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

**Sunday January 5, 2025**  
Second 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, January 6**—School is back!

**Tuesday, January 7**— N/A

**Wednesday January 8th**

12:00pm Midweek Noon Service (sanctuary)  
1:30pm Women’s Bible Study (room #111)

**Thursday, January 9**—N/A

**Friday, January 10**

6:00pm Pickleball (Gym)

**Saturday, January 11**

**Sunday, January 12**

**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 **OPEN**  
5:00pm High School Group

**Upcoming Week—Member Celebrations!**

**Birthdays:** 1/5 Lauren Reaves; 1/5 Don Groh\*;  
1/6 Paige Hausman; 1/7 Jim Frazier;  
1/8 Rebecca Salomon; 1/9 Bruce Benson  
1/11 Kandi Tarrant (\*90+ birthday!)

**Anniversaries:** - N/A

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

<b>On-Campus Attendance</b>	<b>Online Sunday Hits:</b>
<b>8:30am</b> — 51 , <b>11am</b> — 48	<b>Website:</b> 28
<b>Wednesday Noon</b> — N/A	<b>Facebook:</b> 16

**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:**

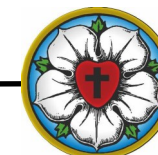
**Director:** Nicole Loria  
**Admin Assist:** Carolyn Mashburn  
**Kitchen/Cook:** Kristen Warren  
**Younger Infants:** Neesie Castillo & Paula Jones  
**Older Infants:** Becky Swatzell & Daja Harper  
**Toddlers 1:** Lindsey Smathers & Ivy Robles  
**Toddler2:** Melissa Beard & Taylor Phillips  
**PS2:** Tasia Davis & Shaalon Johnson  
**PS3:** Mallory Swaney & Hydeia Beck  
**PS3/4:** Robin Rutherford & DeAsia Little  
**PreK-1:** Madison Peach & Cleo Green  
**PreK-2:** TBA & Crystal McCormick  
**Floating Aid:** Felesia Norton

**Previous Week’s Offerings**

<b>General Offering received:</b>	\$	<b>15,310.69</b>
<b>Building Funds Received:</b>	\$	<b>1,970.00</b>
<b>*General Weekly Offering needed:</b>	\$	<b>(12,817.31)*</b>

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

The week ending on Sunday 12/29:  
**234 families, 491 people, and 84 cars**





**Sunday—January 5<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

*Second Sunday after Christmas*

**9:45am Classes:**

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

**Directly after church:**

Prayer Support Ministry (sanctuary)

The Food Pantry is closed.

**8:30am Traditional Worship (DS5)**

Call to Worship: "Peace Upon the Earth"

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Welcome and Announcements

Opening Hymn: LSB 686

"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

Invocation: page 213

Confession and Absolution: page 213

Gloria in Excelsis: LSB 948, vv.1,2

"All Glory Be to God Alone"

Salutation and Collect: Page 214

Old Testament: 1 Kings 3:4-15

Epistle: Ephesians 1:3-14

The Holy Gospel: Luke 2:40-52

Children's Message

Sermon Hymn: LSB 410

"Within the Father's House"

Sermon: "Ask for What You Need"

(1 Kings 3:4-15)

The Credo Hymn: LSB 953

"We All Believe in One True God"

Prayers of the Church

Offering

Preface: Page 216

Lord's Prayer: Page 217

Words of our Lord: Page 217

Pax Domini: 217

Distribution

Communion Hymns:

LSB 628 Your Table I Approach

LSB 402 The Only Son from Heaven

Post-Communion Hymn: LSB 643

Sent Forth by God's Blessing

Post-Communion Collect: Page 218

Benedicamus and Benediction: Page 218

Closing Hymn: LSB 401

"From God the Father, Virgin-Born"

**Today's Servers!**

	<b>8:30am</b>	<b>11am</b>
<b>Acolyte</b>	TBD	Mason Franklin
<b>Lector</b>	Susan Roby	Carolyn Salsieder
<b>Ushers</b>	Dirk & Kathryn Wilmoth	Justin Hodges & Ed Deberry
<b>Communion</b>	Mike Rush & Neil Pursley	Ron Pepin & Tommy Ridgeway
<b>Elder</b>	John Jennejahn	Vaughn Stinson

