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Emmanuel Lutheran
CHURCH & SCHOOL
ASHEVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA

Sunday April 6, 2025

FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

8:30am Traditional Worship

11:00am Blended Worship

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Our Vision:

Fully Engaged, Biblically Passionate,
Driven to Serve

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Monday, April 7
8th Grade DC Trip!

Tuesday, April 8
6:00pm BOD Meeting (steam or virtual)

Wednesday, April 9
12:00pm Lent Midweek Service (sanctuary)
5:40pm Lent Soup Supper (narthex)
6:30pm Lent Evening Service (sanctuary)

Thursday, April 10

Friday, April 11
6:00pm Pickleball for church use (gym)

Saturday, April 12
4:30pm Saturday Small Group (Kelm Home)

Saturday, April 13—Palm Sunday!
8:30am Traditional/Liturgical Worship Service
9:45am Adult Sunday School Class (Fellow. Hall)
9:45am Kid's Sunday School (room# 017)
9:45am Youth Confirmation Class (conf. room)
11:00am Blended Worship Service
Post-Service Prayer Ministry (altar)
Food Pantry is **OPEN, 1-3pm**
5:00pm High School Youth Group

Upcoming Week—Member Celebrations!

Birthdays: 4/7 Colleen Leyva; 4/8 Gloria Wargo; 4/8 Edith Walker; 4/10 Adelaide Hastings; 4/10 Elizabeth Meyer; 4/12 Diana Hempel—(100th Birthday!)

Previous Week's Services: Attendance & Stats

Attendance	Online
10:00am: 114	Website: 24
Midweek Noon: 28 6:30pm: 31	FB: 14

ELC Grab n Go Sunday Food Pantry

Sunday 3/23:
Cars: 81 People: 393 Families: 139

Church Staff:

Senior Pastor: Rev. Dr. Jeffrey Skopak
Director of Christian Education: Alexi Lundquist
Parish Administrator: Dirk Wilmoth
Business Administrator: Gail Thomas
Church Office Administrator: Leigh Horsley
Hospitality Ministry : Shirley Parker
P/W Music and Tech Director: Heather Meulenberg
Organist: Lula Meulenberg
Digital Media Coordinator: Peter Linton

School K-8
School Principal: Mark Edmiston
School Admin. Assistant: Shari Reaves
Assistant Principal/: Denise Ball
Director of Admissions: Emily Leatherwood
Kindergarten: Kim Noel & Jamie Wertham
First Grade: Rachel Graves & Mackenzie Knapp
Second Grade: Mindy Stackhouse
Third Grade: Kiara Studer
Fourth Grade: Chelsey Towery
Fifth Grade: Emily Lundquist
MS Science/Social Studies: Steve Lehrer
MS Math: Jenelle Lanham
Floating Aid, 2nd-4th grades: Cathy Whittemore
PE/Athletic Director: Jennifer Jenkins "Coach J"
K-8 Art: Tammy Reilly
Music & Spanish: A.L. Brown
Cafeteria: Mackenzie Knapp
Maintenance: Dale Emory

Early Childhood Education:
Director: Nicole Loria
Admin Assist: Carolyn Mashburn
Kitchen/Cook: Kristen Warren and Mikaela Bennett
Younger Infants: Neesie Castillo & Paula Jones
Older Infants: Becky Swatzell & Daja Harper
Toddlers 1: Lindsey Smathers & Ivy Robles
Toddlers 2: Katie Dorn & Amy Bair (moved to PS2 in August)
PS2: Chris Smith (until August) & Christy Credle
PS3: Mallory Swaney & Amanda Shepherd
PS3/4: Robin Rutherford & DeAsia Little
PreK-1: Madison Peach & Cleo Green
PreK-2: Faith Noell & Crystal McCormick
Floating Aid: Felicia Norton
Permanent Sub: Bella Harper

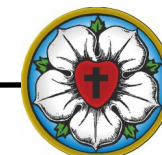
Previous Week's Offerings

General Offering Received: \$ 7,911.60
Building Funds Received: \$ 250.00
***Weekly Offering Budget:** \$ (12,817.31)

"It's Not That Difficult"



Luke 20:9-20





Sunday—April 6th, 2025

9:45am Classes:

