



EMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL

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CALENDAR

Monday, November 20
10:00am VRQ Lunch

Tuesday, November 21
All ELS ECE & K-8 Early Release by 11:30am/12pm
9:30am Linus Blankets (Narthex)
10-11:30am ECE Grandparents & Special Friends Program

Wednesday, November 22
New Advent Devotionals will be available in the Narthex
All School Closed
12-12:30pm Church Midweek Service
7pm Thanksgiving Church Service

Thursday, November 23
Thanksgiving Day Holiday—Church & School Closed

Friday, November 24
Church & Office Open
6:00pm Pickleball (Gym)

Saturday, November 25 - N/A

Sunday, November 26
New Advent Devotional will be available in the Narthex
> **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)
9:45 am Confirmation Class (ch conf room)
9:45 am Choir Rehearsal
> **11:00 am Blended Service (sanctuary)**
1pm-3pm Food Pantry **OPEN**
6:00pm Hausman Bible Study

Senior Pastor: *Rev. Dr. Jeffrey Skopak*
Director of Christian Education: *Alexi Lundquist*
Principal: *Mark Edmiston*
Early Childhood Director: *Christine Smith*
Church Choir & Handbell Director: *A.L. Brown*
Praise/Worship Music/Band Director: *Heather Meulenberg*
Organist: *Lula Meulenberg*

Today's Servers	8:30AM	11:00AM
Acolytes:	Paige H.	Jacob K.
Lectors:	Kevin L	Doug P.
Ushers:	Stephanie & Jim	James & TBA
Communion:	Scott H & Rich B.	Dale P. & Joel H.
Elders:	Christi L.	Kevin L.

November Altar Guild
8:30am Stephanie Hanson
11:00am Barbara Sullivan

November Offering Counters
The DeBerry's

Tech /Sound Crew
8:30am Steve Taylor , Peter Linton
11:00am Steve Taylor, Lorenzo Lopez , Heather Meulenberg

This Week's Celebrations!

BIRTHDAYS:

11/19 Baldwin, Lisa; **11/19** Wuertz, Kimberly
11/20 Reece, Patti; **11/20** Roseman, Barbara
11/20 Waldkoetter, Frederick; **11/23** Bair, Noah
11/23 Leyva, Phillip; **11/24** Stinson, Marilynne
> *This Month's Non-Agenarian (90+):* N/A

ANNIVERSARIES: **11/22** DeBerry, Ed and Debbie

Last Service Attendance & Stats

Last Week's On-Campus Attendance
Last Sunday 8:30am - 65 persons; 11:00am - persons
Wednesday Noon - 17 persons

Last Sunday's Website & FaceBook Hits*
Website — 40 Facebook — 172

Last Open Food Pantry/VRQ data:

Sunday 11/12 served: 85 homes, and 354 people
Total OCT/NOV 2023 served: 575 homes: 1,458 people

Last Week's Offerings

General Weekly Offering needed: \$ 12,817.31
Last week General Offering received: \$ 8,260.53
Building Funds Received: \$ 350.00



EMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

November 19th, 2023

25th week after Pentecost

8:30 & 11:00 Services

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Our Vision: Fully Engaged—Biblically Passionate — Driven to Serve



Happening today during the 11am Service:

Walk in the LIGHT
ISAIAH 2:5

ELS Elementary
Students Sing at Church!
11am Service - Nov.19th

"WE ARE WALKING IN THE LIGHT"

Emmanuel Lutheran
RAMS

Sunday School/Bible Study Schedule!

All @ 9:45am:

Pre-K thru 5th Grade — Rm# 017 (K.Thorp)

Confirmation Class — Conf. Rm (A. Lundquist)

Adult Bible Study Class — Fellowship Hall (S.Hausman)



Grab-n-Go Food Pantry is **CLOSED** Today

The new Altar Cornucopia is given to the Glory of God by:

Carol & Ken Treadway—in honor of their 60th Wedding Anniversary!

25th week after Pentecost

8:30AM Worship Outline (DS2)

Call To Worship:

We Are Marching in the Light of God (Siyahamba)
arr. Eithun | Emmanuel Handbell Choir | Concordia#97-7637

Welcome and Announcements

OPENING HYMN: LSB 338

“Come Thou Long-Expected Jesus”

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“Christ the Eternal Lord”

The 2023 Thanksgiving dinner for Emmanuel Lutheran Church & School was a great success!

