

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

SUNDAY OCTOBER 5, 2025

17th Sunday of Pentecost

8:30AM TRADITIONAL WORSHIP

11:00AM BLENDED WORSHIP

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

Restraint or Rebuke?



Luke 17:1-20

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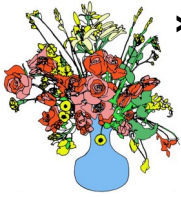
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Sunday October 5th, 2025



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 CLOSED! <



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

Julia Kearley - In loving memory of Harold Kostenbauder

Sherry Rauschenplat - In honor of Pete & Sherry Rauschenplat's anniversary

8:30am Traditional Service

Call to Worship: Choir

"Christ Our Hope in Life and Death"

Welcome and Announcements

Opening Hymn: LSB 511

"Herald, Sound the Note of Judgment"

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Closing Hymn: LSB 794

"The Lord, My God, Be Praised"



AS WE GATHER

This is a difficult day for your pastor. For you are, in a sense, listening in to our Lord speaking to him of His high expectations as His called and ordained servant. It all has to do with addressing his sins with the cutting accusation of God's Law, but with the goal of applying the comforting healing and hope of God's Gospel of forgiveness and strength. Yet, if you listen carefully, you will discover that it's not only about your pastor's frailty or sins, but it is also Christ addressing your sins and need through him. The pastor's calling is, at once, a most difficult one but also the most joyous and fulfilling calling and vocation. Your pastor has the responsibility and obligation not to mislead you into sin but to apply the remedy for it. Preaching and teaching the Word of Christ, and administering that Word of forgiveness of sin and new life through the Sacraments, is not primarily the pastor's work but is indeed the work of Christ Himself. The pastor pours baptismal water, and the believer dies and is raised with Christ. The pastor does no magical incantation, but Christ speaks through him. The bread and wine are Christ's body and blood for you that takes away your sin (and the pastor's!), imparting forgiveness and eternal life. Pray for your pastor, as he prays for you. Forgive your pastor, as he lives by the same forgiveness he declares to you.

CALL TO WORSHIP Choir & Band
"Christ Our Hope in Life and Death"

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING SONG "Praise the Lord"

VERSE 1

Awaken my soul arise and sing
For all that my Savior's done for me
Oh give Him your praise worship His name
All that I am sing hallelujah

VERSE 2

Forever I'm free forever I'm changed
Forever my life defined by His grace
With every step every breath
All that I am sing hallelujah

(CHORUS)

**Oh my whole heart oh my soul
Let everything within me praise the Lord
Through the shadow through the storm
Let everything within me praise the Lord
We praise the Lord
We praise the Lord**

VERSE 3

Faith is my shield Your word is my sword
The greater the fight the louder I'll roar
The Spirit that raised Him from the grave
Living in me sing hallelujah

(CHORUS)

BRIDGE

I won't stop singing of all He's done for me
I won't stop singing of all He's done for me
He heard my cry set me on a rock
Saved me from the hand of the enemy
I won't stop singing about my Savior

REPEAT BRIDGE

(CHORUS & ENDING)

**Oh my whole heart oh my soul
Let everything within me praise the Lord
Through the shadow through the storm
Let everything within me praise the Lord
Let everything within me praise the Lord
Let everything within me praise the Lord
We praise the Lord
We praise the Lord
We praise the Lord
We praise the Lord!**

INVOCATION

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

People: **Amen.**

OPENING SENTENCES

Psalm 43:4; Habakkuk 2:4, adapt.

Pastor: I will go to the altar of God,

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

Pastor: Behold the proud, his soul is not upright,

People: **but the righteous shall live by his faith.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

1 Timothy 1:17; Psalm 125:1

Pastor: When the Lord Jesus warned His disciples, "Temptations to sin are sure to come," the apostles said, "Increase our faith!" Let us confess our own weakness and sin, asking the same of our gracious and merciful God.

