

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

11:00 am Service
Sunday, June 21, 2026

**“Fear not, therefore;
you are of more value
than many
sparrows.”**

Matthew 10:31



Matthew 10:5a, 21-33



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

AS WE GATHER JUNE 21, 2026

Polls tell us that many of us live in fear and struggle with depression. Jesus calls us not to be afraid—not because we have no enemies but because He is stronger than them all. God knows the score—from every bird that falls from the sky to every hair on our head. He has invested His love and mercy in us in Christ and will not turn away from us. This promise is sure. Because of this, we can surrender our fears of being known as His children. Everyone who confesses Him on earth, Christ will confess him before His Father in heaven. From this promise comes the strength to live the new life given to us in our Baptism and to make known what Christ has done by His death and resurrection—for us and for all the world. We are called to judge not by the times but by the promises of God. Neither will He disappoint us nor will He forsake us.

CALL TO WORSHIP “Run To The Father”

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING SONG “His Glory And My Good”

VERSE 1

I have seen my Father’s glory
Revealed in Jesus Christ
And the more that I behold Him
The more He satisfies
When I gaze upon His beauty
When I see Him as I should
Then my eyes are lifted upward
For His glory and my good

VERSE 2

There is hope in every trial
For I can trust the Lord
He will turn my heart towards Him
And help me bear the thorn
So in faith I follow Jesus
On the road not understood
For I know that He is working
For His glory and my good

CHORUS 1

**To our God be the glory
To our God be praise
He alone the name above all names
I will boast ever only in the Lord my God
For I know His glory is my good**

VERSE 3

See the open arms of Jesus
Upon the cross that day
What they understood as weakness
Deserves my every praise

For the charge that was against me
It was nailed into the wood
Yes I know that He has saved me
For His glory and my good

CHORUS

**To our God be the glory
To our God be praise
He alone the name above all names
I will boast ever only in the Lord my God
For I know His glory is my good**

VERSE 4

Would I gladly be made nothing
That Christ would be made more
Would I seek the only kingdom
That far outweighs them all
I will stand before my Father
Where the faithful saints have stood
And with joy my heart shall praise Him
For His glory and my good

CHORUS 2

**To our God be the glory
To our God be praise
He alone the name above all names
I will boast ever only in the Lord my God
For I know His glory is my good
To our God be the glory
To our God be praise
He alone the name above all names
I will boast ever only in the Lord my God
For I know His glory is my good
Yes I know His glory is my good**

INVOCATION

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

People: **Amen.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Remember not the sins of my youth or my transgressions; according to Your steadfast love remember me, for the sake of Your goodness, O LORD!

People: **Consider my affliction and my trouble, and forgive all my sins.**

Pastor: Holy and gracious God,

People: **I confess that I have sinned against You this day. Some of my sin I know—the thoughts and words and deeds of which I am ashamed—but some is known only to You. In the name of Jesus Christ I ask forgiveness. Deliver according to Your mercy and grant peace to my heart so that I may serve You with all my mind, body, and soul.**

Pastor: By the mercy of God we are redeemed by Jesus Christ, and in Him we are forgiven. As a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

Pastor: He who began this good work within you will bring it to completion on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. The peace of the Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you. Amen.**

SONG OF PRAISE “Nailed to the Cross”

VERSE 1

When I stand accused by my regrets
And the Devil roars his empty threats
I will preach the gospel to myself
That I am not a man condemned
For Jesus Christ is my defense

CHORUS 1

**My sin is nailed to the cross
My soul is healed by the scars
The weight of guilt I bear no more
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord**

VERSE 2

When my doubt and shame hang over me
Like the arrows of the enemy
I will run again to Calvary
That rugged hill of Hell's defeat
My fortress and my victory

CHORUS 1

CHORUS 2

**My sin is nailed to the cross
My soul is healed by the scars
Now I'm alive forevermore
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord**

BRIDGE 2X

It is finished, sin is vanquished
We are free now, praise the Lord
All the glory, all the honor
To my Savior, Christ the Lord

VERSE 3

When I stand before the throne at last
His blood will plead my innocence
I will worship Him with holy hands
And raise the song that never ends
Of Jesus Christ my righteousness

CHORUS 1 and 2

ENDING

Oh praise the Lord, praise the Lord

SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray.

