

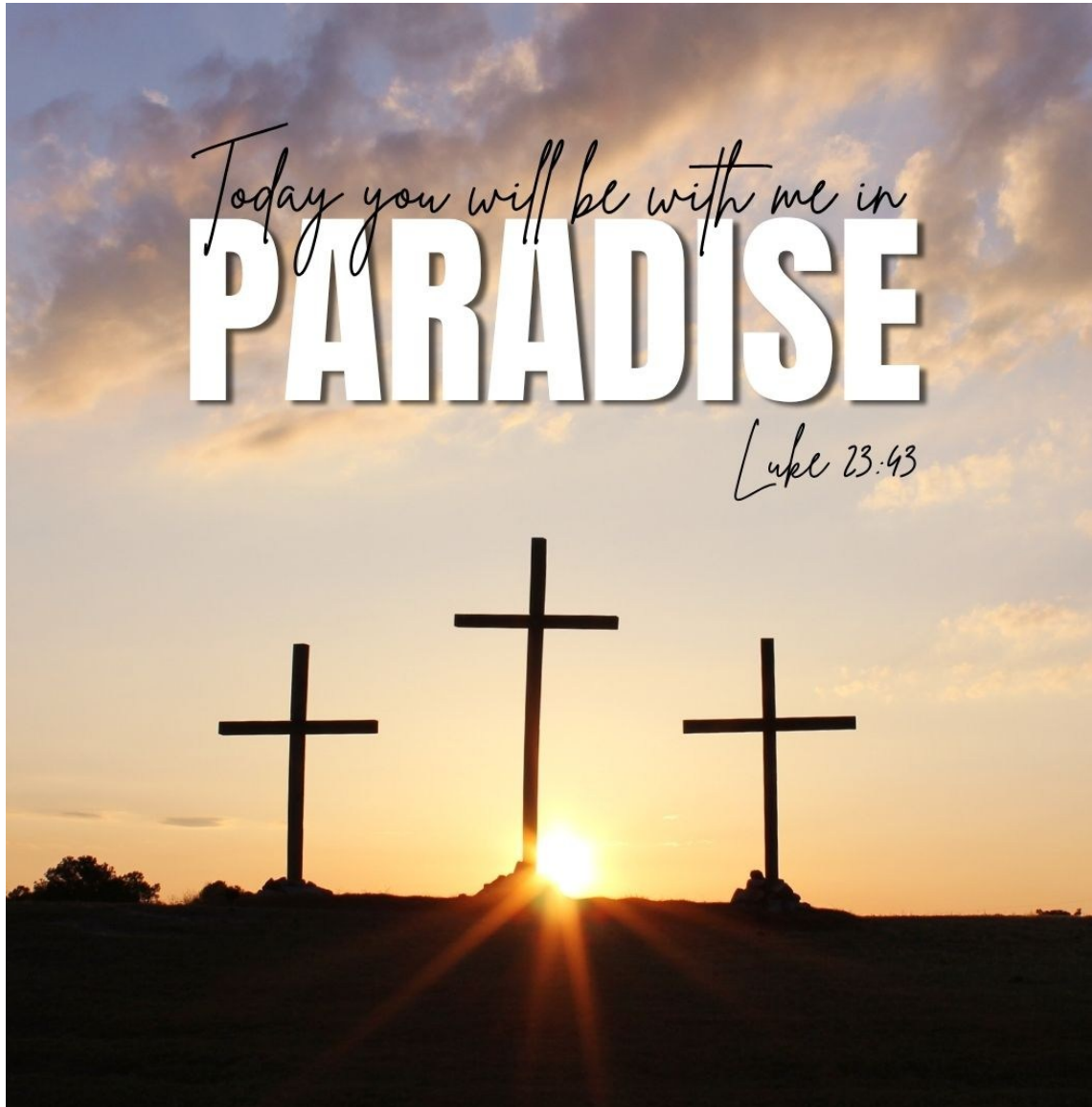
**Emmanuel
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CHURCH & SCHOOL
ASHEVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 23, 2025

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

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

The King of Paradise



Luke 23:35-43

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Sunday November 23, 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 Sunday School (room off the Fellowship Hall) <
- > Food Pantry is OPEN 1-3pm<



