



EMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

October 15, 2023
20th Sunday after Pentecost

8:30 & 11:00 Services—Sanctuary
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Our Vision: Fully Engaged—Biblically Passionate—Driven to Serve

“The Right Clothes”



Matthew 22:1-14

Sunday School/Bible Study Schedule!

9:45 Pre-K thru 5th Grade—School Bldg, rm. 017

9:45 Confirmation Class, conf. rm.

9:45 Adult Bible Study Class—Fellowship Hall

Grab-n-Go Food Pantry is OPEN Today



~ Today's Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God by: ~
McKenzie Koon in honor of the birth of Ruthie Koon Whitehouse



FALL Worship Schedule

8:30 am—Traditional Service | 11:00am—Blended Traditional/Praise & Worship Service

8:30 Traditional Worship Service-DS1

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11:00 am Service

PRELUDE

AS WE GATHER

Food is at the center of our lives—we either live to eat or eat to live, but we always eat. In the parable of our Lord this morning, we hear the kingdom of God compared to a wedding feast. When those invited proved to be unworthy, God called every kind of person from the highways and byways of life and equipped them with a wedding garment as well as an honored place at His table. This feast is the promise of Isaiah the prophet, the joyful refrain of the beloved Psalm 23, and the promise still given and kept by our Lord as we gather around His holy body and blood. But the Meal is not simply about the eating, but the food—Christ’s flesh for the life of the world and His blood that cleanses us from all our sin. Because of this, it is the supper of our joy here on earth and the supper of our glory in heaven forevermore.

CALL TO WORSHIP

“HE LEADETH ME”

M. MCDONALD BRADLEY HINES
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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING SONG *“HOLY HOLY HOLY (GOD WITH US)”*

(VERSE 1)

HOLY HOLY HOLY! LORD GOD ALMIGHTY
EARLY IN THE MORNING OUR SONG SHALL RISE TO THEE
HOLY HOLY HOLY MERCIFUL AND MIGHTY
GOD IN THREE PERSONS BLESSED TRINITY

(CHORUS)

**FROM THE CRADLE TO THE CROSS, GOD WITH US GOD WITH US
FOR THIS BROKEN WORLD YOU LOVE, GOD WITH US GOD WITH US
YOU GAVE UP YOUR ONLY SON, GOD WITH US GOD WITH US
SO THAT ALL THE WORLD WILL KNOW OUR GOD WITH US**

(VERSE 2)

HOLY HOLY HOLY! ALL THE SAINTS ADORE THEE
CASTING DOWN THEIR GOLDEN CROWNS AROUND THE GLASSY SEA
CHERUBIM AND SERAPHIM FALLING DOWN BEFORE THEE
WHICH WERT AND ART AND EVERMORE SHALL BE

(CHORUS)

(VERSE 3)

HOLY HOLY HOLY! LORD GOD ALMIGHTY
ALL THY WORKS SHALL PRAISE THY NAME 1N EARTH AND SKY AND SEA
HOLY HOLY HOLY MERCIFUL AND MIGHTY
GOD IN THREE PERSONS BLESSED TRINITY

(CHORUS)

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FOR THIS BROKEN WORLD YOU LOVE, GOD WITH US GOD WITH US
YOU GAVE UP YOUR ONLY SON, GOD WITH US GOD WITH US
SO THAT ALL THE WORLD WILL KNOW OUR GOD WITH US**

(ENDING)

SO THAT ALL THE WORLD WILL KNOW OUR GOD WITH US!

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INVOCATION

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

People: **Amen.**

OPENING SENTENCES *Psalm 146:2; Isaiah 61:10*

Pastor: I will praise the LORD as long as I live;

People: **my soul shall exult in my God,**

Pastor: for He has clothed me with the garments of salvation;

People: **He has covered me with the robe of righteousness.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Let us confess our sins to God our Father.

