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Emmanuel Lutheran
CHURCH & SCHOOL
ASHEVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA

Sunday April 20, 2025
EASTER SUNDAY

7:00am Sunrise Worship

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Our Vision:
Fully Engaged, Biblically Passionate,

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Monday, April 21
School is back in session!

Tuesday, April 22
4:00pm Away Volleyball game vs. Brevard Acad.

Wednesday, April 23
NO Noon Service for 4/23

Thursday, April 24
4:00pm Home Volleyball game vs. Brevard Acad.
6:00pm Governance Transition Team Meeting
6:30pm Elder Ministry Team meeting (narthex)

Friday, April 25
K-8 PTL Ninja Run
6:00pm Pickleball for church use (gym)

Saturday, April 26
4:30pm Saturday Small Group (Meyer home)

Sunday, April 27—Pastor Gillespie preaches
8:30am Traditional Service
9:45am Adult Sunday School (Fellowship 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 **OPEN, 1-3pm**
5:00pm High School Youth Group

Upcoming Week—Member Celebrations!

Birthdays: 4/20 Martha Greene; 4/2 Seth Baker; 4/25 Hope Emory, Daniel Hastings, Heather Renner; 4/26 Dale Emory, JR.

Anniversaries: 4/21 Patti Moore (Brian+)

Previous Week's Services: Attendance & Stats

Attendance		Online	
8:30am: 84	11am: 78	Website: 85	
Midweek Noon: 80	6:30pm: 90	FB: 35	

ELC Grab n Go Sunday Food Pantry

Sunday 4/13:
Cars: 73 People: 32a 87: 139

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 (moved to PS2 in August)
PS2: Chris Smith (until August) & Christy Credle
PS3: Mallory Swaney & Amanda Shepherd
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

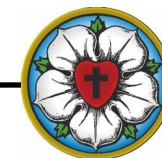
Previous Week's Offerings

General Offering Received: \$ 9,766.01
Building Funds Received: \$ 496.88
***Weekly Offering Budget:** \$ (12,817.31)*

True or False: Death Does Not Have the Last Word



Luke 24:1-12



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Christ is Risen!

Sunday—April 20th, 2025

Easter Sunday

Worship Schedule
7:00am (Sunrise)
9:00am (Traditional)
11:00am (Blended)

8:00am - 10:30am: Easter Breakfast “drop-in” buffet (Fellowship Hall)
10:15am: Easter Egg Hunt (courtyard)

Servers	9:00am	11:00am
Elder	Susan Roby	Vaughn Stinson*
Acolyte	Abraham Allen	Jacob Kanelos
Ushers	Rich & Amy Bair	James & Tracey Carpenter
Lector	Neil Pursley	Ed Lopez
Communion	Stephanie Hanson & Bill Hufnagle	Dan Kelm & Vaughn Stinson*
Café Lead	Harold N.	TBD

Prayer Support Team:
 Pastor Art & Kathy Gillespie

Sound & Tech Crew:
 8:30am: Heather M. & Peter L.
 11:00am: Ben Munn & Rachel S.

Altar Guild:
 8:30am: Stephanie Hanson
 11:00am: Edith Walker

Offering Counters:
 Joel & Jeanine Helms

Dear All— who dedicated Easter Lilies for today’s services,
Please remember to take your lilies home with you today. Thank you for helping adorn the sanctuary so beautifully with such sentimental honor & remembrance, to the Glory of God!



BUSHWHAKERS SEASON IS HERE!
 Beginning Saturday 4/19...

Welcoming volunteers to help with light grounds maintenance at Emmanuel’s campus.

3rd Saturday of each month
8am-11:30am

Drinks & snacks provided.

Interested, Questions?
 Call or text Joel Helms
 (828) 230-4721

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.



Begins next Sunday 4/27!

Adult Sunday School Class
 starting April 27th, 9:45am in the Fellowship Hall

Join Pastor Gillespie for an engaging survey of the Book of Ephesians. We will explore the major theological themes, discover practical life applications, and find encouragement in the timeless truths of God’s Word.

Don’t miss this opportunity to strengthen your faith, deepen your understanding of Scripture, and grow alongside fellow believers.

Seeking adventurous men for the Emmanuel Men’s Hiking Club.

We are a men's group that hikes one Saturday a month for about 5 (moderate-difficult) miles—from simple walks in the woods, to waterfalls and mountain tops.

