

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

SUNDAY, APRIL 26, 2026

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

8:30AM TRADITIONAL WORSHIP

11:00AM BLENDED WORSHIP

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



John 10:1-10



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Sunday, April 26, 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 **OPEN** today 1:00pm - 3:00 pm

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

Steve Ude - in memory of Willis and Betty Ude

C.J. & Patti Reece - in memory of Patti's stepfather George Van Valen's birthday May 2nd

8:30am Traditional Service

Call to Worship: "Savior, Shepherd, Lead Me"

Incorporating: "Zion hort die Wächter singen" from Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme by Johann Sebastian Bach. Hymns: "Lead Me Lord" tune by Samuel Wesley, words from Psalm 5:8. "Savior Like a Shepherd Lead Us" tune by William B. Bradbury, words by Dorothy A. Thrupp. Arranged by Lloyd Larson and Heather Meulenber ©2024 Hal Leonard LLC. International Copyright Secured. All rights reserved. Permission from Hal Leonard pending

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AS WE GATHER

One of the longest lasting of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World was the Pharos Lighthouse that was constructed at the entry of the harbor of Alexandria, Egypt, in the third century BC. Although weakened by a series of earthquakes, it remained standing in part until AD 1480. Initially, its source of light was the brightness of the sun reflected in a great mirror by day and the flames of a great wood fire reflected by the same mirror at night. The gradual disintegration of the tower, initially some 330 feet in height, finally extinguished its light. As He spoke with His disciples, Jesus described Himself as the light that never will be extinguished. John reports: "Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, 'I am the light of the world. Whoever follows Me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life'" (John 8:12). On our journey through this dark world, we are blessed to have the light of Christ as our unfailing guide. It truly is the light no darkness can overcome.

CALL TO WORSHIP "Savior, Shepherd, Lead Me" Choir and Handbells

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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING SONG "You Said I AM (Behold and Believe)"

VERSE 1

You said, I am the Bread of Life
Whoever comes to dine
Will not hunger, will not thirst
And will be satisfied
You said I am the only light
That gives the blind their sight
And if we see You will lead us through
The darkest night

CHORUS

**We behold, we believe
You are the Lion and the Lamb
The Prince of Peace
We adore, we confess
You are the one who came and died
And rose again
The great I Am**

VERSE 2

You said I am the open door
That souls are longing for
If we walk in, new life begins forevermore
You said I am the Shepherd guide
Who came to live and die
To lead the ones He loves
To resurrection life

CHORUS

INTERLUDE

The great I Am

BRIDGE 2X

Before creation's spark
Before light from the dark
Before the waters part, You are
You are the great I Am
Before You breathed on the dust
Before Abraham was
Before the burning bush, You are
You are the great I Am

TAG

You are the great I Am
You are the great I Am

VERSE 3

You said I am the only way
To see the Father's face
The only truth, the only life
The one who saves
You said I am the one true vine
In You we will abide
To bear the fruit of Gospel truth
In death and life
That all might know the mighty name
Of Jesus Christ

CHORUS

ENDING

You're the great I Am
You're the great I Am

INVOCATION

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

People: **Amen.**

OPENING SENTENCES

Pastor: Preserve me, O God, for in You I take refuge.

People: **I say to the LORD, "You are my Lord; I have no good apart from You."**

Pastor: The LORD is my chosen portion and my cup; You hold my lot.

People: **The lines have fallen for me in pleasant places; indeed, I have a beautiful inheritance.**

Pastor: Therefore; my heart is glad, and my whole being rejoices; my flesh also dwells secure.

People: **You make known to me the path of life; in Your presence there is fullness of joy; at Your right hand are pleasures forevermore.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: LORD, You were favorable to Your land;

People: **You restored the fortunes of Jacob.**

Pastor: You forgave the iniquity of Your people;

People: **You covered all their sin.**

Pastor: Show us Your steadfast love, O LORD,

People: **and grant us Your salvation.**

Pastor: Let us then confess our sins unto our gracious Lord.

People: **Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, mighty Judge of all people, we admit and confess our sinfulness. We have not lived up to our calling as Your peaceable people. We have not extended ourselves to bring Your peace in our homes, our neighborhoods, and our communities. We have not done the good You demand and have not been the people You would have us be. We do repent and are truly sorry for our sins in thought, word, and deed. Have mercy on us, merciful Father, for the sake of Jesus Christ, Your Son. Forgive us all that needs Your forgiving grace and with the power of the Holy Spirit direct us to serve You faithfully all our days, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.**

Pastor: God has promised His merciful forgiveness to those who repent of their sins and turn to Him in confession. He will revive them and speak peace to His people. In His stead and by His command, therefore, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

