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

**Sunday March 23, 2025**

THIRD 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 24**

7:00pm Southside Bible Group (Baldwin Home)

**Tuesday, March 25**

**Wednesday, March 26**

12:00pm Lent Midweek Service (sanctuary)

5:40pm Lent Soup Supper (narthex)

6:30pm Lent Evening Service (sanctuary)

**Thursday, March 27**

4:30pm Volleyball Home game vs. Brevard

**Friday, March 28**

6:00pm Pickleball (gym)

**Saturday, March 29**

4:30pm Saturday Small Group (Renner Home)

**Saturday, March 30**

9am Adult Sunday School Class (Fellow. Hall)

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

9am Youth Confirmation Class (conf. room)

**10:00am One Combined Worship Service**

Post-Service Prayer Ministry (altar)

Food Pantry is closed

5:00pm High School Youth Group

**Upcoming Week—Member Celebrations!**

**Birthdays:** 3/26 Heather Meulenberg; 3/26 R. Jean Metcalf; 3/27 Gerry Hardesty; 3/27 Doug Piercy; 3/30 Lula Meulenberg; 3/31 Helen Cline

**Anniversaries:**

3/24 Peter & Heather Renner; 3/28 Richard & Barbara Clough; 3/29 Samuel & Cymantha Waites; 3/30 Justin & Heather Hodges

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

**Attendance**

8:30am: 65    11am: 69  
Midweek Noon: 28    6:30pm: 28

**Online**

Website: 42  
FB: 32

**ELC Grab n Go Sunday Food Pantry**

Sunday 3/9:

Cars: 59    People: 433    Families: 109

**Church Staff:**

**Senior Pastor:** Rev. Dr. Jeffrey Skopak

**Director of Christian Education:** Alexi Lundquist

**Parish Administrator:** Dirk Wilmoth

**Business Administrator:** Gail Thomas

**Church Office Administrator:** Leigh Horsley

**Hospitality Ministry :** Shirley Parker

**P/W Music and Tech Director:** Heather Meulenberg

**Organist:** Lula Meulenberg

**Digital Media Coordinator:** Peter Linton

**School K-8**

**School Principal:** Mark Edmiston

**School Admin. Assistant:** Shari Reaves

**Assistant Principal/:** Denise Ball

**Director of Admissions:** Emily Leatherwood

**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

**Previous Week's Offerings**

**General Offering Received:** \$ 7,617.60

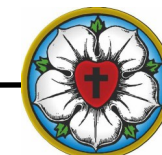
**Building Funds Received:** \$ 300.00

**\*Weekly Offering Budget:** \$ (12,817.31)

**Yes...Repentance**



Luke 13:1-9



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# Sunday—March 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2025

## 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, 1-3pm

Today's Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God, in honor of:  
Peter & Heather Renner's 52<sup>nd</sup> Wedding Anniversary  
K. Ray & Glenda Bailey's 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary

## 8:30am Traditional Worship

Call to Worship: The Power of the Cross

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Welcome and Announcements

Opening Hymn:

LSB 696 O God, My Faithful God

Invocation: page 213

Confession and Absolution: page 213

Salutation and Collect: Page 214

Old Testament: Ezekiel 33:7-20 (page 215)

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 10:1-13 (page 215)

The Holy Gospel: Luke 13:1-9 (page 215)

Children's Message

Sermon Hymn:

LSB 716 I Walk in Danger All the Way

The Sermon: Yes...Repentance (Luke 13:1-9)

Credal Hymn:

LSB 953 We All Believe in One True God

Prayers of the Church

Offering

Preface: Page 216

Lord's Prayer: Page 217

Words of our Lord: Page 217

Pax Domini: 217

Distribution

Communion Hymns:

LSB 559 Oh, How Great Is Your Compassion

LSB 627 Jesus Christ, Our Blessed Savior

Post-Communion Hymn:

LSB 643 Sent Forth by God's Blessing

Post-Communion Collect: Page 218

Benedicamus and Benediction: Page 218

Closing Hymn:

LSB 511 Herald, Sound the Note of Judgment

Servers	8:30am	11:00am
Elder	Susan Roby*	Joel Helms*
Acolyte	Sign-up to serve!	Naomi Hines
Ushers	Scott Hausman & Neil Pursley	Bradley Hines & James Carpenter
Lector	Mary Hufnagle	Jeanine Helms
Communion	Susan Roby* & Bill Hufnagle	Joel Helms* & Doug Piercy
Café Lead	Sign-up to serve!	Sign-up to serve!

