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CHURCH & SCHOOL  
ASHEVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA

**SUNDAY AUGUST 24, 2025**

*11th Sunday of Pentecost*

**8:30AM TRADITIONAL WORSHIP**

**11:00AM BLENDED WORSHIP**

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

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## Praying to Overcome Obstacles and Hardships



**2 Corinthians 11:24-12:1**

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## Praying to Overcome the Obstacles and Hardships

2 Corinthians 11:24-12:1

August 24, 2025

Even the \_\_\_\_\_ had their problems. John and James tried to secretly gain some extra power. \_\_\_\_\_ tried to get out of forgiving his brother. And in today's reading \_\_\_\_\_ highlights to the Corinthians - and us - that he had \_\_\_\_\_

- I. Weaknesses Did Not \_\_\_\_\_ Him
- A. Paul \_\_\_\_\_ that his weaknesses show that God's Grace is essential
1. Paul was \_\_\_\_\_ a congregation that had begun to rebel against his teaching
  2. The problem? The Corinthians were \_\_\_\_\_ in what God could do for them right now
  3. They were searching for \_\_\_\_\_ gain
- B. God wants us to focus on things \_\_\_\_\_
1. The challenge: The Corinthians were \_\_\_\_\_ on themselves
  2. They were living contrary to \_\_\_\_\_ God and \_\_\_\_\_ others
- C. So what does this mean for \_\_\_\_\_?
1. We all have \_\_\_\_\_ and temptations
  2. We may even feel as though God has \_\_\_\_\_ us from time to time
- II. What IF \_\_\_\_\_ are Really \_\_\_\_\_?
- A. So how does this intersect with having the " \_\_\_\_\_ Conversation" with others?
1. Where are your \_\_\_\_\_ when it comes to this?
  2. Stop and look around - we are all \_\_\_\_\_
  3. So what if our \_\_\_\_\_ are not a weakness but a \_\_\_\_\_?

- B. Our \_\_\_\_\_ in this congregation are a gift from God
1. Our differences are a way in which people can \_\_\_\_\_ to God and each other
  2. Thus, different types of small groups, different styles of \_\_\_\_\_ in our worship, different Bible study offerings...
  3. This is the \_\_\_\_\_ of Christ at work!
    - a. The image of the \_\_\_\_\_ for the church was written for the Corinthians
    - b. Complimentary parts making us \_\_\_\_\_
- III. You Don't Have to be \_\_\_\_\_.... Just \_\_\_\_\_
- A. It's not about "readiness" - it's about \_\_\_\_\_
1. Pray...read your \_\_\_\_\_
  2. Consider your own \_\_\_\_\_ of faith
- B. Preparation takes place at home, in \_\_\_\_\_, and with other Christian friends
1. We will never have everything completely \_\_\_\_\_
  2. What we need to do is \_\_\_\_\_ in Him
- C. So \_\_\_\_\_ for the people who you come in contact with
1. Pray for an \_\_\_\_\_ to speak the Good News
  2. \_\_\_\_\_ to their story and do not judge
  3. \_\_\_\_\_ them see God's Grace at work



Bring your \_\_\_\_\_ to Jesus asking Him to help you to use them to highlight God's \_\_\_\_\_.

This will prepare you to "Pray and Go."

Remember: You can do all things through Christ who strengthens you.

# Sunday—August 24th, 2025

Directly after second service:

- > Personal Prayer Ministry (after 11am service at the altar)<
- > 9:45 Adult Sunday School (School Music Room off the Gym) <
- > 9:45 Kid's Sundays School (room off the Fellowship Hall) <
- > The Food Pantry is OPEN TODAY 1-3 pm! <



Today's Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God by:  
**CAROL BRUCKNER**— in memory of Bob & Lucy Schell  
and John & Nan Schell

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## 8:30am Traditional Service

Call to Worship:

“I'll Go Where You Want Me to Go”