People: **O God, Your Law is true and my delight. Yet because we still feebly struggle against sin, we confess our weakness and failure to live according to Your holy will. Our lack of faithfulness toward You causes us to hesitate or even refuse to love and forgive our neighbors. O God, increase our faith! Forgive us and renew our minds and spirit that we may serve You by faithfully serving our neighbor.**

Pastor: Upon this your confession, I, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God to all of you. And in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, "by the power of God, who saved us and called us to a holy calling, not because of our works but because of His own purpose and grace, which He gave us in Christ Jesus," 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 God, our refuge and strength, the author of all godliness, by Your grace hear the prayers of Your church. Grant that those things which we ask in faith we may receive through Your bountiful mercy; 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 *Habakkuk 1:1–4; 2:1–4*

¹The oracle that Habakkuk the prophet saw.²O LORD, how long shall I cry for help, and you will not hear? Or cry to you “Violence!” and you will not save? ³Why do you make me see iniquity, and why do you idly look at wrong? Destruction and violence are before me; strife and contention arise. ⁴So the law is paralyzed, and justice never goes forth. For the wicked surround the righteous; so justice goes forth perverted. 2 ¹I will take my stand at my watchpost and station myself on the tower, and look out to see what he will say to me, and what I will answer concerning my complaint. ²And the LORD answered me: “Write the vision; make it plain on tablets, so he may run who reads it. ³For still the vision awaits its appointed time; it hastens to the end—it will not lie. If it seems slow, wait for it; it will surely come; it will not delay. ⁴“Behold, his soul is puffed up; it is not upright within him, but the righteous shall live by his faith.”

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

EPISTLE *2 Timothy 1:1–14*

¹Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God according to the promise of the life that is in Christ Jesus, ²To Timothy, my beloved child: Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord. ³I thank God whom I serve, as did my ancestors, with a clear conscience, as I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day. ⁴As I remember your tears, I long to see you, that I may be filled with joy. ⁵I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that dwelt first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, dwells in you as well. ⁶For this reason I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of my hands, ⁷for God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control. ⁸Therefore do not be ashamed of the testimony about our Lord, nor of me his prisoner, but share in suffering for the gospel by the power of God, ⁹who saved us and called us to a holy calling, not because of our works but because of his own purpose and grace, which he gave us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, ¹⁰and which now has been manifested through the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel, ¹¹for which I was appointed a preacher and apostle and teacher, ¹²which is why I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know whom I have believed, and I am convinced that he is able to guard until that Day what has been entrusted to me. ¹³Follow the pattern of the sound words that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. ¹⁴By the Holy Spirit who dwells within us, guard the good deposit entrusted to you.

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

HOLY GOSPEL *Luke 17:1–10*

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

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

¹[Jesus] said to his disciples, “Temptations to sin are sure to come, but woe to the one through whom they come! ²It would be better for him if a millstone were hung around his neck and he were cast into the sea than that he should cause one of these little ones to sin. ³Pay attention to yourselves! If your brother sins, rebuke him, and if he repents, forgive him, ⁴and if he sins against you seven times in the day, and turns to you seven times, saying, ‘I repent,’ you must forgive him.” ⁵The apostles said to the Lord, “Increase our faith!” ⁶And the Lord said, “If you had faith like a grain of mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, ‘Be uprooted and planted in the sea,’ and it would obey you. ⁷“Will any one of you who has a servant plowing or keeping sheep say to him when he has come in from the field, ‘Come at once and recline at table’? ⁸Will he not rather say to him, ‘Prepare supper for me, and dress properly, and serve me while I eat and drink, and afterward you will eat and drink’? ⁹Does he thank the servant because he did what was commanded? ¹⁰So you also, when you have done all that you were commanded, say, ‘We are unworthy servants; we have only done what was our duty.’”

