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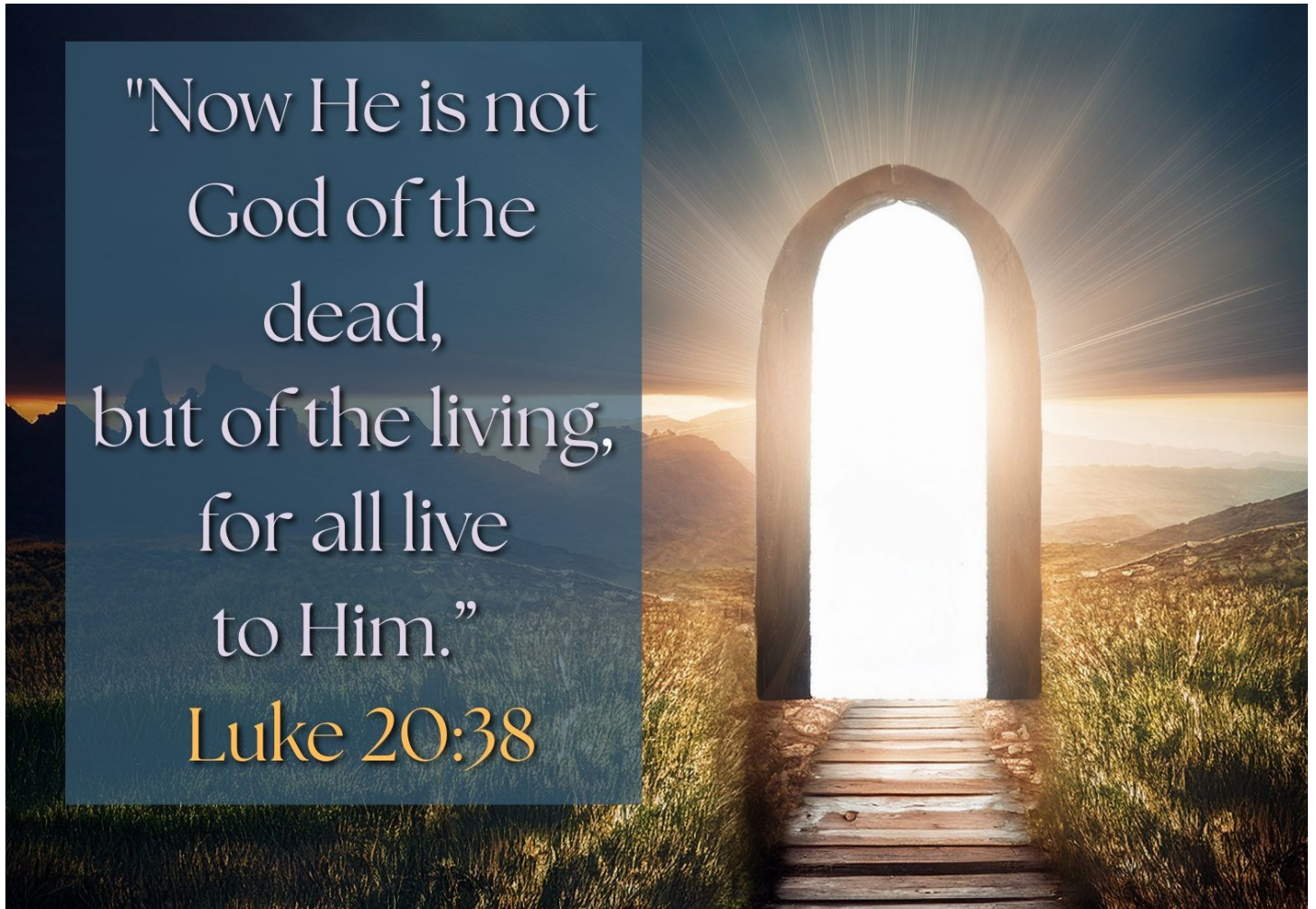
SUNDAY NOVEMBER 9, 2025

8:30AM TRADITIONAL WORSHIP  
11:00AM BLENDED WORSHIP

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

## Life After Death

"Now He is not  
God of the  
dead,  
but of the living,  
for all live  
to Him."  
**Luke 20:38**



## Luke 20:27-40

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# Sunday November 9, 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 OPEN 1-3 pm! <



Today's Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God by:  
Deborah Kite in celebration of Tim & Debbie's 7th wedding anniversary.  
C.J. & Patti Reece in celebration of both of their November birthdays.