If this sounds like you, text Ed DeBerry
 828-280-7129

Sermon Notes 4/20/25 ~ Easter Sunday

True or False: Death Does Not Have the Last Word

Luke 24:1-12

True or false...fact or fiction...these are the _____ that still challenge the world today some 2,000 years after women ran to the disciples to tel them Jesus was alive! So today I ask you: True or false...Fact or Fiction?

I. So What About Mary _____

A. The women go out to the tomb to properly prepare Jesus _____

1. This is done out of love and _____
2. Jesus made them feel _____ and loved
 - a. They approach to the tomb in wonder - the stone was _____ away
 - b. Luke _____

B. Mary (and the other ladies response): They _____ Jesus' words

1. He raised _____ from the dead...why not Himself?!
2. And what about Jairus's _____?! And the widow of Nain's son?!
 - a. She is compelled to run and tell the _____
 - b. What if in my excitement I appear to be _____?
3. Sound _____?
 - a. How slow are you to share the resurrection because of fear of looking stupid? Out of touch? _____?
 - b. what stops you from sharing the _____ of Easter?

C. But Mary fights through her _____ fears and she bursts into the upper room

1. She shares the truth - Luke _____
2. True or False...Fact or _____
 - a. The Disciples Verdict: Luke _____

II. So What About _____

A. I want to believe what Mary has shared; I want to believe Jesus is risen from the _____

1. John saw Jesus _____; How can a dead man come back to life?
2. _____ clouds judgment; but it also clouds faith
 - a. Peter _____ to go and see (Luke 24:12)
 - b. And what did this accomplish? Marvel at what had _____

B. Peter, who _____ in the empty tomb, still not really sure what happened

1. Do you ever _____ that way? Hear the story over and over again but still marvel? Still doubt?
2. Sometimes the _____ is so shocking it's hard for us to get our arms around it

III. The Truth is Life _____

A. Mary's encounter; Peter's confirmation of an empty tomb sometimes is simply not _____ for people today

1. The Road of Faith ultimately comes to a point of accepting the unacceptable; believing the unbelievable; receiving the _____ we do not deserve
2. Peter, as he comes to grips with the power of the resurrected Jesus is unable to contain his zeal to share Jesus even to the point of _____
3. Tradition tells us Mary Magdalene kept telling people about the resurrected Jesus until her death some _____ years later in Southeastern France

B. And what about you _____?

Did you hear the one about the two Roman Soldiers guarding the tomb? The stone rolled away and they were stricken unconscious. When they came to the one guard said to the other: well, now the only thing certain is _____"





AS WE GATHER

Three days can seem like an eternity. It must have felt that way to the disciples after Jesus had been crucified. All hope seemed to have vanished. Just a few days before, Jesus made His triumphant entry into Jerusalem. Yet in five days, He was crucified. Imagine what they went through as Jesus lay in the tomb. What makes you different from them? Christ is risen! Today, we celebrate the promise Jesus made: on the third day He would and did—rise again to life. Whatever you face in your life, you do it with the risen Lord by your side! Rejoice!

OPENING HYMN “Jesus Christ Is Risen Today” LSB 457 vv.1-3

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| <p>1 Jesus Christ is ris’n today, Alleluia!
Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!
Who did once upon the cross, Alleluia!
Suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!</p> <p>2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia!
Unto Christ, our heav’nly king, Alleluia!
Who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia!
Sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!</p> | <p>3 But the pains which He endured, Alleluia!
Our salvation have procured; Alleluia!
Now above the sky He’s king, Alleluia!
Where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Text: Public domain</i></p> |
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INVOCATION

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

People: **Amen.**

EASTER ACCLAMATION

Pastor: Christ is risen! > **People:** **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

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CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION *Revelation 1:8*

Pastor: He is risen indeed, even as He said to the apostle John on Patmos,

People: **“I am the Alpha and the Omega,” says the Lord God, “who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.”**

Pastor: Knowing that Jesus is the Head of the church, do you confess that you are a sinner?

People: **Yes, I confess that I am a sinner with no hope of heaven on my own.**

Pastor: What then is your hope?

People: **My hope is that Christ suffered for my sins on the cross and died, and was raised back to life, and He now offers the forgiveness to me, not because of what I have done, but by faith in believing what He did forgives my every sin.**

Pastor: Jesus called people to a holy life, telling them, “Go and sin no more.” Do you promise, with the help of the Holy Spirit, that you will amend your sinful life?

