

Our Mission

“to serve God and share the good news of Jesus Christ”
EMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH ~ PRESCOTT VALLEY, AZ
Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost – Traditional Worship 9:00 a.m.
September 26, 2021, 9:00 am

Prelude

Cathy Namock, organist

"Sing Aloud to God, our Strength" Robert J. Hughes

GATHERING

Invocation

P: We gather in the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **C:** Amen.

Confession and Forgiveness

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism.

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, whose teaching is life, whose presence is sure, and whose love is endless. **C:** Amen.

P: Let us confess our sins to the one who welcomes us with an open heart.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: God our comforter:

C: like lost sheep, we have gone astray. We gaze upon abundance and see scarcity. We turn our faces away from injustice and oppression. We exploit the earth with our apathy and greed. Free us from our sin, gracious God. Listen when we call out to you for help. Lead us by your love to love our neighbors as ourselves. Amen.

P: All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God. By the gift of grace in † Christ Jesus, God makes you righteous. Receive with glad hearts the forgiveness of all your sins. **C:** Amen.

Opening Hymn

Hymn #531

“The Trumpets Sound, the Angels Sing” (sanctuary band 1st verse)

The trumpets sound, the angels sing, the feast is ready to begin.
The gates of heav'n are open wide, and Jesus welcomes you inside.
Sing with thankfulness songs of pure delight.
Come and revel in heaven's love and light.
Take your place at the table of the King.
The feast is ready to begin; the feast is ready to begin.

Tables are laden with good things; of, taste the peace and joy he brings.
He'll fill you up with love divine, he'll turn your water into wine.
Sing with thankfulness songs of pure delight.
Come and revel in heaven's love and light.
Take your place at the table of the King.
The feast is ready to begin; the feast is ready to begin.

The hungry heart he satisfies, offers the poor his paradise.
Now hear all heav'n and earth applaud the amazing goodness of the Lord.
Sing with thankfulness songs of pure delight.
Come and revel in heaven's love and light.
Take your place at the table of the King.
The feast is ready to begin; the feast is ready to begin.

Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray:

C: Generous God, your Son gave his life that we might come to peace with you. Give us a share of your Spirit, and in all we do empower us to bear the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Children's Message

WORD

First Reading

Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29

What constitutes legitimate need and legitimate leadership is the focus of this reading. God provides manna in the wilderness, yet the people crave meat. What is truly needful? God bestows the spirit on seventy elders, yet two men not designated as leaders prophesy in the power of God's spirit. What constitutes real leadership?

⁴The rabble among them had a strong craving; and the Israelites also wept again, and said, "If only we had meat to eat! ⁵We remember the fish we used to eat in Egypt for nothing, the cucumbers, the melons, the leeks, the onions, and the garlic; ⁶but now our strength is dried up, and there is nothing at all but this manna to look at."

¹⁰Moses heard the people weeping throughout their families, all at the entrances of their tents. Then the Lord became very angry, and Moses was displeased. ¹¹So Moses said to the Lord, "Why have you treated your servant so badly? Why have I not found favor in your sight, that you lay the burden of all this people on me? ¹²Did I conceive all this people? Did I give birth to them, that you should say to me, 'Carry them in your bosom, as a nurse carries a sucking child, to the land that you promised on oath to their

ancestors'? ¹³Where am I to get meat to give to all this people? For they come weeping to me and say, 'Give us meat to eat!' ¹⁴I am not able to carry all this people alone, for they are too heavy for me. ¹⁵If this is the way you are going to treat me, put me to death at once—if I have found favor in your sight—and do not let me see my misery."

¹⁶So the Lord said to Moses, "Gather for me seventy of the elders of Israel, whom you know to be the elders of the people and officers over them; bring them to the tent of meeting, and have them take their place there with you."

²⁴So Moses went out and told the people the words of the Lord; and he gathered seventy elders of the people, and placed them all around the tent. ²⁵Then the Lord came down in the cloud and spoke to him, and took some of the spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders; and when the spirit rested upon them, they prophesied. But they did not do so again.

