

**Esperanza Lutheran Church (ELCA)**  
**2601 E Thunderhill Place, Phoenix**  
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**10th Sunday after Pentecost**  
**August 13, 2023**

*Elijah finds the presence of God not in earthquake, wind or fire, but in the sound of sheer silence. When the disciples face a great storm on the sea, they cry out with fear. Jesus says: "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid." Amid the storms of life, we gather to seek the calm presence of Christ that soothes our fears. In comforting words of scripture and in the refreshing bread and cup of the eucharist, God grants us peace and sends us forth to be a sign of God's presence to others.*

**Announcements**

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

**Pastor Sarah on Vacation:** Pastor Sarah will be on vacation August 8-14 and August 19-22. During that time, if you have a pastoral emergency, please contact Deacon Connie at 480-298-4379.

**Ministry Site Profile:** Has been completed and approved by the council. If you would like a copy, please contact the office.

**Congregational Meeting: Sunday, September 10 at the end of worship.** We will have a brief meeting to elect call committee members.

**CPR/ First Aid/ AED:** Saturday, Sept 16, 10am to 12 pm. Cost is \$30 per person. Please make checks out to Esperanza and put CPR on the memo line. Sign up in the Narthex or call the office.

**Community Outreach: Sack Lunches Prepared for the Homeless** From early June to late August, Grace Lutheran Church in downtown Phoenix opens its campus to the homeless Monday through Friday from 9 AM to 4:30 PM. This environment provides the homeless a safe environment to escape the heat. Breakfast, lunch, and limited social support services are provided. On July 26 and August 2, seventeen Esperanza volunteers prepared a total of 228 sack lunches for the homeless and delivered to Grace Lutheran. Thank you to our volunteers! Also thank you to those that provided donations to cover the cost of purchasing components for the sack lunches.

**Promesa de Esperanza Rehearsals Have Begun!**

The choir rehearses on Wednesdays at 7 pm in the sanctuary. All adults are welcome—even if you have not participated in choir before! Questions? Contact Kazin Cole at (480) 550-0852.

**Bring your own mug!** Trying to be good stewards of the planet, we are trying to reduce our trash during fellowship. Bring your favorite mug with you for coffee hour after service!

**I-HELP Dinner on Tuesday, August 22:** The Esperanza crew will serve the I-HELP dinner at Desert Cross Lutheran Church on Tuesday, August 22. To help, sign up online or in the narthex. Questions? Contact Linda Dickson at [lindadicksonstuff@gmail.com](mailto:lindadicksonstuff@gmail.com).

**Green Team!** We need your help to keep God's gift, the amazing Esperanza Campus grounds, clean and well maintained! To do so, the Church Council is asking for volunteers to join our GREEN TEAM to help manage our beautiful campus grounds. The green team will be responsible for grass cutting, tree and bush trimming, and broom pushing for the seasonal clean up of the mesquite tree leaves and catkins. We will meet at 6:30am on the 1st and 3rd Saturday of each month and spend an hour or 2 in fellowship and clean-up.

**Journeying through the New Testament in 2023**

During 2023, we are reading our way through the New Testament. The reading list is on the Narthex counter and on the website. Everyone reading through the NT is welcome to check in each 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month at 10:15 am in the sanctuary.

Sunday, Aug. 13, 2023	Ephesians 3
Monday, Aug. 14, 2023	Ephesians 4
Tuesday, Aug. 15, 2023	Ephesians 5
Wednesday, Aug. 16, 2023	Ephesians 6
Thursday, Aug. 17, 2023	John 1
Friday, Aug. 18, 2023	John 2
Saturday, Aug. 19, 2023	John 3
Sunday, Aug. 20, 2023	John 4

**Kyrene Family Resource Center:** While KFRC welcomes a variety of non-perishable foods, there is a current need for granola bars, dry beans, and rice. Place donations in box/shopping cart in the Fellowship Hall. Through July 2023, Esperanza has donated 819 lbs. of food to KFRC. Thank you! 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.

#### **Esperanza Staff Members**

##### **Interim Pastor Sarah Stadler**

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**Rebecca Paterson** | Children of Hope Teacher

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#### **Council Members/Team Leadership**

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#### **This Week At Esperanza**

##### **Sunday, August 13th**

6:30am Pancakes at Grace Lutheran

9:00am Worship (SAN)

10:00am Fellowship (FH)

##### **Monday, August 14th**

9:00am Women's AA group (CR)

11:30am Ahwatukee Nooners (CR)

##### **Tuesday, August 15th**

11:30am Ahwatukee Nooners (CR)

7:00pm Council Meeting (FH)

##### **Wednesday, August 16th**

6:30am Toastmasters(FH)

9:00am 12 Step (CR)

10:00am Mary's Circle (FH)

11:30am Ahwatukee Nooners (CR)

2:30pm Staff meeting (FH)

7:00pm Boy Scouts (CR)

7:00pm Promesa de Esperanza Rehearsal (SAN)

##### **Thursday, August 17<sup>th</sup>**

7:00am AA (CR)

NO Thursday Matters (FH) Returns Sept.7th

11:30am Ahwatukee Nooners (CR)

NO Women's Bible Study (GAR)

##### **Friday, August 18th**

8:00am Toast Masters (FH)

9:00am AA (CR)

NO Hope for newborns

11:30am Ahwatukee Nooners (CR)

##### **Saturday, August 19th**

8:00am Men's AA (CR)

##### **Sunday, August 20th**

9:00am Worship (SAN)

10:00am Fellowship (FH)

CR – Community Room (upstairs)

SAN – Sanctuary

FH – Fellowship Hall

GAR – Garden of Eatin'

#### **Today's Worship Leaders**

Greeter- Scott & Michelle Ageno

Lector- Duane Fish

Communion Assistants- Doris Dorwart, John Fisher

Power Point- Terri Beeks

Assisting Minister- John Gemma

Ushers- Duane Fish, Paul Wagner

Counters- Jim Gisselquist, Tom Vega



## Welcome to Worship!

Time after Pentecost

August 13, 2023

*Hymnals and Bibles are found under the seats.*

Gathering Song: # 756

Song of the Day: # 763

Offertory: # 481

Communion Hymn: # 484

Sending Song: # 731

**We live stream our worship services.**