**Prayer Support Team:**

Kevin & Christi Lorenz

**Sound & Tech Crew:**

8:30am: Heather M & Peter L

11:00am: Ben M and Lucas M

**Altar Guild:**

8:30am: Stephanie Hanson

11:00am: Kathy Gillespie

**Offering Counters:**

The DeBerry's

**The Mid-Year Voter's Assembly Meeting**

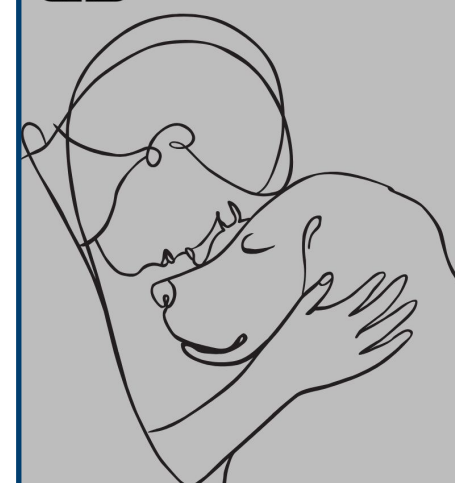
will take place on Sunday January 12th, between services in the Fellowship Hall. Thanks for your support!

**Evangelism Basics Class**  
Sundays, starting January 19 at 9:45am

A six-week class to help build our congregation's capacity for evangelism, based on the book: **"Everyday Evangelism: Pursuing Hearts, Not Arguments"** by Preston Perry.

Led by Pastor Kelm & Scott Hausman, this class will equip you with practical, kind, & loving ways to share your faith with friends, neighbors, and coworkers.

If you have questions, please reach out Scott Hausman or the church office



**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

## Ask For What You NEED

### 1 Kings 3:4-15

Our Lord's \_\_\_\_\_: "I will provide what you need in this \_\_\_\_\_ for the next life to come."

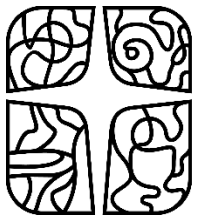
- I. Ask God for the Very Best in \_\_\_\_\_
- A. Solomon is an example of wisely \_\_\_\_\_
1. In great \_\_\_\_\_ God made Solomon King over His people
  2. The Lord knew Solomon would need \_\_\_\_\_
- B. 1 Kings \_\_\_\_\_
1. Solomon admits his \_\_\_\_\_
  2. In \_\_\_\_\_ Solomon realizes that he needs help
  3. Solomon asks for \_\_\_\_\_ to know right and wrong in ruling
- C. Certainly our Lord knows exactly what we \_\_\_\_\_
1. How often do we \_\_\_\_\_?
  2. Over and over the Lord invites us to \_\_\_\_\_
  3. Luke \_\_\_\_\_
- D. The Lord promises to \_\_\_\_\_ our prayers
1. More than hearing, He also promises to \_\_\_\_\_
  2. All we bring is our \_\_\_\_\_ and yet He answers us!
- E. Humbly we come before the Lord with \_\_\_\_\_ to offer
1. Ask God for the very \_\_\_\_\_
  2. God, increase our \_\_\_\_\_
  3. God, give us \_\_\_\_\_ to love You and Your ways more and more
- II. Ask God For the Very Best \_\_\_\_\_
- A. Solomon already realized god's power and promises were \_\_\_\_\_
1. He also understood that he did not \_\_\_\_\_ to stand in the presence of the Lord

2. he also understood that being king would require \_\_\_\_\_ wisdom
- B. Asking God for what we \_\_\_\_\_ pleases Him
1. 1 Kings \_\_\_\_\_
  2. God is pleased when we \_\_\_\_\_ in confidence
- C. Solomon is an example of how we are to approach God in \_\_\_\_\_
1. Hebrews \_\_\_\_\_
  2. Our confidence flows from our \_\_\_\_\_
  3. John \_\_\_\_\_
  4. So pray as a \_\_\_\_\_ believer!
- D. We come to the Throne of Grace knowing we are \_\_\_\_\_ and confident that He will hear and answer our prayers

*God desires us to come to Him in \_\_\_\_\_ asking Him for what we need that He may \_\_\_\_\_ it.*

*So come in \_\_\_\_\_ recognizing your sins but also in bold confidence knowing that, through Jesus Christ, He has forgiven you and desires to bless you!*