## 8:30am Traditional Service

Call to Worship: "I Will Stand" Choir

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## **AS WE GATHER**

We are not far from the “holiday season.” In the secular world, Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year’s roll into one big celebration. It is typical to have holiday traditions around special times of the year. Traditions can serve to make some moments more memorable and meaningful. But sometimes traditions add stress to an already hectic calendar or distract us from the real reason for celebrating. Before jumping headlong into the holiday season, soak up this moment in worship. See how the Lord repeatedly meets us with His best. See how surrounding ourselves with His Word and sacramental gifts truly makes us ready to celebrate, for this season and forever!

## **CALL TO WORSHIP “I Will Stand” Choir and Piano**

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## **WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **OPENING SONG “Holy Forever”**

#### **VERSE 1**

A thousand generations falling down in  
worship  
To sing the song of ages to the Lamb  
And all who've gone before us  
And all who will believe  
Will sing the song of ages to the Lamb

#### **PRE-CHORUS**

**Your name is the highest  
Your name is the greatest  
Your name stands above them all  
All thrones and dominions  
All powers and positions  
Your name stands above them all**

#### **CHORUS 1**

**And the angels cry Holy  
All creation cries Holy  
You are lifted high Holy  
Holy forever**

#### **VERSE 2**

If you've been forgiven and if you've been  
redeemed  
Sing the song forever to the Lamb  
If you walk in freedom and if you bear His  
name  
Sing the song forever to the Lamb  
We'll sing the song forever and amen

#### **SING CHORUS 1**

#### **CHORUS 2**

**Hear Your people sing Holy  
To the King of Kings Holy  
You will always be Holy  
Holy forever**

#### **SING PRE-CHORUS 2x**

#### **SING CHORUS 1&2**

#### **TAG**

**You will always be Holy  
Holy forever**

## INVOCATION

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

People: **Amen.**

## OPENING SENTENCES Psalm 118:24; 1 John 3:1; John 13:35; 1 Corinthians 16:14

Pastor: This is the day that the LORD has made;

People: **let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

Pastor: See what kind of love the Father has given to us,

People: **that we should be called children of God; and so we are.**

Pastor: Jesus said, "By this all people will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another."

People: **Let all that you do be done in love.**

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION Colossians 1:13–14

Pastor: The Lord has delivered us from the domain of darkness

People: **and transferred us to the kingdom of His beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.**

Pastor: Almighty God and Father,

People: **we confess, as Your people, our need for Your merciful kindness. We are prisoners of our own wants, our own traditions, and our own inborn sinfulness. Our actions and interactions often fail as reflections of Your kingdom. Our thoughts and desires often reflect the domain of darkness You have delivered us from. We often act out of our love for ourselves, rather than our love for others or for You. Forgive us and free us, Lord, to love what You love and go where You lead, all by the grace of our Redeemer, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

Pastor: Almighty God, in His mercy, has given His Son, Jesus, to die for you, and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of the Word made flesh, 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.**

## SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**Pastor:** Let us pray.

Living God, Your almighty power is made known chiefly in showing mercy and pity. Grant us the fullness of Your grace to lay hold of Your promises and live forever in Your presence; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**People:** Amen.