Thank you to everyone who came out to volunteer with their talents & skills to help with set up, beautiful decorating, food prep in the kitchen, carving of turkeys & hams, food prep in Your kitchen, serving, getting tables /chairs back where they belong, & final clean up of the gym & kitchen.

Students from the upper grades were fantastic at bringing in tables & chairs in to the gym. Great Job!

All of the food was wonderful. There are a lot of great cooks in our midst. Several folks wanted recipes for the dishes provided. That is a huge compliment to the cook!

The season of Thanksgiving is here. May God bless your families with an abundance of His love. I am very grateful for each of you. My favorite part of creating events is to see the fellowship that brings life to the event. That was very much a part of our time together as church & school, from the early onset to the close of the day there was great fellowship that will be long remembered.

In gratitude I am reminded of this scripture *“I thank my God for every remembrance of you.”* Philippians 1:3

God’s Richest Blessings for you & your families this season of Thanksgiving.

In His Service,

Shirley Parker

Hospitality Ministry—Emmanuel Lutheran Church

VIRTUAL PRAYER SERVICE

Prayer is ESSENTIAL to our Worship.

Join us this Sunday, November 19th @ 6pm (EST)

For more info contact Scott Hausman:

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Google Meet joining info

Video call link: <https://meet.google.com/ztx-cujq-gkv>

Or dial: (US) +1 530-421-8709 PIN: 792 947 235#

Operation Shoebox Deadline
This Monday 11/20 @ 12pm!



Ladies- Save the date! Saturday 12/16



EMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

November 19th, 2023

25th Sunday after Pentecost

11:00 am Service

PRELUDE

AS WE GATHER

The Last Day may come soon, but in the meantime, many people are neglecting to use their abilities and opportunities for God's purposes. Zephaniah writes that it will be a day of wrath and mourning. But for those who have realized God's blessings over the years, as Psalm 90 recalls, though the times are mean, each day is an opportunity to "encourage one another and build one another up" (1 Thessalonians 5:11). Today is an opportunity to hear God's very gracious Word, "well done!" and be strengthened to respond by using the talents He has loaned to us.

Call To Worship We Are Marching in the Light of God (Siyahamba) arr. Eithun
Emmanuel Handbell Choir

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING SONG Humility arr. Brown ELS Elementary Students

Lyrics: "Humble yourself, in the eyes of the Lord
and He will Lift you up" (James 4:10)

Students: Gilbert Arambulla, Isabella Arambulla, William Beard, Benjamin, Bryant-Ehrich, Camp Cranford, Liam Cranford, Rhett Dixon, Madison Elkin, Addy Hastings, Noah Jones, Knox LeBeau, Truett Leatherwood, Everett Lund, Alex Miller, Sylvia Modica, Georgia Moore, Lucas Munn, Nicole Navarro, Benjamin Noel, Jackson Reed, Aria Sanders, Reed Sellers, Kenleigh Short, Lennox Short, Sawyer Short, Jacob Shroyer, Huck Wilkins, Maezey Wilkins, Kelby Gross, & Dylan Saquicela.

INVOCATION

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

People: Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES *Zephaniah 1:7b; 1 Thessalonians 5:11; Matthew 25:29*

Pastor: The LORD has prepared a sacrifice

People: and consecrated His guests.

Pastor: Encourage one another

People: and build one another up.

Pastor: To everyone who has will more be given,

People: and he will have an abundance.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION *1 John 1:8-9; Psalm 90:17*

Pastor: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

People: But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Pastor: Let us in all honesty hear His Word again and confess our sins.
The Lord has consecrated His guests,

People: but we have been more attentive to the things of this world. Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us.

Pastor: Build one another up,

People: but we are used to the darkness of this world and fear His coming like a thief in the night. Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us.

Pastor: To everyone who has will more be given,

People: but we seldom recognize the abilities and opportunities He has given. Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us.

Pastor: The favor of the Lord is on you! 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.

