

Time after Pentecost September 4, 2022

Called to contemplate the cost of discipleship, we might be helpful by translating Paul's request to Philemon into our prayer of the day: Refresh my heart in Christ. Strengthened by the company and forgiveness of Christ in holy communion and recalling God's grace in remembrance of baptism, we can be strengthened in this hour to "choose life"-to choose life in God as our own.

Questions for Reflection: What must you give up to follow Christ more faithfully?

Morning Prayer: Abiding God, awaken my heart to greet you and open my lips to sing your praise. May I follow the way of Christ ever more fully this day. Amen.

Evening Prayer: Lord, you know my strengths and weaknesses and how I long to serve you. Thank you for the love and guidance you have shown for me this day. In your book of life are written all my days; in you I fully trust. Bless me as I sleep this night and bring me to tomorrow, rejoicing in the gift of living ever close to you. Amen.

Order of Service

GOD GATHERS US

Prelude

Gathering: ELW# 556 *Morning Has Broken*

We Ask God's Forgiveness: ELW# 801 *Change My Heart, O God*

We Sing Praise: ELW # 836 *Joyful Joyful we Adore Thee* verses 1,3

We Pray

GOD SPEAKS TO US

Deuteronomy 30:15-20 Bible 163

Psalms 1 Bible 424

Philemon 1-21 Bible 970

Luke 14:25-33 Bible 850

Sermon Pastor Annmarie Burke

Song of the Day ELW# 798 *The Summons*, verses 1-2,4-5

Prayers of Intercession

GOD FEEDS US

We Pass the Peace

We Give our Offerings

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

Offering Prayer

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 page 174

Song During Communion

ELW #612 *Healer of Our Every Ill*

GOD SENDS US

Sending Song

ELW #857 *Lord, I Lift your Name on High*

Blessing and Dismissal

Postlude

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

You can also get announcements and calendar of events on our website

www.MyEsperanza.org

New! Fall worship schedule – Mark your calendar

We will be implementing a new fall worship and education schedule. Effective **September 11, 2022**, the Worship service will be from **9:00AM-10:00AM**, followed by fellowship time at 10:00AM. Sunday School will start at 10:15AM ending at 11:00AM with adult education starting at 10:30AM ending at 11:00AM. **Sunday School kick off-** Sunday, September 11th for Children Pre-K through 5th 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.

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.

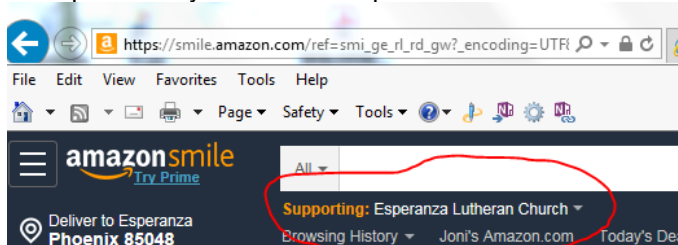
Yoga at Esperanza! Aubree Duplessis his having a summer yoga series here in the community room upstairs from Aug 16- Sept 22nd. Flyers with information including signups on the Narthex table.

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.

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 starting Sept. 11th. 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! High Schoolers and parents: make sure you've signed up so you get all the latest and greatest info! www.phlyministry.com/ Here is what is coming up:

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	
	9:30
Greeter	Tom & Susan Vega
Lector	John Fisher
Communion Assistants	Georgia Waters, Julie Valenzuela
Usher	Jim Gisselquist
Power Point	Michelle Ageno
Assist. Minister	Michelle Tinsley