## **DAY OF PRAYER FOR PERSECUTED CHRISTIANS**

Pastor Arthur Gillespie

### **OLD TESTAMENT READING** Exodus 3:1–15

<sup>1</sup>Now Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law, Jethro, the priest of Midian, and he led his flock to the west side of the wilderness and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. <sup>2</sup>And the angel of the LORD appeared to him in a flame of fire out of the midst of a bush. He looked, and behold, the bush was burning, yet it was not consumed. <sup>3</sup>And Moses said, "I will turn aside to see this great sight, why the bush is not burned." <sup>4</sup>When the LORD saw that he turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am." <sup>5</sup>Then he said, "Do not come near; take your sandals off your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground." <sup>6</sup>And he said, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God. <sup>7</sup>Then the LORD said, "I have surely seen the affliction of my people who are in Egypt and have heard their cry because of their taskmasters. I know their sufferings, <sup>8</sup>and I have come down to deliver them out of the hand of the Egyptians and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey, to the place of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. <sup>9</sup>And now, behold, the cry of the people of Israel has come to me, and I have also seen the oppression with which the Egyptians oppress them. <sup>10</sup>Come, I will send you to Pharaoh that you may bring my people, the children of Israel, out of Egypt." <sup>11</sup>But Moses said to God, "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh and bring the children of Israel out of Egypt?" <sup>12</sup>He said, "But I will be with you, and this shall be the sign for you, that I have sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall serve God on this mountain." <sup>13</sup>Then Moses said to God, "If I come to the people of Israel and say to them, 'The God of your fathers has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is his name?' what shall I say to them?" <sup>14</sup>God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM." And he said, "Say this to the people of Israel, 'I AM has sent me to you.'" <sup>15</sup>God also said to Moses, "Say this to the people of Israel, 'The LORD, the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you.' This is my name forever, and thus I am to be remembered throughout all generations."

**Lector:** This is the Word of the Lord.

**People:** Thanks be to God.

## **EPISTLE**      2 Thessalonians 2:1–8, 13–17

<sup>1</sup>Now concerning the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our being gathered together to him, we ask you, brothers, <sup>2</sup>not to be quickly shaken in mind or alarmed, either by a spirit or a spoken word, or a letter seeming to be from us, to the effect that the day of the Lord has come. <sup>3</sup>Let no one deceive you in any way. For that day will not come, unless the rebellion comes first, and the man of lawlessness is revealed, the son of destruction, <sup>4</sup>who opposes and exalts himself against every so-called god or object of worship, so that he takes his seat in the temple of God, proclaiming himself to be God. <sup>5</sup>Do you not remember that when I was still with you I told you these things? <sup>6</sup>And you know what is restraining him now so that he may be revealed in his time. <sup>7</sup>For the mystery of lawlessness is already at work. Only he who now restrains it will do so until he is out of the way. <sup>8</sup>And then the lawless one will be revealed, whom the Lord Jesus will kill with the breath of his mouth and bring to nothing by the appearance of his coming. <sup>13</sup>But we ought always to give thanks to God for you, brothers beloved by the Lord, because God chose you as the firstfruits to be saved, through sanctification by the Spirit and belief in the truth. <sup>14</sup>To this he called you through our gospel, so that you may obtain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>15</sup>So then, brothers, stand firm and hold to the traditions that you were taught by us, either by our spoken word or by our letter. <sup>16</sup>Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God our Father, who loved us and gave us eternal comfort and good hope through grace, <sup>17</sup>comfort your hearts and establish them in every good work and word.

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

## **HOLY GOSPEL**      Luke 20:27–40

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

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

<sup>27</sup>There came to [Jesus] some Sadducees, those who deny that there is a resurrection, <sup>28</sup>and they asked him a question, saying, “Teacher, Moses wrote for us that if a man’s brother dies, having a wife but no children, the man must take the widow and raise up offspring for his brother. <sup>29</sup>Now there were seven brothers. The first took a wife, and died without children. <sup>30</sup>And the second <sup>31</sup>and the third took her, and likewise all seven left no children and died. <sup>32</sup>Afterward the woman also died. <sup>33</sup>In the resurrection, therefore, whose wife will the woman be? For the seven had her as wife.” <sup>34</sup>And Jesus said to them, “The sons of this age marry and are given in marriage, <sup>35</sup>but those who are considered worthy to attain to that age and to the resurrection from the dead neither marry nor are given in marriage, <sup>36</sup>for they cannot die anymore, because they are equal to angels and are sons of God, being sons of the resurrection. <sup>37</sup>But that the dead are raised, even Moses showed, in the passage about the bush, where he calls the Lord the God of Abraham and the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob. <sup>38</sup>Now he is not God of the dead, but of the living, for all live to him.” <sup>39</sup>Then some of the scribes answered, “Teacher, you have spoken well.” <sup>40</sup>For they no longer dared to ask him any question.