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## **AS WE GATHER**

To be the “favorite child” in a family is often a source of competition and sometimes a source for comedy. Years ago, a pair of sibling entertainers, the Smothers Brothers, made their family relationship a staple of their onstage humor when Tom, the older brother, would remind Dickie, the younger, “Mom always did like you best.” As we gather with God’s people at worship week by week, we can be certain that our gracious God values all of us and is pleased to see us grow in grace year by year. The psalmist wrote that “the LORD God is a sun and shield; the LORD bestows favor and honor” (Psalm 84:11). In the same Psalm 84 is the verse where the psalmist exclaims to God, “For a day in Your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere” (v. 10). There is nothing better than for God’s favorite people, which we are, to be gathered in a most favorite place—which this is! It doesn’t get any better than that!

## **CALL TO WORSHIP "God of Revival"**

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## **WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **OPENING SONG "Let Your Kingdom Come"**

(Verse 1)

Your glorious cause O God  
Engages our hearts  
May Jesus Christ be known  
Wherever we are  
We ask not for ourselves  
But for Your renown  
The cross has saved us so we pray  
Your kingdom come

**Chorus 1**

**Let Your kingdom come  
Let Your will be done  
So that ev'ryone might know Your Name  
Let Your song be heard ev'rywhere on  
earth  
Till Your sov'reign work on earth is done  
Let Your kingdom come  
Let Your kingdom come**

(Verse 2)

Give us Your strength O God  
And courage to speak  
Perform Your wondrous deeds  
Through those who are weak  
Lord use us as You want  
Whatever the test  
By grace we'll preach Your Gospel till  
Our dying breath

**Chorus 2**

**Let Your kingdom come  
Let Your will be done  
So that ev'ryone might know Your Name  
Let Your song be heard ev'rywhere on  
earth**

**Till Your sov'reign work on earth is done**

(Sing Chorus 1)

(Ending)

Let Your kingdom come  
Let Your kingdom come

## INVOCATION

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

People: **Amen.**

## OPENING SENTENCES *Psalm 103:1–2, 8, 13, 21–22*

Pastor: Bless the LORD, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless His holy name!

People: **Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits.**

Pastor: As a father shows compassion to his children, so the LORD shows compassion to those who fear Him.

People: **The LORD is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.**

Pastor: Bless the LORD, all His hosts, His ministers, who do His will!

People: **Bless the LORD, all His works, in all places of His dominion. Bless the LORD, O my soul!**

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Let us now confess our sin to God, our merciful Father.

People: **Have mercy on us, Lord, and grant us Your forgiveness. We confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We repent of our sins, those known to us and those unknown as well. Create in us clean hearts, gracious Lord, and put new and right spirits within us that we may be reconciled to You and at peace with all people. We trust in Christ alone for the forgiveness that we seek today and at all times. Give us the Holy Spirit to guide and direct us into paths of righteousness and finally bring us to everlasting life. Amen.**

Pastor: The almighty and merciful Lord grant us pardon, forgiveness, and remission of all our sins. 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.**

## SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray.

O Lord, You have called us to enter Your kingdom through the narrow door. Guide us by Your Word and Spirit, and lead us now and always into the feast of Your Son, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: **Amen.**

## OLD TESTAMENT *Isaiah 66:18-23 (The glory of the Lord shall be declared)*

<sup>18</sup> “For I know their works and their thoughts, and the time is coming to gather all nations and tongues. And they shall come and shall see my glory, <sup>19</sup> and I will set a sign among them. And from them I will send survivors to the nations, to Tarshish, Pul, and Lud, who draw the bow, to Tubal and Javan, to the coastlands far away, that have not heard my fame or seen my glory. And they shall declare my glory among the nations. <sup>20</sup> And they shall bring all your brothers from all the nations as an offering to the Lord, on horses and in chariots and in litters and on mules and on dromedaries, to my holy mountain Jerusalem, says the Lord, just as the Israelites bring their grain offering in a clean vessel to the house of the Lord. <sup>21</sup> And some of them also I will take for priests and for Levites, says the Lord. <sup>22</sup> “For as the new heavens and the new earth that I make shall remain before me, says the Lord, so shall your offspring and your name remain. <sup>23</sup> From new moon to new moon, and from Sabbath to Sabbath, all flesh shall come to worship before me, declares the Lord.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord. **People: Thanks be to God.**