HYMN OF PRAISE “We Praise You”

(Verse 1)

Let praise be a weapon that silences the enemy
Let praise be a weapon that conquers all anxiety
Let it rise let praise arise

(Verse 2)

We sing Your name in the dark and it changes ev'rything
We sing with all we are and we claim Your victory
Let it rise let praise arise

(Chorus)

**We'll see you break down ev'ry wall
We'll watch the giants fall
For fear cannot survive when we praise You
The God of breakthrough's on our side
Forever lift Him high
With all creation cry God we praise You
Oh we praise You**

(Verse 3)

Let faith be the song that overcomes the raging sea
Let faith be the song that calms the storm inside of me
Let it rise let faith arise

(Chorus)

**We'll see you break down ev'ry wall
We'll watch the giants fall
For fear cannot survive when we praise You
The God of breakthrough's on our side
Forever lift Him high
With all creation cry God we praise You
Oh we praise You. Oh we praise You. Oh we praise You.**

(Chorus)

**We'll see you break down ev'ry wall
We'll watch the giants fall
For fear cannot survive when we praise You
The God of breakthrough's on our side
Forever lift Him high
With all creation cry God we praise You**

(Repeat Chorus)

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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 and ever-living God, You have given exceedingly great and precious promises to those who trust in You. Dispel from us the works of darkness and grant us to live in the light of Your Son, Jesus Christ, that our faith may never be found wanting; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Let us pray. Lord God, heavenly Father, send forth Your Son to lead home His Bride, the Church, that with all the company of the redeemed we may finally enter into His eternal wedding feast; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Zephaniah 1:7–16* The Day of the Lord Is Near

⁷ Be silent before the Lord God!

For the day of the Lord is near;
the Lord has prepared a sacrifice
and consecrated his guests.

⁸ And on the day of the Lord's sacrifice—

“I will punish the officials and the king's sons
and all who array themselves in foreign attire.

⁹ On that day I will punish
everyone who leaps over the threshold,
and those who fill their master's^[a] house
with violence and fraud.

¹⁰ “On that day,” declares the Lord,
“a cry will be heard from the Fish Gate,
a wail from the Second Quarter,
a loud crash from the hills.

¹¹ Wail, O inhabitants of the Mortar!
For all the traders^[b] are no more;
all who weigh out silver are cut off.

¹² At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps,
and I will punish the men
who are complacent,

those who say in their hearts,
‘The Lord will not do good,
nor will he do ill.’

¹³ Their goods shall be plundered,
and their houses laid waste.

Though they build houses,
they shall not inhabit them;
though they plant vineyards,
they shall not drink wine from them.”

¹⁴ The great day of the Lord is near,
near and hastening fast;
the sound of the day of the Lord is bitter;
the mighty man cries aloud there.

¹⁵ A day of wrath is that day,
a day of distress and anguish,
a day of ruin and devastation,
a day of darkness and gloom,
a day of clouds and thick darkness,
¹⁶ a day of trumpet blast and battle cry
against the fortified cities
and against the lofty battlements.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE *1 Thessalonians 5:1–11* The Day of the Lord

¹ Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers, you have no need to have anything written to you. ² For you yourselves are fully aware that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. ³ While people are saying, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and they will not escape. ⁴ But you are not in darkness, brothers, for that day to surprise you like a thief. ⁵ For you are all children^[b] of light, children of the day. We are not of the night or of the darkness. ⁶ So then let us not sleep, as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober. ⁷ For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk, are drunk at night. ⁸ But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, having put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. ⁹ For God has not destined us for wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, ¹⁰ who died for us so that whether we are awake or asleep we might live with him. ¹¹ Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

HOLY GOSPEL *Matthew 25 :14-30* The Parable of the Talents

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

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

¹⁴ "For it will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants^[a] and entrusted to them his property. ¹⁵ To one he gave five talents,^[b] to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. ¹⁶ He who had received the five talents went at once and traded with them, and he made five talents more. ¹⁷ So also he who had the two talents made two talents more. ¹⁸ But he who had received the one talent went and dug in the ground and hid his master's money. ¹⁹ Now after a long time the master of those servants came and settled accounts with them. ²⁰ And he who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five talents more, saying, 'Master, you delivered to me five talents; here, I have made five talents more.' ²¹ His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant.^[c] You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.' ²² And he also who had the two talents came forward, saying, 'Master, you delivered to me two talents; here, I have made two talents more.' ²³ His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.' ²⁴ He also who had received the one talent came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you scattered no seed, ²⁵ so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here, you have what is yours.' ²⁶ But his master answered him, 'You wicked and slothful servant! You knew that I reap where I have not sown and gather where I scattered no seed? ²⁷ Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and at my coming I should have received what was my own with interest. ²⁸ So take the talent from him and give it to him who has the ten talents. ²⁹ For to everyone who has will more be given, and he will have an abundance. But from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away. ³⁰ And cast the worthless servant into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

