



Emmanuel Lutheran

CHURCH & SCHOOL
ASHEVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA

SUNDAY, APRIL 19, 2026

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

8:30AM TRADITIONAL WORSHIP

11:00AM BLENDED WORSHIP

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

The Fire Within



Luke 24: 13-35



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Sunday, April 19, 2026

10:00am Kid's Sunday School (room off the Fellowship Hall)

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

The Food Pantry is **CLOSED** today



8:30am Traditional Service

Call to Worship: "The Risen Christ" Choir

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AS WE GATHER

Whether we will admit it or not, many of us are logophiles, which means that we love words. All of us have far more words in our vocabularies than we use in our daily conversation. We know what the words mean but for some reason we do not say them much. Words come into and go out of fashion and usage. One of those words that are not used much anymore is gladsome. It appears in several hymns of the Christmas season and is in the first line of the ancient evening hymn “O Gladsome Light, O Grace” (LSB 888), which dates back to the fourth century AD and was originally in the Greek language. It describes Jesus as being the ultimate gladsome light with these words: “O gladsome Light, O Grace of God the Father’s face, eternal splendor wearing: celestial, holy, blest, our Savior Jesus Christ, joyful in Thine appearing!” (LSB 888:1). Jesus, the risen Lord, is the light that brings gladness to each hour of the day. We are blessed in that we can always rejoice in His brightness!

CALL TO WORSHIP

“The Risen Christ “

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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING SONG “Praise The Lord (Jesus Came For Me)”

VERSE 1

There's a fount I know where blessings overflow
Where Living Water runs free from the Mercy Seat
There's a joy I know deep inside my bones
A never-ending well where I thirst no more

PRE-CHORUS

Rejoice, rejoice my soul
Come on rejoice, rejoice my soul

CHORUS 1

Singin' praise the Lord Jesus came for me
Set me on my feet and now I'm singin'
Praise the Lord by the power of His name
I'm free and unashamed so I'll keep singin'
Praise the Lord

VERSE 2

There's a love I know washed me white as snow
Healed this broken heart when He made me whole
There's no pow'r in hell that could separate
I'm forever held by His amazing grace

SING PRE CHORUS AND CHORUS

CHORUS 2

Jesus came for me
Set me on my feet and now I'm singing
Praise the Lord by the power of His name
I'm free and unashamed so I'll keep singin'
Praise the Lord
Praise the Lord

Verse 3

There's a Man I know hung upon a tree
Gave His life that day on Calvary
But the grave couldn't hold Him
and it can't hold me
I'm alive in Christ He's alive in me
I'm alive in Christ He's alive in me

SING CHORUS 1

ENDING

Praise the Lord
Praise the Lord
Praise the Lord

INVOCATION

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

People: **Amen.**

OPENING SENTENCES

Pastor: Praise the LORD! Praise, O servants of the LORD, praise the name of the LORD!

People: **Blessed be the name of the LORD from this time forth and forevermore!**

Pastor: From the rising of the sun to its setting, the name of the LORD is to be praised!

People: **The LORD is high above all nations, and His glory above the heavens!**

Pastor: I must perform my vows to You, O God; I will render thank offerings to You.

People: **For You have delivered my soul from death, yes, my feet from falling, that I may walk before God in the light of life.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Let us come before God in true repentance, seeking His mercy and forgiveness.

O God our Father, we admit and confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You in thought and in word and in deed.

People: **Have mercy on us and forgive us, O Lord.**

Pastor: We confess that we have not lived as Your followers but have sought to go our own ways in directions that have not brought glory to You or blessing to others.

People: **Have mercy on us and forgive us, O Lord.**

Pastor: We confess that Your love has not reached others through us in every situation, admitting with guilt that there have been times in which we have been loveless, thoughtless, and judgmental toward others, unwilling to help our neighbors as we ought.

People: **Have mercy on us and forgive us, O Lord.**

Pastor: We confess that Your will has not been our priority at all times and that we have not always been defenders of the weak and helpless in our circle of family, neighbors, and friends, and beyond.

People: **Have mercy on us and forgive us, O Lord.**

Pastor: We confess that we have not used every opportunity given to us to witness to the resurrection faith that is ours and have at times been slow to speak of the hope that is ours in Christ.

People: **Have mercy on us and forgive us, O Lord.**

Pastor: Upon this your confession and by the command of our Lord, I, a called and ordained servant of Christ, forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

Pastor: May the God of peace sanctify you wholly; and may your spirit and soul and body be kept sound and blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls you is faithful, and He will do it.