## **AS WE GATHER**

What were you looking for a few days ago when we joined the crowds gathered for the annual celebration of Christmas? If you knew what you were looking for, did you find it? Of course, Christmas is all about the arrival of the Savior of the world, our Savior from sin and death. In His human birth, Jesus took on our flesh to provide the only sufficient atoning sacrifice for sin. By His holiness, His sacrifice was sufficient for the whole world of sin of all time, including your own. Did you find this forgiveness for all your sins and answers to all your troubles when you sang the Christmas songs? Or are you still searching? That's okay, because for one more of the twelve days, it is still Christmas. It is not too late. In Joseph and Mary's anxiety over their three-day search for their missing child, they couldn't find Him in the crowds or among their relatives and friends. It was only as they returned to the temple, the place of God the Father's promised earthly presence, that their worry was solved. You have come to the right place, the place of God's promised presence for you—here, where His Word is faithfully preached, His Sacraments rightly administered, and His grace, love, and forgiveness are given and applied to you. So do not be anxious about your life. You are seeking the answers in the right place, in the kingdom of God and in His righteousness given to you this day in His mighty, saving Word.

## **CALL TO WORSHIP**    "Beautiful Star of Bethlehem"    *Adger McDavid Pace | R. Fisher Boyce*

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## **WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **OPENING SONG**    Crown Him With Many Crowns

(Verse 1)

Crown Him with many crowns The Lamb upon His throne  
Hark how the heavenly anthem drowns all music but its own  
Awake my soul and sing Of Him who died for thee  
And hail Him as thy matchless King Through all eternity

(Verse 2)

Crown Him the virgin's Son, the God incarnate born,  
Whose arms those crimson trophies won which now His brow adorn;  
Fruit of the mystic rose, yet of that rose the stem,  
The root, which mercy ever flows, the babe of Bethlehem.

(Verse 3)

Crown Him the Lord of love behold His hands and side  
Rich wounds yet visible above In beauty glorified  
No angel in the sky Can fully bear that sight  
But downward bends their wondering eyes at mysteries so bright

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(Verse 4)

Crown Him the Lord of Life, Who triumphed o'er the grave  
And rose victorious in the strife for those He came to save.  
His glories now we sing, Who died and rose on high,  
Who died eternal life to bring and lives that death may die.

(Verse 5)

Crown Him the Lord of Heav'n, enthroned in worlds above,  
Crown Him the King to whom is giv'n the wondrous name of Love.  
Crown Him with many crowns, as thrones before Him fall;  
Crown Him, ye kings, with many crowns, for He is King of all.

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## INVOCATION

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

**People:** Amen.

## OPENING SENTENCES *Ephesians 1:3, 6–7*

**Pastor:** Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places,

**People:** to the praise of His glorious grace, with which He has blessed us in the Beloved.

**Pastor:** In Him we have redemption through His blood,

**People:** the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of His grace.

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION *Romans 8:26–27; Isaiah 55:6; Psalm 50:15; Jeremiah 16:19*

**Pastor:** God the Holy Spirit helps us in our weakness. And He who searches hearts knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God. This is the promised place of God's dwelling. Therefore let us seek the Lord while He may be found and call upon Him while He is near.

**People:** Blessed Lord God, apart from You there is no god. Apart from You there is no hope or forgiveness. We confess our sin amid the fears and anxieties of daily life. We have gone our own way, lost in our sin and faithlessness. Therefore, we return to You here, remembering Your promise, "Call upon Me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you." Deliver us from all anxiety, forgive our sins, speak Your comforting Word of hope, and lead us in the way of Your righteousness and peace.

**Pastor:** The Lord is your strength and your stronghold, your refuge in the day of trouble. 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. Almighty God, You have poured into our hearts the true Light of Your incarnate Word. Grant that this Light may shine forth in our lives; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**People:** **Amen.**

