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**Emmanuel Lutheran**  
CHURCH & SCHOOL  
ASHEVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA

**Sunday December 8, 2024**

*Second 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 9**  
2:40pm ELS Pep Rally (gym)  
7pm Southside Group (Gillespie Home)

**Tuesday, December 10** - N/A

**Wednesday, December 11**  
12:00pm Noon Worship Service (Sanctuary)  
6pm Advent Soup/Bread Fellowship (Narthex)  
7:00pm Advent Worship Service (Sanctuary)

**Thursday, December 12**  
4:30pm ELS Home Basketball game (gym)

**Friday, December 13**  
6:00pm Pickleball (gym)

**Saturday, December 14**  
1-4pm ELS Staff Only Event (gym)

**Sunday, December 15**— Advent Sunday 3  
**8:30am Traditional/Liturgical Worship Service**  
9:45am Adult Class—Christmas Gospels (F.Hall)  
9:45am Kid’s Sunday School (room# 017)  
**11:00am Blended Worship Service**  
Prayer Ministry support (Altar/Lectern)  
Food Pantry CLOSED  
5-7pm High School Youth Group  
7:00pm Virtual Prayer Service (Zoom)

**Church Staff:**  
Senior Pastor: Rev. Dr. Jeffrey Skopak  
Director of Christian Education: Alexi Lundquist  
Church Office Administrator: Leigh Horsley  
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Praise & Worship Music Director: Heather Meulenberg  
Organist: Lula Meulenberg  
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**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:	\$	11,235.46
Building Funds Received:	\$	25.00
*General Weekly Offering needed:	\$	(12,817.31)*

**Upcoming Week—Member Celebrations!**

**Birthdays:** 12/9 Sharon Norris;  
12/9 Chloe Salomon; 12/12 Donna Wegner;  
12/14 Mason Franklin

**Anniversaries:**  
12/14 Eileen Brehm (Douglas ✠)

**Previous Week’s Services: Attendance & Stats**

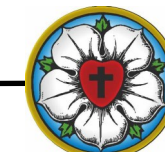
<b>On-Campus Attendance</b>	<b>Online Views/Hits:</b>
8:30am— 56 , 11am— 95	<b>Website:</b> 30
Wednesday— 21	<b>Facebook:</b> 78

**ELC Food Pantry (Grab-n-Go, VRQ, & Costello) :**  
The week ending on Sunday 11/24:  
88 families, 309 people, & 54 cars

**“The Contradiction(s)”**



**Luke 3:1-14**



**Midweek Advent Worship Services, 12pm & 7pm**  
Wednesdays December 4th, 11th, & 18th  
Soup & Bread Fellowship on each day, 6:00-6:45pm (narthex)

# Sunday—December 8th, 2024

Second Sunday in Advent

## 9:45am Classes:

Adult Sunday School “Merry Gospels” (Fellowship Hall, Pastor Gillespie)  
Kid’s Sunday School (Room# 017, Kay Thorp)

## Directly after church:

Prayer Support Ministry (sanctuary)  
The Food Pantry is **OPEN**

Today’s Altar Flower Arrangement is given to the Glory of God by:  
Barbara Sullivan—in memory of her father Robert Logemann

## 8:30am Traditional Worship Outline (DS2)

### Call to Worship: "Advent Reflection"

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### Welcome and Announcements

### Opening Hymn: LSB 343

“Prepare the Royal Highway”

### Invocation: page 167

### Confession and Absolution: page 167

### Lighting of the Advent Wreath

### Salutation and Collect: Page 172

### First Reading: Malachi 3:1-7 (page 172)

### Epistle: Philippians 1:2-11 (page 172)

### The Holy Gospel: Luke 3:1-14 (page 173)

### Children’s Message

### The Sermon Hymn: LSB 344

### The Sermon: “The Contradiction(s)” Luke 3:1-14

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### Offering

### Offertory: Page 176

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### Words of Institution: Pg 179 (Left Column)

### Proclamation of Christ: Page 179

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### Pax Domini: Page 180

### Agnus Dei: Page 180

### Distribution

### Communion Hymns:

LSB 347 “Comfort, Comfort Ye My People”

LSB 348 “The King Shall Come When  
Morning Dawns”

