



EMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL

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CALENDAR

Monday, November 27

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

Tuesday, November 28

2pm Hardesty Bible Study

Wednesday, November 29

12-12:30pm Church Midweek Service

6:00pm Handbells Practice
6:45pm Choir Practice

Thursday, November 30

N/A

Friday, December 1

No pickleball in December

Saturday, December 2

7:30am Men's Prayer Breakfast

Sunday, December 3

ADVENT BEGINS

> 8:30 am Traditional Service (sanctuary) - Handbells!

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)

1 - 3pm Food Pantry CLOSED

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*

Servers	8:30am	11:00am
Acolytes:	Eli Allen*	Mason Franklin
Lectors:	Janelle Lanham	Lisa Baldwin
Ushers:	Alan & Kandi Tarrant	Joel Helms
Communion:	Scott Hausman	Deb Deberry & Doug Piercy
Elders:	Susan Roby	Vaughn Stinson

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 David Mehrling/Bryce Gleason

This Week's Celebrations!

BIRTHDAYS:

11/26 Huff, Michelle, & Martin, Zoe
11/27 Carpenter, James; 11/28 Schulhof, Scott;
11/29 Hardesty, Margaret (Peg) & Kapugi, Steven;
11/30 McFarland, Samuel

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

ANNIVERSARIES: N/A

Last Service Attendance & Stats

Last Week's On-Campus Attendance

Last Sunday: 8:30am - 55 persons; 11:00am - 163 persons

Last Wednesday Noon & 7pm: 35 persons, (online : 12)

Last Sunday's Website & FaceBook Hits*

Website: 35 Facebook: 116

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: \$ 7,083.17
Building Funds Received: \$ 400.00



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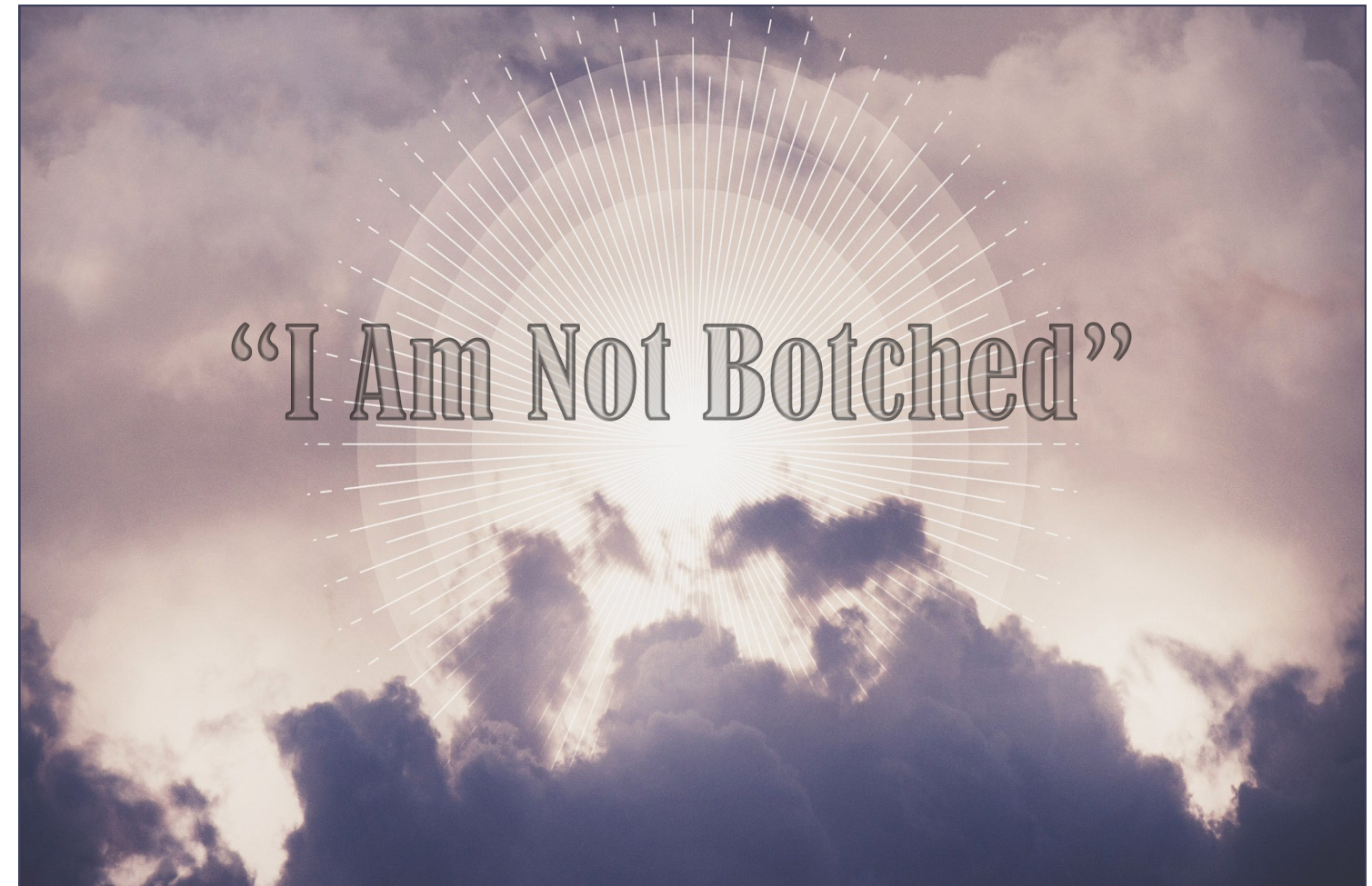
November 26th, 2023

