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Emmanuel Lutheran
CHURCH & SCHOOL
ASHEVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA

Sunday December 29, 2024

First Sunday after Christmas

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 30—N/A

Tuesday, December 31— New Year’s Eve!

Wednesday, January 1 – New Year’s Day!

Thursday, January 2

6:30pm Parish Admin Meeting (Narthex)

Friday, January 3

6:00pm Pickleball (Gym)

Saturday, January 4

7:30am Men’s Breakfast Group (First Watch)

Sunday, January 5

8:30am Traditional/Liturgical Worship Service

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

11:00am Blended Worship Service

Post-service Prayer Ministry support (Altar)

Food Pantry **closed**

5:00pm High School Group

Upcoming Week—Member Celebrations!

Birthdays: 12/29 Richard Clough, Genell Ertzberger; 12/30 Eli Allen, Hans Meulenberg; 12/31 Melynda Stackhouse, 1/1 Janet Hollar; 1/4 Debra Herman

Anniversaries: 12/30 Daniel & Jamie Leyva

Previous Week’s Services: Attendance & Stats

On-Campus Attendance

8:30am— 72, 11am— 65

Wednesday Noon— 20

Online Sunday Hits:

Website: 28

Facebook: 17

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

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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

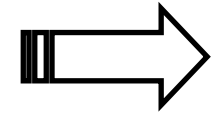
Previous Week’s Offerings

General Offering received: \$ 28,754.58

Building Funds Received: \$ 110.30

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

SEEING FORWARD



Happy New Year



Sunday—December 29th, 2024

First Sunday after Christmas

9:45am Classes:

Kid's Sunday School (Room# 017, Kay Thorp)

Directly after church:

Prayer Support Ministry (sanctuary, The Lorenz's)
The Food Pantry is closed.

Today's Servers!

	<u>8:30am</u>	<u>11am</u>
Acolyte	TBD	TBD
Lector	Mary Hufnagle	Peter Renner
Ushers	Mike Rush & Scott Hausman	Mark Salsieder & James Carpenter
Communion	Bill Hufnagle & Debbie Reiling	Lisa Baldwin* & Tracey Carpenter
Elder	Susan Roby	Lisa Baldwin*

Prayer Support Team:

Kevin & Christi Lorenz

Sound & Tech Crew:

8:30am: Heather M & Peter L
11:00am: Ben M & Paige H.

Altar Guild:

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

Offering Counters: The Meyer's

8:30am Traditional Worship

Welcome and Announcements

Opening Hymn: LSB 358 vv 1-4
From Heaven Above to Earth I Come

Invocation: page 203

Confession and Absolution: page 203

Hymn of Response: LSB 358 vv 5-8
From Heaven Above to Earth I Come

Salutation and Collect: Page 205

Prayer of the Day

Old Testament: Exodus 13:1-3, 11-15

Epistle: Colossians 3:12-17

Alleluia and Verse: Page 205

The Holy Gospel: Luke 2:22-40

Children's Message

Sermon Hymn: LSB 358 vv 9-12
From Heaven Above to Earth I Come

Sermon: Seeing Forward *Luke 2:22-40*

The Apostles' Creed: pg 207

Prayers of the Church

Offering

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Sanctus: LSB 358 vv 13-15
From Heaven Above to Earth I Come

Prayer of Thanksgiving: Page 209

Lord's Prayer: Page 209

Words of our Lord: Page 209

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Distribution

Communion Hymns:
LSB 386 Now Sing We, Now Rejoice
LSB 384 Of the Father's Love Begotten

Nunc Dimittis: Page 211

Post-Communion Collect: Page 212

Benedicamus and Benediction

Closing Hymn: LSB 387
Joy to the World

The Wednesday Women's Bible Study will meet on January 8 and 22!



**Lutheran Church Charities
COMMUNITY
CARE EVENT**

Wednesday, January 15th
Midday Session 12 pm | Evening Session 6:30 pm

Are you hurting after Helene? Do you need time with others to process life right now? Join us for refreshments and conversation. The LCC K-9 Comfort Dog teams and Care Teams would love to help. No RSVP required.

Hosted at Emmanuel Lutheran Church
51 Wilburn Pl, Asheville, NC 28806



Emmanuel Lutheran

PICKLEBALL



**Fridays
at 6pm
in the Gym!**

**All levels
welcome!**

12/29/24 Sermon Notes
Seeing Forward ~ Luke 2:22-40

Mary and Joseph were _____ - as evidenced by their sacrifice of two pigeons or turtledoves.

That was the sacrifice allowed for the _____.