People: **Amen.**

SONG OF PRAISE

“Christ Our Hope in Life and Death”

VERSE 1

What is our hope in life and death?
Christ alone, Christ alone
What is our only confidence?
That our souls to Him belong
Who holds our days within His hand?
What comes, apart from His command?
And what will keep us to the end?
The love of Christ, in which we stand

CHORUS

O sing HALLELUJAH!
Our hope springs eternal
O sing HALLELUJAH!
Now and ever we confess
Christ our hope, in life and death

VERSE 2

What truth can calm the troubled soul?
God is good, God is good
Where is His grace and goodness known?
In our great Redeemer's blood

Who holds our faith when fears arise?
Who stands above the stormy trial?
Who sends the waves that bring us nigh?
Unto the shore, the rock of Christ

CHORUS

VERSE 3

Unto the grave, what will we sing
Christ, He lives; Christ, He lives!
And what reward will heaven bring?
Everlasting life with Him
There we will rise to meet the Lord
Then sin and death will be destroyed
And we will feast in endless joy
When Christ is ours forevermore

CHORUS 2X

ENDING

Now and ever we confess
Christ our hope in life and death

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray.

O God, through the humiliation of Your Son You raised up the fallen world. Grant to Your faithful people, rescued from the peril of everlasting death, perpetual gladness and eternal joys; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

FIRST READING Acts 2:14a, 36–41

¹⁴Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them, . . .

³⁶Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified.”

³⁷Now when they heard this they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, “Brothers, what shall we do?” ³⁸And Peter said to them, “Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. ³⁹For the promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to himself.” ⁴⁰And with many other words he bore witness and continued to exhort them, saying, “Save yourselves from this crooked generation.”

⁴¹So those who received his word were baptized, and there were added that day about three thousand souls.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE 1 Peter 1:17–25

¹⁷If you call on him as Father who judges impartially according to each one's deeds, conduct yourselves with fear throughout the time of your exile, ¹⁸knowing that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, ¹⁹but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot. ²⁰He was foreknown before the foundation of the world but was made manifest in the last times for your sake, ²¹who through him are believers in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God.

²²Having purified your souls by your obedience to the truth for a sincere brotherly love, love one another earnestly from a pure heart, ²³since you have been born again, not of perishable seed but of imperishable, through the living and abiding word of God; ²⁴for

“All flesh is like grass
and all its glory like the flower of grass.
The grass withers,
and the flower falls,
²⁵but the word of the Lord remains forever.”

And this word is the good news that was preached to you.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

HOLY GOSPEL Luke 24:13–35

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

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

¹³That very day two of them were going to a village named Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, ¹⁴and they were talking with each other about all these things that had happened. ¹⁵While they were talking and discussing together, Jesus himself drew near and went with them. ¹⁶But their eyes were kept from recognizing him. ¹⁷And he said to them, “What is this conversation that you are holding with each other as you walk?” And they stood still, looking sad. ¹⁸Then one of them, named Cleopas, answered him, “Are you the only visitor to Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?” ¹⁹And he said to them, “What things?” And they said to him, “Concerning Jesus of Nazareth, a man who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, ²⁰and how our chief priests and rulers delivered him up to be condemned to death, and crucified him. ²¹But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things happened. ²²Moreover, some women of our company amazed us. They were at the tomb early in the morning, ²³and when they did not find his body, they came back saying that they had even seen a vision of angels, who said that he was alive. ²⁴Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but him they did not see.” ²⁵And he said to them, “O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken! ²⁶Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory?” ²⁷And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning himself.

²⁸So they drew near to the village to which they were going. He acted as if he were going farther, ²⁹but they urged him strongly, saying, “Stay with us, for it is toward evening and the day is now far spent.” So he went in to stay with them. ³⁰When he was at table with them, he took the bread and blessed and broke it and gave it to them. ³¹And their eyes were opened, and they

recognized him. And he vanished from their sight. ³²They said to each other, “Did not our hearts burn within us while he talked to us on the road, while he opened to us the Scriptures?” ³³And they rose that same hour and returned to Jerusalem. And they found the eleven and those who were with them gathered together, ³⁴saying, “The Lord has risen indeed, and has appeared to Simon!” ³⁵Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he was known to them in the breaking of the bread.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE Kimberly Noel

SONG OF THE DAY “King of Kings”

VERSE 1

In the darkness, we were waiting,
without hope, without light
Till from Heaven, You came running,
there was mercy in Your eyes
To fulfil the law and prophets,
to a virgin came the Word
From a throne of endless glory,
to a cradle in the dirt

CHORUS

**Praise the Father, Praise the Son
Praise the Spirit, three in one
God of Glory, Majesty
Praise forever to the King of kings**

