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Emmanuel Lutheran
CHURCH & SCHOOL
ASHEVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA

Sunday March 9, 2025

THE FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

8:30am Traditional Worship

11:00am Blended Worship

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Our Vision:

*Fully Engaged, Biblically Passionate,
Driven to Serve*

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Monday, March 10
7:00pm Southside Bible Group

Tuesday, March 11
6:00pm BOD Meeting (steam/virtual)

Wednesday, March 12
12:00pm Lent Midweek Service (sanctuary)
6:30pm Lent Evening Service (sanctuary)

Thursday, March 13

Friday, March 14
6:00pm Pickleball (gym)

Saturday, March 15
10:00am Women's Prayer Event (room# 111)
4:30pm Saturday Small Group (Hausman)

Sunday, March 16
8:30am Traditional Worship Service
9:45am Adult Sunday School Class (Fellow. Hall)
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
7:00pm Virtual Prayer Service (zoom)

Church Staff:
Senior Pastor: Rev. Dr. Jeffrey Skopak
Director of Christian Education: Alexi Lundquist
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Hospitality Ministry : Shirley Parker
P/W Music and Tech Director: Heather Meulenberg
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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 and Mikaela Bennett
Younger Infants: Neesie Castillo & Paula Jones
Older Infants: Becky Swatzell & Daja Harper
Toddlers 1: Lindsey Smathers & Ivy Robles
Toddler2: Katie Dorn & Amy Bair
PS2: Tasia Davis & Christy Credle
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: Felicia Norton
Permanent Sub: Bella Harper

Previous Week's Offerings

General Offering Received:	\$	8,175.98
Building Funds Received:	\$	---
*Weekly Offering Budget:	\$	(12,817.31)

Upcoming Week—Member Celebrations!

Birthdays: 3/9 Marianne Hausman; 3/10 Jeanine Helms; 3/12 Rick Herman, Rojeanous Rush; 3/14 Marta Keller

Anniversaries: 3/9 Susan Roby (Rob+I); 3/11 Barry & Amy King; 3/13 Carol Lichtenberger (Edward+I); 3/14 Carol Bruckner (Mike+I), CJ & Patti Reece

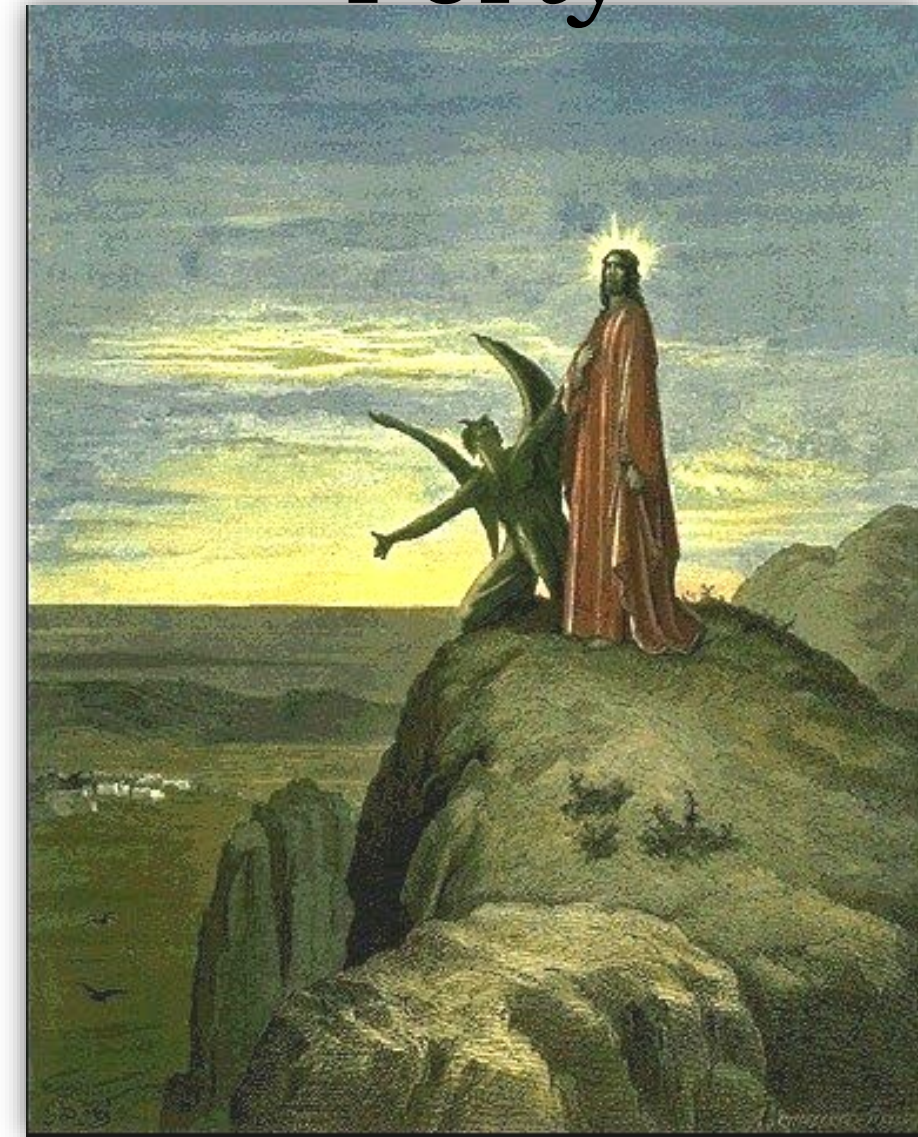
Previous Week's Services: Attendance & Stats

