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Emmanuel Lutheran
 CHURCH & SCHOOL
 ASHEVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA

Sunday March 30, 2025

FOURTH 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

Tuesday, April 1
 4:30pm Volleyball Home game vs. Carolina Day

Wednesday, April 2
 12:00pm Lent Midweek Service (sanctuary)
 12:30pm Lent Soup Luncheon (narthex)
 1:30pm Women's Bible Study (room# 111)
 5:40pm Lent Soup Supper (narthex)
 6:30pm Lent Evening Service (sanctuary)

Thursday, April 3: 6pm Parish Admin. Meeting

Friday, April 4
 9:30am-12:30pm K-8 Grandparent's Day
 6:00pm Pickleball for church use (gym)

Saturday, April 5
 7:30am Men's Breakfast Group (First Watch)
 9:30am-12pm Sanctuary Spring Cleaning Day!

Saturday, April 6
8:30am Traditional/Liturgical 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 Youth Group

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: TBD & Christy Credle
 PS3: Mallory Swaney & TBD
 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: \$ 11,549.31
 Building Funds Received: \$ 600.03
 *Weekly Offering Budget: \$ (12,817.31)

Upcoming Week—Member Celebrations!

Birthdays: 3/30 Lula Meulenberg; 3/31 Helen Cline; 4/2 Anitta Charlson, 4/2 Barry Reiling; 4/3 Becca Stackhouse; 4/4 Chris Zurofsky; 4/5 Mark Edmiston; 4/5 Patricia Frazier

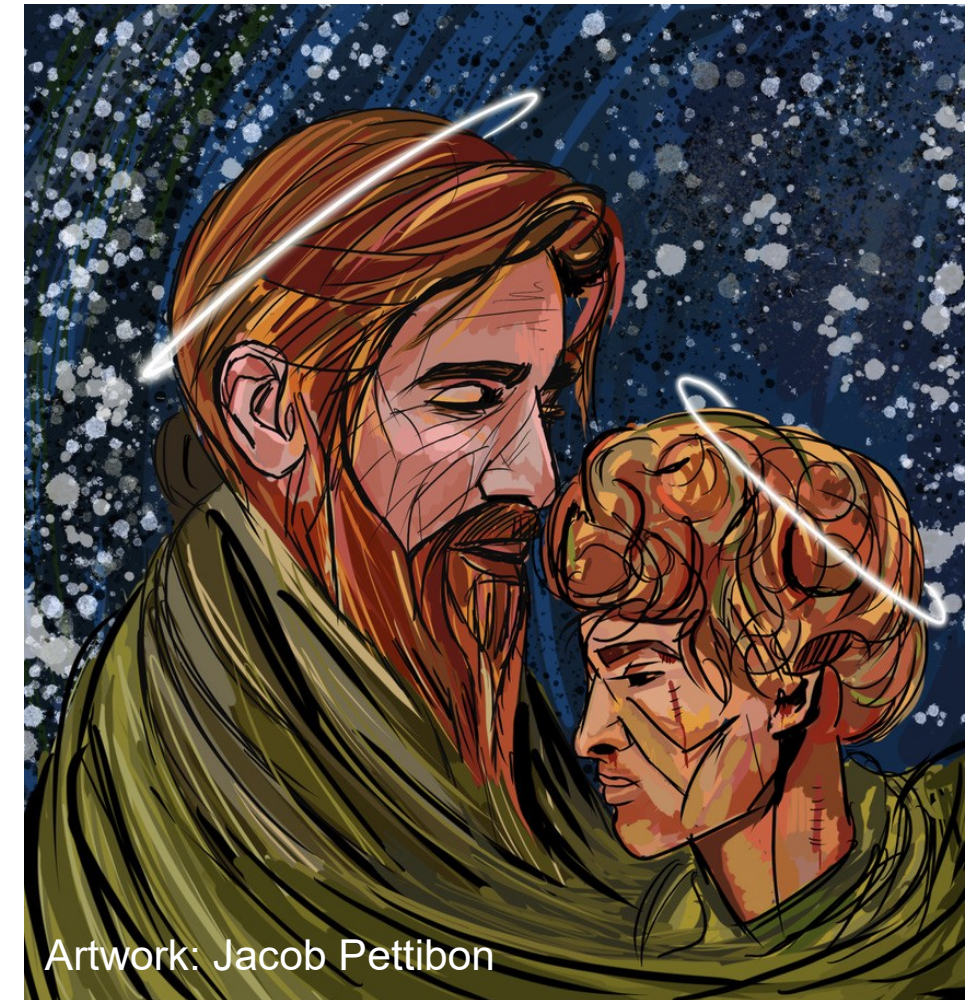
Anniversaries: 3/30 Justin & Heather Hodges

