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Emmanuel Lutheran
CHURCH & SCHOOL
ASHEVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA

Sunday December 1, 2024

First Sunday in Advent

8:30am Traditional Worship

11:00am Blended Worship

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Our Vision:

Fully Engaged, Biblically Passionate,
Driven to Serve

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Monday, December 2— N/A

Tuesday, December 3— N/A

Wednesday, December 4

12:00pm Noon Worship Service (Sanctuary)

1:30pm Women’s Bible Study (Room#111)

6pm Advent Soup & Bread Fellowship (Narthex)

7:00pm Advent Worship Service (Sanctuary)

Thursday, December 5

6:30pm Elder’s Meeting (Narthex)

6:30pm PA Meeting (church conference room)

Friday, December 6

6:00pm Pickleball (gym)

Saturday, December 7

2pm-3:30 Ornament Making Class, \$10 (Narthex)

4:00-5:30pm Ladies Candles & Carols (Narthex)

Sunday, December 8— Advent Sunday 2

8:30am Traditional/Liturgical Worship Service

9:45am Kid’s Sunday School (room# 017)

9:45am Adult Class—Christmas Gospels (F.Hall)

11:00am Blended Worship Service

Prayer Ministry support (Altar/Lectern)

1-3pm Food Pantry OPEN

5-7pm High School Youth Group

Upcoming Week—Member Celebrations!

Birthdays: 12/1 Barry King; 12/2 Dan Kelm, Rachel Kelm, Jamie Lopez, & Benjamin Noel

Anniversaries: 12/4 Bob & Barbara Peterson; 12/6 Barry & Debbie Reiling

Previous Week’s Services: Attendance & Stats

On-Campus Attendance

Online Views/Hits:

8:30am— 57, 11am— 75

Website: 32

Wednesday— 12

Facebook: 93

ELC Food Pantry (Grab-n-Go, VRQ, & Costello) :

The week ending on Sunday 11/24:

88 families, 309 people, & 54 cars

Church Staff:

Senior Pastor: Rev. Dr. Jeffrey Skopak

Director of Christian Education: Alexi Lundquist

Church Office Administrator: Leigh Horsley

Hospitality Ministry : Shirley Parker

Praise & Worship Music 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

Business Administrator: Gail Thomas

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

Younger Infants: Neesie Castillo & Paula Jones

Older Infants: Becky Swatzell & Daja Harper

Toddlers 1: Lindsey Smathers & Ivy Robles

Toddler2: Melissa Beard & Taylor Phillips

PS2: Tasia Davis & Shaalon Johnson

PS3: Mallory Swaney & Hydeia Beck

PS3/4: Robin Rutherford & DeAsia Little

PreK-1: Madison Peach & Cleo Green

PreK-2: Beth Brock & Crystal McCormick

Floating Aid: Felesia Norton

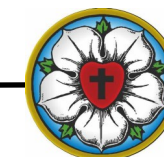
Previous Week’s Offerings

General Offering received: \$ 3,797.79

Building Funds Received: \$ 155.30

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

“BE ALERT”



Midweek Advent Worship Services at 7pm: December 4th, 11th, & 18th (Sanctuary)
- Soup & Bread Fellowship Supper, prior, beginning at 6pm for each service (Narthex)

Sunday—December 1st, 2024

9:45am Classes:

Kid's Sunday School (Room# 017, Kay Thorp)
Youth Confirmation (conf. room, Alexi Lundquist)

Directly after church:

Prayer Support Ministry (sanctuary)
The Food Pantry is closed



**Today's Altar Flower Arrangement is given to the Glory of God by:
Kay Thorp —in celebration of Charlotte Thorp's baptismal birthday today**

8:30am Traditional Worship Outline (DS1)

Call to Worship: Rush/Meulenberg Quartet
"O Come, O Come Emmanuel"

Welcome and Announcements

Opening Hymn: LSB 354
"Arise of Christian People"

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Children's Message

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The Sermon: "Be Alert" (Luke 21:25-36)

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Closing Hymn: LSB 340
"Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates"

Today's Servers!

