

Second Lesson – 2 Corinthians 3:4-11

Evangelical Heritage Version (EHV)

4Such is the confidence we have through Christ before God. 5Not that we are competent by ourselves to claim that anything comes from us; rather, our competence is from God. 6He also made us competent as ministers of a new testament (not of letter, but of spirit). For the letter kills, but the spirit gives life.

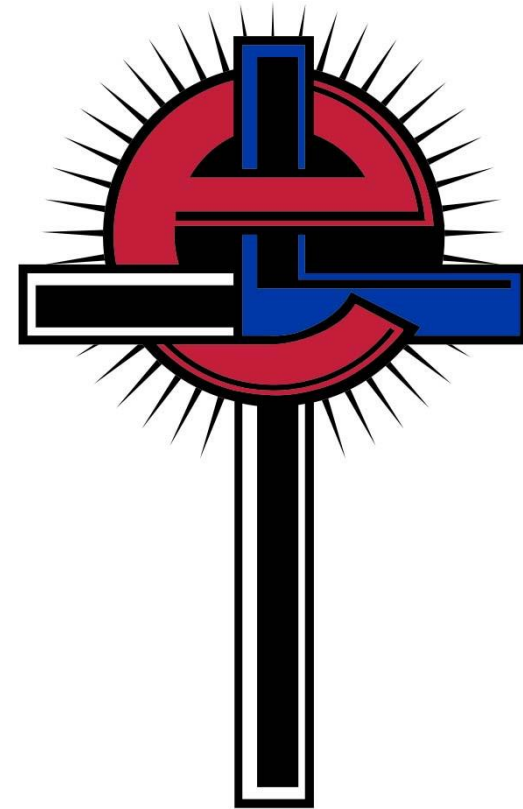
7If the ministry that brought death (which was engraved in letters on stone) came with glory, so that the Israelites could not look directly at the face of Moses because of the glory of his face (though it was fading), 8how will the ministry of the spirit not be much more glorious? 9For if the ministry that brought condemnation has glory, the ministry that brought righteousness has even more glory. 10In fact, in this case, what was glorious is no longer very glorious, because of the greater glory of that which surpasses it. 11Indeed, if what is fading away was glorious, how much more glorious is that which is permanent!

Gospel – Mark 7:31-37

Evangelical Heritage Version (EHV)

31Jesus left the region of Tyre again and went through Sidon to the Sea of Galilee, within the region of the Decapolis. 32They brought a man to him who was deaf and had a speech impediment. They pleaded with Jesus to place his hand on him. 33Jesus took him aside in private, away from the crowd. He put his fingers into the man's ears. Then he spit and touched the man's tongue. 34After he looked up to heaven, he sighed and said, "Ephphatha!" (which means "Be opened!") 35Immediately the man's ears were opened, his tongue was set free, and he began to speak plainly. 36Jesus gave the people strict orders to tell no one, but the more he did so, the more they kept proclaiming it. 37They were amazed beyond measure and said, "He has done everything well. He even makes the deaf hear and the mute speak!"

Emmaus Evangelical Lutheran Church



"Faith Comes from Hearing"

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

Ross H. Else, Pastor	Phone: 602-548-3127
Andrew Plocher, Principal	Phone: 623-328-5070
Church/School Office	Phone: 602-843-3853
Emmaus Website	EmmausLutheran.com

September 3, 2017
12th Sunday after Trinity

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: Common Service w/Communion pg 15

Hymns: 234, 353, 313, 358

First Lesson: Micah 7:18-20

Psalm: Psalm 34, page 80

Second Lesson: 2 Corinthians 3:4-11

Gospel Lesson: Mark 7:31-37

Sermon Text: Micah 7:18-20

Sermon Theme: "Who is a God like you, our Savior God?"

