



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

Sunday January 7, 2024

1st Sunday in Epiphany

8:30am Traditional Worship

11:00am Blended Worship

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Our Vision:

*Fully Engaged, Biblically Passionate,
Driven to Serve*



Romans 6:1-11



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Weekly Calendar

Monday, January 8

Leigh H.— Out of Office all week (church administrator)

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

Tuesday, January 9

- 2:00pm Hardesty Bible Study
- 3:30pm ELS Kindergarten Round-up (gym)
- 6:00pm B.O.D. Meeting (steam room)

Wednesday, January 10

- 8:10am & 10am School & ECE Chapels (Sanctuary)
- 12:00pm Noon Midweek Church Service
- 6:45pm Choir Practice

Thursday, January 11

- 3:30pm ELS Basketball Practice

Friday, January 12

- K-8 Early Release**
- 3:00 pm Lutheran Basketball Tournament begins (Gym)

Saturday, January 13

Lutheran Basketball Tournament continues thru Sunday

Sunday, January 14

- 2nd Sunday in Epiphany
- > **8:30 am Traditional Service (sanctuary)**
 - 9:45am PreK-5th Sunday School (rm 017)
 - 9:45am Adult Bible Study Class (Fellowship Hall)
 - 9:45am Confirmation Class (ch conf room)
 - 9:45am Choir Rehearsal
- > **11:00am Blended Service (sanctuary)**
 - 1 - 3pm Food Pantry **CLOSED**
 - 5 - 7pm High Youth Group

Senior Pastor: *Rev. Dr. Jeffrey Skopak*
 Director of Christian Education: *Alexi Lundquist*
 Principal: *Mark Edmiston*
 Early Childhood Director: *Christine Smith*
 ELS K-8 Administrator: *Shari Reaves*
 Church Choir & Handbell Director: *A.L. Brown*
 Praise/Worship Music/Band Director: *Heather Meulenberg*
 Organist: *Lula Meulenberg*

Today's Server Schedule:

<u>SERVERS</u>	<u>8:30am</u>	<u>11am</u>
Acolytes:	Elia Yoder	Lawton Hodges
Lectors:	Mary Hufnagle	Joel Helms*
Ushers:	Alan* & Kandi Tarrant	Ed & Deb DeBerry
Communion:	Bill Hufnagle* & Debbie Reiling	Rich & Lisa Baldwin*
Elders:	Christi Lorenz	Joel Helms*

Today's Tech /Sound Crew

- 8:30am Heather Meulenberg and Peter Linton
- 11:00am Justin Pruett and Lorenzo Lopez

January Altar Guild

- 8:30am: Dana Novak
- 11:00am: TBA

January Offering Counters

Joel & Jeanine Helms

Upcoming Member Celebrations!

BIRTHDAYS: 1/7- Jim Frazier; 1/8- Rebecca Salomon; 1/9- Bruce Benson; 1/11- Kandi Tarrant

> *This Month's Non-Agenarian (90+):* - 1/5— Don Groh

ANNIVERSARIES: 1/13— Ed & Jamie Lopez

Last Sunday Service Attendance & Stats

On-Campus Attendance: 10am —117 persons

Website & Facebook Hits: Website— 26; Facebook— 84

Food Pantry- Grad N Go, VRQ, & Costello:

Sunday 12/31 served: 81 homes, and 295 people
Total DEC 2024 served: 1,134 Homes; 2,797 People
Total 2023 People served: 21,145 !!!

Last Week's Offerings

Last week General Offering received: \$ 31,123.02
Building Funds Received: \$ 20.00
 General Weekly Offering needed: (\$ 12,817.31)

January 7th, 2024— First Sunday in Epiphany

Sunday School/Bible Study Schedule!

@ 9:45am: Pre-K thru 5th Grade— rm. 017

Confirmation Class— conf. rm.

Adult Bible Study Class— Fellowship Hall

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

Today's Altar flower's are given to the Glory of God by:
June Groh & Family—in honor of Don Groh's 92nd Birthday!