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

Jan Gibney ~ in honor of Christian marriages on the 48th anniversary of our wedding
Barbara Clark ~ in thanks to the Ushers and Elders helping her to step up to the altar

8:30am Traditional Service

Call to Worship:

“My Heart Is Filled With Thankfulness”

~Choir, guitar and flute

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AS WE GATHER

There is a phrase familiar to both preschoolers and powerbrokers. When they see that someone else has something they want, they declare, "That's mine!" seizing either toys or territory for themselves. This phrase is not unfamiliar to our God either. But where humans are motivated by selfishness, the Lord acts out of love. He claims you as His own because He loves you and He wants you to be with Him for eternity. You are His treasured possession! He will never leave you behind like a toddler may accidentally abandon her teddy bear, or neglect you like a king would treat those who supported his rival. When the Lord says, "You are Mine," you have His pledge of enduring faithfulness, today and unto eternity!

CALL TO WORSHIP "My Heart Is Filled with Thankfulness" ~Choir with Flute and Guitar

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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING SONG "O Praise The Name" (Anástasis)

VERSE 1

I cast my mind to Calvary
Where Jesus bled and died for me
I see His wounds His hands His feet
My Savior on that cursed tree

VERSE 2

His body bound and drenched in tears
They laid Him down in Joseph's tomb
The entrance sealed by heavy stone
Messiah still and all alone

CHORUS

**O praise the Name of the Lord our God
O praise His Name forevermore
For endless days we will sing Your
praise
Oh Lord oh Lord our God**

VERSE 3

Then on the third at break of dawn
The Son of heaven rose again
O trampled death where is your sting
The angels roar for Christ the King

CHORUS

VERSE 4

He shall return in robes of white
The blazing sun shall pierce the night
And I will rise among the saints
My gaze transfixed on Jesus' face

CHORUS

Oh Lord oh Lord our God
Oh Lord oh Lord our God

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INVOCATION

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

People: Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES Psalm 118:24; Psalm 22:27; Isaiah 43:1

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

People: let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Pastor: All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD,

People: and all the families of the nations shall worship before You.

Pastor: Now thus says the LORD, “Fear not, for I have redeemed you;

People: I have called you by name, you are Mine.”

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 King,

People: we confess that we have broken trust with You. We have doubted Your goodness, neglected Your ways, and sought to satisfy our sinful nature. We do not think, speak, or act like Your treasured possession. We bring before You our faults and failures, honestly and humbly recognizing that we deserve to be cast out of Your kingdom. Have mercy, O Lord, for the sake of Jesus Christ. Spare us from Your wrath, deliver us from death and darkness, and cleanse us from sin, that we serve You in righteousness, innocence, and blessedness now and always. Amen.

Pastor: On His cross, Jesus Christ, your Savior, was crowned with shame and given unto death for You. His blood pays the price Your sins deserve. Now crowned with glory, the risen and reigning Christ lives to declare sins forgiven. Therefore, as a called and ordained servant of Christ, 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.

Lord Jesus Christ, You reign among us by the preaching of Your cross. Forgive Your people their offenses that we, being governed by Your bountiful goodness, may enter at last into Your eternal paradise; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING Malachi 3:13–18

¹³“Your words have been hard against me, says the LORD. But you say, ‘How have we spoken against you?’ ¹⁴You have said, ‘It is vain to serve God. What is the profit of our keeping his charge or of walking as in mourning before the LORD of hosts? ¹⁵And now we call the arrogant blessed. Evildoers not only prosper but they put God to the test and they escape.’” ¹⁶Then those who feared the LORD spoke with one another. The LORD paid attention and heard them, and a book of remembrance was written before him of those who feared the LORD and esteemed his name. ¹⁷“They shall be mine, says the LORD of hosts, in the day when I make up my treasured possession, and I will spare them as a man spares his son who serves him. ¹⁸Then once more you shall see the distinction between the righteous and the wicked, between one who serves God and one who does not serve him.”

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE Colossians 1:13–20

¹³He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, ¹⁴in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. ¹⁵He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. ¹⁶For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him. ¹⁷And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together. ¹⁸And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent. ¹⁹For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, ²⁰and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

HOLY GOSPEL Luke 23:27–43

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twenty-third chapter.

