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CHURCH & SCHOOL
ASHEVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA

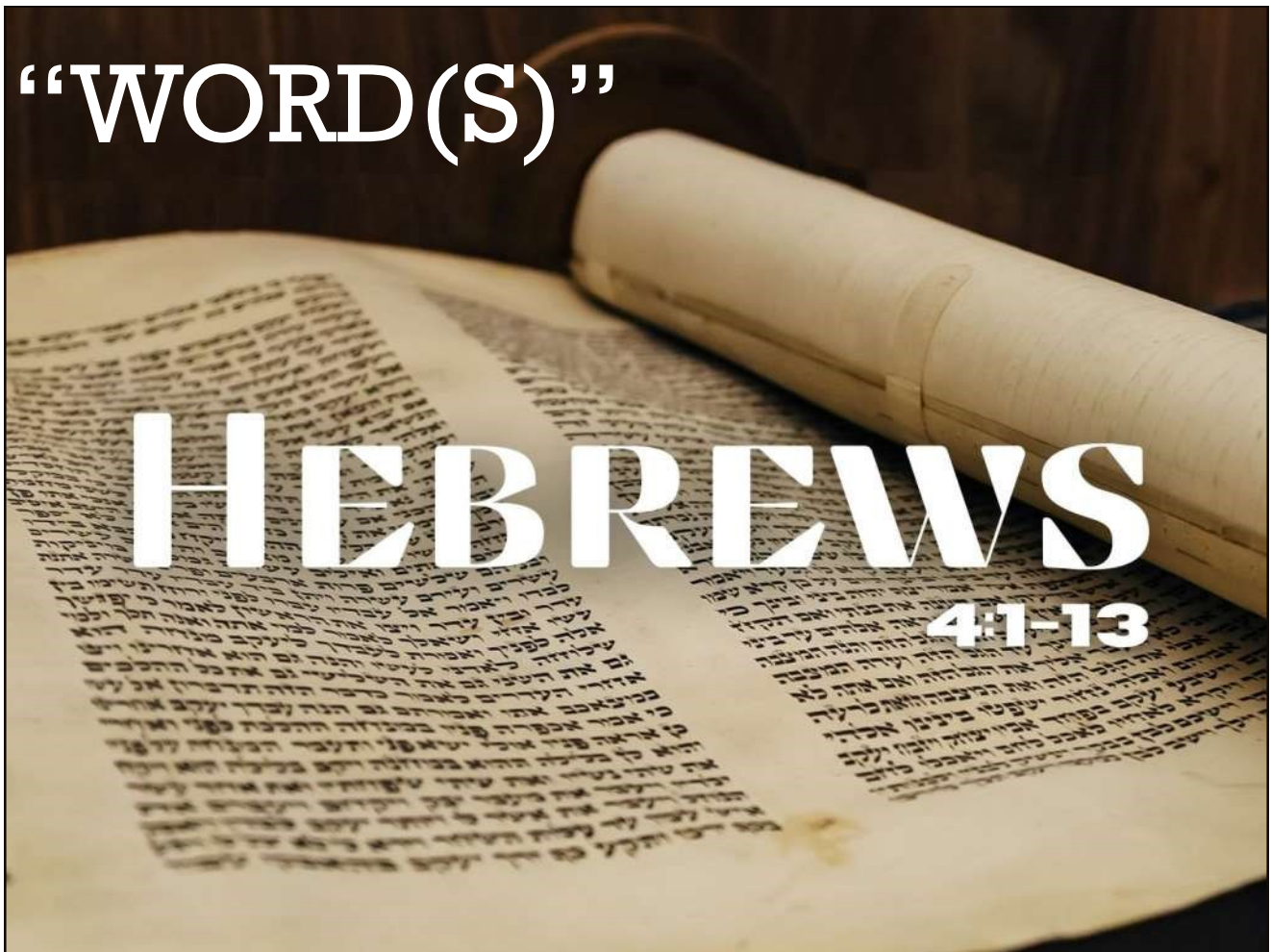
Sunday October 20, 2024
twenty-second Sunday in Pentecost

10:00am Traditional Worship

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Our Vision:

*Fully Engaged, Biblically Passionate,
and Driven to Serve!*



Sunday—October 20th, 2024

~ 22nd Sunday in Pentecost ~

Directly after church:

Prayer Support Ministry w/ Joel & Jeanine Helms (Altar)

The Food Pantry is **closed**.