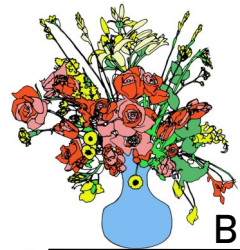
Adult Sunday School Class (Fellowship Hall, Pastor Skopak)
Kid's Sunday School (room# 017, Kay Thorp)
Youth Confirmation Class (conference room, Alexi Lundquist)

Directly after second service:

Prayer Support Ministry
The Food Pantry is closed

Today's Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God by:

Barbara Sullivan—in memory of her brother, David Logemann
Briana Hastings—in honor of Addy, Thea, & Dan Hasting's birthdays



8:30am Traditional Service

Call to Worship: "Adoramus Te"
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Gracious God, You Send Great Blessings

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Christ, the Life of All the Living

Servers	8:30am	11:00am
Elder	John Jennejahn	Rich Baldwin
Acolyte	Abraham Allen	Benjamin Noel
Ushers	Stephanie Hanson & Scott Hausman	Tommy Ridgeway & Ed DeBerry
Lector	Neil Pursley	Peter Renner
Communion	Susan Roby & Mike Rush	Lary Schulhof & Rich Baldwin
Café Lead	Briana Hastings	TBD

Prayer Support Team:
Kathy Gillespie & TBA

Sound & Tech Crew:
8:30am: Heather M. & Peter L.
11:00am: Ben & Lucas Munn

Altar Guild:
8:30am: Stephanie Hanson
11:00am: Edith Walker

Offering Counters:
Joel & Jeanine Helms



MEN'S BREAKFAST

Prayer, Fellowship, & Food

1st Saturday of the month at 7:30am
@ First Watch
281 Long Shoals Rd in Asheville
Contact Scott Hausman for more info

Sacred Communion Values

As baptized Christians, having received instruction in the Holy Sacrament; our precious Savior and Lord Jesus Christ invites us to His Holy Meal in which we receive the forgiveness of sins and the strengthening of our faith. Before we receive the Holy Sacrament, we should:



- Examine our relationship with God & others according to the Ten Commandments;
- Truly repent of our sins and seek forgiveness in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord;
- Faithfully believe God's Word which teaches us that in, with, and under the bread and wine we receive the true body and blood of our Savior and Lord Jesus Christ;
- By the working of the Holy Spirit through Word and Sacrament, commit our life as a redeemed disciple of Jesus Christ through thought, word, and deed.



He is Risen

Holy Week & Easter Services

Palm Sunday 4/13
8:30am & 11:00am

Maundy Thursday 4/17
12:00pm & 6:30pm

Good Friday 4/18
12:00pm & 6:30pm

EASTER SUNDAY 4/20:
7am, 9am, & 11am

Saturday Small Group
Saturday April 12th
4:30pm, Kelm Home



Please join us!

Bring your own basket!

EASTER EGG HUNT

10:15am in the Courtyard
Easter Sunday ~ April 20th

Emmanuel Lutheran

2025 Easter Breakfast Drop-In Buffet!
Sunday April 20, 2025—Fellowship Hall
Self Serve: 8:00am - 10:30am

Scan code to sign up to bring a dish or to lend a hand. A sign up sheet is also located on the new "Church Info" board!



Sunday 4/6 ~ Sermon Notes

It's Not That Difficult ~ Luke 20:9-20

Through the parable of the tenants Jesus warns:

“Do not _____ God’s claim on your life. Do not reject God’s call to repent. And do not reject God’s Christ for Salvation”

- I. An Easy Parable to _____?
- A. The owner represents God the Father; The _____ is God’s people; the Sharecroppers were the leaders God entrusts the people to
1. God “Planted” the _____ (Israel)
 2. In the same way God has “_____” us through Jesus Christ
- B. We were “planted” in order to produce _____
1. A life praising and _____ God
 2. When God demands our time and attention we act like the _____
 3. Remember: He purchased the land, planted the vineyard, and Matthew and Mark tells us he _____ it with a fence, a watchtower, and a winepress
 - a. _____ of these things belonged to the sharecroppers
 - b. They were arrogant and foolish when they send the owner’s _____ away empty-handed
 - c. We are arrogant and foolish when we reject God’s claim on our _____
- C. And what happens to the wicked sharecroppers? NOTHING...at _____
1. The owner doesn’t call the _____; he sends more servants
 2. They send them away empty handed, beating some, and _____ others
 - a. The servants represent the _____
 - b. Prophets were persecuted - tradition has it Jeremiah was stoned to death; King _____ had Isaiah sawed in half

