

# Building a Culture of Generosity

## September 25, 2022

Consideration of and care for those in need (especially those "at our gate," visible to us, of whom we are aware) is an essential component of good stewardship, it is in the sharing of wealth that we avoid the snare of wealth. It is the one whom death could not hold-who comes to us risen from the dead-who can free us from the death grip of greed.

**Questions for Reflection:** Who is wealthy to God?

**Morning Prayer:** God of radiance and glory you give life to all things and call us to life everlasting. Show us the treasure of your grace so that we may take hold of the life that really is life; through Christ Jesus, Lord of lords. Amen.

**Evening Prayer:** Most High God, in the shadow of your wings there is nothing to fear. Cover us with your grace this night. Be with us in trouble, satisfy us with long life, and show us your saving love; 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

Amos 6:1a,4-7	Bible 747
Psalms 146	Bible 507
1 Timothy 6:6-19	Bible 965
Luke 16:19-31	Bible 851

**Sermon** Pastor Annemarie Burke

**Song of the Day** ELW #722 O Christ, Your Heart  
Compassionate (choir only verse 2)

### Prayers of Intercession

### GOD FEEDS US

**We Pass the Peace**

**We Give our Offerings**

*How did you see God at work through you this week?*

People of Hope

### 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 #712 Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service

### GOD SENDS US

#### Sending Song

ELW #723 Canticle of the Turning, vs 1-2

#### Blessing and Dismissal

#### Postlude

## Announcements

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

**Steppin' Out!** 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](http://bit.ly/AhwatukeeCropWalk) or scan:



**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.

**Sunday School** Has begun for all ages! K-5<sup>th</sup> 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 and care for God's creation. Join us for lessons, crafts, snacks, and prayers. Adult education at 10:30 in the sanctuary.



**HUNGER MINISTRY:  
October 15 Feed My  
Starving Children  
Packing Event!**

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 has 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.

**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.

**There is a "Pray-Ground" in the Esperanza Sanctuary!**

We welcome children of all ages in worship at 9:00AM. Children are an integral part of the body of Christ, and we welcome them to worship with all the sounds and movements that they bring with them. Esperanza's Pray-Ground is a wonderful option for families to experience worship together. Located in the northeast corner of the sanctuary is an area designed for young children to quietly engage in age-appropriate activities. During the service families can sit close by conveniently. Please join us at our "PRAY-GROUND" on Sundays.

**Come PhLY with Me!**

Come one, come all to this fall's **Lock-In at Esperanza!** October 15 at 4:00 through worship on the 16<sup>th</sup>. Come see old friends and make new ones! High Schoolers and parents: make sure you've signed up so you get all the latest and greatest info! [www.phlyministry.com](http://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](http://myesperanza.org/calendar)

**Pet Prayer Shawl Ministry-** to benefit 2DARescue. [2darecue.org](http://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).

Worship Leaders	
	<b>9:30</b>
<b>Greeter</b>	Jim & Jane Gisselquist
<b>Lector</b>	Lauren Cantoni
<b>Communion Assistants</b>	Chuck & Pam Yount
<b>Ushers</b>	Larry Hanson, Paul Gerrish, Cindy Jackson
<b>Power Point</b>	Michelle Tinsley
<b>Assisting Minister</b>	John Gemma