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Emmanuel Lutheran
CHURCH & SCHOOL
ASHEVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA

Sunday January 19, 2025
SECOND SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

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 20- MLK DAY

Tuesday, January 21
9:30am Linus Blankets Group (Narthex)
6:00pm BOD Meeting (STEAM/Virtual)

Wednesday, January 22
12:00pm Midweek Worship Service (sanctuary)
1:30pm Women’s Bible Study (room# 111)

Thursday, January 23
4:30pm BBALL Home Game (vs. Brevard)

Friday, January 24
6:00pm Pickleball (Gym)

Saturday, January 25- N/A

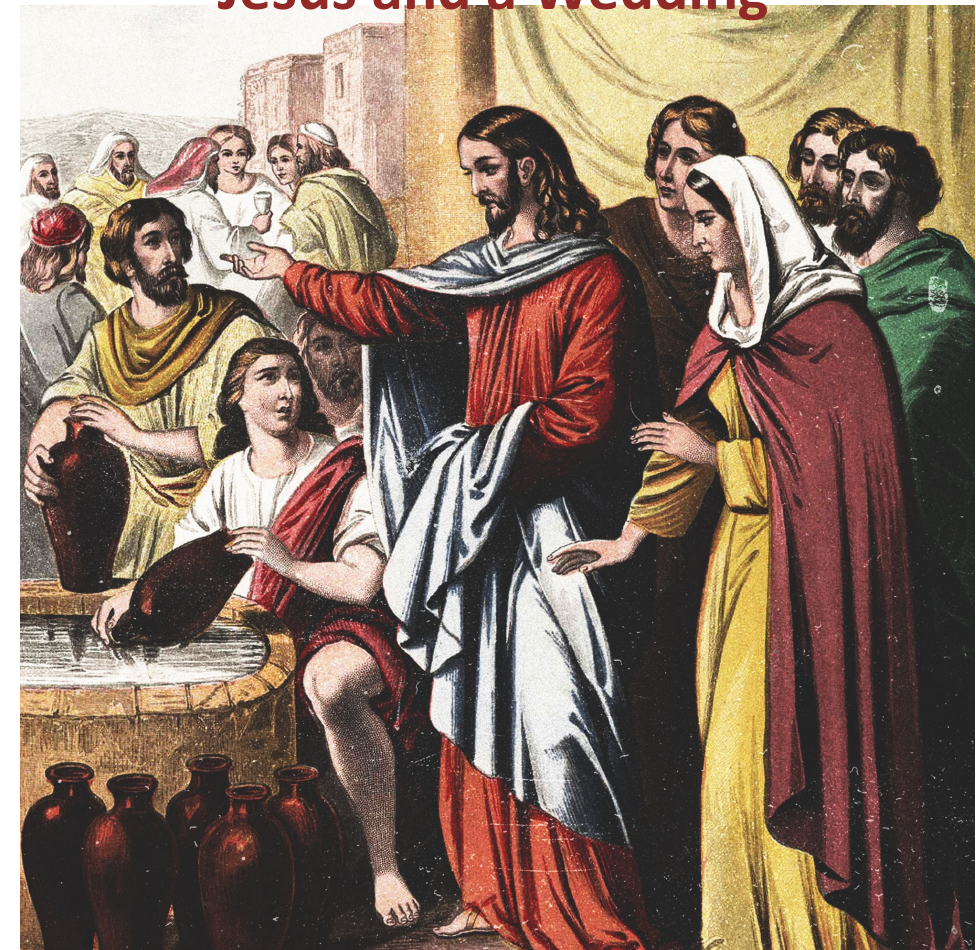
Sunday, January 26
8:30am Traditional/Liturgical Worship Service)
9:45am Kid’s Sunday School (room# 017)
9:45am Mid-Year Voter’s Meeting (Fellow. Hall)
11:00am Blended Worship Service
12:30pm Post-Service Prayer Ministry
Food Pantry **CLOSED (yes, closed!)**
5:00pm High School Group

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: Faith Noell & Crystal McCormick
Floating Aid: Felesia Norton

“Jesus and a Wedding”



John 2:1-11

Upcoming Week—Member Celebrations!