II. How Well Are We _____?

- A. How well do we listen to God’s _____?
1. The challenging _____? The personal rebuke?
 2. Do you hide behind and misapply Matthew _____?
 3. What if that challenging word was spoken out of _____?
 4. A faithful pastor has been sent to preach both _____ and _____ - to tear into our sin and shine the light of Jesus
- B. As harsh as the sharecroppers sin may be, the owners patience is more _____
1. Into the maelstrom He sends His _____
 2. And the sharecroppers conspire to _____ him
 - a. With these words Jesus reveals to the chief _____ that he knew their plans (John 11:47-53)
 - b. Rejection of Jesus is sealing oneself in your _____ (Luke 20:17,18)
 - c. Jesus is the _____ of salvation
 - d. Or, to put it another way: without Jesus there is only _____
 3. Be wary of the lies of the _____
 - a. Jesus is most certainly clear here: There is only one way to heaven - _____
 - b. The inclusive Jesus is the most _____ expression of faith - He alone is the way, truth, and life

Jesus didn’t just lower himself into our world. He got down on His hands and knees to do things like wash the dusty feet of His _____ disciples, and then He bowed beneath the pressures of the cross. He did all this to lift us up to heaven.





AS WE GATHER

There is a hymn that refers to the Gospel of Jesus Christ, calling it an “old, old story” (“I Love to Tell the Story” by Arabella Katherine Hankey, 1834–1911). The fact that God’s plan of salvation began thousands of years ago, and that the Bible is the record of events in ancient history, does not mean that old equals irrelevant. Today, God says through His prophet Isaiah, “Remember not the former things, nor consider the things of old” (Isaiah 43:18). But before you throw away your old Bible, your old catechism, or your old hymnal, listen up! “Behold, I am doing a new thing; . . . do you not perceive it?” (v. 19). In the pattern of the exodus of old and the deliverance from the Babylonian captivity of old, and as “the old rugged cross” of Christ made His resurrection from the dead possible, the “new thing” of God’s doing today is all about freeing you from the slavery of sin, death, boredom, worry, and fear; re-creating you “that I may be His own and live under Him in His kingdom and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness” (explanation of the Second Article of the Apostles’ Creed, Small Catechism); renewing your life today by the forgiveness of your sins and in the sure and certain hope of new bodies for old in the new creation that awaits, as that old hymn concludes, *“And when in scenes of glory I sing the new, new song, ’Twill be the old, old story That I have loved so long. I love to tell the story; ’Twill be my theme in glory To tell the old, old story Of Jesus and His love.”*

CALL TO WORSHIP

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WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING SONG At The Wondrous Cross

(Verse 1)

When I survey the wondrous cross
On which the Prince of glory died
My richest gain I count but loss
And pour contempt on all my pride

CHORUS

**At the cross, at the cross
I surrender my life, I’m in awe of you,
I’m in awe of You
Where Your blood ran red,
and my sins washed white,
I owe all to you, I owe all to you, Jesus**

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(Verse 2)

See from His head His hands His feet
Sorrow and love flow mingled down
Did e’er such love and sorrow meet
Or thorns compose so rich a crown

(SING THE CHORUS)

(Verse 3)

Were the whole realm of nature mine
That were an offering far too small
Love so amazing so divine
Demands my soul my life my all

(SING THE CHORUS 2x)

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INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES *Isaiah 43:1; Psalm 126:3*

Pastor: But now thus says the Lord, He who created you, . . . “Fear not, for I have redeemed you;

People: I have called you by name, you are Mine.”

Pastor: The Lord has done great things for us;

People: we are glad.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION *Isaiah 43:1*

Pastor: As the Lord God delivered His chosen people from Egyptian slavery through the sea yet on dry ground, and as He delivered His chosen people from their captivity in Babylon of old, so has He now delivered His chosen people to this day from slavery to sin and death through the cross and resurrection of His Son, Jesus Christ. Remembering that your Holy Baptism is still a present reality today, let us return to the Lord our God in true repentance and faith.

People: Lord God, we confess that we have sinned against You and have fallen back into our old ways of neglecting You and our love for our neighbor. Create a new heart and spirit within us and make us to be Your new creation by faith in Your Son, Jesus Christ, that we may live under Him and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness both today and forever.

