



Emmanuel Lutheran

CHURCH & SCHOOL
ASHEVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA

SUNDAY, MAY 3, 2026

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

8:30AM TRADITIONAL WORSHIP

11:00AM BLENDED WORSHIP

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

“The Way”



John 14: 1-14



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Sunday, May 3, 2026



9:50 am Acts Bible Study with Pastor Skopak in the school music room

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

Personal Prayer Ministry is after 11am service at the altar

The Food Pantry is CLOSED today



MEMBER CELEBRATIONS SUNDAY

Join us in the Narthex to celebrate May anniversaries and birthdays

8:30am Traditional Service

Call to Worship:

"The Perfect Wisdom of Our God"

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AS WE GATHER

Since 1986, voice actor Tom Bodett has had his career defined with a one-line promotion for the Motel 6 hotel chain. He always ends his commercials for the company with a simple line stating “we’ll leave the light on for you.” Having an assured place to be going to can be encouraging and comforting. As Jesus speaks with His disciples, we hear Him reassure them and us that He will be in His Father’s house, the heavenly place where lights are not even necessary. In the Revelation to John, we have this insight about our God’s eternal city: “And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gives it light, and its lamp is the Lamb” (Revelation 21:23). In “Jerusalem the Golden,” medieval monk Bernard of Cluny writes of the “radiancy of glory” and the “bliss beyond compare” that are in store for God’s redeemed people there (LSB 672:1). As we share in the foretaste of the feast to come through our worship, we can only imagine what joys still await us.

CALL TO WORSHIP

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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING SONG “On Earth As In Heaven”

VERSE 1

We bring our praise
You bring revival
We lift our hands
You lift our eyes up

PRE-CHORUS

Where Your love is found
there will be no fear
God, Your kingdom come
Your will be done here

CHORUS

On earth as in heaven
Spirit of God, pour out
Our hearts are wide open
Jesus, we need You now
Come, have Your way, in this place
Break our walls down
Spirit of God, pour out
On earth as in heaven
Jesus, we need You now

VERSE 2

We bring our shame
You bring redemption
You turn our chains into our freedom

PRE-CHORUS

CHORUS

BRIDGE 2X

In Your presence, there is peace
In Your presence, we are free
There's no better place to be
There's no better place to be
In Your presence, there is truth
In Your presence, mountains move
We forever run to You
We forever run to You

CHORUS

INVOCATION

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

People: **Amen.**

OPENING SENTENCES

Pastor: The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?

People: **The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?**

Pastor: The LORD takes pleasure in those who fear Him,

People: **in those who hope in His steadfast love.**

Pastor: O LORD, how manifold are Your works!

People: **In wisdom have You made them all.**

Pastor: May the glory of the LORD endure forever.

People: **Come, let us walk in the light of the LORD.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: As penitent people, we ask God for His grace and mercy. Humble yourselves then before God, confess your sins to Him, and implore His forgiveness.

People: **O almighty God, most merciful Father, I, a repentant sinner, confess to You all my sins and iniquities with which I have offended You. By nature, I am a sinful creature. In thought, word, and deed I have continually transgressed Your law. For this I justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of the sufferings and death of Your Son, Jesus Christ, be gracious and merciful to me, a penitent and contrite being. Forgive me all my sins and grant me the power of Your Holy Spirit that I may amend my sinful life and bear fruit in keeping with true repentance.**

Pastor: God be gracious to you and strengthen your faith.

People: **Amen.**

Pastor: As you believe, so let it be. 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.**

SONG OF PRAISE “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

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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

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SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray.

O God, You make the minds of Your faithful to be of one will. Grant that we may love what You have commanded and desire what You promise, that among the many changes of this world our hearts may be fixed where true joys are found; through 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 6:1–9; 7:2a, 51–60

