



Emmanuel Lutheran

CHURCH & SCHOOL
ASHEVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 14, 2025

14th Sunday of Pentecost

8:30AM TRADITIONAL WORSHIP

11:00AM BLENDED WORSHIP

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



Luke 15:1-10

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Sunday—September 14th, 2025



Directly after second service:

- > Personal Prayer Ministry (after 11am service at the altar)<
 - > 9:45 Adult Sunday School w/Pastor Anderson(School Music rm off the Gym) <
 - > 9:45 Kid's Sundays School (room off the Fellowship Hall) <
 - > The Food Pantry is CLOSED TODAY!<
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8:30am Traditional Service

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AS WE GATHER

The charge against Jesus was always the same—He keeps the wrong company. But Jesus has come for sinners, and if you are not a sinner, He does not have anything for you. To emphasize why He has come, our Lord tells the stories of ninety-nine sheep left behind to find one who is lost and a woman who rejoices over finding one lost coin. You are that lost sheep and lost coin for whom Christ has come and in whom heaven rejoices. Jesus has come for you and for you He has offered Himself upon the cross and been laid in the tomb. This is the heavenly joy of the angels above, and it is our earthly joy as well. Christ came for us!

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING SONG “A Thousand Hallelujahs”

(Verse 1)

Who else would rocks cry out to worship
Whose glory taught the stars to shine
Perhaps creation longs to have the
words to sing but this joy is mine

(Chorus)

**With a thousand hallelujahs
We magnify Your name
You alone deserve the glory
The honor and the praise
Lord Jesus this song is forever Yours
A thousand hallelujahs
And a thousand more**

(Verse 2)

Who else would die for our redemption
Whose resurrection means I'll rise
There isn't time enough to sing of all
You've done but I have eternity to try

(Sing Chorus)

(Bridge)

Praise to the Lord to the Lamb
To the King of heaven Praise for He rose
Now He reigns We will sing forever

(Repeat Bridge)

(Sing Chorus)

(Sing Bridge)

(Sing Chorus)

(Ending)

A Thousand hallelujahs
And a thousand more

INVOCATION

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

People: Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: O Lord, my God, I cry to You for help.

People: Heal and restore me, O Lord.

Pastor: Most holy and merciful Father,

People: like sheep, O Lord, we have strayed and wandered from You. We have sinned against You and one another. We have done the evil You forbid, and we have not done the good You desire. There is no health in us. O merciful and divine Shepherd, cover our sins with Your forgiveness, clothe us with Your perfect righteousness, and preserve us in this faith and fear, that we may be kept to the day when Your Son comes to judge all people. Have mercy, O Lord, and fulfill Your Word to us in Christ, our Savior. Amen.

Pastor: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority, I therefore 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. His peace be with you.

People: And also with you.

SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray.

Lord Jesus, You are the Good Shepherd, without whom nothing is secure. Rescue and preserve us that we may not be lost forever but follow You, rejoicing in the way that leads to eternal life; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

¹¹“For thus says the Lord God: Behold, I, I myself will search for my sheep and will seek them out. ¹²As a shepherd seeks out his flock when he is among his sheep that have been scattered, so will I seek out my sheep, and I will rescue them from all places where they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. ¹³And I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land. And I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the ravines, and in all the inhabited places of the country. ¹⁴I will feed them with good pasture, and on the mountain heights of Israel shall be their grazing land. There they shall lie down in good grazing land, and on rich pasture they shall feed on the mountains of Israel. ¹⁵I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I myself will make them lie down, declares the Lord God. ¹⁶I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, and the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them in justice. ¹⁷“As for you, my flock, thus says the Lord God: Behold, I judge between sheep and sheep, between rams and male goats. ¹⁸Is it not enough for you to feed on the good pasture, that you must tread down with your feet the rest of your pasture; and to drink of clear water, that you must muddy the rest of the water with your feet? ¹⁹And must my sheep eat what you have trodden with your feet, and drink what you have muddied with your feet? ²⁰“Therefore, thus says the Lord God to them: Behold, I, I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. ²¹Because you push with side and shoulder, and thrust at all the weak with your horns, till you have scattered them abroad, ²²I will rescue my flock; they shall no longer be a prey. And I will judge between sheep and sheep. ²³And I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. ²⁴And I, the Lord, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them. I am the Lord; I have spoken.”

