



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

SUNDAY DECEMBER 21, 2025

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

8:30AM TRADITIONAL WORSHIP

11:00AM BLENDED WORSHIP

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

“The Greatest Gift We Didn’t Ask For”



Isaiah 7:10-17

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Sunday, December 21, 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)

1:00-3:00 pm The Food Pantry is CLOSED!

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



8:30am Traditional Service

Call to Worship:

“An Invitation for Advent” Choir

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AS WE GATHER

It is still Advent, but today we hear an account of the Christmas story early so that we may know what to look for later this week. The Son of Mary by the Holy Spirit is Jesus, who saves us from our sins and who fulfills the promise of Immanuel: God is with us. Perhaps the richness of the details of Luke's account sometimes distracts us from the message. The Lord has come to keep His Word, to save us from our sins, and to keep us in His hand so that we may be His eternally. None of this was obvious to either Mary or faithful Joseph, and yet the Lord was at work through it all to deliver to us His Son to be our Savior. We will still worry when things do not go as we plan, and we will still struggle with doubts and fears, but the angel of God's presence is no mere messenger sent in His place. No, the angel of God's presence is His only-begotten Son, whose name is Jesus and whose work is our salvation.

CALL TO WORSHIP "An Invitation for Advent" Children's Choir with Adult Choir

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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING SONG "God With Us" by Leslie Jordan and Jason Ingram

VERSE 1

Oh You've come to bring peace to be Love
To be nearer to us
You've come to bring life to be Light
To shine brighter in us
Oh Emmanuel God with us

CHORUS

**Our Deliverer You are Savior
In Your presence we find our strength
Over ev'rything our Redemption
God with us
You are God with us**

VERSE 2

Oh You've come to be Hope to this world
For Your honor and name
And You've come to take sin to bear shame
And to conquer the grave
Oh Emmanuel God with us

CHORUS

BRIDGE

You are Lord
You are holy
Fill the whole world
With Your glory
You are Lord
You are holy
Fill the whole world
With Your glory, Lord

CHORUS

ENDING

Oh God with us
You are God with us

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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

Pastor: O Israel, hope in the LORD! For with the LORD there is steadfast love,

People: **and with Him is plentiful redemption.**

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 Your power, O Lord, and come and help us by Your might, that the sins which weigh us down may be quickly lifted by Your grace and mercy; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: **Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT READING Isaiah 7:10–17

¹⁰Again the LORD spoke to Ahaz, ¹¹“Ask a sign of the LORD your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven.” ¹²But Ahaz said, “I will not ask, and I will not put the LORD to the test.” ¹³And he said, “Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary men, that you weary my God also? ¹⁴Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel. ¹⁵He shall eat curds and honey when he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good. ¹⁶For before the boy knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good, the land whose two kings you dread will be deserted. ¹⁷The LORD will bring upon you and upon your people and upon your father’s house such days as have not come since the day that Ephraim departed from Judah—the king of Assyria.”

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

EPISTLE Romans 1:1–7

¹Paul, a servant of Christ Jesus, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God, ²which he promised beforehand through his prophets in the holy Scriptures, ³concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh ⁴and was declared to be the Son of God in power according to the Spirit of holiness by his resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord, ⁵through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith for the sake of his name among all the nations, ⁶including you who are called to belong to Jesus Christ, ⁷To all those in Rome who are loved by God and called to be saints: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

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

HOLY GOSPEL Matthew 1:18–25

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

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

¹⁸Now the birth of Jesus Christ took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. ¹⁹And her husband Joseph, being a just man and unwilling to put her to shame, resolved to divorce her quietly. ²⁰But as he considered these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, “Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary as your wife, for that which is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. ²¹She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.” ²²All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet: ²³“Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall call his name Immanuel” (which means, God with us). ²⁴When Joseph woke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him: he took his wife, ²⁵but knew her not until she had given birth to a son. And he called his name Jesus.

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

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

SERMON HYMN “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 “The Greatest Gift We Didn’t Ask For”

APOSTLE’S 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 “Unto Us”

VERSE 1

Crown Him the Son of Righteousness
Crown Him the King above all kings
Let the nations declare He is Lord
Sing Emmanuel the Savior with us.

CHORUS

**He shall be called
Wonderful Counselor, Everlasting One
He shall be called, Jesus the Savior
Peace to earth will come
We worship and adore Him, The Lord**

VERSE 2

Jesus the Son of God He reigns
Forever His kingdom will not fail
God Almighty in justice He comes
Sing Emmanuel great is His love

CHORUS

BRIDGE 2X

Unto us His love will come
Unto us God's own Son
Now to Him be the glory and all the praise

ENDING

Now to Him be the glory and all the praise
Now to Him be the glory and all the praise

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PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Pastor: When the peace of perfection was broken by the voice of rebellion and death became our end, You looked upon us in love, O merciful Father, and You sent forth the promise of a new day made possible by a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. He fulfilled Your Word, was incarnate of the virgin by the Holy Spirit, and was delivered in flesh and blood as one of us, yet without sin. He fulfilled all Your saving will and offered up Himself in our place to death, paying the price of our redemption and forging a path through death to life everlasting. In this Holy Supper He established, He placed His promise, that by our communion in His flesh and blood, we might be forgiven of our sins and strengthened in the new life granted to us in Baptism. Now, by His own Word and testament, we gather to set aside this bread, that it may be to us His flesh for the life of the world, and this cup, that it may be His blood to cleanse us from all our sin, as He Himself has said.