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

²⁷And there followed [Jesus] a great multitude of the people and of women who were mourning and lamenting for him. ²⁸But turning to them Jesus said, “Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me, but weep for yourselves and for your children. ²⁹For behold, the days are coming when they will say, ‘Blessed are the barren and the wombs that never bore and the breasts that never nursed!’ ³⁰Then they will begin to say to the mountains, ‘Fall on us,’ and to the hills, ‘Cover us.’ ³¹For if they do these things when the wood is green, what will happen when it is dry?” ³²Two others, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with him. ³³And when they came to the place that is called The Skull, there they crucified him, and the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. ³⁴And Jesus said, “Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do.” And they cast lots to divide his garments. ³⁵And

the people stood by, watching, but the rulers scoffed at him, saying, "He saved others; let him save himself, if he is the Christ of God, his Chosen One!" ³⁶The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine ³⁷and saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!" ³⁸There was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews." ³⁹One of the criminals who were hanged railed at him, saying, "Are you not the Christ? Save yourself and us!" ⁴⁰But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation?" ⁴¹And we indeed justly, for we are receiving the due reward of our deeds; but this man has done nothing wrong." ⁴²And he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." ⁴³And he said to him, "Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise."

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON SONG "Man of Sorrows"

VERSE 1

Man of sorrows Lamb of God
By His own betrayed
The sin of man and wrath of God
Has been on Jesus laid

VERSE 2

Silent as He stood accused
Beaten mocked and scorned
Bowing to the Father's will
He took a crown of thorns

CHORUS

**Oh that rugged cross my salvation
Where Your love poured out over me
Now my soul cries out hallelujah
Praise and honor unto Thee**

VERSE 3

Sent of heaven God's own Son
To purchase and redeem

And reconcile the very ones
Who nailed Him to that tree

CHORUS

BRIDGE

Now my debt is paid, it is paid in full
By the precious blood that my Jesus spilled
Now the curse of sin has no hold on me
Whom the Son sets free oh is free indeed

CHORUS

VERSE 4

See the stone has rolled away
Behold the empty grave
Hallelujah God be praised
He's risen from the grave!

CHORUS

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SERMON "The King of Paradise" Luke 23:35-43

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People: 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.

LORD'S PRAYER Matthew 6:9–13

People: 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

OFFERING SONG "By the Blood"

VERSE 1

Lord my soul is desp'rate for You
I'm bound by sin and darkest night
But in the secret I will find You
A mighty ray of holy light

VERSE 2

Oh these chains were sweetly broken
Once held by death You set me free
By perfect love my fear was stolen
When Thou my Jesus died for me

CHORUS

**By the blood of Jesus Christ
Every life was bought at the highest price
Every fear was lost every sin erased
When Jesus took the cross He took my place**

VERSE 3

All my heart I lay before Thee
To sound the depths of love divine
So free so infinite Your glory
That I am Yours and You are mine

CHORUS

BRIDGE 2X

Then sings my soul then cries my heart
Till kingdom come till heavens part
Till He returns or calls me home
I'll praise the name of Christ alone

CHORUS

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PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING Luke 23:43

Pastor: Blessed are You, Lord God, heavenly King, for the grace You have shown to all creation in sending a Savior, Your Son, Jesus Christ. To the condemned, He speaks: "Today you will be with Me in Paradise," and we truly taste His Word fulfilled among us as He gathers us around His life-giving body and blood. Help us to partake of this heavenly feast in sincerity and truth, looking forward to the royal banquet that awaits as the faithful are gathered by Christ, the Lamb, in the midst of the throne, 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 \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 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 525 "Crown Him with Many Crowns"

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| <p>1 Crown Him with many crowns,
The Lamb upon His throne;
Hark how the heav'nly anthem drowns
All music but its own.
Awake, my soul, and sing
Of Him who died for thee,
And hail Him as thy matchless king
Through all eternity.</p> <p>2 Crown Him the virgin's Son,
The God incarnate born,
Whose arm those crimson trophies won
Which now His brow adorn:
Fruit of the mystic rose,
Yet of that rose the stem,
The root whence mercy ever flows,
The babe of Bethlehem.</p> <p>3 Crown Him the Lord of love.
Behold His hands and side,</p> | <p>No angels in the sky
Can fully bear that sight,
But downward bend their wond'ring eyes
At mysteries so bright.</p> <p>4 Crown Him the Lord of life,
Who triumphed o'er the grave
And rose victorious in the strife
For those He came to save.
His glories now we sing,
Who died and rose on high,
Who died eternal life to bring
And lives that death may die.</p> <p>5 Crown Him the Lord of heav'n,
Enthroned in worlds above,
Crown Him the king to whom is giv'n
The wondrous name of Love.
Crown Him with many crowns
As thrones before Him fall;
Crown Him, ye kings, with many crowns,
For He is king of all.</p> |
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Rich wounds, yet visible above,
In beauty glorified.

