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**Emmanuel  
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 CHURCH & SCHOOL  
 ASHEVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA

**Sunday February 23, 2025**  
 SEVENTH 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, February 24**  
 7:00pm Southside Bible Group (Baldwin Home)

**Tuesday, February 25**  
 9am-4pm Space Utilization Meetings (conf. rm)  
 1:00pm Stakeholders Meeting (conference rm)

**Wednesday, February 26**  
 12:00pm Midweek Worship Service (sanctuary)  
 9am-4pm Space Utilization Meetings (Conf. rm)  
 6pm Governance Transition Meeting (steam)

**Thursday, February 27**

**Friday, February 28**  
 6:00pm Pickleball

**Saturday, March 1**  
 4:30pm Saturday Small Group (Renner Home)

**Sunday, March 2**  
**8:30am Traditional Worship Service**  
 9:45am Kid's Sunday School (room# 017)  
 9:45am Youth Confirmation Class (conf. room)  
**11:00am Blended Worship Service**  
 Post-Service Prayer Ministry (altar)  
 Food Pantry is **closed**  
 5:00pm High School Group

**Church Staff:**  
**Senior Pastor:** Rev. Dr. Jeffrey Skopak  
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**School Principal:** Mark Edmiston  
**School Admin. Assistant:** Shari Reaves  
**Assistant Principal/:** Denise Ball  
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**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  
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**Admin Assist:** Carolyn Mashburn  
**Kitchen/Cook:** Kristen Warren  
**Younger Infants:** Neesie Castillo & Paula Jones  
**Older Infants:** Becky Swatzell & Daja Harper  
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**Toddler2:** Katie Dorn & Bella Harper  
**PS2:** Tasia Davis & Christy Codle  
**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

**Upcoming Week—Member Celebrations!**

**Birthdays:** 2/24 Isabelle Hempel; 2/25 Suzy Whitt; 2/25 Barbara Sullivan; 2/25 Heather Hodges; ; 2/25 "Eddie" Gardner; 2/25 Melissa Edmiston; 2/26 Ashley Maskell; 2/27 Cleta McCall; 2/29 Abe Allen ; 3/1 Madison Alkire

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

<b>On-Campus Attendance</b>	<b>Online Sunday Hits</b>
<b>8:30am:</b> 53 <b>11am:</b> 64	<b>Website:</b> 35
<b>Wednesday Noon:</b> N/A	<b>Facebook:</b> 13

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

Sunday 2/9/25:  
**Cars: 74, People: 390, & Families: 92**

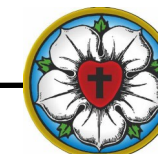
**Previous Week's Offerings**

<b>General Offering Received:</b>	\$	<b>6,629.48</b>
<b>Building Funds Received:</b>	\$	<b>105.00</b>
<b>*General Weekly Offering needed:</b>	\$	<b>(12,817.31)*</b>

Would You Recognize One  
 IF You Saw One?



Luke 6:27-38



# Sunday—February 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2025

SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

9:45am Classes:

Evangelism Basics Class (Fellowship Hall, Kelm & Hausman)

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

Youth Confirmation Class (conference room, Alexi Lundquist)

Directly after second service:

Prayer Support Ministry (sanctuary)

The Food Pantry is OPEN. 1-3pm

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

Alix Peters—in memory of Alex & Jean Popadines, & Mark Anderson

## 8:30am Traditional Worship

Welcome and Announcements

Opening Hymn: LSB 725 Children of the Heavenly Father

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Confession and Absolution: page 151

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Hymn of Glory: Page 155

Salutation and Collect: Page 156

Old Testament: Genesis 45:3-15 (pg 156)

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 15:21-26, 30-42 (pg 156)

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The Holy Gospel: Luke 6:27-38 (page 157)

Children's Message

The Sermon Hymn: LSB 706

Love in Christ Is Strong and Living

The Sermon:

Would You Recognize One IF You Saw One?  
Luke 6:27-38

The Apostles' Creed: 159

Prayers of the Church

Offering

Offertory: Page 159,160

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Communion Hymns:

LSB 628 Your Table I Approach

LSB 845 Where Charity and Love Prevail

Post-Communion Canticle: Page 164

Post-Communion Collect: Page 166

Benediction: Page 166

Closing Hymn: LSB 730

What Is the World to Me



Servers	8:30am	11:00am
Elder	John Jennejahn	Dale Pioch*
Acolyte	Eli Allen	Jacob Kanelos
Ushers	David Meyer & Bob Allen	Tommy Ridgeway & Lary Schulhof
Lector	Scott Hausman	Ed Lopez
Communion	Mike Rush & Susan Roby	Ron Pepin & Dale Pioch*
Café Lead	Harold N.	Jamie Lopez

Prayer Support Team:

Joel & Jeanine Helms

Sound & Tech Crew:

8:30am: Peter L. & Heather M.

