

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

**SUNDAY JUNE 8, 2025**

*The Day of Pentecost*

*The Day of Prayer for Persecuted Christians*

**8:30AM TRADITIONAL WORSHIP**

**11:00AM BLENDED WORSHIP**

*OUR VISION: FULLY ENGAGED, BIBLICALLY PASSIONATE, DRIVEN TO SERVE*

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***"What Really Happened at ....***



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Sunday—June 8<sup>th</sup>, 2025



**9:45am Classes:**

> Adult Sunday School Class (room# 111) <

*Today, we study Ephesians 4:17-5:20. (this bible study series ends 6/22)*

> Kid's Sunday School (room# 017) <

**Directly after second service:**

> A SERVICE OF HEALING (sanctuary) <

> The Food Pantry is OPEN, 1-3pm <



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

## 8:30am Traditional Service (DS3)

**Call to Worship** Overflow With Hope

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**CALL TO WORSHIP** Says the Lord

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**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**INVOCATION**

- P** In the Name of God the Father.
- C** **For God so loved the world**
- P** In the Name of God the Son.
- C** **That He gave His one and only Son**
- P** In the Name of God the Holy Spirit.
- C** **That whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life.**
- P** For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world
- C** **but to save the world through Him.**

**OPENING PRAYER**

- P** Let us pray.
- C** **Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of Your faithful people and kindle in us the fire of Your love. Amen.**

**THE APOSTLES' CREED** *Third Article and Meaning*

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, The communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, The resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. -Amen.**

**I believe that I cannot by my own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to Him; but The Holy Spirit has called me by the Gospel, enlightened me with His gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith. In the same way He calls, gathers, enlightens and sanctifies the whole Christian Church on earth, and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith. In this Christian Church He daily and richly forgives all my sins and the sins of all believers. On the last day He will raise me and all the dead, and give eternal life to me and all believers in Christ.**

**-This is most certainly true.**

**SONG OF PRAISE**      Heal Our Land

(Verse 1)

You take our lives flawed yet beautiful  
Restore refine Lord You're merciful  
Redeem revive

**(Chorus)**

**Spirit of God**

**Breathe on Your church**

**Pour out Your presence**

**Speak through Your word**

**We pray in ev'ry nation Christ be known**

**Our hope and salvation Christ alone**

(Verse 2)

New pow'r new wine as divisions fall  
One church one Bride Jesus Lord of all  
With one voice we cry

**(SING CHORUS)**

(Instrumental)

(Bridge)

So God we pray to You  
Humble ourselves again  
Lord would You hear our cry  
Lord will You heal our land  
That ev'ry eye will see  
That ev'ry heart will know  
The One who took our sin  
The One who died and rose

**(REPEAT BRIDGE)**

And when Your kingdom comes  
And when at last You call  
We'll rise to worship You alone

**(SING CHORUS 2x)**

**(Ending)**

Christ alone

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**FIRST READING**      Genesis 11:1-9      (Tower of Babel; God scatters people over the earth)

<sup>1</sup>Now the whole earth had one language and the same words. <sup>2</sup>And as people migrated from the east, they found a plain in the land of Shinar and settled there. <sup>3</sup>And they said to one another, "Come, let us make bricks, and burn them thoroughly." And they had brick for stone, and bitumen for mortar. <sup>4</sup>Then they said, "Come, let us build ourselves a city and a tower with its top in the heavens, and let us make a name for ourselves, lest we be dispersed over the face of the whole earth." <sup>5</sup>And the Lord came down to see the city and the tower, which the children of man had built. <sup>6</sup>And the Lord said, "Behold, they are one people, and they have all one language, and this is only the beginning of what they will do. And nothing that they propose to do will now be impossible for them. <sup>7</sup>Come, let us go down and there confuse their language, so that they may not understand one another's speech." <sup>8</sup>So the Lord dispersed them from there over the face of all the earth, and they left off building the city. <sup>9</sup>Therefore its name was called Babel, because there the Lord confused the language of all the earth. And from there the Lord dispersed them over the face of all the earth.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**SECOND READING** Acts 2:1-21

*Jesus' promise in Acts 1:8 comes true as the Holy Spirit shares Himself at work*