## EPISTLE *2 Corinthians 11:24-12:1*

<sup>24</sup> Five times I received at the hands of the Jews the forty lashes less one. <sup>25</sup> Three times I was beaten with rods. Once I was stoned. Three times I was shipwrecked; a night and a day I was adrift at sea; <sup>26</sup> on frequent journeys, in danger from rivers, danger from robbers, danger from my own people, danger from Gentiles, danger in the city, danger in the wilderness, danger at sea, danger from false brothers; <sup>27</sup> in toil and hardship, through many a sleepless night, in hunger and thirst, often without food, in cold and exposure. <sup>28</sup> And, apart from other things, there is the daily pressure on me of my anxiety for all the churches. <sup>29</sup> Who is weak, and I am not weak? Who is made to fall, and I am not indignant? <sup>30</sup> If I must boast, I will boast of the things that show my weakness. <sup>31</sup> The God and Father of the Lord Jesus, he who is blessed forever, knows that I am not lying. <sup>32</sup> At Damascus, the governor under King Aretas was guarding the city of Damascus in order to seize me, <sup>33</sup> but I was let down in a basket through a window in the wall and escaped his hands. <sup>1</sup> I must go on boasting. Though there is nothing to be gained by it, I will go on to visions and revelations of the Lord.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord. **People: Thanks be to God.**

**HOLY GOSPEL** *Luke 13:22-30 (Jesus shares insights into His kingdom that is to come)*

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

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

<sup>22</sup> He went on his way through towns and villages, teaching and journeying toward Jerusalem. <sup>23</sup> And someone said to him, "Lord, will those who are saved be few?" And he said to them, <sup>24</sup> "Strive to enter through the narrow door. For many, I tell you, will seek to enter and will not be able. <sup>25</sup> When once the master of the house has risen and shut the door, and you begin to stand outside and to knock at the door, saying, 'Lord, open to us,' then he will answer you, 'I do not know where you come from.' <sup>26</sup> Then you will begin to say, 'We ate and drank in your presence, and you taught in our streets.' <sup>27</sup> But he will say, 'I tell you, I do not know where you come from. Depart from me, all you workers of evil!' <sup>28</sup> In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth, when you see Abraham and Isaac and Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of God but you yourselves cast out. <sup>29</sup> And people will come from east and west, and from north and south, and recline at table in the kingdom of God. <sup>30</sup> And behold, some are last who will be first, and some are first who will be last."

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

**SERMON SONG "FOLLOW"**

(Verse 1)

I give my life to follow Jesus  
Captive to Christ I know true freedom  
I count it all joy to take up my cross  
I'll follow

(Verse 2)

These earthly wells have left me thirsty  
All worldly wisdom comes up empty  
Only Your word and only Your ways  
I'll follow

**(Chorus)**

**What a joy it is to follow You Jesus**  
**What a gift it is to bear Your name**  
**What an honor to choose to worship**  
**And make You my everything**

(Verse 3)

When the darkness brings its questions  
When trusting You becomes a wrestle  
I have resolved no matter the cost  
I'll follow

**(Sing Chorus 2x)**

(Bridge)

Yes, to surrender  
Yes, to the altar  
Yes, to Your plans for me  
Yes, to correction  
Yes, to confession  
Yes, to refining me  
Yes, to Your blessing  
Yes, to anointing  
Your Spirit alive in me  
Yes, to direction  
And resurrection  
Yes, to eternity

**(Sing Chorus)**

**What a joy it is to follow You Jesus**  
**What a gift it is to bear Your name**  
**What an honor to choose to worship**  
**And make You my everything**