²⁶Two men remained in the camp, one named Eldad, and the other named Medad, and the spirit rested on them; they were among those registered, but they had not gone out to the tent, and so they prophesied in the camp. ²⁷And a young man ran and told Moses, "Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp." ²⁸And Joshua son of Nun, the assistant of Moses, one of his chosen men, said, "My lord Moses, stop them!" ²⁹But Moses said to him, "Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the Lord's people were prophets, and that the Lord would put his spirit on them!"

L: Word of God, Word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God!

Second Reading:

James 5:13-20

Marks of the Christian community include praying for those who are sick and in need, celebrating with those in good health, restoring those who have strayed, confessing sins to one another, and offering forgiveness to each other.

¹³Are any among you suffering? They should pray. Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise. ¹⁴Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. ¹⁵The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up; and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven. ¹⁶Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective. ¹⁷Elijah was a human being like us, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. ¹⁸Then he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain and the earth yielded its harvest.

¹⁹My brothers and sisters, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and is brought back by another, ²⁰you should know that whoever brings back a sinner from wandering will save the sinner's soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.

L: Word of God, Word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God!

Special Music

“Santos, Santos, Santos”

Sanctuary Band

Gospel Reading

Mark 9:38-50

³⁸John said to [Jesus,] “Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us.” ³⁹But Jesus said, “Do not stop him; for no one who does a deed of power in my name will be able soon afterward to speak evil of me. ⁴⁰Whoever is not against us is for us. ⁴¹For truly I tell you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you bear the name of Christ will by no means lose the reward.

⁴²“If any of you put a stumbling block before one of these little ones who believe in me, it would be better for you if a great millstone were hung around your neck and you were thrown into the sea. ⁴³If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life maimed than to have two hands and to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. ⁴⁵And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life lame than to have two feet and to be thrown into hell. ⁴⁷And if your eye causes you to stumble, tear it out; it is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and to be thrown into hell, ⁴⁸where their worm never dies, and the fire is never quenched.

⁴⁹“For everyone will be salted with fire. ⁵⁰Salt is good; but if salt has lost its saltiness, how can you season it? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Message

“What God Knows”

Pastor Tricia Lowe

Hymn of the Day

“Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service”

Hymn #712

Lord, whose love in humble service bore the weight of human need,
who upon the cross, forsaken, worked your mercy’s perfect deed:
we, your servants, bring the worship not of voice alone, but heart;
consecrating to your purpose ev’ry gift which you impart.

Apostle’s Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,

suffered under Pontius Pilate,

was crucified, died and was buried;
he descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again;

he ascended into heaven,

he is seated at the right hand of the

Father,

and he will come to judge the living
and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers of Intercession

L: Made children and heirs of God's promise, we pray for the church, the world, and all in need. *A brief silence.*

L: We pray for the church and its ministry. Bless the newly baptized and encourage them in their journey of faith. Sustain all members of the body of Christ in lives of prayer, service, and worship. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

L: We pray for natural wonders of your creation. Restore damaged forests, waterways and natural habitats and lead us to be good stewards of what you have provided and protect us from wildfires and floods. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

L: We pray for those in authority. Give them wise minds and compassionate hearts. Strengthen in them a desire to protect the vulnerable and care for those underserved. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

L: We pray for those who are struggling with cancer, dementia, Covid-19 or any other disease. Provide them with peace and resilience for the days ahead. Sustain caregivers with energy and patience. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

L: We pray for the worship leaders of this congregation: musicians, liturgists, greeters, the media team and ushers. Bless us through their ministry and grant them the passion to continue in their service. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

L: Please take this time to offer any other intercessions, either aloud or in your heart.

L: We give thanks for all your saints, those we have loved and known and those from every time and place. Continue to guide us by their example and reassure us of your promised salvation. Receive these prayers, O God, and those in our hearts known only to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

Offering

P: We give thanks for the offerings that we have received in the mail, online and in person this past week. These gifts make it possible for us to continue to be the church in the world. If you are worshiping with us today online and would like to make a donation, please go to our website homepage and click the online giving link.

