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Emmanuel Lutheran
CHURCH & SCHOOL
ASHEVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA

Sunday January 26, 2025
THIRD 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

Lutheran School's Week

Monday, January 27

4:30pm ELS Bball Home game vs. Immaculata
7:00pm Southside Bible Group (Baldwin Home)

Tuesday, January 28

Wednesday, January 29

12:00pm Midweek Worship Service (sanctuary)

Thursday, January 30

4:30pm BBALL Home Game vs. ACS

Friday, January 31

6:00pm Pickleball (Gym)

Saturday, February 1

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

Sunday, February 2

8:30am Traditional/Liturgical Worship Service)

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

9:45am Evangelism Basics Class (Fellow. Hall)

11:00am Blended Worship Service

12:30pm Post-Service Prayer Ministry

Food Pantry **closed**

5:00pm High School Group

Church Staff:

Senior Pastor: Rev. Dr. Jeffrey Skopak
Director of Christian Education: Alexi Lundquist
Dirk Wilmoth – Parish Administrator
Business Administrator: Gail Thomas
Church Office Administrator: Leigh Horsley
Hospitality Ministry : Shirley Parker
Praise/worship music,sound/tech Lead: 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

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

Echoes in Eternity



Luke 4:16-30

Upcoming Week—Member Celebrations!

Birthdays: 1/27 William Baldwin;

1/28 Kenneth Treadway; 1/28 Daniel Sullivan;
Patti Pioch 2/1

Anniversaries: 1/26 Hans & Lula Meulenberg

Previous Week's Services: Attendance & Stats

On-Campus Attendance

Online Sunday Hits

8:30am: 70 **11am:** 83

Website: 29

Wednesday Noon— 20

Facebook: 16

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

Monday 12/23/24—Sunday 1/19/25:

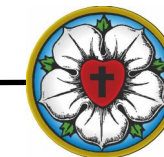
Car-line: 114 People: 828 Families: 514

Previous Week's Offerings

General Offering received: \$ 29,725.39

Building Funds Received: \$ 310.10

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



Sunday—January 26th, 2025

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

9:45am Classes:

Mid-Year Voter's Meeting (Fellowship Hall)
Kid's Sunday School (Room# 017, Kay Thorp)

Directly after second service:
Prayer Support Ministry (sanctuary)
The Food Pantry is closed

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

The Horsley Family- In celebration of Fisher's 5th Birthday today!



8:30am Traditional Worship

Welcome and Announcements

Opening Hymn: LSB 583
God Has Spoken by His Prophets

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Salutation and Collect: Page 189

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Children's Message

Sermon Hymn: LSB 839
O Christ, Our True and Only Light

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Prayers of the Church

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LSB 401 From God the Father, Virgin-Born

Nunc Dimittis: Page 181

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Post-Communion Collect: Page 199,200

Salutation and Benedicamus: Page 201,202

Benediction: Page 202

Closing Hymn: LSB 523
O Word of God Incarnate

Servers	8:30am	11:00am
Elder	John Jennejahn	Dale Pioch*
Acolyte	TBD	Luke Hodges
Ushers	Rich Bair & Neil Pursley	Justin H. & Tommy R.
Lector	Mary Hufnagle	Peter Renner
Communion	Stephanie H. & Deb R.	Dale Pioch* & Ron Pepin
Café Lead	Harold N.	TBD

Prayer Support Team:

Joel & Jeanine Helms

Sound & Tech Crew:

8:30am: Heather M & Peter L

11:00am: Justin P. & Ben M.

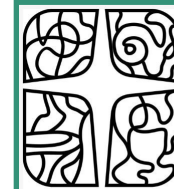
Altar Guild:

8:30am: Stephanie Hanson

11:00am: Kathy Gillespie

Offering Counters:

The DeBerry's



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PICKLEBALL



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

**All levels
welcome!**

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 at 9:45am ~
in the Fellowship Hall
(excluding 1/26 for the Voter's Meeting)

