

Sunday, February 16th, 2025—Sixth Sunday After Epiphany

University Lutheran Church Lutheran Campus Ministry

10:30 AM Worship Service

Blessed are you
LUKE 6:22



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PRELUDE

WELCOME

Interim Pastor Arhiana Shek Dill

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Please stand.

All may make the sign of the cross in remembrance of baptism as the presiding minister begins.

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God, the fountain of living water, the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation.

C **Amen.**

P Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight.

Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family. Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By water and your Word you claim us as daughters and sons, making us heirs of your promise and servants of all.

We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life, and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ. Shower us with your Spirit, and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love.

To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

OPENING HYMN

CHRIST, BE OUR LIGHT



1 Long - ing for light, we wait in dark - ness. Long - ing for
2 Long - ing for peace, our world is trou - bled. Long - ing for
3 Long - ing for food, man - y are hun - gry. Long - ing for
4 Long - ing for shel - ter, man - y are home - less. Long - ing for
5 Man - y the gifts, man - y the peo - ple, man - y the



truth, we turn to you. Make us your own,
hope, man - y de - spair. Your word a - lone
wa - ter, man - y still thirst. Make us your bread,
warmth, man - y are cold. Make us your build - ing,
hearts that yearn to be - long. Let us be ser - vants



your ho - ly peo - ple, light for the world to see.
has pow'r to save us. Make us your liv - ing voice.
bro - ken for oth - ers, shared un - til all are fed.
shel - ter - ing oth - ers, walls made of liv - ing stone.
to one an - oth - er, signs of your king - dom come.



Refrain
Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the



dark - ness. Christ, be our light! Shine in your



church gath - ered to - day.

GREETING

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C And also with you.

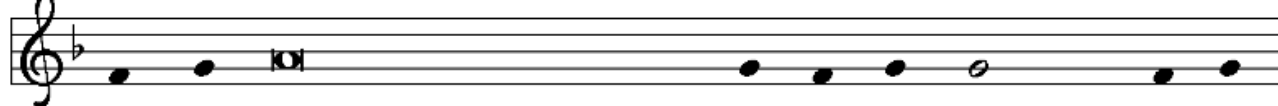
KYRIE

Vocal Lead Assembly



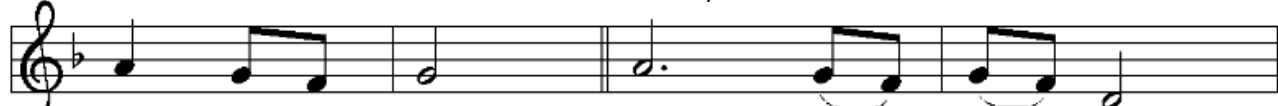
In peace, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer-cy.

Vocal Lead



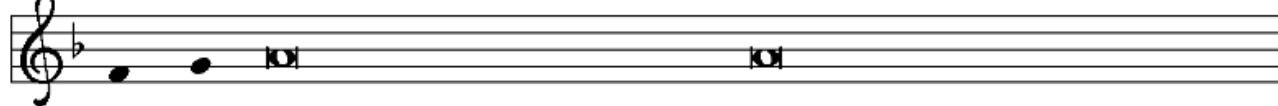
For the peace from above, and for our sal - va - tion, let us

Assembly



pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.

Vocal Lead



For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



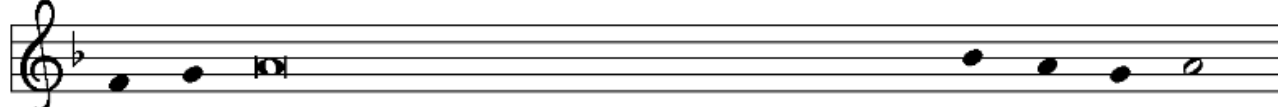
and for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the Lord.

Assembly



Lord, have mer - cy.

Vocal Lead



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,

Assembly

let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.

Vocal Lead

Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.

Assembly

A - men.

SONG OF PRAISE

Refrain

Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

1 Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we

wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.

Refrain

Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

2 Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of



God, you take a-way the sin of the world: have mer-cy on us; you are



seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.



Refrain

Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



3 For you a - lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,



you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly



Spir-it, in the glo-ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.



Refrain

Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Living God, in Christ you make all things new. Transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace, and in the renewal of our lives make known your glory, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

Please be seated.