People: **Yes, I promise by the aid of the Holy Spirit to amend my sinful life, turning away from sin as I am strengthened by the Holy Spirit to lead a life that glorifies God.**

Pastor: Then hear the great news on the anniversary of that great third day: as a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins, in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen! He is risen indeed!**

KYRIE

Pastor: In peace, let us pray to the Lord as we remember what our God did on the third day.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise as we celebrate the third day, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

People: Amen.

HYMN I Know That My Redeemer Lives LSB 461 vv. 1-3

1 I know that my Redeemer lives;
What comfort this sweet sentence gives!
He lives, He lives, who once was dead;
He lives, my ever-living head.

2 He lives triumphant from the grave;
He lives eternally to save;
He lives all-glorious in the sky;
He lives exalted there on high.

3 He lives to bless me with His love;
He lives to plead for me above;
He lives my hungry soul to feed;
He lives to help in time of need.

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SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray. Almighty God, through Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, You overcame death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life. We humbly pray that we may live before You in righteousness and purity forever; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT *Job 19:23–27*

²³“Oh that my words were written! Oh that they were inscribed in a book! ²⁴Oh that with an iron pen and lead they were engraved in the rock forever! ²⁵For I know that my Redeemer lives, and at the last he will stand upon the earth. ^[a] ²⁶And after my skin has been thus destroyed, yet in ^[b] my flesh I shall see God, ²⁷whom I shall see for myself, and my eyes shall behold, and not another. My heart faints within me!

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE *1 Corinthians 15:51–57*

⁵¹ Behold! I tell you a mystery. We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, ⁵² in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we shall be changed. ⁵³ For this perishable body must put on the imperishable, and this mortal body must put on immortality. ⁵⁴ When the perishable puts on the imperishable, and the mortal puts on immortality, then shall come to pass the saying that is written: “Death is swallowed up in victory.” ⁵⁵ “O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting?” ⁵⁶ The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. ⁵⁷ But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

HOLY GOSPEL *John 20:1–18* (*John gives us a first-hand account of the resurrection of Jesus.*)

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the twentieth chapter.

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

¹ Now on the first day of the week Mary Magdalene came to the tomb early, while it was still dark, and saw that the stone had been taken away from the tomb. ² So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, “They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.” ³ So Peter went out with the other disciple, and they were going towards the tomb. ⁴ Both of them were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. ⁵ And stooping to look in, he saw the linen cloths lying there, but he did not go in. ⁶ Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen cloths lying there, ⁷ and the face cloth, which had been on Jesus^[a] head, not lying with the linen cloths but folded up in a place by itself. ⁸ Then the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; ⁹ for as yet they did not understand the Scripture, that he must rise from the dead. ¹⁰ Then the disciples went back to their homes. ¹¹ But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb, and as she wept she stooped to look into the tomb. ¹² And she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had lain, one at the head and one at the feet. ¹³ They said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping?” She said to them, “They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.” ¹⁴ Having said this, she turned round and saw Jesus standing, but she did not know that it was Jesus. ¹⁵ Jesus said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you seeking?” Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, “Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.” ¹⁶ Jesus said to her, “Mary.” She turned and said to him in Aramaic,^[b] “Rabboni!” (which means Teacher). ¹⁷ Jesus said to her, “Do not cling to me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father; but go to my brothers and say to them, ‘I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.’” ¹⁸ Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, “I have seen the Lord”—and that he had said these things to her.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

HYMN OF THE DAY The Strife Is O'er, the Battle Done *LSB 464 vv.1-3*

ref Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

- 1 The strife is o'er, the battle done;
Now is the victor's triumph won;
Now be the song of praise begun. Alleluia!
- 2 The pow'rs of death have done their worst,
But Christ their legions hath dispersed.
Let shouts of holy joy outburst. Alleluia!

- 3 The three sad days have quickly sped,
He rises glorious from the dead.
All glory to our risen Head! Alleluia!