Birthdays: 1/19 Cindy Piercy; 1/20 Byron Gleason; 1/21 James Stoltenberg; 1/21 Madeline Harris; 1/21 Carol Cook 1/25 Don Weaver

Anniversaries: 1/26 Hans & Lula Meulenberg

Previous Week’s Services: Attendance & Stats

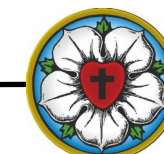
On-Campus Attendance	Online Sunday Hits
8:30am: 23 11am: 39	Website: 64
Wednesday Noon— 30	Facebook: 31

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

The week ending on Sunday 12/22:
234 families, 491 people, and 84 cars

Previous Week’s Offerings

General Offering received: \$ 6,242.07
Building Funds Received: \$ 416.88
***General Weekly Offering needed:** \$ (12,817.31)*



Healing Service today in the sanctuary, immediately after second service

Sunday—January 19th, 2025

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

9:45am Classes:

Evangelism Basics Class (Fellowship Hall, Kelm/Hausman)

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

Directly after second service:

Prayer Support Ministry (sanctuary)

The Food Pantry is **OPEN!**

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

Barbara Sullivan— "in memory of my mother Carol Logemann"

8:30am Traditional Worship

Call to Worship

Welcome and Announcements

Opening Hymn: LSB 399

"The Star Proclaims the King Is Here"

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Hymn of Praise: Page 171

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First Reading: Isaiah 62:1-5 (page 172)

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 12:1-11 (page 172)

The Holy Gospel: John 2:1-11 (page 173)

Children's Message

The Sermon Hymn: LSB 402

"The Only Son from Heaven"

Sermon "Jesus and a Wedding" (John 2:1-11)

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Prayers of the Church

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Offertory: Page 176

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Proper Preface

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Pax Domini: Page 180

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Communion Hymns

LSB 860 "Gracious Savior, Grant Your Blessing"

LSB 533 "Jesus Has Come and Brings Pleasure"

Post-Communion Canticle: Page 181

Post-Communion Collect: Page 183

Benediction: Page 183

Closing Hymn: LSB 815

"All Praise to Thee, for Thou, O King Divine"

Servers	8:30am	11:00am
Elder	Vaughn Stinson*	Dale Pioch*
Acolyte	Eli Allen	Naomi Hines
Ushers	Mike Rush & Neil Pursley	James C. & Bradley H.
Lector	Scott Hausman	Heather Renner
Communion	Bill Hufnagle & Vaughn St*	Dale Pioch & Ron Pepin
Café Lead	Harold N.	TBD

Prayer Support Team:

Pastor Arthur & Kathy Gillespie

Sound & Tech Crew:

8:30am: Heather M & Peter L

11:00am: Bryce G. & Ben M.

Altar Guild:

8:30am: Stephanie Hanson

11:00am: Kathy Gillespie

Offering Counters:

The DeBerry's

Transformation Village is looking for an energetic **cook-team leader** for one of their teams! This ministry involves cooking and purchasing food. There are cooking volunteers already experienced and eager to serve with this new leader. It's only 3x a year, on the 3rd Wednesday of the months of March, July, & November.

If interested please contact

Judith Walter

828-691-4621 or

judith4cs@gmail.com



Sacred Communion Values

As baptized Christians, having received instruction in the Holy Sacrament; our precious Savior and Lord Jesus Christ invites us to His Holy Meal in which we receive the forgiveness of sins and the strengthening of our faith.

Before we receive the Holy Sacrament we should:

- Examine our relationship with God and others according to the Ten Commandments;
- Truly repent of our sins and seek forgiveness in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord;
- Faithfully believe God's Word which teaches us that in, with, and under the bread and wine we receive the true body and blood of our Savior and Lord Jesus Christ;
- By the working of the Holy Spirit through Word and Sacrament, commit our life as a redeemed disciple of Jesus Christ through thought, word, and deed.



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

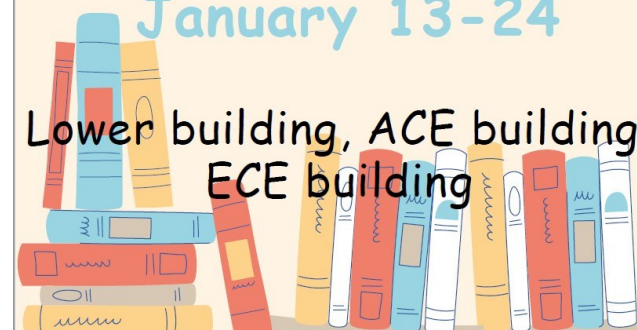
WANTED
YOUR USED BOOKS!