People: **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

Pastor: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

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

People: **Amen.**

HYMN OF PRAISE **LSB 813 Rejoice vv1-3** **“O Pilgrim Throng”**

- 1 Rejoice, O pilgrim throng!
Rejoice, give thanks, and sing;
Your festal banner wave on high,
The cross of Christ your king. Refrain
- ref Rejoice! Rejoice! Rejoice, give thanks, and sing!

- 2 With voice as full and strong
 As ocean's surging praise,
 Send forth the sturdy hymns of old,
 The psalms of ancient days. Refrain
- 3 With all the angel choirs,
 With all the saints on earth
 Pour out the strains of joy and bliss,
 True rapture, noblest mirth. Refrain

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SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray.

Almighty God, You invite us to trust in You for our salvation. Deal with us not in the severity of Your judgment but by the greatness of Your mercy; 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 *Isaiah 25:6–9*

⁶ On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples
 a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wine,
 of rich food full of marrow, of aged wine well refined.

⁷ And he will swallow up on this mountain
 the covering that is cast over all peoples,
 the veil that is spread over all nations.

⁸ He will swallow up death forever;
 and the Lord GOD will wipe away tears from all faces,
 and the reproach of his people he will take away from all the earth,
 for the LORD has spoken.

⁹ It will be said on that day,
 "Behold, this is our God; we have waited for him, that he might save us.
 This is the LORD; we have waited for him;
 let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation."

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE *Philippians 4:4–13*

⁴ Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice. ⁵ Let your reasonableness^[a] be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand; ⁶ do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷ And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

⁸ Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. ⁹ What you have learned^[b] and received and heard and seen in me—practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you.

¹⁰ I rejoiced in the Lord greatly that now at length you have revived your concern for me. You were indeed concerned for me, but you had no opportunity. ¹¹ Not that I am speaking of being in need, for I have learned in whatever situation I am to be content. ¹² I know how to be brought low, and I know how to abound. In any and every circumstance, I have learned the secret of facing plenty and hunger, abundance and need. ¹³ I can do all things through him who strengthens me.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

HOLY GOSPEL *Matthew 22:1–14*

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-second chapter.

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

¹ And again Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying, ² “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding feast for his son, ³ and sent his servants^[a] to call those who were invited to the wedding feast, but they would not come. ⁴ Again he sent other servants, saying, ‘Tell those who are invited, “See, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready. Come to the wedding feast.”’ ⁵ But they paid no attention and went off, one to his farm, another to his business, ⁶ while the rest seized his servants, treated them shamefully, and killed them. ⁷ The king was angry, and he sent his troops and destroyed those murderers and burned their city. ⁸ Then he said to his servants, ‘The wedding feast is ready, but those invited were not worthy. ⁹ Go therefore to the main roads and invite to the wedding feast as many as you find.’ ¹⁰ And those servants went out into the roads and gathered all whom they found, both bad and good. So the wedding hall was filled with guests.

¹¹ “But when the king came in to look at the guests, he saw there a man who had no wedding garment. ¹² And he said to him, ‘Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding garment?’ And he was speechless. ¹³ Then the king said to the attendants, ‘Bind him hand and foot and cast him into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’ ¹⁴ For many are called, but few are chosen.”

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

SONG OF THE DAY *“Great Is Your Faithfulness”*

(Verse 1)

Great are You Father; great is Your love

Day after day I see

Who was and is and who is to come is watching over me

(Verse 2)

You write my story, You win my wars

You give unending grace

Though change and seasons will come and go, Your faithfulness remains

(Chorus)

Great is Your faithfulness to me

Great is Your faithfulness

Your goodness and mercy follow me

Great is Your faithfulness

(Verse 3)

Lord I will follow so take the lead

My life is not my own

Take my surrender take all I am I trust in You alone

(Bridge)

And oh when the night falls all around, If darkness should cloud my way

With songs of vic'try, You lead me on, until that glorious day

(Chorus)

