



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

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 28, 2025

16th Sunday of Pentecost

8:30AM TRADITIONAL WORSHIP

11:00AM BLENDED WORSHIP

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

Rags to Riches... Riches to Rags



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Luke 16:19-31

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Sunday—September 28th, 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) <
- > 1:00 - 3:00 pm The Food Pantry is OPEN TODAY!<



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

Vaughn & Marilynne Stinson - In memory of Marilynne's mother.
Martha Price - In honor of her family.

8:30am Traditional Service

Call to Worship: Choir

“Firm Foundation (He Won't)”

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AS WE GATHER

Though it sounds like a contradiction, the “poor rich man” in today’s parable of Jesus apparently never really heard or just ignored the dire warning of God’s prophets like Amos against trusting in earthly gain and riches to the exclusion of trusting faith in the merciful promises of God. The temptation of earthly wealth infects all people throughout history to this day, regardless of outward circumstances, rich and poor alike. Paul sums up the challenge for faith as he contrasts the “great gain” (or profit) of godly faithfulness and the temptations (or pitfalls) of temporary riches. We all know the sentence of Paul, “The love of money is a root of all kinds of evil” (1 Timothy 6:10), which is so often misquoted as only “money is the root of all evil.” Money is not the problem. There’s no sin in possessing earthly riches. The deeper question is what or who is the object of our love and trust. The Christian’s true riches are in Christ Jesus, namely, the new life we have been given through our baptismal faith. It is the life we can take with us through and beyond the grave and gate of death. “Praise the Lord, O my soul! I will praise the Lord as long as I live” (Psalm 146:1–2), which will be forever!

CALL TO WORSHIP Choir “Firm Foundation”

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING SONG “Great is Your Faithfulness”

VERSE 1

Great are You Father
Great is Your love
Day after day I see
Who was and is and who is to come
Is watching over me

VERSE 2

You write my story
You win my wars
You give unending grace
Though change and seasons will come and go
Your faithfulness remains

(CHORUS)

**Great is Your faithfulness to me
Great is Your faithfulness
Your goodness and mercy follow me
Great is Your faithfulness**

VERSE 3

Lord I will follow so take the lead
My life is not my own
Take my surrender take all I am
I trust in You alone

BRIDGE

And oh when the night falls all around
If darkness should cloud my way
With songs of vict'ry You lead me on
Until that glorious day

(SING CHORUS)

VERSE 4

When stars surrender the sun gives way
And when my race is run
With host of heaven I will confess
Great is Your faithfulness
With host of heaven I will confess
Great is Your faithfulness

(CHORUS 2x)

ENDING

Great is Your faithfulness
Great is Your faithfulness

INVOCATION

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

People: **Amen.**

OPENING SENTENCES *Psalm 43:4; 146:3, 5*

Pastor: I will go to the altar of God,

People: **to God my exceeding joy.**

Pastor: Put not your trust in princes, in whom there is no salvation.

People: **Blessed is he whose hope is in the Lord his God.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION *1 Timothy 1:17; Psalm 125:1*

Pastor: The First Commandment is first because “we should fear, love, and trust in God above all things.” Let us in true repentance and good faith direct the fear, love, and trust of our hearts and minds “to the King of ages, immortal, invisible, the only God.”

People: **Merciful God, the good fight of faith is fierce, the warfare between our love for You and the temptations of the world around us is long, even never-ending. We confess we have not loved You above all things, we are afraid at many times, and there is nothing and no one on earth worthy of our trust. In You, O Lord, we put our trust. In Your grace and forgiveness, let us never be ashamed. Deliver us in Your righteousness for the sake of our Savior and Lord, Jesus Christ, Your Son.**

Pastor: “Those who trust in the Lord are like Mount Zion, which cannot be moved, but abides forever.” By your Baptism into Christ, God has pledged the forgiveness of all your sins and promised the eternal life to which you were called. Therefore, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit. God be merciful to you and strengthen your faith.

People: **Amen.**

SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray.