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

## **CHILDREN’S MESSAGE**

**SERMON SONG** "Same God" by Brandon Lake | Chris Brown | Pat Barrett | Steven Furtic

**VERSE 1**

I'm calling on the God of Jacob  
Whose love endures through generations  
I know that You will keep Your covenant  
I'm calling on the God of Moses  
The one who opened up the ocean  
I need you now to do the same thing for me

**CHORUS**

**Oh God my God I need You**  
**Oh God my God I need You now**  
**How I need You now**  
**Oh Rock oh Rock of ages**  
**I'm standing on Your faithfulness**

**VERSE 2**

I'm calling on the God of Mary  
Whose favor rests upon the lowly  
I know with You all things are possible  
I'm calling on the God of David  
Who made a shepherd boy courageous  
I may not face Goliath  
But I've got my own giants

**CHORUS**

**BRIDGE 1**

You heard Your children then  
You hear Your children now  
You are the same God  
You are the same God  
You answered prayers back then  
And You will answer now  
You are the same God  
You are the same God

**BRIDGE 2**

You moved in power then  
God move in power now  
You are the same God  
You are the same God  
You were a healer then  
You are a healer now  
You are the same God  
You are the same God

**CHORUS 2X**

**ENDING**

You were a Savior then  
You are a Savior now  
You are the same God  
You are the same God

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**SERMON** "Life After Death" Luke 20:27-40

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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  $\times$  of the world to come. Amen.

## **LORD'S PRAYER** Matthew 6:9–13

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

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## **PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

**Pastor:** Almighty God and Father, You offer the gifts of salvation to those who would trust in Your Son, Jesus Christ. We praise You for extending Your salvation to the souls who gather around this Table, that called to saving faith, You would make us worthy to receive the body and blood of our Savior, Jesus. Feed us with true food, that we might always crave Your truth. Heal us by Your true Word, that we might always yearn for Your life. Send us by Your true Spirit, that we might always declare our gratitude and Your glory, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**People:** Amen.

## THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

*Matthew 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24; Luke 22:19–20; 1 Corinthians 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 Corinthians 11:26; Revelation 22:20

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

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

## DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

### LSB 706 “Love in Christ Is Strong and Living”

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| <p>1 Love in Christ is strong and living,<br/>Binding faithful hearts in one;<br/>Love in Christ is true and giving.<br/>May His will in us be done.</p> <p>2 Love is patient and forbearing,<br/>Clothed in Christ’s humility,</p> | <p>Gentle, selfless, kind, and caring,<br/>Reaching out in charity.</p> <p>3 Love in Christ abides forever,<br/>Fainting not when ills attend;<br/>Love, forgiving and forgiven,<br/>Shall endure until life’s end.</p> |
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### LSB 599 “O Gracious Lord, with Love Draw Near”

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| <p>1 O gracious Lord, with love draw near<br/>To these, Your children gathered here;<br/>The Spirit’s gift in them renew:<br/>The gift of faith that clings to You.</p> <p>2 Sustain the work You have begun<br/>In these united to Your Son,<br/>For in that pure baptismal flood<br/>They have been cleansed by Jesus’<br/>blood.</p> <p>3 Deliver them from ev’ry wile,<br/>From all that would their hearts beguile,<br/>From worldly ways and Satan’s lies,<br/>That they may not Your Word despise.</p> | <p>4 Lord, keep them firm in their intent<br/>To You, Your Word and Sacrament.<br/>O make them bold, their faith to share<br/>And make them strong, each cross to<br/>bear.</p> <p>5 O Father, grant that by Your grace<br/>They may Your will each day embrace;<br/>With fruits of faith their lives now bless,<br/>Till they at death Your name confess.</p> <p>6 Then robed in white before Your throne,<br/>Your holy saints, by You foreknown—<br/>Predestined, called, and justified,<br/>Shall, crowned in light, be glorified</p> |
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## POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Let us pray.