FIRST READING

Jeremiah 17:5-10

⁵ Thus says the LORD:

Cursed are those who trust in mere mortals
and make mere flesh their strength,
whose hearts turn away from the LORD.

⁶ They shall be like a shrub in the desert,
and shall not see when relief comes.

They shall live in the parched places of the wilderness,
in an uninhabited salt land.

⁷ Blessed are those who trust in the LORD,
whose trust is the LORD.

⁸ They shall be like a tree planted by water,
sending out its roots by the stream.

It shall not fear when heat comes,
and its leaves shall stay green;
in the year of drought it is not anxious,
and it does not cease to bear fruit.

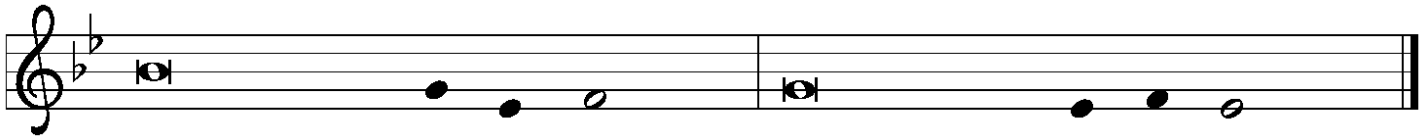
⁹ The heart is devious above all else;
it is perverse—
who can understand it?

¹⁰ I the LORD test the mind
and search the heart,
to give to all according to their ways,
according to the fruit of their doings.

PSALM

Psalm 1

The Psalm will be sung responsively.



- ¹ Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel [|] of the wicked,
nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats [|] of the scornful!
- ² **Their delight is in the law [|] of the LORD,
and they meditate on God's teaching [|] day and night.**
- ³ They are like trees planted by streams of water, bearing fruit in due season,
with leaves that [|] do not wither;
everything they [|] do shall prosper.
- ⁴ **It is not so [|] with the wicked;
they are like chaff which the wind [|] blows away.**
- ⁵ Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when [|] judgment comes,
nor the sinner in the council [|] of the righteous.
- ⁶ **For the LORD knows the way [|] of the righteous,
but the way of the wicked shall [|] be destroyed.**

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 15:12-20

¹² Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say there is no resurrection of the dead? ¹³ If there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ has not been raised; ¹⁴ and if Christ has not been raised, then our proclamation has been in vain and your faith has been in vain. ¹⁵ We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified of God that he raised Christ—whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. ¹⁶ For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised. ¹⁷ If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. ¹⁸ Then those also who have died in Christ have perished. ¹⁹ If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.

²⁰ But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died.

Please stand.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Assembly

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. *Repeat alleluia*
Vocal Lead
Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

GOSPEL

Luke 6:17-26

P The Holy Gospel according to Luke the sixth chapter.

C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

¹⁷ [Jesus] came down with [the twelve] and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea, Jerusalem, and the coast of Tyre and Sidon.¹⁸ They had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases; and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured.¹⁹ And all in the crowd were trying to touch him, for power came out from him and healed all of them.

²⁰ Then he looked up at his disciples and said:

“Blessed are you who are poor,
for yours is the kingdom of God.

²¹ “Blessed are you who are hungry now,
for you will be filled.

“Blessed are you who weep now,
for you will laugh.

²² “Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man.²³ Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets.

²⁴ “But woe to you who are rich,
for you have received your consolation.

²⁵ “Woe to you who are full now,
for you will be hungry.

“Woe to you who are laughing now,
for you will mourn and weep.

²⁶ “Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors
did to the false prophets.”

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Interim Pastor Arhiana Shek Dill

Silence for reflection follows the sermon. Please stand when the Hymn of the Day begins.