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SERMON

CREED *Apostles' Creed*

- ☩** I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

➤ **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

➤ **LORD'S PRAYER**

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.**

EASTER ACCLAMATION

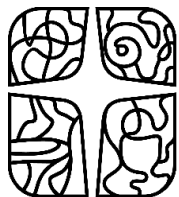
Pastor: Christ is risen! **People:** **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

CLOSING HYMN Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds *LSB 465*

- 1 Now all the vault of heav'n resounds
In praise of love that still abounds:
"Christ has triumphed! He is living!"
Sing, choirs of angels, loud and clear!
Repeat their song of glory here:
"Christ has triumphed! Christ has triumphed!"
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
- 2 Eternal is the gift He brings,
Therefore our heart with rapture sings:
"Christ has triumphed! He is living!"
Now still He comes to give us life
And by His presence stills all strife.
Christ has triumphed! He is living!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

- 3 O fill us, Lord, with dauntless love;
Set heart and will on things above
That we conquer through Your triumph;
Grant grace sufficient for life's day
That by our lives we truly say:
"Christ has triumphed! He is living!"
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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AS WE GATHER

Jesus compels us to ponder the unthinkable, the amazing—to embrace a cataclysmic event that destroys death and literally makes all things new. Resurrection! Christ’s brutal coronation and crucifixion ensures that the entire cosmos, the heavens and the earth, are renewed—in resurrection! Chills soar through our souls at the very thought of it all. In confident faith we are bold to confess that king Jesus unleashes His incomparable reign, crushing the evil aggression of principalities, authorities, and even Satan himself. Unrelenting shouts and songs of alleluia shape the church today because of resurrection. Setting aside all timidity, fear, and anxiety, the church acclaim “Alleluia! Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia!” Resurrection confidence in Jesus unites our speech and our song on this day, as we await—with the same confidence—our own day of resurrection, with all the saints in glory

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WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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 Set heart and will on things above
 That we conquer through Your triumph;
 Grant grace sufficient for life’s day
 That by our lives we truly say:
 “Christ has triumphed! He is living!”
 Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

△ **4** Adoring praises now we bring
 And with the heav’nly blessed sing:
 “Christ has triumphed! Alleluia!”
 Be to the Father and our Lord,
 To Spirit blest, most holy God,
 All the glory, never ending!
 Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! Text: © 1958

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INVOCATION

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

People: Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Let us confess our sins before God our Father, and Christ, our risen King!

People: **Resurrected Lord and Savior, we confess before You that our Easter faith is meager; we have not acted decisively in sharing Your love. Our forgiveness for others is tepid. We fail to be gracious in conflict and forget that all believers belong to You—the crucified and risen Lord. Although we are undeserving, You have crowned us with resurrection certainty by Your life-changing grace and mercy. Death is destroyed. Easter life flourishes, now and forever!**

Pastor: Christ has died. We, too, shall die. Christ has risen. We, too, shall rise, because we are more than conquerors in and through Christ Jesus. Our eternal confidence and unwavering faith are in Him alone! Therefore as a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority, I forgive you all of your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen. Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia! Amen.**

HYMN Jesus Christ Is Risen Today *LSB 457 vv.1-2*

1 Jesus Christ is ris'n today, Alleluia!

Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!

Who did once upon the cross, Alleluia!

Suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!

2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia!

Unto Christ, our heav'nly king, Alleluia!

Who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia!

Sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray. Almighty God the Father, through Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, You have overcome death and opened the gate of everlasting life to us. Grant that we, who celebrate with joy the day of our Lord's resurrection, may be raised from the death of sin by Your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT *Isaiah 65:17–25*

¹⁷ "For behold, I create new heavens

and a new earth,

and the former things shall not be remembered

or come into mind.

¹⁸ But be glad and rejoice forever

in that which I create;

for behold, I create Jerusalem to be a joy, and her people to be a gladness.

¹⁹ I will rejoice in Jerusalem
and be glad in my people;
no more shall be heard in it the sound of weeping
and the cry of distress.
²⁰ No more shall there be in it
an infant who lives but a few days,
or an old man who does not fill out his days,
for the young man shall die a hundred years old,
and the sinner a hundred years old shall be accursed.
²¹ They shall build houses and inhabit them;
they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit.
²² They shall not build and another inhabit;
they shall not plant and another eat;
for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be,
and my chosen shall long enjoy^[a] the work of their hands.
²³ They shall not labor in vain
or bear children for calamity,^[b]
for they shall be the offspring of the blessed of the Lord,
and their descendants with them.
²⁴ Before they call I will answer;
while they are yet speaking I will hear.
²⁵ The wolf and the lamb shall graze together;
the lion shall eat straw like the ox,
and dust shall be the serpent's food.
They shall not hurt or destroy
in all my holy mountain,"
says the Lord.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE *1 Corinthians 15:19–26*

¹⁹ If in Christ we have hope^[a] in this life only, we are of all people most to be pitied.
²⁰ But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen
asleep. ²¹ For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the
dead. ²² For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. ²³ But each in his own
order: Christ the firstfruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. ²⁴ Then comes the
end, when he delivers the kingdom to God the Father after destroying every rule and every
authority and power. ²⁵ For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. ²⁶ The
last enemy to be destroyed is death.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

HOLY GOSPEL *Luke 24:1–12*

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the twenty-fourth chapter.