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord. People: **Praise to You, O Chris**

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

SERMON 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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SERMON “Restraint or Rebuke?” *Luke 17:1-10*

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C I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end. And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life ✝ of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

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 "Living Hope"

VERSE 1

How great the chasm that lay between us
How high the mountain I could not climb
In desperation I turned to heaven
And spoke Your name into the night
Then through the darkness Your loving-kindness

Tore through the shadows of my soul
The work is finished the end is written
Jesus Christ my living hope

VERSE 2

Who could imagine so great a mercy
What heart could fathom such boundless grace
The God of ages stepped down from glory
To wear my sin and bear my shame
The cross has spoken I am forgiven
The King of kings calls me His own
Beautiful Savior I'm Yours forever
Jesus Christ my living hope

(CHORUS)

**Hallelujah praise the One who set me free
Hallelujah death has lost its grip on me
You have broken every chain
There's salvation in Your name
Jesus Christ my living hope**

VERSE 3

Then came the morning that sealed the promise

Your buried body began to breathe
Out of the silence the Roaring Lion

Declared the grave has no claim on me

(REPEAT VERSE 3)

Jesus Yours is the victory!

(CHORUS 2X)

ENDING

Jesus Christ my living hope

Oh God You are my living hope

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 \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 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 496 “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.

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

LSB 857 “Lord, Help Us Walk Your Servant Way”

1 Lord, help us walk Your servant way
Wherever love may lead
And, bending low, forgetting self,
Each serve the other’s need.

2 You came to earth, O Christ, as Lord,
But pow’r You laid aside.
You lived Your years in servanthood;
In lowliness You died.

3 No golden scepter but a towel
You place within the hands

Of those who seek to follow You
And live by Your commands.

4 You bid us bend our human pride
Nor count ourselves above
The lowest place, the meanest task
That waits the gift of love.

5 Lord, help us walk Your servant way
Wherever love may lead
And, bending low, forgetting self,
Each serve the other’s need.

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POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Let us pray.

O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; 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 "I Believe"

VERSE 1

I believe there is one salvation.
One doorway that leads to life
One redemption one confession.
I believe in the name of Jesus Christ

VERSE 2

I believe in the crucifixion.
By His blood I have been set free
I believe in the resurrection.
Hallelujah His life is death's defeat

(CHORUS)

**All praise to God the Father
All praise to Christ the Son
All praise to the Holy Spirit
Our God has overcome
The King who was and is and evermore
will be
In Jesus' mighty name I believe**

VERSE 3

I believe in the hope of heaven.
He's preparing a place for me
Far beyond what hearts imagine.
Ears have heard or eyes have seen

VERSE 4

I believe that day is coming.
He's returning to claim His bride
Light the altar keep it burning.
See the Lamb who rose a roaring Lion

(CHORUS)

**All praise to God the Father
All praise to Christ the Son
All praise to the Holy Spirit
Our God has overcome
The King who was and is and
evermore will be
In Jesus' mighty name I believe**

BRIDGE 2X

No I'll never be ashamed.
Of the gospel of Jesus Christ
How could I ever walk away.
From the One who saved my life

(CHORUS 2X)

ENDING

In Jesus' mighty name I believe

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DISMISSAL

Pastor: Go in peace! Serve the Lord!

People: Thanks be to God.

	8:30am	11:00am
Elder	Marni Jennejahn	Lisa Baldwin
Acolyte	TBD	Benjamin Noel
Ushers	Dirk & Kathryn Wilmoth	Tommy Ridgeway Ed Deberry
Communion	Debbie Reiling Scott Hausman	Rich & Lisa Baldwin
Lector	Scott Hausman	Carolyn Salsieder

Prayer Support Team:
Pastor Arthur
& Kathy Gillespie

Sound & Tech Crew:
1st: Heather M. & Peter L.
2nd: Rachel S. & Peter L.

Altar Guild:
1st: Susan Roby
& Dana Movak
2nd: Margo Rabon

Offering Counters:
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Stephanie Hanson



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

BABY BOTTLE BLESSING CAMPAIGN

BE THE CHANGE

During our recent campaign,
Emmanuel raised \$1524.39.
MAPS thanks you for your support.
Your generosity changes lives.