SONG of the Day “Goodness of God”

(VERSE 1)

I love You Lord, Oh Your mercy never fails me
All my days, I've been held in Your hands
From the moment that I wake up. Until I lay my head
I will sing of the goodness of God

(CHORUS)

**All my life You have been faithful
All my life You have been so so good
With every breath that I am able
I will sing of the goodness of God**

(VERSE 2)

I love Your voice, You have led me through the fire
In darkest night, You are close like no other
I've known You as a father, I've known You as a friend
I have lived in the goodness of God

(SING THE CHORUS)

(BRIDGE)

Your goodness is running after, It's running after me
Your goodness is running after, It's running after me
With my life laid down, I'm surrendered now
I give You everything
Your goodness is running after, It's running after me

(REPEAT BRIDGE)

(SING CHORUS)

I will sing, of the goodness of God

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SERMON “His Investment” *Matthew 25:14-30*

APOSTLES’ CREED

☩ 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.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

LORD’S PRAYER

OFFERING

OFFERTORY 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

Song continues on to next page

(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
 . live for You We live for You

(Chorus)**(Bridge)**

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

(Repeat Bridge)**(Chorus)****(Repeat Chorus)**

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PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy and sent Your only-begotten Son to be our Savior. Gathered in His name we ask 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 in these last days. Gather us together, we pray, with all who have heard the Gospel and have come to faith, who with us shall receive Your “well done” commendation. 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.”

PAX DOMINI

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

People: Amen.

DISTRIBUTION**DISTRIBUTION HYMNS LSB 628 “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.
- 3 Your body and Your blood,
Once slain and shed for me,
Are taken at Your table, Lord,
In blest reality.

- 4 Search not how this takes place,
This wondrous mystery;
God can accomplish vastly more
Than what we think could be.
- 5 O grant, most blessed Lord,
That earth and hell combined
May not about this sacrament
Raise doubt within my mind.
- 6 Oh, may I never fail
To thank You day and night
For Your true body and true blood,
O God, my peace and light.

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

LSB 563 “Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness”

- 1 Jesus, Thy blood and righteousness
My beauty are, my glorious dress;
Midst flaming worlds, in these arrayed,
With joy shall I lift up my head.
- 2 Bold shall I stand in that great day,
Cleansed and redeemed, no debt to pay;
Fully absolved through these I am
From sin and fear, from guilt and shame.
- 3 Lord, I believe Thy precious blood,
Which at the mercy seat of God
Pleads for the captives’ liberty,
Was also shed in love for me.

- 4 Lord, I believe, were sinners more
Than sands upon the ocean shore,
Thou hast for all a ransom paid,
For all a full atonement made.
- 5 When from the dust of death I rise
To claim my mansion in the skies,
This then shall be my only plea:
Jesus hath lived and died for me.
- 6 Jesus, be endless praise to Thee,
Whose boundless mercy hath for me,
For me, and all Thy hands have made,
An everlasting ransom paid.

Text: Nicolaus Ludwig von Zinzendorf, 1700–60; tr. John B. Wesley, 1703–91, alt. Text: Public domain

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Let us pray. We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, 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 Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

People: **Amen.**

CLOSING SONG **Siyahamba** arr. Moore ONELicense #232023

ELS Elementary Students, with special guest musicians:

Nick Black, congas; Jacob Kanelos, tambourine; Steve Taylor, maracas

DISMISSAL

Pastor: Go in peace as you serve the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**



Emmanuel Lutheran Prayer List

The Week of November 19th, 2023

HEALTH, HEALING AND OTHER NEEDS

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 You."