1. You forgive our sins
2. You do not stay angry forever
3. You keep your promises

Organist: Mrs. Marilyn Feliciano
Worship leader: Pastor Ross Else
Pastor Lawrence Retberg

This Week at Emmaus

TODAY	Worship w/Lord's Supper Family Bible Study	8:00/10:30 am 9:15 am
MONDAY	Labor Day - No School/Office Closed	
TUESDAY	Board of Education Board of Elders	6:00 pm 6:30 pm

WEDNESDAY	Bible Class	6:30 pm
FRIDAY	Grandparents Day	8:30 am
SATURDAY	Confessional Service w/Lord's Supper	6:00 pm
NEXT SUNDAY	Worship Family Bible Study	8:00/10:30 am 9:15 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 – Micah 7:18-20

18Who is a God like you who forgives iniquity and passes over the transgressions of the remnant of his inheritance? He does not hold onto his anger forever; he delights to show mercy. 19He will have compassion on us again. He will subdue our iniquities. You will cast all their sins into the depths of the sea. 20You will give truth to Jacob and mercy to Abraham, as you swore to our fathers from days of old.

Announcements

In Our Prayers -

Those with ongoing health and other struggles - Margie Habben, Pastor Else, Sandy Bauer, upcoming surgery, Cathy Porper (sister of Tegan Paradise) Joseph Taylor, (relative of Laurie Conklin) Steve Shiffer, (son of Coover Shiffer) Sarah Eversole, Tanda Weimer, Barb Osborn, Katie Conklin, Brad Anderson, Joseph Trovini, (Donna Schulz's father) Terri Porter, (friend of the Toetz family) Polly Mackenzie, Hunter Miller, Vince Wallenberg, Ellen King, Diane Scheel

Those affected by Hurricane Harvey in Texas

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

Grandparents' Day - This Friday, September 8, Emmaus is celebrating Grandparents' Day. This is a special day for grandparents and/or God-parents to come to Emmaus to visit their grandchild/God-children's classroom. We know the integral role you play in your grandchildren's Christian education and we'd like to thank you for your support. The day will begin with all school chapel at 8:30 AM in the church. If you are able to come for chapel, great! If not, please visit the classrooms starting about 9:00 AM. Refreshments will be provided. Each classroom will have some different activities or discussions to include and welcome our grandparents. Anyone is welcome to attend, even if you don't have a grandchild at Emmaus!

Young Adults Event - Next Sunday, September 10, we are planning an event for our young adults. This includes everyone who has graduated from high school through age 30, single or married. This will be a chance to meet each other & reconnect with those you aren't able to talk with on a regular basis. This will start right after the 10:30 am service in the Fellowship Hall and lunch will be provided. We would like to gauge if this is something we would like to continue doing on a regular basis.

Helping after Harvey - WELS Christian Aid and Relief is mobilizing efforts to help our WELS brothers and sisters and their communities who are affected by Hurricane Harvey. Prayers, volunteers, and donations will be needed as Christian Aid and Relief reaches out with a helping hand and the saving gospel message. If you would like to support the relief efforts or sign up to volunteer, visit wels.net/relief.

Visit wels.net and subscribe to the WELS Together e-newsletter at wels.net/subscribe for regular updates.

Church Cleaning Help Needed - If you are able to help in September or October, please sign up on the bulletin board in the narthex. If you will be available in the future, please notify Fred Lingenfelder. The Cleaning Procedure has been revised so that cleaning can be done in 2 hours or less.

Updated Church Member Directory - has been printed and is in your mailbox in the narthex. Please pick up your copy there.

New Catechism - Northwestern Publishing House, in collaboration with the Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary education department, has produced a new edition of Luther's Catechism. This hardcover edition includes "features designed to engage and equip future generations". A full-color layout and engaging diagrams will aid visual learners. A fresh readability will engage verbal learners. It features:
ESV or NIV - Both versions will be available. Designed with good teaching methodology in mind - When students could draw the answer to the question from the supplied Scripture references, the answer isn't given. This feature helps the students develop the skill of finding answers in the Scriptures. When the questions or references are more complex, answers or explanatory notes are provided. *Content summary diagrams *Smaller size and full-color interior *Bible history connection *Strengthened understanding and appreciation of our heritage *Readability *Devotional Use
Check out 25-page excerpt available on the Northwestern Publishing House website: nph.net. Look under the sub-heading: Education. Choose one of the catechisms, then click on the "Look Inside" icon.

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. Each week's bulletin will correspond with the current week of the church year calendar.