**Prayer Support Team:**

Rich and Lisa Baldwin

**Sound & Tech Crew:**

8:30am: Heather M. & Peter L

11:00am: Peter L. & Heather H.

**Altar Guild:**

8:30am: Susan Roby

11:00am: Margo Rabon

**Offering Counters:**

Mike & Rojealous Rush



## Grab & Go Food Pantry

Open to the public:

2nd & 4th Sundays, 1-3pm

**We would love more volunteers!**

Help needed some Wednesday afternoons,  
Friday mornings, & 2 Sunday afternoons!

If interested, email [churchoffice@elcsmail.org](mailto:churchoffice@elcsmail.org)

GET FOOD PANTRY  
TEXT UPDATES!  
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## One Combined Service

Sunday March 30th

10:00am

Sunday School Classes @ 9:00am

- Soup Suppers are every Wednesday evening in Lent!

- Next & last Lent Midweek Luncheon day: 4/2



## 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.

## Southside Bible Group

Monday March 24th

7:00pm, Baldwin Home

## Saturday Small Group

Saturday March 29th

4:30pm, Renner Home

Sign Up



to Serve

**SERVE & WORSHIP ON SUNDAYS!**

## Sermon Notes 3/23/25 "Yes...Repentance"

1 Corinthians 10:1-13; Luke 13:1-9

*The world is not the same \_\_\_\_\_ as it was back in the first century - except one thing: The society in that day didn't have a good understanding of \_\_\_\_\_ either!*

- I. Sinners Need \_\_\_\_\_
  - A. Paul was writing to this church to remind them they were still \_\_\_\_\_ in need of repentance
    1. Even though they were \_\_\_\_\_
    2. Even though they shared in the \_\_\_\_\_
  - B. Paul reminds the Corinthians about Israel's wanderings in the \_\_\_\_\_
    1. Israel was "\_\_\_\_\_ " in the Red Sea
    2. Israel ate and drank \_\_\_\_\_ food and drink
    3. But none of that stopped Israel from \_\_\_\_\_
      - a. God was not \_\_\_\_\_ with Israel
      - b. Paul uses this as a back-drop to call for \_\_\_\_\_
  - C. In the Gospel Lesson we find Jesus issuing the same \_\_\_\_\_ call
    1. Acknowledge your \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_
    2. The people were seeking \_\_\_\_\_ for the slaughter of the Galileans by Pilate
      - a. Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ to have any part of that line of thinking
      - b. Instead, Jesus moves us to a discussion about our \_\_\_\_\_ & our need to \_\_\_\_\_
      - c. Luke \_\_\_\_\_
    3. Jesus is suggesting that we don't really know how to \_\_\_\_\_ such events
      - a. The example of the tower of Siloam (Luke \_\_\_\_\_)

- b. Such \_\_\_\_\_ should be seen as pointers to the destruction that threatens all people...unless \_\_\_\_\_

- II. \_\_\_\_\_ is Still Needed
  - A. There is \_\_\_\_\_ to the Christian life than being baptized & participating in weekly worship and communion
    1. Worship is not an \_\_\_\_\_ in itself
    2. The Call to \_\_\_\_\_ is open-ended
      - a. Will we \_\_\_\_\_?
      - b. Will we \_\_\_\_\_?
      - c. Will we re-orient our \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ towards Jesus and walk in faith?
    3. Repentance needs to occur \_\_\_\_\_
  - B. As baptized children of God, we not only receive God's \_\_\_\_\_ for a future life in His heavenly Kingdom, we also receive a \_\_\_\_\_ to serve Him as ambassadors of His Kingdom here on earth
    1. We cannot complain about society if we are not willing to \_\_\_\_\_ to the fact that we know a \_\_\_\_\_ way
    2. How many Lenten seasons do we need to hear the message of the \_\_\_\_\_ before we walk with the One who hung upon its \_\_\_\_\_