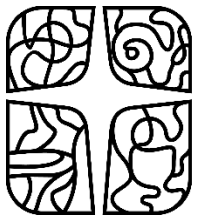
Had they been of means, a _____ would have been required

- I. The Familiar “_____”
- A. Simeon is in the _____
1. The promise of God: You will not see _____ until you see the Messiah
 2. He takes _____ into his arms and bursts out in song
 - a. The _____ reveals this to him
 - b. Simeon _____ in this divine revelation
- B. Simeon proclaims: “Mine own _____ have seen Your _____”
- II. So What Did They Really _____?
- A. What did _____ see?
1. First, he saw a _____
 2. Secondly, he saw that this baby was the _____
 3. This baby was the _____ of God
 - a. Jesus hadn't _____ a lesson
 - b. Jesus hadn't _____ and _____, and rose again
 - c. Simeon saw the _____ in the _____
 - d. Simeon saw the _____ of the salvation of God
- B. There was also a woman named _____
1. She is in the _____ praying
 2. When she saw Jesus she told anyone and everyone who were looking for the _____ of Israel

3. By faith Anna too saw the _____ in the _____
- C. Chances are, Simeon and Anna did not _____ to see Christ's passion, suffering, death, burial, and resurrection
- D. But we are on the other _____
1. The _____ of Christ's life is a pattern for our lives
 2. We, like Christ, have been brought to the _____
 - a. We have been _____ to God
 - b. Washed and renewed in _____
 - c. Our life is _____ in Christ
 - d. Our _____ is certain and sure
- E. Even as Simeon and Anna, standing on the other side of Christmas, by _____ saw the completion of the redemption of Israel, we by _____ see the completion of our redemption
1. Just as Simeon and Anna saw Him in the temple as the holy _____ we see Him now here in the Church through the _____ and Sacraments
 2. We see the _____ of Redemption in Him

Like Simeon and Anna, we joyously receive Jesus as our _____. With them, we are standing on the other side of _____.





AS WE GATHER

Did you already forget Christmas? The department stores have begun selling the leftovers for a discount because “Christmas is over.” For the same reason, formerly decorated Christmas trees already line the streets as refuse for disposal. Even though Christmas songs speak joyously of “the twelve days of Christmas,” many, if not most, people seem to think of them as a countdown rather than an extended celebration. Remember? Today, December 29, is but the fifth day of the twelve! We are not done yet. Or did you forget? To “forget” is the opposite of the biblical word we hear today: “remember.” But in Scripture, to remember means much more than merely recalling a past event as something that has no real, lasting effect on today; rather, the opposite is true. For instance, God remembers His promises by acting to fulfill them in each believer. For us, to remember means to bring a past promise or act to take effect in the present. Today we hear how the newborn Jesus, as the firstborn of Mary, was presented in the temple according to God’s law, a command to remember the Lord’s deliverance of His people from slavery in Egypt. Every firstborn was to be a reminder that the Lord still delivers His people from the slavery of sin and death. So to remember that it is still Christmas is to believe that the Christ Child who came to free us comes now to each believer. Remember, that is, believe that Christ was born for you to save you. Remember, that is, believe that the forgiveness He won for us on the cross is actually given to us in the Sacrament of the Altar when, as He commanded, we do in remembrance of Him.

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WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING SONG What Child Is This (based on LSB 370)

1. What Child is this who laid to rest, on Mary's lap is sleeping
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet, while shepherds watch are keeping
**(Chorus) This this is Christ the King, whom shepherds guard and angels sing
Haste, haste to bring Him laud, the Babe the Son of Mary**
3. So bring Him incense gold and myrrh, come peasant king to own Him
The King of kings salvation brings, let loving hearts enthrone Him
**(Chorus) Raise, raise the song on high, The Virgin sings her lullaby
Joy, joy for Christ is born, The Babe the Son of Mary
Nails spear shall pierce Him through, the cross He bore for me for you
Hail, hail the Word made flesh, the Babe the Son of Mary
This this is Christ the King, whom shepherds guard and angels sing
Haste, haste to bring Him laud, the Babe the Son of Mary
The babe, the Son of Mary.**

INVOCATION

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

People: **Amen.**

OPENING SENTENCES *Exodus 13:14; Isaiah 9:6a; Hebrews 8:12; Psalm 111:4a*

Pastor: By a strong hand the Lord brought us out of Egypt, from the house of slavery.

People: **For to us a child is born, to us a son is given.**

Pastor: For I will be merciful, . . . and I will remember their sins no more.

People: **He has caused His wondrous works to be remembered.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION *Hebrews 10:22; Psalm 32:5; 80:7; 124:8*

Pastor: God our Creator said to Adam and to us all to remember that “you are dust, and to dust you shall return.” But now He calls all to repentance of sin and faith in His Son, who is the remembrance of God’s mercy and who came to destroy sin and death and restore us to life. Before the newborn Redeemer of the world, let us repent and receive His forgiveness.