Previous Week's Services: Attendance & Stats

| Attendance | Online |
|-----------------------------|-------------|
| 8:30am: 67 11am: 73 | Website: 38 |
| Midweek Noon: 24 6:30pm: 24 | FB: 18 |

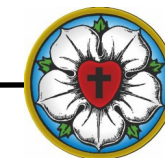
ELC Grab n Go Sunday Food Pantry
 Sunday 3/23:
 Cars: 81 People: 393 Families: 139

Self-Centered



Artwork: Jacob Pettibon

Luke 15:11-32





Sunday—March 30th, 2025

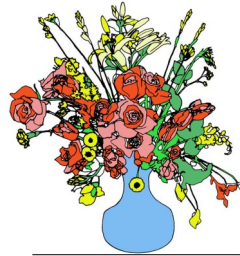
9:00am Classes:

- 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 closed

Today's Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God, in honor of: Justin & Heather Hodges—celebrating 23 years of marriage!



| Servers | 10:00am |
|-----------|----------------------------------|
| Elder | Lisa Baldwin |
| Acolyte | Mason Franklin |
| Ushers | Stephanie Hanson & Lary Schulhof |
| Lector | Heather Renner |
| Communion | Tracey Carpenter & Bill Hufnagle |
| Café Lead | Briana Hastings |

Prayer Support Team:
Kevin & Christi Lorenz

Sound & Tech Crew:
Heather M. & Peter L

Altar Guild:
Susan Roby & Margo Rabon

Offering Counters:
Mike & Rojealous Rush



He is Risen

Holy Week & Easter Services


Palm Sunday 4/13
8:30am & 11:00am

Maundy Thursday 4/17
12:00pm & 6:30pm

Good Friday 4/18
12:00pm & 6:30pm

EASTER SUNDAY 4/20:
7am, 9am, & 11am

Gregory Roseman, the son of Pastor James and Barbara Roseman, passed away unexpectedly last Sunday evening (3/23) in Springfield, VA. Please keep Gregory's wife Jackie and Family and the Roseman's in your prayers.



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.



- Next Midweek Lent Soup Suppers: April 2nd & 9th
- Next & last Lent Midweek Luncheon: April 2nd



LENT MIDWEEK 2025
SAVIOR SERVAANT FRIEND
SERVICES FOR LENT:
Wednesdays March 5th - April 9th
12pm & 6:30pm



Women's Wednesday Bible Study
Bad Girls of the Bible:
And What We Can Learn from Them
by Liz Curtis Higgs
1st & 3rd Wednesday of each month
1:30pm, Room# 111
Contact Kay Thorp or the church office for more info



Please join us!
EASTER EGG HUNT
10:15am in the Courtyard
Easter Sunday ~ April 20th



Sign Up to Serve
SERVE & WORSHIP ON SUNDAYS!



Sunday 3/30 Sermon Notes
Self-Centered Luke 15:11-32

Today's Gospel is a parable that teaches us about the amazing _____ of the father towards his sons. It also speaks to us, the _____ children, who have a loving God waiting for us to return to him.

- I. Unfortunately, there is one problem: We are _____ - _____
- A. The older and younger son both suffer from the same _____
1. They have taken their loving _____ for granted
 2. They have not paid much attention to all He has _____ for them
 - a. The family unit was falling _____
 - b. _____ like this occur when we take each other for granted
- B. Taking _____ for granted stems from being Self-Centered
1. Relationships are the first thing to _____
 2. We rub against each other; we _____ one another
- C. The custom of Jesus' day: The younger son would receive _____ after the death of the father
1. Maybe he was _____ his brother would receive more
 2. All we know is he wanted his share now - while dad was still _____
- D. The older son? Oh, he had _____ too!
1. He had plans for the _____ one day
 2. I'm sure he didn't want the _____ to have anymore than he ought
 - a. Do people not ask the same _____ today
 - b. Taxes...unemployment..._____ aid?
 - c. We live with a sense of "Unfair" when others _____