(Verse 4)

When stars surrender, the sun gives way and when my race is run

With host of heaven, I will confess: great is Your faithfulness

With host of heaven, I will confess: great is Your faithfulness

(Chorus)

(Repeat Chorus)

(Ending)

Great is Your faithfulness

Great is Your faithfulness

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SERMON **“THE RIGHT CLOTHES”** *Matthew 22:1–14***NICENE CREED**

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 words, 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.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

OFFERING

OFFERTORY SONG *“Same God”*

(Verse 1)

I'm calling on the God of Jacob; whose love endures through generations
I know that You will keep Your covenant
I'm calling on the God of Moses; the one who opened up the ocean
I need you now to do the same thing for me

(Chorus)

**Oh God my God I need You. Oh God my God I need You now
How I need You now
Oh Rock oh Rock of ages, I'm standing on Your faithfulness**

(Verse 2)

I'm calling on the God of Mary; whose favor rests upon the lowly
I know with You all things are possible
I'm calling on the God of David who made a shepherd boy courageous
I may not face Goliath, but I've got my own giants

(Chorus)

(Bridge 1)

You heard Your children then, You hear Your children now
You are the same God, You are the same God
You answered prayers back then, and You will answer now
You are the same God, You are the same God

(Bridge 2)

You moved in power then, God move in power now
You are the same God, You are the same God
You were a healer then, You are a healer now
You are the same God, You are the same God

(Chorus)

**Oh God my God I need You. Oh God my God I need You now
How I need You now
Oh Rock oh Rock of ages, I'm standing on Your faithfulness**

(Repeat Chorus)**(Ending)**

You were a Savior then
You are a Savior now
You are the same God
You are the same God

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PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Holy and mighty Lord, we give You thanks for having made all things and for Your patient mercy in dealing with us sinners who deserved nothing of Your kindness. Grant us grace in Christ that all our sins be forgiven and that we be covered with the righteousness of Christ and may worthily approach the Table of our Lord today and in eternity be welcomed into the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom without end.

People: **Amen.**

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD *Matthew 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24; Luke 22:19–20; 1 Corinthians 11:23–25*

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.”

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.**

PAX DOMINI

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: **Amen.**

HYMN OF PREPARATION LSB 628, vv 1-2 “Your Table I Approach”

- 1 Your table I approach;
 Dear Savior, hear my prayer.
 Let not an unrepentant heart
 Prove hurtful to me there.
- 2 Lord, I confess my sins
 And mourn their wretched bands;
 A contrite heart is sure to find
 Forgiveness at Your hands.

Text: Gerhard Wolter Molanus, 1633–1722; tr. Matthias Loy, 1828–1915, alt. | Text: Public domain

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS 556 vv.1-4 “Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice”

1. Dear Christians, one and all, rejoice,
 With exultation springing,
 And with united heart and voice
 And holy rapture singing,
 Proclaim the wonders God has done,
 How His right arm the vict’ry won.
 What price our ransom cost Him!
2. Fast bound in Satan’s chains I lay;
 Death brooded darkly o’er me.
 Sin was my torment night and day;
 In sin my mother bore me.
 But daily deeper still I fell;
 My life became a living hell,
 So firmly sin possessed me.
3. My own good works all came to naught,
 No grace or merit gaining;
 Free will against God’s judgment fought,
 Dead to all good remaining.
 My fears increased till sheer despair
 Left only death to be my share;
 The pangs of hell I suffered.
4. But God had seen my wretched state
 Before the world’s foundation,
 And mindful of His mercies great,
 He planned for my salvation.
 He turned to me a father’s heart;
 He did not choose the easy part
 But gave His dearest treasure.