Southside Bible Group

Monday January 27th
7:00pm, Baldwin Home



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MEN'S BREAKFAST

**Prayer, Fellowship,
& Food**

1st Saturday of the month at 7:30am

@ First Watch
281 Long Shoals Rd in Asheville

Contact Scott Hausman for more info

Sermon Note – 1/29/25
Echoes in Eternity
Luke 4:16-30

What we do in _____ echoes in _____

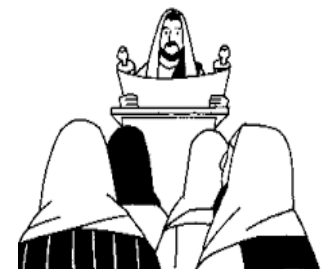
- I. _____
- A. Every so often we are granted some _____ and authority
1. What we sow now we will _____ in due season
 2. Words of indifference expressed during someone else's _____ will sprout up during your own tough times
 - a. What _____ around eventually comes around
 - b. The good, the _____ and the ugly
- B. Everything, we do in some way has something to do with _____
1. There are many people with power and no _____
 2. They lack _____ - given authority for that they are doing
- C. Others have _____ but lack power
1. Parents have authority over their _____ but fail to _____ control them
 2. Christians have authority to come to worship but cave to _____ from friends, society, and fear

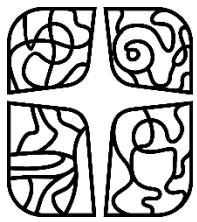
- II. _____ Had Power and Authority
- A. He had the _____ ability and the _____ right to act
1. _____ Jesus did was within His means and right
 2. Others quoted the prophets and _____
 3. When Jesus spoke he would say: "You have _____ it said that...But _____ say this..."
 - a. He spoke as if He were the _____ of the Word

- b. This is why He could say: " _____ this Scripture is fulfilled in your hearing"
- B. Jesus was speaking _____ into His _____
1. We want to get to a point where God's _____ is our _____
 2. We want to get to a point where our _____ are based on what God says - that's using power and authority like Jesus

- III. Becoming Like _____
- A. How do we begin to effectively use the _____ and _____ given to us by God?
1. We look _____
 - a. We have to address the issues at _____
 - b. Before we can heal others we first need to heal _____
 - c. We have to confront the _____ mirror
 2. We look _____
 - a. Jesus went to the _____
 - b. We need to remain tapped into _____
 - c. Jesus demonstrates this over and over again by going to God in _____
 3. We look _____
 - a. Jesus does this by _____, _____, and _____
 - b. Luke _____
 - c. We are to take what we have and do _____
- B. By being a _____ of all Jesus had _____ to do all things!

Jesus has given you the power _____ now to make a change in your life. And what you do with that power today will _____ in eternity





AS WE GATHER

When Jesus unrolled the scroll, the people might have been expecting words from His mouth, but what they got was the Word made flesh, the Word that endures forever. It did not take long before they found reason to wonder. “Is this not Joseph’s son?” The reality is that there are always those who look for reason to doubt or to reject but the Word is given to bring forth faith. The Word is given that by hearing we might believe, but wherever God’s Word is spoken it is also a scandal and offense to the way we see ourselves and our salvation. Jesus has come to address us with the Word of Life so that by hearing we may believe and by believing we may see that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God. The best appreciation for God’s Word is faith.

CALL TO WORSHIP Praise to The Lord The Almighty (LSB 790)

(Verse 1)

Praise to the Lord the Almighty
The King of creation
O my soul praise Him
For He is your health and salvation
Let all who hear now to His temple draw near
Joining in glad adoration

(Verse 2)

Praise to the Lord
Who o’er all things is wondrously reigning
And as on wings of an eagle
Uplifting sustaining
Have you not seen All that is needful has been
Sent by His gracious ordaining

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(Verse 4)

Praise to the Lord Who will prosper
Your work and defend you
Surely His goodness and mercy
Shall daily attend you
Ponder anew what the Almighty can do
As with His love He befriends you

(Verse 5)

Praise to the Lord
O let all that is in me adore Him
All that has life and breath
Come now with praises before Him
Let the amen sound from His people again
Gladly forever adore Him!