11:00am: Justin P., Peter L., & Lorenzo L.

Altar Guild:

8:30am: Martha Greene

11:00am: Sherry Rauschenplat

Offering Counters:

Barry R. & Marni J.

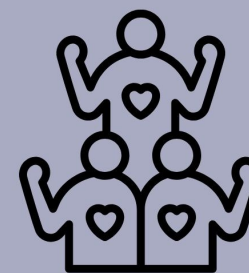


## Evangelism Basics Class

~ Today at 9:45am ~  
in the Fellowship Hall

**Southside Bible Group**  
Monday Feb. 24th  
7:00pm, Baldwin Home

**Saturday Small Group**  
Saturday Mar. 1st  
4:30pm, Renner Home



Please sign-up to serve  
on Sundays for one of  
our worship services!

### 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 & 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.



## SUNDAY ALTAR FLOWERS

Contact the church office  
or Deb Reiling for  
assistance on signing up!

## Would You Recognize One IF You Saw One?

### Luke 6:27-38

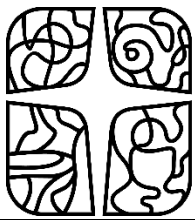
*What makes a saint a saint? Who is a saint? What if you looked in the mirror and realized \_\_\_\_\_ were a saint? Not because you did things to make yourself \_\_\_\_\_ but because God has made you \_\_\_\_\_*

- I. Knowing Who You Are Makes You \_\_\_\_\_
- A. it gives us \_\_\_\_\_ to face the hardships and challenges
1. Courage: From the \_\_\_\_\_; the root for "Heart"
  2. Courage resides in our \_\_\_\_\_
    - a. Courage acknowledges \_\_\_\_\_ and moves past it
    - b. Luke \_\_\_\_\_
- B. Knowing "Whose" we are brings us \_\_\_\_\_
1. Our greatest sense of self identity comes when we remember that we are a part of the \_\_\_\_\_ of God
  2. In God we have a \_\_\_\_\_ place
    - a. We have a \_\_\_\_\_ that cannot be snatched away
    - b. This because God is the source of \_\_\_\_\_ and He is our "homing"
- II. The Deep \_\_\_\_\_ of Being Salt and Light in the World
- A. So what is \_\_\_\_\_ getting at in this text?
1. Luke \_\_\_\_\_
  2. Even in our sorrow, even during the times when we are \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_, we are blessed
    - a. We are blessed because in God we are \_\_\_\_\_
    - b. Our hearts take courage in the truth of the \_\_\_\_\_

- B. This is because our \_\_\_\_\_ is as a Child of God
1. We fix our eyes on \_\_\_\_\_
  2. Hebrews \_\_\_\_\_
    - a. We look to His \_\_\_\_\_ and model it in our own lives
    - b. We begin to understand that as Jesus' hands and feet we live in a world that gives you much \_\_\_\_\_ as well as \_\_\_\_\_
- C. We acknowledge that we will have \_\_\_\_\_, have those who \_\_\_\_\_ us, and those who abuse their relationship with us
1. But unlike the world our response is be be \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_
    - a. Our \_\_\_\_\_ in Jesus gives us the freedom to be anchored beyond all human praise and blame
    - b. YOU belong to \_\_\_\_\_ and He sets you out into the world
  2. As we are "released" into the world we live as God's \_\_\_\_\_
    - a. We can live \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_
    - b. The heart of Christ becomes our seat of \_\_\_\_\_
    - c. Luke \_\_\_\_\_

*When you look around the community do you recognize the \_\_\_\_\_ that are all around you? They are the ones doing the work of Jesus - standing firm in their faith even when the community tries to push and pull them away from \_\_\_\_\_. But they are unmovable! Why? Because they possess the courage and heart of Jesus!*





**AS WE GATHER**

Today's Old Testament Reading is the account of Joseph forgiving his brothers, who had sold him into slavery years earlier. Is it possible for us to forgive as he did? Joseph learned to trust in God and how He would arrange things. God has arranged everything for us too! The resurrection of Jesus is beyond our understanding but not beyond our comprehension. So Paul tries to explain about heavenly beings. We don't know much about them, but we can forgive because our Lord went a lot farther than we are called to follow, into death, for God to forgive us. Today Word and Sacrament strengthen us to follow His example in daily living.