Text: Martin Luther, 1483–1546; tr. Richard Massie, 1800–87, alt. | Text: Public domain

LSB 633, vv1-4 “At the Lamb’s High Feast We Sing”

- 1 At the Lamb’s high feast we sing
Praise to our victorious King,
Who has washed us in the tide
Flowing from His piercèd side.
Alleluia!
- 2 Praise we Him, whose love divine
Gives His sacred blood for wine,
Gives His body for the feast—
Christ the victim, Christ the priest.
Alleluia!
- 3 Where the paschal blood is poured,
Death’s dread angel sheathes the sword;
Israel’s hosts triumphant go
Through the wave that drowns the foe.
Alleluia!
- 4 Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed,
Paschal victim, paschal bread;
With sincerity and love
Eat we manna from above.
Alleluia!

Text: Latin, c. 5th–10th cent.; tr. Robert Campbell, 1814–68, alt. | Text: Public domain

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Oh give thanks to the LORD, for He is good;

People: **For His steadfast love endures forever!**

Pastor: Let us pray.

Blessed Lord, to You we give thanks and praise for having rescued us from sin and death and having raised us up from the pit of despair to the holy joy of Your presence and peace. Keep us in this holy joy all the days of our lives until at last we know You face to face in the marriage feast of the Lamb on high; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: **Amen.**

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 look upon you with favor and ✠give you peace.

People: **Amen.**

CLOSING SONG “I Believe”

(Verse 1)

I believe there is one salvation. One doorway that leads to life
One redemption one confession. I believe in the name of Jesus Christ

(Verse 2)

I believe in the crucifixion. By His blood I have been set free
I believe in the resurrection. Hallelujah His life is death’s defeat

(Chorus)

**All praise to God the Father All praise to Christ the Son
All praise to the Holy Spirit Our God has overcome
The King who was and is and evermore will be
In Jesus' mighty name I believe**

(Verse 3)

I believe in the hope of heaven. He’s preparing a place for me
Far beyond what hearts imagine. Ears have heard or eyes have seen

(Verse 4)

I believe that day is coming. He’s returning to claim His bride
Light the altar keep it burning. See the Lamb who rose a roaring Lion

(Chorus)

(Bridge)

No I’ll never be ashamed. Of the gospel of Jesus Christ
How could I ever walk away. From the One who saved my life

(Repeat Bridge)

(Chorus)

(Repeat Chorus)

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POSTLUDE

ELS 8th Grade Fundraiser



Order coffee to help the 8th graders raise money for their class trip to Washington, D.C.

Your Name _____ Your Child's Grade/Class _____

Coffee comes in 12-oz. bags (ground "G" or whole bean "WB") or K-cups (12 count)

Each item is \$12.

Name/Contact Info	GROUND	Parkey (G) Medium Roast	Ridgeline (G) Deep Roast	Dupont (G) Dark Roast	Decaf (G) Medium Roast	Jamaican (G) Flavor Roast	Sticky Bun (G) Flavor Roast	Southern Pecan (G) Flavor Roast	WHOLE BEAN	Parkey (WB) Medium Roast	Ridgeline (WB) Deep Roast	Dupont (WB) Dark Roast	Decaf (WB) Medium Roast	Jamaican (WB) Flavor Roast	Sticky Bun (WB) Flavor Roast	Southern Pecan (WB) Flavor Roast	KCUP	Parkey (K) Medium Roast	Ridgeline (K) Deep Roast	Dupont (K) Dark Roast	Decaf (K) Medium Roast	Jamaican (K) Flavor Roast	Sticky Bun (K) Flavor Roast	Southern Pecan (K) Flavor Roast	TOTAL ITEM COUNT	
John Smith (888)555-5555		4				6						4								2					2	

*Submit orders and payment to the school office by **Tuesday, October 17**. Make checks payable to **ELS**.

*Coffee orders will be sent home **mid to late November**.

*Email questions to Ms. Lanham: janham@elcsmail.org

Thank you for supporting our class!