<sup>1</sup>When the day of Pentecost arrived, they were all together in one place. <sup>2</sup>And suddenly there came from heaven a sound like a mighty rushing wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. <sup>3</sup>And divided tongues as of fire appeared to them and rested on each one of them. <sup>4</sup>And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance. <sup>5</sup>Now there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men from every nation under heaven. <sup>6</sup>And at this sound the multitude came together, and they were bewildered, because each one was hearing them speak in his own language. <sup>7</sup>And they were amazed and astonished, saying, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?" <sup>8</sup>And how is it that we hear, each of us in his own native language? <sup>9</sup>Parthians and Medes and Elamites and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, <sup>10</sup>Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, <sup>11</sup>both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabians—we hear them telling in our own tongues the mighty works of God." <sup>12</sup>And all were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" <sup>13</sup>But others mocking said, "They are filled with new wine." <sup>14</sup>But Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them: "Men of Judea and all who dwell in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and give ear to my words. <sup>15</sup>For these people are not drunk, as you suppose, since it is only the third hour of the day. <sup>16</sup>But this is what was uttered through the prophet Joel: <sup>17</sup>" "And in the last days it shall be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams; <sup>18</sup>even on my male servants and female servants in those days I will pour out my Spirit, and they shall prophesy. <sup>19</sup>And I will show wonders in the heavens above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and vapor of smoke; <sup>20</sup>the sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the day of the Lord comes, the great and magnificent day. <sup>21</sup>And it shall come to pass that everyone who calls upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.'

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**HOLY GOSPEL** John 14:23-31 *The promised Holy Spirit reminds us of Jesus' words*

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

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

<sup>23</sup> Jesus answered him, "If anyone loves me, he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him. <sup>24</sup> Whoever does not love me does not keep my words. And the word that you hear is not mine but the Father's who sent me. <sup>25</sup> "These things I have spoken to you while I am still with you. <sup>26</sup> But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you. <sup>27</sup> Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid. <sup>28</sup> You heard me say to you, 'I am going away, and I will come to you.' If you loved me, you would have rejoiced, because I am going to the Father, for the Father is greater than I. <sup>29</sup> And now I have told you before it takes place, so that when it does take place you may believe. <sup>30</sup> I will no longer talk much with you, for the ruler of this world is coming. He has no claim on me, <sup>31</sup> but I do as the Father has commanded me, so that the world may know that I love the Father. Rise, let us go from here.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

**SERMON SONG** Things Of Heaven

(Verse 1)

Something is coming I feel the wind blowing  
With mystery Things unseen  
The tides are now changing I see the dawn breaking  
It's happening The awakening

**(Pre-Chorus)**

**Come Holy Spirit come**

**Hover over us**

**Holy Spirit come**

**(Chorus)**

**Open the heavens fling wide the gates**

**Unleash Your presence pour out Your grace**

**Show me Your glory the power of Your love**

**'Cause even a glimpse is more than enough for me**

(Verse 2)

You're willing and able You're making a table  
In front of me Before my enemies

You're mighty to save And You're making a way  
To do so much more Than we've known before  
**(Sing PreChorus and Chorus)**

(Bridge)

We're gonna see those dry bones dancing  
We're gonna see the strongholds bow  
We're gonna see the things of heaven  
Here now

We're gonna see a new revival  
We're gonna see Your kingdom pow'r  
We're gonna see the things of heaven

Here now **(Repeat Bridge)** here now

**(Sing Chorus 2x)**

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**SERMON** What Really Happened at Pentecost? #1 Was it faith?, #2 What did Jesus say?, #3 What else did Jesus say?, #4 Head/Heart/life Experience, #5 Some verses to keep in mind, & #6 Something to sing about