VERSE 2

To reveal the kingdom coming,
and to reconcile the lost
To redeem the whole creation,
you did not despise the cross
For even in Your suffering,
You saw to the other side
Knowing this was our salvation,
Jesus for our sake You died

CHORUS

VERSE 3

And the morning that You rose,..
all of heaven held its breath
Till that stone was moved for good
for the Lamb had conquered death
And the dead rose from their tombs
and the angels stood in awe
For the souls of all who'd come
to the Father are restored

VERSE 4

And the Church of Christ was born
then the Spirit lit the flame
Now this Gospel truth of old
shall not kneel shall not faint
By His blood and in His Name
in His freedom I am free
For the love of Jesus Christ
who has resurrected me

CHORUS

Praise forever to the King of Kings

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SERMON “The Fire Within” Luke 24:13-35

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

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, who in giving Your only Son, Jesus Christ, to accomplish our salvation has manifested Your grace and glory. We thank You for the blessed Meal now set before us. Give us lips to speak of Your glory and to tell of the power of our Lord's resurrection. Joined in the name of our Lord and bound together in the communion of saints, we pray You to send Your Holy Spirit upon us to sanctify and strengthen us in fervent love toward You and at peace with one another. This we ask for the sake of Your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

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 478 "The Day of Resurrection"

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| <p>1 The day of resurrection!
Earth, tell it out abroad,
The passover of gladness,
The passover of God.
From death to life eternal,
From sin's dominion free,
Our Christ has brought us over
With hymns of victory.</p> <p>2 Let hearts be purged of evil
That we may see aright
The Lord in rays eternal
Of resurrection light
And, list'ning to His accents,
May hear, so calm and plain,
His own "All hail!" and, hearing,
May raise the victor strain.</p> | <p>3 Now let the heav'ns be joyful,
Let earth its song begin,
Let all the world keep triumph
And all that is therein.
Let all things, seen and unseen,
Their notes of gladness blend;
For Christ the Lord has risen,
Our joy that has no end!</p> <p>4 All praise to God the Father,
All praise to God the Son,
All praise to God the Spirit,
Eternal Three in One!
Let all the ransomed number
Fall down before the throne
And honor, pow'r, and glory
Ascribe to God alone!</p> |
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LSB 469 "Christ the Lord Is Risen Today"

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| <p>1 "Christ the Lord is ris'n today!"
Saints on earth and angels say;
Raise your joys and triumphs high;
Sing, ye heav'ns, and earth, reply.</p> <p>2 Love's redeeming work is done,
Fought the fight, the battle won;
Lo! Our Sun's eclipse is o'er;
Lo! He sets in blood no more.</p> <p>3 Vain the stone, the watch, the seal;
Christ hath burst the gates of hell.
Death in vain forbids His rise;
Christ has opened paradise.</p> | <p>4 Lives again our glorious King!
Where, O death, is now thy sting?
Once He died our souls to save;
Where thy victory, O grave?</p> <p>5 Soar we now where Christ has led;
Foll'wing our exalted Head.
Made like Him, like Him we rise;
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies.</p> <p>6 Hail the Lord of earth and heav'n!
Praise to Thee by both be giv'n!
Thee we greet triumphant now:
Hail, the resurrection, Thou!</p> |
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POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Let us pray.
Blessed are You, heavenly Father, for once again we have been served at Your Table through our receiving of the body and blood of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord in this joyful Eastertide. Strengthen us through this Sacrament so that we continue to be Your rejoicing people who tell of Your love to all as we await Your eternal kingdom, where You live and reign with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

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 "A Thousand Hallelujahs"

VERSE 1

Who else would rocks cry out to worship?
Whose glory taught the stars to shine?
Perhaps creation longs to have the words to sing
but this joy is mine

CHORUS

**With a thousand hallelujahs
We magnify Your name
You alone deserve the glory
The honor and the praise
Lord Jesus, this song is forever Yours
A thousand hallelujahs
And a thousand more**

VERSE 2

Who else would die for our redemption?
Whose resurrection means I'll rise?
There isn't time enough to sing of all You've done
but I have eternity to try

CHORUS

BRIDGE 2X

Praise, to the Lord, to the Lamb
To the King of heaven
Praise, for He rose
Now He reigns
We will sing forever

CHORUS

BRIDGE

CHORUS

ENDING

A thousand hallelujahs
And a thousand more

DISMISSAL

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

	8:30 am	11:00 am	
Children's Message	Kiara Studer	Kimberly Noel	Prayer Support Team Linda C. & Tracey C. Sound & Tech Crew 1st: Heather M. & Peter L. 2nd: Justin P. & Rachel S. April Altar Guild 8:30am Susan R. & Dana N. 11am Carolyn Salsieder April Offering Counters David and Traci Meyer
Elder	Marni Jennejahn	Doug Piercy	
Acolyte	TBD	Benjamin Noel	
Ushers	Stephanie Hanson Bob Allen	James and Tracey Carpenter	
Communion	Bill Hufnagle Neil Pursley	Doug Piercy Peter Renner	
Lector	Scott Hausman	Martha Price	

The High School Youth Group is collecting canned foods for our Grab-N-Go Food Pantry through the end of April. Please leave food donations in the tote in the church mail room.

