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CHURCH & SCHOOL  
ASHEVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2026

FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

8:30AM TRADITIONAL WORSHIP

11:00AM BLENDED WORSHIP

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

## **“Victory in Jesus”**



**Matthew 4:1-11**

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# Sunday, February 22, 2026

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

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

The Food Pantry is **OPEN** today 1-3:00pm

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

**Martha Price**

**in loving in memory of my sister, Eloise Setzer**



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## 8:30am Traditional Service

### Call to Worship "Grace Greater"

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## AS WE GATHER

Only weeks ago, Jesus was called out by John as the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world. Now Jesus reveals what He must do for us and our salvation. He must stand where Adam stood, tempted by the devil. This time, however, Jesus refuses to surrender His righteousness in the face of evil but preserves it so that He might give it to you and to me. With confidence in Christ's righteousness, which we wear by Baptism, and His forgiveness, which restores us when we fall, we know that the devil can harm us no more. We belong to Christ. In the power of Christ, we are made strong before the tempter's power, and in Him we are brought through death to life everlasting.

## CALL TO WORSHIP "Grace Greater" CHOIR

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## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### OPENING 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 2X

#### 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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## INVOCATION

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

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

**Pastor:** I acknowledged my sin to You.  
**People:** I did not cover up my iniquity.  
**Pastor:** I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD."  
**People:** And You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

*Silence for meditation and reflection.*

**Pastor:** O almighty God, merciful Father,

**People:** I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your punishment now and forever. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being. Forgive me all my sins and grant me the power of Your Holy Spirit that I may amend my sinful life.

**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:** May He who began this good work within you bring it to completion on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**People:** Amen.

### **SALUTATION**

**Pastor:** The Lord be with you.

**People:** And also with you.

### **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**Pastor:** Let us pray.

O Lord God, You led Your ancient people through the wilderness and brought them to the Promised Land. Guide the people of Your church that following our Savior we may walk through the wilderness of this world toward the glory of the world to come; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**People:** Amen.

### **SONG OF PRAISE** "Oh Lord, Your Grace Abounds"

#### **INTRO**

Oh Lord You're beautiful  
Your face is all I seek  
And when Your eyes are on this child  
Your grace abounds to me

#### **REPEAT INTRO**

#### **VERSE 1**

You lay aside Your throne,  
and to this world You have come  
You offered up Your life,  
the debt You paid was not Yours

#### **CHORUS**

**Your grace abounds to me  
Your grace abounds to me  
Jesus in You I find all that I need**

#### **VERSE 2**

A gift I could not earn  
Your open arms are undeserved  
Enabled by Your grace  
Now to live is Christ alone

#### **SING CHORUS 2X**

#### **BRIDGE**

All powerful all glorious  
There's nothing like the Name of Jesus  
All powerful all glorious  
There's nothing like Your Name

#### **REPEAT BRIDGE**

#### **SING CHORUS 2X**

#### **ENDING**

Find all I need in You

## OLD TESTAMENT READING      Genesis 3:1–21

<sup>1</sup> Now the serpent was more crafty than any other beast of the field that the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, “Did God actually say, ‘You shall not eat of any tree in the garden?’” <sup>2</sup> And the woman said to the serpent, “We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden, <sup>3</sup> but God said, ‘You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the midst of the garden, neither shall you touch it, lest you die.’” <sup>4</sup> But the serpent said to the woman, “You will not surely die. <sup>5</sup> For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.” <sup>6</sup> So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband who was with her, and he ate. <sup>7</sup> Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked. And they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves loincloths. <sup>8</sup> And they heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God among the trees of the garden. <sup>9</sup> But the Lord God called to the man and said to him, “Where are you?” <sup>10</sup> And he said, “I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked, and I hid myself.” <sup>11</sup> He said, “Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten of the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?” <sup>12</sup> The man said, “The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit of the tree, and I ate.” <sup>13</sup> Then the Lord God said to the woman, “What is this that you have done?” The woman said, “The serpent deceived me, and I ate.” <sup>14</sup> The Lord God said to the serpent, “Because you have done this, cursed are you above all livestock and above all beasts of the field; on your belly you shall go, and dust you shall eat all the days of your life. <sup>15</sup> I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring; he shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel.” <sup>16</sup> To the woman he said, “I will surely multiply your pain in childbearing; in pain you shall bring forth children. Your desire shall be for your husband, and he shall rule over you.” <sup>17</sup> And to Adam he said, “Because you have listened to the voice of your wife and have eaten of the tree of which I commanded you, ‘You shall not eat of it,’ cursed is the ground because of you; in pain you shall eat of it all the days of your life; <sup>18</sup> thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you; and you shall eat the plants of the field. <sup>19</sup> By the sweat of your face you shall eat bread, till you return to the ground, for out of it you were taken; for you are dust, and to dust you shall return.” <sup>20</sup> The man called his wife's name Eve, because she was the mother of all living. <sup>21</sup> And the Lord God made for Adam and for his wife garments of skins and clothed them.