**CALL TO WORSHIP**      10,000 Reasons (Bless The Lord)

**(Chorus)**

**Bless the Lord O my soul, O my soul  
Worship His holy name. Sing like never before  
O my soul. I'll worship Your holy name**

(Verse 1)

The sun comes up it's a new day dawning  
It's time to sing Your song again  
Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me  
Let me be singing when the evening comes

**(Sing Chorus again)**

(Verse 2)

You're rich in love and You're slow to anger  
Your name is great and Your heart is kind

For all Your goodness I will keep on singing  
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find  
**(Sing Chorus again)**

(Verse 3)

And on that day when my strength is failing  
The end draws near and my time has come  
Still my soul will sing Your praise unending  
Ten thousand years and then forevermore

**(Sing Chorus 2X)**

(Ending)

Worship Your holy name Lord I'll worship  
Your holy name

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**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**OPENING SONG**      Crowns Down

(Verse 1)

Enthroned in glory my Savior King  
Your lovingkindness has welcomed me  
Though I'm unworthy of majesty  
You wrap the lowly in royalty

**(Chorus)**

**I will lay my crowns down at Your feet**

**You are holy holy**

**I will give my life as an offering**

**You are worthy so worthy Lord**

(Verse 2)

Here at Your altar to seek Your face  
Broken and poured out without restraint

In full abandon before my King  
Here I surrender my everything  
**(Sing Chorus Twice)**

(Bridge)

Holy holy holy is the Lamb upon the throne  
We join with all of heaven  
in the everlasting song  
Holy holy holy is the Lamb upon the throne  
We join with all of heaven  
in the everlasting song

**(Sing Chorus Twice)**

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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 *1 Corinthians 15:21–22, 42*

Pastor: As by a man came death,

People: **by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead.**

Pastor: As in Adam all die,

People: **so also in Christ shall all be made alive.**

Pastor: What is sown is perishable;

People: **what is raised is imperishable.**

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

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. O God, the strength of all who put their trust in You, mercifully grant that by Your power we may be defended against all adversity; 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**     *Genesis 45:3–15*

<sup>3</sup> And Joseph said to his brothers, “I am Joseph! Is my father still alive?” But his brothers could not answer him, for they were dismayed at his presence. <sup>4</sup> So Joseph said to his brothers, “Come near to me, please.” And they came near. And he said, “I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. <sup>5</sup> And now do not be distressed or angry with yourselves because you sold me here, for God sent me before you to preserve life. <sup>6</sup> For the famine has been in the land these two years, and there are yet five years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. <sup>7</sup> And God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. <sup>8</sup> So it was not you who sent me here, but God. He has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. <sup>9</sup> Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, ‘Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt. Come down to me; do not tarry. <sup>10</sup> You shall dwell in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children's children, and your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. <sup>11</sup> There I will provide for you, for there are yet five years of famine to come, so that you and your household, and all that you have, do not come to poverty.’ <sup>12</sup> And now your eyes see, and the eyes of my brother Benjamin see, that it is my mouth that speaks to you. <sup>13</sup> You must tell my father of all my honor in Egypt, and of all that you have seen. Hurry and bring my father down here.” <sup>14</sup> Then he fell upon his brother Benjamin's neck and wept, and Benjamin wept upon his neck. <sup>15</sup> And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them. After that his brothers talked with him.

Pastor:     This is the Word of the Lord.

