

**Esperanza Lutheran Church (ELCA)  
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**Time After Pentecost  
November 19, 2023**

*Our readings during November speak of the end times. Zephaniah proclaims that the coming day of the Lord will be filled with wrath and distress. Paul says it will come like a thief in the night and urges us to be awake and sober. Jesus tells the parable of the talents, calling us to use our gifts, while we still have time, for the greater and common good. In a world gilled with violence and despair, we gather around signs of hope-word, water, bread, and wine- eager to welcome the good news of Christ's coming among us.*

**Esperanza Mission Statement**

Esperanza Lutheran Church creates authentic connections and a deep sense of belonging as a Christ-centered community.

**Esperanza Guiding Principles**

1. We set our goals guided by God.
2. We welcome all and respect diverse opinions.
3. We deepen our spirituality and put our faith in motion.

**Announcements**

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

**LSS and Braden Biggs - this Sunday.** "Unlike the construction of a new fast-food joint, sit down restaurant, or subdivision going in the work that Lutheran Social Services of the Southwest does can't been seen on your morning commute to work or day out running errands. But just because it can't be seen, doesn't mean it isn't there. Faith, Compassion, and love is all around us." The Community Engagement Team is inviting us to join them on a 1-hour virtual "Come and See Tour" to learn how you can join LSS and help change the world. Braden Biggs will be here on Sunday November 19th for worship and to share how we as the Esperanza community can partner up with them on this engaging way to help our neighbors. So Come, see and hear this Sunday. Questions? Call Judi Wold 928-821-1158

**Christmas Tree gifts-** If you took a request from the Christmas tree please return the gift to the office no later than December 3<sup>rd</sup>. Questions? See Tom Vega 630-508-7456

**Thank you!** for the generous responses to the appeal for funds to purchase Sam's chickens for our IHelp dinner November 28th. We have the sign up sheet in Narthex. Questions? See Linda Dickson

**Volunteers are needed** to supply items for the 27 sack lunches or donate \$20 and I will crochet a chicken potholder for you. Thank you for your willingness to share your time, skills, and financial support.

**Outreach Team Project-** Has anyone ever improved your day by providing a kind word of encouragement? One of the projects the Outreach Team agreed to provide to our community is an Affirmation Wall for students and staff at Kyrene de la Esperanza Elementary School.

Therefore, the Outreach Team has provided blank post-it notes and markers in order for the congregation to write inspirational messages to the students and staff of Kyrene de la Esperanza. The completed post-it notes will be delivered to the school once they establish an area for their Affirmation Wall. It will be accessible to both students and staff so they can choose a note that brightens or improves their day. So, start thinking of those kind, positive, and encouraging messages and feel free to include your children, grandchildren, neighbors, and friends! Anyone can participate! Grab some notes from the small lectern in the Narthex and write some out while you are at church, during coffee hour, or at home. Please return the completed notes to either the lectern or the church office. "Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing." 1 Thessalonians 5:11 (ESV)

**Habitat House-** new build has begun! See John Fisher or John Gemma for more information.

**Thanksgiving Eve Worship & Pie Social-** All are welcome to a joint Thanksgiving Eve worship with our sister congregation Mountain View Lutheran Church on Wednesday, November 22 at 6:30 pm! We will gather at Mountain View Lutheran, 11002 S 48th St, Phoenix in their sanctuary with the pie social and more in their fellowship hall following. In addition to the traditional pie options, gluten-free desserts will be enjoyed as well. You are encouraged to bring canned and non-perishable goods and/or cash donations for the Generations Food Pantry. As Mountain View is our closest ELCA neighbor, Thanksgiving Eve worship gives us an opportunity to build connections here in Ahwatukee. Please plan to attend!