### Post-Communion Canticle: Page 181

### Post-Communion Collect: Page 183

### Benediction: Page 183

### Closing Hymn: LSB 331

“The Advent of Our King”

## Today’s Servers!

	8:30am	11:00am
Acolyte	TBD	Luke Hodges
Lector	Jenelle Lanham	Peter Renner
Ushers	Alan Tarrant & Kandi Tarrant	Tracey Carpenter & James Carpenter
Communion	Debbie Reiling & Susan Roby*	Lary Schulhof & Doug Piercy*
Elder	Susan Roby*	Doug Piercy*

## Prayer Support Team:

Joel and Jeanine Helms

## Sound & Tech Crew:

8:30am: Heather M. & Peter L.  
11:00am: Justin P. & Rachel S.

## Altar Guild:

8:30am: Dana Novak  
11:00am: Margo R. & Edith W.

## Offering Counters:

David & Traci Meyer



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



End Of December  
Worship Service Schedule

**Tuesday, 12/24 Christmas-Eve:**

- 3pm Children & Families “Stickerbook” service
- 7pm Candlelight Blended Worship
- 10pm Candlelight Traditional Worship

**Wednesday, 12/25 Christmas Day:**

- 10am Worship Service

**Sunday, 12/29:**

- 8:30am Traditional
- 11am Blended



## Sunday 12/8/24 – Sermon Notes

### The Contradiction(s) - Luke 3:1-14

*Advent is a time of preparing for the Lord's Coming. The two readings from Luke and Philippians seem to have \_\_\_\_\_ advice as to how we are to prepare for the Lord's \_\_\_\_\_, One seems to tell us to \_\_\_\_\_ up and fly right; meanwhile, the other seems to say kick back and \_\_\_\_\_. Well, Which is it?!*

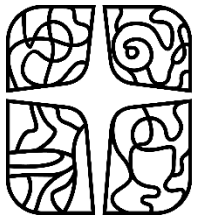
- I. The Two-Edged \_\_\_\_\_
- A. The \_\_\_\_\_ of God is a Two-Edged \_\_\_\_\_ that cuts both ways
1. It can \_\_\_\_\_ the afflicted and afflict the \_\_\_\_\_
  2. Some need a call to \_\_\_\_\_; while others need the comfort of God's \_\_\_\_\_
- B. Consider the \_\_\_\_\_ of our two lessons
1. Advent is a season with a \_\_\_\_\_ focus
    - a. We look back in \_\_\_\_\_ to prepare our hearts to appreciate anew how God fulfilled His promise to send the Messiah
    - b. We look to the \_\_\_\_\_ because we are a people awaiting the fulfillment of the promise of God
  2. We stand at this \_\_\_\_\_ looking back and forward
- II. Preparing in \_\_\_\_\_
- A. John the Baptist is a \_\_\_\_\_ figure
1. His message was to \_\_\_\_\_ people to receive the incarnate Son of God who entered the world for our redemption.
  2. How do you \_\_\_\_\_ people to stand in the presence of God?
    - a. A stern message of \_\_\_\_\_ and Humility
    - b. Luke \_\_\_\_\_

- B. The irony? The real \_\_\_\_\_ of Luke belongs to Jesus
1. In Humility Jesus accepts the cross for our \_\_\_\_\_
  2. Through death and grave the \_\_\_\_\_ of God is revealed
- C. \_\_\_\_\_ needs to be a daily part of our walk with the Lord

- III. Preparing for \_\_\_\_\_
- A. Paul's message was intended to \_\_\_\_\_ the Philippians for the imminent second coming of Jesus
1. The early church understood the \_\_\_\_\_ of those who endured the cross
  2. Many Christians wondered if they were \_\_\_\_\_ of such an outpouring of love by Jesus
- B. Paul is assuaging their \_\_\_\_\_ and pointing them to the \_\_\_\_\_ that is ours because Jesus loves us
1. He loved us enough to go to the \_\_\_\_\_; His return will be a joyful embrace by the one who \_\_\_\_\_ our sins
  2. We should \_\_\_\_\_ as persons of faith and look forward to His return!