(Ending)

And make You my everything  
Lord You are my everything

**SERMON** “Praying to Overcome Obstacles and Hardships”  
(2 Corinthians 11:24- 12:1)

**CREED** APOSTLES’ 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.

**LORD’S PRAYER**

**C** **Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

**OFFERING**

**OFFERTORY SONG** “Trust in God”

(Verse 1)

Blessed assurance Jesus is mine  
He's been my fourth man in the fire  
Time after time  
Born of His Spirit Washed in His blood  
And what He did for me on Calvary  
Is more than enough

**(CHORUS 2x)**

**I trust in God my Savior  
The One who will never fail  
He will never fail**

(Verse 2)

Perfect submission, all is at rest  
I know the author of tomorrow, has  
ordered my steps  
So this is my story, and this is my song  
I’m praising my risen King and Savior  
all the day long

**(Sing Chorus)**

(Bridge)

I sought the Lord and He heard and  
He answered  
I sought the Lord and He heard and  
He answered  
I sought the Lord and He heard and  
He answered

That’s why I trust Him

That’s why I trust [Him] [in God]

(Repeat Bridge)

**(Sing Chorus)**

I sought the Lord and He heard and  
He answered

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## **PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

Pastor: Blessed are You, O Lord of heaven and earth. We give thanks to You for having sent Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, to be our Redeemer, saving us from the power of sin, death, and the devil. Invited by Your grace and supported by Your love, we come to Your Table with thanksgiving and praise. Grant that we with true faith and trust in Your words of promise receive the bread and wine, that is, the very body and blood of Christ, as a guarantee of the salvation that He purchased for us through His innocent suffering and death on the cross. Receive our prayers and praises and grant us Your abiding peace. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and praise with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. Send us Your Holy Spirit, the Spirit who brings to life the power of Jesus Christ. Bless us, Your children, that all we who partake of Christ's holy body and of His precious blood may be filled with Your heavenly peace and joy, so that, clinging to Christ our Lord, we may live in the hope of an eternity gathered around Your heavenly Table.

**People: Amen.**

## **THE WORDS OF OUR LORD** *Matt.26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24; Luke 22:19–20; 1 Cor.11:23–25*

Pastor: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My  $\times$  body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me." In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My  $\times$  blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

## **PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST** *1 Corinthians 11:26; Revelation 22:2*

Pastor: As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

**People: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

## **PAX DOMINI**

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

## DISTRIBUTION

### DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

#### LSB 626 "Come, Let Us Eat"

- 1** Come, let us eat, for now the feast is spread,  
Come, let us eat, for now the feast is spread  
Our Lord's body let us take together  
Our Lord's body let us take together.
- 2** Come, let us drink, for now the wine is  
poured,  
Come, let us drink, for now the wine is  
poured.  
Jesus' blood poured let us drink together,  
Jesus' blood poured let us drink together

- 3** In His presence now we meet and rest,  
In His presence now we meet and rest.  
In the presence of our Lord we gather,  
In the presence of our Lord we gather.
- 4** Rise, then, to spread abroad God's  
mighty Word,  
Rise, then, to spread abroad God's  
mighty Word.  
Jesus risen will bring in the Kingdom,  
Jesus risen will bring in the Kingdom

#### LSB 680 "Thine the Amen, Thine the Praise"

- 1** Thine the amen Thine the praise  
Alleluias angels raise  
Thine the everlasting head  
Thine the breaking of the bread  
Thine the glory Thine the story  
Thine the harvest then the cup  
Thine the vineyard then the cup is lifted up  
lifted up.
- 2** Thine the life eternally  
Thine the promise let there be  
Thine the vision Thine the tree  
All the earth on bended knee  
Gone the nailing gone the railing  
Gone the pleading gone the cry  
Gone the sighing gone the dying what was  
loss lifted high.
- 3** Thine the truly Thine the yes  
Thine the table we the guest  
Thine the mercy all from Thee  
Thine the glory yet to be

