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

Sunday May 4, 2025  
3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER

8:30am Traditional Worship  
11:00am Blended Worship

**Our Vision:**

Fully Engaged, Biblically Passionate,  
Driven to Serve

**WEEKLY CALENDAR**

**Teacher Appreciation Week!**

**Monday, May 5**

Boys Volleyball Tournament @ Carolina Day

**Tuesday, May 6**

**Wednesday, May 7**

12:00pm Midweek Service  
1:30pm Women's Bible Group (room# 111)

**Thursday, May 8**

**Friday, May 9**

6:00pm Church Pickleball (gym)

**Saturday, May 10**

**Sunday, May 11**—Pastor Stoltenberg preaches

**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 **OPEN, 1-3pm.**  
5:00pm High School Youth Group

**Church Staff:**

Senior Pastor: Rev. Dr. Jeffrey Skopak  
Director of Christian Education: Alexi Lundquist  
Parish Administrator: Dirk Wilmoth  
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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 & Hydeia Beck  
Toddlers 1: Lindsey Smathers & Ivy Robles  
Toddler2: Katie Dorn & Amy Bair  
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

**Previous Week's Offerings**

General Offering Received: \$ 6,389.46  
Building Funds Received: \$ 276.38  
\*Weekly Offering Budget: \$ (12,817.31)\*

**Upcoming Week—Member Celebrations!**

**Birthdays:** 5/4 Lexie Charlson, McKenzie Koon; 5/5 Linda Hemmingsen, Charles Yoder; 5/6 Mike Rush, Cymantha Waites; 5/7 Don Spude; 5/9 Dale Pioch; 5/10 Jim Davidson; 5/11 Cynthia Cline

**Anniversaries:** 5/1 Adam & Emily Nieting; 5/4 Joel & Jeanine Helms; Bryan & Kim Noel

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

**Attendance**

8:30am: 68 11am: 63  
Midweek Noon: 15

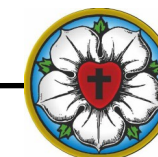
**Online**

Website: 39  
FB: 12

**ELC Grab n Go Sunday Food Pantry**

**Sunday 4/27:**

Cars: 90 Households: 90 Individuals: 462



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**Sunday—May 4<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

*Pastor: Rev. Dan Kelm*



**9:45am Classes:**

**Adult Sunday School Class (Fellowship Hall)**

**Kid's Sunday School (room# 111)**

**Directly after second service:**

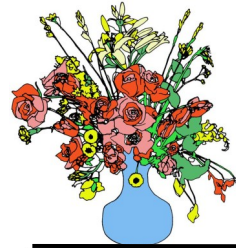
**Prayer Support Ministry (altar)**

**The Food Pantry is closed.**

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

**Carole Williams— in memory of Ruth & Norman Graham**

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



Servers	8:30am	11:00am
Elder	Susan Roby	Doug Piercy
Acolyte	TBD	Jacob Kanelos
Ushers	Mike Rush & Alan Tarrant	Doug Piercy & Mark Salsieder
Communion	Stephanie Hanson	Tommy Ridgeway &
Lector	Susan Roby	Peter Renner

**Prayer Support Team:**  
Rev. Art & Kathy Gillespie

**Sound & Tech Crew:**  
8:30am: Heather M. & Peter L.  
11:00am: Peter L. & Paige H.

**Altar Guild:**  
8:30am: Martha G. & Kathryn W.  
11:00am: Margo R. & Kathy G.

**Offering Counters:**  
Barry Reiling & Marni Jennejahn

### 8:30am Traditional Service

Welcome and Announcements

Opening Hymn: LSB 464  
The Strife is O'er, the battle Done

Invocation: page 151

Confession and Absolution: page 151

Kyrie: Page 152,153

This is the Feast: Page 155

Salutation and Collect: Page 156

First Reading: Acts 9:1-22 (pg 156)

Epistle: Revelation 5:1-14 (page 156)