(New or updated prayers are in **BOLD**)

- ◇ **Carol Bruckner** **Spinal Surgery on 11/28. She will be in this hospital for 2 nights. Prayers for swift healing and surgery success.**
- ◇ Tommy Ridgeway (S.Roby-Elder) Staph infection in knee after surgery. Prayers for healing, patience, & comfort for he & Kathy.
- Tim Jacobson (N.Pursley's nephew) Received Heart Transplant 11-8-23. Prayers for restoration of health & grant full life.
- Family of Jay Vestal (S.Brock) Jay Vestal passed away recently. **Prayers for comfort to his family as they mourn.**
- ◇ Gloria Spude She will be having left shoulder surgery on 11/8. Prayers for successful surgery and swift healing.
- Grant Moss (G.Bailey) Young father w/Stage 4 Colon Cancer; former neighbor of Krista & Bryan A. Prayers are for HEALING!
- ◇ Christi Lorenz (K. Lorenz) Christi suffered a bad fall recently & is recovering at home. Prayers are for quick recovery.
- ◇ **Patti Reece** Having back surgery on 11/22 at Pardee Hospital. A 4-6 week at home recovery. Prayers for rest & strong recovery.
- ◇ Stephanie Hanson She has some recent health concerns . Prayer are for good health, strength, and a peaceful mind.
- ◇ **Doug Greene** Doug's brain tumor has spread, he has now been placed in palliative care; prayers are for God's comfort & peace. .
- ◇ **Cynthia Cline** Started chemo treatments; prayers for success and healing

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

- ◇ Doug Greene Sam Leder (V.Stinson's cousin)
- ◇ Marilyn Saylor Muriel Williams (S.Edward's friend)
- ◇ Emily Nieting Don Young (P/CJ Reece)
- ◇ Cynthia Cline Hubert Hicks (C.Cline's friend)
- ◇ Helen Cline Ann Melious (P/H McCarthy family)
- ◇ Marjorie Locke Jenny Buckner (C.Cline's neighbor)
- ◇ Ken Treadway Carol Harris (S.Ude's friend)
- ◇ Mike Walker Robin Worley (J.Kearley's friend)
- ◇ Julia Kearley Min Soo Lee (E.Bailey's friend)
- ◇ C.J. Reece Janice (L.Giese's friend)
- ◇ Dale Wooten Antonia Simpson (L.Meulenberg's friend)
- Jan Williams (C.Waites Mother) Bob Frey (D.Wooten's friend)
- Lynn Case-Scott (S.Buckner'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)
- Virginia Lopez (E.Lopez's mother)
- Melinda Condrey (Hufnagle's friend)
- Richard Brinkley (S.Pruett's friend)
- Drew Butterfield (J/H Hodge's friend)
- Ralph Ector, Snr (S.Edward's father)
- Becky Presley (S.Brock's friend)
- Garret Reiser (R/Dee Gordon's family)
- Chris Alstrin (L.Schulhof's friend)
- Bob Jones (M.Stinson's uncle)
- Muriel Williams (S.Edward's friend)
- Kristen Kirby (S.Pruett's cousin)

PRAYERS FOR OUR SEMINARIAN

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

PRAYERS FOR OUR HOMEBOUND MEMBER BROTHERS & SISTERS

- * Dot Fastenau
- * Teenie Smathers
- * Bertha Mertens
- * Marjorie Locke
- * Jean Metcalf
- * Marjorie Yelton
- * Helen Cline
- * Tommy & Kathy Ridgeway
- * Marilyn Saylor
- * Diana & Isabelle Hempel
- * Ray & Glenda Bailey

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.

◇ = 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!

His Investment...
Matthew 25:14-30

The only true measure of _____ is the ratio between what we might have been and what we have _____

- I. Pursuing Your _____
 - A. It begins with knowing your life's _____
 - 1. The nation of _____ dropped the ball
 - 2. Jesus was going to hand this task over to the _____ to accomplish His purposes
 - B. Matthew _____
 - 1. God has _____ everyone here with some kind of talent
 - 2. God has invested large amounts of talents, _____, time, experiences and resources in our lives. He wants to see a return on His _____
 - C. Reaching your spiritual potential doesn't necessarily mean you'll be the _____ at something
 - 1. It's not about _____. It's about _____
 - 2. Going after your potential will bring you a sense of _____ and _____
- II. Beware of the _____
 - A. Matthew _____
 - 1. When you know your spiritual _____ you have got to focus to reach your potential
 - 2. This helps you _____ your time
 - B. When you know your spiritual purpose and _____ to it you will find quickly that to reach your potential you have to cut many things out
 - 1. The Example of _____
 - 2. You will only reach your spiritual potential if you _____ the field of objectives
- III. _____ to God