8:30AM Worship Outline (DS1)

<p>Call to Worship Who Will Send A Baby? M.K. Beall A.L. Brown, solo</p> <p>Welcome and Announcements</p> <p>Opening Hymn: LSB 590 “Baptized into Your Name Most Holy”</p> <p>Invocation: page 151</p> <p>Confession and Absolution: page 151</p> <p>Kyrie: Page 152,153</p> <p>Hymn of Praise (This is the Feast): Page 155</p> <p>Salutation and Collect: Page 156</p> <p>Old Testament: Genesis 1:1–5 (<i>Responses page 156</i>)</p> <p>Epistle: Romans 6:1–11 (<i>Responses page 156</i>)</p> <p>Alleluia and Verse: Page 156</p> <p>Holy Gospel: Mark 1:4–11 (<i>Responses page 157</i>)</p> <p>Children's Message</p> <p>The Sermon Hymn: LSB 406, vv.1-4 “To Jordan Came the Christ, Our Lord”</p> <p>The Sermon: “Water” (Romans 6:1-11)</p>	<p>The Apostles' Creed: Page 159</p> <p>Prayers of the Church</p> <p>Offering</p> <p>Offertory: Page 159,160</p> <p>Preface: Page 160</p> <p>Proper Preface</p> <p>Sanctus: Page 161</p> <p>Lord's Prayer: Page 162 (<i>Right Hand Column</i>)</p> <p>Words of Institution: Page 162 (<i>Right Hand Column</i>)</p> <p>Pax Domini: Page 163</p> <p>Agnus Dei: Page 163</p> <p>Distribution</p> <p>Communion Hymns: LSB 596 “All Christians Who Have Been Baptized”, LSB 405 “To Jordan's River Came Our Lord”</p> <p>Post-Communion Canticle: Page 164</p> <p>Post-Communion Collect: Page 166</p> <p>Benediction: Page 166</p> <p>Closing Hymn: LSB 601 “All Who Believe and Are Baptized”</p>
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Dear Emmanuel Lutheran Church ,
Please join us Sunday **January 21, 2024** to hear The
Rev. Dr. James Stoltenberg speak at both services about
Food For The Poor, a ministry providing direct relief to the

poor throughout Latin America and the Caribbean. Pastor Stoltenberg will share personal witness about Food For The Poor's mission to care for the destitute as a means of living out the Gospel mandate to love one another.

Pastor Stoltenberg has been a pastor for over 41 years. He has a great passion for the poor and has led over 20 Servant Events taking teenagers into the Appalachian Mountains. These trips taught many things including that we can learn from the poor, Jesus was a servant, and how we can be servants too. Many who participated in these trips are now using their careers to help the impoverished.

- > More **Sunday Server Volunteers needed!**— Please contact the Church Office if interested
- > New 2024 **Altar Flower Sign Up sheet (Jan-April)** - posted in the Narthex now!
- > Next **Food Pantry Day** is Sunday Jan. 21, 1-3pm

STARTS JANUARY 3RD



WOMEN'S WEDNESDAY DAYTIME SMALL GROUP BIBLE STUDY

MEETS 1ST & 3RD WEDNESDAY
OF EACH MONTH
1:30 PM - 2:30 PM
IN THE CHURCH CONFERENCE ROOM

Mark, The Serving Christ
*This is an in-depth exploration
of the Gospel of Mark
in the God's Word for Today series
from Concordia.*

QUESTIONS OR INTEREST?
PLEASE CALL KAY THORP (828)230-4225.



Volunteers needed for Concessions & Admissions!



5 Lutheran Schools!
Hosted by ELS in the gym

Contact ELS Teacher

Jennifer Jenkins

for how to sign-up!

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EMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH
January 7, 2024 First Sunday in Epiphany 11:00am

AS WE GATHER

A new season in the Church Year begins today. Following Advent hope and Christmas joy in the Savior born for us, we enter Epiphany, which can be summed up with words such as *revealing*, *shining forth*, and *manifestation*. The Word we hear today is fitting as epiphanies are things the Lord has done since the beginning of time. The first creation was light shining forth on the first day. From that day of creation to the fall into sin to the first promise of the Savior, God has shone His light and enabled His people to see and know what is needed. As the time was right for Jesus to begin His earthly ministry, it began with His Baptism. With John the Baptist in the Jordan River, the Lord reveals and shines forth the manifestation of the Word made flesh for us when He says: "You are My beloved Son; with You I am well pleased" (Mark 1:11).

CALL TO WORSHIP Who Will Send A Baby? M.K. Beall A.L. Brown, solo

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING SONG I Believe (Creed Song)

(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 1)

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)

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

(Bridge 2x)

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

(Chorus 2x)

All praise to God our 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

(Ending)

In Jesus' mighty name I believe

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INVOCATION

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

People: **Amen.**

CONFESSION *Romans 6:1–2, 4*

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 then confess our sins to God, our Father. In today's Epistle from Romans, the apostle Paul asks, "Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? . . . How can we who died to sin still live in it?"

People: **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 God with our whole heart, and we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.**

Pastor: "We were buried therefore with Him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life."

People: **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.**

ABSOLUTION *Romans 6:6–7, 10–11, adapted*

Pastor: We know that our old self was crucified with Him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin.