O God, You are the strength of all who trust in You, and without Your aid we can do no good thing. Grant us the help of Your grace that we may please You in both will and deed; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **People: Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT *Amos 6:1–7 (Woe to those at ease in Zion.)*

¹“Woe to those who are at ease in Zion, and to those who feel secure on the mountain of Samaria, the notable men of the first of the nations, to whom the house of Israel comes! ²Pass over to Calneh, and see, and from there go to Hamath the great; then go down to Gath of the Philistines. Are you better than these kingdoms? Or is their territory greater than your territory, ³O you who put far away the day of disaster and bring near the seat of violence? ⁴“Woe to those who lie on beds of ivory and stretch themselves out on their couches, and eat lambs from the flock and calves from the midst of the stall, ⁵who sing idle songs to the sound of the harp and like David invent for themselves instruments of music, ⁶who drink wine in bowls and anoint themselves with the finest oils, but are not grieved over the ruin of Joseph! ⁷Therefore they shall now be the first of those who go into exile, and the revelry of those who stretch themselves out shall pass away.”

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

EPISTLE *1 Timothy 6:6–19 (True contentment of faith)*

⁶Now there is great gain in godliness with contentment, ⁷for we brought nothing into the world, and we cannot take anything out of the world. ⁸But if we have food and clothing, with these we will be content. ⁹But those who desire to be rich fall into temptation, into a snare, into many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. ¹⁰For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evils. It is through this craving that some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pangs. ¹¹But as for you, O man of God, flee these things. Pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, steadfastness, gentleness. ¹²Fight the good fight of the faith. Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called and about which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. ¹³I charge you in the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, ¹⁴to keep the commandment unstained and free from reproach until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ, ¹⁵which he will display at the proper time—he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords, ¹⁶who alone has immortality, who dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see. To him be honor and eternal dominion. Amen. ¹⁷As for the rich in this present age, charge them not to be haughty, nor to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but on God, who richly provides us with everything to enjoy. ¹⁸They are to do good, to be rich in good works, to be generous and ready to share, ¹⁹thus storing up treasure for themselves as a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of that which is truly life.

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

HOLY GOSPEL *Luke 16:19–31* (The rich man and Lazarus)

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

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

¹⁹[Jesus said:] “There was a rich man who was clothed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. ²⁰And at his gate was laid a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, ²¹who desired to be fed with what fell from the rich man’s table. Moreover, even the dogs came and licked his sores. ²²The poor man died and was carried by the angels to Abraham’s side. The rich man also died and was buried, ²³and in Hades, being in torment, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham far off and Lazarus at his side. ²⁴And he called out, ‘Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the end of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am in anguish in this flame.’ ²⁵But Abraham said, ‘Child, remember that you in your lifetime received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner bad things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in anguish. ²⁶And besides all this, between us and you a great chasm has been fixed, in order that those who would pass from here to you may not be able, and none may cross from there to us.’ ²⁷And he said, ‘Then I beg you, father, to send him to my father’s house— ²⁸for I have five brothers—so that he may warn them, lest they also come into this place of torment.’ ²⁹But Abraham said, ‘They have Moses and the Prophets; let them hear them.’ ³⁰And he said, ‘No, father Abraham, but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.’ ³¹He said to him, ‘If they do not hear Moses and the Prophets, neither will they be convinced if someone should rise from the dead.’”

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

SERMON SONG

“Goodness of God”

VERSE 1

I love You Lord,

Oh Your mercy never fails me
All my days, I've been held in Your hands
From the moment that I wake up
Until I lay my head
I will sing of the goodness of God

(CHORUS)

**All my life You have been faithful
All my life You have been so so good
With every breath that I am able
I will sing of the goodness of God**

VERSE 2

I love Your voice, You have led me through the fire
In darkest night, You are close like no other
I've known You as a father, I've known You as a friend
I have lived in the goodness of God

(CHORUS)

BRIDGE

Your goodness is running after,
It's running after me
Your goodness is running after,
It's running after me
With my life laid down,
I'm surrendered now

I give You everything
Your goodness is running after,
It's running after me

REPEAT BRIDGE

(CHORUS)

I will sing, of the goodness of God

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SERMON “Rags to Riches... Riches to Rags” Luke 16:19-31

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.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

A Litany of Thanksgiving a Year After Hurricane Helene (insert)

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 "Jesus is My Healer"

VERSE 1

Oh that rugged cross the selfless pain He bore
He breathed His final breath
That I would be restored
By His body that was broken
Precious blood freely shed
The spotless Lamb of heaven
Has forever conquered death

(CHORUS)

**Jesus is my healer He's everything I need
He alone has triumphed over sickness and
disease
Fear where is your power
The cross is your defeat
Jesus is my healer He has won the victory**

VERSE 2

Oh how great a love I'm held by perfect
peace
He walks with me through valleys
Understands my suffering
Every joy and every sorrow every triumph
every loss

I know everything is covered
By the shadow of the cross
Everything is covered by the shadow of the
cross

(CHORUS)

**Jesus is my healer He's everything I need
He alone has triumphed over sickness and
disease**

Fear where is your power

The cross is your defeat

Jesus is my healer He has won the victory

Jesus is my healer He has won the victory

BRIDGE

Everything bows at His name

Everything bows at His name

Sickness darkness chains break at the name
of Jesus

REPEAT BRIDGE

(CHORUS 2X)

ENDING

Jesus is my healer He has won the victory

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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 comes again.