- II. But it is God Who _____
- A. So why is it that we forget God _____: freedom, food, work, family, friends, etc...???
1. And if we were to lose those things we feel _____
 2. And yet, even in our selfishness God continues to _____
- B. Is there a condition of life that is worse than _____?
1. Perhaps the answer is simple: Being _____
 2. Look at the younger son...he is lost - _____, alone, and tragic.
 - a. But he knows where love and mercy can be found - His _____
 - b. For some of you that is the _____ you need to hear
- C. Is there a condition of life that is better than being _____?
1. Is life more than bearing up under the _____? Doing the right thing?
 2. Look at the older son...he too is lost in life - angry, ____
 - a. What he needs is right in _____ of him
 - b. The loving and _____ arms of the father
- III. Now Look to _____
- A. He comes to us to become "prodigal" on our _____
1. He takes our self-centered sins upon himself and dies in _____
 2. He takes the insults and complaints the come upon him and still outstretches his arms on the _____
- B. Jesus, the unnamed brother, makes the path easy for our _____ to the waiting Father's arms of love and forgiveness

*God loves a party...and he throws that party in our _____..
The celebration is real. And he runs to us with _____ arms whether we are the prodigal or the older brother*



AS WE GATHER

Traditionally, the Fourth Sunday in Lent has been known as Laetare Sunday, from the Latin Introit *Laetare Jerusalem*: “Rejoice with Jerusalem, and be glad for her” (Isaiah 66:10). Though still in the penitential season of Lent, this Sunday is a relaxation from normal Lenten discipline. Flowers may appear, and ministers may wear rose-colored vestments as a lighter shade of violet. Today’s service is inspired by the Old Testament Reading of Isaiah, the First Song of Isaiah: “Sing praises to the Lord, for He has done gloriously; let this be made known in all the earth” (Isaiah 12:5). Today we take that admonition literally as not only the liturgy is sung but also the Readings are expanded with hymn stanzas. “Shout, and sing for joy, O inhabitant of Zion, for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel” (Isaiah 12:6). In the joy of the faithful father in Jesus’ parable of the prodigal son, the forgiveness of our sin and reconciliation with God as His baptized sons and daughters, well, it just makes you want to sing! So we shall!

CALL TO WORSHIP God So Loved

(Chorus)

For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son
That whosoever believes will not perish; they shall have eternal life

(Verse 1)

I shall hold to the cross. I shall hold to God alone
For His love has salvaged me. For His love has set me free

(Chorus)

For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son
That whosoever believes will not perish; they shall have eternal life

(Verse 2)

I shall wait upon the Lord. I shall wait upon His Word
And by His grace I am released. By His grace I am redeemed

(Chorus)

For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son
That whosoever believes will not perish; they shall have eternal life

(Bridge 2x)

By His precious blood I have been set free
For the glory of Jesus' Name

I surrender all now to Christ alone, in Jesus I am saved

(Chorus)

For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son
That whosoever believes will not perish; they shall have eternal life

(TAG)

Yes they shall have eternal life

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 *Isaiah 12:2*

Pastor: Behold, God is my salvation;

People: **I will trust, and will not be afraid;**

Pastor: for the Lord God is my strength and my song,

People: **and He has become my salvation.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION *1 Corinthians 10:13; Psalm 96:2*

Pastor: Beloved in the Lord, Paul reassures us, saying, "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." Let us with confidence and gladness enter God's presence, confessing our sins and receiving His grace, assurance, and forgiveness.

People: **Lord God, we are exceedingly glad to enter Your house this day, for we have heard and believe in the invitation of Your loving kindness and redemption through Jesus Christ, Your Son. In the trust and hope of the faith You have given us as Your baptized children, we confess to You all our sins and failures to share Your gifts of mercy with others. Grant us the forgiveness for which we ask and give us a renewed heart and spirit to sing Your praises in worship of You and to the joy of all.**

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Pastor: “Sing to the Lord, bless His name; tell of His salvation from day to day.” 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. Almighty God, our heavenly Father, Your mercies are new every morning; and though we deserve only punishment, You receive us as Your children and provide for all our needs of body and soul. Grant that we may heartily acknowledge Your merciful goodness, give thanks for all Your benefits, and serve You in willing obedience; 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 *Isaiah 12:1–6* (“The Lord God is my strength and my song.”)