**HOLIDAY PROGRESSIVE DINNER IS BACK!** Saturday Dec. 2nd. Details and sign up board are in the Narthex. Questions? See Peggy Wagner or Kristie Wright

**Kyrene Family Resource Center:** While KFRC welcomes a variety of non-perishable foods, there is a current need for granola bars, pasta sauce, dried pinto beans, rice, cereal, and shampoo. Place donations in box/shopping cart in the Fellowship Hall. Through Oct. 2023, Esperanza has donated 1001 lbs. of food to KFRC. Thank you! Any questions, please contact Peggy or Larry Hanson.

**Voices For CASA:** \$10 fast-food 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. Questions? Contact John Gemma at [jgemma@cox.net](mailto:jgemma@cox.net).

**Prayer Shawls:** Prayers shawls can be found on the rack by the altar and are for ANYONE who is in need (illness, birth of a baby, marriage, or in need of a pick me up). Please 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).

## 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.

Sunday, Nov. 19, 2023	1 Peter 4
Monday, Nov. 20, 2023	1 Peter 5
Tuesday, Nov. 21, 2023	2 Peter 1
Wednesday, Nov. 22, 2023	2 Peter 2
Thursday, Nov. 23, 2023	2 Peter 3

**Promesa de Esperanza Rehearsal!** 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.

### Esperanza Staff Members

#### Interim Pastor Sarah Stadler

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### This Week At Esperanza

#### Sunday, November 19th

9:00am Worship (SAN)

10:00am Fellowship (FH)

10:15am Sunday Funday School (CR)

10:30am Adult Education (SAN)

2:00pm Josquin Music Recital

3:00pm Girl Scouts

#### Monday, November 20th

7:30am COH Chapel (SAN)

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

11:30am Ahwatukee Nooners (CR)

6:00pm Jazz practice (SAN)

#### Tuesday, November 21st

6:30am Toastmasters (FH)

7:00am COH Thanksgiving Feast

11:30am Ahwatukee Nooners (CR)

4:30pm Music Lessons (SAN)

6:00pm Call Committee (GAR)

6:00pm COH Board meeting

7:00pm Council Meeting (FH)

#### Wednesday, November 22nd

7:30am COH Chapel (SAN)

9:00am 12 Step (CR)

10:00am Mary's Circle (FH)

11:30am Ahwatukee Nooners (CR)

12:30pm Staff Meeting (FH)

7:00pm Boy Scouts (CR)

7:00pm Promesa de Esperanza Rehearsal (SAN)

#### Thursday, November 23rd

7:00am AA (CR)

10:00am Thursday Matters (FH)

11:30am Ahwatukee Nooners (CR)

5:30pm Women's Bible Study (GAR)

#### Friday, November 24th

8:00am Toast Masters (FH)

9:00am AA (CR)

11:30am Ahwatukee Nooners (CR)

#### Saturday, November 25th

8:00am Men's AA (CR)

#### Sunday, November 26th

9:00am Worship (SAN)

10:00am Fellowship (FH)

10:15am Sunday Funday School (CR)

10:30am Adult Education (SAN)

CR – Community Room (upstairs)

SAN – Sanctuary

FH – Fellowship Hall

GAR – Garden of Eatin'

LC-Lower Courtyard

### Today's Worship Leaders

Greeter- Sally & Birger Reinertsen

Lector- Jim Nelson

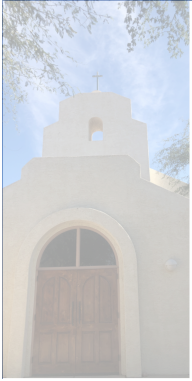
Communion Assistants- Todd & Jayne Peterson

Power Point- Susan Brown

Assisting Minister- Craig Peck

Ushers- Julie Valenzuela, Dennis Fox, KC & Christine Quah

Counters- John Fisher, Dennis Fox



## Welcome to Worship!

Time after Pentecost

October 15, 2023

*Hymnals and Bibles are found under the seats.*

Gathering Song: # 720

Song of the Day: # 787

Offertory: # 186

Communion Hymn: # 502

Sending Song: # 798 v. 1,3,5

**We live stream our worship services.**