Pastor:      This is the Word of the Lord.

People:      **Thanks be to God.**

## EPISTLE      Romans 5:12–19

<sup>12</sup> Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men<sup>[a]</sup> because all sinned— <sup>13</sup> for sin indeed was in the world before the law was given, but sin is not counted where there is no law. <sup>14</sup> Yet death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sinning was not like the transgression of Adam, who was a type of the one who was to come. <sup>15</sup> But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if many died through one man's trespass, much more have the grace of God and the free gift by the grace of that one man Jesus Christ abounded for many. <sup>16</sup> And the free gift is not like the result of that one man's sin. For the judgment following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brought justification. <sup>17</sup> For if, because of one man's trespass, death reigned through that one man, much more will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man Jesus Christ. <sup>18</sup> Therefore, as one trespass<sup>[b]</sup> led to condemnation for all men, so one act of righteousness<sup>[c]</sup> leads to justification

and life for all men. <sup>19</sup> For as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.

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

## **HOLY GOSPEL** Matthew 4:1–11

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

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

<sup>1</sup> Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. <sup>2</sup> And after fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry. <sup>3</sup> And the tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread." <sup>4</sup> But he answered, "It is written, "'Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.'" <sup>5</sup> Then the devil took him to the holy city and set him on the pinnacle of the temple <sup>6</sup> and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down, for it is written, "'He will command his angels concerning you,' and "'On their hands they will bear you up, lest you strike your foot against a stone.'" <sup>7</sup> Jesus said to him, "Again it is written, 'You shall not put the Lord your God to the test.'" <sup>8</sup> Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. <sup>9</sup> And he said to him, "All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me." <sup>10</sup> Then Jesus said to him, "Be gone, Satan! For it is written, "'You shall worship the Lord your God and him only shall you serve.'" <sup>11</sup> Then the devil left him, and behold, angels came and were ministering to him.

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

## **THE CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

### **SERMON HYMN** LSB 657 "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

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| <p>1 A mighty fortress is our God,<br/>A sword and shield victorious;<br/>He breaks the cruel oppressor's rod<br/>And wins salvation glorious.<br/>The old satanic foe<br/>Has sworn to work us woe.<br/>With craft and dreadful might<br/>He arms himself to fight.<br/>On earth he has no equal.</p> <p>2 No strength of ours can match his might.<br/>We would be lost, rejected.<br/>But now a champion comes to fight,<br/>Whom God Himself elected.<br/>You ask who this may be?<br/>The Lord of hosts is He,<br/>Christ Jesus, mighty Lord,<br/>God's only Son, adored.<br/>He holds the field victorious.</p> | <p>3 Though hordes of devils fill the land<br/>All threat'ning to devour us,<br/>We tremble not, unmoved we stand;<br/>They cannot overpower us.<br/>Let this world's tyrant rage;<br/>In battle we'll engage.<br/>His might is doomed to fail;<br/>God's judgment must prevail!<br/>One little word subdues him.</p> <p>4 God's Word forever shall abide,<br/>No thanks to foes, who fear it;<br/>For God Himself fights by our side<br/>With weapons of the Spirit.<br/>Were they to take our house,<br/>Goods, honor, child, or spouse,<br/>Though life be wrenched away,<br/>They cannot win the day.<br/>The Kingdom's ours forever!</p> |
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**SERMON** "Victory in Jesus" Rev. Arthur Gillespie