- A. Matthew _____
 - 1. Because the Servants were striving for continual improvement they were _____ with more responsibility
 - 2. Pursuing our spiritual potential has that _____ character
- B. Matthew _____
 - 1. All the servant had to offer was _____
 - 2. Excuses won't hold water when you _____ before God
- C. Matthew _____
 - 1. The Servant really didn't _____ his master
 - 2. We can only reach our Spiritual Potential when we are in a committed, loving relationship with _____ through _____

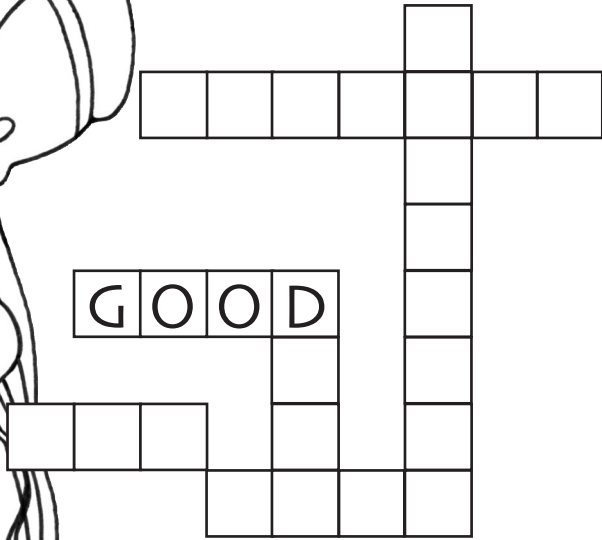
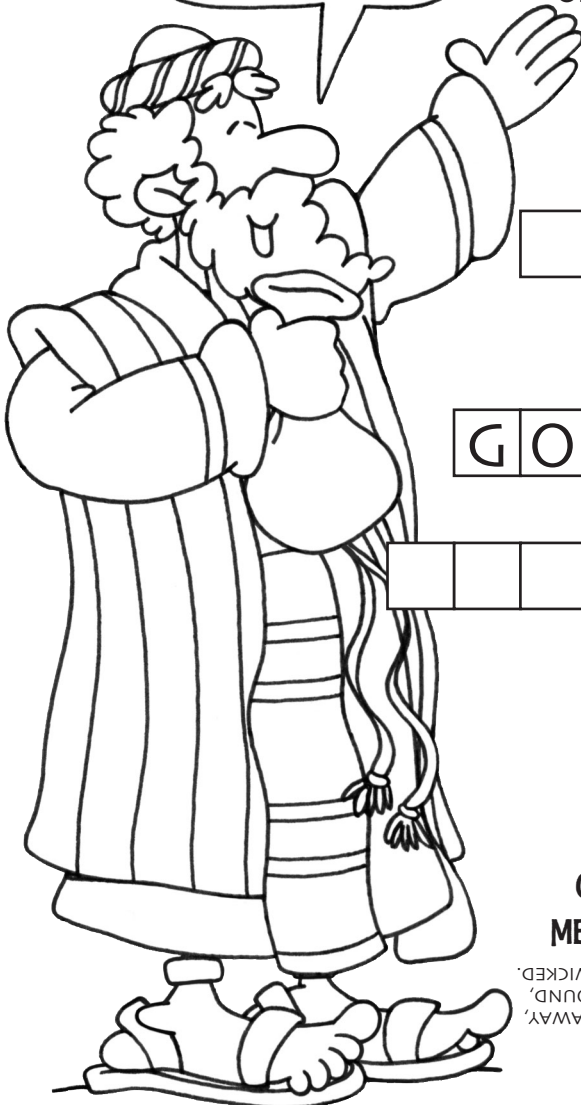


When we receive what Jesus has done for us we can begin to love Him in return. Once we know our Savior, truly know Him, we quite _____ begin pursuing our potential for His sake

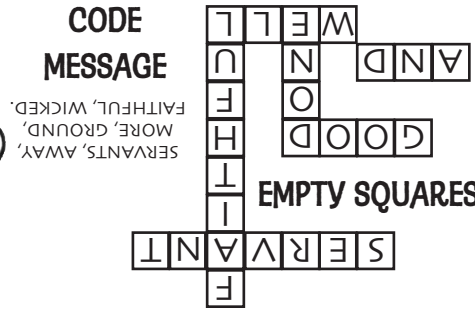
Well done,
good and faithful
servant!