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WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING SONG Christ is the Center

(Verse 1)

We're returning to repentance
We come humbly to Your presence
Lord Jesus all that matters now is You
Oh we lay down our agendas
All our burdens and offenses
Lord Jesus all that matters now is You

(Pre-Chorus)

Oh all that matters now is You

(Chorus)

**Christ is our portion Christ our devotion
Christ is the center of our lives
He is our passion He is our confession
Christ is the center of our lives**

(Verse 2)
In the morning in the evening
You're the one thing we are seeking
We come boldly we are open to You now
You are healing all division
You are mending all that's broken
Make us holy make us holy like You are

(Pre-Chorus)

Oh all that matters now is You

(Chorus)

Christ is our portion Christ our devotion

Christ is the center of our lives

He is our passion He is our confession

Christ is the center of our lives

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(Bridge)

As for me and this house

We will serve You glorify You

Let it be in this house

That we love You and obey You

You are Lord of this house

You're the first and You're the only

In the midst of us now

You are Holy You are worthy

(SING CHORUS again)

(SING BRIDGE again)

(Ending)

Christ is our portion Christ our devotion

Christ is the center of our lives

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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: The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul; the testimony of the Lord is sure, making wise the simple;

People: **the precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the Lord is pure, enlightening the eyes;**

Pastor: the fear of the Lord is clean, enduring forever; the just decrees of the Lord are true, and righteous altogether.

People: **Moreover, by them is Your servant warned; in keeping them there is great reward.**

Pastor: Who can discern his errors? Declare me innocent from hidden faults.

People: **Keep back Your servant also from presumptuous sins; let them not have dominion over me! Then I shall be blameless, and innocent of great transgression. Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in Your sight, O Lord, my rock and my redeemer.**

Pastor: Let us confess our sin to God our Father.

People: **I confess to God Almighty, before the whole company of heaven and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have sinned in thought, word, and deed by my fault, by my own fault, by my own most grievous fault; wherefore I pray God Almighty to have mercy on me, forgive me all my sins, and bring me to everlasting life. Amen.**

Pastor: Almighty God has had mercy upon you and has given His only Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Jesus Christ and by His authority, 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 and everlasting God, mercifully look upon our infirmities and stretch forth the hand of Your majesty to heal and defend us; 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 *Nehemiah 8:1–3, 5–6, 8–10*

¹all the people came together as one in the square before the Water Gate. They told Ezra the teacher of the Law to bring out the Book of the Law of Moses, which the Lord had commanded for Israel. ²So on the first day of the seventh month Ezra the priest brought the Law before the assembly, which was made up of men and women and all who were able to understand. ³He read it aloud from daybreak till noon as he faced the square before the Water Gate in the presence of the men, women and others who could understand. And all the people listened attentively to the Book of the Law.

⁵Ezra opened the book. All the people could see him because he was standing above them; and as he opened it, the people all stood up. ⁶Ezra praised the Lord, the great God; and all the people lifted their hands and responded, “Amen! Amen!” Then they bowed down and worshiped the Lord with their faces to the ground.

⁸They read from the Book of the Law of God, making it clear and giving the meaning so that the people understood what was being read. ⁹Then Nehemiah the governor, Ezra the priest and teacher of the Law, and the Levites who were instructing the people said to them all, “This day is holy to the Lord your God. Do not mourn or weep.” For all the people had been weeping as they listened to the words of the Law. ¹⁰Nehemiah said, “Go and enjoy choice food and sweet drinks, and send some to those who have nothing prepared. This day is holy to our Lord. Do not grieve, for the joy of the Lord is your strength.”

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

EPISTLE *1 Corinthians 12:12–31*

¹²For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. ¹³For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves^[a] or free—and all were made to drink of one Spirit.