4th grade fundraiser

Drop off any books

January 13-24

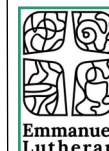
Lower building, ACE building,
ECE building



Rescheduled:

Mid-Year Voter's Meeting

Now- Sunday, January 26th



PICKLEBALL



Fridays
at 6pm
in the Gym!

All levels
welcome!

Women's Bible Study

Wednesday Jan. 22 at 1:30pm

room# 111

Sermon Notes for 1/19/2025
Jesus and a Wedding (John 2:1-11)

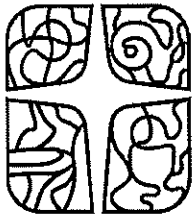
The girl's answer pleasantly surprised her teacher, and was most theologically profound: "I like it because I want to have Jesus at my _____ too."

- I. Jesus Celebrates the _____ of Life With People
 - A. Although True _____ He did not cut Himself off from the different aspects of human experiences
 - 1. Here was Jesus and His _____ sharing in the joys of an unnamed couple's wedding in Cana
 - 2. Who was the couple? It really doesn't _____
 - B. A Jewish wedding in the time of Jesus was filled with festivities that could take up to a _____
 - 1. This was a time of supreme _____
 - 2. _____ willingly and gladly participates in this couple's joy
 - C. There are those in the world today who are somewhat _____ by the notion that Jesus smiled, laughed, or even had a sense of humor
 - 1. John is reminding us that Jesus embraced His _____
 - 2. Do not put your faith into a _____ - jacket
 - 3. Living _____ like Jesus gives to us a deeper, more meaningful experience of life and of our journey of faith
- II. A _____ Feast
 - A. For the Jewish people to eat and drink with other people epitomized _____
 - 1. It was an expression of _____ and acceptance of others
 - 2. Eating and drinking wine was to be alive _____ is a symbol of life in their culture

- B. Wine was not consumed to get _____
 - 1. They drank their wine composed of two parts wine and three parts _____
 - 2. For John this points ahead to the water and blood of our Lord on the _____
 - 3.. It also echoes the two sacraments of _____ and the Lord's _____
- C. All this to say: Jesus manifested his love and _____ in the sign at Cana
 - 1. Through the human act of eating and _____ people were drawn closer to our Lord and His love
 - 2. We are called to share love and hospitality of our Lord with others in this same earthly human act of eating and drinking with _____ - and as we do so in _____ and in the fellowship that follows worship
- III. Abundant _____
 - A. The riches of God's Grace are _____ and cannot be exhausted
 - 1. 6 stone Jars containing _____ to _____ gallons
 - 2. Filled to the _____ - nothing BUT water
 - B. When the Grace of Jesus comes to usher his more than enough for _____ and still much more left over
 - 1. _____ gallons of wine
 - 2. No need on _____ can exhaust God's Grace

Life with Jesus is like the water turning into wine at _____. Just as wine brought joy to the people at Cana, Jesus brings joy to us and we can give this joy to _____. And, as the best wine was served last, so our lives of serving our Lord will be rewarded at the close of the age.





AS WE GATHER

The miracle of water turned into wine is a surprising one. It is marked by the fact that this is the choicest of wines, that the sheer amount of wine was embarrassingly extravagant, and that the full benefit of this miracle was limited to the servants who did what Jesus said, Mary, and the disciples who were with Jesus. It is the mark of what is to come. Jesus' whole ministry is one of goodness beyond compare, of extravagant mercy beyond what we deserve or even dare ask, and of grace hidden in ordinary things like words, water, bread, and wine. This is then a precursor of what is to come, the first of many manifestations of His mercy and the rich and overflowing provision of His grace to supply salvation to a world that otherwise knows no joy.

CALL TO WORSHIP Holy Holy Holy

(Verse 1)

Holy holy holy, Lord God Almighty

Early in the morning, our song shall rise to Thee

Holy holy holy merciful and mighty, God in three Persons, blessed Trinity

(Chorus)

From the cradle to the cross, God with us God with us

For this broken world You love, God with us God with us

You gave up Your only Son, God with us God with us

So that all the world will know our God with us

(Verse 2)

Holy holy holy, all the saints adore Thee

Casting down their golden crowns, around the glassy sea

Cherubim and seraphim falling down before Thee

Which wert and art and evermore shall be

(Sing the Chorus)

(Verse 3)

Holy holy holy, Lord God Almighty

All Thy works shall praise Thy name, in earth and sky and sea

Holy holy holy merciful and mighty

God in three Persons blessed Trinity

(Sing the Chorus)

(Ending)

So that all the world will know our God with us!