	8:30am	11:00am
Acolyte	TBD	Ivana Lopez
Lector	Carole Williams	Martha Price
Ushers	Stephanie Hanson & David Meyer	Lisa Baldwin & Rich Baldwin
Communion	Bill Hufnagle & Mike Rush	Ron Pepin & Bradley Hines
Elder	Susan Roby	Rich Baldwin

Prayer Support Team:

Ron Pepin & Kathy Gillespie

Sound & Tech Crew:

8:30am: Heather M & Peter L.

11:00am: Ben M & Bryce G

Altar Guild:

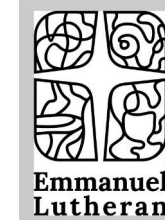
8:30am: Dana Novak

11:00am: Margo R. & Edith W.

Offering Counters:

David & Traci Meyer

DEC. 7th, Narthex: 2pm Ornament Making Class (\$10); 4pm Ladies Candles & Carols (ages 5-105!)



Advent

Midweek Evening Services!

December 4th, 11th, & 18th at 7pm

Fellowship Soup & Bread gathering prior at 6pm!



New Advent Season
Adult Sunday School Class!

"Christmas Gospels"

An exploration of
Luke 2:1-20, Matthew 1:18-24, & John 1:1-18.

Sundays December 8th & 15th only - at 9:45am
with Pastor Gillespie in the Fellowship Hall

DECEMBER CELEBRATIONS!

Birthday	Full name
12/1	Barry King
12/2	Dan Kelm
12/2	Rachel Kelm
12/2	Jamie Lopez
12/2	Benjamin Noel
12/9	Sharon Norris
12/9	Chloe Salomon
12/12	Carol Lichtenberger
12/12	Donna Wegner
12/14	Mason Franklin
12/15	Barbara Conklin
12/15	Ethan Jeremy Edmiston
12/15	John Meyer
12/16	Robert Allen
12/18	Jim Clark
12/18	Jo Kitchen
12/20	Tracey Carpenter
12/20	Barbara Peterson
12/21	Daniel Charlson
12/21	Marqueen Kostenbauder
12/22	Julia Kearley
12/22	Anne Mehrling
12/22	David Meyer
12/24	Zachary Fligel
12/24	Marni Jennejahn
12/27	Susan Buckner
12/28	Amy Skopak
12/29	Richard Clough
12/29	Genell Ertzberger
12/30	Eli Allen
12/30	Hans Meulenberg
12/31	Melynda Stackhouse

Anniversary	Full name
12/4	Bob & Barbara Peterson
12/6	Barry & Debbie Reiling
12/14	Eileen Brehm (Douglas †)
12/15	James & Tracey Carpenter
12/15	Kevin & Christ Lorenz
12/19	Vaughn & Marilynne Stinson
12/27	Jim & Barbara Roseman
12/30	Daniel & Jamie Leyva

Sunday 12/01/2024 “Be Alert”

Luke 21:25-36

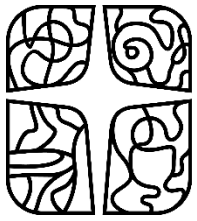
As we begin a new church year, we hear the promises of our Lord's _____. The expectation that we feel in these days before Christmas shouldn't happen because we are excited _____ is coming, but because _____ is coming!