Pastor: But now thus says the Lord, He who created you and formed you, “Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are Mine.” Upon this, your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of Christ, announce the grace of God to all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray. Almighty God, You have delivered Your chosen people of old from all manner of captivity of body and soul. According to Your promise, make us to be Your chosen people today, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for Your own possession, that we may proclaim Your praises to one another and to the world; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT *Isaiah 43:16-21*

¹⁶ Thus says the Lord,
 who makes a way in the sea,
 a path in the mighty waters,
¹⁷ who brings forth chariot and horse,
 army and warrior;
they lie down, they cannot rise,
 they are extinguished, quenched like a wick:
¹⁸ “Remember not the former things,
 nor consider the things of old.
¹⁹ Behold, I am doing a new thing;
 now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?
I will make a way in the wilderness
 and rivers in the desert.
²⁰ The wild beasts will honor me,
 the jackals and the ostriches,
for I give water in the wilderness,
 rivers in the desert,
to give drink to my chosen people,
²¹ the people whom I formed for myself
that they might declare my praise.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE *Philippians 3: 4–14*

⁴ though I myself have reason for confidence in the flesh also. If anyone else thinks he has reason for confidence in the flesh, I have more: ⁵ circumcised on the eighth day, of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; ⁶ as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, ^[a] blameless. ⁷ But whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for the sake of Christ. ⁸ Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ ⁹ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith— ¹⁰ that I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, ¹¹ that by any means possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead. ¹² Not that I have already obtained this or am already perfect, but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. ¹³ Brothers, I do not consider that I have made it my own. But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, ¹⁴ I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

HOLY GOSPEL *Luke 20:9–20 (The parable of the wicked tenants)*

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twentieth chapter.

People: **Glory to You, O Lord.**

⁹ And he began to tell the people this parable: “A man planted a vineyard and let it out to tenants and went into another country for a long while. ¹⁰ When the time came, he sent a servant^[a] to the tenants, so that they would give him some of the fruit of the vineyard. But the tenants beat him and sent him away empty-handed. ¹¹ And he sent another servant. But they also beat and treated him shamefully, and sent him away empty-handed. ¹² And he sent yet a third. This one also they wounded and cast out. ¹³ Then the owner of the vineyard said, ‘What shall I do? I will send my beloved son; perhaps they will respect him.’ ¹⁴ But when the tenants saw him, they said to themselves, ‘This is the heir. Let us kill him, so that the inheritance may be ours.’ ¹⁵ And they threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. What then will the owner of the vineyard do to them? ¹⁶ He will come and destroy those tenants and give the vineyard to others.” When they heard this, they said, “Surely not!” ¹⁷ But he looked directly at them and said, “What then is this that is written: “‘The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone’?” ¹⁸ Everyone who falls on that stone will be broken to pieces, and when it falls on anyone, it will crush him.” ¹⁹ The scribes and the chief priests sought to lay hands on him at that very hour, for they perceived that he had told this parable against them, but they feared the people. ²⁰ So they watched him and sent spies, who pretended to be sincere, that they might catch him in something he said, so as to deliver him up to the authority and jurisdiction of the governor.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to You, O Christ.**

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

SERMON SONG Oh Lord You’re Beautiful/Grace Abounds

(Intro)

Oh Lord You're beautiful

Your face is all I seek

And when Your eyes are on this child

Your grace abounds to me

(REPEAT INTRO)

(Verse 1)

You lay aside Your throne, and to this world You have come

You offered up Your life, the debt You paid was not Yours

(Chorus)

Your grace abounds to me

Your grace abounds to me

Jesus in You I find all that I need

(Verse 2)

A gift I could not earn

Your open arms are undeserved

Enabled by Your grace

Now to live is Christ alone

(SING CHORUS 2x)

(Bridge)

All powerful all glorious

There's nothing like the Name of Jesus

All powerful all glorious

There's nothing like Your Name

(REPEAT BRIDGE)

(SING CHORUS 2x)

(Ending)

Find all I need in You

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SERMON It's Not That Difficult *Luke 20:9-20*

CREED *Nicene*

© I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end. And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life ☩ of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

LORD'S PRAYER

© 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.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY SONG Man Of Sorrows

(Verse 1)

Man of sorrows Lamb of God
By His own betrayed
The sin of man and wrath of God
Has been on Jesus laid