¹⁴For the body does not consist of one member but of many. ¹⁵If the foot should say, “Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body. ¹⁶And if the ear should say, “Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body. ¹⁷If the whole body were an eye, where would be the sense of hearing? If the whole body were an ear, where would be the sense of smell? ¹⁸But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. ¹⁹If all were a single member, where would the body be? ²⁰As it is, there are many parts, yet one body. >>>

²¹The eye cannot say to the hand, "I have no need of you," nor again the head to the feet, "I have no need of you." ²²On the contrary, the parts of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, ²³and on those parts of the body that we think less honorable we bestow the greater honor, and our unpresentable parts are treated with greater modesty, ²⁴which our more presentable parts do not require. But God has so composed the body, giving greater honor to the part that lacked it, ²⁵that there may be no division in the body, but that the members may have the same care for one another. ²⁶If one member suffers, all suffer together; if one member is honored, all rejoice together. ²⁷Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. ²⁸And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers, then miracles, then gifts of healing, helping, administrating, and various kinds of tongues. ²⁹Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? ³⁰Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak with tongues? Do all interpret? ³¹But earnestly desire the higher gifts. And I will show you a still more excellent way.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

HOLY GOSPEL *Luke 4:16–30*

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

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

¹⁶And he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up. And as was his custom, he went to the synagogue on the Sabbath day, and he stood up to read. ¹⁷And the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written, ¹⁸"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, ¹⁹to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor." ²⁰And he rolled up the scroll and gave it back to the attendant and sat down. And the eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. ²¹And he began to say to them, "Today this Scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing." ²²And all spoke well of him and marveled at the gracious words that were coming from his mouth. And they said, "Is not this Joseph's son?" ²³And he said to them, "Doubtless you will quote to me this proverb, "'Physician, heal yourself.'" What we have heard you did at Capernaum, do here in your hometown as well.'" ²⁴And he said, "Truly, I say to you, no prophet is acceptable in his hometown. ²⁵But in truth, I tell you, there were many widows in Israel in the days of Elijah, when the heavens were shut up three years and six months, and a great famine came over all the land, ²⁶and Elijah was sent to none of them but only to Zarephath, in the land of Sidon, to a woman who was a widow. ²⁷And there were many lepers^[a] in Israel in the time of the prophet Elisha, and none of them was cleansed, but only Naaman the Syrian." ²⁸When they heard these things, all in the synagogue were filled with wrath. ²⁹And they rose up and drove him out of the town and brought him to the brow of the hill on which their town was built, so that they could throw him down the cliff. ³⁰But passing through their midst, he went away.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON HYMN LSB 839 O Christ, Our True and Only Light

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| <p>1 O Christ, our true and only light,
Enlighten those who sit in night;
Let those afar now hear Your voice
And in Your fold with us rejoice.</p> <p>2 Fill with the radiance of Your grace
The souls now lost in error's maze;
Enlighten those whose inmost minds
Some dark delusion haunts and blinds.</p> <p>3 O gently call those gone astray
That they may find the saving way!
Let ev'ry conscience sore oppressed
In You find peace and heav'nly rest.</p> | <p>4 Shine on the darkened and the cold;
Recall the wand'ers to Your fold.
Unite all those who walk apart;
Confirm the weak and doubting heart,</p> <p>5 That they with us may evermore
Such grace with wond'ring thanks adore
And endless praise to You be giv'n
By all Your Church in earth and heav'n.</p> |
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SERMON "Echoes in Eternity" *Luke 4:16-30*

THE APOSTLES' CREED

☑ 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**

➤ **OFFERING**

➤ **OFFERTORY SONG** How Great Is Our God
(Verse 1)

The splendor of the King, Clothed in majesty
Let all the earth rejoice, All the earth rejoice
He wraps Himself in light, And darkness tries to hide
And trembles at His voice, And trembles at His voice

(Chorus)

**How great is our God Sing with me
How great is our God And all will see
How great How great is our God**

(Verse 2)

And age to age He stands, And time is in His hands
Beginning and the End, Beginning and the End
The Godhead three in one, Father Spirit Son
The Lion and the Lamb, The Lion and the Lamb

(Chorus)

**How great is our God Sing with me
How great is our God And all will see
How great How great is our God**

(Bridge)

Name above all names

Worthy of all praise

My heart will sing

How great is our God

(REPEAT BRIDGE)

(Sing Chorus again)

**How great is our God Sing with me
How great is our God And all will see
How great How great is our God**

(REPEAT CHORUS)

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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.”

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 508 The Day Is Surely Drawing Near

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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LSB 401 From God the Father, Virgin-Born

1 From God the Father, virgin-born
To us the only Son came down;
By death the font to consecrate,
The faithful to regenerate.