- I. We Can Have _____
- A. The _____ are all around us
1. Wars, uncertain _____ times, natural _____
 2. People feel they have no _____ in their lives
 3. These signs lead to _____ for the faithful
 - a. A new _____ in Jesus
 - b. Standing _____ in your faith
- B. These signs are not for us to loose _____ but to strengthen our _____
1. We have a God who _____ to walk with us
 2. Luke _____
 3. Being alert is more than looking out for last minute _____
 - a. It means looking for God's _____ in the midst of the chaos
 - b. It means looking for God's _____ in the eyes of the stranger
 - c. It means looking for _____ to show others that all is not lost in the world
- II. We Can _____
- A. Advent is a time of celebration and _____
1. It is more than looking forward to _____ gatherings, presents, and worship opportunities
 2. The Advent joy comes not just in the _____ of a baby, but in that baby's _____

3. The joy of Christmas _____ doesn't even compare to the joy of an _____ with our Lord and Savior
- B. Advent is a chance for us to look forward and see the world, not for what it _____, but for what it can _____
1. It is a call for us to look for the _____
 2. And then to look and see the _____ places where God is at work
 3. We rehearse those images through _____
 - a. This is the _____ of Victory
 - b. Let the _____ be Fruitful
 - c. _____ in the Highest
- C. As we go forth in _____ we are looking _____
1. When we serve those in need, we can see _____ in them
 2. Our expression of _____ reflects our generous God
 3. And in so doing we are reflecting the confidence that we possess in the _____ of Jesus: God's _____ is at hand

Let us act to share the _____ of Jesus with those around us this Advent season. Seek out new holiday traditions that offer a ray of _____ to those who may find it difficult to celebrate this season.





AS WE GATHER *Preparing for the Savior*

Though a full month remains before we turn our calendars to 2025, today we can wish a “happy new year” in the life of the church. The Advent season begins a new church year and is a time of preparation, as the Latin “Adventus” means an arrival or coming of someone. More than preparing for the coming of just anyone, here we prepare for our Savior. As we get hearts and minds ready for the Christmas crescendo to come celebrating Christ’s humble birth, we also remain prepared in this season and always as He promises to come again.

CALL TO WORSHIP: O Come, O Come, Emmanuel (*based on LSB 357*) Verses 1, 2, 5, 7

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING SONG Light Of The World (Sing Hallelujah)

(Verse 1)

Light of the World Treasure of Heaven
Brilliant like the stars in the wintery sky
Joy of the Father reach through the darkness
Shine across the earth send the shadows to flight

(Verse 2)

Light of the World from the beginning
The tragedies of time were no match for Your love
From great heights of glory You saw my story
God You entered in and became one of us

(CHORUS)

Sing hallelujah, Sing hallelujah
Sing hallelujah for the things He has done
Come and adore Him, bow down before Him
Sing hallelujah to the Light of the World

(Verse 3)

Light of the world crown in a manger
Born for the cross to suffer to save
High King of Heaven death is the poorer
We are the richer by the price that He paid

(Sing Chorus)

(Verse 4)

Light of the World soon will be coming
With fire in His eyes He will ransom His own
Through clouds He will lead us straight into glory
And there He shall reign forevermore forever more!

(Sing Chorus)

INVOCATION

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

People: **Amen.**

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH *John 1:5, 9; Genesis 3:15; Psalm 33:20–22*

Pastor: Each week in Advent, we light a candle as we prepare for the arrival of the Savior, who would come to His people in human flesh and who promises to come again. In a world of darkness, a light shines. Jesus Christ is the light of the world.

People: **The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.**

Pastor: The first Advent candle is known as the prophecy candle or the candle of hope. We hear again the first promise and prophecy made in the Garden of Eden after the fall into sin: “I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring; He shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise His heel.” The Lord has kept His Word through the mouths of prophets who, for generations, pointed people to the promised Savior to come.

People: **The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.**

Pastor: Guided by the light of hope, we respond with the psalmist: “Our soul waits for the Lord;

People: **He is our help and our shield.**

Pastor: For our heart is glad in Him, because we trust in His holy name.

People: **Let Your steadfast love, O Lord, be upon us, even as we hope in You.”**

The first Advent candle is lit.