Offering Prayer

P: God of abundance, you cause streams to break forth in the desert and manna to rain from the heavens. Accept the gifts you have first given us. Unite them with the offering of our lives to nourish the world you love so dearly; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **C: Amen.**

MEAL

The Great Thanksgiving

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also, with you

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P: Blessed are you, O God, creator of heaven and earth. You rescued your covenant people, led them on all their journeys, and taught them by the prophets. You so loved the world that you gave your only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me. Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me. As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

C: Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

P: Gathered together as one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

C: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

Invitation to Communion

P: All who hunger and thirst, come. The table is ready. Come, for this is the body of Christ given for you. The blood of Christ shed for you.

C: Amen.

Communion Blessing

Communion Hymn

Hymn #800

“Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart”

Spirit of God, descend upon my heart;
wean it from earth, through all its pulses move;
stoop to my weakness strength to me impart,
and make me love you as I ought to love.

Prayer after Communion

P: Lord of life, in the gift of your body and blood you turn the crumbs of our faith into a feast of salvation. Send us forth into the world with shouts of joy, bearing witness to the abundance of your love in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **C: Amen.**

SENDING

Announcements

Blessing

P: People of God, you are Christ’s body, bringing new life to a suffering world. The holy Trinity, ✠ one God, bless you now and forever. **C: Amen.**

Sending Hymn

Hymn #540

“Go, Make Disciples” (with Sanctuary Band)

Go, make disciples, baptizing them, teaching them.
Go, make disciples, for I am with you till the end of time.
Go, be the salt of the earth. Go, be the light for the world.
Go, be a city on a hill, so all can see that you’re serving me, Go, make disciples.

Dismissal

P: Go in peace. The living Word dwells in you.

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Cathy Namock, Piano

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As a congregation, we pray for God's guidance on our journey of service to our membership, our community and our world. Pray for Pastor Tricia, the Church Council, and the Ministry Leadership. The church office reviews this list monthly.

Please call if your prayer concern is removed earlier than you wish.

Please keep the following in your prayers during this week:

### **Members**

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|-----------------------|------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| <i>Bonnie Kain</i>    | <i>Helen Morton</i>    | <i>Kevin Miller</i>  | <i>Rhonda Medina</i> |
| <i>Cris Spahr</i>     | <i>Isabel Benell</i>   | <i>Mary Austin</i>   | <i>Ron Kovara</i>    |
| <i>Chuck Lynch</i>    | <i>Kat Harley-Mays</i> | <i>Mike Green</i>    | <i>Stan Walters</i>  |
| <i>Compton Reeves</i> | <i>Kathy Austin</i>    | <i>Ramona Walker</i> | <i>Sue Smith</i>     |

### **Our Family Members in Military and Deployed**

*Meg Northrup*

### **Family Members and Friends**

*Asher Stuart – great grandson of Nancy Renner*  
*Barbie Harlib – friend of Emmanuel*  
*Bill Deffenbaugh – stepfather of Kimberly Goats*  
*Bill Trancik – fiancé of Sheila Smilgis*  
*Buel McCoy – father of Wendy Woolley*  
*Cheryl Midel – aunt of Wendy Woolley*  
*Charles Dean – great nephew of Gail Kenny*  
*Connie – friend of Helen Morton*  
*Connie Miller & son Trevor – friends of Carl Schulze*  
*Cris & Susie – brother & sister of Clara Farmer*  
*Dawn Byars – stepsister of Kimberly Goats*  
*Doug Bayle – nephew of Phyllis Pohlman*  
*Eddie Hales – mother of Cheryl Miller*  
*Edward Kelly – friend of Mark & Mary Austin*  
*Jack Gregory – friend of Ellen Rosfeld*  
*John Wade – husband of Carol Wade*  
*Julie Ward – daughter of Keith & Cathy Namock*  
*Kay & Dave & their families – friends of Bert & Kathy Austin*  
*Kris Franklin – friend of Wendy Woolley*  
*Linda Vallner – sister of Ron Kovara*  
*Lyle Gilson - son of Carol Hotten*

