
Budget	\$215,440	\$211,488	\$3,952

Pledge giving was especially strong in August. YTD pledge giving, while somewhat below last year, is well ahead of budget so far this year. But this is due largely to families who have paid ahead or already paid their full annual pledge. Unpledged giving, while bolstered by a large donation from the Preschool, is still somewhat behind Budget.

Thanks to continued focus on cost containment, expenses YTD are less than budget. As a result, YTD Net Income is positive. However, since the favorability in pledge giving will almost certainly decline over the balance of the year, we still expect a net shortfall for the full year, although somewhat less than previously projected.

Worship Leaders	
	9:30
Greeter	Dick & Doris Dorwart
Lector	Paul Wagner
Communion Assistants	Jim & Jane Gisselquist
Usher	Doris Dorwart, Tom Vega
Power Point	John Gemma
Assist. Minister	Deacon Connie