# THE DAY OF PRAYER FOR PERSECUTED CHRISTIANS

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

P: Our Father

**C: who art in heaven**

P: Our Father

**C: hallowed be Thy Name**

P: Our Father

**C: Thy Kingdom come**

P: Our Father

**C: Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven**

P: Our Father

**C: Give us this day our daily bread**

P: Our Father

**C: And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us**

P: Our Father

**C: And lead us not into temptation**

P: Our Father

**C: But deliver us from evil**

**ALL: For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

## OFFERING

### OFFERTORY SONG      On Earth As In Heaven

#### (Verse 1)

We bring our praise You bring revival

We lift our hands You lift our eyes up

#### (Pre-Chorus)

Where Your love is found there will be no fear

God Your kingdom come Your will be done here

#### (Chorus)

**On earth as in heaven**

**Spirit of God pour out**

**Our hearts are wide open**

**Jesus we need You now**

**Come have Your way in this place**

**Break our walls down**

**Spirit of God pour out**

**On earth as in heaven**

**Jesus we need You now**

#### (Verse 2)

We bring our shame You bring redemption

You turn our chains into our freedom

#### (SING PRE CHORUS AND CHORUS)

#### (Bridge)

In Your presence there is peace

In Your presence we are free

There's no better place to be

There's no better place to be

In Your presence there is truth

In Your presence mountains move

We forever run to You

We forever run to You

#### (REPEAT BRIDGE)

#### (SING CHORUS)

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## THE LORD'S SUPPER

### HYMN OF PREPARATION "Jesus Sinners Doth Receive" *LSB hymn# 609 v.1,4,5*

- 1** Jesus sinners doth receive;  
Oh, may all this saying ponder  
Who in sin's delusions live  
And from God and heaven wander!  
Here is hope for all who grieve:  
Jesus sinners doth receive.
- 4** I, a sinner, come to Thee  
With a penitent confession.  
Savior, mercy show to me;  
Grant for all my sins remission.  
Let these words my soul relieve:  
Jesus sinners doth receive.
- 5** Oh, how blest it is to know:  
Were as scarlet my transgression,  
It shall be as white as snow  
By Thy blood and bitter passion;  
For these words I now believe:  
Jesus sinners doth receive.

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### CONFESSION OF SINS (based on Psalm 51)

Have mercy on me, O God, according to Your unfailing love, According to Your great compassion blot out my transgressions. Wash away all my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin. Against You, You only have I sinned and done what is evil in Your sight. So that You are proved right when You speak and justified when You judge. Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me. Do not cast me from Your presence or take Your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of my salvation, and grant me a willing spirit to sustain me. The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, You will not despise. Amen.

## WORD OF FORGIVENESS

### 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."

## THE PEACE OF THE LORD

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always

People: Amen.

## DISTRIBUTION

### DISTRIBUTION HYMNS Holy Spirit, Light Divine

- 1 Holy Spirit, light divine,  
Shine upon this heart of mine;  
Chase the shades of night away,  
Turn the darkness into day.
- 2 Let me see my Savior's face,  
Let me all His beauties trace;  
Show those glorious truths to me  
Which are only known to Thee.
- 3 Holy Spirit, pow'r divine,  
Cleanse this guilty heart of mine;  
In Thy mercy pity me,  
From sin's bondage set me free.

### LSB hymn# 496

- 4 Holy Spirit, joy divine,  
Cheer this saddened heart of mine;  
Yield a sacred, settled peace,  
Let it grow and still increase.
- 5 Holy Spirit, all divine,  
Dwell within this heart of mine;  
Cast down ev'ry idol throne,  
Reign supreme, and reign alone.

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### Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling LSB hymn# 650

- 1 Holy Spirit, ever dwelling  
In the holiest realms of light;  
Holy Spirit, ever brooding  
O'er a world of gloom and night;  
Holy Spirit, ever raising  
Those of earth to thrones on high;  
Living, life-imparting Spirit,  
You we praise and magnify.
- 2 Holy Spirit, ever living  
As the Church's very life;  
Holy Spirit, ever striving  
Through us in a ceaseless strife;  
Holy Spirit, ever forming  
In the Church the mind of Christ:  
You we praise with endless worship  
For Your gifts and fruits unpriced.

- 3 Holy Spirit, ever working  
Through the Church's ministry;  
Quick'ning, strength'ning, and absolving,  
Setting captive sinners free;  
Holy Spirit, ever binding  
Age to age and soul to soul  
In communion never ending,  
You we worship and extol.

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## **PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

People: Amen.

## **BENEDICTION**

People: Amen.