HYMN OF THE DAY

WHEN THE POOR ONES



1 *Cuan-do el po-bre na-da tie-ne y aún re-par-te,*
1 When the poor ones, who have noth-ing, still are giv-ing;
2 When com-pas-sion gives the suf-f'ring con-so-la-tion;
3 When our spir-its, like a chal-ice, brim with glad-ness;
4 When the good-ness poured from heav-en fills our dwell-ings;



cuan-do al-guien pa-sa sed ya-gua nos da,
when the thirst-y pass the cup, wa-ter to share;
when ex-pect-ing brings to birth hope that was lost;
when our voic-es, full and clear, sing out the truth;
when the na-tions work to change war in-to peace;



cuan-do el dé - bil a su her-ma - no for - ta - le - ce:
 when the wound-ed of - fer oth - ers strength and heal - ing:
 when we choose love, not the ha - tred all a - round us:
 when our long - ings, free from en - vy, seek the hum - ble:
 when the strang - er is ac - cept - ed as our neigh - bor:

Refrain / Estribillo



Va Dios mis - mo en nues - tro mis - mo ca - mi - nar;
 We see God, here by our side, walk - ing our way;



va Dios mis - mo en nues - tro mis - mo ca - mi - nar.
 we see God, here by our side, walk - ing our way.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

APOSTLES' CREED

C 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

P With the Spirit of Christ shining upon us, let us boldly pray for the church, the world, and all of creation.

A brief silence. After each portion of the prayers the Pastor will say:

P God of grace,

The congregation will respond with:

C hear our prayer.

The prayers conclude:

P We entrust our prayers to you, O God, in the sure and certain hope that your promise is revealed among the people.

C Amen.

THE EXCHANGE OF PEACE

P The peace of Christ be with you always.

C **And also with you.**

The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace and may say, "Peace be with you," or similar words.

SPECIAL MUSIC

BLESSED ARE THE BROKEN

BY DAVID BARONI

Sung by Elizabeth Tomboulian

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 God thanks and praise.**

P It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise ... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,



heav-en. and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho - san - na in the



high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -



san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

P Holy One, the beginning and the end, the giver of life:

Blessed are you for the birth of creation.

Blessed are you in the darkness and in the light.

Blessed are you for your promise to your people.

Blessed are you in the prophets' hopes and dreams.

Blessed are you for Mary's openness to your will.

Blessed are you for your Son Jesus, the Word made flesh.

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.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

C Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

P With this bread and cup we remember your Word dwelling among us, full of grace and truth. We remember our new birth in his death and resurrection. We look with hope for his coming.

C Come, Lord Jesus.

P Holy God, we long for your Spirit.

Come among us.

Bless this meal.

May your Word take flesh in us.

Awaken your people.

Fill us with your light.

Bring the gift of peace on earth.

C Come, Holy Spirit.

P All praise and glory are yours,

Holy One of Israel,

Word of God incarnate,

Power of the Most High,

one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

C Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P The joy of the Lord is our strength. Come, eat this meal of gladness.

C Amen.

Please be seated.

We invite to the Table of the Lord all followers of Jesus.

Lutherans affirm that around this table through bread and wine Christ Jesus is present with us.

We offer communion with individual cups for wine or white grape juice. Gluten-free wafers also available.

LAMB OF GOD



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on



us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you



take a - way the sin of the world; grant us peace.

THE DISTRIBUTION

COMMUNION HYMN

CANTICLE OF THE TURNING



1 My soul cries out with a joy - ful shout that the
2 Though I am small, my . . . God, my all, you . . .
3 From the halls of pow'r to the for - tress tow'r, not a
4 Though the na - tions rage from . . age to age, we re -



God of my heart is great, and my spir - it sings of the
work great . . things in me, and your mer - cy will last from the
stone will be left on stone. Let the king be - ware for your
mem - ber who holds us fast: God's mer - cy must de -



won - drous things that you bring to the ones who wait.
depths of the past to the end of the age to be.
jus - tice tears ev - 'ry ty - rant . . . from his throne.
liv - er us from the con - quer - or's crush - ing grasp.



You fixed your sight on your ser - vant's plight, and my
Your ver - y name puts the proud to shame, and to
The hun - gry poor shall . . weep no more, for the
This sav - ing word that our fore - bears heard is the



weak - ness you did not spurn, so from east to west shall my
those who would for you yearn, you will show your might, put the
food they can nev - er earn; there are ta - bles spread, ev - 'ry
prom - ise which holds us bound, till the spear and rod can be



name be blest. Could the world be a - bout to turn?
 strong to flight, for the world is a - bout to turn.
 mouth be fed, for the world is a - bout to turn.
 crushed by God, who is turn - ing the world a - round.



Refrain
 My heart shall sing of the day you bring. Let the fires of your jus - tice burn.