*The Word of God does cut with a two-edged \_\_\_\_\_. But I will stand on the side of the Good News of our \_\_\_\_\_ in Jesus Christ. Let us rust in His gift of \_\_\_\_\_!*





**AS WE GATHER**

In this month of December, we find ourselves getting ready and preparing for many things, such as gatherings with family and friends, gifts to get and give to others, traditional treats to be made, and decorations for the season. The foremost preparation, of course, is for our Savior’s birth. Today we are reminded of another time of preparation that would be after Jesus’ birth and prior to His earthly ministry—that of John the Baptist, who would prepare for the coming of the Lord Jesus Christ. In our busy times of preparing to celebrate this season, today we draw our focus on and give thanks for the one who would raise valleys, level mountains, and make straight the paths for Him.

**CALL TO WORSHIP: Unto Us**

(Verse 1)

Crown Him the Son of Righteousness  
Crown Him the King above all kings  
Let the nations declare He is Lord  
Sing Emmanuel the Savior with us.

**(Chorus)**

**He shall be called  
Wonderful Counselor, Everlasting One  
He shall be called  
Jesus the Savior. Peace to earth will come  
We worship and adore Him, The Lord**

(Verse 2)

Jesus the Son of God He reigns  
Forever His kingdom will not fail

God Almighty in justice He comes  
Sing Emmanuel great is His love

**(Sing Chorus)**

(Bridge)

Unto us His love will come

Unto us Christ the Lord

Now to Him be the glory and all the praise

(REPEAT Bridge)

(Ending)

Now to Him be the glory and all the praise

Now to Him be the glory and all the praise

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**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

*(song continues to next page)*

## (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)**

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## 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; 14:27; Luke 2:14; Psalm 4:6–8*

**Pastor:** We light our second Advent 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 second Advent candle has been known by a few different names, including the Bethlehem candle, the preparation candle, and the candle of peace. As we await the angelic proclamation of “Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom He is pleased,” we rejoice in the present reality of the peace Christ has assured in and through Him until perfect and eternal peace is ushered in upon His return. In this season, and until that day, we find comfort in His assurance: “Peace I leave with you; My peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid.”

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

**Pastor:** Guided by the light of peace, we respond with the psalmist: “There are many who say, ‘Who will show us some good? Lift up the light of Your face upon us, O Lord!’

**People:** **You have put more joy in my heart than they have when their grain and wine abound.**

**Pastor:** In peace I will both lie down and sleep;

**People:** **for You alone, O Lord, make me dwell in safety.”**

*Two Advent candles are lit.*

**CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**      *Psalm 124:8; 130:3–4; Luke 3:5–6; Philippians 1:6*

Pastor: Malachi prophesies about and John the Baptist fulfills the call of the one who would prepare the way for the Lord. John the Baptist would preach a Baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. We, too, seek the forgiveness our Lord has promised, and our Savior gives us assurance as we come before Him in humble repentance. Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**People: who made heaven and earth.**

Pastor: If You, O Lord, should mark iniquities, O Lord, who could stand?

**People: But with You there is forgiveness, that You may be feared.**

Pastor: Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and prepare again to receive Him who came in our flesh, comes through His Word and in His body and blood given and shed for us, and promises to come again, let us stand before Him in humble and contrite confession.

**People: We are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by the things we have done and left undone, and we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition.**

Pastor: We have not loved the Lord with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength,

**People: and we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.**

Pastor: We justly deserve present and eternal punishment, but for the sake of Jesus Christ, we pray:

**People: Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

Pastor: Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low, and the crooked shall become straight, and the rough places shall become level ways, and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.

Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of the Word, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit. May He who began a good work in you bring it to completion on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**People: Amen.**

**SALUTATION**

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Pastor: Let us pray. Stir up our hearts, O Lord, to make ready the way of Your only-begotten Son, that by His coming we may be enabled to serve You with pure minds; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**People: Amen.**

**OLD TESTAMENT READING**     *Malachi 3:1–7*

<sup>1</sup>“Behold, I send my messenger, and he will prepare the way before me. And the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple; and the messenger of the covenant in whom you delight, behold, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. <sup>2</sup>But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap. <sup>3</sup>He will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the sons of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, and they will bring offerings in righteousness to the Lord. <sup>4</sup>Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord as in the days of old and as in former years. <sup>5</sup>“Then I will draw near to you for judgment. I will be a swift witness against the sorcerers, against the adulterers, against those who swear falsely, against those who oppress the hired worker in his wages, the widow and the fatherless, against those who thrust aside the sojourner, and do not fear me, says the Lord of hosts.