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, August 27th - 123 (78 - 8:00 am, 45 - 10:30 am)

<u>Income from week ending August 27, 2017</u>	<u>Month Total</u>	<u>Monthly Budget</u>
First Fruits Offering	\$3784	\$17,354.78
School	\$3510.61	\$15,364.90
Preschool/Extended Care	\$1623.34	\$5334.87
Mortgage	\$120	\$478.87

Announcements

In Our Prayers -

Those with ongoing health and other struggles - Margie Habben, Pastor Else, Sandy Bauer, upcoming surgery, Cathy Porper (sister of Tegan Paradise) Joseph Taylor, (relative of Laurie Conklin) Steve Shiffer, (son of Coover Shiffer) Sarah Eversole, Tanda Weimer, Barb Osborn, Katie Conklin, Brad Anderson, Joseph Trovini, (Donna Schulz's father) Terri Porter, (friend of the Toetz family) Polly Mackenzie, Hunter Miller, Vince Wallenberg, Ellen King, Diane Scheel

Those affected by Hurricane Harvey in Texas

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

Grandparents' Day - This Friday, September 8, Emmaus is celebrating Grandparents' Day. This is a special day for grandparents and/or God-parents to come to Emmaus to visit their grandchild/God-children's classroom. We know the integral role you play in your grandchildren's Christian education and we'd like to thank you for your support. The day will begin with all school chapel at 8:30 AM in the church. If you are able to come for chapel, great! If not, please visit the classrooms starting about 9:00 AM. Refreshments will be provided. Each classroom will have some different activities or discussions to include and welcome our grandparents. Anyone is welcome to attend, even if you don't have a grandchild at Emmaus!

Young Adults Event - Next Sunday, September 10, we are planning an event for our young adults. This includes everyone who has graduated from high school through age 30, single or married. This will be a chance to meet each other & reconnect with those you aren't able to talk with on a regular basis. This will start right after the 10:30 am service in the Fellowship Hall and lunch will be provided. We would like to gauge if this is something we would like to continue doing on a regular basis.

Helping after Harvey - WELS Christian Aid and Relief is mobilizing efforts to help our WELS brothers and sisters and their communities who are affected by Hurricane Harvey. Prayers, volunteers, and donations will be needed as Christian Aid and Relief reaches out with a helping hand and the saving gospel message. If you would like to support the relief efforts or sign up to volunteer, visit wels.net/relief.

Visit wels.net and subscribe to the WELS Together e-newsletter at wels.net/subscribe for regular updates.

Church Cleaning Help Needed - If you are able to help in September or October, please sign up on the bulletin board in the narthex. If you will be available in the future, please notify Fred Lingenfelder. The Cleaning Procedure has been revised so that cleaning can be done in 2 hours or less.

Updated Church Member Directory - has been printed and is in your mailbox in the narthex. Please pick up your copy there.

New Catechism - Northwestern Publishing House, in collaboration with the Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary education department, has produced a new edition of Luther's Catechism. This hardcover edition includes "features designed to engage and equip future generations". A full-color layout and engaging diagrams will aid visual learners. A fresh readability will engage verbal learners. It features:
ESV or NIV - Both versions will be available. Designed with good teaching methodology in mind - When students could draw the answer to the question from the supplied Scripture references, the answer isn't given. This feature helps the students develop the skill of finding answers in the Scriptures. When the questions or references are more complex, answers or explanatory notes are provided. *Content summary diagrams *Smaller size and full-color interior *Bible history connection *Strengthened understanding and appreciation of our heritage *Readability *Devotional Use
Check out 25-page excerpt available on the Northwestern Publishing House website: nph.net. Look under the sub-heading: Education. Choose one of the catechisms, then click on the "Look Inside" icon.

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. Each week's bulletin will correspond with the current week of the church year calendar.

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, August 27th - 123 (78 - 8:00 am, 45 - 10:30 am)

<u>Income from week ending August 27, 2017</u>	<u>Month Total</u>	<u>Monthly Budget</u>
First Fruits Offering	\$3784	\$17,354.78
School	\$3510.61	\$15,364.90
Preschool/Extended Care	\$1623.34	\$5334.87
Mortgage	\$120	\$478.87