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

Pastor Arthur & Kathy Gillespie—in honor of their wedding anniversary on 10/12

Marqueen Kostenbauder & Kearley Family—in memory of Harold Kostenbauder

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ⇒ Starting back in November, we will return to our regular Sunday two services schedule — **8:30am Traditional & 11am Blended**
- ⇒ **Virtual Prayer Service** today, Sunday October 20th at 7pm-8pm EST.
Google Meet joining info:
Video call link: <https://meet.google.com/ztx-cujq-gkv>
Or dial: (US) +1 530-421-8709 PIN: 792 947 235#
- ⇒ **Southside Group**—Monday October 28th, 7pm at the Gillespie's
- ⇒ **Oktoberfest cancelled** for 10/19/24 (Still on for 2025!)
- ⇒ No Friday Pickleball until further notice



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WEEKLY CALENDAR

Monday, October 21

12:30pm ELS Volleyball Practice (gym)

Tuesday, October 22

2:00pm Hardesty Small Group (East AVL)

Wednesday, October 23

12:00pm Midweek Noon Service (Sanctuary)

3:00-5:00pm ELS Cheer practice (gym)

4:30-7:00pm Soccer Shots (field)

Thursday, October 24

12:30pm Gym in use

Friday, October 24

Sanctuary & Gym in use

NO Pickleball

Saturday, October 26

Sanctuary & Gym in use

9am-11am Soccer Shots (field)

Sunday, October 27

10:00am Combined Worship Service

11:30am Prayer Ministry support (Altar)

Senior Pastor: Rev. Dr. Jeffrey Skopak

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Church Office Administrator: Leigh Horsley

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Praise Music Band Director: Heather Meulenberg

Organist: Lula Meulenberg

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Sunday Worship Servers today:

Acolyte	Eli Allen
Lector	Peter Renner
Ushers	Dirk & Kathryn Wilmoth
Communion	Mike Rush & Debbie Reiling
Elder	John Jennejahn

Prayer Team: Joel & Jeanine Helms

Sound & Tech Crew

10:00am: Peter Linton

Altar Guild

10:00am: Martha Greene/Amy Bair

Offering Counters: Joel & Jeanine Helms

Recent & Upcoming — Member Celebrations!

Birthdays: 10/11 Luke Black;

10/12 Justine Blaylock; 10/18 Justin Pruett;

10/20 Drew Thorp; 10/23 Kathryn Wilmoth

Anniversaries: 10/8 Sean & Julia Thomas;

10/12 Arthur & Kathy Gillespie; 10/19 Stephen

& Janet Hollar; 10/22 Seth & Brenda Baker;

10/26 Harold & Sabrina Neuenkirchen

Previous Week's Services: Attendance & Stats

On-Campus Attendance

• **Sunday: 10:00am** — 200

• **Wednesday: 12pm** — 9

Sunday's Online Views/Hits:

• **Website:** 21

• **Facebook:** 99

Food Pantry (Grad N Go, VRQ, & Costello) :

9/22: 138 homes, 356 people (54 cars)

9/08: 362 homes, 701 people (69 cars)

Previous Week's Offerings

General Offering received: \$ 15,157.43

Building Funds Received: \$ 490.00

*General Weekly Offering needed: \$ (12,817.31)

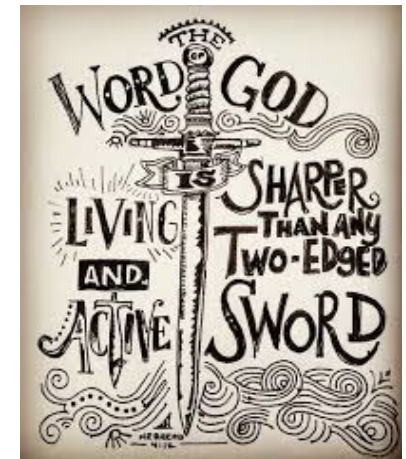
Sunday October 20th
“Word(s)”
Hebrews 4:1-3 (14-16)