Alleluia and Verse: Page 156

Holy Gospel: John 21:1-19 (pg. 157)

Children's Message

Sermon Song "Angels Watching Over Me"  
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Sermon: You're no Angel? (Revelation 5:11-14)

The Apostles' Creed: 159

Prayers of the Church

Offering

Offertory: Page 159,160

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Proper Preface

Sanctus: Page 161

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Pax Domini: Page 163

Agnus Dei: Page 163

Distribution

Communion Hymns:  
LSB 633 At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing  
LSB 639 Wide Open Stand the Gates

Post-Communion Cantic: Page 164

Post-Communion Collect: Page 166

Benediction: Page 166

Closing Hymn: LSB 680  
Thine the Amen. Thine the Praise



*The Elders of Emmanuel Lutheran  
invite all to the next, special.....*

## HEALING SERVICE



**SUNDAY JUNE 8<sup>th</sup>, 2025**  
directly after the 11am service

Is anyone among you sick? Let them call the elders of the church to pray over them and anoint them with oil in the name of the Lord. And the prayer offered in faith will make the sick person well; the Lord will raise them up. If they have sinned, they will be forgiven. (James 5:14-15)

#### 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.

**Sign Up to Serve**

**SERVE & WORSHIP ON SUNDAYS!**



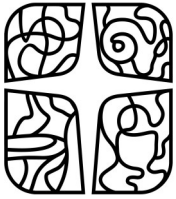
**SCAN CODE TO SIGN UP**

**BIRTHDAYS**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Bday</b>	<b>Age 90+</b>
George Banjak	5/1	92
Ed DeBerry	5/1	
Kiara Studer	5/2	
Lexie Charlson	5/4	
McKenzie Koon	5/4	
Linda Hemmingsen	5/5	
Charles Yoder	5/5	
Michael Rush	5/6	
Cymantha Waites	5/6	
Donald Spude	5/7	
Dale Pioch	5/9	
Jim Davidson	5/10	
Cynthia Cline	5/11	
Brian Arldt	5/12	
John Jennejahn	5/12	
Glenda Bailey	5/13	
Mark Salsieder	5/14	
Mary Sue Harris	5/15	
Jeffrey Skopak	5/15	
Elaine Zurofsky	5/19	
Leslie Blaylock	5/22	
Eileen Brehm	5/22	95
Bryan Parker	5/22	
Alan Tarrant	5/22	
Timothy Kite	5/25	
Traci Meyer	5/27	
Florence Samuel	5/27	
James Roseman	5/30	91
Evan Helms	5/31	

**ANNIVERSARIES**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Wedding Day</b>
Adam & Emily Nieting	5/1
Joel & Jeanine Helms	5/4
Bryan & Kim Noel	5/4
Steven & Rhonda Roberts	5/16
James & Colleen Leyva	5/17
Steve & Terry Taylor	5/22
Don & June Groh	5/23
Mark & Melissa Edmiston	5/24
Bill & Mary Hufnagle	5/24
Alan & Kandi Tarrant	5/25
Margo Rabon (Larry+)	5/27
Mark & Kiara Studer	5/28
Phil & Heather McCarthy	5/29
John & Madelyn Tyson	5/31



## Emmanuel Lutheran Prayer List The Week of May 4th, 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:**

- ◇ **Chris Smith, Don Weaver, and Family - Marilyn Weaver, long time Emmanuel member; passed away Saturday 4/19.**
- **Andrea (K. Studer, sister) Surgery on 5/5 to fix collapsed lung**
- ◇ **Don Maskell (A. Maskell) Back pain & pain management.**
- ◇ **Ken Treadway Had hernia surgery on Thursday 4/24**
- **Nancy Hutchins (G. Bailey, friend) Lost her husband last year; Her breast cancer has returned and diagnosed as terminal.**
- ◇ **Elsie Lankford (S. Preutt, mother) COPD; oxygen has worsened.**
- **Kendida Gordon's parents - Mother has breast cancer; chemotherapy. Father w/ testing regarding dementia/Alzheimer's/extensive blood work.**
- **Rhonda Maskell (A. Maskell, mother-in-law) Stomach surgery**
- **Pastor Mark Spelzhausen (J. Gibney, friend) cancer in lymph node; radiation, & chemo treatment.**

