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Sunday January 14, 2024
2nd Sunday in Epiphany

8:30am Traditional Worship
11:00am Blended Worship
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Our Vision:
Fully Engaged, Biblically Passionate,
Driven to Serve

Weekly Calendar

Monday, January 15
Leigh H.— Back in the office! (church administrator)
10:00am VRQ Lunch

Tuesday, January 16
2:00pm Hardesty Bible Study
6:30pm Praise Band practice

Wednesday, January 17
8:10am & 10am School & ECE Chapels (Sanctuary)
12:00pm Noon Midweek Church Service (Sanctuary)
12:30pm Fellowship Luncheon (Narthex)
1:30pm Women's Bible Study Group (conf. room)
6:00pm Handbells practice
6:45pm Choir practice

Thursday, January 18
6:30pm Elder's Meeting (steam rm)

Friday, January 19
3:30pm Middle School Youth Group (modular)
6:00pm Pickleball (gym)

Saturday, January 20

Sunday, January 21 — 3rd Sunday in Epiphany
***Food For The People Sermon—Rev. Stoltenberg (both services)**
> **8:30 am Traditional Service (sanctuary)**
9:30am State of the Church Meeting (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 **OPEN**
5 - 7pm High Youth Group
6:00pm Virtual Prayer Service (google video or phone)

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

Today's Servers!:

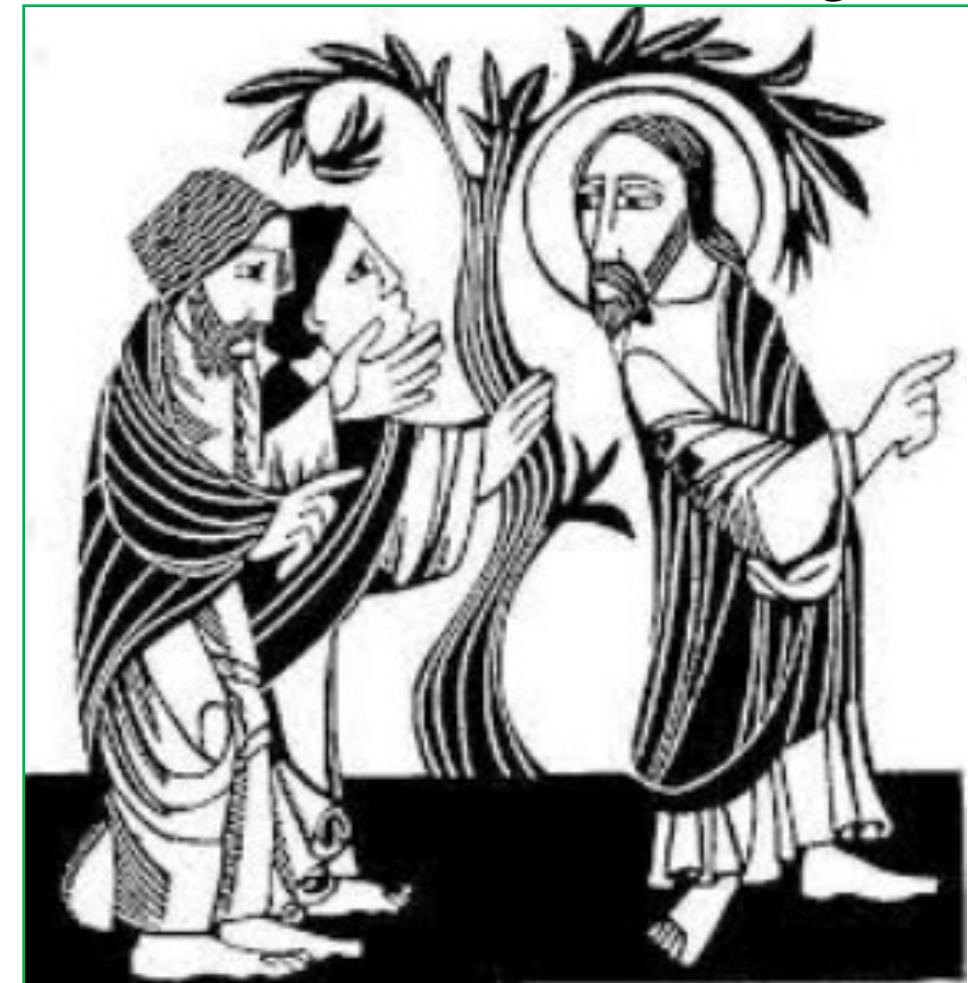
Jan 14	8:30am	11am
Acolytes:	Eli Allen	Jacob Kanelos
Lectors:	Jenelle Lanham	Peter Renner
Ushers:	Rich Bair & Stephanie Hanson	Rich & Lisa Baldwin*
Communion:	John Jennejahn* & Amy Bair	Doug Piercy*
Elders:	Kevin Lorenz	Doug Piercy*

Today's Tech /Sound Crew
8:30am: Heather Meulenberg and Peter Linton
11:00am: Justin Pruett, Michaela Kanelos & Heather Meulenberg

January Altar Guild
8:30am: Dana Novak
11:00am: Sherry Rauschenplat

January Offering Counters
Joel & Jeanine Helms

"The Calling"



John 1:43-51

Upcoming Member Celebrations!