People: **For one who has died has been set free from sin.**

People: The death Christ died He died to sin, once for all,

People: **but the life He lives He lives to God.**

Pastor: So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus. 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: The almighty God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given you the new birth of water and of the Spirit and has forgiven you all your sins, strengthen you with His grace to life X everlasting.

People: **Amen.**

SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray.

Father in heaven, at the Baptism of Jesus in the Jordan River You proclaimed Him Your beloved Son and anointed Him with the Holy Spirit. Make all who are baptized in His name faithful in their calling as Your children and inheritors with Him of everlasting life; 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 *Genesis 1:1–5 (The beginning of creation)*

¹ In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. ² The earth was without form and void, and darkness was over the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters.

³ And God said, “Let there be light,” and there was light. ⁴ And God saw that the light was good. And God separated the light from the darkness. ⁵ God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE *Romans 6:1–11 (Baptism into Christ gives new life.)*

¹ What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? ² By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it? ³ Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? ⁴ We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.

⁵ For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. ⁶ We know that our old self^[a] was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin. ⁷ For one who has died has been set free^[b] from sin. ⁸ Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. ⁹ We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. ¹⁰ For the death he died he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives he lives to God. ¹¹ So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

HOLY GOSPEL *Mark 1:4–11 (The Baptism of Jesus)*

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the first chapter.

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

⁴ John appeared, baptizing in the wilderness and proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. ⁵ And all the country of Judea and all Jerusalem were going out to him and were being baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. ⁶ Now John was clothed with camel's hair and wore a leather belt around his waist and ate locusts and wild honey. ⁷ And he preached, saying, “After me comes he who is mightier than I, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie. ⁸ I have baptized you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.” ⁹ In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. ¹⁰ And when he came up out of the water, immediately he saw the heavens being torn open and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. ¹¹ And a voice came from heaven, “You are my beloved Son;^[a] with you I am well pleased.”

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise be to You, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON SONG Light of the World (Sing Hallelujah)

Verse 1

Light of the World Treasure of Heaven
Brilliant like the stars in the wintery sky
Joy of the Father reach through the darkness
Shine across the earth send the shadows to flight

Verse 2

Light of the World from the beginning
The tragedies of time were no match for Your love
From great heights of glory You saw my story
God You entered in and became one of us

Chorus

Sing hallelujah, Sing hallelujah

Sing hallelujah for the things He has done

Come and adore Him, bow down before Him

Sing hallelujah to the Light of the World

Verse 3

Light of the world crown in a manger
Born for the cross to suffer to save
High King of Heaven death is the poorer
We are the richer by the price that He paid

(Sing Chorus)

Verse 4

Light of the World soon will be coming
With fire in His eyes He will ransom His own
Through clouds He will lead us straight into glory
And there He shall reign forevermore forever more!

(Sing Chorus)

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SERMON “Water” *Romans 6: 1-11*

AFFIRMATION OF OUR BAPTISM *Romans 6:4, 36; Acts 2:38; Titus 3:5–6; 1 Corinthians 6:1; Mark 1:11*

Pastor: We remember our Baptism with the trinitarian invocation, recalling and confessing before heaven, earth, and hell all that God has given us in our Baptism: victory over death and the devil, forgiveness of sin, God’s grace, the entire Christ, and the Holy Spirit with His gifts. How do we rightly use our Baptism?

People: **We rightly use our Baptism when we live in repentance and faith in the triune God, who has made us His beloved children.** (*Luther’s Small Catechism with Explanation* [2017] Question 324).

Pastor: When Jesus was baptized by John in the water of the Jordan River, the Father declared Jesus as His Son with whom He is well pleased. In our Baptism, Paul wrote, we were joined to our Lord’s death and resurrection, enabling us to walk in newness of life. We also learn in the Small Catechism, all centered on God’s Word, the lasting gifts received in Baptism including the forgiveness of sins, rescue from death and the devil, and eternal life to all who believe this. Let us reaffirm our faith in what God has done for us through Holy Baptism.

Pastor: Do you renounce the devil and all his works and all his ways?

People: **I do renounce them.**

Pastor: Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth?

People: **Yes, I believe.**

Pastor: Do you believe 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?

People: Yes, I believe.

Pastor: Do you 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?

People: **Yes, I believe.**

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

LORD'S PRAYER *Matthew 6:9–13*

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

Praise the Father. Praise the Son.

Praise the Spirit three in one

God of Glory. Majesty.

Praise forever to the King of Kings.

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

Praise the Father. Praise the Son.

Praise the Spirit three in one

God of Glory. Majesty.