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WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING SONG This I Believe (The Creed Song)

(Verse 1)

Our Father everlasting
The all creating One
God Almighty
Through Your Holy Spirit Conceiving
Christ the Son
Jesus our Savior

(Chorus 1)

**I believe in God our Father
I believe in Christ the Son
I believe in the Holy Spirit
Our God is three in One
I believe in the resurrection
That we will rise again
For I believe in the Name of Jesus**

(Verse 2)

Our judge and our defender
Suffered and crucified
Forgiveness is in You

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Descended into darkness
You rose in glorious life
Forever seated high

(SING CHORUS 1)

(Bridge)

I believe in You I believe You rose again
I believe that Jesus Christ is Lord

(Repeat Bridge)

Chorus 2

**I believe in life eternal
I believe in the virgin birth
I believe in the saints' communion
And in Your holy Church
I believe in the resurrection
When Jesus comes again**

For I believe in the Name of Jesus

(SING CHORUS 1)

(Ending)

For I believe in the Name of Jesus

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INVOCATION

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

People: **Amen.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION *Psalm 117:2; 36:7*

Pastor: Great is His steadfast love toward us,

People: **and the faithfulness of the Lord endures forever.**

Pastor: How precious is Your steadfast love, O God!

People: **The children of mankind take refuge in the shadow of Your wings.**

Pastor: Bidden by His steadfast love, let us take refuge in the mercy of God, confessing our sins and rejoicing in His gift of forgiveness through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Pastor: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

People: **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. 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: 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 Christ, and by His authority, I therefore 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 and everlasting God, who governs all things in heaven and on earth, mercifully hear the prayers of Your people and grant us Your peace through all our days; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: **Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Isaiah 62:1–5*

For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, for Jerusalem's sake I will not remain quiet, till her vindication shines out like the dawn, her salvation like a blazing torch. ²The nations will see your vindication, and all kings your glory; you will be called by a new name that the mouth of the Lord will bestow. ³You will be a crown of splendor in the Lord's hand, a royal diadem in the hand of your God. ⁴No longer will they call you Deserted, or name your land Desolate.

But you will be called Hephzibah,^[a] and your land Beulah^[b];

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

EPISTLE *1 Corinthians 12:1–11*

¹Now about the gifts of the Spirit, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed. ²You know that when you were pagans, somehow or other you were influenced and led astray to mute idols. ³Therefore I want you to know that no one who is speaking by the Spirit of God says, "Jesus be cursed," and no one can say, "Jesus is Lord," except by the Holy Spirit. ⁴There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit distributes them. ⁵There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord. ⁶There are different kinds of working, but in all of them and in everyone it is the same God at work. ⁷Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good. ⁸To one there is given through the Spirit a message of wisdom, to another a message of knowledge by means of the same Spirit, ⁹to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by that one Spirit, ¹⁰to another miraculous powers, to another prophecy, to another distinguishing between spirits, to another speaking in different kinds of tongues,^[a] and to still another the interpretation of tongues.^[b] ¹¹All these are the work of one and the same Spirit, and he distributes them to each one, just as he determines.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

HOLY GOSPEL *John 2:1–11* (The first miracle of Jesus at Cana of Galilee, where He turned water into wine.)

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

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

On the third day a wedding took place at Cana in Galilee. Jesus' mother was there,² and Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding.³ When the wine was gone, Jesus' mother said to him, "They have no more wine."⁴ "Woman, why do you involve me?" Jesus replied. "My hour has not yet come."⁵ His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you."⁶ Nearby stood six stone water jars, the kind used by the Jews for ceremonial washing, each holding from twenty to thirty gallons.⁷ Jesus said to the servants, "Fill the jars with water"; so they filled them to the brim.⁸ Then he told them, "Now draw some out and take it to the master of the banquet." They did so,⁹ and the master of the banquet tasted the water that had been turned into wine. He did not realize where it had come from, though the servants who had drawn the water knew. Then he called the bridegroom aside¹⁰ and said, "Everyone brings out the choice wine first and then the cheaper wine after the guests have had too much to drink; but you have saved the best till now."¹¹ What Jesus did here in Cana of Galilee was the first of the signs through which he revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON HYMN 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.

Δ 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!"