Attendance	Online:
8:30am: 50 11am: 81	Website: 33
Midweek Noon: 50 6:30pm: 40	FB: 30

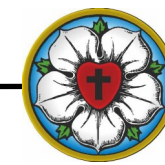
ELC Grab n Go Sunday Food Pantry
Sunday 2/16:

Cars: 71	People: 314	Families: 87
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Forty



(Luke 4:1-13)



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Sunday—March 9th, 2025

The First Sunday in Lent

9:45am Classes:

Adult Sunday School Class (Fellowship Hall, Pastor Skopak)

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

Youth Confirmation Class (conference room, Alexi Lundquist)

Directly after second service:

Prayer Support Ministry

The Food Pantry is OPEN

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

Patti & C.J. Reece - celebration of their wedding anniversary on 3/14

8:30am Traditional Worship

Call to Worship:

When You Prayed Beneath the Trees

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Welcome and Announcements

Opening Hymn: LSB 571

God Loved the World So That He Gave

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Salutation and Collect: Page 189

Old Testament: Deuteronomy 26:1-11 (pg 190)

Epistle: Romans 10:8-13 (Responses page 190)

The Holy Gospel: Luke 4:1-13 (page 190,191)

Children's Message

The Sermon Hymn: LSB 839

O Christ, Our True and Only Light

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Distribution

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LSB 418 O Lord, throughout These Forty Days

LSB 333 Once He Came in Blessing

Nunc Dimittis: Page 181

Thanksgiving: Page 200, 201

Post-Communion Collect: Page 199,200

Salutation and Benedicamus: Page 201,202

Benediction: Page 202

Closing Hymn: LSB 714

Who Trusts in God a Strong Abode

Servers	8:30am	11:00am
Elder	Doug Piercy*	Christi Lorenz
Acolyte	TBD	Ivana Lopez
Ushers	Dirk & Kathryn Wilmoth	Tommy Ridgeway & Scott Hausman
Lector	Neil Pursley*	Ed Lopez
Communion	Doug Piercy* & Neil Pursley*	Ron Pepin & Deb DeBerry
Café Lead	Sign-up to serve!	Sign-up to serve!

Prayer Support Team:

Ron Pepin and Kathy Gillespie

Sound & Tech Crew:

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

11:00am: Benjamin & Lucas M.

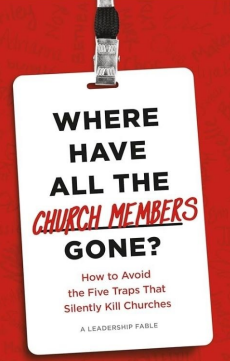
Altar Guild:

8:30am: Susan Roby

11:00am: Margo Rabon

Offering Counters:

Mike & Rojeanus Rush

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS
begins March 9th, 9:45am, Fellowship Hall

"WHERE HAVE ALL THE CHURCH MEMBERS GONE?"
Pastor Skopak will lead this 6 week study as we consider: The Book of Jude, the 5 key traps that silently kill churches, & how our God is able to move beyond the "messy place of ministry" & into being the church God designed it to be.

<Copies of this book are in the church office.

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.



We would love more volunteers!
Grab & Go Food Pantry

Help needed Friday mornings, some Saturdays, & two Sunday afternoons!

If interested, contact the church office or email foodpantry@elcsmail.org

FOR FOOD PANTRY TEXT UPDATES: SCAN HERE




Southside Bible Group
Monday March 10th
7:00pm, Baldwin Home



LENT MIDWEEK 2025
SAVIOR
SERVOANT
FRIEND

SERVICES FOR LENT:
Wednesdays March 5th - April 9th
12pm & 6:30pm




Sign Up
to Serve
SERVE & WORSHIP ON SUNDAYS!