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PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross. Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Through Your means of grace You have claimed us as Your own through water and the Word in Holy Baptism. Through body and blood—in, with, and under bread and wine— You forgive our sins and nourish our faith. 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 *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.”

PAX DOMINI

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

People: Amen.

(We share signs of Christians peace with one another)

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

“All Christians Who Have Been Baptized” [LSB 596]

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| <p>1 All Christians who have been baptized,
Who know the God of heaven,
And in whose daily life is prized
The name of Christ once given:
Consider now what God has done,
The gifts He gives to ev'ryone
Baptized into Christ Jesus!</p> <p>2 You were before your day of birth,
Indeed, from your conception,
Condemned and lost with all the earth,
None good, without exception.
For like your parents' flesh and blood,
Turned inward from the highest good,
You constantly denied Him.</p> <p>3 But all of that was washed away—
Immersed and drowned forever.
The water of your Baptism day
Restored again whatever
Old Adam and his sin destroyed
And all our sinful selves employed
According to our nature.</p> | <p>4 In Baptism we now put on Christ—
Our shame is fully covered
With all that He once sacrificed
And freely for us suffered.
For here the flood of His own blood
Now makes us holy, right, and good
Before our heav'nly Father.</p> <p>5 O Christian, firmly hold this gift
And give God thanks forever!
It gives the power to uplift
In all that you endeavor.
When nothing else revives your soul,
Your Baptism stands and makes you whole
And then in death completes you.</p> <p>6 So use it well! You are made new—
In Christ a new creation!
As faithful Christians, live and do
Within your own vocation,
Until that day when you possess
His glorious robe of righteousness
Bestowed on you forever!</p> |
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“To Jordan’s River Came Our Lord” [LSB 405]

- 1 To Jordan’s river came our Lord,
The Christ, whom heav’nly hosts adored,
The God from God, the Light from Light,
The Lord of glory, pow’r, and might.
- 2 The Savior came to be baptized—
The Son of God in flesh disguised—
To stand beneath the Father’s will
And all His righteousness fulfill.
- 3 As Jesus in the Jordan stood
And John baptized the Lamb of God,
The Holy Spirit, heav’nly dove,
Descended on Him from above.
- 4 Then from God’s throne with thund’rous sound
Came God’s own voice with words profound:
“This is My Son,” was His decree,
“The one I love, who pleases Me.”
- 5 The Father’s word, the Spirit’s flight
Anointed Christ in glorious sight
As God’s own choice, from Adam’s fall
To save the world and free us all.
- 6 Now rise, faint hearts, be resolute;
This man is Christ, our substitute!
He was baptized in Jordan’s stream,
Proclaimed Redeemer, Lord supreme.

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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 Praise Him Forever

Verse 1

Praise Him you stars above, galaxies all in motion
Praise Him you thunderclouds, ringing throughout the heavens
From ev'ry mountaintop, to ev'ry wild ocean
Oh hear all the universe sing praise

Chorus

Oh sing praise!

Let ev'rything that breathes, let all the earth proclaim

Great is the Lord our God, praise Him forever!

Let all that is within me, magnify His name

Great is the Lord our God, praise Him forever!

Verse 2

Praise Him you beating hearts, sing for the life He's given
Praise Him you rescued ones, join in the sound of heaven
From ev'ry mountaintop, to ev'ry wild ocean
Oh hear all the universe sing praise

(SING CHORUS)

(Bridge)

Hear the holy roar, hear this anthem rise

In the house of God, all creation cries

(Repeat Bridge 4x)

(SING CHORUS)

(Ending)

Praise Him forever!

Praise Him forever!

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01/07/2024 WATER (Romans 6:1-11)

The Sacrament of Baptism is not just a _____. Something really happens when water is applied and God's name is _____.

- I. We Share in Christ's _____
- A. _____ your own death
1. Why fake your own death? To _____ your debts and maybe _____ on a life insurance policy to begin a new life
 2. Baptism is better than _____ your own death
 - a. Romans _____
 - b. We owe God our life because we _____
 - c. The commitment of _____ earns a death sentence
 3. Romans _____
 - a. At the baptismal font we _____ with Christ
 - b. The debt we owed God for our sins has been _____
 4. In Baptism we were _____ to Christ who served our death sentence
- B. Being freed from sin's debt through Baptism is not a _____ light to go and sin
1. Romans _____
 2. The Font is a _____ Tomb that not only marks our death of our debt to God; it also marks the death of our sinful nature's hold on us
 - a. We were _____ to sin (John 8:34)
 - b. But thanks to Baptism, says Paul, our _____ with our sinful nature is dead - not ought to be dead, but DEAD.
 - c. The Baptismal font marks the _____ site of my sinful nature's hold on me
- C. So why do we still _____ with our sinful nature?
1. It's a constant _____ all our days
 2. Romans _____
- II. A Watery _____