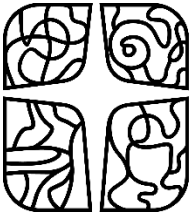
A proverb says: “Good _____ may fall on barren ground, but a _____ word is never thrown away”

- I. God’s _____
- A. The first word chosen to describe God’s Word is _____
1. Many books have their day in the sun and then _____
 - a. Some only appeal to a handful of _____
 - b. Some become irrelevant to our contemporary _____
 2. God’s Word never becomes a _____
 - a. It has something to say to _____
 - b. We need to have _____ to hear it
- B. The second word: _____
1. God’s Word brings us back to the _____
 2. The active Word of God is made known in _____
 - a. He is the Word _____
 - b. John _____
- C. The third word: _____
1. It works through people’s _____
 2. Isaiah _____
- II. A _____
- A. Hebrews _____
1. Revelation _____ and _____

2. Christ is described as having a sharp, two-edged sword coming from His _____
- B. God’s Word can cut through our nonsense into the heart of our _____
1. It cuts away the fat to expose the _____
 2. It also _____, empowers, and enlightens us
- C. God’s Word is not only sharp, it is _____
1. It is active, _____, and effectual
 2. God’s Word is powerful because He is _____
 3. The power lies in its _____
 - a. This is the _____ of God’s Word
 - b. God does not _____
- D. God give us the _____ of His Word
1. It _____ truth from deceit
 2. It is _____ and _____

The Living, active, Word of God, It is like a two-edged _____ Law and Gospel - _____ and _____. Don’t forsake what God has given you. It is the most important spiritual tool our God gives to us





AS WE GATHER

Imagine someone offering you a gift—a gift that you cannot get on your own. How do you think the giver of that gift would react if you rejected it? That is what today's Readings are about. The children of Israel refused to go into the Promised Land. God's response was, "They shall not enter My rest." They had been slaves and gotten a good taste of the harshness of the wilderness. Yet they refused to go into a land where they would have rest. Today, God offers you rest through the gift of the forgiveness of sins. Do not miss out on the rest God offers you right now through Jesus.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN LSB 566 BY GRACE I'M SAVED

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| <p>1 By grace I'm saved, grace free and boundless;
My soul, believe and doubt it not.
Why stagger at this word of promise?
Has Scripture ever falsehood taught?
No! Then this word must true remain:
By grace you too will life obtain.</p> <p>2 By grace! None dare lay claim to merit;
Our works and conduct have no worth.
God in His love sent our Redeemer,
Christ Jesus, to this sinful earth;
His death did for our sins atone,
And we are saved by grace alone.</p> <p>3 By grace God's Son, our only Savior,
Came down to earth to bear our sin.
Was it because of your own merit
That Jesus died your soul to win?
No, it was grace, and grace alone,
That brought Him from His heav'nly throne.</p> | <p>4 By grace! This ground of faith is certain;
As long as God is true, it stands.
What saints have penned by inspiration,
What in His Word our God commands,
Our faith in what our God has done
Depends on grace—grace through His Son.</p> <p>5 By grace to timid hearts that tremble,
In tribulation's furnace tried,
By grace, in spite of fear and trouble,
The Father's heart is open wide.
Where could I help and strength secure
If grace were not my anchor sure?</p> <p>6 By grace! On this I'll rest when dying;
In Jesus' promise I rejoice;
For though I know my heart's condition,
I also know my Savior's voice.
My heart is glad, all grief has flown
Since I am saved by grace alone.</p> |
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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

Pastor: When the children of Israel lived in Egypt and were slaves,

People: God sent ten plagues upon Egypt to set His people free and give them rest.

Pastor: When the children of Israel had their backs to the Red Sea,

People: they saw God part the Red Sea and they walked across on dry ground as He gave them rest from their enemy.