HYMN LSB 357, vv.1-2 “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION *1 John 1:8–9; Jeremiah 33:14, 16; 1 Thessalonians 3:12–13; Luke 21:28*

Pastor: As we begin the Advent season—a time of preparation for the coming of our Savior and a time of pondering God’s great love for us given in His Son—we also prepare ourselves to come before Him in humility and with honesty. If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

People: **If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

Pastor: The prophet Jeremiah proclaims, “The days are coming, declares the Lord, when I will fulfill the promise I made. . . . And this is the name by which it will be called: ‘The Lord is our righteousness.’”

People: **We confess we have not rightly rejoiced in the promises that the Lord made and fulfilled and have instead found our fulfillment in the temporal things of our lives and this world. We have sought our own rightness instead of the Lord’s righteousness. Forgive us.**

Pastor: Paul prays, “May the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, . . . so that He may establish your hearts blameless in holiness before our God and Father, at the coming of our Lord Jesus.”

People: **We confess our hearts are full of blame and unholiness. Our love has been misguided and our actions have been self-serving. We have not loved You with our whole heart nor loved our neighbors as ourselves. Forgive us.**

Pastor: As Jesus speaks of the time of His return, He calls His followers to “straighten up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.”

People: **We confess we have not remained ready for Your return, nor realized time is short for the work You’ve called us to do. We have prioritized other matters instead of Your Word, relied on other things instead of Your presence, and in our thoughts, words, and actions have chosen to live our way instead of by Your commands. Forgive us.**

Pastor: The Lord is our righteousness. He alone establishes hearts blameless in holiness at His coming. Redemption draws near. We are declared righteous, blameless, and redeemed because of the living, dying, and rising of our Savior, Jesus Christ. As a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the X 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.

Stir up Your power, O Lord, and come, that by Your protection we may be rescued from the threatening perils of our sins and saved by Your mighty deliverance; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: **Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Jeremiah 33:14–16* *(The Lord’s eternal covenant)*

¹⁴ “Behold, the days are coming, declares the Lord, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ¹⁵ In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David, and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. ¹⁶ In those days Judah will be saved, and Jerusalem will dwell securely. And this is the name by which it will be called: ‘The Lord is our righteousness.’”

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

EPISTLE *1 Thessalonians 3:9–13* *(Lives of the faithful made ready for Jesus’ return)*

⁹ For what thanksgiving can we return to God for you, for all the joy that we feel for your sake before our God, ¹⁰ as we pray most earnestly night and day that we may see you face to face and supply what is lacking in your faith? ¹¹ Now may our God and Father himself, and our Lord Jesus, direct our way to you, ¹² and may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, as we do for you, ¹³ so that he may establish your hearts blameless in holiness before our God and Father, at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

HOLY GOSPEL *Luke 21:25–36* (*Ready and watching for the Son of Man*)

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the twenty-first chapter.

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

²⁵ “And there will be signs in sun and moon and stars, and on the earth distress of nations in perplexity because of the roaring of the sea and the waves, ²⁶ people fainting with fear and with foreboding of what is coming on the world. For the powers of the heavens will be shaken. ²⁷ And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. ²⁸ Now when these things begin to take place, straighten up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.” ²⁹ And he told them a parable: “Look at the fig tree, and all the trees. ³⁰ As soon as they come out in leaf, you see for yourselves and know that the summer is already near. ³¹ So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. ³² Truly, I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all has taken place. ³³ Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. ³⁴ “But watch yourselves lest your hearts be weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and cares of this life, and that day come upon you suddenly like a trap. ³⁵ For it will come upon all who dwell on the face of the whole earth. ³⁶ But stay awake at all times, praying that you may have strength to escape all these things that are going to take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.”

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

BAPTISMS *Secora and Juniper Thomas*

SERMON SONG Prepare the Way (based on LSB 343) *Tune & Additional lyrics by Heather Meulenberg*
(VERSE 1)

Prepare the royal highway, the King of kings is near;
Let every hill and valley a level road appear.
Then greet the king of glory foretold in sacred story:
Hosanna to the Lord, for He fulfills God’s word!