- Then the ringing and the singing  
Then the end of all the war  
Thine the living Thine the loving  
evermore evermore.
- 4** Thine the kingdom Thine the prize  
Thine the wonder full surprise  
Thine the banquet then the praise  
Then the justice of Thy ways  
Thine the glory Thine the story  
Then the welcome to the least  
Then the wonder all increasing at  
Thy feast at Thy feast.
- 5** Thine the glory in the night  
No more dying only light  
Thine the river Thine the tree  
Then the Lamb eternally  
Then the holy holy holy  
Celebration jubilee  
Thine the splendor Thine the  
brightness only Thee only Thee.

## POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Let us pray. We bless You, O Lord, for the grace and favor You continually show us. Grant that Your Son's body and blood, which You have given us to eat and to drink, may abide in us; and let no stain of sin remain in us, whom this pure and Holy Sacrament has refreshed; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

**People: Amen.**

## BENEDICTION *Numbers 6:24–26*

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

**People: Amen.**

## CLOSING SONG “Build Your Kingdom Here”

(Verse 1)

Your glorious cause O God  
Engages our hearts  
May Jesus Christ be known  
Wherever we are  
We ask not for ourselves  
But for Your renown  
The cross has saved us so we pray  
Your kingdom come

**Chorus 1**

**Let Your kingdom come  
Let Your will be done  
So that ev'ryone might know Your Name  
Let Your song be heard ev'rywhere  
on earth  
Till Your sov'reign work on earth is done  
Let Your kingdom come  
Let Your kingdom come**

(Verse 2)

Give us Your strength O God  
And courage to speak  
Perform Your wondrous deeds  
Through those who are weak  
Lord use us as You want  
Whatever the test  
By grace we'll preach Your Gospel till  
Our dying breath

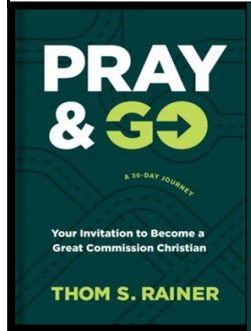
**Chorus 2**

**Let Your kingdom come  
Let Your will be done  
So that ev'ryone might know Your Name  
Let Your song be heard ev'rywhere  
on earth  
Till Your sov'reign work on earth is done  
(Sing Chorus 1)**

(Ending)

Let Your kingdom come  
Let Your kingdom come

Servers	8:30am	11:00am	<b>Prayer Support Team:</b> Kevin & Christi Lorenz <b>Sound &amp; Tech Crew:</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> : Heather M & Peter L. 2 <sup>nd</sup> : Steve T. & Heather H.  <b>Altar Guild:</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> : Dana Novak & Susan Roby 2 <sup>nd</sup> : Elaine Tonne  <b>Offering Counters:</b> Ed & Deb De Berry
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Acolyte	TBD	Benjamin Noel	
Ushers	Mike Rush Stephanie Hanson	Justin Hodges Ed DeBerry	
Communion	Susan Roby Debbie Reiling	Deb DeBerry Tracey Carpenter	
Lector	Carole Williams	Martha Price	



Adult Bible study in the school music room 10am suitable to jump in any week.



*Your Invitation to Become a Great Commission Christian A 30-Day Journey*  
by Thom S. Rainer



**September Flower Sign ups:**

**Go to the following url:**

<http://bit.ly/3Uvfu0E>

**Or scan the QR code**



**SCAN ME**

### 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.



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**WEEKLY CALENDAR**

**Monday, August 25**

7:00pm Southside Bible Group –Salsieder Home

**Tuesday, August 26**

**Wednesday, August 27**

12:00pm Midweek Worship Service (Sanctuary)

**Thursday, August 28**

**Friday, August 29**

6:00pm Pickleball (gym)