◇ = 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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|---------------------|---|
| ◇ Ken Treadway      | Donna Logeman (E.Lundquist, mother)       |
| ◇ Dale Pioch        | Nancy Hutchins (G. Bailey, friend)        |
| ◇ Peg Hardesty      | Ann Downs (K. Emory, mother)              |
| ◇ Jim Clark         | Rev. Kyle Mietzner (S. Bruckner, nephew)  |
| ◇ Steve Taylor      | Ann Melious (McCarthy family)             |
| ◇ Lorenzo Lopez     | Carol Harris (S.Ude's friend)             |
| ◇ Mary Hufnagle     | Robin Worley (J.Kearley's friend)         |
| ◇ Pete Rauschenplat | Virginia Lopez (E. Lopez, mother)         |
| ◇ Sharon Pruett     | Chris Alstrin (L.Schulhof, friend)        |
| ◇ 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        | Ralph Ector, Jr & Snr (S.Edwards, family) |
|                     | Tyrone Ayres (S. Edwards, friend)         |
|                     | Lynn White (S. Edwards, cousin)           |

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### **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    | ◇ Peg Hardesty            |
| ◇ Ken & Carol Treadway | ◇ Jim Clark      |                           |



**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!*



## AS WE GATHER

Though Jesus walks on water, He was testing the limit by telling seasoned fishermen where to cast their nets. The disciples knew it was the Lord—it could only be the Lord. Then, when He broke the bread and gave thanks, they rejoiced that the crucified and risen Savior had showed Himself to them again. This is what we do every week. Jesus presumes to tell us what life is and how to live it, and we are weary of all the things that have disappointed us. But Christ can never disappoint us. He fills our nets with His life, addresses us with the voice of hope, and feeds us to everlasting life, and by this Word and Sacrament we know it is the Lord.

## CALL TO WORSHIP      Praise The Lord (Jesus Came for Me)

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## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### OPENING SONG    The Passion

(Verse 1)

The passion of our Savior  
The mercy of our God  
The cross that leaves no question  
Of the measure of His love

**(Chorus 1)**

**Our chains are gone  
Our debt is paid  
The cross has overthrown the grave  
For Jesus' blood that sets us free  
Means death to death and life for me**

(Verse 2)

The Innocent judged guilty  
While the guilty one walks free  
Death would be His portion  
And our portion liberty

**(SING CHORUS 1)**

(Bridge)

I give my whole life to honor this love  
By the Lamb who was slain I'm forgiven  
The sinner's Savior crown Him forever  
For the Lamb who was slain He is risen

(Sing Bridge Again)

**(Sing Chorus 1 again)**

**(Chorus 2)**

**My chains are gone  
My debt is paid  
The cross has overthrown the grave  
For Jesus' blood that sets me free  
Means death to death and life for me  
Means death to death and life for me**

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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:**      Hosanna!

**People:**      **Hosanna to the Son of David!**

**Pastor:**      Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

**People:**      **Hosanna in the highest!**

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: To You, O Lord, I cry,

**People: and to the Lord I plead for mercy.**

Pastor: For His anger is but for a moment, and His favor is for a lifetime.

**People: Weeping may tarry for the night, but joy comes with the morning. (Selah)**

Pastor: Let us confess our sins before God and in the presence of one another.

**People: I confess to God Almighty, before the whole company of heaven and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have sinned in thought, word, and deed by my fault, by my own fault, by my own most grievous fault; wherefore I pray God Almighty to have mercy on me, forgive me all my sins, and bring me to everlasting life. Amen.**

Pastor: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto 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.**

Pastor: He who began this good work within you will bring it to completion on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. The peace of the Lord be with you.