Sermon Notes 3/9/25

“Forty” Luke 4:1-13

The message of Lent with its forty day _____ stick of Jesus, after you subtract the Sundays, matches up well with the journey of forty years that _____ just completed

- I. _____
- A. In Forty days God is going to take us on a Lenten journey with _____
1. Is there anything you need to give up _____ you take up your cross and follow Him?
 2. Lent is also a _____ to get up and follow Him
 - a. A time to pay close attention to God’s plan of _____
 - b. In the ancient church this was a time of _____
 - c. A time to prepare for _____
- B. A lot can happen in forty _____; more an happen in forty _____
1. But if you _____ God’s call to repentance even 400 years is not enough
 2. Just look at God’s people in _____!
- II. _____
- A. Real _____ means getting up and getting busy
1. Can you imagine for the people to see before them the _____ land?
 2. Freedom, _____, responsibility for a nation lay ahead for the people of God
 3. Lent is God’s way of preparing us for the _____ land
- B. Don’t think there is another way back to God beyond _____ and _____ in the Gospel

1. The pathway ahead is marked by _____ and belief
2. Repentance is leaving behind what _____ and journeying ahead towards God’s promise
 - a. Crossing the _____
 - b. Journeying into the _____

- III. _____
- A. For Forty Days Jesus was _____
1. Temptation is never _____
 2. He knows what _____ to push
 3. There is always a shred of _____ to cover the lies beneath
- B. Satan _____; God _____
1. God _____ us to make us strong for the temptations ahead
 2. We learn from our _____ as God refines us with His loving hand
- C. Lent always begins with the _____ of Jesus - Do you want to go somewhere with God? Then you have to _____ your own life
1. Satan will _____ your weaknesses
 2. But Jesus never changes His _____ to you
 - a. He shakes the foundations of _____ the _____
 - b. He goes to the heights of the _____ for YOU

The “forty” serve as _____ - and our lives are lived in between. Israel’s wanderings brought to a close; Jesus’ temptation in the wilderness; and now, our journey through the season of Lent...the Test is real...but the Brace of God is Greater





AS WE GATHER “Great indeed, we confess, is the mystery of godliness” (1 Timothy 3:16). As we have now entered the forty-day pilgrimage of Lent, we approach the most climactic event of our Lord’s earthly ministry, the one that confused and frightened the first followers of Jesus and perhaps even some to this day. The expectation of the establishment of the kingdom of God with Jesus, the Son of God, seated on a royal throne as ruler was demolished as they witnessed their Rabbi, Master, and Lord taken captive, convicted, tortured, and executed on that Passover in Jerusalem. The cross has always been an offense. To this day, the same mystery stands: His royal throne is but a frightful cross of crucifixion—His kingdom hidden to the eyes. When confronted with the facts of God’s Word, many cannot see past this mystery. Yet it is the power of God’s Word that gives people the gift of faith and new eyes to see what was incomprehensible and secret now revealed by the Spirit of God. God’s truth is that in the death of Christ, redemption and forgiveness of sin now avails for the entire world. Sinners are delivered, justified before God by faith in the blood of Jesus shed on the cross and given the ability to repent and believe and become children of God for eternity. For sinful mankind, this life-giving truth is impossible to believe or understand. Only because of the mighty Word of God proclaimed to the world by His church and by the power of the Spirit is that otherwise mysterious Word actually easy and powerful to understand and to believe.

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WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING SONG At The Wondrous Cross

Verse 1

When I survey the wondrous cross
On which the Prince of glory died
My richest gain I count but loss
And pour contempt on all my pride

CHORUS

At the cross, at the cross
I surrender my life, I’m in awe of you, I’m in awe of You
Where Your blood ran red, and my sins washed white,
I owe all to you, I owe all to you, Jesus

Verse 2

See from His head His hands His feet
Sorrow and love flow mingled down

Did e’er such love and sorrow meet
Or thorns compose so rich a crown
(SING THE CHORUS)

Verse 3

Were the whole realm of nature mine
That were an offering far too small
Love so amazing so divine
Demands my soul my life my all
(SING THE CHORUS 2x)

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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

Pastor: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

People: who made heaven and earth.

Pastor: Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.

People: For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith and confess our sins unto God our Father, that we may receive His forgiveness.