**People:     Thanks be to God!**

**EPISTLE**     *1 Corinthians 15:21–26, 30–42*

<sup>21</sup> For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. <sup>22</sup> For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. <sup>23</sup> But each in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. <sup>24</sup> Then comes the end, when he delivers the kingdom to God the Father after destroying every rule and every authority and power. <sup>25</sup> For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. <sup>26</sup> The last enemy to be destroyed is death. <sup>30</sup> Why are we in danger every hour? <sup>31</sup> I protest, brothers, by my pride in you, which I have in Christ Jesus our Lord, I die every day! <sup>32</sup> What do I gain if, humanly speaking, I fought with beasts at Ephesus? If the dead are not raised, “Let us eat and drink, for tomorrow we die.” <sup>33</sup> Do not be deceived: “Bad company ruins good morals.”<sup>[a]</sup> <sup>34</sup> Wake up from your drunken stupor, as is right, and do not go on sinning. For some have no knowledge of God. I say this to your shame. <sup>35</sup> But someone will ask, “How are the dead raised? With what kind of body do they come?” <sup>36</sup> You foolish person! What you sow does not come to life unless it dies. <sup>37</sup> And what you sow is not the body that is to be, but a bare kernel, perhaps of wheat or of some other grain. <sup>38</sup> But God gives it a body as he has chosen, and to each kind of seed its own body. <sup>39</sup> For not all flesh is the same, but there is one kind for humans, another for animals, another for birds, and another for fish. <sup>40</sup> There are heavenly bodies and earthly bodies, but the glory of the heavenly is of one kind, and the glory of the earthly is of another. <sup>41</sup> There is one glory of the sun, and another glory of the moon, and another glory of the stars; for star differs from star in glory. <sup>42</sup> So is it with the resurrection of the dead. What is sown is perishable; what is raised is imperishable.

Pastor:     This is the Word of the Lord.

**People:     Thanks be to God.**

## **HOLY GOSPEL**    *Luke 6:27–38*

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

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

<sup>27</sup> “But I say to you who hear, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, <sup>28</sup> bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. <sup>29</sup> To one who strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also, and from one who takes away your cloak do not withhold your tunic<sup>[a]</sup> either. <sup>30</sup> Give to everyone who begs from you, and from one who takes away your goods do not demand them back. <sup>31</sup> And as you wish that others would do to you, do so to them. <sup>32</sup> “If you love those who love you, what benefit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. <sup>33</sup> And if you do good to those who do good to you, what benefit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. <sup>34</sup> And if you lend to those from whom you expect to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to get back the same amount. <sup>35</sup> But love your enemies, and do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return, and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High, for he is kind to the ungrateful and the evil. <sup>36</sup> Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful. <sup>37</sup> “Judge not, and you will not be judged; condemn not, and you will not be condemned; forgive, and you will be forgiven; <sup>38</sup> give, and it will be given to you. Good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap. For with the measure you use it will be measured back to you.”

Pastor:        This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

## **CHILDREN’S MESSAGE**

### **SERMON SONG**                      The Jesus Way

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## **SERMON**

### **CREED**                      Apostle’s 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**

**☩ 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      Same God

(Verse 1)

I'm calling on the God of Jacob;  
whose love endures through generations  
I know that You will keep Your covenant  
I'm calling on the God of Moses;  
the one who opened up the ocean  
I need you now to do the same thing for me

**(Chorus)**

**Oh God my God I need You.**

**Oh God my God I need You now,**

**How I need You now**

**Oh Rock oh Rock of ages,**

**I'm standing on Your faithfulness**

(Verse 2)

I'm calling on the God of Mary;  
whose favor rests upon the lowly  
I know with You all things are possible  
I'm calling on the God of David  
who made a shepherd boy courageous  
I may not face Goliath,  
but I've got my own giants

**(Sing Chorus)**

(Bridge 1)

You heard Your children then,  
You hear Your children now  
You are the same God, You are the same God  
You answered prayers back then,  
and You will answer now  
You are the same God, You are the same God

(Bridge 2)

You moved in power then, God move in power now  
You are the same God, You are the same God  
You were a healer then, You are a healer now  
You are the same God, You are the same God

**(Sing Chorus X 2)**

(Ending)

You were a Savior then, You are a Savior now  
You are the same God, You are the same God

## PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on us and sent Your only-begotten Son to save us. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by His death on the cross.

Strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit that we may faithfully eat His body and drink His blood. Then gather us together with all the faithful to celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom. 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 628** **Your Table I Approach**

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| <p>1 Your table I approach;<br/>Dear Savior, hear my prayer.<br/>Let not an unrepentant heart<br/>Prove hurtful to me there.</p> <p>2 Lord, I confess my sins<br/>And mourn their wretched bands;<br/>A contrite heart is sure to find<br/>Forgiveness at Your hands.</p> <p>3 Your body and Your blood,<br/>Once slain and shed for me,<br/>Are taken at Your table, Lord,<br/>In blest reality.</p> | <p>4 Search not how this takes place,<br/>This wondrous mystery;<br/>God can accomplish vastly more<br/>Than what we think could be.</p> <p>5 O grant, most blessed Lord,<br/>That earth and hell combined<br/>May not about this sacrament<br/>Raise doubt within my mind.</p> <p>6 Oh, may I never fail<br/>To thank You day and night<br/>For Your true body and true blood,<br/>O God, my peace and light.</p> |
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## **LSB 845 Where Charity and Love Prevail**

- 1 Where charity and love prevail  
There God is ever found;  
Brought here together by Christ's love  
By love are we thus bound.
- 2 With grateful joy and holy fear  
His charity we learn;  
Let us with heart and mind and soul  
Now love Him in return.
- 3 Forgive we now each other's faults  
As we our faults confess,  
And let us love each other well  
In Christian holiness.
- 4 Let strife among us be unknown;  
Let all contention cease;  
Be God's the glory that we seek;  
Be ours His holy peace.
- 5 Let us recall that in our midst  
Dwells Christ, His only Son;  
As members of His body joined  
We are in Him made one.
- 6 For love excludes no race or clan  
That names the Savior's name;  
His family embraces all  
Whose Father is the same.

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## **POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING**

**Pastor:** Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

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

## **BENEDICTION** *Numbers 6:24–26*

**Pastor:** The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

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

**CLOSING SONG** Act Justly, Love Mercy, Walk Humbly

(Verse 1)

It all comes down to this  
What you require of me  
Love my neighbor as myself  
And You above all things

**(Chorus)**

**Act justly love mercy walk humbly  
With You God  
In all things in all ways walk humbly  
With You God**

(Verse 2)

It all comes down to this  
To be Your hands and feet  
Good news to all the world  
We'll follow where You lead

**(Sing Chorus again)**

(Bridge)

Your word is my pathway  
You help us forgive them  
It's Your will not my way  
On Earth as in heaven

(Repeat Bridge)

(Verse 3)

Years from now we'll see  
The fruit our hands have sown  
Faith just like a seed  
The only way it grows

**(Sing Chorus)**

**In all things in all ways  
Walk humbly with You God**



## Emmanuel Lutheran Prayer List The Week of February 23, 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:*

- **Donna Logeman (E.Lundquist, mother) First surgery went well but more aggressive type cancer cells found. Next surgery 3/3 and then radiation 4-6 weeks after.**

- **Patty Dorn Has Lymphedema, at the lodge in Mills River.  
Prayers for healing & comfort**

◇ **Louise Skopak (Pastor, Mom) Recovering from of a broken hip.**

◇ **Mark Salsieder Healing post-surgery. Recovery mid-March**

◇ **Don Maskell (A. Maskell, wife) continued health problems**

- **Kathy Shellenberg (B. Pursley) Prayers for comfort, peace, and hope after the passing of her husband Wayne.**

- **Iva Early (A.Maskell, mother) Knee surgery in spring/summer**

- **Lois Nix (M.Hufnagle, M.I.L) Oral cancer diagnosis, 87 yrs old**

- **Erin Y. (J. Thomas, friend) cancer diagnosis this week.**

- **Mike Lemmons (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

*"Be joyful always, pray at all times, be thankful in all circumstances. This is what God wants from you in your life in union with Christ Jesus." (1 Thessalonians 5:16-18)*

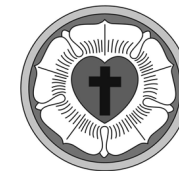
Dear Jesus, You are the great physician of body and soul. Come to those who are experiencing cancer and bring healing to their bodies. Use the gifts of medicine & doctors to work Your healing power. Lift their spirits & enable them to trust in You during this difficult time. Let them cast all their cares upon You for You care for them. For their families and caregivers, be their Encourager and Helper. Thank you Jesus, Amen.

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

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

### 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!*