CHORUS

He’s Coming, He’s Coming, make way for the Lord
With saints and with angels, we praise and adore
From manger to highway, to earth again one day,
Our king is coming, prepare the Way!

(VERSE 2)

God’s people, see him coming: your own eternal king!
Palm branches strew before him; spread garments; shout and sing.
God’s promise will not fail you; no more shall doubt assail you:
Hosanna to the Lord, for He fulfills God’s word!

(Sing Chorus) (*Song Continues>>>*)

(VERSE 3)

His is no earthly kingdom;
It comes from heaven above.
His rule is peace and freedom,
And justice, truth, and love.
So let your praise be sounding
for kindness so abounding:
Hosanna to the Lord, for He fulfills God's word!

(Sing Chorus)

(BRIDGE)

From robes of white to stable low
We look for Him, our King and Lord
He took our pain, rules from His throne,
All praise is His, and His alone!

(Sing Chorus)

SERMON "Be Alert" *Luke 21:25–36*

CREED Apostles' Creed

C I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

LORD'S PRAYER

C 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 King of Heaven Come

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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 out of perfect love 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. We thank You for all the work of Your hands and for all the words You have spoken and kept, as You come to us still now with Your healing grace through Christ's body and blood given and shed for us.

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 \times 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 \times blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST *1 Corinthians 11:26; Revelation 22:20*

Pastor: As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

People: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

PAX DOMINI

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

People: Amen.

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

LSB 508 The Day Is Surely Drawing Near

1) The day is surely drawing near
When Jesus, God's anointed,
In all His power shall appear
As judge whom God appointed.
Then fright shall banish idle mirth,
And flames on flames shall ravage earth
As Scripture long has warned us. *(Hymn continues >>>)*

2) The final trumpet then shall sound
 And all the earth be shaken,
 And all who rest beneath the ground
 Shall from their sleep awaken.
 But all who live will in that hour,
 By God's almighty, boundless pow'r,
 Be changed at His commanding.

3) The books are opened then to all,
 A record truly telling
 What each has done, both great and small,
 When he on earth was dwelling,
 And ev'ry heart be clearly seen,
 And all be known as they have been
 In thoughts and words and actions.

4) Then woe to those who scorned the Lord
 And sought but carnal pleasures,
 Who here despised His precious Word
 And loved their earthly treasures!
 With shame and trembling they will stand
 And at the judge's stern command
 To Satan be delivered.

5) My Savior paid the debt I owe
 And for my sin was smitten;
 Within the Book of Life I know
 My name has now been written.
 I will not doubt, for I am free,
 And Satan cannot threaten me;
 There is no condemnation!

6) May Christ our intercessor be
 And through His blood and merit
 Read from His book that we are free
 With all who life inherit.
 Then we shall see Him face to face,
 With all His saints in that blest place
 Which He has purchased for us.

7) O Jesus Christ, do not delay,
 But hasten our salvation;
 We often tremble on our way
 In fear and tribulation.
 O hear and grant our fervent plea:
 Come, mighty judge, and set us free
 From death and ev'ry evil. Text: Public domain

LSB 620 Jesus Comes Today with Healing

1 Jesus comes today with healing,
 Knocking at my door, appealing,
 Off'ring pardon, grace, and peace.
 He Himself makes preparation,
 And I hear His invitation:
 "Come and taste the blessed feast."
 2 Christ Himself, the priest presiding,
 Yet in bread and wine abiding
 In this holy sacrament,
 Gives the bread of life, once broken,
 And the cup, the precious token
 Of His sacred covenant.
 3 Under bread and wine, though lowly,
 I receive the Savior holy,
 Blood and body, giv'n for me,
 Very Lamb of God from heaven,
 Who to bitter death was given,
 Hung upon the cursèd tree.