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

EPISTLE 1 Timothy 1:5–17

(Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.)

⁵The aim of our charge is love that issues from a pure heart and a good conscience and a sincere faith. ⁶Certain persons, by swerving from these, have wandered away into vain discussion, ⁷desiring to be teachers of the law, without understanding either what they are saying or the things about which they make confident assertions. ⁸Now we know that the law is good, if one uses it lawfully, ⁹understanding this, that the law is not laid down for the just but for the lawless and disobedient, for the ungodly and sinners, for the unholy and profane, for those who strike their fathers and mothers, for murderers, ¹⁰the sexually immoral, men who practice homosexuality, enslavers, liars, perjurers, and whatever else is contrary to sound doctrine, ¹¹in accordance with the glorious gospel of the blessed God with which I have been entrusted. ¹²I thank him who has given me strength, Christ Jesus our Lord, because he judged me faithful, appointing me to his service, ¹³though formerly I was a blasphemer, persecutor, and insolent opponent. But I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief, ¹⁴and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. ¹⁵The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am the foremost. ¹⁶But I received mercy for this reason, that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display his perfect patience as an example to those who were to believe in him for eternal life. ¹⁷To the King of ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

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

HOLY GOSPEL *Luke 15:1–10*

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

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

The Parable of the Lost Sheep

¹Now the tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near to hear [Jesus].
²And the Pharisees and the scribes grumbled, saying, “This man receives sinners and eats with them.” ³So he told them this parable: ⁴“What man of you, having a hundred sheep, if he has lost one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the open country, and go after the one that is lost, until he finds it? ⁵And when he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders, rejoicing. ⁶And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and his neighbors, saying to them, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.’”

⁷Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.

The Parable of the Lost Coin

⁸“Or what woman, having ten silver coins, if she loses one coin, does not light a lamp and sweep the house and seek diligently until she finds it? ⁹And when she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.’ ¹⁰Just so, I tell you, there is joy before the angels of God over one sinner who repents.”

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

SERMON SONG “King of Love”

Verse 1

The King of Love my Shepherd is
Whose goodness faileth never
I nothing lack if I am His
And He is mine forever
And He is mine forever

Verse 2

Where streams of living water flow
My ransomed soul He leadeth
And where the verdant pastures grow
With food celestial feedeth

Chorus 1

Never failing

Ruler of my heart

Everlasting

Lover of my soul

On the mountain high

or in the valley low

The King of Love my Shepherd is

The King of Love my Shepherd is

Verse 3

Lost and foolish off I strayed
But yet in love He sought me
And on His shoulder gently laid
And home rejoicing brought me

Verse 4

In death's dark veil I fear no ill
With Thee dear Lord beside me
Thy rod and staff my comfort still
Thy cross before to guide me

(Sing Chorus Again)

Bridge

Oh Hallelujah Hallelujah
Oh Hallelujah Hallelujah

(Sing Chorus Again)

Verse 5

And so through all the length of days
Thy goodness faileth never
Good Shepherd may I sing Your praise
Within Your house forever
Within Your house forever

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SERMON Rev. Jonathan Anderson

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 "Oh Lord You're Beautiful/Grace Abounds"

(Intro)

Oh Lord You're beautiful
Your face is all I seek
And when Your eyes are on this child
Your grace abounds to me

(REPEAT INTRO)

(Verse 1)

You lay aside Your throne, and to this world
You have come
You offered up Your life, the debt You paid
was not Yours

(Chorus)

**Your grace abounds to me
Your grace abounds to me
Jesus in You I find all that I need**

(Verse 2)

A gift I could not earn
Your open arms are undeserved
Enabled by Your grace
Now to live is Christ alone

(SING CHORUS 2x)

(Bridge)

All powerful all glorious
There's nothing like the Name of Jesus
All powerful all glorious
There's nothing like Your Name

(REPEAT BRIDGE)

(SING CHORUS 2x)

(Ending)

Find all I need in You

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 *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 ✠ 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.”

PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST *1 Cor. 11:26; Rev 22:20*

Pastor: As often as we eat of this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord’s death until He come s again.