Coffee Selections

Locally roasted – Low acidity – Farmer direct

• Parkway Pick Me Up

- Naturally sweet and balanced
- Medium Roast

• Ridgeline

- Notes of caramel and chocolate, bold finish
- Deep Roast

• Dupont Dark

- Notes of smoky dark chocolate
- Dark French Roast

• Decaf

- Naturally decaffeinated
- Medium Roast

• Flavored Roasts

- Jamaican Me Crazy
- Southern Pecan
- Sticky Bun

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HOW FAITH AND FILMS INTERSECT

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PODCAST



Shirley Parker is leading this event! See back cover for session times

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REMINDERS!

- > Pastor Skopak & Alexi out of town for Teacher's Conference 10/18 - 10/20 <
> Wednesday 10/18 @ 12:30pm —Senior Luncheon (soup & salad) <

OCTOBER 31ST

1:30 PM - 2:45 PM

NEED VOLUNTEERS!
to decorate car trunk for
student treats

CANDY PROVIDED!



CONTACT: SHARI REAVES

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Jr. and Sr. High Youth
October 22nd 3-6p.m.

Drop off and pick up from Eliada

Questions email

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Calendar

Monday, October 16

10:00am VRQ Lunch
5:30pm Schallhorn Bible Study
7:00pm Southside Bible Study

Tuesday, October 17

9:30am Linus Blanket Group (Narthex)
2:00pm Hardesty Bible Study/Small Group
4:30pm ELS Volleyball Game (Home)

Wednesday, October 18

* Pastor & Alexi away @ Teacher's Conf. 10/18-10/20

* ELS K-8 Fall Break 10/18-10/20

8:10/10am School Chapels (Sanctuary)
NOON Church Service—**Pastor Kelm**
12:30pm SR. Luncheon, soup & salad (Nathex)
1:30pm Women's Bible Study Group (ch conf rm)

Thursday, October 19

6:30pm Elder's Meeting (STEAM rm)
8:00pm Joyce Meyer's Conf.— Live Stream #1 sess. (sanc)

Friday, October 20

11:00am Joyce Meyer's Conf.— Live Stream #2 sess. (sanc)
3:00pm Joyce Meyer's Conf.— Live Stream #3 sess. (sanc)
6:00 pm Pickleball (gym)
8:00pm Joyce Meyer's Conf.— Live Stream #4 sess. (sanc)

Saturday, October 21

11:00am Joyce Meyer's Conf.— Live Stream #5 sess. (sanc)
3:00pm Joyce Meyer's Conf.— Live Stream #6 sess. (sanc)

Sunday, October 22—Food Pantry OPEN

8:30 am Traditional Service (Sanctuary)
9:45 am PreK-5th Sunday School (Sch rm 017)
9:45 am Adult Bible Study Class (Fellowship Hall)
11:00 am Blended Service (Sanctuary)
6:00 pm Hausman Bible Study
3-6pm **JR & SR High Youth—Eliada Corn Maze!**

Birthdays:

10/15 Carson Ridgeway; 10/16 Wyatt Ridgeway,
10/18 Justin Pruett; 10/20 Drew Thorp

> **This Month's Non-Agenarian (90+):**

10/14 Bertha Mertens

Anniversaries: 10/17 Steven & Julie Kapugi; 10/19

Steve & Janet Hollar; 10/22 Seth & Brenda Baker

Last Open Food Pantry/VRQ data:

Sunday—10/1 served 327 households; 472 people
October 2023 Total: served 327 households; 472 people