Pastor:     This is the Word of the Lord.

**People:     Thanks be to God!**

**EPISTLE**     *Philippians 1:2–11* (Paul's thanksgiving and prayer)

<sup>2</sup>Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>3</sup>I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, <sup>4</sup>always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy, <sup>5</sup>because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now. <sup>6</sup>And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ. <sup>7</sup>It is right for me to feel this way about you all, because I hold you in my heart, for you are all partakers with me of grace,<sup>[a]</sup> both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. <sup>8</sup>For God is my witness, how I yearn for you all with the affection of Christ Jesus. <sup>9</sup>And it is my prayer that your love may abound more and more, with knowledge and all discernment, <sup>10</sup>so that you may approve what is excellent, and so be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, <sup>11</sup>filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God.

Pastor:     This is the Word of the Lord.

**People:     Thanks be to God.**

**HOLY GOSPEL**     *Luke 3:1–14*     (*John the Baptist prepares the way*)

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

**People:     Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup> In the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar, Pontius Pilate being governor of Judea, and Herod being tetrarch of Galilee, and his brother Philip tetrarch of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias tetrarch of Abilene, <sup>2</sup> during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John the son of Zechariah in the wilderness. <sup>3</sup> And he went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. <sup>4</sup> As it is written in the book of the words of Isaiah the prophet, “The voice of one crying in the wilderness: ‘Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. <sup>5</sup> Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low, and the crooked shall become straight, and the rough places shall become level ways, <sup>6</sup> and all flesh shall see the salvation of

God.”<sup>7</sup> He said therefore to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come?”<sup>8</sup> Bear fruits in keeping with repentance. And do not begin to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our father.’ For I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children for Abraham.<sup>9</sup> Even now the axe is laid to the root of the trees. Every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.”<sup>10</sup> And the crowds asked him, “What then shall we do?”<sup>11</sup> And he answered them, “Whoever has two tunics<sup>[b]</sup> is to share with him who has none, and whoever has food is to do likewise.”<sup>12</sup> Tax collectors also came to be baptized and said to him, “Teacher, what shall we do?”<sup>13</sup> And he said to them, “Collect no more than you are authorized to do.”<sup>14</sup> Soldiers also asked him, “And we, what shall we do?” And he said to them, “Do not extort money from anyone by threats or by false accusation, and be content with your wages.”

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

## CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

**SERMON SONG** Come Thou Long-Expected Jesus *based on LSB 338*

### (Verse 1)

Come Thou long expected Jesus  
Born to set Thy people free  
From our fears and sins release us  
Let us find our rest in Thee  
Israel's strength and consolation  
Hope of all the earth Thou art  
Dear desire of every nation  
Joy of every longing heart

### (Interlude)

### (Verse 2)

Born Thy people to deliver  
Born a child and yet a King  
Born to reign in us forever  
Now Thy gracious Kingdom bring  
By Thine own eternal Spirit  
Rule in all our hearts alone  
By Thine all sufficient merit  
Raise us to Thy glorious throne

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**SERMON** “The Contradiction(s)” *Luke 3:1-14*



## Emmanuel Lutheran Prayer List The Week of December 8th 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:*

- ◇ **Ken Treadway @Mission 12/3, port in chest, beginning chemo.**
- ◇ **Mary Hufnagle 1st cancer treatment was on Monday 12/2**
- **Rhonda Bruckner (C Bruckner, sister-in-law) Hospitalized for tests after unexplained seizures.**
- ◇ **Steve Taylor: Crohn's diagnosis. Prayers for prospering health!**
- ◇ Colleen Leyva Recent CT scan indicated benign cyst! Next, echocardiogram on Dec. 5 (additional finding from CT)
- 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!
- ◇ Marqueen Kostenbauder Prayers for strength and healing
- 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)

**1 Corinthians 10:13:** "No temptation has overtaken you except what is common to mankind. And God is faithful; He will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, He will also provide a way out so that you can endure it."

**Psalms 107:19-21:** "Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble, and He saved them from their distress. He sent out his word and healed them; He rescued them from the grave. Let them give thanks to the Lord for His un-failing love and His wonderful deeds for mankind."