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

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Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

SERMON HYMN I Know That My Redeemer Lives *LSB 461 vv .1-4, 8*

1 I know that my Redeemer lives;
What comfort this sweet sentence gives!
He lives, He lives, who once was dead;
He lives, my ever-living head.

2 He lives triumphant from the grave;
He lives eternally to save;
He lives all-glorious in the sky;
He lives exalted there on high.

3 He lives to bless me with His love;
He lives to plead for me above;
He lives my hungry soul to feed;
He lives to help in time of need.

4 He lives to grant me rich supply;
He lives to guide me with His eye;
He lives to comfort me when faint;
He lives to hear my soul’s complaint.

8 He lives, all glory to His name!
He lives, my Jesus, still the same;
Oh, the sweet joy this sentence gives:
I know that my Redeemer lives! *Text: Public domain*

SERMON True or False: Death Does Not Have the Last Word *Luke 24:1-12*

CREED *Apostles’ Creed*

☩ I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

OFFERING

PREFACE *2 Timothy 4:22*

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Blessed are You, Lord of the heavens and earth—made new! Your mercy is woven into the very words of Scripture and into the lives of the saints who confess Your holy name, and unrelentingly take hold of the resurrection as temporal and eternal truth. Grant that Your life-giving Word and Spirit invade our minds, our speech, and our hearts, that we may be credible witnesses of divine truth—Jesus alone was crucified, died, and raised to new life. By faith we claim this resurrection as our very own! That resurrection will usher us into eternity that we may share in the marriage feast of the Lamb that will have no ending. To You alone, O Father of all creation, Son of resurrection, and Spirit of joy, be all glory, honor, and worship, 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.”

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.**

PAX DOMINI

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

People: **Amen.**

AGNUS DEI

The Lamb

LSB 547 vv. 1, 5

1 The Lamb, the Lamb,
 O Father, where's the sacrifice?
 Faith sees, believes
 God will provide the Lamb of price! *Refrain*

ref Worthy is the Lamb whose death makes me His own!
 The Lamb is reigning on His throne!

5 He rose, He rose,
 My heart with thanks now overflows.
 His song prolong
 Till ev'ry heart to Him belong. *Refrain*

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DISTRIBUTION**DISTRIBUTION HYMNS Christ the Lord Is Risen Today #469**

1 "Christ the Lord is ris'n today!"
 Saints on earth and angels say;
 Raise your joys and triumphs high;
 Sing, ye heav'ns, and earth, reply.

2 Love's redeeming work is done,
 Fought the fight, the battle won;
 Lo! Our Sun's eclipse is o'er;
 Lo! He sets in blood no more.

3 Vain the stone, the watch, the seal;
 Christ hath burst the gates of hell.
 Death in vain forbids His rise;
 Christ has opened paradise.

4 Lives again our glorious King!
 Where, O death, is now thy sting?
 Once He died our souls to save;
 Where thy victory, O grave?

5 Soar we now where Christ has led;
 Foll'wing our exalted Head.
 Made like Him, like Him we rise;
 Ours the cross, the grave, the skies.

6 Hail the Lord of earth and heav'n!
 Praise to Thee by both be giv'n!
 Thee we greet triumphant now:
 Hail, the resurrection, Thou! *Text: Public domain*

Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen #474

1 Alleluia!
 Jesus is risen!
 Trumpets resounding in glorious light!
 Splendor, the Lamb,
 Heaven forever!
 Oh, what a miracle God has in sight! *Refrain*

ref Jesus is risen and we shall arise:
 Give God the glory! Alleluia!