Pastor: God keep you in His grace by the Holy Spirit, lead you in ways of peace and joy, and finally bring you to live with Him forever, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: **Amen.**

SONG OF PRAISE

“King of Love”

VERSE 1

The King of Love my Shepherd is
Whose goodness faileth never
I nothing lack if I am His
And He is mine forever
And He is mine forever

VERSE 2

Where streams of living water flow
My ransomed soul He leadeth
And where the verdant pastures grow
With food celestial feedeth

CHORUS

**Never failing
Ruler of my heart
Everlasting
Lover of my soul
On the mountain high or in the valley low
The King of Love my Shepherd is
The King of Love my Shepherd is**

VERSE 3

Lost and foolish off I strayed
But yet in love He sought me

And on His shoulder gently laid
And home rejoicing brought me

VERSE 4

In death's dark veil I fear no ill
With Thee dear Lord beside me
Thy rod and staff my comfort still
Thy cross before to guide me

CHORUS

Bridge
Oh Hallelujah Hallelujah
Oh Hallelujah Hallelujah

CHORUS

VERSE 5

And so through all the length of days
Thy goodness faileth never
Good Shepherd may I sing Your praise
Within Your house forever
Within Your house forever

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray.

Almighty God, merciful Father, since You have wakened from death the Shepherd of Your sheep, grant us Your Holy Spirit that when we hear the voice of our Shepherd we may know Him who calls us each by name and follow where He leads; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

FIRST READING Acts 2:42–47

⁴²They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. ⁴³And awe came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. ⁴⁴And all who believed were together and had all things in common. ⁴⁵And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need. ⁴⁶And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts, ⁴⁷praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE 1 Peter 2:19–25

¹⁹This is a gracious thing, when, mindful of God, one endures sorrows while suffering unjustly. ²⁰For what credit is it if, when you sin and are beaten for it, you endure? But if when you do good and suffer for it you endure, this is a gracious thing in the sight of God. ²¹For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you might follow in his steps. ²²He committed no sin, neither was deceit found in his mouth. ²³When he was reviled, he did not revile in return; when he suffered, he did not threaten, but continued entrusting himself to him who judges justly. ²⁴He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed. ²⁵For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

HOLY GOSPEL John 10:1–10

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the tenth chapter.

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

¹[Jesus said:] “Truly, truly, I say to you, he who does not enter the sheepfold by the door but climbs in by another way, that man is a thief and a robber. ²But he who enters by the door is the shepherd of the sheep. ³To him the gatekeeper opens. The sheep hear his voice, and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. ⁴When he has brought out all his own, he goes before them, and the sheep follow him, for they know his voice. ⁵A stranger they will not follow, but they will flee from him, for they do not know the voice of strangers.” ⁶This figure of speech Jesus used with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

⁷So Jesus again said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep. ⁸All who came before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them. ⁹I am the door. If anyone enters by me, he will be saved and will go in and out and find pasture. ¹⁰The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.”

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE Colleen Leyva

SERMON SONG "Follow"

VERSE 1

I give my life to follow Jesus
Captive to Christ, I know true freedom
I count it all joy to take up my cross
I'll follow

VERSE 2

These earthly wells have left me thirsty
All worldly wisdom comes up empty
Only Your word and only Your ways
I'll follow

CHORUS

What a joy it is to follow You Jesus
What a gift it is to bear Your name
What an honor to choose to worship
And make You my everything

VERSE 3

When the darkness brings its questions
When trusting You becomes a wrestle
I have resolved no matter the cost
I'll follow

CHORUS 2X

BRIDGE

Yes, to surrender
Yes, to the altar
Yes, to Your plans for me
Yes, to correction
Yes, to confession
Yes, to refining me
Yes, to Your blessing
Yes, to anointing
Your Spirit alive in me
Yes, to direction
And resurrection
Yes, to eternity

CHORUS

ENDING

And make You my everything
Lord You are my everything

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SERMON "Abundance" John 10:1-10

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: Let us pray.

Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on us and have given Your only-begotten Son to be our loving Redeemer and our Good Shepherd. By Your grace, lead us to remember and give thanks for His sacrificial death and His glorious resurrection that assure salvation to all who believe. Grant that we may receive the bread and wine, that is, His body and blood as a pledge of His salvation. Graciously receive our prayers and by the power of the Holy Spirit grant that we follow our Good Shepherd now and always.

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 918 "Guide Me O Great Redeemer"

- 1 Guide me, O Thou great Redeemer,
Pilgrim through this barren land.
I am weak, but Thou art mighty;
Hold me with Thy pow'rful hand.
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven,
Feed me till I want no more;
Feed me till I want no more.
- 2 Open now the crystal fountain
Whence the healing stream doth flow;
Let the fiery, cloudy pillar
Lead me all my journey through.