**Exodus 15:26:** "He said, 'If you listen carefully to the Lord your God and do what is right in His eyes, if you pay attention to His commands and keep all His decrees, I will not bring on you any of the diseases I brought on the Egyptians, for I am the Lord, who heals you.'"

### PRAYERS FOR THOSE WITH LONG-TERM AILMENTS or CANCER :

- |                                     |  |
|-------------------------------------|--|
| ◇ 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. Preutt's mother) | Jennie Buckner (C.Cline's neighbor)        |

### PRAYERS FOR OUR HOMEBOUND MEMBER BROTHERS & SISTERS:

- |                   |                     |                         |
|-------------------|---------------------|-------------------------|
| ◇ K. Ray Bailey   | ◇ Ruth Jean Metcalf | ◇ Diana Hempel          |
| ◇ Teenie Smathers | ◇ Marjorie Locke    | ◇ Isabelle Hempel       |
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### 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!*

## CREED *Nicene Creed*

**C** 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

### OFFERING

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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, for whom John the Baptist prepared the way proclaiming a Baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. 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 ☩ 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."

**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 347 Comfort, Comfort Ye My People**

1    "Comfort, comfort ye My people,  
      Speak ye peace," thus saith our God;  
      "Comfort those who sit in darkness,  
      Mourning 'neath their sorrows' load.  
      Speak ye to Jerusalem  
      Of the peace that waits for them;  
      Tell her that her sins I cover  
      And her warfare now is over."

2    Yea, her sins our God will pardon,  
      Blotting out each dark misdeed;  
      All that well deserved His anger  
      He no more will see or heed.  
      She hath suffered many\_a day,  
      Now her griefs have passed away;  
      God will change her pining sadness  
      Into ever-springing gladness.

3    Hark, the herald's voice is crying  
      In the desert far and near,  
      Calling sinners to repentance,  
      Since the Kingdom now is here.  
      O that warning cry obey!  
      Now prepare for God a way;  
      Let the valleys rise to meet Him  
      And the hills bow down to greet Him.

4    Make ye straight what long was crooked;  
      Make the rougher places plain.  
      Let your hearts be true and humble,  
      As befits His holy reign.  
      For the glory of the Lord  
      Now o'er earth is shed abroad,  
      And all flesh shall see the token  
      That His Word is never broken.    Text: Public domain

**LSB 348 The King Shall Come When Morning Dawns**

1    The King shall come when morning dawns  
      And light triumphant breaks,  
      When beauty gilds the eastern hills  
      And life to joy awakes.

2    Not as of old a little child,  
      To bear and fight and die,  
      But crowned with glory like the sun  
      That lights the morning sky.

3    Oh, brighter than the rising morn  
      When Christ, victorious, rose  
      And left the lonesome place of death  
      Despite the rage of foes.

4    Oh, brighter than that glorious morn  
      Shall dawn upon our race  
      The day when Christ in splendor comes  
      And we shall see His face.

5    The King shall come when morning dawns  
      And light and beauty brings.  
      Hail, Christ the Lord! Your people pray:  
      Come quickly, King of kings!

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## **POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING**

**Pastor:** Let us pray. We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward 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 SENTENCES**      *John 1:5, 9*

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

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

## **CLOSING SONG**    Prince Of Heaven

(Verse 1)

Earth in shadow restlessly hold. Labors waiting in silent hope.  
For the promise it longs to know, what heaven holds

(Verse 2)

Then the angels in holy haste, lift their anthem, your Savior lays  
In a manger in humble form; your King is born

**(Chorus)**

**Hail the Prince of Heaven comes, angel choirs sound the call  
For this babe wrapped in a cloth is, the incarnate Word of God  
All the kingdom and its power, resting now in this child  
Prince of Heaven, Jesus hope of the world**

(Verse 3)

This means mercy in fullest form; loving kindness forever more  
Son of David and Son of God; He is Christ the Lord

**(SING THE CHORUS)**

(BRIDGE)

King of glory we gladly greet. Born in wonder and majesty  
Forever worthy the earth will sing. Oh Prince of Heaven we worship Thee

**(REPEAT THE BRIDGE)**

(Verse 4)

We can know Him this Prince of Peace. In light of mercy confess our sin  
Lay our burdens at Jesus' feet, and with gladness sing

**SING THE CHORUS**

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