**Mountain Area
Pregnancy Services**

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, October 6

Tuesday, October 7

Wednesday, October 8

12:00pm Midweek Worship Service

Thursday, October 9

Friday, October 10

6:00pm Pickleball (gym)

Saturday, October 11

Sunday, October 12

Post-Service Prayer Ministry Support (Altar)

Food Pantry is OPEN

5:00pm High School Youth Group

CHURCH STAFF:

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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

Upcoming Member Celebrations

BIRTHDAYS:

10/8 - Benjamin Munn

10/11 Luke Black

ANNIVERSARIES:

10/7 - Doug & Ellie McCormac

10/8 - Sean & Julia Thomas

10/10 - Pastor Art & Kathy Gillespie

Last Sunday's Attendance & Stats

In-person

Services: 8:30 am: 57

11:00 am: 79

Wednesday Noon: 23

Online

Website: 32

FB: 11

Previous Week's Offerings

General Offering Received: \$ 6305.97

Building Funds Received: \$ 80.00

*Weekly Offering Budget: \$ (12817.31)

ELC Grab n Go Sunday Food Pantry

Sunday 9/28

126 Households, 502 Individuals served



Emmanuel Lutheran Prayer List October 5, 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:

- **Rich Bair's friend at work has a mother-in-law with kidney cancer**

- **Jonah Lewis - (E&S Edwards extended family) type 1 diabetic who had a stroke and is in ICU**

◇ 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

- 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

- 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)

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!

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) |
| ◇ 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) |
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PRAYERS FOR OUR HOMEBOUND MEMBER BROTHERS & SISTERS:

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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.

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Restraint or Rebuke?
Luke 17:1-10

In the text Jesus uses a mustard seed and a mulberry tree to illustrate how even a small _____ can do big things like restrain, rebuke, and _____ sins

I. How _____ is Sin?

A. Luke _____

1. As long as we live in this world _____ will bombard us
2. This is not an excuse to run headlong into _____

B. Jesus warns us: Do not do anything that would lead "Little Ones" into _____

1. The warning of the _____
2. When children watch us what do they _____?
 - a. Patience, peacefulness, _____?
 - b. Hateful and divisive _____, complaining, anger and _____?
 - c. The most powerful key on your computer: _____

II. Restraint or _____?

A. Luke _____

1. We do not point out sin in others to show how _____ we are
2. We rebuke because sin damns and we don't want anyone to _____ the eternal consequences of unrepentant sin
3. Although pointing out sin is a loving action, _____ tells us to mind our own business
 - a. Unfortunately, we have _____ to society
 - b. Have you been in a situation where _____ was required but you remained silent?

B. The story of the _____

1. When we think that the _____ sin of another Christian is none of our business, in time the whole congregation will sink
2. The purpose of church _____ is to save souls

III. When _____ Happens

A. What do we do when the sinner repents? _____ of course!

1. Luke _____
2. If true _____ is there, he wants us to proclaim forgiveness again and again

B. "Forgiveness is to be a beautiful concept until we have to _____ it" - CS Lewis

1. While we love to hear that God has thrown our sins into the depths of the sea we are slow to the same for one _____

2. There is a real struggle to _____ certain people

C. We are not alone in that feeling - the _____ must have felt the same way

1. Luke _____
2. Disciple speak: "Who can do these things Lord? They are impossible! We don't have enough _____"
 - a. Luke _____
 - b. Jesus point: The disciples didn't need _____ faith to do this - God had already given them the power to restrain, rebuke, and forgive sins

c. They were making _____

D. The problem is not faith - it is _____

1. In Christ you are a new _____
2. 2 Corinthians _____
 - a. In Christ we have the power to do all _____
 - b. Philippians _____
 - c. Restraining, rebuking, and forgiving sin is our Christian _____ and delight

Stay _____ on this promise and you will do what seems impossible no matter how small your faith may seem.