(Verse 2)

Silent as He stood accused
Beaten mocked and scorned
Bowing to the Father's will
He took a crown of thorns

(Chorus)

**Oh that rugged cross my salvation
Where Your love poured out over me
Now my soul cries out hallelujah
Praise and honor unto Thee**

(Verse 3)

Sent of heaven God's own Son
To purchase and redeem
And reconcile the very ones
Who nailed Him to that tree

(SING CHORUS)

(Bridge)

Now my debt is paid, it is paid in full
By the precious blood that my Jesus spilled
Now the curse of sin has no hold on me
Whom the Son sets free oh is free indeed

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PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross. Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD *Matthew 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24; Luke 22:19–20; 1 Corinthians 11:23–25*

Pastor: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: “Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.”

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: “Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

PAX DOMINI

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: Amen.

DISTRIBUTION

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

LSB 576 My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

1 My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus’ blood and righteousness;
No merit of my own I claim
But wholly lean on Jesus’ name. *Refrain*

ref On Christ, the solid rock, I stand;
All other ground is sinking sand,
All other ground is sinking sand.

2 When darkness veils His lovely face,
I rest on His unchanging grace;
In ev’ry high and stormy gale
My anchor holds within the veil. *Refrain*

3 His oath, His covenant and blood
Support me in the raging flood;
When ev’ry earthly prop gives way,
He then is all my hope and stay. *Refrain*

4 When He shall come with trumpet sound,
Oh, may I then in Him be found,
Clothed in His righteousness alone,
Redeemed to stand before His throne! *Refrain*

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LSB 753 All for Christ I Have Forsaken

1 All for Christ I have forsaken
And have taken up my cross;
Worldly joy, its fame and fortune,
Now I count as worthless dross.

2 Who is sweeter than Christ Jesus?
No good thing in Him I lack!
Hand to plow, at peace I follow
Where He leads me . . . why look back?

3 Gone the past, unknown the future—
Grace supplies my daily breath;
Strong in Christ through death’s dark valley,
Firm and faithful unto death.

4 When God takes me home to heaven,
Should this be the day I die,
God will keep my spouse and children
As the apple of His eye.

5 Though the road ahead be thorny,
Though dark clouds all light obscure,
Though my cross-shaped path grows steeper,
With the Lord, I am secure.

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POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

Pastor: O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,

People: and His mercy endureth forever.

Pastor: We give You thanks, almighty God, that You have made us Your own people, a new creation in Jesus Christ, our Lord. By His body and blood You have strengthened our faith, thus enabling us to tell forth Your praises. Enlighten our paths and guide our steps that we may live according to Your gracious will in faithfulness to You and love for one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

BENEDICTION *Numbers 6:24–26*

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

People: Amen.

CLOSING SONG By the Blood

(Verse 1)

Lord my soul is desp'rate for You

I'm bound by sin and darkest night

But in the secret I will find You

A mighty ray of holy light

(Verse 2)

Oh these chains were sweetly broken

Once held by death You set me free

By perfect love my fear was stolen

When Thou my Jesus died for me

(Chorus)

By the blood of Jesus Christ, Every life was bought at the highest price

Every fear was lost every sin erased, When Jesus took the cross He took my place

(Verse 3)

All my heart I lay before Thee

To sound the depths of love divine

So free so infinite Your glory

That I am Yours and You are mine

(Sing Chorus 2x)

(Bridge)

Then sings my soul then cries my heart

Till kingdom come till heavens part

Till He returns or calls me home

I'll praise the name of Christ alone

(Repeat Bridge)>(Sing Chorus)



Emmanuel Lutheran Prayer List The Week of April 6, 2025

These are people in need of prayers this week. "Lord Jesus we commend into Your hands the needs of people that go through challenges of many kinds. You know their joys, troubles, illnesses, and fears. We now commend them to You.