O God, because Your abiding presence always goes with us, keep us aware of Your daily mercies that we may live secure and content in Your eternal love; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: **Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT READING Jeremiah 20:7–13

⁷O LORD, you have deceived me, and I was deceived; you are stronger than I, and you have prevailed. I have become a laughingstock all the day; everyone mocks me. ⁸For whenever I speak, I cry out, I shout, “Violence and destruction!” For the word of the LORD has become for me a reproach and derision all day long. ⁹If I say, “I will not mention him, or speak any more in his name,” there is in my heart as it were a burning fire shut up in my bones, and I am weary with holding it in, and I cannot. ¹⁰For I hear many whispering. Terror is on every side! “Denounce him! Let us denounce him!” say all my close friends, watching for my fall. “Perhaps he will be deceived; then we can overcome him and take our revenge on him.” ¹¹But the LORD is with me as a dread warrior; therefore my persecutors will stumble; they will not overcome me. They will be greatly shamed, for they will not succeed. Their eternal dishonor will never be forgotten. ¹²O LORD of hosts, who tests the righteous, who sees the heart and the mind, let me see your vengeance upon them, for to you have I committed my cause. ¹³Sing to the LORD; praise the LORD! For he has delivered the life of the needy from the hand of evildoers.

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

EPISTLE Romans 6:12–23

¹²Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal bodies, to make you obey their passions. ¹³Do not present your members to sin as instruments for unrighteousness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and your members to God as instruments for righteousness. ¹⁴For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace. ¹⁵What then? Are we to sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! ¹⁶Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? ¹⁷But thanks be to God, that you who were once slaves of sin have become obedient from the heart to the standard of teaching to which you were committed, ¹⁸and, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness. ¹⁹I am speaking in human terms, because of your natural limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and to lawlessness leading to more lawlessness, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness leading to sanctification. ²⁰When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. ²¹But what fruit were you getting at that time from the things of which you are now ashamed? The end of those things is death. ²²But now that you have been set free from sin and have become slaves of God, the fruit you get leads to sanctification and its end, eternal life. ²³For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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

HOLY GOSPEL Matthew 10:5a, 21–33

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

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

⁵These twelve Jesus sent out, instructing them, . . . ²¹“Brother will deliver brother over to death, and the father his child, and children will rise against parents and have them put to death, ²²and you will be hated by all for my name’s sake. But the one who endures to the end will be saved. ²³When they persecute you in one town, flee to the next, for truly, I say to you, you will not have gone through all the towns of Israel before the Son of Man comes. ²⁴“A disciple is not above his teacher, nor a servant above his master. ²⁵It is enough for the disciple to be like his teacher, and the servant like his master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household. ²⁶“So have no fear of them, for nothing is covered that will not be revealed, or hidden that will not be known. ²⁷What I tell you in the dark, say in the light, and what you hear whispered, proclaim on the housetops. ²⁸And do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. ²⁹Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? And not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. ³⁰But even the hairs of your head are all numbered. ³¹Fear not, therefore; you are of more value than many sparrows. ³²So everyone who acknowledges me before men, I also will acknowledge before my Father who is in heaven, ³³but whoever denies me before men, I also will deny before my Father who is in heaven.”

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

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

SERMON SONG “Build My Life”

VERSE 1

Worthy of ev'ry song we could ever sing
Worthy of all the praise we could ever bring
Worthy of ev'ry breath we could ever breathe
We live for You

Chorus

Holy there is no one like You
There is none beside You
Open up my eyes in wonder and show me who
You are
And fill me with Your heart
And lead me in Your love to those around me

VERSE 2

Jesus the name above ev'ry other name
Jesus the only one who could ever save
Worthy of ev'ry breath we could ever
breathe
We live for You
We live for You

CHORUS

BRIDGE 2X

I will build my life upon Your word
It is a firm foundation
I will put my trust in You alone
And I will not be shaken

CHORUS 2X

SERMON

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People: I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end. And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life ☩ of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

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

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

People: Amen.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

Pastor: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✠ 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.

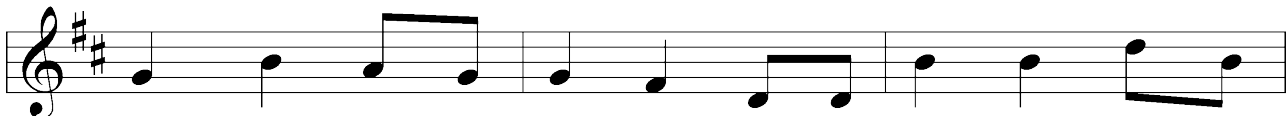
People: **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

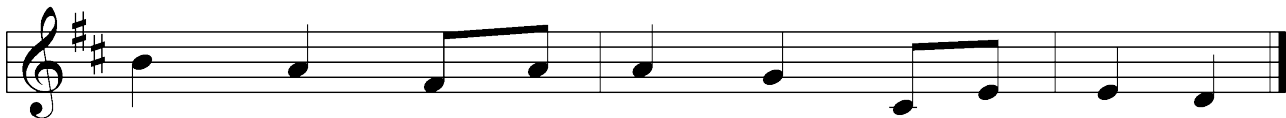
LSB 725 "Children of the Heavenly Father"