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

DISTRIBUTION

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

LSB 710

“The Lord’s My Shepherd, I’ll Not Want”

LSB 611

“Chief of Sinners Though I Be”

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Let us pray.

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

People: Amen.

BENEDICTION *Numbers 6:24-26*

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you.

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

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

People: Amen.

CLOSING SONG "As For Me"

by Chris Tomlin, Jason Ingram, and Pat Barrett

Verse 1

Your love oh Lord is strength to my soul
Hope for tomorrow it won't let go
Your presence is the joy of my life
To You I lift my eyes

Chorus

**As for me and my house we will
serve the Lord
We will sing of Your love forevermore
As for me and my house we will
serve the Lord
Serve the Lord**

Verse 2

Your word alone a lamp to my feet
A light to my path as You're leading me
Your ways oh Lord are higher than mine
To You I lift my eyes

(Sing the Chorus)

Bridge

We give our everything
To You our lives we bring
All glory to our King
(Repeat Bridge 2x)

(Sing Chorus 2x)

(Sing Verse 1)

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DISMISSAL

Pastor: Go in peace! Serve the Lord!

People: Thanks be to God.

Servers	8:30am	11:00am	Prayer Support Team: Linda Carlson & Ron Pepin Sound & Tech Crew: 1 st : Heather M. & Peter L. 2 nd : Ben M. & Heather H. Altar Guild: 1 st : Martha Greene & Kathryn Wilmoth 2 nd : Margo Rabon & Carolyn Salsieder Offering Counters: Mike & Rojealous Rush
Elder	Susan Roby	Kevin Lorenz	
Acolyte	TBD	TBD	
Ushers	Dirk & Kathryn Wilmoth	Justin Hodges Rich Baldwin	
Communion	Mike Rush Dale Pioch	Lary Schulhof Tommy Ridgeway	
Lector	Jenelle Lanham	Peter Renner	

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EMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

THIS IS US!

We're Back!!

Look for our new issue in
early October!
And be ready to say
"YES!"
when you are asked
to be featured in
coming editions!

~ Pastor Art & Kathy Gillespie
and Anitta Charlson

ALL AGES!!

Emmanuel Lutheran Church's
Oktoberfest

12:00 to 3 pm

**Saturday
October 18, 2025**
Live music
Free German meal
in the church &
school courtyard

RSVP by 10/10

scan QR code or use url below

<https://emmanuelchurchonline-rsvp.com/>

Beer and wine \$3

Emmanuel Lutheran beer glass to the first 100 guests with beer or wine purchase

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.



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WEEKLY CALENDAR

Monday, September 15

Tuesday, September 16

9:30 Linus Blankets (Narthex)
7:00pm BOD Meeting Steam or Virtual

Wednesday, September 17

12:00pm Midweek Worship Service (Sanctuary)
12:30 Fellowship Luncheon (Narthex)
1:30 Women’s Bible Study (rm off Fellowship Hall)

Thursday, September 18

6:30 Elder Ministry Team Meeting

Friday, September 19

6:00pm Pickleball (gym)

Saturday, September 20

8:00am Bushwhackers Grounds Crew work day
10:00am Women’s Prayer Group (Narthex)
2:00pm M. Walker Memorial Reception (Narthex)

Sunday, September 21

Post-Service Prayer Ministry Support (Altar)
Food Pantry is CLOSED
5:00pm High School Youth Group

Last Sunday’s Attendance & Stats

<u>In-person</u>	<u>Online</u>
Services: 8:30 am: 64	Website: 36
11:00 am: 71	FB: 16
Wednesday Noon: 11	

Upcoming Member Celebrations

BIRTHDAYS:

9/16 - Brady Smith
9/17 - Sean Thomas
9/19 - Heather McCarthy

Previous Week’s Offerings

General Offering Received:	\$ 7365.37
Building Funds Received:	\$ 100.00
*Weekly Offering Budget:	\$ (12817.31)

CHURCH STAFF:

Senior Pastor: Rev. Dr. Jeffrey Skopak
Director of Christian Education: Alexi Lundquist
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SCHOOL K-8

Principal/STEAM: Mark Edmiston
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Director of Admissions: Emily Leatherwood
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First Grade: Kerry Stead /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 8/24
85 Households, 312 Individuals served