Senior Pastor: *Rev. Dr. Jeffrey Skopak*

Director of Christian Ed: *Alexi Lundquist*

Principal: *Mark Edmiston*

Early Childhood Director: *Chris Smith*

Church Choir & Handbell Director: *Amy Brown*

Church P&W Music Coordinator: *Heather Meulenberg*

Organist: *Lula Meulenberg*

Serving Today

Acolytes

8:30 Eli Allen 11:00 Jacob Kanelos

Communion Servers

8:30 Bill Hufnagle 11:00 Tommy Ridgeway

Lectors

8:30 Mary Hufnagle 11:00 Deb Deberry

Ushers

8:30 Allan & Kandi Tarrant
11:00 Ed Deberry & James Carpenter

Elder

8:30 Kevin Lorenz 11:00 Doug Piercy

October Altar Guild

8:30 Kevin Lorenz
11:00 Margo Rabon & Sherry Rauschenplat

October Offering Counters

Mike & Rojealous Rush

Tech /Sound Crew

Peter Linton/Steve Taylor/David Mehrling/Justin Pruett

Last Week's On-Campus Attendance

Last Sunday 8:30 - 68 11:00 am -74

Wednesday Noon - 18 **TOTAL — 160**

Last Sunday's Website & FaceBook Hits*

Website—26 FaceBook—134 **TOTAL—134**

*Please note that more than 1 person may be watching at each device "hit" so number does not reflect actual total viewership.

Last Week's Offerings

General Weekly Offering needed: \$12,817.31
Last week General Offering received: \$ 10,107.51
Building Funds Received: \$ 400.00

The Right Clothes
Matthew 22:1-14

In the parable of the Wedding Banquet, someone revealed a lot about their _____, not only by what he chose to wear, but by what he chose not to wear.

- I. The King _____ the Guest
 - A. The King was _____ and could do anything he wanted without reason or motive
 - B. The man had no _____ of the king
 - 1. Surely he noticed that he was the only person at the wedding _____ wedding clothes
 - 2. Psalm _____
 - 3. The man _____ to have fear or respect for the king
 - C. A failure on our part to recognize the sovereignty, _____, and power of God can lead to our ultimate demise and peril
 - 1. The man's neglect showed clear _____ to the king, to his son, and to all the other wedding guests
 - 2. The man has _____ the gifts given by the king
- II. The Parable _____ Us About God
 - A. The clothes represent a _____ quality of the individual at the wedding
 - 1. This individual has chosen to follow a _____ path
 - 2. Revelation _____
 - 3. The Church has received the _____ of Christ through the waters of Baptism and a confession of faith that marks us as "Holy" and "Forgiven"
 - 4. Romans _____
 - B. When it comes to _____ of _____ we can only receive them from God.
 - 1. To wear your own _____ clothes demonstrates that your trust is in yourself and not in Jesus
 - 2. Our _____ cannot in any way, shape, or form save us
 - C. God desires to take away the dirt and replace it with what is _____

- III. What About _____?
 - A. Every wonder how long he sat there before being _____?
 - B. People don't go to Hell _____
 - C. We need to be proactive in engaging the "wedding guests" who are



not wearing the rags of their own _____

We are given the "wedding clothes" of Jesus Christ and we _____ them with great ____!



Emmanuel Lutheran Prayer List

The Week of October 15, 2023

These are people in need of prayers this week. Take them home. "Lord Jesus we commend into Your hands the needs of people that go through challenges of many kinds. You know the joys, troubles, illnesses, and fears. We now commend them to

Praying for...

HEALTH, HEALING AND OTHER NEEDS

Those in BOLD are new or updated prayers for this week.

- ◇ *Doug Greene* Doug's brain tumor has spread, he has now been placed in palliative care; prayers are for God's comfort & peace.
- Julie Davis (S.Buckner's friend) - UPDATE : She has recovered & is cancer-free!
- Bill Mullins (R.Bair/A.Bair's Uncle) Recently had a stroke. Prayers of healing and swift recovery.
- Kim Plemmons (G.Bailey's Sister) Having medical tests done next week at Wake Forest. Prayers of hope & God's covering.
- Jennie Buckner* (C. Cline's neighbor) Has Covid & COPD- prayers for swift healing without complications
- Florence Samuel* (W.Samuel's wife) On antibiotics for dental issues
- ◇ *Katelyn Sullivan* Struggling with having to live far from friends/church; prayers are that she will soon be able to move closer to home.
- Family of Scott Brown* (N.Pursley, co-worker) Scott passed away on Sunday 9/13; prayers are for wife Jean & family as they grieve his passing.
- ◇ *Helen Cline* Recently hospitalized for serious illness; now recovering at home—prayers for continued healing.
- Jay Capodiferro* Recovering at home from recent triple by-pass heart surgery; prayers are for swift and complete healing.
- Martha Stump* (J.Groh's friend) Has begun cancer treatments
- ◇ *Cynthia Cline* Starting chemo treatments; prayers for success and healing