People: **O God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, remember not our sins of thought, word, and deed, the sins of our youth or of our old age. Because we often forget Your mercy toward us, we ask for Your forgiveness. Remember Your gracious will that whoever calls on Your name will be saved. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us always to remember Your mercy and Your steadfast love that we may live as Your own children, now and forever. Amen.**

Pastor: Thus says the Lord, “I, I am He who blots out your transgressions for my own sake, and I will not remember your sins.” Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office as a called and ordained servant of the Word made flesh, announce the grace of God to all of you. In the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray. O God, our Maker and Redeemer, You wonderfully created us and in the incarnation of Your Son yet more wondrously restored our human nature. Grant that we may ever be alive in Him who made Himself to be like us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: **Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Exodus 13:1–3, 11–15* (Sanctifying of the firstborn)

¹The Lord said to Moses, ²“Consecrate to me all the firstborn. Whatever is the first to open the womb among the people of Israel, both of man and of beast, is mine.” ³Then Moses said to the people, “Remember this day in which you came out from Egypt, out of the house of slavery, for by a strong hand the Lord brought you out from this place. No leavened bread shall be eaten. ¹¹“When the Lord brings you into the land of the Canaanites, as he swore to you and your fathers, and shall give it to you, ¹²you shall set apart to the Lord all that first opens the womb. All the firstborn of your animals that are males shall be the Lord's. ¹³Every firstborn of a donkey you shall redeem with a lamb, or if you will not redeem it you shall break its neck. Every firstborn of man among your sons you shall redeem. ¹⁴And when in time to come your son asks you, ‘What does this mean?’ you shall say to him, ‘By a strong hand the Lord brought us out of Egypt, from the house of slavery. ¹⁵For when Pharaoh stubbornly refused to let us go, the Lord killed all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both the firstborn of man and the firstborn of animals. Therefore I sacrifice to the Lord all the males that first open the womb, but all the firstborn of my sons I redeem.’

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

EPISTLE *Colossians 3:12–17* (*The new nature of love and peace*)

¹²Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, ¹³bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. ¹⁴And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. ¹⁵And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful. ¹⁶Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God. ¹⁷And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

HOLY GOSPEL *Luke 2:22–40* (*Jesus presented at the temple*)

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

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

²² And when the time came for their purification according to the Law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord ²³ (as it is written in the Law of the Lord, “Every male who first opens the womb shall be called holy to the Lord”) ²⁴ and to offer a sacrifice according to what is said in the Law of the Lord, “a pair of turtledoves, or two young pigeons.” ²⁵ Now there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was Simeon, and this man was righteous and devout, waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. ²⁶ And it had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Christ. ²⁷ And he came in the Spirit into the temple, and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him according to the custom of the Law, ²⁸ he took him up in his arms and blessed God and said, ²⁹ “Lord, now you are letting your servant^[a] depart in peace, according to your word; ³⁰ for my eyes have seen your salvation ³¹ that you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, ³² a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and for glory to your people Israel.”³³ And his father and his mother marveled at what was said about him. ³⁴ And Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, “Behold, this child is appointed for the fall and rising of many in Israel, and for a sign that is opposed ³⁵ (and a sword will pierce through your own soul also), so that thoughts from many hearts may be revealed.” ³⁶ And there was a prophetess, Anna, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was advanced in years, having lived with her husband seven years from when she was a virgin, ³⁷ and then as a widow until she was eighty-four. ^[b] She did not depart from the temple, worshiping with fasting and prayer night and day. ³⁸ And coming up at that very hour she began to give thanks to God and to speak of him to all who were waiting for the redemption of Jerusalem. ³⁹ And when they had performed everything according to the Law of the Lord, they returned into Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. ⁴⁰ And the child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom. And the favor of God was upon him.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

SERMON 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

(SONG CONTINUES TO NEXT PAGE >>>)

(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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SERMON Seeing Forward *Luke 2:22-40*

CREED *Apostle's 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 there 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 the life everlasting. Amen.*

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

OFFERING

PREFACE *2 Timothy 4:22*

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

PROPER PREFACE

Pastor: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord; for in the mystery of the Word made flesh You have given us a new revelation of Your glory that, seeing You in the person of Your Son, we may know and love those things which are not seen. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

LORD'S PRAYER:

☩ Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

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

People: Amen.

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

Pastor: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me." In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

PAX DOMINI

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

People: Amen.