Pastor: When there was no way out for us because of our sin,

People: God sent His Son to the cross, that all who believe would have eternal life and rest in that hope.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION *Hebrews 1:1–2*

Pastor: Almighty and eternal God, You see things from an eternal perspective,

People: and we see things from a limited human perspective.

Pastor: You are omniscient, knowing all;

People: we are but mortal.

Pastor: In many and various ways You spoke to Your people in the past, using the prophets as Your mouthpieces.

People: Your people often disobeyed and provoked Your wrath.

Pastor: When You bid them enter the Promised Land, they would not,

People: and You denied that generation any rest, sending them wandering for forty years.

Pastor: Today, in these last times, You have spoken to us through Your Son.

People: When we fail to believe in Him, and the message of the cross, we put ourselves in danger of missing out on the rest You desire to give us.

Pastor: We need rest from our enemies,

People: from the devil, all his works and ways, and from our own sinful flesh.

Pastor: Forgive us for rebelling against You, Lord,

People: for the sins of thought, word, and deed. Forgive us; wash us clean in Holy Baptism and the blood of the cross.

Pastor: I now ask you before God, who searches the heart: is this your sincere confession?

People: Yes, it is my sincere confession.

Pastor: Upon this your confession, I bring you Good News from the King of kings Himself. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen. Thank You, Lord, for Your loving kindness and for Your forgiveness.

SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray.

O God, Your divine wisdom sets in order all things in heaven and on earth. Put away from us all things hurtful and give us those things that are beneficial for us; 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 READING *Ecclesiastes 5:10–20*

¹⁰ Whoever loves money never has enough; whoever loves wealth is never satisfied with their income. This too is meaningless.

¹¹ As goods increase, so do those who consume them.

And what benefit are they to the owners except to feast their eyes on them?

¹² The sleep of a laborer is sweet, whether they eat little or much, but as for the rich, their abundance permits them no sleep.

¹³ I have seen a grievous evil under the sun: wealth hoarded to the harm of its owners,

¹⁴ or wealth lost through some misfortune,

so that when they have children

there is nothing left for them to inherit.

¹⁵ Everyone comes naked from their mother's womb,

and as everyone comes, so they depart.

They take nothing from their toil that they can carry in their hands.

¹⁶ This too is a grievous evil:

As everyone comes, so they depart,

and what do they gain,

since they toil for the wind?

¹⁷ All their days they eat in darkness,

with great frustration, affliction and anger.

¹⁸ This is what I have observed to be good: that it is appropriate for a person to eat, to drink and to find satisfaction in their toilsome labor under the sun during the few days of life God has given them—for this is their lot. ¹⁹ Moreover, when God gives someone wealth and possessions, and the ability to enjoy them, to accept their lot and be happy in their toil—this is a gift of God. ²⁰ They seldom reflect on the days of their life, because God keeps them occupied with gladness of heart.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

EPISTLE *Hebrews 4:1–13*

¹ Therefore, since the promise of entering his rest still stands, let us be careful that none of you be found to have fallen short of it. ² For we also have had the good news proclaimed to us, just as they did; but the message they heard was of no value to them, because they did not share the faith of those who obeyed.^[a] ³ Now we who have believed enter that rest, just as God has said, “So I declared on oath in my anger, ‘They shall never enter my rest.’”^[b]

And yet his works have been finished since the creation of the world. ⁴ For somewhere he has spoken about the seventh day in these words: “On the seventh day God rested from all his works.”^[c] ⁵ And again in the passage above he says, “They shall never enter my rest.”

⁶ Therefore since it still remains for some to enter that rest, and since those who formerly had the good news proclaimed to them did not go in because of their disobedience, ⁷ God again set a certain day, calling it “Today.” This he did when a long time later he spoke through David, as in the passage already quoted: “Today, if you hear his voice, do not harden your hearts.”^[d]

⁸ For if Joshua had given them rest, God would not have spoken later about another day. ⁹ There remains, then, a Sabbath-rest for the people of God; ¹⁰ for anyone who enters God’s rest also rests from their works,^[e] just as God did from his. ¹¹ Let us, therefore, make every effort to enter that rest, so that no one will perish by following their example of disobedience.