- A. The Baptismal font is more than a watery Tomb...it is also a Watery _____
1. A new relationship with _____ is born in Baptism
 2. Martin Luther: "Baptism means that our Old _____ with his evil deeds and desires should be _____ by daily condition and repentance, and die, and that day by day a new man should arise, as from the dead to live in the presence of God in righteousness and purity now and forever"
- B. Baptism is our _____ Week Event
1. Just as Jesus died and rose again in Jerusalem through the waters of Baptism we have died and _____ again
 2. This is why we say "I am _____" and not "I was _____"

*We are wanted by God - Dead and Alive!
We've become that through _____ for
at the font our sinful nature's hold on us died
and a new attitude was _____. We can
be certain of this because the Holy Spirit was
at work in baptism, that Watery Tomb and
Watery Womb!*





Emmanuel Lutheran Prayer List

The Weeks of January 7 & 14, 2024

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."

Prayers are continuous and always for good HEALTH, swift HEALING, and other needs - for the afflicted, their families, and friends:

- ◇ **Art Gillespie** Recent medical concerns while traveling over the holidays.
- Elsie Langford** (S.Pruett, mother) Has COPD, heart problems, & issues with oxygen.
- Tommy** (B.Sullivan, Sisters husband) After suffering small hemorrhage, post colonoscopy, Dr. found spot on kidney. Nephrologist referral now.
- Carol** (B.Sullivan, Niece) Unexplained severe anemia, so bad that it's now affecting her heart. Has an appointment with hematologist on 1/9. Prayers that it's something simply fixable and not cancer.
- Katelyn** (B.Sullivan, Daughter) Prayers for housing closer to Asheville soon & that her depression lifts so that she seeks medical help for G. I troubles.
- Scott Stinson (The Stinson's son) A serious biking accident. Surgery on 01/02.
- ◇ **Jay Keller** (Mike's friend) Member who needs continued healing prayers.
- Doug Kenney** (C.Munn's friend) New cancer diagnosis.
- Cher Huntley** Neck fusion on 1/16, #26 surgery. Prayers for healing & comfort.
- ◇ **Justin Hodges** (H.Hodges) Justin was not feeling well. Admitted to the hospital On 12/20 and is home now. Prayers for swift relief & answers.
- ◇ **Diana Hempel** Has been moved to the Laurels for rehabilitation.
- Aaron Farmer** (B.King's friend) Aaron has a cancer diagnosis.
- ◇ **Cynthia Cline** Undergoing treatments for cancer. At home recovering from treatment for an infection. Prayers are or healing and comfort.
- ◇ **Dee Tilley** Recovering from hysterectomy on 12/13.
- Betty Ude** (S.Ude's Mother) Broke her hip & now in rehab. Prayers lifted high for an outpouring of love & spiritual strength over Betty.

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

- ◇ **Doug Greene** Lynn Case-Scott (S.Buckner's friend)
- ◇ **Marilyn Saylor** Richard Brinkley (S.Pruett'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)
- Janice (L.Giese's friend)

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

- Becky Presley (S.Brock's friend)
- Garret Reiser (R/Dee Gordon's family)
- Chris Alstrin (L.Schulhof's friend)
- Ralph Ector, Snr (S.Edward's father)
- Virginia Lopez (E.Lopez's mother)
- Melinda Condrey (Hufnagle's friend)
- Bob Jones (M.Stinson's uncle)
- Muriel Williams (S.Edward's friend)
- Kristen Kirby (S.Pruett's cousin)
- Antonia Simpson (L.Meulenberg's friend)
- Bob Frey (D.Wooten's friend)
- Keith Haynes (R.Rush's friend)

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 persistent in prayer, and keep alert as you pray, giving thanks to God." (Colossians 4:2)

Holy Spirit, You are the Lord and Giver of life, and You have worked a faith relationship with Jesus within us, the Jesus who is the Resurrection and the Life. Come to those who mourn the loss of loved ones. Help them to remember the tears Jesus shed at the grave of His good friend Lazarus, and the hope of everlasting life where You will wipe away every tear from our eyes. Stay close to them now and in the time ahead and in the heartache they are experiencing. Wrap them in the strong arms of Your love and in the promise that You will never leave them or forsake them. We pray in the Name of the living Lord Jesus, Amen.

Sharing God's Answers & Updates to our Prayers!

Pastor Roseman is feeling so much better!

◇ = 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.