- Strong deliv'rer, strong deliv'rer,
Be Thou still my strength and shield;
Be Thou still my strength and shield.
- 3 When I tread the verge of Jordan,
Bid my anxious fears subside;
Death of death and hell's destruction,
Land me safe on Canaan's side.
Songs of praises, songs of praises
I will ever give to Thee;
I will ever give to Thee.

LSB 722 "Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me"

1 Lord, take my hand and lead me
Upon life's way;
Direct, protect, and feed me
From day to day.
Without Your grace and favor
I go astray;
So take my hand, O Savior,
And lead the way.

2 Lord, when the tempest rages,
I need not fear,
For You, the Rock of Ages,
Are always near.

Close by Your side abiding,
I fear no foe,
For when Your hand is guiding,
In peace I go.

3 Lord, when the shadows lengthen
And night has come,
I know that You will strengthen
My steps toward home.
Then nothing can impede me,
O blessed Friend;
So take my hand and lead me
Unto the end.

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POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Let us pray.

Almighty and ever-living God, our heavenly Father, as part of Your loving plan for us You have again welcomed us at Your Table. We thank You for the blessings of this Holy Meal. As the bread was once scattered as seed upon the fields and after being harvested was made one, so let Your church be gathered together into one flock from the ends of the earth until at last we taste the fullness of Your great goodness in Your eternal kingdom, where You live and reign with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

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 Our God"

VERSE 1

Remember those walls that we called
sin and shame
They were like prisons that we couldn't escape
But He came, and He died, and He rose,
those walls are rubble now
Remember those giants we called
death and grave
They were like mountains that stood in our way
But He came and He died and He rose
Those giants are dead now

CHORUS

**This is our God, this is who He is
He loves us
This is our God, this is what He does
He saves us
He bore the cross beat the grave
Let heaven and earth proclaim
This is our God King Jesus**

VERSE 2

Remember that fear that took our breath away
Faith so weak that we could barely pray

But He heard every word every whisper
Now those altars in the wilderness
Tell the story of His faithfulness
Never once did He fail and He never will

CHORUS

BRIDGE

Who pulled me out of that pit?
He did, He did
Who paid for all of our sin?
Nobody but Jesus

REPEAT BRIDGE

Who rescued me from that grave?
Yahweh, Yahweh
Who gets the glory and praise?
Nobody but Him!

CHORUS

ENDING

He bore the cross beat the grave
Let heaven and earth proclaim
This is our God King Jesus

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DISMISSAL

Pastor: Go in peace as you serve the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

	8:30 am	11:00 am	Prayer Support Team Joel & Jeanine Helms Sound & Tech Crew 1 st : Heather M. & Peter L. 2 nd : Bryce G. & Steve T. April Altar Guild 8:30am Susan R. & Dana N. 11am Carolyn Salsieder April Offering Counters David and Traci Meyer
Children's Message	Colleen Leyva	Colleen Leyva	
Elder	Susan Roby	Rich Baldwin	
Acolyte	TBD	Ivana Lopez	
Ushers	Rich & Amy Bair	Mark Salsieder Justin Hodges	
Communion	Susan Roby Mike Rush	Rich Baldwin Joel Helms	
Lector	Jenelle Lanham	Carolyn Salsieder	

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.

The Vicerage Assignment Service is Tuesday, April 28, 7:00 p.m. EST
 The service will be live-streamed @
<https://portal.ctsfw.edu/s/vicar-intern-assignment-service>

Adam Neiting is taking part of the Seminary call service Wednesday, April 29th at 7pm EST
 The service will be live-streamed on the web @ <https://portal.ctsfw.edu/s/candidate-placement-service>
 Dr. Harmon, the SED District President, is preaching.

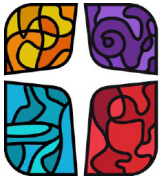
Here's the main page with info as well:
<https://ctsfw.regfox.com/2026-call-day>

The service will also be streamed on the
 Kraemer Chapel page <https://ctsfw.edu/dailychapel>
 YouTube <https://ctsfw.edu/youtube>
 Facebook <https://ctsfw.edu/facebook>

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, April 27:
7:00pm Southside Bible Group
Tuesday, April 28:
6:00pm Ladies' Evening Bible Study (Lorenz home)
Wednesday, April 29:
12:00pm Midweek Worship Service
Thursday, April 30:
Friday, May 1:
Saturday, May 2:
10:00am Strategic Planning Conversations (Narthex)
Sunday, May 3:
8:30am Traditional Worship Service
10:00am Children's Sunday School (rm off cafeteria)
11:00am Blended Worship Service
Post Service Prayer Ministry Support (Altar)
The Food Pantry is CLOSED
5:00pm High School Youth Group (ACE)