## **OLD TESTAMENT READING** *1 Kings 3:4–15* (King Solomon's prayer for wisdom)

<sup>4</sup>And the king went to Gibeon to sacrifice there, for that was the great high place. Solomon used to offer a thousand burnt offerings on that altar. <sup>5</sup>At Gibeon the Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream by night, and God said, "Ask what I shall give you." <sup>6</sup>And Solomon said, "You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant David my father, because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart toward you. And you have kept for him this great and steadfast love and have given him a son to sit on his throne this day. <sup>7</sup>And now, O Lord my God, you have made your servant king in place of David my father, although I am but a little child. I do not know how to go out or come in. <sup>8</sup>And your servant is in the midst of your people whom you have chosen, a great people, too many to be numbered or counted for multitude. <sup>9</sup>Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, that I may discern between good and evil, for who is able to govern this your great people?" <sup>10</sup>It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. <sup>11</sup>And God said to him, "Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches or the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, <sup>12</sup>behold, I now do according to your word. Behold, I give you a wise and discerning mind, so that none like you has been before you and none like you shall arise after you. <sup>13</sup>I give you also what you have not asked, both riches and honor, so that no other king shall compare with you, all your days. <sup>14</sup>And if you will walk in my ways, keeping my statutes and my commandments, as your father David walked, then I will lengthen your days." <sup>15</sup>And Solomon awoke, and behold, it was a dream. Then he came to Jerusalem and stood before the ark of the covenant of the Lord, and offered up burnt offerings and peace offerings, and made a feast for all his servants.

**Pastor:** This is the Word of the Lord.

**People:** **Thanks be to God!**

**EPISTLE**     *Ephesians 1:3–14 (Spiritual blessings in Christ)*

<sup>3</sup> Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, <sup>4</sup> even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. In love <sup>5</sup> he predestined us for adoption to himself as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, <sup>6</sup> to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved. <sup>7</sup> In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace, <sup>8</sup> which he lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight <sup>9</sup> making known<sup>[b]</sup> to us the mystery of his will, according to his purpose, which he set forth in Christ <sup>10</sup> as a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. <sup>11</sup> In him we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to the purpose of him who works all things according to the counsel of his will, <sup>12</sup> so that we who were the first to hope in Christ might be to the praise of his glory. <sup>13</sup> In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, <sup>14</sup> who is the guarantee<sup>[c]</sup> of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, <sup>[d]</sup> to the praise of his glory.

Pastor:       This is the Word of the Lord.

**People:       Thanks be to God.**

**HOLY GOSPEL**     *Luke 2:40–52 (The boy Jesus at Passover in the Jerusalem temple)*

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

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

<sup>40</sup> And the child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom. And the favor of God was upon him. <sup>41</sup> Now his parents went to Jerusalem every year at the Feast of the Passover. <sup>42</sup> And when he was twelve years old, they went up according to custom. <sup>43</sup> And when the feast was ended, as they were returning, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem. His parents did not know it, <sup>44</sup> but supposing him to be in the group they went a day's journey, but then they began to search for him among their relatives and acquaintances, <sup>45</sup> and when they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem, searching for him. <sup>46</sup> After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. <sup>47</sup> And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. <sup>48</sup> And when his parents<sup>[a]</sup> saw him, they were astonished. And his mother said to him, "Son, why have you treated us so? Behold, your father and I have been searching for you in great distress." <sup>49</sup> And he said to them, "Why were you looking for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?"<sup>[b]</sup> <sup>50</sup> And they did not understand the saying that he spoke to them. <sup>51</sup> And he went down with them and came to Nazareth and was submissive to them. And his mother treasured up all these things in her heart. <sup>52</sup> And Jesus increased in wisdom and in stature<sup>[c]</sup> and in favor with God and man.

Pastor:       This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

### **SERMON SONG** King Of Kings

(Verse 1)

In the darkness we were waiting, without hope, without light  
Till from Heaven You came running, there was mercy in Your eyes  
To fulfil the law and prophets, to a virgin came the Word  
From a throne of endless glory, to a cradle in the dirt

**(Chorus)**

**Praise the Father, Praise the Son**

**Praise the Spirit three in one**

**God of Glory, Majesty**

**Praise forever to the King of kings**

(Verse 2)

To reveal the kingdom coming, and to reconcile the lost  
To redeem the whole creation, you did not despise the cross  
For even in Your suffering, You saw to the other side  
Knowing this was our salvation, Jesus for our sake You died

**(Sing the Chorus)**

(Verse 3)

And the morning that You rose, all of heaven held its breath  
Till that stone was moved for good, for the Lamb had conquered death  
And the dead rose from their tombs, and the angels stood in awe  
For the souls of all who'd come, to the Father are restored

(Verse 4)