4 God descends with heav'nly power,
 Gives Himself to me this hour
 In this ordinary sign.
 On my tongue His pledge receiving,
 I accept His grace, believing
 That I taste His love divine.
 5 Let me praise God's boundless favor,
 Whose own feast of love I savor,
 Bidden by His gracious call.
 Wedding garments He provides me,
 With a robe of white He hides me,
 Fits me for the royal hall.
 6 Now have I found consolation,
 Comfort in my tribulation,
 Balm to heal the troubled soul.
 God, my shield from ev'ry terror,
 Cleanses me from sin and error,
 Makes my wounded spirit whole.

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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 Hearts Waiting

(Verse 1)

Hearts waiting, waiting on a Savior. Come oh come Emmanuel

Hear prophets speaking of the promise. Come oh come Emmanuel

The doors of heaven open wide, can you hear the song inside

(Chorus)

Prepare the Way! The Savior is near!

The Lord will come, the Lord will come to us!

Make room in your heart, this hope is for all

The Lord will come, the Lord will come to us!

(Verse 2)

Messiah ruler of the nations

Come oh come Emmanuel

Our Redeemer God is with us God is for us

Come oh come Emmanuel

A light of glory filled the sky

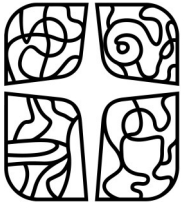
And we heard the angel choir

(Sing the Chorus)

(Ending)

Come oh come Emmanuel, Come oh come, Emmanuel. Come.

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Emmanuel Lutheran Prayer List The Week of December 1st 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:

- ◇ **Colleen Leyva** Recent CT scan indicated benign cyst! Next, echocardiogram on Dec. 5 (additional finding from CT)
- ◇ **Martha Greene** Having ERCP medical procedure on 11/22
- **Mike Simmons (J.Groh, friend)** diagnosed, pancreatic cancer
- **Darlene Moore (S.Hanson, daughter)** Had pet scan and cancer was found
- **Debby (F. Samuel, sister)** In hospital again w/ infections. Healing prayers please!
- ◇ **Glenda Bailey (D. Piercy)** Had shoulder surgery on 11/21
- ◇ **Steve Taylor (T. Taylor)** Health issues
- ◇ **Eugene Edwards (S. Edwards)** Health Issues
- ◇ **Marqueen Kostenbauder** Fell & broke hip on 11/14... Surgery 11/15. Hospitalized. She'll be 94 next month.
- Chaplain Kyle Mietzner (C. Bruckner, nephew) Being deployed with 10th Mountain to the Middle East.
- ◇ Sharon Pruett (J. Pruett, son) Bells palsy
- ◇ Doug Piercy Hurt his shoulder. Surgery on 12/17
- ◇ = Emmanuel Lutheran Church Members
(Those diagnosed or living with long-term illnesses & conditions, on back)

Healing Scriptures:

- **Isaiah 53:5:** "By his stripes we are healed" is a reference to spiritual healing that comes from being forgiven of sins.
- **Exodus 15:26:** "I am the Lord, your healer" is a direct statement that God is a healing God.
- **1 Peter 2:24:** "By His wounds you are healed" refers to both spiritual healing and healing of health problems.
- **Psalms 107:20:** "He sent his word, and healed them, and delivered them from their destructions".
- **Jeremiah 30:17:** "I will restore health unto thee and heal thee of thy wounds"

PRAYERS FOR THOSE WITH LONG-TERM AILMENTS or CANCER :

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

PRAYERS FOR OUR SEMINARIAN: Adam Nieting & his wife Emily

PRAYERS FOR OUR HOMEBOUND MEMBER BROTHERS & SISTERS:

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

Praises and Prayers answered!

Dale & Patti Pioch want to give thanks for all the prayers and support from Emmanuel. Post accident—They are in good health, getting a new car now, and will be back in WNC around the 2nd week of December!

Lopez Family—Thanks/Gratitude for support, love, and prayer ELCS has shown to the Lopez Family

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!