2 Walking the way,
 Christ in the center
 Telling the story to open our eyes;
 Breaking our bread,
 Giving us glory:
 Jesus our blessing, our constant surprise. *Refrain*

- 3** Jesus the vine,
 We are the branches;
 Life in the Spirit the fruit of the tree;
 Heaven to earth,
 Christ to the people,
 Gift of the future now flowing to me. *Refrain*
- 4** Weeping, be gone;
 Sorrow, be silent:
 Death put asunder, and Easter is bright.
 Cherubim sing:
 "O grave, be open!"
 Clothe us in wonder, adorn us in light. *Refrain*
- 5** City of God,
 Easter forever,
 Golden Jerusalem, Jesus the Lamb,
 River of life,
 Saints and archangels,
 Sing with creation to God the I AM! *Refrain*

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475 Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing

- 1** Good Christian friends, rejoice and sing!
 Now is the triumph of our King!
 To all the world glad news we bring:
 Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
- 2** The Lord of life is ris'n this day;
 Bring flow'rs of song to strew His way;
 Let all the world rejoice and say:
 Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
- 3** Praise we in songs of victory
 That love, that life which cannot die,
 And sing with hearts uplifted high:
 Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
- 4** Your name we bless, O risen Lord,
 And sing today with one accord
 The life laid down, the life restored:
 Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Let us pray. We give thanks to You, risen Savior, that You have made all things new through Your resurrection. In this Holy Sacrament Your body and blood nourish us with forgiveness and increase our faith. In this Meal we join all the saints who have prophesied, witnessed, and proclaimed resurrection. Grant that this feast enjoins us to all things new in this time and eternity. Shaped by resurrection hope, joy, and life, grant that we boldly love one another through You, who lives and reigns with the Father 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.

EASTER ACCLAMATION

Pastor: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

CLOSING HYMN *He's Risen, He's Risen #480*

1 He's risen, He's risen, Christ Jesus, the Lord;
He opened death's prison, the incarnate, true Word.
Break forth, hosts of heaven, in jubilant song
And earth, sea, and mountain their praises prolong.

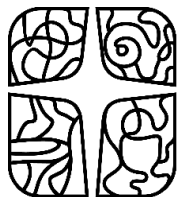
2 The foe was triumphant when on Calvary
The Lord of creation was nailed to the tree.
In Satan's domain did the hosts shout and jeer,
For Jesus was slain, whom the evil ones fear.

3 But short was their triumph; the Savior arose,
And death, hell, and Satan He vanquished, His foes.
The conquering Lord lifts His banner on high;
He lives, yes, He lives, and will nevermore die.

4 O, where is your sting, death? We fear you no more;
Christ rose, and now open is fair Eden's door.
For all our transgressions His blood does atone;
Redeemed and forgiven, we now are His own.

△5 Then sing your hosannas and raise your glad voice;
Proclaim the blest tidings that all may rejoice.
Laud, honor, and praise to the Lamb that was slain:
With Father and Spirit He ever shall reign.

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AS WE GATHER

Jesus compels us to ponder the unthinkable, the amazing—to embrace a cataclysmic event that destroys death and literally makes all things new. Resurrection! Christ’s brutal coronation and crucifixion ensures that the entire cosmos, the heavens and the earth, are renewed—in resurrection! Chills soar through our souls at the very thought of it all. In confident faith we are bold to confess that king Jesus unleashes His incomparable reign, crushing the evil aggression of principalities, authorities, and even Satan himself. Unrelenting shouts and songs of alleluia shape the church today because of resurrection. Setting aside all timidity, fear, and anxiety, the church acclaim “Alleluia! Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia!” Resurrection confidence in Jesus unites our speech and our song on this day, as we await—with the same confidence—our own day of resurrection, with all the saints in glory

CALL TO WORSHIP Yes He Lives

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WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN Jesus Christ Is Risen Today (He Is Not Dead)

(Verse 1)

Jesus Christ is risen today alleluia
Our triumphant holy day alleluia
Who did once upon the cross alleluia
Suffer to redeem our loss alleluia

(INTERLUDE)

(Verse 2)

Hymns of praise then let us sing alleluia
Unto Christ our heavenly King alleluia
Who endured the cross and grave alleluia
Sinners to redeem and save alleluia

Chorus

He is not dead He is alive

We have this hope in Jesus Christ

(Verse 3)

But the pains that He endured alleluia
Our salvation have procured alleluia
Now above the sky He’s king alleluia
Where the angels ever sing alleluia

(Chorus)

He is not dead He is alive

We have this hope in Jesus Christ

(INTERLUDE)

(Verse 4)

Sing we to our God above alleluia
Praise eternal as His love alleluia
Praise Him all ye heavenly host alleluia
Father Son and Holy Ghost alleluia
Alleluia

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INVOCATION

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

People: **Amen.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Let us confess our sins before God our Father, and Christ, our risen King!