People: O God, we believe Your Word is true for it reveals our sin for which we deserve Your rebuke and judgment. Yet even more, we believe in Your promise of mercy and forgiveness for the sake of Christ. We therefore confess to You all our sins. We plead the suffering and sacrifice of Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, as the all-sufficient price of our redemption, and beg Your grace and forgiveness for the sake of faith in our Savior alone. Hear us in Your mercy and according to Your promise in Christ, our Lord.

Pastor: "Because you have made the Lord your dwelling place—the Most High, who is my refuge," upon this, your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God to all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you. **People: And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray. O Lord God, You led Your ancient people through the wilderness and brought them to the Promised Land. Guide the people of Your church that following our Savior we may walk through the wilderness of this world toward the glory of the world to come; 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 *Deuteronomy 26:1–11*

¹ "When you come into the land that the Lord your God is giving you for an inheritance and have taken possession of it and live in it, ² you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from your land that the Lord your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket, and you shall go to the place that the Lord your God will choose, to make his name to dwell there. ³ And you shall go to the priest who is in office at that time and say to him, 'I declare today to the Lord your God that I have come into the land that the Lord swore to our fathers to give us.' ⁴ Then the priest shall take the basket from your hand and set it down before the altar of the Lord your God. ⁵ "And you shall make response before the Lord your God, 'A wandering Aramean was my father. And he went down into Egypt and sojourned there, few

in number, and there he became a nation, great, mighty, and populous. ⁶ And the Egyptians treated us harshly and humiliated us and laid on us hard labor. ⁷ Then we cried to the Lord, the God of our fathers, and the Lord heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. ⁸ And the Lord brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with great deeds of terror, ^[a] with signs and wonders. ⁹ And he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. ¹⁰ And behold, now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground, which you, O Lord, have given me.' And you shall set it down before the Lord your God and worship before the Lord your God. ¹¹ And you shall rejoice in all the good that the Lord your God has given to you and to your house, you, and the Levite, and the sojourner who is among you.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

EPISTLE *Romans 10:8–13*

⁸ But what does it say? "The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart" (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); ⁹ because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰ For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved. ¹¹ For the Scripture says, "Everyone who believes in him will not be put to shame." ¹² For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; for the same Lord is Lord of all, bestowing his riches on all who call on him. ¹³ For "everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

HOLY GOSPEL *Luke 4:1–13*

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

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

¹And Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness ²for forty days, being tempted by the devil. And he ate nothing during those days. And when they were ended, he was hungry. ³The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become bread." ⁴And Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'Man shall not live by bread alone.'" ⁵And the devil took him up and showed him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time, ⁶and said to him, "To you I will give all this authority and their glory, for it has been delivered to me, and I give it to whom I will. ⁷If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours." ⁸And Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'You shall worship the Lord your God, and him only shall you serve.'" ⁹And he took him to Jerusalem and set him on the pinnacle of the temple and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, ¹⁰for it is written, 'He will command his angels concerning you, to guard you,' ¹¹and 'On their hands they will bear you up, lest you strike your foot against a stone.'" ¹²And Jesus answered him, "It is said, 'You shall not put the Lord your God to the test.'" ¹³And when the devil had ended every temptation, he departed from him until an opportune time.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON SONG Jesus Is My Healer

(VERSE 1)

Oh that rugged cross the selfless pain He bore
He breathed His final breath
That I would be restored
By His body that was broken
Precious blood freely shed
The spotless Lamb of heaven
Has forever conquered death

(CHORUS)

**Jesus is my healer He's everything I need
He alone has triumphed over sickness and disease
Fear where is your power
The cross is your defeat
Jesus is my healer He has won the victory**

(VERSE 2)

Oh how great a love I'm held by perfect peace
He walks with me through valleys
Understands my suffering
Every joy and every sorrow every triumph every loss
I know everything is covered
By the shadow of the cross
Everything is covered by the shadow of the cross

(Chorus 2)

**Jesus is my healer He's everything I need
He alone has triumphed over sickness and disease
Fear where is your power
The cross is your defeat
Jesus is my healer He has won the victory
Jesus is my healer He has won the victory**

(Bridge)

Everything bows at His name
Everything bows at His name
Sickness darkness chains break at the name of Jesus

(REPEAT BRIDGE)

(SING CHORUS 2 TWICE)

(Ending)

Jesus is my healer He has won the victory

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SERMON Forty *Luke 4:1-13*

CREED *Nicene*

C I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end. And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life ☩ of the world to come. 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 *By the Blood*

(Verse 1)

Lord my soul is desp'rate for You
I'm bound by sin and darkest night
But in the secret I will find You
A mighty ray of holy light

(Verse 2)

Oh these chains were sweetly broken
Once held by death You set me free
By perfect love my fear was stolen
When Thou my Jesus died for me

Chorus

By the blood of Jesus Christ
Every life was bought at the highest price
Every fear was lost every sin erased
When Jesus took the cross He took my place

(Verse 3)

All my heart I lay before Thee
To sound the depths of love divine
So free so infinite Your glory
That I am Yours and You are mine

(Sing Chorus 2x)

(Bridge)

Then sings my soul then cries my heart
Till kingdom come till heavens part
Till He returns or calls me home
I'll praise the name of Christ alone

(Repeat Bridge)

(Sing 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.”