**People: Amen.**

## SALUTATION

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

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray. O God, through the humiliation of Your Son You raised up the fallen world. Grant to Your faithful people, rescued from the peril of everlasting death, perpetual gladness and eternal joys; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**People: Amen.**

## FIRST READING Acts 9:1–22

<sup>1</sup> Meanwhile, Saul was still breathing out murderous threats against the Lord's disciples. He went to the high priest <sup>2</sup> and asked him for letters to the synagogues in Damascus, so that if he found any there who belonged to the Way, whether men or women, he might take them as prisoners to Jerusalem. <sup>3</sup> As he neared Damascus on his journey, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. <sup>4</sup> He fell to the ground and heard a voice say to him, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?" <sup>5</sup> "Who are you, Lord?" Saul asked. "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting," he replied. <sup>6</sup> "Now get up and go into the city, and you will be told what you must do." <sup>7</sup> The men traveling with Saul stood there speechless; they heard the sound but did not see anyone. <sup>8</sup> Saul got up from the ground, but when he opened his eyes he could see nothing. So they led him by the hand into Damascus. <sup>9</sup> For three days he was blind, and did not eat or drink anything. <sup>10</sup> In Damascus there was a disciple named Ananias. The Lord called to him in a vision, "Ananias!" "Yes, Lord," he answered. <sup>11</sup> The Lord told him, "Go to the house of Judas on Straight Street and ask for a man from Tarsus named Saul, for he is praying. <sup>12</sup> In a vision he has seen a man named Ananias come and place his hands on him to restore his sight."

<sup>13</sup> “Lord,” Ananias answered, “I have heard many reports about this man and all the harm he has done to your holy people in Jerusalem. <sup>14</sup> And he has come here with authority from the chief priests to arrest all who call on your name.” <sup>15</sup> But the Lord said to Ananias, “Go! This man is my chosen instrument to proclaim my name to the Gentiles and their kings and to the people of Israel. <sup>16</sup> I will show him how much he must suffer for my name.” <sup>17</sup> Then Ananias went to the house and entered it. Placing his hands on Saul, he said, “Brother Saul, the Lord—Jesus, who appeared to you on the road as you were coming here—has sent me so that you may see again and be filled with the Holy Spirit.” <sup>18</sup> Immediately, something like scales fell from Saul’s eyes, and he could see again. He got up and was baptized, <sup>19</sup> and after taking some food, he regained his strength. Saul spent several days with the disciples in Damascus. <sup>20</sup> At once he began to preach in the synagogues that Jesus is the Son of God. <sup>21</sup> All those who heard him were astonished and asked, “Isn’t he the man who raised havoc in Jerusalem among those who call on this name? And hasn’t he come here to take them as prisoners to the chief priests?” <sup>22</sup> Yet Saul grew more and more powerful and baffled the Jews living in Damascus by proving that Jesus is the Messiah.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

#### **EPISTLE** *Revelation 5:1–14*

<sup>1</sup> Then I saw in the right hand of him who sat on the throne a scroll with writing on both sides and sealed with seven seals. <sup>2</sup> And I saw a mighty angel proclaiming in a loud voice, “Who is worthy to break the seals and open the scroll?” <sup>3</sup> But no one in heaven or on earth or under the earth could open the scroll or even look inside it. <sup>4</sup> I wept and wept because no one was found who was worthy to open the scroll or look inside. <sup>5</sup> Then one of the elders said to me, “Do not weep! See, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has triumphed. He is able to open the scroll and its seven seals.” <sup>6</sup> Then I saw a Lamb, looking as if it had been slain, standing at the center of the throne, encircled by the four living creatures and the elders. The Lamb had seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven spirits<sup>[a]</sup> of God sent out into all the earth. <sup>7</sup> He went and took the scroll from the right hand of him who sat on the throne. <sup>8</sup> And when he had taken it, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb. Each one had a harp and they were holding golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of God’s people. <sup>9</sup> And they sang a new song, saying: “You are worthy to take the scroll and to open its seals, because you were slain, and with your blood you purchased for God persons from every tribe and language and people and nation. <sup>10</sup> You have made them to be a kingdom and priests to serve our God, and they will reign<sup>[b]</sup> on the earth.” <sup>11</sup> Then I looked and heard the voice of many angels, numbering thousands upon thousands, and ten thousand times ten thousand. They encircled the throne and the living creatures and the elders. <sup>12</sup> In a loud voice they were saying: “Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength and honor and glory and praise!” <sup>13</sup> Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and on the sea, and all that is in them, saying: “To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and honor and glory and power, for ever and ever!” <sup>14</sup> The four living creatures said, “Amen,” and the elders fell down and worshiped.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