People: **Amen.**

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

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

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 361 “O Little Town of Bethlehem”

1 O little town of Bethlehem,
How still we see thee lie!
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep
The silent stars go by;
Yet in thy dark streets shineth
The everlasting light.
The hopes and fears of all the years
Are met in thee tonight.

2 For Christ is born of Mary,
And, gathered all above
While mortals sleep, the angels keep
Their watch of wond’ring love.
O morning stars, together
Proclaim the holy birth,
And praises sing to God the king
And peace to all the earth!

3 How silently, how silently
The wondrous gift is giv’n!
So God imparts to human hearts
The blessings of His heav’n.
No ear may hear His coming;
But in this world of sin,
Where meek souls will receive Him, still
The dear Christ enters in.

4 O holy Child of Bethlehem,
Descend to us, we pray;
Cast out our sin, and enter in,
Be born in us today.
We hear the Christmas angels
The great glad tidings tell;
O come to us, abide with us,
Our Lord Immanuel!

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LSB 810 “O God of God, O Light of Light”

1 O God of God, O Light of Light,
O Prince of Peace and King of kings:
To you in heaven’s glory bright
The song of praise forever rings.
To Him who sits upon the throne,
The Lamb once slain but raised again,
Be all the glory He has won,
All thanks and praise! Amen, amen.

2 For deep in prophets’ sacred page,
And grand in poets’ wingèd word,
Slowly in type, from age to age
The nations saw their coming Lord;
Till through the deep Judean night
Rang out the song, “Goodwill to men!”
Sung once by firstborn sons of light,
It echoes now, “Goodwill!” Amen.

3 That life of truth, those deeds of love,
That death so steeped in hate and scorn—
These all are past, and now above
He reigns, our King once crowned with thorn.
Lift up your heads, O mighty gates!
So sang that host beyond our ken.
Lift up your heads, your King awaits.
We lift them up. Amen, amen.

4 Then raise to Christ a mighty song,
And shout His name, His mercies tell!
Sing, heav’nly host, your praise prolong,
And all on earth, your anthem swell!
All hail, O Lamb for sinners slain!
Forever let the song ascend!
Worthy the Lamb, enthroned to reign,
All glory, pow’r! Amen, amen.

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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: Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end; 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 "King of Heaven"

VERSE 1

Jesus let Your kingdom come here
Let Your will be done here in us
Jesus there is no one greater
You alone are Savior show the world Your love

CHORUS

**King of heaven come down
King of heaven come now
Let Your glory reign shining like the day
King of heaven come
King of heaven rise up
Who can stand against us
You are strong to save in Your mighty name
King of heaven come**

VERSE 2

We are children of Your mercy
Rescued for Your glory
We cry Jesus set our hearts towards You
That ev'ry eye would see You lifted high

CHORUS

BRIDGE

King of heaven come
King of heaven come
King of heaven come
Oh King of heaven come

CHORUS

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DISMISSAL

Pastor: Go in peace! Serve the Lord!

People: Thanks be to God

	8:30am	11:00am
Elder	Susan Roby	Joel Helms
Acolyte	TBD	Wyatt Johnson
Ushers	Stephanie Hanson Rich Bair	Doug Piercy Justin Hodges
Communion	Mike Rush Amy Bair	Joel Helms Rich Baldwin
Lector	Scott Hausman	Jeanine Helms

Prayer Support Team:

Joel & Jeanine Helms

Sound & Tech Crew:

1st: Heather M. & Peter L.

2nd: Ben M. & Heather H.

December Altar Guild:

8:30am Deb Reiling

11:00am Kathy Gillespie
& Carolyn Salsieder

December Offering Counters:

Joel & Jeanine Helms

Emmanuel's
Christmas Eve Services
December 24, 2025
3:00 pm Children's Service
7:00 pm Praise Service
9:00 pm Traditional Service

Christmas Day
December 25, 2025
One Service
10:00 am

December 28, 2025
One Service
10:00 am

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 22

Tuesday, December 23

Wednesday, December 24

3:00pm Christmas Eve Children's Worship Service
7:00pm Christmas Eve Blended Worship Service
9:00 pm Christmas Eve Traditional Worship Service

Thursday, December 25

10:00am Christmas Day Worship Service

Friday, December 26

6:00pm Pickleball in the gym

Saturday, December 27

Sunday, December 28

9:00am Children's Sunday School
10:00am Blended Worship Service
Post-Service Prayer Ministry Support (Altar)
5:00pm High School Youth Group
7:00pm Virtual Prayer Service (Google Meet)

Upcoming Member Celebrations

BIRTHDAYS:

12/22 Julia Kearley
12/22 Anne Mehrling
12/22 David Meyer
12/24 Zachary Fligel
12/24 Marni Jennejahn
12/24 Carol Lichtenberger
12/27 Susan Buckner
12/28 Amy Skopak