You will say in that day: “I will give thanks to you, O Lord, for though you were angry with me, your anger turned away, that you might comfort me. ² “Behold, God is my salvation; I will trust, and will not be afraid; for the Lord God^[b] is my strength and my song, and he has become my salvation.” ³ With joy you^[c] will draw water from the wells of salvation. ⁴ And you will say in that day: “Give thanks to the Lord, call upon his name, make known his deeds among the peoples, proclaim that his name is exalted. ⁵ “Sing praises to the Lord, for he has done gloriously; let this be made known^[d] in all the earth. ⁶ Shout, and sing for joy, O inhabitant of Zion, for great in your^[e] midst is the Holy One of Israel.”

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE *2 Corinthians 5:16–21* (*A new creation*)

¹⁶ From now on, therefore, we regard no one according to the flesh. Even though we once regarded Christ according to the flesh, we regard him thus no longer. ¹⁷ Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation.^[a] The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. ¹⁸ All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation; ¹⁹ that is, in Christ God was reconciling^[b] the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. ²⁰ Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. ²¹ For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

HOLY GOSPEL *Luke 15:1–3, 11–32* (The Parable of the Prodigal Son)

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

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

¹ Now the tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near to hear him. ² And the Pharisees and the scribes grumbled, saying, “This man receives sinners and eats with them.” ³ So he told them this parable: ¹¹ And he said, “There was a man who had two sons. ¹² And the younger of them said to his father, ‘Father, give me the share of property that is coming to me.’ And he divided his property between them. ¹³ Not many days later, the younger son gathered all he had and took a journey into a far country, and there he squandered his property in reckless living. ¹⁴ And when he had spent everything, a severe famine arose in that country, and he began to be in need. ¹⁵ So he went and hired himself out to ^[a] one of the citizens of that country, who sent him into his fields to feed pigs. ¹⁶ And he was longing to be fed with the pods that the pigs ate, and no one gave him anything. ¹⁷ “But when he came to himself, he said, ‘How many of my father's hired servants have more than enough bread, but I perish here with hunger! ¹⁸ I will arise and go to my father, and I will say to him, “Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. ¹⁹ I am no longer worthy to be called your son. Treat me as one of your hired servants.”’” ²⁰ And he arose and came to his father. But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and felt compassion, and ran and embraced him and kissed him. ²¹ And the son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.’ ^[b] ²² But the father said to his servants, ^[c] ‘Bring quickly the best robe, and put it on him, and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet. ²³ And bring the fattened calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate. ²⁴ For this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found.’ And they began to celebrate. ²⁵ “Now his older son was in the field, and as he came and drew near to the house, he heard music and dancing. ²⁶ And he called one of the servants and asked what these things meant. ²⁷ And he said to him, ‘Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fattened calf, because he has received him back safe and sound.’ ²⁸ But he was angry and refused to go in. His father came out and entreated him, ²⁹ but he answered his father, ‘Look, these many years I have served you, and I never disobeyed your command, yet you never gave me a young goat, that I might celebrate with my friends. ³⁰ But when this son of yours came, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fattened calf for him!’ ³¹ And he said to him, ‘Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. ³² It was fitting to celebrate and be glad, for this your brother was dead, and is alive; he was lost, and is found.’”

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

SERMON SONG Man Of Sorrows

Verse 1

Man of sorrows Lamb of God

By His own betrayed

The sin of man and wrath of God

Has been on Jesus laid

Verse 2

Silent as He stood accused
Beaten mocked and scorned
Bowing to the Father's will
He took a crown of thorns

Chorus

Oh that rugged cross my salvation
Where Your love poured out over me
Now my soul cries out hallelujah
Praise and honor unto Thee

Verse 3

Sent of heaven God's own Son
To purchase and redeem
And reconcile the very ones
Who nailed Him to that tree

(SING CHORUS)

Bridge

Now my debt is paid, it is paid in full
By the precious blood that my Jesus spilled
Now the curse of sin has no hold on me
Whom the Son sets free oh is free indeed

(SING CHORUS 2x)

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SERMON Self-Centered *Luke 15:11-32*

CREED *Nicene*

© 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

☩ 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 Meditation for Lent *one license #71025*

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament.

Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end.

Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD *Matthew 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24; Luke 22:19–20; 1 Corinthians 11:23–25*

Pastor: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My \times body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

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

PAX DOMINI

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

People: Amen.

