

All Saints Sunday

November 6, 2022

In holy baptism God makes saints out of sinners. In holy communion God forgives the sins of all the saints. In worship today we give thanks for all the saints "who from their labors rest." In the same breath we petition our God for the strength to hear and to heed the admonitions of Jesus in today's gospel. Sealed by the Spirit and sustained by the Savior's body and blood, we live with joy as God gives us breath, to the praise of God's glory.

Question for Reflection: Who are the saints that have accompanied you in the life of faith?

Morning Prayer: God of blessing, thank you for a new day to live for you. In the company of all the saints in heaven and on earth, I raise to sing your praise. Make me a worthy companion of my ancestors in faith and let me love others as I have been loved. Amen.

Evening Prayer: Creator of the stars of night, thank you for the gift of rest. Forgive what wrong I have done today, and heal any wounds I have caused. Grant me, I pray, a peaceful rest, that I may rise with the sun to serve you with joy. Amen.

Order of Service

GOD GATHERS US

Prelude

All Saints Litany

Gathering: ELW #422 For All the Saints, vs 1-4

We Hear God's Forgiveness

We Pray

GOD SPEAKS TO US

Revelation 21:1-6a	Bible 1007
Psalms 24	Bible 436
Ephesians 1:11-23	Bible 949
Luke 6:20-31	Bible 838

Sermon Pastor Annemarie Burke

Song of the Day ELW #423 Shall We Gather at the River

Prayers of Intercession

GOD FEEDS US

We Pass the Peace

We Give our Offerings: 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

Lord's Prayer

Song During Communion

ELW #728 Blest Are They

GOD SENDS US

Sending Song

ELW #422 For All the Saints vs 6-7

Blessing and Dismissal

Postlude

Announcements

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

Transition update: October 20th the council met with the synods transition coordinator, Pastor Pat Reed. She has identified a potential interim Pastor. The council will study and interview this candidate to ensure that this pastor will be right to serve our congregation during the period prior to our calling our new pastor. If you want to know more about the process you can find information on the Grand Canyon Synod website under the title "Congregations in Transition Moving Boldly into the Future" <https://www.gcsynod.org/transition> We will share news as we get it.

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, Desert Foothills Park. Help raise \$25,000 for hunger! 75% used internationally; 25% to Kyrene Family Resource Center. If you don't want to walk, come to the Park at 2:30pm and enjoy Steve Newell and the jazz band. Register at bit.ly/AhwatukeeCropWalk or scan:



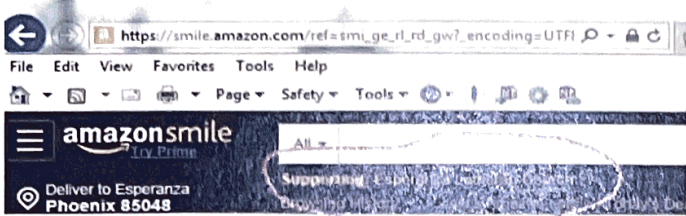
Hunger Ministry Event: November 27 Pancake Breakfast for the Homeless

Every Sunday, Grace Lutheran Church located in downtown Phoenix hosts a pancake breakfast for the homeless. On November 27, Esperanza will prepare and serve the breakfast. The on-site time commitment will be from 6:30 to approximately 8:30 AM. We could serve two hundred people. Grace Lutheran will provide the food supplies and equipment. For this event, 12 to 15 volunteers are needed; we are hoping for a mix of youth (12 and older) and adults. Carpooling will be arranged for those interested.

If you are interested in participating in this event, please contact Larry or Peggy Hanson, or contact the church office. There is also a sign-up sheet in the Narthex.

Don't Forget Easy 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!



Habitat House 2022-23 due to permit and supply chain shortages the house is on a temporary hold. Stay tuned for updates! 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

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

November 19th- PhLY gives back at West Valley Lutheran Thrift.

December 2nd 6pm-9pm First Friday @ 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

Yoga at Esperanza! Aubree Duplessis- we are trying to get this continued for the fall. Flyers on the narthex table or sign up on her website- Aubreyyoga.com

Kyrene Family Resource Center

While the KFRC welcomes a variety of non-perishable foods, the greatest current need is for the following: cereal, canned fruit/ fruit cups, peanut butter, and jelly. Year to date Esperanza has donated 687lbs of food. 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.

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	Mark & Gwen Entsminger	
Lector	Susan Brown	
Communion Assistants	Jim & Jeanne Crowe	
Ushers	Susan Brown, Michelle Ageno, Ron Tuszynski	
Power Point	Jim Gisselquist	
Assisting Minister	Jim Nelson	

Blessing and Sending of Pastor Annemarie

President: Pastor Annemarie, on December 12, 2020, we called you to be our pastor: to proclaim God's Word, to baptize new members into the Church of Jesus Christ, to announce God's forgiveness to us, and to preside at our celebration of the Lord's Supper. With the Gospel, you have comforted us in times of sickness and trouble and at the death of our loved ones. Sharing our joys and sorrows, you have been important to our life together in the Church of Jesus Christ, in our service to this community, and in God's mission to the world.