EMPTY SQUARES

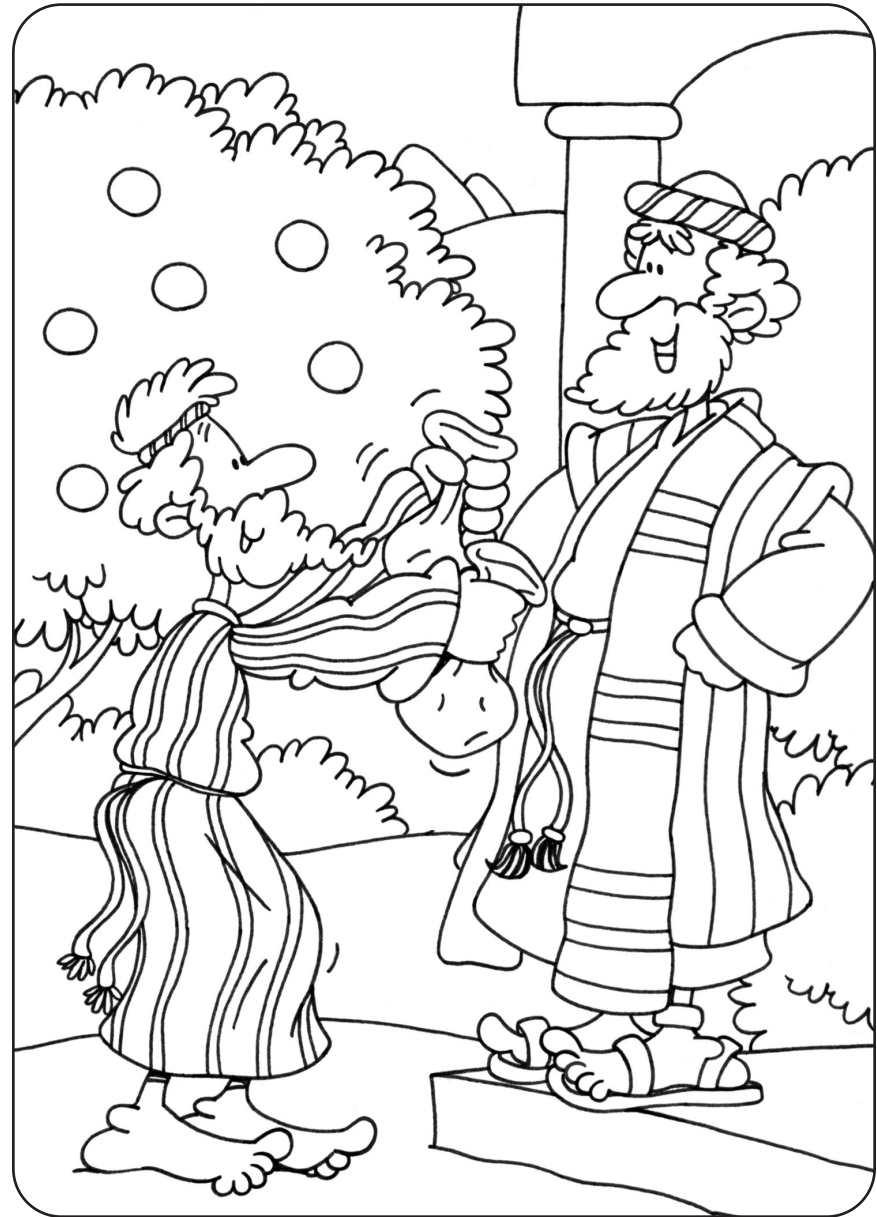
See if you can put the man's words into the squares below. One word has been done for you.