1 Chil - dren of the heav'n - ly Fa - ther Safe - ly
2 God His own doth tend and nour - ish; In His
3 Nei - ther life nor death shall ev - er From the
4 Though He giv - eth or He tak - eth, God His



in His bos - om gath - er; Nest - ling bird nor star in
ho - ly courts they flour - ish. From all e - vil things He
Lord His chil - dren sev - er; Un - to them His grace He
chil - dren ne'er for - sak - eth; His the lov - ing pur - pose



heav - en Such a ref - uge e'er was giv - en.
spares them; In His might - y arms He bears them.
show - eth, And their sor - rows all He know - eth.
sole - ly To pre - serve them pure and ho - ly.

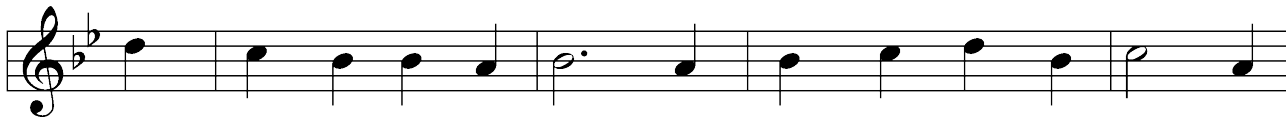
LSB 713 "From God Can Nothing Move Me"



1 From God can noth - ing move me; He will not step a - side
 2 When those whom I re - gard - ed As trust - wor - thy and sure
 3 The Lord my life ar - rang - es; Who can His work de - stroy?
 4 Each day at His good plea - sure God's gra - cious will is done.



But gent - ly will re - prove me And be my con - stant guide.
 Have long from me de - part - ed, God's grace shall still en - dure.
 In His good time He chang - es All sor - row in - to joy.
 He sent His great - est trea - sure In Je - sus Christ, His Son.



He stretch - es out His hand In eve - ning and in morn - ing,
 He res - cues me from sin And breaks the chains that bind me.
 So let me then be still: My bod - y, soul, and spir - it
 He ev - 'ry gift im - parts. The bread of earth and heav - en



My life with grace a - dorn - ing Wher - ev - er I may stand.
 I leave death's fear be - hind me; His peace I have with - in.
 His ten - der care in - her - it Ac - cord - ing to His will.
 Are by His kind - ness giv - en. Praise Him with thank - ful hearts!

5 Praise God with acclamation
 And in His gifts rejoice.
 Each day finds its vocation
 Responding to His voice.
 Soon years on earth are past;
 But time we spend expressing
 The love of God brings blessing
 That will forever last!

6 Yet even though I suffer
 The world's unpleasantness,
 And though the days grow rougher
 And bring me great distress,

That day of bliss divine,
 Which knows no end or measure,
 And Christ, who is my pleasure,
 Forever shall be mine.

△ 7 For thus the Father willed it,
 Who fashioned us from clay;
 And His own Son fulfilled it
 And brought eternal day.
 The Spirit now has come,
 To us true faith has given;
 He leads us home to heaven.
 O praise the Three in One!

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POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Oh give thanks to the LORD, for He is good,
 People: **for His steadfast love endures forever!**

Pastor: Almighty and everlasting God, since You have revealed Your glory to all nations in Jesus Christ and in the Word of His truth, keep, we ask You, in safety the works of Your mercy so that Your church, spread throughout all the nations, may be defended against the adversary and may serve You in true faith and persevere in the confession of Your name; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: **Amen.**

BENEDICAMUS

Pastor: Let us bless the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

BENEDICTION Numbers 6:24–26

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

People: **Amen.**

CLOSING SONG “Let Your Kingdon Come”

VERSE 1

Your glorious cause O God
Engages our hearts
May Jesus Christ be known
Wherever we are
We ask not for ourselves
But for Your renown
The cross has saved us so we pray
Your kingdom come

CHORUS

Let Your kingdom come
Let Your will be done
So that ev’ryone might know Your Name
Let Your song be heard ev’rywhere on earth
Till Your sov’reign work on earth is done
Let Your kingdom come
Let Your kingdom come

VERSE 2

Give us Your strength O God
And courage to speak
Perform Your wondrous deeds
Through those who are weak
Lord use us as You want
Whatever the test
By grace we'll preach Your Gospel till
Our dying breath

CHORUS 2

Let Your kingdom come
Let Your will be done
So that ev’ryone might know Your Name
Let Your song be heard ev’rywhere on earth
Till Your sov’reign work on earth is done

CHORUS 1

ENDING

Let Your kingdom come
Let Your kingdom come

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DISMISSAL

Pastor: Go in peace! Serve the Lord!