26th week after Pentecost

8:30am & 11:00am Services

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



Matthew 25:31-46

Services in December: Sun. 12/3*, Wed. 12/6*, Sun. 12/10*, Wed. 12/13*, Sun. 12/17*, Wed. 12/20*, Sun. 12/24*, Mon. 12/25, & Sun. 12/31

* denotes more than 1 services that day

Sunday School/Bible Study Schedule!

At 9:45am:

Confirmation Class — Conf. Rm (A. Lundquist)
 Adult Bible Study Class — Fellowship Hall (S.Hausman)
 * No Children's Sunday School today*

Grab-n-Go Food Pantry is OPEN Today 1pm-3pm

**Today's Altar flower's are given to the Glory of God by:
 Alan & Kandi Tarrant**

26th week after Pentecost

8:30AM Worship Outline (DS3)



New Advent Devotionals now available in the Narthex
 & "Peace Came To Us" mail coming to you!

Peace Came To Us



- > **Join our email list!** Go to our website, then "How Do I" from the top menu, & select "Join the Email List"
- > **More Sunday Server Volunteers needed!** Please contact the Church Office if interested.
- > **No Pickleball** (Fridays) in December

Call To Worship: Eternal Light Olive Dungan
 A. L. Brown, solo

Welcome and Announcements

OPENING HYMN: LSB 905
 "COME, THOU ALMIGHTY KING"

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 "The Day is Surely Drawing Near"

The Sermon: "I Am Not Botched"
 Matthew 25:31-46

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 LSB 845 "Where Charity and Love Prevail"

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Post-Communion Collect: pgs. 199, 200

Salutation and Benedicamus: pgs. 201,202

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Closing Hymn: LSB 680
 "Thine the Amen, Thine the Praise"

ELS 4th Grade Fundraisers!

**ELS
 WREATH SALE**

**4TH GRADE FUNDRAISER
 SPRING OUTER BANKS TRIP!
 ORDER FORMS & PAYMENT DUE 11/27**

**Krispy Kreme
 DOUGHNUTS**

ELS 4th Grade Trip Fundraiser!
 Order online with link - Ask office for more info

\$15 PER DOZEN **50% OF YOUR ORDER
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Ladies- Save the date! Saturday 12/16

Ladies - Save the Date!