## NICENE CREED

**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.

## PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

### THE 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** "To Be Like You" by Brooke Ligertwood and Matt Crocker

### VERSE 1

Hum - ble King, ho - ly One  
Friend of sinners, God's own Son  
God in flesh a - mong men  
You walked my road, You un - der - stand

### VERSE 2

Ser - vant King, friend to me  
You saved my soul, washed my feet  
Here I'll bow, give all to You  
Lord, I want to be like You

### CHORUS

All I want, all I need  
More of You, less of me  
Take this life, Lord, it's Yours  
Have my heart, have it all

### VERSE 3

I will walk in Your ways  
Love Your word, seek Your face  
My re - ward, my sole pur - suit  
To know You more, to be like You

### CHORUS 2X

### BRIDGE 2X

Je - sus, Je - sus, all I want is to be like You  
Je - sus, Je - sus, all I want is to be like You

### CHORUS

## PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

**Pastor:** Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**People:** Amen.

## THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

**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

**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 550 "Lamb of God"

1 Your only Son, no sin to hide,  
But You have sent Him from Your side  
To walk upon this guilty sod,  
And to become the Lamb of God.  
Refrain

ref O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God,  
I love the holy Lamb of God!  
O wash me in His precious blood,  
My Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God.

2 Your Gift of love they crucified,  
They laughed and scorned Him as He  
died:  
The humble King they named a fraud,  
And sacrificed the Lamb of God.  
Refrain

3 I was so lost, I should have died,  
But You have brought me to Your side  
To be led by Your staff and rod,  
And to be called a lamb of God. Refrain

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## LSB 702 "My Faith Looks Up To Thee"

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| <p>1 My faith looks up to Thee,<br/>Thou Lamb of Calvary,<br/>Savior divine.<br/>Now hear me while I pray;<br/>Take all my guilt away;<br/>O let me from this day<br/>Be wholly Thine!</p> <p>2 May Thy rich grace impart<br/>Strength to my fainting heart;<br/>My zeal inspire!<br/>As Thou hast died for me,<br/>Oh, may my love to Thee<br/>Pure, warm, and changeless be,<br/>A living fire!</p> | <p>3 While life's dark maze I tread<br/>And griefs around me spread,<br/>Be Thou my guide;<br/>Bid darkness turn to day,<br/>Wipe sorrow's tears away,<br/>Nor let me ever stray<br/>From Thee aside.</p> <p>4 When ends life's transient dream,<br/>When death's cold, sullen stream<br/>Shall o'er me roll,<br/>Blest Savior, then, in love,<br/>Fear and distrust remove;<br/>O bear me safe above,<br/>A ransomed soul!</p> |
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## POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

**Pastor:** Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, through Your Son You have promised us forgiveness of sins and everlasting life. Govern our hearts by Your Holy Spirit that in our daily need and especially in all time of temptation, we may seek Your help and, by a true and lively faith in Your Word, obtain all that You have promised, remembering all that our Savior accomplished for us that we may not be alone or without the refuge of Your grace in time of test or trial; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**People:** Amen.

## BENEDICAMUS

**Pastor:** Let us bless the Lord.

**People:** Thanks be to God.

## BENEDICTION

**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

## **DISMISSAL**

**Pastor:** Go in peace as you serve the Lord.  
**People:** **Thanks be to God!**

### 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!

### **SING 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 TWICE**

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Elder	Marni Jennejahn	Rich & Lisa Baldwin
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Ushers	Scott Hausman Mike Rush	Mark Salsieder James Carpenter
Communion	Rich and Amy Bair	Rich & Lisa Baldwin
Lector	Steve Ude	Ed Lopez