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

DISTRIBUTION

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

LSB 842 “Son of God, Eternal Savior”

1 Son of God, eternal Savior,
Source of life and truth and grace,
Word made flesh, whose birth among us
Hallows all our human race,
You our Head, who, throned in glory,
For Your own will ever plead:
Fill us with Your love and pity,
Heal our wrongs, and help our need.

2 As You, Lord, have lived for others,
So may we for others live.
Freely have Your gifts been granted;
Freely may Your servants give.
Yours the gold and Yours the silver,
Yours the wealth of land and sea;
We but stewards of Your bounty
Held in solemn trust will be.

3 Come, O Christ, and reign among us,
King of love and Prince of Peace;
Hush the storm of strife and passion,
Bid its cruel discords cease.
By Your patient years of toiling,
By Your silent hours of pain,
Quench our fevered thirst of pleasure,
Stem our selfish greed of gain.

4 Son of God, eternal Savior,
Source of life and truth and grace,
Word made flesh, whose birth among us
Hallows all our human race:
By Your praying, by Your willing
That Your people should be one,
Grant, O grant our hope’s fruition:
Here on earth Your will be done.

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LSB 504 “Father Most Holy” (see hymnal)

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; 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

(CHORUS)

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

(CHORUS 2x)

(VERSE 1)

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DISMISSAL

Pastor: Go in peace! Serve the Lord!

People: **Thanks be to God.**

	8:30am	11:00am
Elder	John Jennejahn	Rich Baldwin
Acolyte	TBD	TBD
Ushers	Stephanie Hanson Bob Allen	Justin Hodges Joel Helms
Communion	Mike Rush Neil Pursley	Ron Pepin Lary Schulhof
Lector	Susan Roby	Edward Lopez
Coffee	Briana Hastings	Harold Neuenkirchen

Prayer Support Team:

Linda Carlson
Ron Pepin

Sound & Tech Crew:

1st: Heather M. & Peter L.
2nd: Justin P. & Heather H.

Altar Guild:

1st: Martha Greene
& Kathryn Wilmoth
2nd: Margo Rabon
& Carolyn Salsieder

Offering Counters:

Mike & Rojeanus Rush



**Holy Land
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Cooperative**
<https://hlsc.org/>

**The Holy Land Christians will be our
guest October 5, 2025.
Hear their story and see their
beautiful olive wood crafts.**

During September

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**Our Goal is
10K**

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 29

Tuesday, September 30

Wednesday, October 1

12:00pm Midweek Worship Service
1:30pm Women's Bible Study (Kid's SS room)

Thursday, October 2

Friday, October 3

6:00pm Pickleball (gym)

Saturday, October 4

7:30am Men's Breakfast Group (First Watch)

Sunday, October 5

Member Celebrations Sunday! (Narthex)
Holy Land Christian Solidarity Cooperative
Olive wood crafts (Narthex)
Post-Service Prayer Ministry Support (Altar)
Food Pantry is CLOSED
5:00pm High School Youth Group

Last Sunday's Attendance & Stats

In-person

Services: 8:30 am: 63
11:00 am: 76
Wednesday Noon: 16

Online

Website: 36
FB: 15

Upcoming Member Celebrations

BIRTHDAYS:

9/30 - Deb DeBerry

ANNIVERSARIES:

9/30 - Daniel & Rebecca Salomon
9/30 - Matt & Chris Smith

Previous Week's Offerings

General Offering Received: \$ 10552.07
Building Funds Received: \$ 200.00
***Weekly Offering Budget:** \$ (12817.31)

CHURCH STAFF:

Senior Pastor: Rev. Dr. Jeffrey Skopak
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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: 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



Emmanuel Lutheran Prayer List September 28, 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:

- ◇ Tracey Carpenter - Right eye cataract surgery 9/23
 - ◇ Donna Longman - (E.Lundquist's mom) Prayers of Thanksgiving. She is cancer-free!
 - Linda Poppenhagen - currently in the hospital
 - ◇ Diana Hemple Femur surgery, currently at Mission Hospital
 - ◇ Sharon Norris - Prayers for healing for her injured back
 - ◇ Martha Price & Family - sister and niece passed away recently
 - Kristen Warren - back injury with possible surgery
 - Jennie Buckner - (C.Cline friend) COPD
 - ◇ Jay Keller - prayers for continued recovery
 - ◇ McKenzie - (B.Parker fiancé's daughter) for health well-being
 - Rev. Dr. John Groh - (D.Groh's bro.) had a stroke/cannot talk
 - ◇ Pastor Dan Kelm - Recovering from knee replacement surgery
 - ◇ Marilynne Stinson - Recovering from knee surgery 8/29
 - Nicole - (S. Rauschenplat niece of BIL) Aggressive breast cancer
 - Barbara Haseley - (I.Lopez Grandmother) Breast Cancer
 - Ron Gill - (D.Meyer friend) Cancer
 - Alice & Dawn -(J.Kearley friends) both have breast cancer
 - ◇ CJ Reece - outpatient surgery for catheter ablation soon
 - ◇ Ed Schallhorn - recovering from major surgery at home
 - ◇ 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)*

Prayers for those with long-term illnesses & conditions:

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

PRAYERS FOR OUR HOMEBOUND MEMBER BROTHERS & SISTERS:

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

Scripture & Prayer

"Ask, and you will receive; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks will receive, and anyone who seeks will find, and the door will be opened to those who knock...How much more, then, will your heavenly Father give good things to those who ask Him!" (Matthew 7:7-8, 11b)

Dear Father, come to our homebound brothers and sisters. Encourage them every day and give Your peace that passes all understanding. May they experience Your great love for them again and again. Fill them with the hope of everlasting life in Jesus. Be the Encourager and the Helper to their families and caregivers. In Jesus' Name we pray. Amen.

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!

September 28, 2025
Rags to Riches...Riches to Rags
Luke 16:19-31

Luke shows us both sides of this of "rags" and "riches" in this _____ as he builds on the "Great Reversal" theme. We see a rags to riches story and a riches to rags one that serves to _____ and _____

I. Two Opposite Men

A. The rich man who is historically called "_____" - which means "rich" in Latin

1. He wears _____ clothes which screams: "I have money"
2. _____ dye came from snail's blood
3. He wore _____ linen and _____ and sumptuous food every day
4. The man is the picture of _____ and self-indulgence

B. The second man, who lives just outside the rich man's door is named _____

1. The only time in any of Jesus' parables a character is _____
2. Lazarus means "One whom God _____"
 - a. He is _____ to God
 - b. But Lazarus is poor and is immobilized by _____
 - c. The only comfort he got was from dogs who would _____ his sores
 - d. And while he sits there he is _____

C. To no one's surprise Jesus says that Lazarus _____

1. He is lifted by the _____ to heaven
2. He receives divine help where human aid was _____
3. He is taken to Abraham's side - possibly the seat of _____ at the heavenly banquet

D. The rich man dies and finds himself in _____ in great torment

1. In great _____ he lifts his eyes and can see Lazarus sitting next to Abraham in the heavenly banquet
2. He is close enough for a _____

II. The Unfolding of Rags to _____ and Riches to _____

A. The rich man calls out to _____: "Have mercy on me!"

1. His situation is _____ - Luke _____
2. Abraham's response is sad - Luke _____

3. In other words: "You are _____ there child....nothing I can do to help you" - a true Riches to Rags moment

B. So why the great _____?

1. Lazarus is not being _____ because he was poor; nor is "Dive" being _____ for being wealthy
2. Lazarus is being rewarded for his _____; and "Dive" is being punished for His love of money which blinded him to the necessity of God's grace
 - a. It's not what he did that _____ him; it's what he didn't do
 - b. Abraham reminds the man the Word is enough - Luke _____

III. A Parable for _____

A. Parables _____ and _____

1. God's Word is sufficient for _____ and _____
2. We are _____; Jesus Christ is _____

B. Unlike the rich man in the parable, Jesus expends Himself to pay the price for _____, namely you and me

1. He gave it all so we can receive it _____
2. We too have the Word - even more than Moses and the Prophets - we have the testimony of the _____; so take heart, read and believe

Have no _____.
We are a _____ to Jesus,
"One whom He helps."
And now we have a place
with Him in eternity.
In Jesus, you are a rags to riches story

