



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

SUNDAY DECEMBER 7, 2025

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

8:30AM TRADITIONAL WORSHIP

11:00AM BLENDED WORSHIP

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

“When Help Arrives”



Isaiah 11:1-10

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Sunday, December 7, 2025



9:45am Adult Bible Study “Divided” (School Music Room off the Gym)

9:45am Adult Bible Study “Applause” (Room 104)

9:45am Kid’s Sunday School (room off the Fellowship Hall)

The Food Pantry is CLOSED

Personal Prayer Ministry (after 11am service at the altar)



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

Julia Kearley in loving memory of Marqueen Kostenbaude

Sheila and Eugene Edwards in honor of the birthday of Eugene Edwards, Sr.

8:30am Traditional Service

Call to Worship: “Come Messiah!” Choir

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AS WE GATHER

The problem with good works is not that we should do them but why. Our works reflect what it is we believe and hold dear. Works are the fruit of repentance and faith and do not add to what Christ has done in His mighty work of redemption. The call to bear the good fruit of repentance is not to work harder to be saved but to manifest in our everyday lives that we are saved, that we belong to the Lord, and that He has accomplished all things for our salvation. John faced a generation impressed with their works and empty of faith in God's mercy. We should know that doing works is not a choice. Hearts of faith will produce the good fruits of repentance. This is the calling of Christians and the mark of the work of the Spirit in our lives.

CALL TO WORSHIP "Come Messiah!" Choir

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WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING SONG "Hearts Waiting (Joy to the World)"

VERSE 1

Hearts waiting, waiting on a Savior
Come oh come Emmanuel
Hear prophets speaking of the promise
Come oh come Emmanuel
The doors of heaven open wide,
can you hear the song inside

CHORUS

Prepare the Way!
The Savior is near!
The Lord will come,
the Lord will come to us!
Make room in your heart,
this hope is for all
The Lord will come,
the Lord will come to us!

VERSE 2

Messiah ruler of the nations
Come oh come Emmanuel
Our Redeemer God is with us
God is for us
Come oh come Emmanuel
A light of glory filled the sky
And we heard the angel choir

CHORUS 2X

ENDING

Come oh come Emmanuel,
Come oh come, Emmanuel.
Come.

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INVOCATION

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

People: Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Psalm 72:2, 4, alt.; Philippians 1:6

Pastor: May God judge His people with righteousness and justice.

People: May He defend the poor, deliver the needy, and crush the oppressor.

Silence for self-examination.

Pastor: Holy and gracious God,

People: I confess that I have sinned against You this day. Some of my sin I know—the thoughts and words and deeds of which I am ashamed—but some is known only to You. In the name of Jesus Christ I ask forgiveness. Deliver and restore me that I may rest in peace.

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

Pastor: He who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ.

People: Amen.

SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray.

Stir up our hearts, O Lord, to make ready the way of Your only-begotten Son, that by His coming we may be enabled to serve You with pure minds; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING Isaiah 11:1–10

¹There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse, and a branch from his roots shall bear fruit. ²And the Spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him, the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and might, the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD. ³And his delight shall be in the fear of the LORD. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide disputes by what his ears hear, ⁴but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; and he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked. ⁵Righteousness shall be the belt of his waist, and faithfulness the belt of his loins. ⁶The wolf shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the young goat, and the calf and the lion and the fattened calf together; and a little child shall lead them. ⁷The cow and the bear shall graze; their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. ⁸The nursing child shall play over the hole of the cobra, and the weaned child shall put his hand on the adder's den. ⁹They shall not hurt or destroy in all my holy mountain; for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the LORD as the waters cover the sea. ¹⁰In that day the root of Jesse, who shall stand as a signal for the peoples—of him shall the nations inquire, and his resting place shall be glorious

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

EPISTLE Romans 15:4–13

⁴Whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, that through endurance and through the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope. ⁵May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, ⁶that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁷Therefore welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. ⁸For I tell you that Christ became a servant to the circumcised to show God's truthfulness, in order to confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, ⁹and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written, "Therefore I will praise you among the Gentiles, and sing to your name." ¹⁰And again it is said, "Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people." ¹¹And again, "Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles and let all the peoples extol him." ¹²And again Isaiah says, "The root of Jesse will come, even he who arises to rule the Gentiles; in him will the Gentiles hope."¹³May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.

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

HOLY GOSPEL Matthew 3:1–12

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the third chapter.

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

In those days John the Baptist came preaching in the wilderness of Judea, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.” For this is he who was spoken of by the prophet Isaiah when he said, “The voice of one crying in the wilderness: ‘Prepare the way of the Lord; make his paths straight.’” Now John wore a garment of camel’s hair and a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then Jerusalem and all Judea and all the region about the Jordan were going out to him, and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. But, when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruit in keeping with repentance. And do not presume to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our father,’ for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children for Abraham. Even now the axe is laid to the root of the trees. Every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. “I baptize you with water for repentance, but he who is coming after me is mightier than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and gather his wheat into the barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.”