Candles & Carols 2023
 Emmanuel Lutheran Church Sanctuary & Narthex

Saturday December 16th, 3:00-5:00pm

EMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

November 26th, 2023

26th Sunday after Pentecost

11:00 am Service

PRELUDE

AS WE GATHER

Too often we think about God being up in His heaven, looking down on us. Today's readings give us the correct perspective. Through Ezekiel, God announces that He is the One who will provide pasture for His people and that He will send them David to be their king. In the Psalm, we reflect that God is our maker. Christ is not only the first to rise from death, Paul explains in the Epistle; He is also the foremost, the One to subject all things under Him. And so His decisions when judging on the Last Day cannot be questioned. First and foremost, then, today is a day to let God's Word give us a correct perspective. This last Sunday of the Church Year is an opportunity to "make a joyful noise to Him with songs of praise" (Psalm 95:2).

Call To Worship

Eternal Light

Olive Dungan

A. L. Brown, solo

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING SONG "O Worship the King

Verse 1

O worship the King all glorious above
O gratefully sing His wonderful love
Our Shield and Defender the Ancient of Days
Pavilioned in splendor and girded with praise

Verse 2

O tell of His might O sing of His grace
Whose robe is the light and canopy space
His chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form
And dark is His path on the wings of the storm

Chorus

**You alone are the matchless King, to You alone be all majesty
Your glories and wonders, what tongue can recite
You breathe in the air, You shine in the light**

Verse 3

O measureless might ineffable love
While angels delight to worship above
Thy mercies how tender how firm to the end
Our Maker Defender Redeemer and Friend

Chorus

**You alone are the matchless King, to You alone be all majesty
Your glories and wonders, what tongue can recite
You breathe in the air, You shine in the light
Shine in the light, You shine in the light**

(Sing Verse 1 Again)

INVOCATION

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

People: Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION *Ezekiel 34:11; 1 Corinthians 15:27*

Pastor: Let us confess our unworthiness and ask His grace and mercy. Through Ezekiel, God said that He would “search for My sheep and will seek them out.”

People: **We confess that we have wandered away as erring sheep, preferring the pleasures of this world rather than the rich pastures You have provided. Forgive us, O Lord.**

Pastor: Paul wrote that “God has put all things in subjection under [Christ’s] feet.”

People: **We confess that we have not always been loyal subjects of our Lord, but have made decisions based on our own thoughts and desires. Forgive us, O Lord.**

Pastor: Jesus foretold that He will judge people about how they treated others—the hungry, strangers, and prisoners.

People: **We confess that we have not always sought to share Your love and meet the needs of the people around us. We cannot change without Your grace, mercy, and strength. Forgive us, O Lord.**

Pastor: Rejoice! The One who comes to judge is the same Jesus who is the one who gave His body and shed His blood for you on the cross. He is the first to rise from death, and by His grace we shall follow Him to His eternal kingdom. 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. Thanks be to God.

HYMN OF PRAISE “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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SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray. Eternal God, merciful Father, You have appointed Your Son as judge of the living and the dead. Enable us to wait for the day of His return with our eyes fixed on the kingdom prepared for Your own from the foundation of the world; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Ezekiel 34:11–16, 20–24*

¹¹“For thus says the Lord God: Behold, I, I myself will search for my sheep and will seek them out. ¹²As a shepherd seeks out his flock when he is among his sheep that have been scattered, so will I seek out my sheep, and I will rescue them from all places where they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. ¹³And I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land. And I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the ravines, and in all the inhabited places of the country. ¹⁴I will feed them with good pasture, and on the mountain heights of Israel shall be their grazing land. There they shall lie down in good grazing land, and on rich pasture they shall feed on the mountains of Israel. ¹⁵I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I myself will make them lie down, declares the Lord God. ¹⁶I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, and the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them in justice.