LSB 804 "O Worship the King"

1 O worship the King,
all-glorious above.

O gratefully sing
His pow'r and His love;
Our shield and defender,
the Ancient of Days,
Pavilioned in splendor
and girded with praise.

2 O tell of His might,
O sing of His grace,
Whose robe is the light,
whose canopy space;
His chariots of wrath
the deep thunderclouds form,
And dark is His path
on the wings of the storm.

3 This earth, with its store
of wonders untold,
Almighty, Thy pow'r
hath founded of old,
Established it fast
by a changeless decree,
And round it hath cast,
like a mantle, the sea.

4 Thy bountiful care
what tongue can recite?
It breathes in the air,
it shines in the light,
It streams from the hills,
it descends to the plain,
And sweetly distills
in the dew and the rain.

5 Frail children of dust
and feeble as frail,
In Thee do we trust,
nor find Thee to fail.
Thy mercies, how tender,
how firm to the end,
Our maker, defender,
redeemer, and friend!

6 O measureless Might,
ineffable Love,
While angels delight
to hymn Thee above,
Thy humbler creation,
though feeble their lays,
With true adoration
shall sing to Thy praise.

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POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Let us pray.

Lord Jesus Christ, we praise You for remembering us in Your kingdom, setting a place for us at Your Table, and bringing us into a life that lasts forever. As those forgiven by Your grace and sealed as Your treasured possession, bless us with firm faith and a holy purpose, that on this side of paradise we would dedicate ourselves to announcing Your righteous rule as witnesses of Your glory and servants of Your kingdom, where you live and reign with the Father and the Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

CLOSING 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

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You will always be Holy

Holy forever

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DISMISSAL

Pastor: Go in peace! Serve the Lord!

People: Thanks be to God.

	8:30am	11:00am
Elder	John Jennejahn	Joel Helms
Acolyte	TBD	Jacob Kanelos
Ushers	Alan & Kandi Tarrant	Justin Hodges Tommy Ridgeway
Communion	Neil Pursley Bill Hufnagle	Rich Baldwin Joel Helms
Lector	Neil Pursley	Jeanine Helms

Prayer Support Team:

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1st: Heather M. & Peter L.

2nd: Paige H. & Justin P.

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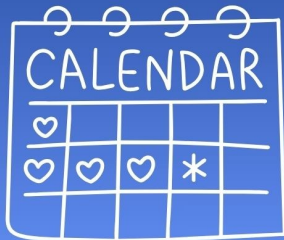
8:30 Stephanie Hanson

11:00 Sherry R.

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**10:00 AM
SERVICE
NOVEMBER 30TH**



**Advent Series
Wednesday at Noon**



December 3rd, 10th & 17th

Children's Sunday School

Advent Series

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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!

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

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 24

7:00 Southside Bible Group (Gillespie)

Tuesday, November 25

Wednesday, November 26

12:00pm Midweek Worship Service

Thursday, November 27

Thanksgiving Day 🍂

Friday, November 28

6:00pm Pickleball in the gym

Saturday, November 29

Sunday, November 30

9:00am Children's Sunday School

9:00am Adult Bible Study

10am - One Blended Service

Post-Service Prayer Ministry Support (Altar)

Food Pantry is closed

5:00pm High School Youth Group

Upcoming Member Celebrations

BIRTHDAYS:

11/24 Marilynne Stinson

11/27 James Carpenter

11/28 Ed Lopez

11/28 Scott Schulhof

11/29 Michael Ausbrooks

11/29 Peg Hardesty

ANNIVERSARIES:

11/30 Austin & Rachel Dickey

Last Sunday's Attendance & Stats

In-person

Services: 8:30 am: 63

11:00 am: 63

Wednesday Noon: 25

Online

Website: 32

FB: 12

Previous Week's Offerings

General Offering Received: \$ 34186.50

Building Funds Received: \$

***Weekly Offering Budget:** \$ (12817.31)

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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"

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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

PS2: Veronica Milner

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 11/09

149 Households, 598 Individuals served



Emmanuel Lutheran Prayer List November 23, 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:

- ◇ **Karen Nobles - pray that she is accepted into the eye trial for macular degeneration**
- ◇ Stephanie Hanson - Prayers that her upcoming tests are okay
- ◇ 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
- 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"> ◇ Harold Neuenkirchen ◇ Ken Treadway ◇ Lorenzo Lopez ◇ Peg Hardesty ◇ Jim Clark ◇ Steve Taylor ◇ Mary Hufnagle ◇ Sharon Pruet ◇ Emily Nieting ◇ Cynthia Cline ◇ Helen Cline ◇ Marjorie Locke ◇ Julia Kearley ◇ C.J. Reece ◇ Mike Fastenau ◇ Ray Bailey ◇ Don Maskell | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Linda Poppenhagen Rev. Mark Spelzhausen (J. Gibney, friend) Donna Logeman (E.Lundquist, mother) Nancy Hutchins (G. Bailey, friend) Ann Downs (K. Emory, mother) Ann Melious (McCarthy family) Carol Harris (S.Ude's friend) Robin Worley (J.Kearley's friend) Chris Alstrin (L.Schulhof, friend) Jennie Buckner (C.Cline's neighbor) Elsie Lankford (S. Pruet's mother) Mike Lemmons (J. Groh) Ron Riddle (B. King, friend) Erin Y. (J. Thomas, friend) Ralph Ector, Jr & Snr (S.Edwards, family) Tyrone Ayres (S. Edwards, friend) 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) |
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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 and Prayer for Today:

"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.

November 23, 2025
The King of Paradise
Luke 23:35-43

There is no such thing as _____. Even the most beautiful, the most peaceful place on _____, is not paradise. There is always something!

- I. On the _____
- A. As we end the church year we find ourselves in a strange spot - the _____
1. Look at the words Luke uses to describe how people were talking to Jesus: sneering, _____, insulting
 2. Even the sign above His head was a form of _____
- B. The problem: During His life Jesus made it very clear that He was more than a teacher - rather, He was "I _____" - their God and King
1. He backed these _____ up
 - a. Perfect _____; His miracles; teaching with authority
 - b. He was not the kind of _____ they wanted
- C. Today's world is _____ regarding Jesus so long as you keep Him the box of "just another _____"
1. Mohammad, _____, Krishna, etc...just add Jesus
 2. But Jesus is _____
 - a. Jesus is the Son of God, _____, King of Kings... the fulfillment of Scripture
 - b. And so the world _____, ridicules, and scorns
- D. Are _____ affected by the world?
1. The one thief on the cross was and he _____ in the mocking
 2. The _____ to minimize Jesus in today's world is real
 3. How quick are you to talk about _____ but not _____
- II. Jesus is the _____ of Grace, Mercy, and Forgiveness
- A. Remember: Jesus is the King of _____, mercy, and forgiveness

1. Just look at the second _____ on the cross
 - a. Somehow the Holy _____ worked in his heart
 - b. "Remember me when you come into your _____"
 2. Jesus reveals His _____ in a promise: "Today you will be with Me in paradise"
- B. That man is _____
1. Through His _____ Jesus graciously sends the Holy Spirit into your heart
 2. He overcomes your pride and gives you eyes of _____ that see Jesus as your King and God
- C. This is what happens when a person is _____
1. Jesus changes the _____ and created a new _____
 2. The promise of _____ is real, tangible, and given to you
 - a. Jesus says, "Soon...you will be with me in _____"
 - b. Christ our _____ promises this to you - and His promise is sure and true

*In your _____,
 which no one can touch,
 you enjoy a sense of peace and
 comfort and _____.
 You know that all mistakes in life
 have been _____.
 You know that you are a
 child of god.
 By the grace of God, you believe in
 Jesus as your King, your Savior.
 And today Jesus promises you,
 that you will be with Him in
 paradise.*