PRAYERS FOR THOSE WITH CANCER OR LONG-TERM ILLNESSES/CONDITIONS

- ◇ Doug Greene John Walker (M.Walker's Cousin)
- ◇ Marilyn Saylor Sam Leder (V.Stinson's cousin)
- ◇ Emily Nieting Muriel Williams (S.Edward's friend)
- ◇ Cynthia Cline Don Young (P/CJ Reece)
- ◇ Helen Cline Hubert Hicks (C.Cline's friend)
- ◇ Marjorie Locke Ann Melious (P/H McCarthy family)
- ◇ Ken Treadway Jenny Buckner (C.Cline's neighbor)
- ◇ Mike Walker Carol Harris (S.Ude's friend)
- ◇ Julia Kearley Robin Worley (J.Kearley's friend)
- ◇ C.J. Reece Min Soo Lee (E.Bailey's friend)
- ◇ Dale Wooten Janice (L.Giese's friend)
- Jan Williams (C.Waites Mother) Antonia Simpson (L.Meulenberg's friend)
- Lynn Case-Scott (S.Buckner's friend) Bob Frey (D.Wooten's friend)
- Keith Haynes (R.Rush's friend)

PRAYERS FOR THOSE WITH CANCER OR LONG-TERM ILLNESSES/CONDITIONS (cont'd.)

- Ralph Ector, Snr (S.Edward's father) Becky Presley (S.Brock's friend)
- Virginia Lopez (E.Lopez's mother) Garret Reiser (R/Dee Gordon's family)
- Melinda Condrey (Hufnagle's friend) Chris Alstrin (L.Schulhof's friend)
- Richard Brinkley (S.Pruett's friend) Bob Jones (M.Stinson's uncle)
- Drew Butterfield (J/H Hodge's friend) Muriel Williams (S.Edward's friend)
- Ralph Ector, Snr (S.Edward's father) Kristen Kirby (S.Pruett's cousin)

PRAYERS FOR OUR SEMINARIAN

- * Adam Nieting & his wife Emily (Concordia Theological Seminary)

PRAYERS FOR OUR HOMEBOUND BROTHERS & SISTERS

- * Dot Fastenau * Bernard Smith * Jean Metcalf
- * Mark Clair * Carol Cook * Diana & Isabelle Hempel
- * Bertha Mertens * Helen Cline * Marilyn Saylor

Scripture and Prayer for Today:

"Ask, and you will receive; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks will receive, and anyone who seeks will find, and the door will be opened to those who knock...How much more, then, will your heavenly Father give good things to those who ask Him!" (Matthew 7:7-8, 11b)

Dear Father, come to our homebound brothers and sisters. Encourage them every day and give Your peace that passes all understanding. May they experience Your great love for them again and again. Fill them with the hope of everlasting life in Jesus. Be the Encourager and the Helper to their families and caregivers. In Jesus' Name we pray. Amen.

◇ = Emmanuel Lutheran Church Member

Emmanuel is a praying community. We believe the promise of God regarding His Word. If you would like to put someone on the prayer list, we need the following information:

- Your name
- Name of person to be added, and their relation to you (friend, relative, etc.)
- Nature of prayer concern (healing, grief, birth, thanks, etc.)

Please be sure to secure the person's permission before submitting their name — and to update us on their progress.

We want to share God's Answers!