²⁰“Therefore, thus says the Lord God to them: Behold, I, I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. ²¹Because you push with side and shoulder, and thrust at all the weak with your horns, till you have scattered them abroad, ²²I will rescue^[a] my flock; they shall no longer be a prey. And I will judge between sheep and sheep. ²³And I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. ²⁴And I, the Lord, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them. I am the Lord; I have spoken.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE *1 Corinthians 15:20–28*

²⁰But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. ²¹For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. ²²For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. ²³But each in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. ²⁴Then comes the end, when he delivers the kingdom to God the Father after destroying every rule and every authority and power. ²⁵For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. ²⁶The last enemy to be destroyed is death. ²⁷For “God^[a] has put all things in subjection under his feet.” But when it says, “all things are put in subjection,” it is plain that he is excepted who put all things in subjection under him. ²⁸When all things are subjected to him, then the Son himself will also be subjected to him who put all things in subjection under him, that God may be all in all.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

HOLY GOSPEL *Matthew 25: 31-46*

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

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

³¹ “When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on his glorious throne. ³² Before him will be gathered all the nations, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. ³³ And he will place the sheep on his right, but the goats on the left. ³⁴ Then the King will say to those on his right, ‘Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. ³⁵ For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, ³⁶ I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me.’ ³⁷ Then the righteous will answer him, saying, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? ³⁸ And when did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? ³⁹ And when did we see you sick or in prison and visit you?’ ⁴⁰ And the King will answer them, ‘Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers,^[a] you did it to me.’

⁴¹ “Then he will say to those on his left, ‘Depart from me, you cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. ⁴² For I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me no drink, ⁴³ I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not clothe me, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.’ ⁴⁴ Then they also will answer, saying, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to you?’ ⁴⁵ Then he will answer them, saying, ‘Truly, I say to you, as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.’ ⁴⁶ And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.”

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

HYMN of the DAY LSB 508, VV.1,5-7 “The Day Is Surely Drawing Near”

1 The day is surely drawing near
When Jesus, God’s anointed,
In all His power shall appear
As judge whom God appointed.
Then fright shall banish idle mirth,
And flames on flames shall ravage earth
As Scripture long has warned us.
5 My Savior paid the debt I owe
And for my sin was smitten;
Within the Book of Life I know
My name has now been written.
I will not doubt, for I am free,
And Satan cannot threaten me;
There is no condemnation!

6 May Christ our intercessor be
And through His blood and merit
Read from His book that we are free
With all who life inherit.
Then we shall see Him face to face,
With all His saints in that blest place
Which He has purchased for us.
7 O Jesus Christ, do not delay,
But hasten our salvation;
We often tremble on our way
In fear and tribulation.
O hear and grant our fervent plea:
Come, mighty judge, and set us free
From death and ev’ry evil.

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SERMON *"I Am Not Botched"* *Matthew 25:31-46*

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 *"King of Kings"*

(Verse 1)

In the darkness we were waiting, without hope without light.
Till from Heaven You came running, there was mercy in Your eyes.
To fulfill the law and prophets, to a virgin came the Word.
From a throne of endless glory, to a cradle in the dirt.

(Chorus)

**Praise the Father. Praise the Son.
Praise the Spirit three in one
God of Glory. Majesty.
Praise forever to the King of Kings.**

(Verse 2)

To reveal the kingdom coming, and to reconcile the lost.
To redeem the whole creation, you did not despise the cross.
For even in Your suffering, you saw to the other side.
Knowing this was our salvation, Jesus for our sake You died.

(Chorus ^)

(Verse 3)

And the morning that You rose, all of heaven held its breath.
Till that stone was moved for good, for the Lamb had conquered death.
And the dead rose from their tombs, and the angels stood in awe.
For the souls of all who'd come, to the Father are restored.

(Verse 4)

And the Church of Christ was born, then the Spirit lit the flame.
Now this Gospel truth of old, shall not kneel shall not faint.
By His blood and in His Name, in His freedom I am free.
For the love of Jesus Christ, who has resurrected me.

(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.”

AGNUS DEI LSB 434 “Lamb of God, Pure and Holy”

1 Lamb of God, pure and holy,
Who on the cross didst suffer,
Ever patient and lowly,
Thyself to scorn didst offer.
All sins Thou borest for us,
Else had despair reigned o’er us:
Have mercy on us, O Jesus! O Jesus!