¹² For the word of God is alive and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart. ¹³ Nothing in all creation is hidden from God’s sight. Everything is uncovered and laid bare before the eyes of him to whom we must give account.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

HOLY GOSPEL *Mark 10:23–31*

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the tenth chapter.

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

²³ Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, “How hard it is for the rich to enter the kingdom of God!” ²⁴ The disciples were amazed at his words. But Jesus said again, “Children, how hard it is^[a] to enter the kingdom of God! ²⁵ It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.” ²⁶ The disciples were even more amazed, and said to each other, “Who then can be saved?” ²⁷ Jesus looked at them and said, “With man this is impossible, but not with God; all things are possible with God.”

²⁸ Then Peter spoke up, “We have left everything to follow you!”

²⁹ “Truly I tell you,” Jesus replied, “no one who has left home or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields for me and the gospel ³⁰ will fail to receive a hundred times as much in this present age: homes, brothers, sisters, mothers, children and fields—along with persecutions—and in the age to come eternal life. ³¹ But many who are first will be last, and the last first.”

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

SERMON HYMN LSB 644 THE CHURCH'S ONE FOUNDATION

- 1 The Church's one foundation
Is Jesus Christ, her Lord;
She is His new creation
By water and the Word.
From heav'n He came and sought her
To be His holy bride;
With His own blood He bought her,
And for her life He died.
- 2 Elect from ev'ry nation,
Yet one o'er all the earth;
Her charter of salvation:
One Lord, one faith, one birth.
One holy name she blesses,
Partakes one holy food,
And to one hope she presses
With ev'ry grace endued.
- 3 Though with a scornful wonder
The world sees her oppressed,
By schisms rent asunder,
By heresies distressed,
Yet saints their watch are keeping; >>>

- Their cry goes up, "How long?"
And soon the night of weeping
Shall be the morn of song.
- 4 Through toil and tribulation
And tumult of her war
She waits the consummation
Of peace forevermore
Till with the vision glorious
Her longing eyes are blest,
And the great Church victorious
Shall be the Church at rest.
- 5 Yet she on earth has union
With God, the Three in One,
And mystic sweet communion
With those whose rest is won.
O blessèd heav'nly chorus!
Lord, save us by Your grace
That we, like saints before us,
May see You face to face.

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THE SERMON "Word(s)" Hebrews 4:1-13

CREED *Nicene Creed*

☩ 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 *Matthew 6:9–13*

OFFERING Praise the Lord

OFFERTORY SONG Build My Life

Verse 1)

Worthy of ev'ry song we could ever sing

Worthy of all the praise we could ever bring

Worthy of ev'ry breath we could ever breathe

We live for You

(Chorus)

Holy there is no one like You

There is none beside You

Open up my eyes in wonder and show me who You are

And fill me with Your heart

And lead me in Your love to those around me

(Verse 2)

Jesus the name above ev'ry other name >>>>

Jesus the only one who could ever save

Worthy of ev'ry breath we could ever breathe We live for You

We live for You

(Sing Chorus again)

(Bridge)

I will build my life upon Your word

It is a firm foundation

I will put my trust in You alone

And I will not be shaken

(Repeat Bridge)

(Sing Chorus 2x)

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PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Blessed are You, O Lord our God, King of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. In Your righteous judgment You condemned the sin of Adam and Eve, who ate the forbidden fruit, and You justly barred them and all their children from the tree of life. Yet, in Your great mercy, You promised salvation by a Second Adam, Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, and made His cross a life-giving tree for all who trust in Him. We give You thanks for the redemption You have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may faithfully eat and drink of the fruits of His cross and receive the blessings of forgiveness, life, and salvation that come to us in His body and blood.