**Saturday, August 30**

**Sunday, August 31** — Pray & Go series!

**8:30m Traditional Worship Service**

9:45am Adult Sunday School (School Music room)

9:45am Kid’s Sunday School (off fellowship hall)

**11:00am Blended Worship Service**

Post-Service Prayer Ministry Support (Altar)

1-3:00pm Food Pantry is CLOSED

5:00pm High School Youth Group

**Last Sunday’s Attendance & Stats**

**In-person**

**Services:** 1<sup>st</sup> — 77 2<sup>nd</sup> — 60

Wednesday Noon 8/6: 20

**Online**

**Website:** 31

**FB:** 5

**Upcoming Member Celebrations**

**BIRTHDAYS:**

8/24 - Margo Rabon;

8/24 - Harold Neuenkirchen; 8/24 - Jacob Kanelos ; 8/25 - Shirley Parker; 8/27 - Keith Novak; 8/28 - Neil Pursley; 8/28 - Rhonda Roberts; 8/29 - Mike Fastenau

**ANNIVERSARIES:**

8/24 - Dirk & Kathryn Wilmoth

8/26 - Linda Carlson (Gilbert+)

8/27 - Helen Cline (Fred+)

8/30 - Jim & Patricia Frazier

**Previous Week’s Offerings**

**General Offering Received:** \$ 11,580

**Building Funds Received:** \$ 200.00

\*Weekly Offering Budget: \$ (12817.31)

**CHURCH STAFF:**

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

**Director of Christian Education:** Alexi Lundquist

**Parish Administrator:** Dirk Wilmoth

**Business Administrator:** Gail Thomas

**Finance Asst.:** Leigh Horsley

**Office Asst. Church & ECE, Benefits Mgr:** Amy Skopak

**Admin. Asst.:** Anitta Charlson

**Church & ECE Music Director/P.E.:** Heather Meulenberg

**Organist:** Lula Meulenberg;

**Digital Media :** Peter Linton

**Hospitality Ministry:** Shirley Parker

**Facilities Mgmt:** Neil Seidler, Mike Rush, Neil Pursley

**SCHOOL K-8**

**Principal/STEAM:** Mark Edmiston

**Admin. Assistant:** Shari Reaves

**Asst. Principal/MS English:** Denise Ball

**Director of Admissions:** Emily Leatherwood

**Kindergarten:** Kim Noel & Jamie Wertham

**First Grade:** Eryn Kelly /Mackenzie Knapp

**Second Grade:** Leigh Weaver

**Third Grade/Curriculum Coordinator:** Kiara Studer

**Fourth Grade:** Chelsey Towery

**Fifth Grade:** Emily Lundquist

**MS Science:** Leigh Conner

**MS Math:** Jenelle Lanham

**MS Social Studies:** Mindy Stackhouse

**PE/Athletic Director:** Jennifer Jenkins “Coach J”

**Art:** Tammy Reilly

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

**EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION:**

**Director:** Nicole Loria

**Admin Assist:** Carolyn Mashburn

**Younger Infants:** Paula Jones and Rachel Bishop

**Older Infants:** Becky Swatzell & Hydeia Beck

**Toddlers 1:** Lindsey Smathers & Mikayla Gulbrand

**Toddler2:** Neesie Castillo and Ivy Robles

**PS2:** Veronica Milner and Christy Credle

**PS-2/3:** Amy Bair and Julia Sherman

**PS3:** Madison McDonald and Jasmine Riddle

**PS3/4:** Robin Rutherford & DeAsia Little

**PreK-1:** Madison Peach & Cleo Green

**PreK-2:** Faith Noell & Crystal McCormick

**Floating Aid:** Felicia Norton

**Cafeteria:** Kristen Warren and Mikaela Bennett

**ELC Grab n Go Sunday Food Pantry**

Saturday 8/9

82 Households, 329 Individuals served



## Emmanuel Lutheran Prayer List The Week of August 24, 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 for good health, swift Healing, & Favor:*