People: **Thanks be to God.**

| | 8:30 am | 11:00 am | Prayer Support Team Sound & Tech Crew 1 st : Heather M. & Peter L. 2 nd : Steve T. & Heather H. June Altar Guild 1 st : Martha G. & Kathryn W. 2 nd : Margo R. Offering Counters Stephanie H. & Margo R. |
|---------------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------|--|
| Children's Message | Mark Edmiston | Mark Edmiston | |
| Elder | Susan Roby | Kevin Lorenz | |
| Greeters/ Ushers | Alan and Kansy Tarrant | Justin Hodges Rich Baldwin | |
| Communion | Stephanie Hanson Bill Hufnagle | Peter Renner Lary Schulhof | |
| Lector | Susan Roby | Heather Renner | |

**Today's Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God by:
Steve & Terry Taylor**

**Celebrating Kelly and Mike Kanelos' anniversary
and their June birthdays!**

**Happy anniversary and Happy Birthday!
Love, Mom and Dad**

Sanctuary Renovation News

The old flooring and the ceiling under the balcony was removed this week

July 5th

We will have one service at 10:00 am followed by a cookout

The church will provide the meat and beverages

We will send out a sign-up sheet next week for volunteers and sides/desserts

Photo Directory 2026

Bring your best smile to one of our portrait dates this summer:

JUNE 28th, JULY 12th & AUGUST 16TH

On Sunday June 28th, take the elevator by the gym to the first floor of the school and turn left for photos in the hallway

There is no sign-up, just show up, check your information on the iPad, and smile for pictures!

9:00am - 11:00am and after the 11:00am service

Contact Anitta in the church office for more information (828) 252-1795 churchoffice@elcsmail.org

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, June 22:
7:00pm Southside Bible Group
Tuesday, June 23:
Wednesday, June 24:
12:00pm Midweek Worship Service (Narthex)
Thursday, June 25:
Friday, June 26:
6:00pm Pickleball (Gym)
Saturday, June 27:
Sunday, June 28:
8:30am Traditional Worship Service
9:00-11:00am Photo Directory Portraits
(downstairs from the gym in hallway by elevator)
10:00am Children's Sunday School (rm off cafeteria)
11:00am Blended Worship Service in gym
1:00pm The Food Pantry is OPEN
5:00pm High School Youth Group (ACE)

CHURCH STAFF:

Senior Pastor: Rev. Dr. Jeffrey Skopak
Parish Administrator: Dirk Wilmoth
Business Administrator: Gail Thomas
Finance Asst.: Leigh Horsley
ECE Asst. & ELCS Benefits Mgr: Amy Skopak
Admin. Asst.: Anitta Charlson
ELC Music and Sound Director/ECE Music: Heather Meulenberg
Organist: Lula Meulenberg
Digital Media : Peter Linton
Hospitality Ministry: Shirley Parker
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CHURCH ELDERS:

John Jennejahn (Head), Marni Jennejahn, Susan Roby,
Kevin Lorenz, Rich Baldwin, Lisa Baldwin, Joel Helms,
Doug Piercy, Heather Renner, Wayne Samuel

Upcoming Member Celebrations

BIRTHDAYS

6/23 Emily Lundquist
6/23 Caroline Noel
/23 Mark Studer
6/24 Nicholas Black
6/24 Dalton Charlson
6/25 Rich Bair
6/25 Mike Kanelos
6/25 Sherry Rauschenplat
6/26 Kimberly Noel
6/26 Sawyer Short
6/27 Hunter Stockton
6/28 Kelly Kanelos

ANNIVERSARIES

6/21 Mike and Kelly Kanelos
6/22 Scott and Marianne
Hausman
6/24 Bill and Shirley Parker
6/28 Rick and Deb Herman

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

Last Sunday's Attendance & Stats

In-person Services: 8:30am - 56 11:00am - 62
Online: Website: 33 FB: 22

Wednesday:
Noon: 19

ELC Grab-N-Go Food Pantry

June 14, 2026 174 Households, 803 Individuals served
God Provides!

Previous Week's Offerings

General Offering Received: \$ 7047.12
Building Funds Received: \$
*Weekly Offering Budget: \$ (13173.00)

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 & Melissa Kucin
PS-2/3: Amy Bair & Jules Chambers
PS3: Maranda Rice & Lea Par Wise
PS3/4: Robin Rutherford
PreK-1: Madison Peach & Cleo Green
PreK-2: Faith Noell & Crystal McCormick
Floating Aid: Felicia Norton
Cafeteria: Kristen Warren and Mikaela Bennett