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 HYMNS LSB 636 SOUL, ADORN YOURSELF WITH GLADNESS vv. 1-6

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| <p>1 Soul, adorn yourself with gladness,
Leave the gloomy haunts of sadness,
Come into the daylight's splendor,
There with joy your praises render.
Bless the One whose grace unbounded
This amazing banquet founded;
He, though heav'nly, high, and holy,
Deigns to dwell with you most lowly.</p> <p>2 Hasten as a bride to meet Him,
And with loving rev'ence greet Him.
For with words of life immortal
He is knocking at your portal.
Open wide the gates before Him,
Saying, as you there adore Him:
Grant, Lord, that I now receive You,
That I nevermore will leave You.</p> <p>3 He who craves a precious treasure
Neither cost nor pain will measure;
But the priceless gifts of heaven
God to us has freely given.
Though the wealth of earth were proffered,
None could buy the gifts here offered:
Christ's true body, for you riven,
And His blood, for you once given.</p> | <p>4 Now in faith I humbly ponder
Over this surpassing wonder
That the bread of life is boundless
Though the souls it feeds are countless:
With the choicest wine of heaven
Christ's own blood to us is given.
Oh, most glorious consolation,
Pledge and seal of my salvation!</p> <p>5 Jesus, source of lasting pleasure,
Truest friend, and dearest treasure,
Peace beyond all understanding,
Joy into all life expanding:
Humbly now, I bow before You;
Love incarnate, I adore You;
Worthily let me receive You
And, so favored, never leave You.</p> <p>6 Jesus, sun of life, my splendor,
Jesus, friend of friends, most tender,
Jesus, joy of my desiring,
Fount of life, my soul inspiring:
At Your feet I cry, my maker,
Let me be a fit partaker
Of this blessed food from heaven,
For our good, Your glory, given.</p> |
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LSB 628 YOUR TABLE I APPROACH

- 1 Your table I approach;
Dear Savior, hear my prayer.
Let not an unrepentant heart
Prove hurtful to me there.
- 2 Lord, I confess my sins
And mourn their wretched bands;
A contrite heart is sure to find
Forgiveness at Your hands.
- 3 Your body and Your blood,
Once slain and shed for me,
Are taken at Your table, Lord,
In blest reality.
- 4 Search not how this takes place,
This wondrous mystery;
God can accomplish vastly more
Than what we think could be.
- 5 O grant, most blessed Lord,
That earth and hell combined
May not about this sacrament
Raise doubt within my mind.
- 6 Oh, may I never fail
To thank You day and night
For Your true body and true blood,
O God, my peace and light.

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POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Let us pray.

O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; 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 Praise the Lord

(Verse 1)

Awaken my soul arise and sing
For all that my Savior's done for me
Oh give Him your praise worship His name
All that I am sing hallelujah

(Verse 2)

Forever I'm free forever I'm changed
Forever my life defined by His grace
With every step every breath
All that I am sing hallelujah

(Chorus)

**Oh my whole heart oh my soul
Let everything within me praise the Lord
Through the shadow through the storm
Let everything within me praise the Lord
We praise the Lord**

(Verse 3)

Faith is my shield Your word is my sword
The greater the fight the louder I'll roar
The Spirit that raised Him from the grave
Living in me sing hallelujah

(Sing Chorus again)

(Bridge)

I won't stop singing of all He's done for me
I won't stop singing of all He's done for me
He heard my cry set me on a rock
Saved me from the hand of the enemy
I won't stop singing about my Savior

(Repeat Bridge)

(Sing Chorus and Ending)

**Oh my whole heart oh my soul
Let everything within me praise the Lord
Through the shadow through the storm
Let everything within me praise the Lord
Let everything within me praise the Lord
Let everything within me praise the Lord
We praise the Lord
We praise the Lord
We praise the Lord!**



Emmanuel Lutheran Prayer List The Week of October 20th, 2024

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 and for good HEALTH, swift HEALING & FAVOR; for the afflicted, their families, and friends.