¹Now in these days when the disciples were increasing in number, a complaint by the Hellenists arose against the Hebrews because their widows were being neglected in the daily distribution. ²And the twelve summoned the full number of the disciples and said, “It is not right that we should give up preaching the word of God to serve tables. ³Therefore, brothers, pick out from among you seven men of good repute, full of the Spirit and of wisdom, whom we will appoint to this duty. ⁴But we will devote ourselves to prayer and to the ministry of the word.” ⁵And what they said pleased the whole gathering, and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, and Philip, and Prochorus, and Nicanor, and Timon, and Parmenas, and Nicolaus, a proselyte of Antioch. ⁶These they set before the apostles, and they prayed and laid their hands on them. ⁷And the word of God continued to increase, and the number of the disciples multiplied greatly in Jerusalem, and a great many of the priests became obedient to the faith. ⁸And Stephen, full of grace and power, was doing great wonders and signs among the people. ⁹Then some of those who belonged to the synagogue of the Freedmen (as it was called), and of the Cyrenians, and of the Alexandrians, and of those from Cilicia and Asia, rose up and disputed with Stephen. . . . ²And Stephen said: “Brothers and fathers, hear me. . . . ⁵¹You stiff-necked people, uncircumcised in heart and ears, you always resist the Holy Spirit. As your fathers did, so do you. ⁵²Which of the prophets did not your fathers persecute? And they killed those who announced beforehand the coming of the Righteous One, whom you have now betrayed and murdered, ⁵³you who received the law as delivered by angels and did not keep it.” ⁵⁴Now when they heard these things they were enraged, and they ground their teeth at him. ⁵⁵But he, full of the Holy Spirit, gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. ⁵⁶And he said, “Behold, I see the heavens opened, and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God.” ⁵⁷But they cried out with a loud voice and stopped their ears and rushed together at him. ⁵⁸Then they cast him out of the city and stoned him. And the witnesses laid down their garments at the feet of a young man named Saul. ⁵⁹And as they were stoning Stephen, he called out, “Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.” ⁶⁰And falling to his knees he cried out with a loud voice, “Lord, do not hold this sin against them.” And when he had said this, he fell asleep.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE 1 Peter 2:2–10

²Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up to salvation— ³if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good. ⁴As you come to him, a living stone rejected by men but in the sight of God chosen and precious, ⁵you yourselves like living stones are being built up as a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. ⁶For it stands in Scripture: “Behold, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious, and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.” ⁷So the honor is for you who believe, but for those who do not believe, “The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone,” ⁸and “A stone of stumbling, and a rock of offense.” They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do. ⁹But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. ¹⁰Once you were not a people, but now you are God’s people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

HOLY GOSPEL John 14:1–14

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

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

¹[Jesus said:] “Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. ²In my Father’s house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? ³And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also. ⁴And you know the way to where I am going.” ⁵Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” ⁶Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. ⁷If you had known me, you would have known my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.” ⁸Philip said to him, “Lord, show us the Father, and it is enough for us.” ⁹Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you so long, and you still do not know me, Philip? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? ¹⁰Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own authority, but the Father who dwells in me does his works. ¹¹Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, or else believe on account of the works themselves. ¹²Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes in me will also do the works that I do; and greater works than these will he do, because I am going to the Father. ¹³Whatever you ask in my name, this I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. ¹⁴If you ask me anything in my name, I will do it.”

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

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

SERMON SONG “O Praise The Name (Anástasis)”

VERSE 1

I cast my mind to Calvary
Where Jesus bled and died for me
I see His wounds, His hands, His feet
My Savior on that cursed tree

VERSE 2

His body bound and drenched in tears
They laid Him down in Joseph's tomb
The entrance sealed by heavy stone
Messiah still and all alone

CHORUS

**O praise the Name of the Lord, our God
O praise His Name forevermore
For endless days, we will sing Your praise
Oh Lord, oh Lord, our God**

VERSE 3

Then on the third at break of dawn
The Son of heaven rose again
O trampled death, where is your sting
The angels roar for Christ the King

CHORUS

VERSE 4

He shall return in robes of white
The blazing sun shall pierce the night
And I will rise among the saints
My gaze transfixed on Jesus' face

CHORUS

Oh Lord, oh Lord, our God
Oh Lord, oh Lord, our God

SERMON "The Way" John 14:1-14

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, O Lord our God, King of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and have showed Your gracious power to us through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord. We give You thanks that in His most Holy Supper You nourish us that we may grow in grace. Grant that we receive the blessings of forgiveness, life, and salvation that come to us in His body and blood as we gather at His command.