**Prayer Support Team**  
Christi Lorenz  
& Kathy Gillespie

**Sound & Tech Crew**  
1<sup>st</sup>: Heather M. & Peter L.  
2nd: Ben M. & Lucus M.

**Feburary Altar Guild**  
8:30 am - Stephanie Hanson  
11:00 am - Margo Rabon

**Feb. Offering Counters:**  
Mike & Rojeanous Rush

## LENTEEN OFFERING BOOKS

The offerings will be split 50/50 with:  
**Den Jok** at Lutheran Theological Seminary  
in South Africa and **Dalton Charlson** for his  
missionary trip to Malaysia in August during  
his intership with Children's Bible Ministries  
in Tennessee

## LENTEEN SOUP SUPPERS

**Wednesdays at 5:30 in the Narthex  
through April 1st**

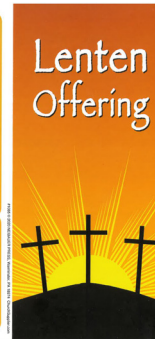
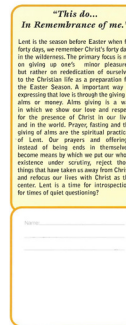
Sign up to bring soup, crackers or bread or sides  
(sour cream and cheese) on the bulletin board in the Narthex

## ROAD TO RESURRECTION

**The Easter Event for Everyone**

**APRIL 1, 2026 3:30 - 5:30pm**

This family-friendly event gets families talking... and walking with Jesus  
Look for a server sign-up sheet in the near future



## 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:

- Examine our relationship with God & others according to the Ten Commandments;
- Truly repent of our sins and seek forgiveness in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord;
- 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;
- 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, February 23:**  
7:00pm Southside Bible Group (Jennejahn's)  
**Tuesday, February 24:**  
**Wednesday, February 25:**  
12:00pm Midweek Lent Worship Service  
5:30pm Lenten Soup Supper  
6:30pm Lent Evening Service  
**Thursday, February 26:**  
**Friday, February 27:**  
**Saturday, February 28:**  
**Sunday, March 1: Member Celebrations!**  
8:30am Traditional Worship Service  
9:45am Children's Sunday School  
11:00am Blended Worship Service  
Post-Service Prayer Ministry Support (Altar)  
No Food Pantry  
5:00pm High School Youth Group

**Upcoming Member Celebrations**

**BIRTHDAYS**

2/24 Isabelle Hempel  
2/25 Melissa Edmiston  
2/25 Heather Hodges  
2/25 Barbara Sullivan  
2/25 Suzy Whitt  
2/27 Cleta McCall  
2/29 Abe Allen

**Last Sunday's Attendance & Stats**

**In-person Services:** 8:30am - 63 11:00am - 67  
**Online:** Website: 29 FB: 10

**Wednesday Lent:**

Noon: 68 6:30: 30 FB: 33

**Previous Week's Offerings**

General Offering Received: \$ 16974.50  
Building Funds Received: \$  
\*Weekly Offering Budget: \$ (13173.00)

**CHURCH STAFF:**

Senior Pastor: Rev. Dr. Jeffrey Skopak  
Director of Christian Education: Alexi Lundquist  
Parish Administrator: Dirk Wilmoth  
Business Administrator: Gail Thomas  
Finance Asst.: Leigh Horsley  
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

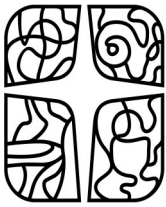
Music & Spanish: A.L. Brown

**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 Food Pantry**

Grand Totals for February 5<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>  
161 Households, 651 Individuals served  
God Provided!



# Emmanuel Lutheran Prayer List

## February 22, 2026

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 the bereaved:

- Family of Tylaine Williams (S.Ude friend) passed away Wed. 2/18
- Family of Joel William (Friend of D.Meyer) Joel suddenly passed away while battling cancer
- \* Family of Carol Cook who passed away at age 87 on 2-6-26