3 Lamb of God, pure and holy,
Who on the cross didst suffer,
Ever patient and lowly,
Thyself to scorn didst offer.
All sins Thou borest for us,
Else had despair reigned o’er us:
Thy peace be with us, O Jesus! O Jesus!

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DISTRIBUTION

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

LSB 709 “The King of Love My Shepherd Is”

- 1 The King of love my shepherd is,
Whose goodness faileth never;
I nothing lack if I am His
And He is mine forever.
- 2 Where streams of living water flow,
My ransomed soul He leadeth
And, where the verdant pastures grow,
With food celestial feedeth.
- 3 Perverse and foolish oft I strayed,
But yet in love He sought me
And on His shoulder gently laid
And home rejoicing brought me.

- 4 In death’s dark vale I fear no ill
With Thee, dear Lord, beside me,
Thy rod and staff my comfort still,
Thy cross before to guide me.
- 5 Thou spreadst a table in my sight;
Thine unction grace bestoweth;
And, oh, what transport of delight
From Thy pure chalice floweth!
- 6 And so through all the length of days
Thy goodness faileth never;
Good Shepherd, may I sing Thy praise
Within Thy house forever!

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LSB 845 “Where Charity and Love Prevail”

- 1 Where charity and love prevail
There God is ever found;
Brought here together by Christ’s love
By love are we thus bound.
- 2 With grateful joy and holy fear
His charity we learn;
Let us with heart and mind and soul
Now love Him in return.
- 3 Forgive we now each other’s faults
As we our faults confess,
And let us love each other well
In Christian holiness.

- 4 Let strife among us be unknown;
Let all contention cease;
Be God’s the glory that we seek;
Be ours His holy peace.
- 5 Let us recall that in our midst
Dwells Christ, His only Son;
As members of His body joined
We are in Him made one.
- 6 For love excludes no race or clan
That names the Savior’s name;
His family embraces all
Whose Father is the same.

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POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son’s body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith so that we daily show forth His love and mercy until that day when we see Him face to face to celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end; 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 “Build Your Kingdom Here”

Verse 1

Come set Your rule and reign
In our hearts again
Increase in us we pray
Unveil why we're made
Come set our hearts ablaze with hope
Like wildfire in our very souls
Holy Spirit, come invade us now
We are Your church
We need Your power in us

Verse 2

We seek Your kingdom first
We hunger and we thirst
Refuse to waste our lives
For You're our joy and prize
To see the captive hearts released
The hurt, the sick, the poor at peace
We lay down our lives for Heaven's cause
We are Your church
We pray revive this Earth

Chorus

***Build Your kingdom here
Let the darkness fear
Show Your mighty hand
Heal our streets and land
Set Your church on fire
Win this nation back
Change the atmosphere
Build Your kingdom here
We pray***

Verse 3

Unleash Your kingdom's power
Reaching the near and far
No force of Hell can stop
Your beauty changing hearts
'Cause You made us for much more than this
Awake the kingdom seed in us
Fill us with the strength and love of Christ
We are Your church
We are the hope on earth

Chorus

***Build Your kingdom here
Let the darkness fear
Show Your mighty hand
Heal our streets and land
Set Your church on fire
Win this nation back
Change the atmosphere
Build Your kingdom here
We pray***

(repeat 1 more time)

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DISMISSAL

Pastor: Go in peace as you serve the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

I'm Not Botched
Matthew 25:31-46

"Do we _____ up?...am I one of the _____ or one of the _____?"

