



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

SUNDAY OCTOBER 19, 2025

19th Sunday of Pentecost

8:30AM TRADITIONAL WORSHIP

11:00AM BLENDED WORSHIP

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

Pray... People... Pray



Luke 18:1-8

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Sunday October 19th, 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) <
- > Food Pantry is CLOSED!<



Today's Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God by:
Martha Sherrill Price - In loving memory of my mother,
Theresa Throneburg Sherrill.

8:30am Traditional Service

Call to Worship: "God's Sufficient Word"

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AS WE GATHER

From an early age, many of us learned that persistent pestering is rude, as parents make this clear to children who repeatedly ask for the same things over and over. We are thankful that our heavenly Father never grows weary of our asking Him for what we need, no matter how repetitive our requests may be. As we see in Jacob's persistent proclamation, "I will not let You go unless You bless me" (Genesis 32:26), in Paul's exhortation to continually persist in what we have learned and believed (2 Timothy 3:14), and in Jesus' parable of the persistent widow (Luke 18:1-8), we know we can bring all things to our heavenly Father persistently in prayer, trusting through it all that His will would be done.

CALL TO WORSHIP "God's Sufficient Word" Choir

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WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING SONG "I Believe" (Creed Song)

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

INVOCATION

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

People: **Amen.**

OPENING SENTENCES

*1 Thessalonians 5:16–18; Philippians 4:6; 1 John 5:14;
Jeremiah 29:12; Hebrews 4:16; Psalm 145:18*

Pastor: Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.

People: **Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.**

Pastor: This is the confidence that we have toward Him, that if we ask anything according to His will He hears us.

People: **Then you will call upon Me and come and pray to Me, and I will hear you.**

Pastor: Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

People: **The Lord is near to all who call on Him, to all who call on Him in truth.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Psalm 34:17; 1 John 1:8–9

Pastor: As the Psalmist writes, “When the righteous cry for help, the Lord hears and delivers them out of all their troubles.” Our Lord hears our cries and invites us to speak to Him in our words and thoughts—to speak to Him in prayer.

People: **We confess that we have failed to bring all things to You in persistent and persevering prayer, instead seeking our own devices and other means for the guidance, direction, and answers we seek.**

Pastor: Our Lord also invites us to bring to Him our faults and failings, our sins of what has been done and left undone, against Him and against our neighbors. We are reminded, “If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.”

People: **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

Pastor: Unlike Jacob, we have been quick to give up and to discount the blessings held in store for us by Your grace.

People: **Forgive us, Lord.**

Pastor: As Paul writes, we confess we have not always endured sound teaching; rather, our itching ears have been opened to things that suit our own passions and desires.

People: **Forgive us, Lord.**

Pastor: As in Jesus' parable, we seek out our own justice and even retribution for times we are wronged, impatient in our waiting and unrighteous in our trust in the perfect justice assured at Your time.

People: Forgive us, Lord.

Pastor: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ He gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. 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. May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

People: Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray.

O Lord, almighty and everlasting God, You have commanded us to pray and have promised to hear us. Mercifully grant that Your Holy Spirit may direct and govern our hearts in all things that we may persevere with steadfast faith in the confession of Your name; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Almighty God, You show mercy to Your people in all their troubles. Grant us always to recognize Your goodness, give thanks for Your compassion, and praise Your holy name; 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 *Genesis 32:22–30 (Jacob wrestles with God)*

²²The same night [Jacob] arose and took his two wives, his two female servants, and his eleven children, and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. ²³He took them and sent them across the stream, and everything else that he had. ²⁴And Jacob was left alone. And a man wrestled with him until the breaking of the day. ²⁵When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he touched his hip socket, and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. ²⁶Then he said, "Let me go, for the day has broken." But Jacob said, "I will not let you go unless you bless me." ²⁷And he said to him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Jacob." ²⁸Then he said, "Your name shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with men, and have prevailed." ²⁹Then Jacob asked him, "Please tell me your name." But he said, "Why is it that you ask my name?" And there he blessed him. ³⁰So Jacob called the name of the place Peniel, saying, "For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life has been delivered."