Wipe a - way all tears, for the dawn draws near, and the world is a - bout to turn.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

P Nourishing God, at this table you have refreshed us with holy gifts of food and drink. Strengthen us for service, and send us out to embody your good news of liberation and healing for the sake of the world. In the name of Christ we pray,

C Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BENEDICTION

P The Spirit of the triune God ✝ bless you with joy, anoint you with compassion, and send you in love.

C Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

BLESSED BE YOUR NAME

Verse 1:

Blessed be Your name
In the land that is plentiful
Where Your streams of abundance
flow
Blessed be Your name

Verse 2:

Blessed be Your name
When I'm found in the desert place
Though I walk through the
wilderness
Blessed be Your name

Pre-Chorus:

Every blessing You pour out
I'll turn back to praise
When the darkness closes in, Lord
Still I will say

Chorus:

Blessed be the name of the Lord
Blessed be Your name
Blessed be the name of the Lord
Blessed be Your glorious name

Verse 3:

Blessed be Your name
When the sun's shining down on
me
When the world's all as it should be
Blessed be Your name

Verse 4:

Blessed be Your name
On the road marked with suffering
Though there's pain in the offering
Blessed be Your name

Pre-Chorus

Chorus x 2

Bridge:

You give and take away
You give and take away
My heart will choose to say
Lord, blessed be Your name
(Repeat)

Chorus x 3

SENDING

P Go in peace. Live in hope.

C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

TODAY IN WORSHIP

Pastor	Interim Pastor Arhiana Shek Dill
Music Director	Elizabeth Tomboulian
Vocal Lead	
Altar Care	Kristin Tollefson
Communion Assistants	Jacob Hilliker & Jill Hughes
Lector	Paul Westermann
Greeter	Gail Fisher
Live Stream	Alexander Webber

OFFERING

For your convenience, an offering box is placed at the church entrance for your financial gifts to the ministry of Christ through University Lutheran Church and Lutheran Campus Ministry. You can also donate online on our website: www.ulctempe.org
ULC also has text giving! Text your donation to: 480-878-7977. Thank you!

THIS WEEK AT UNIVERSITY LUTHERAN CHURCH & CAMPUS MINISTRY

Sun, Feb 16	9:45 am-	Lutheran Social Services of the Southwest Forum
	10:15 am	(AT DESERT CROSS)
		NO FORUM AT ULC
	10:30 am	Sunday Worship Service (Sanctuary)
	11:30 am	Values Discussion w/ Lunch for All (Campus Center)
Mon, Feb 17	7:00 pm	ASU Navigators Meeting (Campus Center/Sanctuary)
Tue, Feb 18	6:30 pm	Council Meeting (Campus Center Library/Zoom)
	8:00 pm	AA (Campus Center)

THIS WEEK AT UNIVERSITY LUTHERAN CHURCH & CAMPUS MINISTRY (CONT)

Wed, Feb 19	5:00 pm	LCM Bible Study (Campus Center)
	5:30 pm	Free Student Meal (Campus Center)
	6:30 pm	Contemporary Worship Service (Sanctuary)
Thu, Feb 20	6:00 pm	Women's Bible Study (Zoom)
	8:00 pm	AA (Campus Center)
Sun, Feb 23	9:15 am	Forum (Campus Center Library)
	10:30 am	Sunday Worship Service (Sanctuary)
	11:30 am	Coffee & Refreshments (Campus Center)
	11:45 am	Free Student Meal (Campus Center)

LUNCHEON TO DISCUSS VALUES—TODAY AFTER WORSHIP

Two Sundays ago we gathered as a congregation for a lunch session to discuss our mission and vision. We identified what's most important to us for the congregation's current focus and desired aims. Thank you to everyone who provided their valuable input.

Today, February 16th, after service we will continue with Part Two of the discussion and contemplate the values of our congregation.

We won't be starting from scratch. We will be working again in small groups, building on the information we gathered last year at Future Day and the Transition Team Report. Ray Kimball will be leading the session. Please join us for this important meeting at **11:30-1pm in the Campus Center**. Lunch will be provided.

GIVING STATEMENTS EMAILED TO ULC DONERS

If you donated to ULC or LCM during 2024, please check your email for a giving receipt. The donation statements were emailed on February 13th. Please let the church office know if you did not receive your giving receipt via email or if you would like to receive your statement through the post mail. Just a FYI: if you have a Breeze account, you can access this financial information at any time. The church office can be contacted at 480-967-3543 or info@ulctempe.org A heartfelt "Thank You" to all who donated. ULC & LCM's ministries are strong and able to do good because of you!