*Marie – Clara Farmer's son's mother-in-law*  
*Mark Erickson – friend of Mark & Mary Austin*  
*Marilyn Boston – cousin of Sue & Tom Smith*  
*Mary Leavy – mother of Kathie Siggs*  
*Merle MacCleary – father of Pam MacCleary*  
*Miranda & Brad Rebholz – granddaughter and grandson of Jim & Carole Rebholz*  
*Phil Miller – friend of Emmanuel*  
*Rev. Paul Meier – former pastor of Larry & Sonya Mahler*  
*Rich, Carol, daughter of Rachel & Granddaughter of Audrey, friend of Larry & Sonya Mahler*  
*Roger Hersey – father of Leigh Quinn*  
*Rosemary – neighbor of Mary Wakimoto*  
*Rudy & Lena Juarez – friends of Julie Chisholm*  
*Ryan Blair – great grandson of Carol Hotten*  
*Sam Crifasi – friend of Larry Mahler*  
*Sarah Mulligan – daughter of Carol Wade*  
*Stacy – daughter-in-law of Kathy Austin*  
*Star Campbell – friend of Bob Saul*  
*Wayne Stithem – friend of Emmanuel*  
*Wayne Wallingford – brother of Sheila Smilgis*

***Our prayer and sympathies to the family of Bonnie Kain on the death of her son Joel Kain, September 16.***

**Someone is in the church office** Monday through Friday 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. except Wednesdays: 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Please check in at the office when you arrive so we know who is in the building. Please call 772-4135 about the building availability, if you want to use a room for bible study, meeting, etc.

**MISSION OUTREACH** for the month of **September** is HUSD Feed the Hungry Kids Program. This program is for all children in our school district. Bags filled with food items are distributed each Friday during the school year to the children who otherwise would not have anything to eat over the weekend. Currently the program hands out 120 plus bags each week. Food items such as a loaf of bread, small jars of peanut butter and jelly, fruit snack cups, ramen noodles, individual cereal packs, a can of tuna, ravioli, or spaghetti O's, along with an apple, orange or raisins are included in the backpack. Backpacks are filled on Friday morning and then taken to the schools.

**Our next Interfaith Meal** is October 8 at 11:00 am. We are now serving 150 takeout meals. If you are able to help, please let Mary Jensen know.

**The Ark** is full and we have taken the animals over to Yavapai Family Advocacy Center. Thank you for your generosity!

**Next quarter's Devotionals** are available on the table in the narthex.

**Wednesday Lectionary 10am Bible Study** in the Fellowship Hall has resumed. Facilitators are Larry Gordon and Hal Vogelaar.

**Food Bank** - We continue to collect items for the Prescott Valley Food Bank at 8781 Spouse. Items most needed are cereal, canned soup (especially hearty soups), canned chili and canned vegetables (other than green beans and corn). Cash donations are always appreciated. **Pick up a grocery bag when you leave worship today.**

**Thrivent Member Action Cards** – Each member is allocated two \$250.00 cards per year. If you haven't used yours, please consider applying for a card to support the Interfaith Meal.

**Due to the sharp increase of Covid-19 cases** in our area, (15.8% positivity rate) the church council at the recommendation of the Church in a Changing World Task Force has stepped our pandemic reopening back to Stage 4, which includes masking and other safety precautions.

**Shares of Faith**, financial gifts, are a wonderful means of honoring, celebrating and memorializing your loved ones. They are given for life events as well as deaths. Your Shares of Faith will be acknowledged in our weekly service folder.

**Our quilters** meet the first and third Thursday of each month, 9:00 – 10:30 a.m. If you are a quilter or you'd like to learn, come and join in!

**Interested in Membership?** We are preparing a new member class, joining on Sunday, October 3. If you have an interest in becoming a member, please contact Pastor Tricia or the church office (772-4135).

**October 3<sup>rd</sup> is HOMECOMING SUNDAY.** See the postcard in your service folder for speaking prompts when you invite others to attend worship with you.

**Thrivent Members** – Outreach Ministry is looking for two action cards for God's Work our Hands on November 6. If you have a card available, see Mary in the office.

**Prayer Walk on the Square in Prescott** on Sunday, September 26, 4:00 p.m. There will be a prayer gathering the last Sunday of each month through the end of the year. This is a prayer walk for all faiths. Meet at the gazebo. Plan to attend, if you can; we are stronger when we all pray together.