

Time after Pentecost September 18, 2022

As we are invited today to consider what it means to be managers (rather than owners) of all that we have, it is crucial to recognize that we are bought with a price. "Christ Jesus, himself human, ...gave himself a ransom for all." Apart from the generosity of God we have nothing- we are nothing. By Gods gracious favor we have everything we need.

Questions for Reflection: First Timothy 2:1-7 includes some important instructions on prayer: "I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone." In particular the writer encourages us to pray for "kings and all who are in high positions" In your own practice of prayer, how do you remember leaders and others in positions of authority in your nation or community? What kind of prayers do you think they need?

Morning Prayer: We praise and worship you, O God. From the heights of the heavens you look down upon the earth to lift up the poor and needy. Help us to glorify your name this day, from the rising of the sun to its setting; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Evening Prayer: We belong to you, O God; we are yours alone. Keep us faithful as you are faithful- in all things, great and small- so that when this world passes away we may be welcomed into an eternal home; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

Order of Service

GOD GATHERS US

Prelude

Gathering ELW # 836 Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee

We Ask God's Forgiveness I Need Thee Every Hour

We Sing Praise ELW #857 Lord, I Lift Your Name on High

We Pray

GOD SPEAKS TO US

Amos 8:4-7	Bible 749
Psalms 113	Bible 491
1 Timothy 2:1-7	Bible 963
Luke 16:1-13	Bible 851

Sermon Pastor Annemarie Burke

Song of the Day ELW #722 O Christ, Your Heart, Compassionate (Verse 2 Choir only)

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.

Lamb of God ELW #195

Song During Communion

ELW #793 Be Thou My Vision

GOD SENDS US

Sending Song

ELW #669 Rise Up, O Saints of God!

Blessing and Dismissal

Postlude

Announcements

You can also get announcements and calendar of events at www.MyEsperanza.org

Sunday School – Has begun for all ages! K-5th graders in the upstairs room at 10:15 with Deacon Connie. We will learn about how much God loves us and how we can love others. We will learn about the earth and how we can care for God's creation. Join us for lessons, crafts, snacks, and prayers. Adult education at 10:30 in the sanctuary.

Habitat House for 2022-2023 Our starting date for work on our 26th 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.



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.

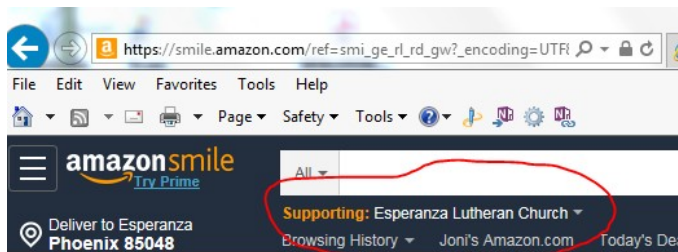
To respond to this need, a work event for Esperanza has been scheduled from 11:30 AM to 1:15 PM on Saturday, October 15. This is a great opportunity for our youth to get involved in responding to a global need. Youth 5 and older can participate with an adult. Forty-five work slots have been reserved 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.

Yoga at Esperanza! Aubree Duplessis his having a summer yoga series here in the community room upstairs from Aug 16- Sept 22nd. 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.

Join The Ahwatukee Foothills CROP WALK!

Take steps toward eliminating hunger at home and abroad! Sunday, November 13, Desert Foothills Park. Help raise \$25,000 for hunger! 75% used internationally; 25% to Kyrene Family Resource Center. Register at bit.ly/AhwatukeeCropWalk or scan:



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.

Worship Leaders	
Greeter	Birger & Sally Reinertsen
Lector	John Gemma
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