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 621 "Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence"

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| <p>1 Let all mortal flesh keep silence
And with fear and trembling stand;
Ponder nothing earthly-minded,
For with blessing in His hand
Christ our God to earth descending
Comes our homage to demand.</p> <p>2 King of kings yet born of Mary,
As of old on earth He stood,
Lord of lords in human vesture,
In the body and the blood,
He will give to all the faithful
His own self for heav'nly food.</p> | <p>3 Rank on rank the host of heaven
Spreads its vanguard on the way
As the Light of Light, descending
From the realms of endless day,
Comes the pow'rs of hell to vanquish
As the darkness clears away.</p> <p>4 At His feet the six-winged seraph,
Cherubim with sleepless eye,
Veil their faces to the presence
As with ceaseless voice they cry:
"Alleluia, alleluia!
Alleluia, Lord Most High!"</p> |
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LSB 672 "Jerusalem the Golden"

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| <p>1 Jerusalem the golden,
With milk and honey blest—
The promise of salvation,
The place of peace and rest—
We know not, oh, we know not
What joys await us there:
The radiancy of glory,
The bliss beyond compare!</p> <p>2 Within those walls of Zion
Sounds forth the joyful song,
As saints join with the angels
And all the martyr throng.
The Prince is ever with them;
The daylight is serene;
The city of the blessed
Shines bright with glorious sheen.</p> | <p>3 Around the throne of David,
The saints, from care released,
Raise loud their songs of triumph
To celebrate the feast.
They sing to Christ their leader,
Who conquered in the fight,
Who won for them forever
Their gleaming robes of white.</p> <p>4 O sweet and blessed country,
The home of God's elect!
O sweet and blessed country
That faithful hearts expect!
In mercy, Jesus, bring us
To that eternal rest
With You and God the Father
And Spirit, ever blest.</p> |
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POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Let us pray.

Holy Father, we ask You now, by this blessed food and drink, to deliver Your church from every evil, to teach it to love You perfectly, and make it truly one, even as this bread was made from many grains of wheat to become the carrier of the body of our Savior Jesus Christ and the wine was drawn from the fruitfulness of many grapes. Grant us to ever abide in the Word, Christ Himself, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

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 "Praise the Lord"

VERSE 1

Awaken my soul arise and sing
For all that my Savior's done for me
Oh give Him your praise, worship His name
All that I am, sing hallelujah

VERSE 2

Forever I'm free, forever I'm changed
Forever my life, defined by His grace
With every step, every breath
All that I am, sing hallelujah

CHORUS

**Oh my whole heart, oh my soul
Let everything within me praise the Lord
Through the shadow, through the storm
Let everything within me praise the Lord
We praise the Lord
We praise the Lord**

VERSE 3

Faith is my shield, Your word is my sword
The greater the fight, the louder I'll roar
The Spirit that raised Him from the grave
Living in me, sing hallelujah

DISMISSAL

Pastor: Go in peace as you serve the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

CHORUS

BRIDGE 2X

I won't stop singing of all He's done for me
I won't stop singing of all He's done for me
He heard my cry, set me on a rock
Saved me from the hand of the enemy
I won't stop singing about my Savior

REPEAT BRIDGE

CHORUS & ENDING

**Oh my whole heart, oh my soul
Let everything within me praise the Lord
Through the shadow, through the storm
Let everything within me praise the Lord
Let everything within me praise the Lord
Let everything within me praise the Lord
We praise the Lord
We praise the Lord
We praise the Lord!**

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	8:30 am	11:00 am	
Children's Message	Kay Thorp	Kay Thorp	Prayer Support Team Joel and Jeanine Helms Sound & Tech Crew 1 st : Heather M. & Peter L. 2nd: Steve T. & Rachel S. May Altar Guild 8:30am Stephanie H. 11am Sherry R. May Offering Counters Joel and Jeanine H.
Elder	Wayne Samuel	Doug Piercy	
Acolyte	TBD	TBD	
Ushers	David Meyer Bill Hufnagle	Tommy Ridgeway TBD	
Communion	Scott Hausman Debbie Reiling	Doug Piercy Peter Renner	
Lector	Steve Ude	Dan Charlson	

THANK YOU

To all who have welcomed me in your precious prayers. I know I wouldn't have made it through the terrible things.
 A special gift of thanks for all the prayers for healing. And praise to God for keeping me in such a good order.
 Thank you so much, Dale Pioch

Thank you, dear friends, for all the calls and words of encouragement.
 Sincerely, Ken and Carol Treadway

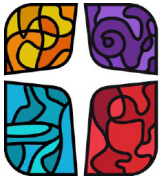
Sanctuary Renovation Timeline

- May 10th - Last Sunday in the Sanctuary before renovation
- May 11th - Renovation begins
- May 13th - Wednesday Service in the Narthex
- May 17th - Sunday Services in the gym until the renovation is completed