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

EPISTLE 2 Timothy 3:14–4:5 (Continuing in and preaching the Word)

¹⁴As for you, continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it ¹⁵and how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. ¹⁶All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, ¹⁷that the man of God may be competent, equipped for every good work

Preach the Word

¹I charge you in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and by his appearing and his kingdom: ²preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, and exhort, with complete patience and teaching. ³For the time is coming when people will not endure sound teaching, but having itching ears they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own passions, ⁴and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander off into myths. ⁵As for you, always be sober-minded, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry.

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

HOLY GOSPEL Luke 18:1–8 (The parable of the persistent widow)

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

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

¹[Jesus] told them a parable to the effect that they ought always to pray and not lose heart. ²He said, “In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor respected man. ³And there was a widow in that city who kept coming to him and saying, ‘Give me justice against my adversary.’ ⁴For a while he refused, but afterward he said to himself, ‘Though I neither fear God nor respect man, ⁵yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will give her justice, so that she will not beat me down by her continual coming.’” ⁶And the Lord said, “Hear what the unrighteous judge says. ⁷And will not God give justice to his elect, who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long over them? ⁸I tell you, he will give justice to them speedily. Nevertheless, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?”

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

SERMON SONG "Christ Our Hope In Life And Death"

VERSE 1

What is our hope in life and death
Christ alone Christ alone
What is our only confidence
That our souls to Him belong
Who holds our days within His hand
What comes apart from His command
And what will keep us to the end
The love of Christ in which we stand

CHORUS

O sing hallelujah
Our hope springs eternal
O sing hallelujah
Now and ever we confess
Christ our hope in life and death

VERSE 2

What truth can calm the troubled soul
God is good God is good
Where is His grace and goodness known

In our great Redeemer's blood
Who holds our faith when fears arise
Who stands above the stormy trial
Who sends the waves that bring us nigh
Unto the shore the rock of Christ

(CHORUS)

VERSE 3

Unto the grave what will we sing
Christ He lives Christ He lives
And what reward will heaven bring
Everlasting life with Him
There we will rise to meet the Lord
Then sin and death will be destroyed
And we will feast in endless joy
When Christ is ours forevermore

(CHORUS 2x)

ENDING

Now and ever we confess
Christ our hope in life and death

SERMON Pray... People... Pray

NICENE CREED

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 \dagger 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 “King of Kings”

VERSE 1

In the darkness we were waiting,
without hope, without light
Till from Heaven You came running,
there was mercy in Your eyes
To fulfil the law and prophets,
to a virgin came the Word
From a throne of endless glory,
to a cradle in the dirt

(CHORUS)

**Praise the Father, Praise the Son
Praise the Spirit three in one
God of Glory, Majesty
Praise forever to the King of kings**

VERSE 2

To reveal the kingdom coming,
and to reconcile the lost
To redeem the whole creation,
you did not despise the cross
For even in Your suffering,
You saw to the other side
Knowing this was our salvation,
Jesus for our sake You died

(CHORUS)

VERSE 3

And the morning that You rose,
all of heaven held its breath
Till that stone was moved for good,
for the Lamb had conquered death
And the dead rose from their tombs,
and the angels stood in awe
For the souls of all who'd come,
to the Father are restored

VERSE 4

And the Church of Christ was born,
then the Spirit lit the flame
Now this Gospel truth of old,
shall not kneel shall not faint
By His blood and in His Name,
in His freedom I am free
For the love of Jesus Christ,
who has resurrected me

(CHORUS)

Praise forever to the King of Kings

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and have sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. As you hear our persistent prayers, You respond and give blessing not out of necessity or obligation but out of grace and mercy. As we gather at Your altar, we do so in humble prayer, asking You to grant us the blessings of forgiveness, renewal, and strength with Your Word and Spirit as we faithfully eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. 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 623 “Lord Jesus Christ, We Humbly Pray”