DISTRIBUTION

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

LSB 686 Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

- 1 Come, Thou Fount of ev'ry blessing,
Tune my heart to sing Thy grace;
Streams of mercy, never ceasing,
Call for songs of loudest praise.
While the hope of endless glory
Fills my heart with joy and love,
Teach me ever to adore Thee;
May I still Thy goodness prove.
- 2 Here I raise my Ebenezer,
Hither by Thy help I've come;
And I hope, by Thy good pleasure,
Safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger,
Wand'ring from the fold of God;
He, to rescue me from danger,
Interposed His precious blood.
- 3 Oh, to grace how great a debtor
Daily I'm constrained to be;
Let that grace now like a fetter
Bind my wand'ring heart to Thee:
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it;
Prone to leave the God I love.
Here's my heart, O take and seal it,
Seal it for Thy courts above.
- 4 Oh, that day when freed from sinning,
I shall see Thy lovely face;
Clothed then in the blood-washed linen,
How I'll sing Thy wondrous grace!
Come, my Lord, no longer tarry;
Take my ransom'd soul away;
Send Thine angels soon to carry
Me to realms of endless day. Text: Public domain

LSB 642 O Living Bread from Heaven

- 1 O living Bread from heaven,
How well You feed your guest!
The gifts that You have given
Have filled my heart with rest.
Oh, wondrous food of blessing,
Oh, cup that heals our woes!
My heart, this gift possessing,
With praises overflows.
- 2 My Lord, You here have led me
To this most holy place
And with Yourself have fed me
The treasures of Your grace;
For You have freely given
What earth could never buy,
The bread of life from heaven,
That now I shall not die.
- 3 You gave me all I wanted;
This food can death destroy.
And You have freely granted
The cup of endless joy.
My Lord, I do not merit
The favor You have shown,
And all my soul and spirit
Bow down before Your throne.
- 4 Lord, grant me then, thus strengthened
With heav'nly food, while here
My course on earth is lengthened,
To serve with holy fear.
And when You call my spirit
To leave this world below,
I enter, through Your merit,
Where joys unmingled flow. Text: Public domain

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

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

People: and His mercy endureth forever.

Pastor: Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

BENEDICTION *Numbers 6:24–26*

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you.

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

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

People: Amen.

CLOSING SONG LSB 528 *Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing*

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|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1 Oh, for a thousand tongues to sing My great Redeemer's praise, The glories of my God and King, The triumphs of His grace! | 5 Look unto Him, ye nations; own Your God, ye fallen race. Look and be saved through faith alone, Be justified by grace. |
| 2 My gracious Master and my God, Assist me to proclaim, To spread through all the earth abroad, The honors of Thy name. | 6 See all your sins on Jesus laid; The Lamb of God was slain. His soul was once an off'ring made For ev'ry soul of man. |
| 3 Jesus! The name that charms our fears, That bids our sorrows cease; 'Tis music in the sinner's ears, 'Tis life and health and peace. | 7 To God all glory, praise, and love Be now and ever giv'n By saints below and saints above, The Church in earth and heav'n. |
| 4 He breaks the pow'r of canceled sin; He sets the pris'ner free. His blood can make the foulest clean; His blood avails for me. | |

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Emmanuel Lutheran Prayer List The Week of March 30, 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:

◇ **Pastor James & Barbara Roseman & family—**

Their son Gregory Roseman (age 65) passed away unexpectedly last Sunday evening (3/23) in Springfield, VA.

Prayer for Gregory's wife Jackie and Family and the Rosemans.

◇ **Shirley Parker and Family—** Jean Metcalf, Shirley's aunt & long-time member, passed away Saturday March 22nd.

◇ **Wendy Hines** Prayer for safe travels to Wilmington for work

- **Ron Riddle** (B. King, friend) Ron was diagnosed with cancer

- **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

◇ **Gloria Spude & Lewis Family** Deb Lewis (Gloria's sis.) passed away.

- **Erin Y.** (J. Thomas, friend) Had procedure to remove cancer on 3/13

- **Jamie Leyva** (C. Leyva, Daughter-in-law) Surgery for breast on 3/24

◇ **Sam Bair** Prayers for job & move.

◇ = Emmanuel Lutheran Church Members

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

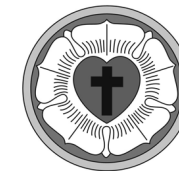
- "Lord, I come before you, seeking your healing touch. Heal my body, restore my strength, and grant me the peace that passes understanding. In Jesus' name, Amen."
- "Lord, I trust in your healing power. I ask that you heal me, not only physically, but also spiritually. I believe in your grace and mercy. 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 | Donna Logeman (E.Lundquist, mother) |
| ◇ 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 | ◇ Carol Cook | ◇ 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!