2 Beginning from His home on high,
In human flesh He came to die;
Creation by His death restored,
And shed new joys of life abroad.

3 Glide on, O glorious Sun, and bring
The gift of healing on Your wing;
To ev'ry dull and clouded sense
The clearness of Your light dispense.

4 Abide with us, O Lord, we pray;
The gloom of darkness chase away;
Your work of healing, Lord, begin,
And take away the stain of sin.

5 Lord, once You came to earth's domain
And, we believe, shall come again;
Be with us on the battlefield,
From ev'ry harm Your people shield.

^ 6 To You, O Lord, all glory be
For this Your blest epiphany;
To God, whom all His hosts adore,
And Holy Spirit evermore.

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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. Lord of heaven and earth, You are one Lord, and in unity You have delivered Your people from sin and its death to belong to You and to live under You in Your kingdom forevermore. What You have united as a people gathered around Your Word and Sacraments and what we confess before the world, we pray You to bless and prosper until all Your work in us is brought to completion; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

BENEDICAMUS

Pastor: Let us bless the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

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 Joy Of The Lord

(Verse 1)

Though the tears may fall my song will rise,
my song will rise to You

Though my heart may fail my song will rise,
my song will rise to You

While there's breath in my lungs,
I will praise You Lord

(Verse 2)

In the dead of night I'll lift my eyes,
I'll lift my eyes to You

When the waters rise I'll lift my eyes,
I'll lift my eyes to You

While there's hope in this heart,
I will praise You Lord

(CHORUS)

The joy of the Lord is my strength,

The joy of the Lord is my strength

In the darkness I'll dance,

In the shadows I'll sing

The joy of the Lord is my strength

(Verse 3)

When I cannot see You with my eyes,
let faith arise to You

When I cannot feel Your hand in mine,
let faith arise to You

God of mercy and love I will praise You Lord

(Verse 4)

Oh You shine with glory Lord of light,

I feel alive with You

In Your presence now I come alive, I am alive with You

There is strength when I say: "I will praise You Lord"

(Sing the Chorus)

(Bridge)

When sorrow comes my way,

You are the shield around me

Always You remain, my courage in the fight

I hear You call my name Jesus I am coming

Walking on the waves reaching for Your light

(Sing the Chorus Twice)

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Emmanuel Lutheran Prayer List The Week of January 26th, 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; for good Health, swift Healing & Favor— for the afflicted, their families, and friends:

- ◇ **Tonya Wagner (R.Rush, friend) Prayers for speeding recovery from shoulder/neck surgery on 1/9.**
- ◇ **Joel Helms (Jeanine) Prayers for continued recovery. On 1/22, surgery went very well. He thanks everyone for the prayers!**
- ◇ **Steve Taylor– Pray... "Swelling be gone in the name of Jesus!"**
- ◇ **Peg Hardesty (S.Roby) Moved to Laurel's rehab center, major swelling. Prayers for answers&God's supernatural healing!**
- **Mike Simmons (J.Groh, friend) Age 56 with pancreatic cancer**
- ◇ = Emmanuel Lutheran Church Members
(Those diagnosed or living with long-term illnesses & conditions, on back)

Healing Scripture & Prayer

You, dear children, are from God and have overcome them, because the one who is in you is greater than the one who is in the world. 1 John 4:4

"Heavenly Father, I come before You today humbly seeking Your intervention and power to deliver me from all that hinders my progress and to bring about a breakthrough in my life. I surrender my struggles and fears to You, asking that You break the chains of negativity and open doors that have seemed impossible. Strengthen my faith, Lord, and grant me the courage to step into the new season You are preparing for me. In Jesus' name, I pray. Amen."

PRAYERS FOR THOSE WITH LONG-TERM AILMENTS or CANCER :

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| ◇ Peg Hardesty | Mike Simmons |
| ◇ 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) |
| ◇ Gloria Spude | Carolyn & Keith Hembree (C. Cline, friend) |
| ◇ Ray Bailey | Jennie Buckner (C.Cline's neighbor) |
| ◇ Pete Rauschenplat | Elsie Lankford (S. Pruet's mother) |
| | Kyle Mietzner (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!