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

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

SERMON SONG “Come Thou Great Redeemer”

VERSE 1

Come Thou long ex - pected Jesus
Born to set Thy people free
From our fears and sins release us
Let us find our rest in Thee
Israel's strength and consolation
Hope of all the earth Thou art
Dear de - sire of every nation
Joy of every longing heart

VERSE 2

Born Thy people to deliver
Born a child and yet a King
Born to reign in us forever
Now Thy gracious Kingdom bring
By Thine own e - ternal Spirit
Rule in all our hearts alone
By Thine all suf - ficient merit
Raise us to Thy glorious throne

CHORUS

Come Thou great Re - deemer
Come Em - manu - el
Bless the nations with Your presence here
Born our souls to rescue
Born to save Your very own
Long ex - pected Jesus
Make our hearts Your home

VERSE 1

CHORUS 2X

ENDING

Come Thou long ex - pected Je - sus
Come Thou long ex - pected Je - sus

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SERMON

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS BY TRANSFER OR PROFESSION OF FAITH

APOSTLES' CREED

People: I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life ☩ everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

LORD'S PRAYER

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 "O Come, O Come Emmanuel"

VERSE 1

O come, O come Emmanuel,
and ransom captive Israel
That mourns in lonely exile here,
until the Son of God appear

CHORUS

Rejoice, rejoice, Emmanuel
Shall come to thee O Israel

VERSE 2

O come Thou Wisdom from on high
who orders all things mightily
To us the path of knowledge show,
and teach us in her ways to go

CHORUS

VERSE 3

O come Thou Key of David come
And open wide our heavenly home
Make safe the way that leads on high
And close the path to misery

SING CHORUS 2X

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PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Pastor: In speaking all things into being, You manifested both Your goodness and Your love. In sending forth the promise of a Savior, You showed forth Your compassion and mercy. In the fullness of time You brought forth Your promise, sending into the womb of the virgin by the power of the Spirit Your only-begotten Son. As He has accomplished all things for our salvation by the one, all-sufficient offering of His body on the cross, we give You thanks and praise that You have counted us worthy to stand before You and to receive the precious gift of His grace in His Meal, which He established by His own will and testament.

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 832 “Jesus Shall Reign”

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| <p>1 Jesus shall reign where’er the sun
Does its successive journeys run;
His kingdom stretch from shore to shore
Till moons shall wax and wane no more.</p> <p>2 To Him shall endless prayer be made,
And endless praises crown His head;
His name like sweet perfume shall rise
With ev’ry morning sacrifice.</p> <p>3 People and realms of ev’ry tongue
Dwell on His love with sweetest song;</p> | <p>And infant voices shall proclaim
Their early blessings on His name.</p> <p>4 Blessings abound where’er He reigns:
The pris’ners leap, unloose their chains,
The weary find eternal rest,
And all who suffer want are blest.</p> <p>5 Let ev’ry creature rise and bring
Honors peculiar to our King;
Angels descend with songs again,
And earth repeat the loud amen.</p> |
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LSB 398 “Hail to the Lord’s Anointed”

- 1 Hail to the Lord’s anointed,
Great David’s greater Son!
Hail, in the time appointed,
His reign on earth begun!
He comes to break oppression,
To set the captive free,
To take away transgression
And rule in equity.
- 2 He comes with rescue speedy
To those who suffer wrong,
To help the poor and needy
And bid the weak be strong;
To give them songs for sighing,
Their darkness turn to light,
Whose souls, condemned and dying,
Were precious in His sight.
- 3 He shall come down like showers
Upon the fruitful earth;
Love, joy, and hope, like flowers,
Spring in His path to birth.

- Before Him on the mountains
Shall peace, the herald, go;
And righteousness in fountains
From hill to valley flow.
- 4 Kings shall fall down before Him
And gold and incense bring;
All nations shall adore Him,
His praise all people sing.
To Him shall prayer unceasing
And daily vows ascend;
His kingdom still increasing,
A kingdom without end.
- 5 O’er ev’ry foe victorious,
He on His throne shall rest,
From age to age more glorious,
All blessing and all-blest.
The tide of time shall never
His covenant remove;
His name shall stand forever—
That name to us is Love.