- 1 Lord Jesus Christ, we humbly pray
That we may feast on You today;
Beneath these forms of bread and wine
Enrich us with Your grace divine.
- 2 Give us, who share this wondrous food,
Your body broken and Your blood,
The grateful peace of sins forgiv’n,
The certain joys of heirs of heav’n.
- 3 By faith Your Word has made us bold
To seize the gift of love retold;

- All that You are we here receive,
And all we are to You we give.
- 4 One bread, one cup, one body, we,
Rejoicing in our unity,
Proclaim Your love until You come
To bring Your scattered loved ones home.
- 5 Lord Jesus Christ, we humbly pray:
O keep us steadfast till that day
When each will be Your welcomed guest
In heaven’s high and holy feast.

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LSB 772 “In Holy Conversation”

- 1 In holy conversation
We speak to God in prayer,
And at His invitation
Our deepest thoughts we share.
We come, His will obeying,
As children bringing needs;
And to support our praying,
His Spirit intercedes.
- 2 These holy conversations
Begin in childlike ways;
We bring our supplications
And words of thanks and praise.

- With care our Father listens
To ev’ry thought expressed,
Then answers our petitions
In ways He knows are best.
- 3 As holy conversation,
In silence or by word,
In ev’ry situation
Through Jesus, we are heard.
So let us pray securely,
Expressing hopes and fears
With confidence that surely
Our Father ever hears.

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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 “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

(CHORUS 1)

ENDING

Let Your kingdom come
Let Your kingdom come

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DISMISSAL

Pastor: Go in peace! Serve the Lord!

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SERVERS	8:30am	11:00am
Elder	John Jennejahn	Kevin Lorenz
Acolyte	TBD	Ivana Lopez
Ushers	Scott Hausman Matthew Johnson	Justin Hodges Ed DeBerry
Communion	Bill Hufnagle Stephanie Hanson	Deb DeBerry Joel Helms
Lector	Jenelle Lanham	Martha Price

<u>Prayer Support Team:</u> Joel & Jeanine Helms
<u>Sound & Tech Crew:</u> 1 st : Heather M. & Peter L. 2 nd : Heather H. & Justin P.
<u>Altar Guild:</u> 1 st : Susan Roby & Dana Novak 2 nd : Margo Rabon
<u>Offering Counters:</u> Lori Allen & Stephanie Hanson



UPCOMING:

Dr. Rast is the guest pastor Sunday October 26th.

Just after the service on Oct. 26th, join us for the dedication of our "historical corner", as we honor 121 years of ministry in this place.

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 20

Tuesday, October 21

9:30am Linus Blankets (Narthex)

Wednesday, October 22

12:00pm Midweek Worship Service

Thursday, October 23

Friday, October 24

6:00pm Pickleball in the gym

Saturday, October 25

10:00am– 12:00pm “The Carolinian Difference:
How North Carolina Shaped Lutheranism in
America” with Rev. Dr. Lawrence Rast,
President Emeritus of Concordia Theological
Seminary

Sunday, October 26

Post-Service Dedication
Post-Service Prayer Ministry Support (Altar)
Food Pantry is open

Upcoming Member Celebrations

BIRTHDAYS:

10/20 - Drew Thorp
10/23 Kathryn Wilmoth
10/24 Karen Nobles

ANNIVERSARIES:

10/28 - Dale & Patty Pioch

Last Sunday's Attendance & Stats

In-person

Services: 8:30 am: 83
11:00 am: 69
Wednesday Noon: 21

Online

Website: 25
FB: 15

Previous Week's Offerings

General Offering Received: \$ 10462.24
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

Sunday 9/28
130 Households, 486 Individuals served



Emmanuel Lutheran Prayer List October 19, 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:

