

Second Lesson - 1 Corinthians 4:1-5

Evangelical Heritage Version (EHV)

This is the way a person should think of us: as servants of Christ and stewards of God's mysteries. 2In this connection, moreover, it is required of stewards that they be found faithful. 3But it is a trivial matter to me if I am evaluated by you or by a day in a human court. Why, I do not even evaluate myself. 4I do not in fact know of anything against myself, but I am not justified by this; rather, the one who evaluates me is the Lord. 5Therefore judge nothing ahead of time, until the Lord comes. He will bring to light whatever is hidden in darkness and also reveal the intentions of hearts. Then there will be praise for each person from God.

Gospel – Matthew 11:2-10

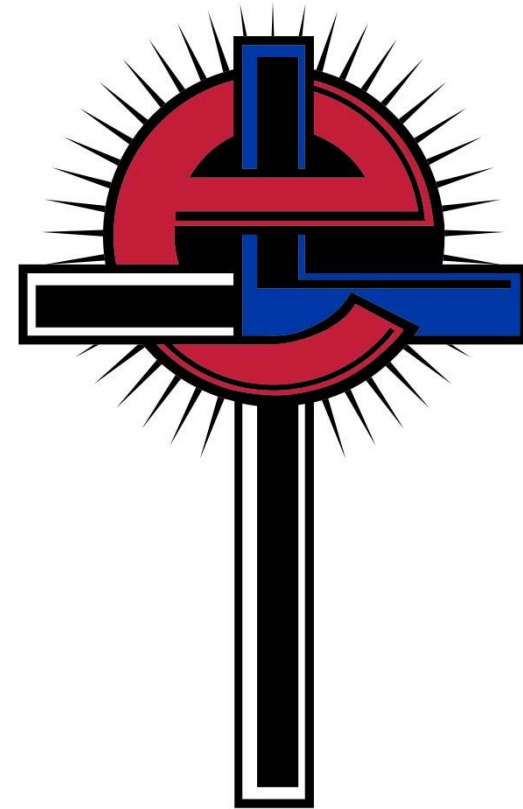
Evangelical Heritage Version (EHV)

2While John was in prison, he heard about the things Christ was doing. He sent two of his disciples 3to ask him, "Are you the Coming One or should we wait for someone else?"

4Jesus answered them, "Go, report to John what you hear and see: 5The blind receive sight, the lame walk, those who have leprosy are cured, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the gospel is preached to the poor. 6Blessed is the one who does not take offense at me."

7As these two were leaving, Jesus began to talk to the crowds about John. "What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A reed shaken by the wind? 8What did you go out to see? A man dressed in soft clothing? No, those who wear soft clothing are in kings' houses. 9So what did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you! And he is much more than a prophet. 10This is the one about whom it is written, 'Look, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way before you.'

Emmaus Evangelical Lutheran Church



*"Rejoice in the Lord who delivers us
by the gospel of forgiveness"*

Emmaus Evangelical Lutheran Church
3841 W. Sweetwater Ave
Phoenix, Arizona
Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod

Ross H. Else, Pastor Phone: 602-579-8804
Andrew Plocher, Principal Phone: 623-328-5070
Church/School Office Phone: 602-843-3853
Emmaus Website EmmausLutheran.com

December 17, 2017
Third Sunday in Advent

WELCOME: To all our guests and visitors we extend a warm and sincere welcome. To those seeking a church home, we offer fellowship with a living Redeemer, membership in His Church and citizenship in His Kingdom. Our message is as old as God's Word to mankind: Jesus Christ, crucified and risen for the salvation of mankind. Please sign our Guest Register as you leave the church.

Order of Worship: Service of Word & Sacrament page 26

Hymns: 19, 14, 5, 31 (insert)

First Lesson: Isaiah 35:1-6

Psalm: Psalm , page

Second Lesson: 1 Corinthians 4:1-5

Gospel Lesson: Matthew 11:2-10

Sermon Text: Matthew 11:2-10

Sermon Theme: "The record clearly shows that faith in Christ is faith rightly placed"

- 1. Report what you see and hear Him doing**
- 2. Listen to what faithful prophets proclaim about Him**

Organist: Mrs. Marilyn Feliciano

Worship leader: Pastor Ross Else

This Week at Emmaus

TODAY	Worship w/Lord's Supper	8:00/10:30 am
	Bible Study and Sunday School	9:15 am
TUESDAY	Church Council Meeting	6:30 pm
WEDNESDAY	Advent Dinner	5:45 pm
	Advent Worship	6:30 pm
THURSDAY	Church Ministry Meeting	6:30 pm