Today the congregation's call to you comes to an end. As you leave this community of faith and we say farewell to one another, we give thanks for your ministry and pray for God's blessing.

Pastor Annemarie: I thank you, members of Esperanza, for the love, the kindness, and the support shown to me during active ministry among you. I ask forgiveness for the times I have not served well. I am grateful for the ways my ministry has been accepted. As I leave, I carry with me all that I have learned here.

Congregation: We receive your thankfulness. We offer you our forgiveness and accept that you now leave into ministry as a hospice chaplain. We express our gratitude for your time among us. We ask forgiveness for the times we have not served well with you. Your influence on our faith and faithfulness will not leave us at your departure.

Pastor Annemarie: I forgive you and accept your gratitude, trusting that our time together and our parting are pleasing to God.

Synod Representative: Do you offer encouragement for her ministry as it unfolds in her new calling?

Congregation: We do, with God's help.

Synod Representative: Do you, Pastor Annemarie, commend the congregation into the care of another pastor?

Pastor Annemarie: I do, with God's help.

Synod Representative: Do you offer your encouragement for the continued ministry here?

Pastor Annemarie: I do, with God's help.

Synod Representative: People of God, as representatives of the members of Esperanza, and with thanks to God for the ministry of Pastor Annemarie among you, do you now release her from service as your pastor?

Congregation: We do, and we give thanks to God.

Synod Representative: Pastor Annemarie, with thanks to God for the members of this community and for their ministry with you, do you recognize and accept the completion of your ministry with Esperanza Lutheran Church?

Pastor Annemarie: I do, and I give thanks to God.

Synod Representative: On behalf of the Grand Canyon Synod, I witness to the words spoken here: words of thankfulness, forgiveness, and release. We will hold you in our prayers as you begin hospice chaplaincy. We pledge our support and love to you and wish you God's blessing.

President: Let us pray: God, whose everlasting love for all is trustworthy, help each of us to trust the future that rests in your care. The time we were together in your name saw our laughter and tears, our hopes and disappointments. We give you thanks for the countless ways our lives have been woven together in the tapestry of your church. Guide us as we hold these cherished memories, but move us in new directions, until that time to come when we are completely one with you and with each other, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Congregation: Amen.

Synod Representative: Pastor Annemarie and representatives of Esperanza: your sisters and brothers in the Grand Canyon Synod and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America give thanks to God for the ministry you have shared. We promise you both our continued support and prayer.

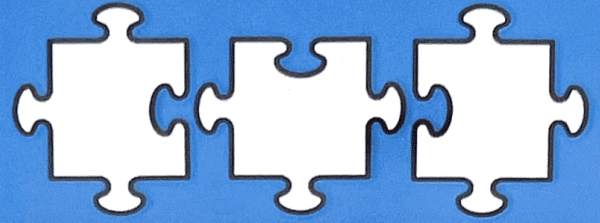
Rejoicing in the blessings of God in this congregation and in the ministry of Pastor Annemarie, with hope in God's abundant grace in years to come, I announce that this pastoral relationship is ended effective today, November 6th, 2022.

President: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

Congregation: Amen. Thanks be to God!

The service continues with the Sending Hymn.

BUILDING A CULTURE OF GENEROSITY



Last week, we returned our Statements of Intent for the *Building a Culture of Generosity effort*. We are certainly witnessing significant generosity from you.

- 33 Statements of Intent were received
- 18 of these Intents indicated an increase in generosity
- of those increases, 1 indicate a first-time pledge

If you were unable to return your intent card last week, you can still send it in this week, go to myesperanza.org/pledge, or you can simply email esperanza@myesperanza.org and your intent will be recorded from the email.

Please remember that intents are not binding, but are used for us to proclaim our faith, and to help the congregational leadership in making plans for the coming year.

A note of thanks:

It's encouraging and rewarding to see the number of you who have joined Jane and me in returning your statement of intent last week. We are continually thankful for Esperanza, its people, programs and ministries. These are challenging, yet exciting, times for Esperanza. As we continue to experience transitions, I am hopeful and encouraged to see many of you stepping up and committing financially to the ministries of Esperanza Lutheran Church.

Jim G. Council President

BUILDING A CULTURE OF GENEROSITY

CONTINUE GROWING IN CHRIST

When do you stop giving and growing in giving? You don't. Growth in generosity is a journey.

If your giving is to be blessed and joyful, it must continue to grow and expand. For each person, that growth may look different! Some are motivated by a biblical tithe and then to grow to the concept of offerings. Others seek to grow by a percent a year and never stop their giving. While still others have the challenge to find a process to be more generous even in a case where their income has declined due to layoff, death, or divorce.

In each case, once you have experienced the joy of good and generous giving, you will want to keep on growing!



Esperanza Lutheran Church
www.myesperanza.org/giving

2601 E Thunderhill Place | Phoenix AZ 85048 | 602-759-1515