

Christ the King Sunday November 20, 2022

Jeremiah's promise of the execution of "justice and righteousness in the land" finds ironic fulfillment in the execution of Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews. It appears utterly contradictory that a king should be crucified with a criminal. This victory appears for all the world as humiliating defeat. Yet through the gate of death Jesus opens the door to paradise.

Question for Reflection: Jesus speaks of wars, insurrections, earthquakes, famines, and plagues, but instructs his followers, "Do not be terrified!" How does our witness to the gospel include resistance to our natural impulse to be terrorized by evil? Have you ever suffered persecution as a Christian because you refused to go along with social pressure to be fearful of enemies, terrorist, criminals, illegal aliens, or other pariahs?

Morning Prayer: Lord of Creation, every morning you renew the earth with light. I praise for you the morning light, and I rejoice in the life you have given me. Let me be a friend to those who do not know your love. Let me offer hope to those who do not trust your goodness. Let me embody graciousness to those who do not understand your peace. Help me to be a blessing to all I encounter- to bear witness to your goodness through Jesus Christ. Amen.

Evening Prayer: Lord, the day is done and my labors must end. I trust to your care all that I have done and all that I have left undone, for you alone are my strength. Give me peaceful rest that I may raise to faithful service, with Jesus Christ my Lord. Amen.

Announcements

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

A BIG Welcome to our interim Pastor Sarah Stadler! We are so excited to have you with us and look forward to getting to know you!

Thanksgiving Eve service- We will gather down at Mountain View. Please bring canned food items for the food bank, a pie or treat to share for fellowship after the service. Service begins at 6:30pm

Thank you ! Big thank you to the Jazz band and everyone who donated and Participated in The Ahwatukee Foothills CROP HUNGER WALK!

Stewardship update- Paul Wagner and Linda Dickson applied and were granted \$250 for our stewardship drive Building a Culture of Generosity. Thrivent gifted us 25 generosity shirts. They are on the table near refreshments. Please sign the sheet to show that we gifted them. Thank you!

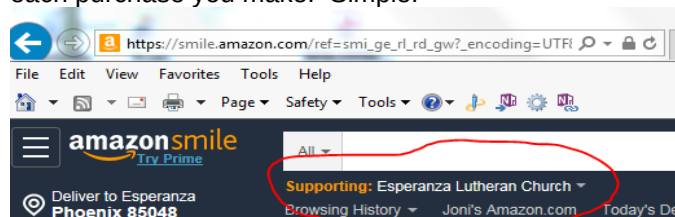
LSS-SW Angel Tree project- Esperanza will be participating and providing gifts for 40 individuals and families. You can take an envelope off the tree, write your name and phone number on the clip board, return unwrapped gifts between Nov. 28 & Dec.10 Questions? Contact Susan or Tom Vega 630-508-7456,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

Advent Services; will begin Wednesday November 30 at 6:30pm.

Promesa De Esperanza – is practicing for the cantata Wednesdays at 7:00- come add your voice ! All are welcome, no prior experience needed!

Preschool Trivia Night- January 21st. Mark your calendar, gather a team of 6 adults. Prizes will be awarded for the winning trivia table, the best decorated table, and even the biggest losers! It is a great evening of food, fellowship and fun!

Don't Forget Easy Fundraiser- Amazon donates .05% 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

Friday, December 2 from 6-9 PM for our Holiday Hoopla in Downtown Phoenix exploring First Friday Festivities. We will meet at Grace Lutheran (1124 N 3rd St, Phoenix) at 6 PM then walk around Roosevelt Row and surrounding areas. Bring friends and money for food trucks. Extra credit if you wear an ugly holiday sweater or hat.

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

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

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	Larry & Peggy Hanson
Lector	Paul Beeks
Communion Assistants	Scott & Michelle Ageno
Ushers	Julie Valenzuela, Dennis Fox,
Power Point	Tom Vega
Assisting Minister	Deacon Connie



Welcome to Worship!

Christ the King
November 20, 2022

Hymnals and Bibles are found under the seats. Thank you.

- Gathering Song: # 434
- Song of the Day: # 838
- Offertory: # People of Hope
- Communion Hymn # 483
- Sending Song: # 314