- ◇ **Eugene Edwards - kidney issues**
- **Camille Sawyer (friend of S.Edwards) hospitalized w/ autoimmune diffeicncy issue**
- **Sarah Nix - (B.Hufnagle's daughter) suffering from a severe sinus infection. Dr. concerned that it may get worse and lead to other issues.**
- **ELS Teacher Veronica Milner - hospitalized due to heart attack**
- ◇ **CJ Reece - catheter ablation procedure 10/14**
- **Carol - Barbara Sullivan's niece is in hospital trying to find source of her anemia**
- ◇ **Prayers for the Pepin/Schallhorn family after the passing of Ron Pepin**
- ◇ Doug Piercy - prayers for continued healing
- ◇ Pastor Mark Spelhausen - (J.Gibney) update. He is doing therapy to regain feeling below the waist.
- Kristen Warren - continued prayers for back pain
- ◇ Rich Bair's friend @ work has a MIL with kidney cancer
- Jonah Lewis - (E&S Edwards extended family) type 1 diabetic who had a stroke and is in ICU
- ◇ Diana Hempel - in rehab at The Laurels after femur surgery
- ◇ Sharon Norris - physical therapy for injured back
- Jennie Buckner - (C.Cline friend) COPD
- ◇ Jay Keller - prayers for continued recovery
- McKenzie - (Samantha Parker's daughter) for health & well-being
- Rev. Dr. John Groh - (D.Groh's bro.) had a stroke/cannot talk
- 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
- 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:

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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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| ◇ Jim & Judy Clark | ◇ Cleta McCall | |

Scripture & Prayer

29He gives power to the faint, and to him who has no might he increases strength. 30Even youths shall faint and be weary, and young men shall fall exhausted; 31but they who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint. (Isaiah 40:29-31)

Dear great and glorious God, How beautiful it is that You whom created the universe, will strengthen me and help me in my weakness. I lift up my fears and hurts to YOU. Help me every moment to rely and trust in YOU. I affirm my security in YOU. In my weakness, YOUR strength is perfected. I pray all of this in the mighty name of your son Jesus, Amen.

October 19, 2025
Luke 18:1-8
Pray...People...Pray

Run to the safety of God's powerful _____ for us with prayer. "Then you will call on me and come to pray to me, and I will listen to you. When you seek me, you will find me, when you will seek me with all your heart" (Jeremiah _____)

- I. Pray _____
- A. A parable is an _____ example to explain a divine _____
1. Jesus' parable presses us to pray _____ and confidently
 2. The parable of the _____ widow
- B. The Judge does not _____ God nor does he care about people
1. The widow is seeking _____
 2. Widows depended upon the _____ of others
 3. Eventually the judge had enough - he will give her _____
 - a. Why? He is _____ out!
 - b. This is critical: The widow did not _____ up
- C. Jesus uses this example to remind us to _____
1. We are to bring our prayers to God's throne of _____ constantly
 2. Ephesians _____
- II. Pray About _____?
- A. Our prayers are not to be _____
1. How often do our prayers focus on _____, our _____, our _____, our _____?
 2. "Hey Lord, how about a little bit more for _____?"
 3. Colossians _____
- B. We learn from Jesus' _____ +++ _____ in Scripture
1. He often went off by Himself to _____
 - a. Jesus needed _____ to focus on His Father's _____
 - b. The Lord's Prayer teaches us to focus on things that are _____ far more than anything earthly
- C. Philippians _____

- III. Pray _____
- A. The Judge in the parable is the _____ - he did not fear God. He did not care about people
1. BUT there is a turn of _____
 2. Luke _____
- B. The Parable has _____
1. IF an unjust judge can give _____ what about the just judge, God?
 2. The Lord will give justice to His _____ ones crying out day and night
- C. Pray with _____
1. In a society of _____ be confident that God hears your prayers
 2. Isaiah _____
 - a. Jesus has paid for our _____; so now we can come before the throne of God with _____
 - b. Hebrews _____

Pray...People...Pray!
Pray _____.
Pray _____.
Our loving, heavenly Father hears and answers our prayers!