People: **Resurrected Lord and Savior, we confess before You that our Easter faith is meager; we have not acted decisively in sharing Your love. Our forgiveness for others is tepid. We fail to be gracious in conflict and forget that all believers belong to You—the crucified and risen Lord. Although we are undeserving, You have crowned us with resurrection certainty by Your life-changing grace and mercy. Death is destroyed. Easter life flourishes, now and forever!**

Pastor: Christ has died. We, too, shall die. Christ has risen. We, too, shall rise, because we are more than conquerors in and through Christ Jesus. Our eternal confidence and unwavering faith are in Him alone! Therefore as a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority, I forgive you all of your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen. Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia! Amen.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray. Almighty God the Father, through Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, You have overcome death and opened the gate of everlasting life to us. Grant that we, who celebrate with joy the day of our Lord's resurrection, may be raised from the death of sin by Your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: **Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT *Isaiah 65:17–25*

¹⁷ "For behold, I create new heavens

and a new earth,

and the former things shall not be remembered

or come into mind.

¹⁸ But be glad and rejoice forever

in that which I create;

for behold, I create Jerusalem to be a joy, and her people to be a gladness.

¹⁹ I will rejoice in Jerusalem

and be glad in my people;

no more shall be heard in it the sound of weeping

and the cry of distress.

²⁰ No more shall there be in it

an infant who lives but a few days,

or an old man who does not fill out his days,

for the young man shall die a hundred years old,

and the sinner a hundred years old shall be accursed.

²¹ They shall build houses and inhabit them;

they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit.

²² They shall not build and another inhabit;

they shall not plant and another eat;

for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be,
and my chosen shall long enjoy^[a] the work of their hands.
²³ They shall not labor in vain or bear children for calamity,^[b]
for they shall be the offspring of the blessed of the Lord, and their descendants with them.
²⁴ Before they call I will answer; while they are yet speaking I will hear.
²⁵ The wolf and the lamb shall graze together; the lion shall eat straw like the ox,
and dust shall be the serpent's food.
They shall not hurt or destroy
in all my holy mountain,"
says the Lord.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE *1 Corinthians 15:19–26*

¹⁹ If in Christ we have hope^[a] in this life only, we are of all people most to be pitied.
²⁰ But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen
asleep. ²¹ For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the
dead. ²² For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. ²³ But each in his own
order: Christ the firstfruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. ²⁴ Then comes the
end, when he delivers the kingdom to God the Father after destroying every rule and every
authority and power. ²⁵ For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. ²⁶ The
last enemy to be destroyed is death.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

HOLY GOSPEL *Luke 24:1–12*

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People: Praise to You, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON HYMN Living Hope

(Verse 1)

How great the chasm that lay between us
How high the mountain I could not climb
In desperation I turned to heaven
And spoke Your name into the night
Then through the darkness Your loving-kindness

Tore through the shadows of my soul
The work is finished the end is written
Jesus Christ my living hope

(Verse 2)

Who could imagine so great a mercy
What heart could fathom such boundless grace
The God of ages stepped down from glory
To wear my sin and bear my shame
The cross has spoken I am forgiven
The King of kings calls me His own
Beautiful Savior I'm Yours forever
Jesus Christ my living hope

(SING CHORUS 2X)

**Hallelujah praise the One who set me free
Hallelujah death has lost its grip on me
You have broken every chain
There's salvation in Your name
Jesus Christ my living hope**

(Verse 3)

Then came the morning that sealed the promise
Your buried body began to breathe
Out of the silence the Roaring Lion
Declared the grave has no claim on me

(REPEAT Verse 3)

Jesus Yours is the victory!

(SING CHORUS 2X)

(Ending)

Jesus Christ my living hope
Oh God You are my living hope

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SERMON True or False: Death Does Not Have the Last Word

Luke 24:1-12

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PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

OFFERING

OFFERTORY 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)

(Verse 4)

See the stone has rolled away
Behold the empty grave
Hallelujah God be praised
He's risen from the grave!

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PAX DOMINI

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DISTRIBUTION

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS Christ the Lord Is Risen Today #469

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Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen #474

- 1** Alleluia!
Jesus is risen!
Trumpets resounding in glorious light!
Splendor, the Lamb,
Heaven forever!
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EASTER ACCLAMATION

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People: **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

CLOSING HYMN This Is Our God

(VERSE 1)

Remember those walls that we called sin and shame

They were like prisons that we couldn't escape

But He came, and He died, and He rose, those walls are rubble now

Remember those giants we called death and grave

They were like mountains that stood in our way

But He came and He died and He rose

Those giants are dead now

(CHORUS)

This is our God this is who He is He loves us

This is our God this is what He does He saves us

He bore the cross beat the grave Let heaven and earth proclaim

This is our God King Jesus

(VERSE 2)

Remember that fear that took our breath away

Faith so weak that we could barely pray

But He heard every word every whisper

Now those altars in the wilderness

Tell the story of His faithfulness

Never once did He fail and He never will

(SING CHORUS) > (BRIDGE)

Who pulled me out of that pit? He did He did

Who paid for all of our sin? Nobody but Jesus

(REPEAT BRIDGE)

Who rescued me from that grave? Yahweh Yahweh

Who gets the glory and praise? Nobody but Him!