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, May 4:
Tuesday, May 5:
6:30pm Strategic Planning Conversations with Pastor
Wednesday, May 6:
12:00pm Midweek Worship Service
1:30pm Women's Bible Study
Thursday, May 7:
Friday, May 8:
Saturday, May 9:
8:00-11:00am School Yard Sale
4:00 pm Saturday Small Group
Sunday, May 10:
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 OPEN
5:00pm High School Youth Group (ACE)

Upcoming Member Celebrations

BIRTHDAYS

5/4 Lexie Charlson
5/4 Jim Coller
5/4 McKenzie Koon
5/5 Linda Hemmingsen
5/6 Mike Rush
5/6 Cymantha Waites
5/7 Don Spude
5/9 Dale Pioch

ANNIVERSARIES

5/4 Joel and Jeanine Helms
5/4 Bryan and Kimberly Noel
5/10 Zachary and Ashley Short

Last Sunday's Attendance & Stats

In-person Services: 8:30am - 78 11:00am - 64

Online: Website: 28 FB: 22

Wednesday:

Noon: 13

ELC Grab-N-Go Food Pantry

April 26, 2026

162 Households, 657 Individuals served

God Provided!

Previous Week's Offerings

General Offering Received: \$ 11483.60

Building Funds Received: \$

*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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CHURCH ELDERS:

John Jennejohn (Head), Marni Jennejohn, 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
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

May 3, 2026
Sermon Notes
"The Way" John 14:1-14

We have the _____ to follow Jesus Christ,
or to follow our own _____

I. The Way of Jesus is _____

A. There is only one way to the Father: And _____ is that way

1. That way was outlined long ago in the _____
of _____

2. He would bear our _____ and carry our sorrow

B. The way of Jesus was set in motion in Genesis _____

1. The Messiah would come from the seed of _____

2. This Messiah would suffer, die, and rise again because it
was the way of _____ for us

II. The Way of Jesus is _____

A. The "Way" is an _____ force in the world today

1. In the Book of Acts the early Christian _____ was
called "The Way"

2. The Church is a living, moving, _____ institution

3. It works within the _____ to make God's
presence known

4. It's our call to feed the hungry, clothe the naked, visit the
_____ and imprisoned

B. The church is more than an organization or _____ - it is an
organization of _____ itself!

III. Jesus is the _____ for Us

A. We can only come to the Father by _____ the Son

1. Through our own efforts all we can do is
achieve a list of _____

2. God will forgive our sins because Jesus is the _____
between us and God

B. Jesus _____ the debt that we earned and He paid it in full

1. Jesus and the _____ are of one mind and one spirit

2. Jesus and the Father are of one _____ because they
are both God

3. We have the freedom to _____ His Way or reject it

4. There are many "good" people who choose to follow other
routes that will not be allowed in the _____

IV. Jesus is Going to _____

A. Jesus is going to prepare a _____

1. Jesus wants to make it _____ - He is going to Heaven
and He is preparing a place there for us!

2. The _____ exists beyond the borders of this earth

B. "When I come again..." is talking about His _____ coming

1. Following Jesus now prepares us to follow Him when He
comes _____

2. Our duty and delight is to invite others to follow us on
Jesus' _____

Through the teachings,
life, and sacrifice of Jesus,
we are able to _____
how God wants us to live
and how God wants us to live
for His people.

Ultimately, there is only one
way to eternal life and
that is through following





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PRAYER LIST

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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:

- Aleksander - (Anastaiia Talbot's father) cancer challenges
- Adrian (E.Lopez's brother) between domiciles, may he have peace and be safe
- Todd Robel - (K.Nobles' SIL) Cancer, heart, pain, mobility
- Debby (F.Samuel's sister) in hospital for low potassium which is causing leg problems
- Amy Lewis (Daxton Edward's mom) having thyroid issues
- Brenda Profit (E & S Edward's Aunt) transitioning from us to Jesus
- Prayers for Christine Lee Graham (Renner's Niece) for strength and healing
- * Lisa Baldwin - Prayers for healing fractured ribs
- * 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
- * John Jennejahn - knee replacement surgery moved to July (unless something opens sooner)
- 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
- Leon Dejournet (friend of D.Meyer) Leon has head trauma from a skiing accident
- 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 in 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
- 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 5:1618)

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 |
| | Eugene Edwards - Gout and kidney issues |

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		