Join Pastor Skopak for Bible Study on the book of Acts
Sunday 9:50am to 10:40am through May 17th in the school music room
Each week we will explore the text, unpack the Lutheran
Theology surrounding the lesson, and apply the teaching to our everyday
circumstances.

Helping Hands

Would you be willing to take a fellow church member to the doctor?

Maybe pick up groceries for a homebound member?

How about provide a meal for a fellow member who just came home from the hospital?

IF you said yes to any of the above questions, we have a ministry that you can participate in at Emmanuel!

Our Elder Ministry Caring Team (EMCT) occasionally come across needs such as these from fellow members of Emmanuel and you could be the person to help fill that need.

If you are willing to jump in and help out, please contact **Dana Novak** at 901-485-0171

Dana is serving as the coordinator of Emmanuel's new ministry: **Helping Hands**

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, April 20:
Tuesday, April 21:
9:30am Linus Blankets Group (Narthex)
Wednesday, April 22:
12:00pm Midweek Worship Service
1:00pm Strategic Planning Conversation #1
Thursday, April 23:
Friday, April 24:
6:00pm Pickelball (Gym)
Saturday, April 25:
4:00pm Saturday Small Group (@ Kelms)
Sunday, April 26:
8:30am Traditional Worship Service
10:00am Children's Sunday School (rm off cafeteria)
10:00 Acts bible Study (school music room)
11:00am Blended Worship Service
Post Service Prayer Ministry Support (Altar)
The Food Pantry is OPEN
5:00pm High School Youth Group (ACE)

Upcoming Member Celebrations

BIRTHDAYS

4/20 Martha Greene
4/22 Seth Baker
4/25 Daniel Hastings
4/25 Heather Renner

ANNIVERSARIES

4/16
Daniel & Briana
Hastings

Last Sunday's Attendance & Stats

In-person Services: 8:30am - 62 11:00am - 79
Online: 16 Website: FB: 16

Wednesday:

Noon: 26

ELC Grab-N-Go Food Pantry

April 12, 2026
160 Households, 408 Individuals served
God Provided!

Previous Week's Offerings

General Offering Received: \$ 5938.92
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
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Facilities Mgmt: Neil Seidler and Corey Lipe

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Kevin Lorenz, Rich Baldwin, Lisa Baldwin, Joel Helms,
Doug Piercy, Heather Renner, Wayne Samuel

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 & Annie Jacobsen
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 & Kayla Greene
Toddler2: Neesie Castillo & Heather Hensley
PS2: Veronica Milner & Sydney Kerr
PS-2/3: Amy Bair & Julia Chambers
PS3: Maranda Rice & Jasmine Riddle
PS3/4: Robin Rutherford & DeAsia Little
PreK-1: Madison Peach & Cleo Green
PreK-2: Faith Noell & Crystal McCormick
Floating Aid: Felicia Norton

April 19, 2026
The Fire Within
Luke 24:13-35

Most people have too many _____ in their own lives to seriously invest in others.

Some of you would like to be more involved, but you've got too much on your _____ already

I. It Requires _____ (and Trust)

A. _____ followers of Jesus are headed to Emmaus following the events in Jerusalem

1. Battling the "Big D's":

Depression, _____, and Disillusionment

2. Luke _____

a. All they had known had been turned _____ down

b. "We had _____"

c. All they knew was based on what they could _____

B. It is hard to see what God is doing when we are in the _____ of it

1. Faith requires some _____

2. It requires believing that there is more than you can _____ with your eyes

C. Luke _____

1. They were slow to _____ all the promises of Scripture

2. Our problem: We set up God to do _____ he never said He would - and that leads to _____

II. It Requires _____ that Jesus is with You

A. Luke _____

1. Jesus must have given them the _____ Old Testament lesson of all time

a. Genesis _____

b. The _____ struggle between death and life,

2. The pattern of death and _____

3. Just consider how the Israelites escaped physical death in the _____ from a plague of serpents when they looked trustingly on the bronze serpent with Moses raised on a pole

a. John _____

b. _____ through personal salvation by faith in Him

B. The resurrected Jesus was _____ that He had fulfilled all that had been prophesied over the centuries

1. Christ wasn't there simply to help the two followers find _____

_____ - He was there to remind them:

"Did not the Christ have to suffer these things..."