(SING CHORUS) >(ENDING)

He bore the cross beat the grave

Let heaven and earth proclaim

This is our God King Jesus

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Emmanuel Lutheran Prayer List The Week of April 20, 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:

- ◇ **June Groh—mild heart attack on 4/12; few stents & now home!**
- ◇ **Marilyn Weaver (C. Smith, mother) - long time Emmanuel member; has been moved to hospice inpatient center in Florida**
- **Ann Downs (K.Emory, mother) In hospice care, stomach cancer.**
- **Rhonda Maskell (A. Maskell, mother-in-law) Having surgery on her stomach in the upcoming weeks.**
- **Pastor Mark Spelzhausen (J. Gibney, friend) cancer in lymphnode; radiation, & chemo treatment.**
- Tyrone Ayres (S. Edwards, friend) Pancreatic Cancer
- Lynn White (S. Edwards, cousin) Colon cancer
- ◇ **Pastor James & Barbara Roseman family—Their son Gregory, age 65, passed away at home unexpectedly Sunday 3/23. Prayers for Gregory's wife Jackie and Family and the Rosemans.**
- Ron Riddle (B. King, friend) Ron was diagnosed with cancer

◇ = Emmanuel Lutheran Church Members

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

Healing Reflections:

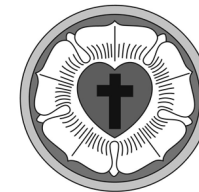
Under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, the apostle Peter wrote, "He Himself bore our sins in His body on the tree, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; by His wounds you have been healed." In Isaiah 53, Jesus' future life on earth was foretold in the clearest of terms, to include his eventual torture and death: "But He was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was upon Him, and by His wounds (stripes) we are healed" (Isaiah 53:5; 1 Peter 2:24). *"Lord Jesus, thank you for the sacrifice you made on the cross, for it is by your stripes that we are healed. I ask for your healing touch upon my body, mind, and spirit. May your power flow into me, and may I experience the restoration you have promised. In your name, I pray. Amen."*

Prayers for those with long-term illnesses & conditions:

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| ◇ Marilyn Weaver | Donna Logeman (E.Lundquist, mother) |
| ◇ Dale Pioch | Ann Downs (K. Emory, mother) |
| ◇ Peg Hardesty | Rev. Kyle Mietzner (S. Bruckner, nephew) |
| ◇ Pete Rauschenplat | Ann Melious (McCarthy family) |
| ◇ Steve Taylor | Carol Harris (S.Ude's friend) |
| ◇ Ken Treadway | Robin Worley (J.Kearley's friend) |
| ◇ Lorenzo Lopez | Antonia Simpson (L.Meulenberg's friend) |
| ◇ Mary Hufnagle | Virginia Lopez (E. Lopez's mother) |
| ◇ Jim Clark | Chris Alstrin (L.Schulhof's friend) |
| ◇ Sharon Pruett | Ralph Ector, Jr & Snr (S.Edward's, family) |
| ◇ Marilyn Saylor | Jennie Buckner (C.Cline's neighbor) |
| ◇ Diana Hempel | Elsie Lankford (S. Pruett's mother) |
| ◇ Emily Nieting | Mike Lemmons (J. Groh) |
| ◇ Cynthia Cline | Don Maskell (A. Maskell) |
| ◇ Helen Cline | Jamie Leyva (C. Leyva, daughter in law)) |
| ◇ Marjorie Locke | Ron Riddle (B. King, friend) |
| ◇ Mike Walker | Rev. Mark Spelzhausen (J. Gibney, friend) |
| ◇ Julia Kearley | Ann Downs (K. Emory, mother) |
| ◇ C.J. Reece | Erin Y. (J. Thomas, friend) |
| ◇ Mike Fastenau | Mike Lemmons (J.Groh, friend) |
| ◇ Ray Bailey | |

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!