- ◇ **Morgan Family (R. Rush) Brenda Morgan past away Wednesday 10/16**
- ◇ **Wendy Morgan, Preston & Lana Wagner, Mother to Wendy, sister to Lana (R, Rush)**
- ◇ Gloria Spude Total knee replacement surgery on 10/22
- ◇ Mary Hufnagle Biopsy scheduled on 10/23. Tumor found on pancreas.
- ◇ Dale Wooten's Family (A. Bair) Dale passed away.
- ◇ Steve Ude His mother passed away. Prayers for peace & comfort
- ◇ Deb DeBerry Broken pelvis
- ◇ Lorenzo Lopez & Family Ongoing physical therapy in Denver.

◇ = Emmanuel Lutheran Church Members
(Those diagnosed or living with long-term illnesses & conditions, on back)

Healing Scripture and Prayer for this week:

"First of all, then, I urge that petitions, prayers, requests, and thanksgivings be offered to God for all people; for kings and all others in authority, that we may lead a quiet and peaceful life with all reverence toward God and with proper conduct." (1 Tim. 2:1-2)

Dear God, Your Word says "blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord." We pray for our nation. Have mercy upon us and turn us back to Yourself. Thank You for our forefathers who established this nation on Your Word and the acknowledgement that You are God. In God we trust; let that be true in America. Give us leaders who will acknowledge responsibility to You, who will seek Your wisdom and counsel, and who themselves seek to be servants of the people. Restore humility, integrity, truthfulness, good character, goodness and respect. Come to the aid of those who cannot speak for themselves and for those most vulnerable in our society. Keep our religious freedom alive and move Your Church to speak and act in Your Name and according to Your Word. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

PRAYERS FOR THOSE WITH CANCER OR LONG-TERM ILLNESSES/CONDITIONS:



- ◇ Marilyn Saylor
- ◇ Diana Hempell
- ◇ Emily Nieting
- ◇ Cynthia Cline
- ◇ Helen Cline
- ◇ Marjorie Locke
- ◇ Ken Treadway
- ◇ Mike Walker
- ◇ Julia Kearley
- ◇ C.J. Reece
- ◇ Mike Fastenau
- ◇ Peg Hardesty
- ◇ Gloria Spude
- ◇ Ray Bailey
- ◇ Pete Rauschenplat
- Jennie Buckner (C.Cline's neighbor)
- Elsie Lankford (S. Pruett's mother)
- Carolyn & Keith Hembree (C. Cline, friend)
- Ralph Ector, Jr & Snr (S.Edward's, family)
- Sam Leder (V.Stinson's cousin)
- Muriel Williams (S.Edward's friend)
- Don Young (P/CJ Reece)
- Hubert Hicks (C.Cline's friend)
- Ann Melious (P/H McCarthy family)
- Carol Harris (S.Ude's friend)
- Robin Worley (J.Kearley's friend)
- Antonia Simpson (L.Meulenberg's friend)
- Keith Haynes (R.Rush's friend)
- Virginia Lopez (E. Lopez's mother)
- Melinda Condrey (Hufnagle's friend)
- Chris Alstrin (L.Schulhof's friend)
- Garret Reiser (R/Dee Gordon's family)
- Becky Presley (S.Brock's friend)
- Janice (L. Giese's friend)
- Jan Williams (C. Waites Mother)
- Debbie Henderson (J. Groh, friend)
- Lynn Case-Scott (S.Buckner's friend)
- Becky Banks (R. Rush)

PRAYERS FOR OUR SEMINARIAN: Adam Nieting & his wife Emily

PRAYERS FOR OUR HOMEBOUND MEMBER BROTHERS & SISTERS:

- ◇ K. Ray Bailey
- ◇ Ruth Jean Metcalf
- ◇ Diana Hempel
- ◇ Teenie Smathers
- ◇ Marjorie Locke
- ◇ Isabelle Hempel
- ◇ Marilyn Saylor
- ◇ Helen Cline
- ◇ Marqueen Kostenbauder

Praises and Prayers answered!

- ◇ **From Joel Helms:** *Thank you for your prayers; Maurice Helms (father) is now in rehab to regain strength in his legs after his stroke.*
- ◇ **From Cindy Piercy:** *Prayer of Thanksgiving for my brother Buzz Peterson: Pet scan = No cancer!!*

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!