*God has given us His \_\_\_\_\_,  
to walk with us through the  
wilderness of this world, and the  
strength to \_\_\_\_\_ to others  
that we know the Grace of God.*





## AS WE GATHER

A main emphasis of our Lenten discipline is our struggle against temptations to sin and toward true repentance that leads to living faithful Christian lives. As our physical well-being depends in part on healthy choices of diet, in today's Readings God uses the metaphor of eating and drinking to warn and encourage His people to avoid the temptations of the world and our own sin that leads us away from God and to rely constantly on the forgiveness and faith that God provides to enable us to lead godly lives. In the Epistle, Paul has in mind how God provides for us in His Word and Sacraments. We are to remember not only that we *were* baptized but that we *are* baptized, meaning God still provides us with saving, bold faith that relies on His mercy and grace because we belong to Him now. The center of the Divine Service is the Sacrament of Christ's body and blood, through which we are given forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation—all the benefits won for us by the cross and sacrifice of Jesus on our behalf. Today we are encouraged to receive and rely on God's gifts and provision constantly, that we may maintain a healthy and strong faith in the face of all adversities and challenges.

## CALL TO WORSHIP

The Power of the Cross

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## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### OPENING 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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## INVOCATION

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

People: **Amen.**

## OPENING SENTENCES

Pastor: Restore us again, O God of our salvation,

People: **and put away Your indignation toward us!**

Pastor: Show us Your steadfast love, O Lord,

People: **and grant us Your salvation.**

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: God has made us His people by our Baptism into Christ. He graciously provides us with all we need to live in true faith, confidence, and hope. Let us present ourselves before Him, confessing our sins and need for His mercy, and receive His promised help.

People: **Almighty God, our Father in heaven, we come to You seeking Your forgiveness and the strengthening of our faith that we may live and serve You faithfully. We confess all our sins against You and against those whom we have hurt or failed to help. Even our very thoughts and desires have been soiled with sin. In true sorrow, we ask for Your grace, Your forgiveness, and that You strengthen our faith, all for the sake and in the praise of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

Pastor: “No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man. God is faithful.” Upon this, your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of Christ, 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 God, whose glory it is always to have mercy, be gracious to all who have gone astray from Your ways and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of Your Word; 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

*Ezekiel 33:7–20*

*(Ezekiel is Israel’s watchman.)*

<sup>7</sup> “So you, son of man, I have made a watchman for the house of Israel. Whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. <sup>8</sup> If I say to the wicked, O wicked one, you shall surely die, and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from his way, that wicked person

shall die in his iniquity, but his blood I will require at your hand.<sup>9</sup> But if you warn the wicked to turn from his way, and he does not turn from his way, that person shall die in his iniquity, but you will have delivered your soul.<sup>10</sup> “And you, son of man, say to the house of Israel, Thus have you said: ‘Surely our transgressions and our sins are upon us, and we rot away because of them. How then can we live?’<sup>11</sup> Say to them, As I live, declares the Lord God, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from his way and live; turn back, turn back from your evil ways, for why will you die, O house of Israel?<sup>12</sup> “And you, son of man, say to your people, The righteousness of the righteous shall not deliver him when he transgresses, and as for the wickedness of the wicked, he shall not fall by it when he turns from his wickedness, and the righteous shall not be able to live by his righteousness<sup>[a]</sup> when he sins.<sup>13</sup> Though I say to the righteous that he shall surely live, yet if he trusts in his righteousness and does injustice, none of his righteous deeds shall be remembered, but in his injustice that he has done he shall die.<sup>14</sup> Again, though I say to the wicked, ‘You shall surely die,’ yet if he turns from his sin and does what is just and right,<sup>15</sup> if the wicked restores the pledge, gives back what he has taken by robbery, and walks in the statutes of life, not doing injustice, he shall surely live; he shall not die.<sup>16</sup> None of the sins that he has committed shall be remembered against him. He has done what is just and right; he shall surely live.<sup>17</sup> “Yet your people say, ‘The way of the Lord is not just,’ when it is their own way that is not just.<sup>18</sup> When the righteous turns from his righteousness and does injustice, he shall die for it.<sup>19</sup> And when the wicked turns from his wickedness and does what is just and right, he shall live by this.<sup>20</sup> Yet you say, ‘The way of the Lord is not just.’ O house of Israel, I will judge each of you according to his ways.”