ELCA RESPONDS TO FALSE ACCUSATIONS

There is anxiety and frustration about what is happening in our country. Lutheran organizations that have done meaningful work for the past decades on behalf of our immigrant and refugee neighbors were singled out last week. Global Refuge and Lutheran Social Services of the Southwest were falsely accused on social media of “money laundering”. **See Presiding Bishop Eaton’s response here:**
[youtube.com/watch?v=LiqzoVdZG1E](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LiqzoVdZG1E)

Global Refuge, a Lutheran-rooted humanitarian organization, has faithfully provided support to legally-admitted refugees and immigrants for over 85 years. Lutheran Social Services of the Southwest have faithfully stood alongside refugees seeking safety, children and families in need, people experiencing homelessness, and older adults for over 50 years.

As Lutherans, our special roots as an immigrant church encourage us to stand in solidarity with migrants and refugees. For more information about the vital work these organizations do in our communities, please visit globalrefuge.org and lss-sw.org

If you have any further questions, please contact Pastor Arhiana.

RECONCILINGWORKS MUTUAL AID FUND

In December 2024, ReconcilingWorks launched a mutual aid fund to provide support and assistance to LGBTQ Lutherans. "Mutual aid" is defined as a community working together to collectively support each others needs, especially where other social safety nets have left gaps. ReconcilingWorks's mutual aid fund has been set up to support LGBTQ families and individuals in our congregation and ministries. Specifically, these funds will help people with processes like legal name changes, document updates, and adoption proceedings, where cost can be a barrier. Applicants are eligible to receive up to \$500 (depending on their needs and situation), and the decision committee meets bi-weekly. If God is calling you to support this fund, please visit:

reconcilingworks.org/resources/mutual-aid/

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Our Women's Bible Study meets on Zoom each third Thursday of the month at 6 pm Arizona time. We have friends from other states and countries join us to discuss the joys and challenges of living out our faith in the world. We center our discussions on the Bible studies in the *Gather*, a magazine of the Women of the ELCA. These next several months we will be discussing *Faithfulness*:

Thursday, Feb 20th: We will share *Session One: Faith Where You Are* - Ruth & Naomi.

Thursday, Mar 20th: We will look at *Session Two: Faith in the Depths* - Psalm 22.

Both of these studies are in the *Gather* January/February 2025 issue.

If you would like to receive our emails and Zoom link, please reach out to Amanda at info@ulctempe.org, and let her know you would like to be added to our list. All are welcome!

FOOD FOR KIDZ COMMUNITY FOOD PACK

On February 26th, 2025, New Journey Lutheran will host a community-wide food packing event, where volunteers will come together to pack thousands of meals for those facing food insecurity. The event is an excellent opportunity for individuals and families to give back to their local and global communities. **REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED.**

Volunteers will work in teams to assemble and package nutritious, easy-to-prepare meals for distribution locally and around the world. The packing process is simple, fun, and requires no prior experience (all ages encouraged to join).

Date: February 26, 2025

Location: Fountain Hills Community Center (13001 N La Montana Drive, Fountain Hills, 85268)

Time: 5:30 pm—7:30 pm

Sign up: Sign up online at njlc-fh.org/food-4-kidz

By volunteering, you embody the true spirit of service, making a direct impact on both local and global communities. This is a wonderful opportunity to be the hands and feet of the church, sharing compassion and love through action.

PAGE TURNERS' BOOK CLUB

You are welcome to join the Page Turners' Book Club on the first Thursday of the month during the academic year. On March 6th, we will consider the true story "81 Days Below Zero" by Brian Murphy. Gerry and Jean Park, long-time Alaskan residents, will lead our discussion at 12:00 noon in the Campus Center Library. Bring your lunch if you'd like, and join us.