Upcoming Member Celebrations

BIRTHDAYS

4/27 Karen Ude
4/28 Wayne Samuel
4/29 Theodora Hastings
4/29 Matthew Johnson
4/30 Kathy Gillespie
5/1 George Banjak
5/1 Ed DeBerry
5/2 Kiara Studer

ANNIVERSARIES

5/1 Adam & Emily Nieting

Last Sunday's Attendance & Stats

In-person Services: 8:30am - 65 11:00am - 69
Online: Website: 30 FB: 22

Wednesday:
Noon: 14

ELC Grab-N-Go Food Pantry

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

Previous Week's Offerings

General Offering Received: \$ 8533.89
Building Funds Received: \$ 211.00
*Weekly Offering Budget: \$ (13173.00)

CHURCH STAFF:

Senior Pastor: Rev. Dr. Jeffrey Skopak
Parish Administrator: Dirk Wilmoth
Business Administrator: Gail Thomas
Finance Asst.: Leigh Horsley
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John Jennejahn (Head), Marni Jennejahn, Susan Roby,
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
Cafeteria: Kristen Warren and Mikaela Bennett



Prayer List

April 26, 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:

- Prayers for Christine Lee Graham (Renner's Niece) for strength and healing
- * Lisa Baldwin - Prayers for healing fractured ribs
- * Keith Novak is at Mission Hospital with pneumonia 4/20
- * Judy Clark - Judy is recovering from a pelvic fracture 4/20
- Lack Family - (Friend of C.Munn) Sudden death of Doug Lack
- Leslie - (friend R.Baldwin) healing from Leukemia
- Louise Minium - (friend M.Hufnagle) Hip replacement surgery April 20th
- * Dale Pioch - recovering from surgery
- * Dean Jones - (Paula's husband - ECE Teacher) Had a heart attack and will have surgery soon
- * John Jennejahn - knee replacement surgery moved to 4/27
- * Sue Harris - Healing and recovery from 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) recovering from surgery
- * Gerry Hardesty - Shingles near eyes and he is in a lot of pain
- * Ken Treadway - Ken's health is declining. Pray for strength, peace, & comfort for Ken & Carol
- Leon Dejournet (friend of D.Meyer) Leon has head trauma from a skiing accident
- 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) Continue prayers for healing
- * Carol Hausman (S.Hausman's mom) had a heart attack. Pray for her ongoing recovery.
- Ruthie O'Brien (Friend of B.Allen) Please pray for Ruthie's full recovery
- Ann Bolinsky - (Bair's BIL's mom) 85yo with dementia fell & also 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

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 Pruet | 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		

Sermon Notes
April 26, 2026
"Abundance" John 10:1-10

What did Jesus say we would have in _____?
Life. More Life. Eternal Life.

- I. Life is _____
- A. Ephesians _____
1. Life comes from within when the Holy Spirit _____ our eyes and hearts to know and believe in Jesus
 2. Life is in connection with Jesus through our _____
 - a. We live that life in His Word and _____
 - b. Jesus has come to _____ us Life
- B. This is the opposite of those who _____ over the wall
1. They are thieves and robbers who come to _____ and _____
 2. Jesus said there are those who want to do this to His Sheep, the _____
- C. What do we have as Christians that _____ can take from us?
1. Money, possessions, _____?
 2. What we have is the knowledge of _____ forgiven, peace with the Father, and the heavenly hope of the resurrection
- II. So Who are the _____?
- A. They are people who have been taken captive by the _____
1. They come in all kinds of shapes and _____
 2. They want us to think we are not really living life if we aren't giving into _____ desires
 3. _____ can become the albatross of jealousy and anger and disgruntledness
- B. We can get swept up in the voices of the _____
1. How are you affected by the media you _____?
 2. The "thief" wants to take everything. You hear and see and drill it into your _____, work you up into frenzy, so that you are consumed by anger and revenge

3. Adam and Eve in the _____
 - a. They lived in _____
 - b. They listened - "God is holding back; God is keeping you in your place; YOU could have _____"

- III. The Contrast of the Good _____
- A. The Good Shepherd doesn't take _____ from the Sheep
1. He only _____ them, guides them, feeds them
 2. He knows His sheep by _____ and calls to them
 - a. John _____
 - b. The abundance is _____; the provision of His hand is sufficient
- B. There is _____ with the Good Shepherd
1. The freedom comes with _____ with His voice and _____ with what He says
 2. They _____ the Shepherd more than the walls they are standing behind
 - a. Our "protection" is from the spiritual _____ that will come
 - b. And He pours out an _____ of Love, Mercy, Grace, Forgiveness, and Eternal Blessings

The Good Shepherd takes good _____ of us...

In His own simple
and
life-giving way.