Lord Jesus Christ, as You deliver Your free and full forgiveness, extend to us also Your good hope, which comforts our hearts and establishes us for the good works prepared for us. Hold us in Your truth, that we would not wander or waver from the reliable testimony of Your Holy Word. And captivate our hearts so fully by Your Gospel that we cannot help but tell all creation of the glories of our triune God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

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 “This Is Amazing Grace”

### VERSE 1

Who breaks the power of sin and darkness  
Whose love is mighty and so much stronger  
The King of Glory the King above all kings

### VERSE 2

Who shakes the whole earth with holy thunder  
And leaves us breathless in awe and wonder  
The King of Glory the King above all kings

### CHORUS

**This is amazing grace  
This is unfailing love  
That You would take my place  
That You would bear my cross  
You laid down Your life, that I would be set free  
Oh Jesus, I sing for all that You’ve done for me**

### VERSE 3

Who brings our chaos back into order  
Who makes the orphan a son and daughter  
The King of Glory the King of Glory

### VERSE 4

Who rules the nations with truth and justice  
Shines like the sun in all of its brilliance  
The King of Glory the King above all kings

### CHORUS

### BRIDGE

Worthy is the Lamb who was slain  
Worthy is the King who conquered the grave  
Worthy is the Lamb who was slain  
Worthy is the King who conquered the grave  
Worthy is the Lamb who was slain  
Worthy is the King who conquered the grave  
Worthy is the Lamb who was slain  
Worthy worthy worthy Oh!

### SING CHORUS 2X

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## DISMISSAL

Pastor: Go in peace! Serve the Lord!

People: **Thanks be to God.**

	<b>8:30am</b>	<b>11:00am</b>
<b>Elder</b>	John Jennejahn	Kevin Lorenz
<b>Acolyte</b>	TBD	Benjamin Noel
<b>Ushers</b>	Dirk and Kathryn Wilmoth	Tommy Ridgeway Rich Baldwin
<b>Communion</b>	Rich & Amy Bair	Lary Schulhof Doug Piercy
<b>Lector</b>	Jenelle Lanham	Peter Renner

<b><u>Prayer Support Team:</u></b> Rich & Lisa Baldwin
<b><u>Sound &amp; Tech Crew:</u></b> 1 <sup>st</sup> : Heather M. & Peter L. 2 <sup>nd</sup> : Justin P. & Rachel S.
<b><u>Altar Guild:</u></b> 8:30 Stephanie Hanson 11:00 Sherry R.
<b><u>Offering Counters:</u></b> David and Traci Meyer

The church and school annual **THANKSGIVING DINNER** is **Wednesday November 19**.

Sign up to bring a turkey or a ham and/or side dishes and desserts...

You can also sign up to help in a variety of ways.

Sign up at our SignUpGenius page with QR code or URL below:



<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090945ADAC28A6F94-45787935-thanksgiving#/>

**Please contact Pastor Gillespie if you would like to join the 11 am Prayer Ministry team serving the congregation once per month. Email: [algklg@msn.com](mailto:algklg@msn.com)**

### **The Miracle of Jesus - December 3rd 3:30-5:30pm**

You are invited to join us for a Christmas Experience. You'll be transported to **Bethlehem** a few weeks before Jesus' birth. You'll make fresh bread at our bakery, catch some fish, use wool to decorate a Christmas ornament, pet some farm animals, and other activities. While the Christmas season can be busy, join us as we slow down for some time to reflect on the Miracle of Jesus! Families can expect to spend 30 min going through activities, but walk at your own pace. We will have a short devotional read during the experience!