## **CLOSING SONG**    Build Your Kingdom Here

(Verse)

Come set Your rule and reign, in our hearts again  
Increase in us we pray, unveil why we're made  
Come set our hearts ablaze with hope, like wildfire in our very souls  
Holy Spirit come invade us now

We are Your church. We need Your pow'r in us

(Verse 2)

We seek Your kingdom first. We hunger and we thirst  
Refuse to waste our lives, for You're our joy and prize  
To see the captives' hearts released, the hurt the sick, the poor at peace  
We lay down our lives for heaven's cause  
We are Your church, we pray revive this earth

**(Chorus)**

**Build Your kingdom here. Let the darkness fear**  
**Show Your mighty hand. Heal our streets and land**  
**Set Your church on fire. Win this nation back**  
**Change the atmosphere. Build Your kingdom here we pray**

(Verse 3)

Unleash Your kingdom's pow'r, reaching the near and far  
No force of hell can stop, your beauty changing hearts  
You made us for much more than this, awake the kingdom seed in us  
Fill us with the strength and love of Christ  
We are Your church, we are the hope on earth

**(Sing Chorus twice)**

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Servers	8:30am	11:00am
Elder	John Jennejahn	Joel Helms
Acolyte	Eli Allen	Benjamin Noel
Ushers	Dirk & Kathryn Wilmoth	Joel Helms & Doug Piercy
Communion	Bill Hufnagle & Stephanie Hanson	Rich Baldwin & Vaughn Stinson
Lector	Jenelle Lanham	Jeanine Helms

**Prayer Support Team:**

Joel & Jeanine Helms

**Sound & Tech Crew:**

8:30am: Kevin L. and Peter

11:00am: Justin P. and Paige H.

**Altar Guild:**

8:30am: Susan R. & Dana N.

11:00am: Elaine, Kathy, Margo

**Offering Counters:**

Lori Allen & Stephanie Hanson

**BE THE CHANGE** BABY BOTTLE BLESSING CAMPAIGN



**DATES** May 25th - June 29th  
**CONTACT** Lisa Baldwin 828-243-6590

 Mountain Area Pregnancy Services

**Our annual Baby Bottle Blessing collections, happening now!**

Pick up a bottle in the narthex, fill it with change, cash, or checks, and return it to the church by or before June 29, 2025.

Every bottle helps support Mountain Area Pregnancy Services and gives hope to women facing unplanned pregnancies.

**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:

- a) Examine our relationship with God & others according to the Ten Commandments;
- b) Truly repent of our sins and seek forgiveness in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord;
- c) 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;
- d) 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.

**Annual Voter's Meeting**

**Sunday June 22nd**

(after 2nd service)

 **New Member Interest Class!**

**Emmanuel Lutheran Church**

**ADULT INQUIRER'S CLASS**

**Wednesdays June 11, 18, 25, & July 2 w/ Pastor Skopak!**  
**begins 6pm in the narthex**



*Are you interested in exploring the basics of your Christian faith through the lenses of the Lutheran Doctrine? Want to know more about Emmanuel and are ready to explore membership? If so, please join us! We look forward to it.*

Email your interest in this class or any questions you have to [churchoffice@elcsmail.org](mailto:churchoffice@elcsmail.org)

**TODAY!**  
**HEALING SERVICE**  
*after 2nd service*



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**WEEKLY CALENDAR**

**Monday, June 9**

7:00pm Southside Bible Group (Baldwin home)

**Tuesday, June 10**

**Wednesday, June 11**

12:00pm Midweek Worship Service (sanctuary)

6:00pm New Member Class Series (narthex)

**Thursday, June 12**

**Friday, June 13**

6:00pm Church Pickleball (gym)

**Saturday, June 14**

9:30am Altar Guild Meeting (narthex)

4:30pm Saturday Small Group (Meyer home)

**Sunday, June 15**

**8:30am Traditional/Liturgical Worship Service**

9:45am Adult Sunday School Class (room# 111)

9:45am Kid's Sunday School (room# 017)

**11:00am Blended Worship Service**

Food Pantry is closed.