"Prayers are continual; for good Health, swift Healing & Favor— for the afflicted, their families, and friends:

- **Brenda Carpenter (L. Baldwin, aunt) tests/biopsy for lump in neck**
- **Pastor Mark Spelzhausen (J. Gibney, friend) cancer in lymph node just discovered; treatment unknown at this time.**
- ◇ **Diana Hempel Loving & joyful prayers— 100th Birthday on 4/12!**
- ◇ **Pastor James & Barbara Roseman family**—Their son Gregory, age 65, passed away at home unexpectedly last Sunday 3/23. Prayers for Gregory's wife Jackie and Family and the Rosemans.
- ◇ **Shirley Parker & Family**— Jean Metcalf, Shirley's aunt & long-time member, passed away Saturday March 22nd.
- **Ron Riddle (B. King, friend)** Ron was diagnosed with cancer
- **Roger Heyman (D. Reiling, brother in law)** blockage found in heart; Prayers are for guidance.
- **Ann Downs (K. Emory, mother)** stomach cancer found
- ◇ **Marilyn Saylor** age 90, in hospice care.
- **Jamie Leyva (C.Leyva, Daughter in law)** Had surgery for breast cancer

◇ = Emmanuel Lutheran Church Members

(See back for those diagnosed & living with long-term conditions)

Healing Prayers

Restore My Strength: Holy Spirit, drive away from me all forms of sickness and disease. Restore strength to my body and joy to my spirit, so that in my renewed health, I may bless and serve you, now and forevermore. Amen

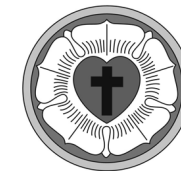
Speedy Recovery: Living Lord, Your love has held me and kept me through this suffering. Now may your hope and healing lead me quickly to a place of restoration. O Lord the oil of your healing flows through me like a living stream. I choose to bathe in these clear waters each day. I will keep my eyes on you, and trust in you that I will fully recover. I give you all that I am, and rest in your peace. I hold tightly to your promises. They are like a spring that overflows with goodness. I wait on you. In the mighty name of your Son, Jesus Christ, Amen.

Prayers for those with long-term illnesses & conditions:

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| ◇ Dale Pioch | Donna Logeman (E.Lundquist, mother) |
| ◇ Peg Hardesty | Don Young (P/CJ Reece) |
| ◇ Pete Rauschenplat | Hubert Hicks (C.Cline's friend) |
| ◇ Joel Helms | Ann Melious (P/H McCarthy family) |
| ◇ Steve Taylor | Carol Harris (S.Ude's friend) |
| ◇ Ken Treadway | Robin Worley (J.Kearley's friend) |
| ◇ Shirley Parker | Antonia Simpson (L.Meulenberg's friend) |
| ◇ Lorenzo Lopez | Keith Haynes (R.Rush's friend) |
| ◇ Mary Hufnagle | Virginia Lopez (E. Lopez's mother) |
| ◇ Amy Skopak | Melinda Condrey (Hufnagle's friend) |
| ◇ Jim Clark | Chris Alstrin (L.Schulhof's friend) |
| ◇ Sharon Pruet | Garret Reiser (R/Dee Gordon's family) |
| ◇ Marilyn Saylor | Becky Presley (S.Brock's friend) |
| ◇ Diana Hempel | Janice (L. Giese's friend) |
| ◇ Emily Nieting | Jan Williams (C. Waites Mother) |
| ◇ Cynthia Cline | Debbie Henderson (J. Groh, friend) |
| ◇ Helen Cline | Lynn Case-Scott (S.Buckner's friend) |
| ◇ Marjorie Locke | Ralph Ector, Jr & Snr (S.Edward's, family) |
| ◇ Mike Walker | Carolyn & Keith Hembree (C. Cline, friend) |
| ◇ Julia Kearley | Jennie Buckner (C.Cline's neighbor) |
| ◇ C.J. Reece | Elsie Lankford (S. Pruet's mother) |
| ◇ Mike Fastenau | Kyle Mietzner (C.Bruckner) |
| ◇ Gloria Spude | Mike Lemmons (J. Groh) |
| ◇ Ray Bailey | Don Maskell (A. Maskell) |

PRAYERS FOR OUR HOMEBOUND MEMBER BROTHERS & SISTERS:

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| ◇ K. Ray Bailey | ◇ Carol Cook | ◇ Diana & Isabelle Hempel |
| ◇ Teenie Smathers | ◇ Marjorie Locke | ◇ Andre & Lori Benson |
| ◇ Marilyn Saylor | ◇ Helen Cline | |



Emmanuel Lutheran Church is a praying community!

We believe the promise of God regarding His Word. Our new prayer request cards are located on the bottom of our new attendance cards in the sanctuary on the back on the pews. You may also call or email your request to the church office at anytime!