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POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Oh give thanks to the LORD, for He is good,

People: **for His steadfast love endures forever.**

Pastor: Lord God, heavenly Father, we thank and praise You for Your great goodness in bringing these Your sons and daughters to the knowledge of Your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ, and enabling them both with the heart to believe and with the mouth to confess His saving name. Grant that, bringing forth the fruits of faith, they may continue steadfast and victorious to the day when all who have fought the good fight of faith shall receive the crown of righteousness; 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 “Prepare the Way”

based on LSB 343 Tune and Additional lyrics by Heather Meulenberg

VERSE 1

Prepare the royal highway,
the King of kings is near;
Let every hill and valley a level road
appear.
Then greet the king of glory foretold in
sacred story:
Hosanna to the Lord,
for He fulfills God’s word!

CHORUS

**He’s Coming, He’s Coming,
make way for the Lord
With saints and with angels,
we praise and adore
From manger to highway,
to earth again one day,
Our king is coming,
prepare the Way!**

VERSE 2

God’s people, see him coming:
your own eternal king!
Palm branches strew before him;
spread garments; shout and sing.

DISMISSAL

Pastor: Go in peace! Serve the Lord!

People: **Thanks be to God.**

God’s promise will not fail you;
no more shall doubt assail you:
Hosanna to the Lord,
for He fulfills God’s word!

CHORUS

VERSE 3

His is no earthly kingdom;
It comes from heaven above.
His rule is peace and freedom,
And justice, truth, and love.
So let your praise be sounding
For kindness so abounding:
Hosanna to the Lord,
for He fulfills God’s word!

CHORUS

BRIDGE

From robes of white to stable low
We look for Him, our King and Lord
He took our pain, rules from His throne,
All praise is His, and His alone!

CHORUS

	8:30am	11:00am
Elder	John Jennejahn	Rich Baldwin
Acolyte	TBD	Ivana Lopez
Ushers	Mike Rush Scott Hausman	Rich Baldwin Lisa Baldwin
Communion	Stephanie Hanson Bill Hufnagle	Dale Pioch Doug Piercy
Lector	Jenelle Lanham	Carolyn Salsieder

Prayer Support Team:

Rich and Lisa Baldwin

Sound & Tech Crew:

1st: Heather M. & Peter L.
2nd: Steve T. & Bryce G.

December Altar Guild:

8:30am Deb Reiling
11:00am Kathy Gillespie
& Carolyn Salsieder

December Offering Counters:

Joel & Jeanine Helms

CANDLES & CAROLS

Sunday December 7th
3:00-4:30pm

If your last name begins with A-M, please bring an appetizer or finger food

If your last name begins with N-Z, please bring a dessert.

What Child Is This?

Join us for
Emmanuel Lutheran's
Wednesday
Advent Services
12:00 pm
December 3rd, 10th, & 17th
Online Only at 7:00 pm

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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, December 8

Tuesday, December 9

Wednesday, December 10

12:00pm Midweek Advent Worship Service

Thursday, December 11

6:00pm SMT Meeting (STEAM room)

Friday, December 12

6:00pm Pickleball in the gym

Saturday, December 13

Sunday, December 14

8:30am Traditional Worship Service

9:45am Children's Sunday School

9:45am Divided Nation study (school music rm)

9:45am Applause study (**new location rm 104**)

11:00am -Blended Worship Service

Post-Service Prayer Ministry Support (Altar)

1:00pm Food Pantry is OPEN!

5:00pm High School Youth Group

CHURCH STAFF:

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Second Grade: Leigh Weaver

Third Grade/Curriculum Coordinator: Kiara Studer

Fourth Grade: Chelsey Towery

Fifth Grade: Emily Lundquist

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MS Math: Jenelle Lanham

MS Social Studies: Mindy Stackhouse

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Music & Spanish: A.L. Brown

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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

Upcoming Member Celebrations

BIRTHDAYS:

12/9 Sharon Norris

12/9 Chloe Salomon

12/12 Donna Wegner

ANNIVERSARIES:

12/10 Dee & Raymond Gordon

Last Sunday's Attendance & Stats

In-person

Services: 10am - 123

Wednesday Noon: 25

Online

Website: 13

FB: 12

Previous Week's Offerings

General Offering Received: \$ 8298.05

Building Funds Received: \$ 625.00

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

ELC Grab-N-Go Sunday Food Pantry

Sunday 11/09

149 Households, 598 Individuals served



Emmanuel Lutheran Prayer List December 7, 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:

- ◇ **Hodges Family - Heather's brother, Rod Merten, passed away unexpectedly**
 - **Everett Lund and Family (School Family) older sister passed away**
 - **Prayers for the Gibson Family - Jamison passed away suddenly**
 - ◇ **Lydia Kelm - (Daughter of Dan and Rachel) waiting on tests regarding liver failure**
 - ◇ **Keith Novak - Asking for prayers for his kidney issues**
 - ◇ **The Pruett Family - Sharon's mother passed away**
 - ◇ Rick Herman - Healing and recovery after quadruple bypass
 - Lizzie (friend of L.Schulhof) end stages of cancer
 - ◇ Karen Nobles - pray that she is accepted into the eye trial for macular degeneration
 - ◇ Stephanie Hanson - Prayers that her upcoming tests are okay
 - Craig Dayton (Parker family) had a stroke recently and in a 2-year battle with cancer
 - Linda and Ken Tilley - (Dee Gordon's parents) mom is recovering from cancer and dad is losing his total eyesight
 - ◇ Tylaine Williams (S.Ude friend) DX w/cancer starting chemo
 - Patty & Newt Etheridge (D.Meyer friends) cancer
 - ◇ Eugene Edwards - kidney issues
 - ◇ Camille Sawyer (friend of S.Edwards) auto-immune deficiency issue
 - Carol - Barbara Sullivan's niece is in hospital
 - Kristen Warren - continued prayers for back pain
 - Jonah Lewis - healing after stroke
 - ◇ Sharon Norris - physical therapy for injured back
 - Jennie Buckner - (C.Cline friend) COPD
 - 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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| ◇ 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 Pruett | Robin Worley (J.Kearley's friend) |
| ◇ Emily Nieting | Chris Alstrin (L.Schulhof, friend) |
| ◇ Cynthia Cline | Elsie Lankford (S. Pruett's mother) |
| ◇ Helen Cline | Ron Riddle (B. King, friend) |
| ◇ Marjorie Locke | Erin Y. (J. Thomas, friend) |
| ◇ Julia Kearley | Ralph Ector, Jr & Sr (S.Edwards, family) |
| ◇ C.J. Reece | Tyrone Ayres (S. Edwards, friend) |
| ◇ Mike Fastenau | Lynn White (S. Edwards, cousin) |
| ◇ Ray Bailey | Randy Booker (J. Kearley, brother-in-law) |
| | Todd Sluder (C. Piercy, friend) |
| | Mary Walker (D. Meyer, aunt) |
| | Brandon Talofuse, Newton Crave (E.Bailey) |

PRAYERS FOR OUR HOMEBOUND MEMBER BROTHERS & SISTERS:

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Healing Scripture and Prayer for this week:

"Be joyful always, pray at all times, be thankful in all circumstances. This is what God wants from you in your life in union with Christ Jesus." (1 Thessalonians 5:16-18)

Dear Jesus, You are the great physician of body and soul. Come to those who are experiencing cancer and bring healing to their bodies. Use the gifts of medicine and doctors to work Your healing power. Lift their spirits and enable them to trust in You during this difficult time. Let them cast all their cares upon You for You care for them. For their families and caregivers, be their Encourager and Helper.

Thank you, Jesus, Amen!

December 7, 2025
When Help Arrives
Isaiah 11:1-10

Isaiah says: Hang on. _____ has arrived.

Someone has come to save you... someone uniquely qualified for the job.

- I. He Has the Spirit's _____ on His Head
 - A. Help is coming from an _____ place
 1. First half of Isaiah is about how _____ was on its way to destruction
 2. The kings, with the people would go away into _____ in Babylon
 - B. But...a _____ from the stump of David's family
 1. This would happen in _____, the city of David
 2. A direct _____ of King David!
 - a. This child would be the " _____ one"
 - b. He would be "set apart" for God's special _____
 - c. Not anointed with oil; but with the _____
 - C. With this anointing of the Holy Spirit He would receive "The Spirit of _____ and _____"
 1. The discernment of _____ and _____
 2. The Spirit of _____ and _____
 3. The Spirit's greatest gift: The _____ of the _____
 - a. _____
 - b. Jesus' replaces our blemished record with His _____, perfect record
- II. He Has _____ Tied Around His Waist
 - A. Jesus' righteousness is _____ and it never leaves Him; Isaiah says it's like a _____ tied around His waist

1. When the Messiah, Jesus, puts his belt of righteousness on, that means he's about to get _____
 2. The world He comes to is a _____
 - a. The rich are _____ the poor
 - b. The wicked have _____ their own way
 - c. War and _____ are everywhere
 3. Oh Lord, how much _____ ???
- B. Jesus makes all things right with His _____ - the rod of His mouth
 1. The problem with the world is that there is _____ in it
 2. The Son of God comes to _____ the evil of the devil's work
 - C. Jesus removes the power of the devil to accuse us of our _____
 1. He removes the barrier between us and _____
 2. The devil's work in this world is _____; why? Jesus will return and the other shoe will come down

*We are now at peace with God.
By His death and resurrection,
Jesus has placed us, not in an
_____, but in a grand
limousine - and He's the driver.
Jesus has taken care of all our
enemies - sin, death, and
the _____.*

*We are now on our way to Heaven.
So look up, not down.
Relax and enjoy the ride!*