2. Understand that Jesus _____ all your doubts and concerns

a. He sees your _____ and He wants to point you to the answer

b. Luke _____

c. The followers _____ Jesus to be with them

3. Luke _____

a. In the breaking of bread Jesus was no longer a _____

b. If heartbreak comes by walking by sight, hearts burning comes from walking by _____

A _____ heart for Jesus is a passion to live for Him.

Today,
will you decide to get past the _____ of your past life and press on further in your walk with Jesus?





Prayer List

April 19, 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 GOOD HEALTH, SWIFT HEALING, & FAVOR:

- * Dale Pioch - had a stroke recently and had surgery 4/15
- * Dean Jones - (Paula's husband - ECE Teacher) Had a heart attach and will have surgery soon
- * John Jennejahn - knee replacement surgery moved to 4/27
- * Sue Harris - She has a lung infection
- Lee Simons - (C.Cline's cousin) quadruple bypass
- Bob Lichtenberg - (Friend of S&T Taylor) He has a severe knee infection
- Ashley Rodriguez (family of C.Cline) she has cancer
- * Gerry Hardesty Shingles near eyes and he is in a lot of pain
- * Ken Treadway - Ken's health is declining. Please pray for strength and peace and comfort for Ken and Carol
- * Pastor Jim and Becky Swatzell - (Pre-school employee) Pastor Jim's blood pressure is high and guidance and timing of a possible household move
- Leon Dejournet (friend of D.Meyer) Leon has head trauma from a skiing accident
- Heather Restiano (wife of D.Charlson's co-worker) Had surgery this week. Waiting for results.
- Louise Minium (friend M.Hufnagle) she is having fainting spells and health issues
- Lee Mullins - (A.Bair's brother) Lee is in the hospital ... trying to get his medication right
- Martha Papp - (Rush's close friend) Recovering from fall and hospitalization
- * Peg Hardesty - out of rehab and home with Gerry. Prayers for continued healing
- Joanne Fritch (close friend of SPruett) having an MRI and Colonoscopy for a mass on liver
- Joyce Meyer (DMeyer mother) Thanksgiving prayers for a successful heart surgery and continue prayers for healing
- * 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.
- * Carol Treadway - Prayers for a speedy recovery after a fall
- * Judy Stoltenberg - Recovering from colon surgery
- 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.
- 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) autoimmune deficiency issues
- * McKenzie - (S&B Parker's daughter) for health & well-being
- * Keith Novak -Kidney issues

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 LONGTERM 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 | Ann Downs (K. Emory, mother) |
| * Jim Clark | Ann Melious (McCarthy family) |
| * Steve Taylor | Carol Harris (S.Ude's friend) |
| * Mary Hufnagle | Robin Worley (J.Kearley's friend) |
| * Sharon Pruett | Chris Alstrin (L.Schulhof, friend) |
| * Emily Nieting | Ron Riddle (B. King, friend) |
| * Cynthia Cline | Erin Y. (J. Thomas, friend) |
| * Helen Cline | Ralph Ector, Jr & Sr (S.Edwards, family) |
| * Marjorie Locke | Tyrone Ayres (S. Edwards, friend) |
| * Julia Kearley | Lynn White (S. Edwards, cousin) |
| * C.J. Reece | Randy Booker (J. Kearley, brother-in-law) |
| * Mike Fastenau | Mary Walker (D. Meyer, aunt) |
| * Ray Bailey | Brandon Talofuse, Newton Crave (E.Bailey) |
| | Cynthia Bright - (C.Brucker's friend) |
| | Barbara Haseley - (Lopez mom/grandmom) Cancer |
| | Alice & Dawn -(J.Kearley friends) both w/cancer |
| | Ron Gill - (D.Meyer friend) Cancer |
| | Nicole - (S. Rauschenplat fam) cancer |
| | Mac O'Shields - Cancer |
| | Jennie Buckner - (C.Cline friend) cancer & COPD |
| | Patty & Newt Etheridge (D.Meyer friends) cancer |
| | Zeb Dowdle (N. Black (friend) Needs kidney transplant |
| | Jonah Lewis - healing after stroke |
| | Rev. Dr. John Groh - (D.Groh's bro.) healing after a stroke |
| | Craig Dayton (Parker's fam)stroke & 2y battle w/cancer |

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		