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SERMON "Jesus and a Wedding" (John 2:1-11)

THE APOSTLES' CREED

C I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

LORD'S PRAYER

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

OFFERING

OFFERTORY SONG Things Of Heaven

(Verse 1)

Something is coming I feel the wind blowing
With mystery Things unseen
The tides are now changing I see the dawn breaking
It's happening The awakening

(Pre-Chorus)

Come Holy Spirit come

Hover over us

Holy Spirit come

(Chorus)

Open the heavens fling wide the gates
Unleash Your presence pour out Your grace
Show me Your glory the power of Your love
'Cause even a glimpse is more than enough for me

(Verse 2)

You're willing and able You're making a table
In front of me Before my enemies

You're mighty to save
And You're making a way
To do so much more
Than we've known before
(Sing PreChorus and Chorus)

(Bridge)

We're gonna see those dry bones dancing
We're gonna see the strongholds bow
We're gonna see the things of heaven
Here now

We're gonna see a new revival
We're gonna see Your kingdom pow'r
We're gonna see the things of heaven
Here now **(Repeat Bridge)** here now

(Sing Chorus 2x)

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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 \times body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My \times blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

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

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

People: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

PAX DOMINI

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

People: Amen.

DISTRIBUTION

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS LSB 860 Gracious Savior, Grant Your Blessing

1 Gracious Savior, grant Your blessing
To this husband and this wife,
That in peace they live together
In Your love throughout their life.
Christ, defend them from the tempter
And from all that would destroy
Love's foundation You have laid here,
And its threshold paved with joy. >>>

2 Lord, if You are not the builder,
Then the house is built in vain,
For a home without Your presence
Shall without true love remain.
Yet when You within a marriage
Come and dwell with grace divine,
There You fill the empty vessels,
Changing water into wine.

- 3 Cana's guest, this union hallow;
Tenderly embrace this pair.
Clothe this couple with the garments
They will daily need to wear:
Patience, kindness, and compassion,
Gentleness, humility;
Robe them, Lord, with love to bind them
In a perfect unity.
- 4 Make their love a living picture
Showing how You loved Your bride:
When You gave Yourself to cleanse her,
When for her You bled and died. >>>
Jesus, You have made her holy,
Pure and fair her radiant train;
To Yourself, Your Church presenting,
Without wrinkle, spot, or stain.

- ^ 5 Father, You created Adam,
Crafted Eve, and made them one;
Jesus, from their sin You saved us,
As God's true incarnate Son;
Holy Spirit, You forgive us;
From our sins we are released.
Bring us, Lord, at last to heaven,
To the endless wedding feast.

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LSB 533 Jesus Has Come and Brings Pleasure

- 1 Jesus has come and brings pleasure eternal,
Alpha, Omega, Beginning and End;
Godhead, humanity, union supernal,
O great Redeemer, You come as our friend!
Heaven and earth, now proclaim this great wonder:
Jesus has come and brings pleasure eternal!
- 2 Jesus has come! Now see bonds rent asunder!
Fetters of death now dissolve, disappear.
See Him burst through with a voice as of thunder!
He sets us free from our guilt and our fear,
Lifts us from shame to the place of His honor.
Jesus has come! Hear the roll of God's thunder!

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- 3 Jesus has come as the mighty Redeemer.
See now the threatening strong one disarmed!
Jesus breaks down all the walls of death's fortress,
Brings forth the pris'ners triumphant, unharmed.
Satan, you wicked one, own now your master!
Jesus has come! He, the mighty Redeemer!
- 4 Jesus has come as the King of all glory!
Heaven and earth, O declare His great pow'r,
Capturing hearts with the heavenly story;
Welcome Him now in this fast-fleeting hour!
Ponder His love! Take the crown
He has for you!
Jesus has come! He, the King of all glory!

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Oh give thanks to the Lord, for He is good;

People: **for His steadfast love endures forever.**

Pastor: Let us pray. Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end; 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 The Blessing

(CHORUS)

The Lord bless you
And keep you
Make his face shine upon you
And be gracious to you
The Lord turn his
Face toward you
And give you peace

(VERSE 1)

May his favor be upon you
And a thousand generations
And your family and your children
And their children and their children

(VERSE 2)

May his presence go before you
And behind you and beside you
All around you and within you
He is with you He is with you

(SING CHORUS)

(Verse 2)

In the morning in the evening
In your coming, and your going
In your weeping and rejoicing
He is for you He is for you
He is for you He is for you

(SING CHORUS)

(ENDING)

A-men A-men
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