SATURDAY	Confessional Service w/Lord's Supper	6:00 pm
NEXT SUNDAY	Worship	8:00/10:30 am
	Bible Study and Sunday School	9:15 am
	Children's Christmas Eve Service	4:00 pm
	Christmas Eve Candlelight Service	6:30 pm
MONDAY	Christmas Day Worship	9:00 am

Lord's Supper - is celebrated today. Our Savior gives us his body and blood along with the bread and wine for our forgiveness in this Blessed Sacrament. Because he also wants us to examine ourselves prior to communing (1 Corinthians 11:23-29), and that those who commune with one another be united in doctrine and practice (1 Corinthians 10:16-17; Romans 16:1-17; 2 John 9-11), we respectfully ask that those who are members of Emmaus, or members of congregations in fellowship with the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod, commune with us this morning. If you are not a member and would like to join us for communion, please speak with Pastor Else, so we can set up a time to study what God's Word has to say to us concerning Lord's Supper and church fellowship. Thank you for your understanding.

First Lesson – Isaiah 35:1-6

Evangelical Heritage Version (EHV)

The wilderness and the dry land will be glad.
The desert will rejoice and blossom like a rose.

2It will blossom abundantly, and there will be great joy and singing. Lebanon's glory will be given to it, it will be excellent like Carmel and Sharon. They will see the glory of the LORD, the majesty of our God.

3Strengthen the weak hands,
and make feeble knees firm.

4Tell those who have a fearful heart, "Be strong. Do not be afraid. Look! Your God will come with vengeance, with God's own retribution he will come and save you."

5Then the eyes of the blind will be opened,
and the ears of the deaf will be cleared.

6The lame will leap like a deer, and the tongue of the mute will sing for joy. Waters will flow in the wilderness, and streams in the desert.

Announcements

In Our Prayers -

Those with ongoing health and other struggles - Maureen Buske (Janean Plocher's mother) Sarah Eversole, Pastor Sweet, Pastor Bill Bein, Rich Tollefson, (Rick Tollefson's father), Barb Osborn, Pastor Joel Frank, Liz Easley, Polly Mackenzie, Terri Porter, (friend of the Toetz family) Elena Suhonen, Gordy Klassa, (Brad Anderson's brother in-law) Brad Anderson, Vince Wallenberg, Ellen King, Diane Scheel

Those who are - sick, unemployed, traveling, celebrating birthdays and anniversaries, serving in the military, single, married, parents, children.

Advent Worship - Advent is a season of preparation and anticipation. Our last midweek Advent service will be held at 6:30 PM this Wednesday, December 20th.

Advent Suppers - Our last Advent supper will be this Wednesday, Dec. 20th. The theme is Soup/Sandwich. Everyone is asked to bring something - soup, sandwiches, side, or dessert.

Alpha Pregnancy Resource Center - We are still collecting donations of diapers, onesies, blankets, formula, etc... for Alpha Pregnancy Resource Center. Cash donations are also gladly accepted to help with their monthly rent, electricity and other bills. We will collect both types of donations through the end of December.

NEED A FEDERAL TAX DEDUCTION FOR 2017? A donation made to ACSTO before the end of 2017 will serve as a 2017 Arizona tax credit as well as a possible 2017 federal deduction! Don't forget to name Emmaus Lutheran as the recipient school, and you may also name a specific student as a recipient, as long as the student is not your own dependent.

DO YOU OWE STATE TAX? Check Line 48 of 2016 AZ Tax Form 140 to find out! The figure that appears on Line 48 is the amount of your tax liability.

HOW MUCH CAN YOU DONATE? The cap for AZ Tuition Tax Credit donations for private schools is \$2177 (married) or \$1089 (single).

QUESTIONS? Contact ACSTO via email social@acsto.org or call the ACSTO office: 480-820-0403
Or call or email the Emmaus office. office@emmauslutheran.com 602-843-3853

Children's Bulletins and Books - We have special bulletins for our children each Sunday. The ushers will have them when they are handing out the weekly bulletins. Please feel free to ask them for this bulletin. Crayons are also available from the ushers. Christian books are also available for ages 0 to 10 + to look at or read during the service! Please ask an usher to direct you to the books, you or your child may pick out an age appropriate book bag or book.

Bathrooms/Baby Changing Tables - are located in the Fellowship Hall, which is the large building in front of the church. (The building closest to the parking lot) There are changing tables in both bathrooms for your convenience. The bathrooms are located on the east end of the building.

Worship Attendance

Sunday, December 10th - 139 (9:00 am)

<u>Income from week ending Dec. 10, 2017</u>	<u>Month Total</u>	<u>Monthly Budget</u>
First Fruits Offering	\$2067	\$8128
School	\$5932.05	\$8644.02
Preschool/Extended Care	\$0	\$457.67
Mortgage	\$145	\$290