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**EPISTLE** 1 Corinthians 10:1–13 (Warning against idolatry)

<sup>1</sup>For I do not want you to be unaware, brothers,<sup>[a]</sup> that our fathers were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea,<sup>2</sup> and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea,<sup>3</sup> and all ate the same spiritual food,<sup>4</sup> and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual Rock that followed them, and the Rock was Christ.<sup>5</sup> Nevertheless, with most of them God was not pleased, for they were overthrown<sup>[b]</sup> in the wilderness.

<sup>6</sup>Now these things took place as examples for us, that we might not desire evil as they did.<sup>7</sup> Do not be idolaters as some of them were; as it is written, “The people sat down to eat and drink and rose up to play.”<sup>8</sup> We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day.<sup>9</sup> We must not put Christ<sup>[c]</sup> to the test, as some of them did and were destroyed by serpents,<sup>10</sup> nor grumble, as some of them did and were destroyed by the Destroyer.<sup>11</sup> Now these things happened to them as an example, but they were written down for our instruction, on whom the end of the ages has come.<sup>12</sup> Therefore let anyone who thinks that he stands take heed lest he fall.<sup>13</sup> No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tempted beyond your ability, but with the temptation he will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**HOLY GOSPEL** *Luke 13:1–9 (Repent or perish)*

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

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

<sup>1</sup>There were some present at that very time who told him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. <sup>2</sup>And he answered them, “Do you think that these Galileans were worse sinners than all the other Galileans, because they suffered in this way? <sup>3</sup>No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all likewise perish. <sup>4</sup>Or those eighteen on whom the tower in Siloam fell and killed them: do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others who lived in Jerusalem? <sup>5</sup>No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all likewise perish.” <sup>6</sup>And he told this parable: “A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard, and he came seeking fruit on it and found none. <sup>7</sup>And he said to the vinedresser, ‘Look, for three years now I have come seeking fruit on this fig tree, and I find none. Cut it down. Why should it use up the ground?’ <sup>8</sup>And he answered him, ‘Sir, let it alone this year also, until I dig around it and put on manure.’ <sup>9</sup>Then if it should bear fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.”

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 & 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 & 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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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  $\times$  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 Oh Lord You're Beautiful/Grace Abounds

**Intro**

Oh Lord You're beautiful  
Your face is all I seek  
And when Your eyes are on this child  
Your grace abounds to me  
(REPEAT INTRO)

**Verse 1**

You lay aside Your throne,  
and to this world You have come  
You offered up Your life,  
the debt You paid was not Yours

**Chorus**

Your grace abounds to me  
Your grace abounds to me  
Jesus in You I find all that I need

**Verse 2**

A gift I could not earn  
Your open arms are undeserved  
Enabled by Your grace  
Now to live is Christ alone  
(SING CHORUS 2x)

**Bridge**

All powerful all glorious  
There's nothing like the Name of Jesus  
All powerful all glorious  
There's nothing like Your Name  
(REPEAT BRIDGE)

(SING CHORUS 2x)

**Ending**

Find all I need in You

## 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 559 Oh, How Great Is Your Compassion

1 Oh, how great is Your compassion,  
Faithful Father, God of grace,  
That with all our fallen race  
In our depth of degradation  
You had mercy so that we  
Might be saved eternally!

2 Your great love for this has striven  
That we may, from sin made free,  
Live with You eternally.  
Your dear Son Himself has given  
And extends His gracious call,  
To His supper leads us all.

3 Firmly to our soul’s salvation  
Witnesses Your Spirit, Lord,  
In Your Sacraments and Word.  
There He sends true consolation,  
Giving us the gift of faith  
That we fear not hell nor death.