### Prayers for good health, swift healing, & favor:

- \* Steve Ude - Fell and broke his femur and had his hip replaced Wed. 2/18
- Joyce Meyer (DMeyer mother) Heart Surgery scheduled for March 3rd
- Highland (S.Rauschenplat granddaughter) pray for total healing of knee after surgery to remove necrotic tissue
- \* Carol Hausman (S.Hausman’s mom) had a heart attack. Pray for her ongoing recovery.
- Sean O’Brien family (Friend of B.Allen) Please prayer for daughter, Ruthie’s full recovery.
- \* Keith Novak - Hospitalized with kidney issues
- Employees of DHS - Co-workers of K.Gordon won’t get paid while the gov’t is shut down
- \* Susan Roby -recovering from pneumonia
- \* Carol Treadway - Prayers for a speedy recovery after a fall
- Judy Stoltenberg - Recovering from colon surgery
- Patrick (Gloria Spude’s nephew) healing prayers after pneumonia
- Baby Hazel (JThomas friend’s baby) born at 28 weeks in NICU. Hazel is getting stronger daily
- Natalie Hanrahan (S. Hanson’s granddaughter) prayers for God to show her clarity
- Dianne Dunn - (S.Roby’s niece) doing better after heart attack on Christmas Day
- \* George Banjak - Had surgery on a fractured hip. He is now home doing rehab.
- Ann Bolinsky - (Bair’s BIL’s mom) 85yo with dementia recently fell /is struggling with rehab
- Gary Pursley - (N.Pursley’s brother) pray for God to soften his heart for Jesus and for salvation
- \* Sarah Nix—(Hufnagle’s daughter) - prayers as she continues to heal from 2 strokes.
- \* Rick Herman - Prayers for healing and recovery after quadruple bypass
- Linda & Ken Tilley - (DGordon’s parents) mom is recovering from cancer and dad is losing sight
- \* Eugene Edwards - Healing from gout and kidney issues
- \* Camille Sawyer (friend of S.Edwards) auto-immune deficiency issue
- \* Sharon Norris - physical therapy for injured back
- \* McKenzie - (S&B Parker’s daughter) for health & well-being

### 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.

## 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 Pruet Robin Worley (J.Kearley’s friend)
- \* Emily Nieting Chris Alstrin (L.Schulhof, friend)
- \* Cynthia Cline Ron Riddle (B. King, friend)
- \* Helen Cline Erin Y. (J. Thomas, friend)
- \* Marjorie Locke Ralph Ector, Jr & Sr (S.Edwards, family)
- \* Julia Kearley Tyrone Ayres (S. Edwards, friend)
- \* C.J. Reece Lynn White (S. Edwards, cousin)
- \* Mike Fastenau Randy Booker (J. Kearley, brother-in-law)
- \* Ray Bailey Todd Sluder (C. Piercy, friend)
- Linda Poppenhagen Mary Walker (D. Meyer, aunt)
- Rev. Mark Spelzhausen (J. Gibney, friend) Brandon Talofuse, Newton Crave (E.Bailey)
- Donna Logeman (E.Lundquist, mother) Cynthia Bright - (C.Brucker’s friend)
- Nancy Hutchins (G. Bailey, friend) Barbara Haseley - (Lopez mom/grandmom) Cancer
- Ann Downs (K. Emory, mother) Alice & Dawn -( J.Kearley friends) both w/cancer
- Ann Melious (McCarthy family) Ron Gill - (D.Meyer friend) Cancer
- Carol Harris (S.Ude’s friend) Nicole - (S. Rauschenplat fam) cancer
- Robin Worley (J.Kearley’s friend) Mac O’Shields - Cancer
- Chris Alstrin (L.Schulhof, friend) Jennie Buckner - (C.Cline friend) cancer & COPD
- Ron Riddle (B. King, friend) Patty & Newt Etheridge (D.Meyer friends) cancer
- Erin Y. (J. Thomas, friend) Zeb Dowdle (N. Black (friend) Needs kidney transplant
- Ralph Ector, Jr & Sr (S.Edwards, family) Jonah Lewis - healing after stroke
- Tyrone Ayres (S. Edwards, friend) Rev. Dr. John Groh - (D.Groh’s bro.) healing after a stroke
- Lynn White (S. Edwards, cousin) Craig Dayton (Parker’s fam)stroke & 2y battle w/cancer
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### PRAYERS FOR OUR HOMEBOUND MEMBER BROTHERS & SISTERS

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