Here are the titles we will be discussing this semester:

March 6, 2025: "81 Days Below Zero: The Incredible Survival Story of a World War II Pilot in Alaska's Frozen Wilderness" by Brian Murphy (2015)

Shortly before Christmas in 1943, five Army aviators left Alaska's Ladd Field on a routine flight to test their hastily retrofitted B-24 Liberator in harsh winter conditions. The mission ended in a crash that claimed all but one—Leon Crane, a city kid from Philadelphia with no wilderness experience. With little more than a parachute for cover and an old Boy Scout knife in his pocket, Crane now found himself alone in subzero temperatures. Crane knew, as did the Ladd Field crews who searched unsuccessfully for the crash site, that his chance of survival dropped swiftly with each passing day. (Amazon description)

~ Gerry and Jean Park, Leaders

April 3, 2025: "Here We Go Again: My Life in Television" by Betty White (1995)

'Betty White has been on television forever! Actually from 1949—when she co-hosted "Hollywood on Television", which ran six days a week for five and a half hours a day—to her numerous, various series throughout a long career. This book will thrill her many fans with a cheerful account of television history and her life.'

~ Ruth Wootten and Dena Trangsrud, Leaders

May 1, 2025: "The Heat Will Kill You First: Life and Death on a Scorched Planet" by Jeff Goodell (2023)

'An explosive new understanding of heat, the lethal force that threatens every living cell on Earth. Heat is the first-order threat that drives all other impacts of the climate crisis.'

~ Dena Trangsrud, Leader

12TH ANNUAL NEIGHBORHOOD OLYMPICS CLOTHING DRIVE

A few of our neighbors will be hosting the 12th Annual Neighborhood Olympics. In addition to a smattering of fun Olympic events in which to participate in, the gathering will benefit Threadz Teen Clothes Closets—a local resource center that supports Tempe, Marcos de Niza, and Mountain Point high school students. The festivities will take place after worship service on **Sunday, February 23rd, from 2 to 5 pm at Daley Park Ball Fields (located just down the street—346 E Encanto Dr).**

The Olympic events will include corn hole, ping pong ball hurl, bump out, trivia, lawnmower race, ‘slow ride’ bike ride, and tug o’ war. **Please wear green to represent our neighborhood team—we are University Park.** Hotdogs and chips will be served; bring a potluck item if you’d like.

Finally, please remember to bring donation drive items:

Tempe teens need...gently used TEEN clothes, shoes, men’s nylon sport shorts, hoodies, new socks, new underwear (especially XL), toiletries, backpacks, gift cards, and monetary donations. This is for a good cause, and donations go towards your neighborhood’s Olympic points at final scoring! Hope to see you there.

FORUMS TO RESUME NEXT SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23RD

There was no Forum this morning due to the discussion luncheon today after worship service. We will resume next Sunday, February 23rd, at 9:15 am with an update on church finances.

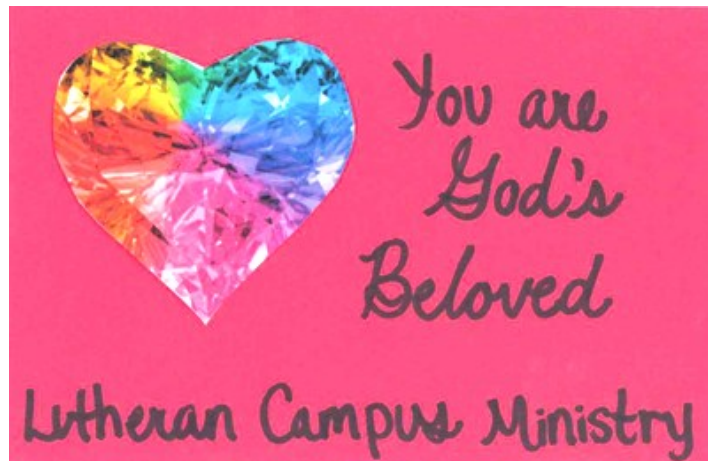
OFFERING ENVELOPES

The new year is well upon us, and that means that the 2025 offering envelopes are available for your convenience. **There are still several booklets of envelopes left on the back table of the Sanctuary. If you have requested offering envelopes in the past, yours should be there with your name on it.** If you haven’t used offering envelopes before but would like some, please let the office know, and we will assign you a booklet with your own ID number.

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DINNER CHURCH LAST WEDNESDAY

Last Wednesday evening we enjoyed fellowship during dinner church. The meal was build-your-own pizza. We also celebrated upcoming Valentine's Day with roses, candlelight, and remembering that we are all "God's Beloved".



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