

Building a Culture of Generosity

October 9, 2022

It's a miracle! Multiple miracles! The waters of holy baptism have healed us. The body and blood of Jesus in holy communion have made us clean. We have died with Christ and been raised with him. For all this we have returned to offer thanks. From this place we are sent on our way rejoicing to share the good news.

Questions for Reflection: The Greek word for "Eucharist"-*eucharistia*-means *thanksgiving* and is used in Luke 17:16 to describe the Samaritan's thankful response of faith to Jesus, who had mercy on him. To live a "eucharistic life," then, is to live a life of thanksgiving to God* The Larger and Shorter Catechism of the Westminster Standards (1647) both begin with a version of the same question and answer: Q: 1. *What is the chief end of {humankind}? A: [Our] chief end is to glorify God and to enjoy [God] forever.* Can you recount some of the ways in which you are glorifying and enjoying God in your daily life? What new habits or practices might cultivate in you a more eucharistic life?

Morning Prayer: Glorious God, I praise you. I praise you for who you are- loving, merciful, powerful, and just. I praise you for the ways you act in creation—creating beauty, bringing freedom, making peace, offering healing. Thank you for the opportunities I will have today to glorify you in my words and actions. Thank you for this very day in which I am able to enjoy you by participating in your activity in the world. I pray that the enmity between people and nations may give way to true communion. In the name of Christ, the great Reconciler, I pray. Amen.

Evening Prayer: Loving God, I end this day as I began it—in praise of you. Thank you for including me in your great circle of love and care. Thank you for being with us always. Thank you, too, for calling me to love others and to treat everyone as my neighbor. Help me to notice those whose cries for mercy so often go unheard or unanswered, for I am joined to them by being joined to you. I pray in awe of the life you have given me through faith in Jesus Christ. 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 #843 Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness, vs.1, 3

We Pray

GOD SPEAKS TO US

2 Kings 5:1-3,7-15c	Bible 293
Psalms 111	Bible 490
2 Timothy 2:8-15	Bible 967
Luke 17:11-19	Bible 852

Sermon

Pastor Annemarie Burke

Song of the Day ELW #886 Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing vs 1-4, 6

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 #838 Beautiful Savior

GOD SENDS US

Sending Song

ELW #689 Praise and Thanksgiving

Blessing and Dismissal

Postlude

Announcements

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

Special Jazz Event Monday, October 17th at 6:30 pm. Join us in the sanctuary for a casual get-together while we listen to our very own Steve Newell, Steve Waters, Dick Dorwart, and John Yocky. Feel free to bring drinks and snacks to share for this splendid evening of music and fellowship!

Blessing of the Animals on October 23rd 9:00 a.m.

Come one, come all, people and animals, big and small! Bring your pets, livestock, and critters to worship in the courtyard for a special service blessing each animal and the people who care for them. If it's not possible to bring your animal, or they would be uncomfortable around other animals, you could bring a picture to represent them!

Oktoberfest! Saturday, Oct. 29th from 6-9 pm for fall foods, music and conversation. We provide the beverages and meat. You bring a side dish or a dessert. Invite your friends, neighbors, or someone in the Esperanza community you haven't seen in a while!

CROP Walk is Steppin' Out! Join the Esperanza Team and participate in The Ahwatukee Foothills CROP Hunger Walk! Take steps toward eliminating hunger at home and abroad! Sunday, November 13 at Desert Foothills Park. Let's plan on carpooling from Esperanza

to help save parking spaces at the park for others. Help raise \$25,000 for hunger! 75% used internationally; 25% to Kyrene Family Resource Center. Register at bit.ly/AhwatukeeCropWalk or scan:



Needed: Portable Generator and Volunteers for Ahwatukee Foothills CROP Hunger Walk

- The following are needed during the Walk:
- 3,000 watt (running) portable generator. If you can loan, please contact Larry Hanson or church office.
 - Approx. 6 volunteers. Please sign up in the Narthex

Habitat House 2022-2023 Starting date Oct 29!

Our 26th house for Habitat for Humanity will be a two-story located at 3610 S. Roosevelt Street in Tempe. Our family is a single mom, Angela Pelosi, and her 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 info as it comes in from Habitat. Questions? Contact John Fisher, Jim Gisselquist or John Gemma. Thank you to all who have made our past builds a success!



Feed My Starving Children Packing Event! October 15

Sign-up by Oct 11
As a Christian nonprofit organization, Feed My

Starving Children (FMSC) is called to feed God's starving children, hungry in body and spirit. As of late September 2022, FMSC has sent meals to 56 countries, including 2.75 million meals to Ukraine. FMSC needs help packing meals! A work event for Esperanza is from 11:30 AM to 1:15 PM Saturday, October 15. It's a great opportunity for youth to get involved in responding to a global need. Ages 5 and older can participate with an adult. *FMSC's Phoenix metro packing location: 1345 S. Alma School Drive, Mesa 85210.* FMSC would also appreciate a donation (the day of the event is fine) to help purchase meal ingredients. Sign-up sheet in the narthex or contact the office 480-759-1515. For carpooling or questions, please contact Larry or Peggy Hanson or the church office.

Yoga at Esperanza! With Aubree Duplessis. Watch this spot for details!

Kyrene Family Resource Center

While the KFRC welcomes a variety of non-perishable foods, the greatest current need is for the following: cereal, canned chicken, microwavable mac and cheese, granola bars, and Ramen noodles. Year to date

Esperanza has donated 653 lbs of food. Any questions, please contact Peggy or Larry Hanson.

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!

Come one, come all to the fall Lock-In at Esperanza! October 15 at 4:00pm through worship on the 16th. Come see old friends and make new ones!

More upcoming PhLY events:

- November 19th PhLY gives back at West Valey Lutheran Thrift.
- December 2nd 6pm-9pm First Friday at Grace Lutheran
- January 13-16 Winter Retreat, \$50 per person. Sign up on the website!

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

High Schoolers and parents: make sure you've signed up so you get all the latest and greatest info at www.phlyministry.com

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 go to the rescue and 50% goes to purchase supplies. Questions? Contact Alice Schultze at roseypetunia@cox.net.

Worship Leaders	
	9:00
Greeter	Joyce Weary
Lector	Tom Vega
Communion Assistants	Larry Hanson, Doris Dorwart
Ushers	Dick Dorwart, Tom Vega, Jim & Jeanne Crowe, Kelly Edwards
Power Point	Michelle or Oliva Ageno
Assisting Minister	Deacon Connie