- Jason Morris- (D.Myer's friend) Jason's mother died suddenly, he has a brother with special needs
  - Lee Hagan—(Pres./Missouri District) recovering from a stroke
  - Don Erbes—(Meyer's friend) Heart Surgery 7/28
  - ◇ CJ Reece — outpatient surgery for catheter ablation soon
  - ◇ Ed Schallhorn— home after a major surgery/prayers for a speedy recovery
  - Rev. J. Christensen (Pastor Mt. Pisgah) recovering from pancreatitis; now home with a long recovery ahead
  - ◇ Mike Walker — At CarePartners as of 7/23
  - Zeb Dowdle (N. Black, best friend) Needs kidney transplant due to being on meds since age 5, after a heart transplant.
  - ◇ = Emmanuel Lutheran Church Members
- (See back for those diagnosed & living with long-term conditions)*

### Scripture & Prayer

"Be joyful always, pray at all times, be thankful in all circumstances. This is what God wants from you in your life in union with Christ Jesus."

(1 Thessalonians 5:16-18)

Dear Jesus, You are the great physician of body and soul. Come to those who are experiencing cancer and bring healing to their bodies. Use the gifts of medicine and doctors to work Your healing power. Lift their spirits and enable them to trust in You during this difficult time. Let them cast all their cares upon You for You care for them. For their families and caregivers, be their Encourager and Helper. Thank you Jesus, Amen.

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

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|-----------------------|---|
| ◇ Harold Neuenkirchen | Linda Poppenhagen                         |
| ◇ Ken Treadway        | Rev. Mark Spelzhausen (J. Gibney, friend) |
| ◇ Lorenzo Lopez       | Donna Logeman (E.Lundquist, mother)       |
| ◇ Dale Pioch          | Nancy Hutchins (G. Bailey, friend)        |
| ◇ Peg Hardesty        | Ann Downs (K. Emory, mother)              |
| ◇ Jim Clark           | Ann Melious (McCarthy family)             |
| ◇ Steve Taylor        | Carol Harris (S.Ude's friend)             |
| ◇ Mary Hufnagle       | Robin Worley (J.Kearley's friend)         |
| ◇ Sharon Pruett       | Virginia Lopez (E. Lopez, mother)         |
| ◇ Marilyn Saylor      | Chris Alstrin (L.Schulhof, friend)        |
| ◇ Diana Hempel        | Jennie Buckner (C.Cline's neighbor)       |
| ◇ Emily Nieting       | Elsie Lankford (S. Pruett's mother)       |
| ◇ Cynthia Cline       | Mike Lemmons (J. Groh)                    |
| ◇ Helen Cline         | Jamie Leyva (C. Leyva, daughter-in-law))  |
| ◇ Marjorie Locke      | Ron Riddle (B. King, friend)              |
| ◇ Mike Walker         | Erin Y. (J. Thomas, friend)               |
| ◇ Julia Kearley       | Ralph Ector, Jr & Snr (S.Edwards, family) |
| ◇ C.J. Reece          | Tyrone Ayres (S. Edwards, friend)         |
| ◇ Mike Fastenau       | Lynn White (S. Edwards, cousin)           |
| ◇ Ray Bailey          | Randy Booker (J. Kearley, brother-in-law) |
| ◇ Don Maskell         | Todd Sluder (C. Piercy, friend)           |
|                       | Mary Walker (D. Meyer, aunt)              |
|                       | Brandon Talofuse, Newton Crave (E.Bailey) |
|                       | Barbara Frazier — (A. Charlson), mother   |

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

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|------------------------|--------------------|---------------------------|
| ◇ K. Ray Bailey        | ◇ Carol Cook       | ◇ Diana & Isabelle Hempel |
| ◇ Teenie Smathers      | ◇ Marjorie Locke   | ◇ Cleta McCall            |
| ◇ 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.*

*Prayer request cards are located on the bottom of our 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!*