## **HOLY GOSPEL** *John 21:1–19*

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

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

<sup>1</sup>Afterward Jesus appeared again to his disciples, by the Sea of Galilee.<sup>[a]</sup> It happened this way: <sup>2</sup>Simon Peter, Thomas (also known as Didymus<sup>[b]</sup>), Nathanael from Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two other disciples were together. <sup>3</sup>“I’m going out to fish,” Simon Peter told them, and they said, “We’ll go with you.” So they went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing. <sup>4</sup>Early in the morning, Jesus stood on the shore, but the disciples did not realize that it was Jesus. <sup>5</sup>He called out to them, “Friends, haven’t you any fish?” “No,” they answered. <sup>6</sup>He said, “Throw your net on the right side of the boat and you will find some.” When they did, they were unable to haul the net in because of the large number of fish. <sup>7</sup>Then the disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, “It is the Lord!” As soon as Simon Peter heard him say, “It is the Lord,” he wrapped his outer garment around him (for he had taken it off) and jumped into the water. <sup>8</sup>The other disciples followed in the boat, towing the net full of fish, for they were not far from shore, about a hundred yards.<sup>[c]</sup> <sup>9</sup>When they landed, they saw a fire of burning coals there with fish on it, and some bread.<sup>10</sup> Jesus said to them, “Bring some of the fish you have just caught.” <sup>11</sup>So Simon Peter climbed back into the boat and dragged the net ashore. It was full of large fish, 153, but even with so many the net was not torn. <sup>12</sup>Jesus said to them, “Come and have breakfast.” None of the disciples dared ask him, “Who are you?” They knew it was the Lord. <sup>13</sup>Jesus came, took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. <sup>14</sup>This was now the third time Jesus appeared to his disciples after he was raised from the dead. **Jesus Reinstates Peter** <sup>15</sup>When they had finished eating, Jesus said to Simon Peter, “Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?” “Yes, Lord,” he said, “you know that I love you.” Jesus said, “Feed my lambs.” <sup>16</sup>Again Jesus said, “Simon son of John, do you love me?” He answered, “Yes, Lord, you know that I love you.” Jesus said, “Take care of my sheep.” <sup>17</sup>The third time he said to him, “Simon son of John, do you love me?” Peter was hurt because Jesus asked him the third time, “Do you love me?” He said, “Lord, you know all things; you know that I love you.” Jesus said, “Feed my sheep. <sup>18</sup>Very truly I tell you, when you were younger you dressed yourself and went where you wanted; but when you are old you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will dress you and lead you where you do not want to go.” <sup>19</sup>Jesus said this to indicate the kind of death by which Peter would glorify God. Then he said to him, “Follow me!”