PAX DOMINI

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

People: Amen.

DISTRIBUTION

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS LSB 418 O Lord, throughout These Forty Days

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| <p>1 O Lord, throughout these forty days
You prayed and kept the fast;
Inspire repentance for our sin,
And free us from our past.</p> <p>2 You strove with Satan, and You won;
Your faithfulness endured;
Lend us Your nerve, Your skill and trust
In God’s eternal Word.</p> | <p>3 Though parched and hungry, yet You prayed
And fixed Your mind above;
So teach us to deny ourselves,
Since we have known God’s love.</p> <p>4 Be with us through this season, Lord,
And all our earthly days,
That when the final Easter dawns,
We join in heaven’s praise.</p> |
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<p>1 Once He came in blessing, All our sins redressing; Came in likeness lowly, Son of God most holy; Bore the cross to save us; Hope and freedom gave us.</p> <p>2 Now He gently leads us; With Himself He feeds us Precious food from heaven, Pledge of peace here given, Manna that will nourish Souls that they may flourish.</p>	<p>3 Soon will come that hour When with mighty power Christ will come in splendor And will judgment render, With the faithful sharing Joy beyond comparing.</p> <p>4 Come, then, O Lord Jesus, From our sins release us. Keep our hearts believing, That we, grace receiving, Ever may confess You Till in heav'n we bless You.</p> <p><small>Text (sts. 1, 4): Public domain Text (sts. 2–3): © 2006 Concordia Publishing House. Used by permission: LSB Hymn License no. 110004210</small></p>
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POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Let us pray. O God the Father, source of divine nourishment, through Your Holy Word, body, and blood, You increase our faith and courage to bear our crosses in the name of Jesus, glorified and crucified. At this Table, You unite us with the myriad of saints who have preceded us. Together, past, present, and future, we are believing heirs of Your eternal promises. We are witnesses of Christ’s life, suffering, death, and resurrection. Prepare us for our eternal glory, where we will reside with You in Jerusalem, our eternal home.

People: Amen.

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

Pastor: O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,

People: and His mercy endureth forever.

Pastor: We give thanks to You, almighty God, both for Your command to believe and for the faith to receive this salutary gift, and we pray that as Christ’s redeemed people we may show forth the light of Your grace and love to our neighbors; 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 Nailed To The Cross

Verse 1

When I stand accused by my regrets
And the Devil roars his empty threats
I will preach the gospel to myself
That I am not a man condemned
For Jesus Christ is my defense

Chorus 1

My sin is nailed to the cross
My soul is healed by the scars
The weight of guilt I bear no more
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord

Verse 2

When my doubt and shame hang over me
Like the arrows of the enemy
I will run again to Calvary
That rugged hill of Hell's defeat
My fortress and my victory
(SING CHORUS 1)

Chorus 2

My sin is nailed to the cross
My soul is healed by the scars
Now I'm alive forevermore
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord

Bridge

It is finished, sin is vanquished
Hallelujah praise the Lord
All the glory, all the honor
To my Savior, Christ the Lord

Verse 3

When I stand before the throne at last
His blood will plead my innocence
I will worship Him with holy hands
And raise the song that never ends
Of Jesus Christ my righteousness
(SING CHORUS 1 and 2)

Ending

Oh praise the Lord, praise the Lord

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Emmanuel Lutheran Prayer List The Week of March 9, 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:*

- **Gary Tweed (R.Rush, friend) Recovering from stomach surgery**
- **Jamie Leyva (C. Leyva, Daughter-in-law) Surgery for breast cancer postponed due to sudden death of Jamie's father.**
- **Bahar Kurtulus (D. Meyer, friend) Knee surgery**
- ◇ **Sam Bair (parents) Prayers for job & move.**
- **Louise Skopak (Pastor, Mom) Recovering from of a broken hip.**
- **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
- ◇ **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**
- **Erin Y. (J. Thomas, friend) cancer diagnosis this week.**

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

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!