And the Church of Christ was born, then the Spirit lit the flame  
Now this Gospel truth of old, shall not kneel shall not faint  
By His blood and in His Name, in His freedom I am free  
For the love of Jesus Christ, who has resurrected me

**(Sing the Chorus)**

Praise forever to the King of Kings

**SERMON** "Ask for What You Need" *(1 Kings 3:4-15)*

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

### LORD'S PRAYER:

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

## OFFERING

### OFFERTORY SONG 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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## 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 HYMNS**

**LSB 628 Your Table I Approach**

- 1 Your table I approach;  
Dear Savior, hear my prayer.  
Let not an unrepentant heart  
Prove hurtful to me there.
- 2 Lord, I confess my sins  
And mourn their wretched bands;  
A contrite heart is sure to find  
Forgiveness at Your hands.
- 3 Your body and Your blood,  
Once slain and shed for me,  
Are taken at Your table, Lord,  
In blest reality.

- 4 Search not how this takes place,  
This wondrous mystery;  
God can accomplish vastly more  
Than what we think could be.
- 5 O grant, most blessed Lord,  
That earth and hell combined  
May not about this sacrament  
Raise doubt within my mind.
- 6 Oh, may I never fail  
To thank You day and night  
For Your true body and true blood,  
O God, my peace and light. *Text: Public domain*

**LSB 402 The Only Son from Heaven**

- 1 The only Son from heaven,  
Foretold by ancient seers,  
By God the Father given,  
In human form appears.  
No sphere His light confining,  
No star so brightly shining  
As He, our Morning Star.
- 2 O time of God appointed,  
O bright and holy morn!  
He comes, the king anointed,  
The Christ, the virgin-born,  
Grim death to vanquish for us,  
To open heav'n before us  
And bring us life again.
- 3 O Lord, our hearts awaken  
To know and love You more,  
In faith to stand unshaken,  
In spirit to adore,  
That we, through this world moving,  
Each glimpse of heaven proving,  
May reap its fullness there.
- ^4 O Father, here before You  
With God the Holy Ghost  
And Jesus, we adore You,  
O pride of angel host:  
Before You mortals lowly  
Cry, “Holy, holy, holy,  
O blessed Trinity!” *Text: Public domain*

## **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 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**



## Emmanuel Lutheran Prayer List The Week of January 5th, 2025

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

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

- ◇ **Amy Skopak** Heart valve replacement surgery on 1/7
- ◇ **Steve Taylor** Back at Wake Forest for ongoing stomach & digestive issues.
  - Family of Chip Miller (Reece's, friend) Chip recently passed away
  - Manny Franquez (G. Thomas, relative) Cancer diagnosis
- ◇ Sue Harris Biopsy in left eye for possible malignancy on 1/2
- ◇ Kristy Barlow On 12/23, cervical disc surgery & spinal fusion
- ◇ Joel Helms Upcoming cancer treatment & surgery on 1/22
- 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
- ◇ = Emmanuel Lutheran Church Members  
(Those diagnosed or living with long-term illnesses & conditions, on back)

### Prayers out-loud for deliverance from infirmities:

Father, I receive divine health and strength in the name of Jesus. I command every spirit of infirmity to loose its hold over my life in Jesus' name. I plead the blood of Jesus over my health and my body. I speak to every mountain of sickness in my life to be removed and cast into the sea in Jesus' name (Mark 11:23).

Let Your resurrection power quicken my mortal body and bring healing and wholeness in Jesus' name. I bind and rebuke every spirit of infirmity operating in my life in Jesus' name.

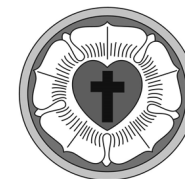
I declare that I am set free from every bondage of sickness in Jesus' name.

### 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) Melinda    |
| ◇ Marilyn Saylor    | 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 | Kyle Mietzner, deployed Chaplain (C.Bruckner) |

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

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|-------------------|---------------------|---------------------------|
| ◇ K. Ray Bailey   | ◇ Ruth Jean Metcalf | ◇ Diana & Isabelle Hempel |
| ◇ Teenie Smathers | ◇ Marjorie Locke    | ◇ Andre & Lori Benson     |
| ◇ Marilyn Saylor  | ◇ Helen Cline       |                           |



### Emmanuel Lutheran Church is a praying community!

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