5:00pm High School Youth Group

7:00pm Virtual Prayer Service (zoom)

**Member Celebrations**

**Birthdays:** 6/9 : Beth Pursley, Gloria Spude

6/11: Kristy Barlow, Phil McCarthy

6/12: Kathleen Coloney; 6/15: Arthur Gillespie

**Anniversaries:** 6/10: Eugene & Shelia Edwards

6/11 : George Banjak (Betty +); Robert & Lori

Allen; 6/12 : Ed Schallhorn (Elaine +); 6/13:

John & Marni Jennejahn; 6/14 : Anne Mehrling  
(John +)

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

**In-person**

8:30am: 81 11am: 78

Wednesday Noon: 22

**Online**

Website: 34

FB: 11

**ELC Grab n Go Sunday Food Pantry**

**Sunday 5/25**

93 Cars, 125 Families, & 389 Individuals

**BOARD of DIRECTORS:**

**Peter Renner** (*Chair & Elder Rep.*), **Rojeanous Rush** (*V-Chair*),  
**Steve Ude** (*Parish*), **Deb DeBerry** (*School*), **Stephen Taylor**  
(*Outreach*), **Neil Pursley** (*Music/Worship*), **Eugene Edwards**  
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**CHURCH STAFF:**

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

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**SCHOOL K-8**

**School Principal:** Mark Edmiston

**School Admin. Assistant:** Shari Reaves

**Assistant Principal:** Denise Ball

**Director of Admissions:** Emily Leatherwood

**Kindergarten:** Kim Noel & Jamie Wertham

**First Grade:** Rachel Graves & Mackenzie Knapp

**Second Grade:** TBD

**Third Grade:** Kiara Studer

**Fourth Grade:** Chelsey Towery

**Fifth Grade:** Emily Lundquist

**MS Science/Social Studies:** Steve Lehrer

**MS Math:** Jenelle Lanham

**Floating Aid & Tutor:** Mindy Stackhouse

**Floating Aid, 2nd-4th:** Cathy Whittemore

**PE/Athletic Director:** Jennifer Jenkins "Coach J"

**K-8 Art:** Tammy Reilly

**Music & Spanish:** A.L. Brown

**Cafeteria:** Mackenzie Knapp

**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

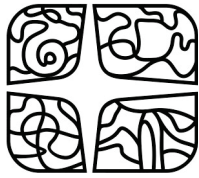
**Floating Aid:** Felicia Norton

**Previous Week's Offerings**

**General Offering Received:** \$ 7, 487.48

**Building Funds Received:** \$ 50.00

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



## Emmanuel Lutheran Prayer List The Week of June 8th, 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:***

### **- Todd Sluder (C. Piercy, friend) Brain Tumor**

- ◇ Pete Rauschenplat In Hospice care. Prayers also for Sherry.
- ◇ Lorenzo Lopez (E. Lopez) Stem cell treatment in Chicago now.  
Prayers that his hope is strong & for physical healing.
- Cheryl Bouman Asking prayers for her to return to God.
- Marian Piercy (D. Piercy, mother) Declining health; Being moved to hospice care @ Laurels of GreenTree Ridge on 5/12
- Rev. Mark Spelzhausen (J. Gibney, friend) chemo & radiation
- ◇ Don Maskell (A. Maskell wife) Cont'd health issues, pain mgmt., possible surgery; Not being able to make it to church
- ◇ = Emmanuel Lutheran Church Members  
(See back for those diagnosed & living with long-term conditions)

### **Healing Reflections:**

*"First of all, then, I urge that petitions, prayers, requests, and thanksgivings be offered to God for all people; for kings and all others in authority, that we may lead a quiet and peaceful life with all reverence toward God and with proper conduct." (1 Timothy 2:1-2)*

Dear God, Your Word says "blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord." We pray for our nation. Have mercy upon us and turn us back to Yourself. Thank You for our forefathers who established this nation on Your Word and the acknowledgement that You are God. In God we trust; let that be true in America. Give us leaders who will acknowledge responsibility to You, who will seek Your wisdom and counsel, and who themselves seek to be servants of the people. Restore humility, integrity, truthfulness, good character, goodness and respect. Come to the aid of those who cannot speak for themselves and for those most vulnerable in our society. Keep our religious freedom alive and move Your Church to speak and act in Your Name and according to Your Word. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

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

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

### **PRAYERS FOR OUR HOMEBOUND MEMBER BROTHERS & SISTERS:**

- ◇ K. Ray Bailey
- ◇ Carol Cook
- ◇ Diana Hempel
- ◇ Teenie Smathers
- ◇ Marjorie Locke
- ◇ Isabelle Hempel
- ◇ Marilyn Saylor
- ◇ Helen Cline
- ◇ Andre & Lori Benson
- ◇ Ken & Carol Treadway
- ◇ Jim & Judy Clark
- ◇ Gerry & Peg Hardesty



**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!*