**Pastor:** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

## **CHILDREN’S MESSAGE**

### **SERMON SONG** Angels Watching Over Me

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### **SERMON** You’re no Angel? (*Revelation 5:11–14*)

## APOSTLE'S CREED

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

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

### LORD'S PRAYER

### OFFERING

#### OFFERTORY SONG King Of Kings

(Verse 1)

In the darkness we were waiting, without hope, without light  
Till from Heaven You came running, there was mercy in Your eyes  
To fulfil the law and prophets, to a virgin came the Word  
From a throne of endless glory, to a cradle in the dirt

**(Chorus)**

**Praise the Father, Praise the Son, Praise the Spirit three in one  
God of Glory, Majesty - Praise forever to the King of kings**

(Verse 2)

To reveal the kingdom coming, and to reconcile the lost  
To redeem the whole creation, you did not despise the cross  
For even in Your suffering, You saw to the other side  
Knowing this was our salvation, Jesus for our sake You died

**(Sing the Chorus)**

(Verse 3)

And the morning that You rose, all of heaven held its breath  
Till that stone was moved for good, for the Lamb had conquered death  
And the dead rose from their tombs, and the angels stood in awe  
For the souls of all who'd come, to the Father are restored

(Verse 4)

And the Church of Christ was born, then the Spirit lit the flame  
Now this Gospel truth of old, shall not kneel shall not faint  
By His blood and in His Name, in His freedom I am free  
For the love of Jesus Christ, who has resurrected me

**(Sing the Chorus)**

Praise forever to the King of Kings

## 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 At the Lamb’s High Feast We Sing *LSB 633*

- 1** At the Lamb’s high feast we sing  
Praise to our victorious King,  
Who has washed us in the tide  
Flowing from His piercèd side. Alleluia!
- 2** Praise we Him, whose love divine  
Gives His sacred blood for wine,  
Gives His body for the feast—  
Christ the victim, Christ the priest. Alleluia!
- 3** Where the paschal blood is poured,  
Death’s dread angel sheathes the sword;  
Israel’s hosts triumphant go  
Through the wave that drowns the foe.  
Alleluia!
- 4** Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed,  
Paschal victim, paschal bread;  
With sincerity and love  
Eat we manna from above. Alleluia!

- 5** Mighty Victim from the sky,  
Hell’s fierce pow’rs beneath You lie;  
You have conquered in the fight,  
You have brought us life and light. Alleluia!
- 6** Now no more can death appall,  
Now no more the grave enthrall;  
You have opened paradise,  
And Your saints in You shall rise. Alleluia!
- 7** Easter triumph, Easter joy!  
This alone can sin destroy;  
From sin’s pow’r, Lord, set us free,  
Newborn souls in You to be. Alleluia!
- △ **8** Father, who the crown shall give,  
Savior, by whose death we live,  
Spirit, guide through all our days:  
Three in One, Your name we praise. Alleluia!

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## Wide Open Stand the Gates *LSB 639*

- 1 Wide open stand the gates adorned with pearl,  
While round God's golden throne  
The choirs of saints in endless circles curl,  
And joyous praise the Son! They watch Him now descending  
To visit waiting earth. The Lord of Life unending  
Brings dying hope new birth!
- 2 He speaks the Word the bread and wine to bless:  
"This is My flesh and blood!"  
He bids us eat and drink with thankfulness,  
This gift of holy food. All human thought must falter  
Our God stoops low to heal.  
Now present on the altar,  
For us both host and meal!
- 3 The cherubim, their faces veiled from light,  
While saints in wonder kneel,  
Sing praise to Him whose face with glory bright  
No earthly masks conceal.  
This sacrament God gives us  
Binds us in unity,  
Joins earth with heav'n beyond us,  
Time with eternity!

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### **POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING**

**Pastor:** Let us pray. O almighty God, by Your Son, our Savior, You have always given to Your church on earth faithful shepherds to guide and feed Your flock. Therefore we pray, make all pastors diligent to preach Your Holy Word and to administer Your means of grace, and grant Your people wisdom to hear and heed Your Word, to serve You in willing obedience, and to walk in the way that leads to life eternal; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

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

### **BENEDICAMUS**

**Pastor:** Let us bless the Lord. **People:** **Thanks be to God.**

### **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** 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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