ANSWERS



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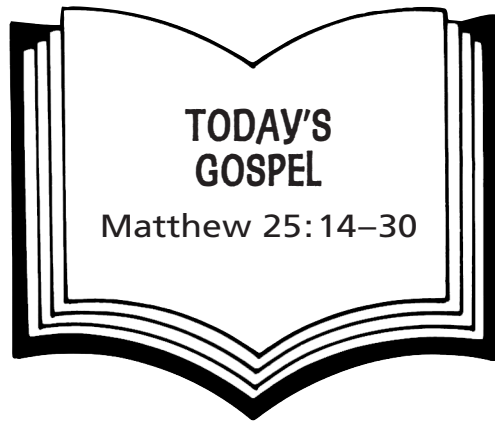


Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much.
Matthew 25:21

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CODE MESSAGE

To find out the story Jesus told, write the correct letter under each number. The key will tell you which letter to write.



19 5 18 22 1 14 20 19

A man gave his _____ some coins.

1 23 1 25

Then he went _____.

13 15 18 5

The first two servants used the coins to earn _____ coins.

7 18 15 21 14 4

But the third buried his coin in the _____.

The man said to the first two, "Well done, good and

6 1 9 20 8 6 21 12

_____ servant."

23 9 3 11 5 4

He called the third servant _____.

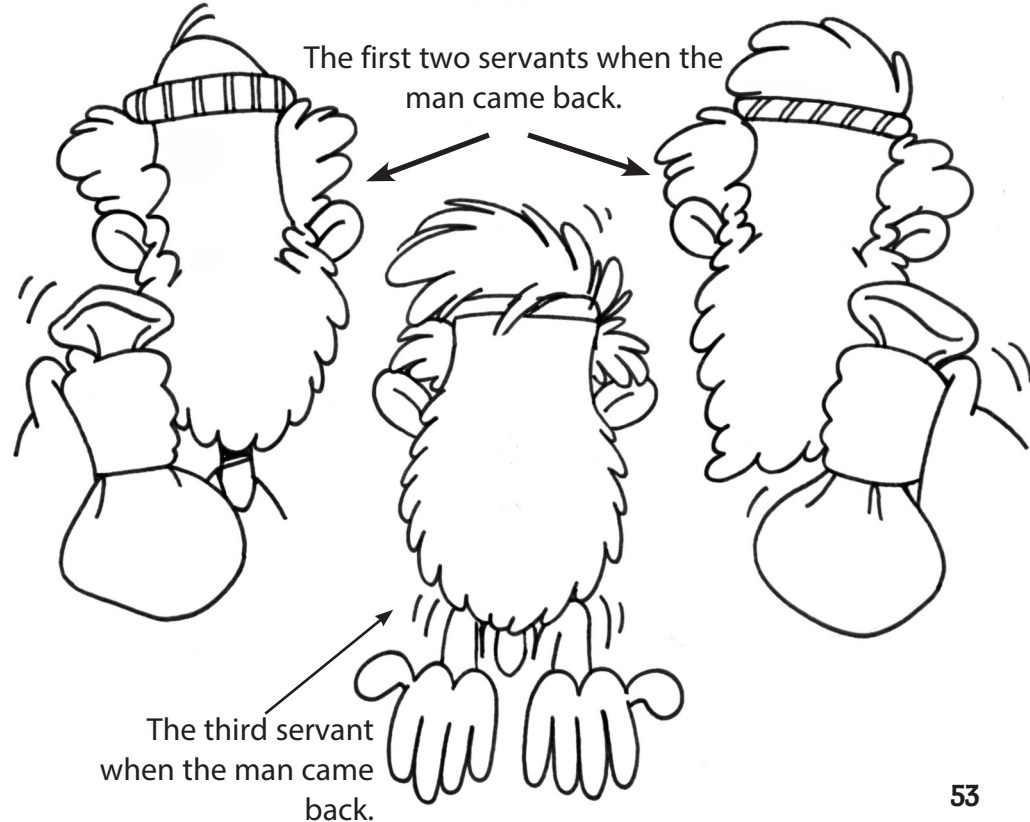
SOMETHING TO DRAW

Draw faces for these people from the Gospel.

The three servants before the man went away.



The first two servants when the man came back.



The third servant when the man came back.

1=A	2=B	3=C	4=D	5=E	6=F	7=G
8=H	9=I	10=J	11=K	12=L	13=M	14=N
15=O	16=P	17=Q	18=R	19=S	20=T	21=U
22=V	23=W	24=X	25=Y	26=Z		

key