4 Lord, Your mercy will not leave me;  
Ever will Your truth abide.  
Then in You I will confide.  
Since Your Word cannot deceive me,  
My salvation is to me  
Safe and sure eternally.

*(Verse 5 on next page>>>>)*

5 I will praise Your great compassion,  
Faithful Father, God of grace,  
That with all our fallen race  
In our depth of degradation  
You had mercy so that we  
Might be saved eternally. *Text: Public domain*

LSB 627 Jesus Christ, Our Blessed Savior

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| <p>1 Jesus Christ, our blessed Savior,<br/>Turned away God's wrath forever;<br/>By His bitter grief and woe<br/>He saved us from the evil foe.</p> <p>2 As His pledge of love undying,<br/>He, this precious food supplying,<br/>Gives His body with the bread,<br/>And with the wine the blood He shed.</p> <p>3 Jesus here Himself is sharing;<br/>Heed then how you are preparing,<br/>For if you do not believe,<br/>His judgment then you shall receive.</p> <p>4 Praise the Father, who from heaven<br/>To His own this food has given,<br/>Who, to mend what we have done,<br/>Gave into death His only Son.</p> <p>5 Firmly hold with faith unshaken<br/>That this food is to be taken<br/>By the sick who are distressed,<br/>By hearts that long for peace and rest.</p> | <p>6 Agony and bitter labor<br/>Were the cost of God's high favor;<br/>Do not come if you suppose<br/>You need not Him who died and rose.</p> <p>7 Christ says: "Come, all you that labor,<br/>And receive My grace and favor:<br/>Those who feel no pain or ill<br/>Need no physician's help or skill.</p> <p>8 "For what purpose was My dying<br/>If not for your justifying?<br/>And what use this precious food<br/>If you yourself were pure and good?"</p> <p>9 If your heart this truth professes<br/>And your mouth your sin confesses,<br/>You will be your Savior's guest,<br/>Be at His banquet truly blest.</p> <p>10 Let this food your faith so nourish<br/>That its fruit of love may flourish<br/>And your neighbor learn from you<br/>How much God's wondrous love can do.</p> |
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## POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

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

**People:** **and His mercy endureth forever.**

**Pastor:** Almighty and everlasting God, we thank and praise You for feeding us the life-giving body and blood of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ. Send us Your Holy Spirit that, having with our mouths received the Holy Sacrament, we may by faith obtain and eternally enjoy Your divine grace, the forgiveness of sins, unity with Christ, and life eternal; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**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 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:*

- **Roger Heyman (D. Reiling, brother in law) blockage found in heart; Prayers are for guidance.**
- **Ann Downs (K. Emory, mother) stomach cancer found**
- ◇ Marilyn Saylor age 90, in hospice care. Recent TIA. DNR
- ◇ Ruth Jean Metcalf age 94, in palliative care at Mission. DNR
- ◇ Ron Pepin Was at Advent with pneumonia; had testing
- ◇ Hans Meulenberg At urgent care last weekend—pneumonia
- ◇ GloriaSpude/LewisFamily Deb Lewis (Gloria's sis.)passed away.
- Erin Y. (J.Thomas, friend) Procedure to remove cancer on 3/13
- Jamie Leyva (C. Leyva, Daughter-in-law) Surgery for breast cancer now re-scheduled for March 24th
- Bahar Kurtulus (D. Meyer, friend) Knee surgery
- ◇ Sam Bair (parents) Prayers for job & move.
- 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.

◇ = Emmanuel Lutheran Church Members

*(See back for those diagnosed & living with long-term conditions)*

- "Lord, I come before you, seeking your healing touch. Heal my body, restore my strength, and grant me the peace that passes understanding. In Jesus' name, Amen."
- "Lord, I trust in your healing power. I ask that you heal me, not only physically, but also spiritually. I believe in your grace and mercy. Amen."
- "Father, I thank you for the gift of healing. I pray that you would restore my health and well-being. I trust in your plan for my life. Amen."

### Prayers for those with long-term illnesses & conditions:

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



### 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!*