- I. The Coming _____...
- A. A _____ where the eternity of all people will be determined
1. A time when all that we _____ won't mean anything
 - a. High cheek bones, designer _____, fancy cars...
 - b. The only thing that will matter: will I be on Jesus' _____ (a goat) or on Jesus' right (a _____)
 2. The people on the _____ are shocked that they missed the boat
 - a. They don't have a _____
 - b. They couldn't know because they never took the _____ to notice
 - c. They lived _____ - _____ lives in the face of human suffering and need
- B. What we find surprising here is _____
1. He is not the kindly _____; the _____ Messiah - rather, He is the Judge who says: "Depart from me - go into the eternal fires"
 2. "You lived only for _____; you never helped the _____; you had no _____ for the hungry and naked - you have lived a life only about _____
- C. At first glance it appears that the basis for the judgment of Jesus was on how those on his left treated the _____
1. People often twist this story to teach that people are to _____ their way to heaven by serving the poor
 2. "IF...." - BUT that is dead wrong!
- II. The Evidence of the _____
- A. Deeds in kind to serve and assist the poor are vice of what is in the _____ - they are not a ticket to heaven
1. Deeds of kindness occur because people want to show the same kind of love and mercy that God has shown to _____

2. When he sends those on His left away to He is really telling them that they possess a cold, dead, self-centered

3. Lack of _____ is evidence that saving faith isn't present

- B. Jesus speaks to those on His right: Matthew _____
1. The sheep were _____ that their acts of kindness honored Jesus
 2. The Key Verse: _____
 - a. The sheep no more deserve the kingdom than the _____ on Jesus' left
 - b. BUT because the sheep are blessed by the Father - heaven is theirs...God offered _____ and _____ and saving faith and they grasped it!
- C. Those on Jesus' right are _____ to learn that they have done so much to honor their Lord
1. Being kind doesn't require _____ strength - just faith in Jesus
 2. When sheep aren't thanked they keep on _____
 3. It is Christ's _____ that drives them - it is Christ that _____ them

Jesus said: "You are mine...you do _____ up...I made sure that you did. My death on the cross was for you. My resurrection is yours. My Father has _____ you by giving you the faith to grasp it through His Word. And the Holy Spirit has changed you into _____ - people who serve God and often don't even know it! You are blessed...and you are _____"





Emmanuel Lutheran Prayer List

The Week of November 26th, 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**)

- ◇ **Bill & Mary Hufnagle** **Suffering from heavy flu symptom. Prayers for comfort and steadfast healing.**
- ◇ **Rick Herman** **Having surgery on 12/5 to remove growth from colon for analysis, & having appendix removed. Prayer that hospital stay will be minimal & recovery rapid.**
- ◇ Patti Reece Having back surgery **on 11/21** at Pardee Hospital. A 4-6 week at home recovery. Prayers for rest & strong recovery.
- ◇ Carol Bruckner Having Spinal Surgery soon. She will be in this hospital for 2 nights. Prayers for swift healing and surgery success.
- ◇ Tommy Ridgeway Staph infection in knee after surgery. Prayers for healing, patience, & comfort for he & Kathy.
- 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.
- ◇ Christi Lorenz (K. Lorenz) Christi suffered a bad fall recently & is recovering at home. Prayers are for quick recovery.
- ◇ *Doug Greene* Doug's brain tumor has spread, he has now been placed in palliative care; prayers are for God's comfort & peace.

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

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

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

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| Becky Presley (S.Brock's friend) | Bob Jones (M.Stinson's uncle) |
| Garret Reiser (R/Dee Gordon's family) | Muriel Williams (S.Edward's friend) |
| Chris Alstrin (L.Schulhof'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

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

Scripture and Prayer for this week:

¹⁵ Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice; ¹⁶ and he fell on his face at Jesus' feet, giving him thanks. Now he was a Samaritan. ¹⁷ Then Jesus answered, "Were not ten cleansed? Where are the nine?" ¹⁸ Was no one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?" ¹⁹ And he said to him, "Rise and go your way; your faith has made you well."

Luke 17:15-19

"..... Luke shares an incredible truth with us: By returning to Jesus, this former leper received something far greater than physical healing. He was also saved from his sins. Jesus said, "Your faith has made you well" (or lit., "Your faith has saved you"). The Samaritan's friends were declared clean by the priests, but this man was declared saved by the Son of God! The greatest lesson we can learn from this passage is: To appreciate God's many gifts, first thank Him for His greatest gift. As we continually exhibit an attitude of gratitude for our eternal salvation, we will find a whole lot to be thankful for!

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- 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!