ANNIVERSARIES:

12/27 James & Barbara Roseman
12/28 James & Judy Stoltenberg

Last Sunday's Attendance & Stats

In-person

Services: 8:30am - 90
11:000am - 76
Wednesday Noon - 26

Online

Website: 38
FB: 21

Previous Week's Offerings

General Offering Received: \$ 58586.14
Building Funds Received: \$ 305.00
***Weekly Offering Budget:** \$ (12817.31)

CHURCH STAFF:

Senior Pastor: Rev. Dr. Jeffrey Skopak
Director of Christian Education: Alexi Lundquist
Parish Administrator: Dirk Wilmoth
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Office Asst. Church & ECE, Benefits Mgr: Amy Skopak
Admin. Asst.: Anitta Charlson
Church Music and Sound Director: Heather Meulenberg
Organist: Lula Meulenberg;
Digital Media : Peter Linton
Hospitality Ministry: Shirley Parker
Facilities Mgmt: Neil Seidler, Mike Rush, Neil Pursley
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
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

December 21, 2025
The Greatest Gift We Didn't Ask For
Isaiah 7:10-17

*If you think Christmas is all about whether you get the _____
you asked for - you are not celebrating Christmas in the right way*

- I. Not Asking is a Sign of _____
- A. God doesn't use the "_____ Method"
1. Romans _____
 2. The "_____ Method" would result in judgment
- B. Consider "who" Isaiah is addressing: _____
(the 11th King of Judah)
1. 2 Kings _____
 2. His kingdom was being attacked by the kings of _____ and _____
 3. And yet God still is assuring Ahaz that He would supply a _____ - just stand firm in the true faith!
 - a. Isaiah _____
 - b. God is offering him _____ he wanted
 - c. And Ahaz's response? Isaiah _____
- C. So, why does Ahaz reject the Lord's _____?
1. He didn't want to _____ in the Lord
 2. He didn't want to admit that his _____ was evil
 3. He didn't want to feel _____ to the Lord
 4. The Lord makes the same offer to _____
 - a. Matthew _____
 - b. And yet people still _____ the offer
- II. God Doesn't Allow Our Arrogance to Stop His _____
- A. Ahaz didn't want to "test God" but his answer betrayed his worst _____
1. But Ahaz presses the _____ of God
 2. Isaiah _____
 2. Even Isaiah is astounded by the _____ of Ahaz

- B. And yet, in the midst of this standoff with Ahaz, God provides one of the most _____ prophecies in the entire Old Testament
1. Isaiah _____
 2. The _____ will bring forth a child
 - a. Immanuel = God with _____
 - b. Jesus is _____ with _____
- C. God displayed His power to the world by _____ Himself
1. The holy God would lay in a _____, grow to heal the sick, raise the dead, and _____ amongst us
 2. He would take the _____ of the world upon Himself as He died on the cross
 3. _____ is the greatest gift we did not ask for nor deserve
 - a. John _____
 - b. Who could imagine such thing? Certainly not _____
 - c. And for that matter, certainly not _____
- D. What happened to _____?
1. He sacrificed to the gods of Damascus, sealed up the doors of the Temple...and he _____
 2. We are on the _____ - from the moment of our birth until the day we die...will you receive the Gift that God offers?

*Immanuel
is the greatest gift we
never asked for!
We may not have asked for it,
but God is still giving it to us
of _____.
Hold on to this Christmas gift,
and remember that Immanuel
- God with Us -
is the greatest
_____ we can have!*





Emmanuel Lutheran Prayer List December 21, 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:

- **Becky Swatzel - (Preschool) healing prayers for an infection in her leg**
- **Jacob Spears, a member of my Lisa Baldwin's sister's church, who shot in the back at Brown University. He is recovering after surgery from this serious injury**
- **Ann Bolinsky - (Bair's BIL's mom) 85yo with dementia recently fell and is struggling with rehab**
- **Gary Pursley - (N.Pursley) pray for God to soften his heart toward Jesus and for his salvation**
- * **John Jennejahn—prayers for knee surgery Friday Dec. 19th and stomach surgery next week on Dec. 23rd**
- **Cynthia Bright - (C.Brucker's friend) prayers of thanksgiving for a successful procedure for diabetes complications**
- * Barbara Clark - Prayers for no major damage to her arm and healing after falling in her home last week
- LeiDonna Roberts and family - LeiDonna's husband, Greg, passed away unexpectedly
- * Sarah Nix—(Hufnagle's daughter) - prayers as she continues to heal from 2 strokes.
- * 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 and family caregivers - B. Sullivan's niece recuperating at home after hospital stay
- 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

Prayers for those with long-term illnesses & conditions:

- ◇ 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)
- Linda Poppenhagen Todd Sluder (C. Piercy, friend)
- Rev. Mark Spelzhausen (J. Gibney, friend) Mary Walker (D. Meyer, aunt)
- Donna Logeman (E.Lundquist, mother) Brandon Talofuse, Newton Crave (E.Bailey)
- Nancy Hutchins (G. Bailey, friend)
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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	◇ Clela McCall	

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!