### **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, November 10**

7:00pm Southside Bible Group (Baldwin Home)

**Tuesday, November 11**

**Wednesday, November 12**

12:00pm Midweek Worship Service

**Thursday, November 13**

**Friday, November 14**

6:00pm Pickleball in the gym

**Saturday, November 15**

10:00am Women's Prayer Group

**Sunday, November 16**

12:15pm Post-Service Prayer Ministry Support (altar)

The Food Pantry is CLOSED

5:00pm High School Youth Group

7:00pm Virtual Prayer Service (Google Meet)

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**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

**Upcoming Member Celebrations**

**BIRTHDAYS:**

11/10 Samuel Bair; 11/10 Victor Motley  
11/11 Sydney McCarthy; 11/12 Susan Roby  
11/13 Trent Kitchen; 11/15 Steven Roberts  
11/15 Elaine Tonne

**ANNIVERSARIES:**

11/7 Gerry & Peg Hardesty  
11/7 Bradley & Wendy Hines  
11/10 Tim & Debbie Kite  
11/11 David & Traci Meyer

**Last Sunday's Attendance & Stats**

**In-person**

**Services:** 8:30 am: 79  
11:00 am: 80

**Wednesday Noon:** 22

**Online**

**Website:** 33  
**FB:** 10

**Previous Week's Offerings**

**General Offering Received:** \$ 10650.74  
**Building Funds Received:** \$ 125.00  
**\*Weekly Offering Budget:** \$ (12817.31)

**ELC Grab-N-Go Sunday Food Pantry**

Sunday 10/26  
105 Households, 484 Individuals served



## Emmanuel Lutheran Prayer List November 9, 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:*

- **Katie Wenger - Former DCE intern - Prayers for her upcoming wedding, November 15th. May her marriage be filled with joy, love, and happiness.**
  - ◇ **Don Spude - having minor surgery 11/17 (TURP) -prayers for healing and a quick recovery**
  - **Craig Dayton (Parker family) had a stroke over this past weekend and also in a 2-year battle with cancer**
  - Kaden Baumgart (from Pastor's previous congregation) prayers for healing and recovery and for the family
  - ◇ Helen Cline - has pneumonia
  - Linda and Ken Tilley - (Dee Gordon's parents) mom is recovering from cancer and dad is losing his total eyesight.
  - ◇ Sarah Nix - (Hufnagle's daughter) Prayers of thanksgiving that she is recovering well after having two strokes
  - ◇ Tylaine Williams (S.Ude friend) DX w/cancer starting chemo
  - Patty & Newt Etheridge (D.Meyer friends) cancer
  - ◇ Lorenzo Lopez - For safety on their trip to Thailand for the next level of stem cell treatment and efficacy of the treatment
  - ◇ Eugene Edwards - kidney issues
  - ◇ Camille Sawyer (friend of S.Edwards) auto-immune deficiency issue
  - ELN Teacher Veronica Milner - recovering after a heart attack
  - Carol - Barbara Sullivan's niece is in hospital
  - Pastor Mark Spelhausen - (J.Gibney) in therapy
  - 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) had a stroke and is in ICU
  - ◇ 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
  - ◇ = 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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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◇ Harold Neuenkirchen</li> <li>◇ Ken Treadway</li> <li>◇ Lorenzo Lopez</li> <li>◇ Peg Hardesty</li> <li>◇ Jim Clark</li> <li>◇ Steve Taylor</li> <li>◇ Mary Hufnagle</li> <li>◇ Sharon Pruet</li> <li>◇ Emily Nieting</li> <li>◇ Cynthia Cline</li> <li>◇ Helen Cline</li> <li>◇ Marjorie Locke</li> <li>◇ Julia Kearley</li> <li>◇ C.J. Reece</li> <li>◇ Mike Fastenau</li> <li>◇ Ray Bailey</li> <li>◇ Don Maskell</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Linda Poppenhagen</li> <li>Rev. Mark Spelzhausen (J. Gibney, friend)</li> <li>Donna Logeman (E.Lundquist, mother)</li> <li>Nancy Hutchins (G. Bailey, friend)</li> <li>Ann Downs (K. Emory, mother)</li> <li>Ann Melious (McCarthy family)</li> <li>Carol Harris (S.Ude's friend)</li> <li>Robin Worley (J.Kearley's friend)</li> <li>Chris Alstrin (L.Schulhof, friend)</li> <li>Jennie Buckner (C.Cline's neighbor)</li> <li>Elsie Lankford (S. Pruet's mother)</li> <li>Mike Lemmons (J. Groh)</li> <li>Ron Riddle (B. King, friend)</li> <li>Erin Y. (J. Thomas, friend)</li> <li>Ralph Ector, Jr &amp; Snr (S.Edwards, family)</li> <li>Tyrone Ayres (S. Edwards, friend)</li> <li>Lynn White (S. Edwards, cousin)</li> <li>Randy Booker (J. Kearley, brother-in-law)</li> <li>Todd Sluder (C. Piercy, friend)</li> <li>Mary Walker (D. Meyer, aunt)</li> <li>Brandon Talofuse, Newton Crave (E.Bailey)</li> </ul> |
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### PRAYERS FOR OUR HOMEBOUND MEMBER BROTHERS & SISTERS:

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

### Scripture & Prayer

**Isaiah 40:29-31** <sup>29</sup>He gives power to the faint, and to him who has no might he increases strength. <sup>30</sup>Even youths shall faint and be weary, and young men shall fall exhausted; <sup>31</sup>but 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.

*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.*

**November 9, 2025**  
**Life After Death**  
**Luke 20:27-40**

\_\_\_\_\_ is a subject we reserve for \_\_\_\_\_, but not everyday living

I. In \_\_\_\_\_ Day

- A. \_\_\_\_\_ and the questions concerning life after death were very much a part of their everyday experience
1. The \_\_\_\_\_ believed that there was no life after death
  2. But the \_\_\_\_\_ believed that there was life after death
    - a. These two groups were in constant \_\_\_\_\_ over the subject
    - b. Each group tried to \_\_\_\_\_ their listeners
- B. The \_\_\_\_\_ come to Jesus trying to trap Him in His Words
1. Their reference point is the \_\_\_\_\_
  2. Luke \_\_\_\_\_
    - a. They take it to an \_\_\_\_\_ level
    - b. The \_\_\_\_\_: Jesus knows what they are trying to do
- C. Jesus' \_\_\_\_\_ brings them to an entirely different point of view
1. Luke \_\_\_\_\_
  2. Life after this one will be \_\_\_\_\_
    - a. In other words: Since there is no \_\_\_\_\_ there is no need for marriage to make \_\_\_\_\_...so don't worry about it
    - b. Life after this one is different, the \_\_\_\_\_ qualities of this life are not what matters in heaven
    - c. There are some things better left to the \_\_\_\_\_, mystery, and awe of God - and one of those things is heaven
    - d. What matters? Having the \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ in that promise of heaven for those who believe in Jesus Christ!

II. Life Beyond the \_\_\_\_\_ is Real

- A. Life after death can be seen in the books of the \_\_\_\_\_
1. Exodus \_\_\_\_\_

2. "I am the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, the God of

\_\_\_\_\_ tense

b. These men are \_\_\_\_\_ in and through Jesus

B. Jesus turns the \_\_\_\_\_ on the Sadducees using their own Scripture

1. Jesus did what the \_\_\_\_\_ could not do

2. The promise of Heaven lets us invest our all in loving \_\_\_\_\_ and our \_\_\_\_\_

III. Christians are \_\_\_\_\_

A. Through \_\_\_\_\_ our citizenship has been made for us in Heaven

1. Things of \_\_\_\_\_ in this life are of no \_\_\_\_\_ in the life hereafter

2. This gives us \_\_\_\_\_ from materialism and a heightened understanding of value to our \_\_\_\_\_ life

B. The trivia of this life loses \_\_\_\_\_ and I can live differently

*I live in the \_\_\_\_\_ of heaven.*

*It affects the way I live my day-to-day existence.*

*It affects my decision making, my values, and my actions.*

*This promise was given to me at my \_\_\_\_\_.*

*Jesus says: "Now he is not God of the \_\_\_\_\_, but of the living for all live to Him."*

