

# Time after Pentecost November 13, 2022

*The end is near. There is no doubt about it. The warnings are dire. The tone of today's texts is ominous. But the baptized know how to live in the meantime. The baptized are strengthened for the living of these days in word and sacrament. The baptized rally around the invitation of the apostle: "Do not be weary in doing what is right."*

**Question for Reflection:** We each have our own ideas and visions of what happens to us after we die. When the opponents of Jesus tried to trick him by asking a convoluted question about what heaven is like after we die, Jesus replied by saying that God is not the God of the dead but of the living because we are always alive to God (Luke 20:38) How does that inform our sense of Christian community, of the communion of saints, and of life everlasting?

**Morning Prayer:** Holy One, I want to see you today in this world with my own eyes. Even though your greatness is unsearchable, today I want to meditate on your wondrous works all around me. Give me the eyes of faith through which to see you. Renew me, that I may praise you with a new song. Amen.

**Evening Prayer:** God, thank you for guiding my steps on your paths today. Where my feet may have slipped, forgive me. You have wondrously shown me your steadfast love through the course of this day. Now let me fall asleep in the shadow of your wings, for I have seen today that you are my redeemer, the living God. Amen.

## Order of Service

### GOD GATHERS US

#### Prelude

**Gathering:** ELW #521 O Day of Rest and Gladness vs 1,4

**We Hear God's Forgiveness:** ELW#769 If you but Trust in God to Guide You vs 1,3

#### We Pray

### GOD SPEAKS TO US

Malachi 4:1-2a	Bible 779
Psalms 98	Bible 480
2 Thessalonians 3:6-13	Bible 962
Luke 21:5-19	Bible 856

**Sermon** Pastor Steve Holm

**Song of the Day** ELW #763 My Life Glows on in Endless Song

### 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 #474 Bread of Life from Heaven

### GOD SENDS US

#### Sending Song

ELW #669 Rise Up, O Saints of God!

#### Blessing and Dismissal

#### Postlude

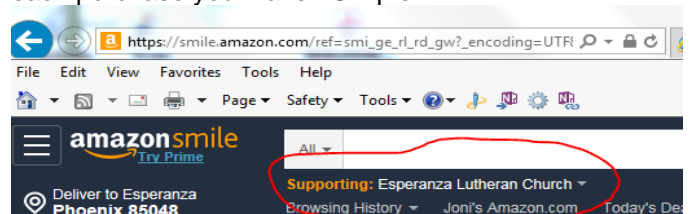
## Announcements

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

**TODAY Steppin' Out!** Join The Esperanza Team and participate in The Ahwatukee Foothills CROP HUNGER WALK! Take steps toward eliminating hunger at home and abroad! Come to Desert Foothills Park at 2:30pm and enjoy Steve Newell and the jazz band.

**LSS-SW Angel Tree project-** Esperanza will be participating and providing gifts for 40 individuals and families. You can take an envelope off the tree, write your name and phone number on the clip board, return unwrapped gifts between Nov. 28 & Dec.10 Questions? Contact Susan or Tom Vega 630-508-7456, 630-918-2790

**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!



**Transition update:** Pastor Sarah Stadler will be our interim beginning on November 20<sup>th</sup>. If you want to know more about the process of finding a new pastor 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.

**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](http://www.phlyministry.com)

November 19<sup>th</sup>- PhLY gives back at West Valley Lutheran Thrift.

December 2<sup>nd</sup> 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](http://myesperanza.org/calendar)

**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.

**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- [Aubreeyoga.com](http://Aubreeyoga.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](mailto: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](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).

**General Fund Results Through October**

October 2022 YTD	Revenue	Expense	Net Income/(Loss)
Actual	\$262,401	\$253,020	\$9,381
Budget	\$258,870	\$266,639	(\$7,769)

Like September, October pledge giving was well below average. YTD pledge giving, while considerably below last year, is still ahead of budget but this favorability is declining. This is due largely to givers who have paid ahead or already paid their full annual pledge. Unpledged giving, while bolstered by a large donation from the Preschool, is still well short of Budget.

Thanks to continued focus on cost containment, expenses YTD are less than budget. However, it's worth noting that several larger property-related expenses have been paid from the Property Renovation dedicated fund.

As a result, YTD Net Income is positive. However, since the favorability in pledge giving will almost certainly decline over the balance of the year, we still expect a net shortfall for the full year, although somewhat less than previously projected.

Worship Leaders	
	<b>9:30</b>
<b>Greeter</b>	Dennis & Yvonne Fox
<b>Lector</b>	Michelle Ageno
<b>Communion Assistants</b>	Susan & Gary Brown
<b>Ushers</b>	Tom Vega, Jim & Jeanne Crowe, Kelly Edwards
<b>Power Point</b>	John Gemma
<b>Assisting Minister</b>	Jim Nelson