DISTRIBUTION

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

LSB 386 Now Sing We, Now Rejoice

1. Now sing we, now rejoice,
Now raise to heav'n our voice;
He from whom joy streameth
Poor in a manger lies;
Not so brightly beameth
The sun in yonder skies.
Thou my Savior art!
Thou my Savior art!
2. Come from on high to me;
I cannot rise to Thee.
Cheer my wearied spirit,
O pure and holy Child;
Through Thy grace and merit,
Blest Jesus, Lord most mild,
Draw me unto Thee!
Draw me unto Thee!

3. Now through His Son doth shine
The Father's grace divine.
Death was reigning o'er us
Through sin and vanity
Till He opened for us
A bright eternity.
May we praise Him there!
May we praise Him there!
4. Oh, where shall joy be found?
Where but on heav'nly ground?
Where the angels singing
With all His saints unite,
Sweetest praises bringing
In heav'nly joy and light.
Oh, that we were there!
Oh, that we were there!

LSB 384 Of the Father's Love Begotten

- 1 Of the Father's love begotten
Ere the worlds began to be,
He is Alpha and Omega,
He the source, the ending He,
Of the things that are, that have been,
And that future years shall see
Evermore and evermore.
- 2 Oh, that birth forever blessed,
When the virgin, full of grace,
By the Holy Ghost conceiving,
Bore the Savior of our race,
And the babe, the world's Redeemer,
First revealed His sacred face
Evermore and evermore.
- 3 This is He whom seers in old time
Chanted of with one accord,
Whom the voices of the prophets
Promised in their faithful word.
Now He shines, the long-expected;
Let creation praise its Lord
Evermore and evermore.

- 4 O ye heights of heav'n, adore Him;
Angel hosts, His praises sing.
Pow'rs, dominions, bow before Him
And extol our God and King.
Let no tongue on earth be silent,
Ev'ry voice in concert ring
Evermore and evermore.
- ^ 5 Christ, to Thee, with God the Father,
And, O Holy Ghost, to Thee
Hymn and chant and high thanksgiving
And unending praises be,
Honor, glory, and dominion,
And eternal victory
Evermore and evermore. Amen.

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POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

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 SONG He Shall Reign Forevermore

Verse 1

In the bleak mid-winter, all creation groans
For a world in darkness, frozen like a stone
Light is breaking, in a stable for a throne

Chorus

**And He shall reign forevermore, forevermore
And He shall reign forevermore, forevermore
Unto us a Child is born, the King of kings and Lord of lords
And He shall reign forevermore, forevermore**

Verse 2

If I were a wise man, I would travel far
If I were a shepherd, I would do my part
But poor as I am, I will give to Him my heart

(Sing Chorus)

Bridge

Here within a manger lies, the One who made the starry skies
This baby born for sacrifice; Christ the Messiah
Into our hopes into our fears, the Savior of the world appears
The promise of eternal years; Christ the Messiah

Chorus

**He shall reign forevermore, forevermore
And He shall reign forevermore, forevermore!
He shall reign forevermore, forevermore
And He shall reign forevermore, forevermore
Unto us a Child is born, the King of kings and Lord of lords
And He shall reign forevermore, forevermore**

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Emmanuel Lutheran Prayer List The Week of December 29th, 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:

- ◇ Sue Harris Biopsy in left eye for possible malignancy on Jan. 2nd
- ◇ Kristy Barlow On 12/23, cervical disc surgery & spinal fusion
- ◇ Phil McCarthy – Had shoulder/rotator cuff surgery on 12/18
- ◇ Joel Helms Upcoming cancer treatment & surgery.
- Sharon Drewer (Food pantry) Had an intensive surgery on 12/18 with a long recovery time. Prayers for strength & comfort
- ◇ Ken Treadway Has begun chemo.
- ◇ Mary Hufnagle Started first cancer treatments this month
- Rhonda Bruckner (C.Bruckner, sister-n-law) Prayers for continued health improvement.
- ◇ Mike Simmons (J.Groh,friend) diagnosed, pancreatic cancer
- Darlene Moore (S.Hanson, daughter) Pet scan, cancer was found
- ◇ = Emmanuel Lutheran Church Members
(Those diagnosed or living with long-term illnesses & conditions, on back)

"Be persistent in prayer, and keep alert as you pray, giving thanks to God." (Colossians 4:2)

Holy Spirit, You are the Lord and Giver of life, and You have worked a faith relationship with Jesus within us, the Jesus who is the Resurrection and the Life. Come to those who mourn the loss of loved ones. Help them to remember the tears Jesus shed at the grave of His good friend Lazarus, and the hope of everlasting life where You will wipe away every tear from our eyes. Stay close to them now and in the time ahead and in the heartache they are experiencing. Wrap them in the strong arms of Your love and in the promise that You will never leave them or forsake them. We pray in the Name of the living Lord Jesus, Amen.

PRAYERS FOR THOSE WITH LONG-TERM AILMENTS or CANCER :

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

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 | |



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!