BIRTHDAYS: 1/18—Katelynn Sullivan; 1/19—Cindy Piercy; 1/20—Byron Gleason
> **This Month's Non-Agenarian (90+):** 1/5— Don Groh
ANNIVERSARIES: N/A

Last Service Attendance & Stats

On-Campus Attendance
Last Sunday: 8:30am - 64 persons; 11:00am - 67 persons
Last Wednesday Noon: 17 persons

Website & FaceBook Hits
Website: 37 Facebook: 117

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

Sunday 01/07 served: 191 homes, and 391 people
Total JAN 2024 served: 191 homes: 391 people

Last Week's Offerings

Last week General Offering received: \$ 14,407.96
Building Funds Received: \$ 380.00
General Weekly Offering needed: (\$ 12,817.31)

January 14th, 2024— Second Sunday in Epiphany

Sunday School/Bible Study Schedule!

At 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 **CLOSED** Today

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



8:30AM Worship Outline (DS2)

Call to Worship: Because He Lives
Gaither/arr. Brown A. L. Brown, solo

Welcome and Announcements

Opening Hymn: LSB 589
“Speak, O Lord, Your Servant Listens”

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“The Only Son From Heaven”

The Sermon: “The Calling” (John 1:43-51)

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LSB 901 “Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty”

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Post-Communion Collect: Page 183

Benediction: Page 183

Closing Hymn: LSB 919 “Abide, O Dearest Jesus”

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 us-
ing their careers to help the impoverished.*



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**Attn ELC Members:
Semi-Annual Meeting
1/21/24**

“STATE OF THE CHURCH”

Sunday January 21, 2024 from 9:30-10:30am

Join us for this in person meeting, after first
service/before last service, in the Sanctuary.
Also, live-streamed for your convenience!

Jan. 21st

Virtual Prayer Service

Prayer is ESSENTIAL to Worship Life

Join us Virtually on the **3rd Sunday**
of every month, at **6pm (EST)**

Please contact the church office for more info
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The Calling
John 1:43-51

...each of us have been _____ by God to fulfill a _____, to fulfill some task in this life, to become part of God's overall plan

- I. The _____ Step
 - A. With Eli's help Samuel made a _____
 - B. Philip was discovered by _____ and called him to follow
 1. Philip found _____ and told him about Jesus, and called him to come and see
 2. And before _____ could do anything Jesus called to him with information about him, where he was , what kind of person he was
 - C. God discovers us as we are where we are, and _____ us to _____ Him
 1. God encounters you in _____
 2. "Softly and Tenderly _____ is Calling"

- II. The _____
 - A. Philip decided to _____
 1. Samuel: "_____ Lord for your servant is listening"
 2. What do we do with that _____?
 3. People can be like Tire Kickers - they go shopping for a new or used car, they discover the cars, they kick a lot of tires, but they never _____
 - a. They _____ a lot of churches
 - b. But they never intend to get fully _____ in their relationship with God
 - B. Discovery is meant to lead to _____
 - C. _____ in God's promise allows us to develop a fuller and richer relationship with God

- III. _____
 - A. Samuel and Philip put their decision of faith into _____
 - B. Somehow our _____ will reflect the God who is in our midst
 1. We need to challenge _____, not to be complacent in our faith lives, but to continue to grow and mature
 2. We need to be _____ of the Word



"We were taught to go into all the world and make disciples of all nations," she said, but we just _____!" We are called by God to make a decision and turn that decision into _____ - so what are you going to do?

EMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

January 14, 2024 2nd Sunday in Epiphany 11:00am

AS WE GATHER

Since the beginning of creation, God has spoken. He spoke into being our universe and our very selves as the crown of His creation; He spoke when seeking out Adam and Eve in a fallen world; He spoke many times and many ways through the prophets; and He spoke by the very words that came from the mouth of our Savior, Jesus Christ. From Him came words of instructing, healing, forgiving, and of invitation to follow Him as we hear today with Philip and Nathanael. The Lord still speaks to us today in His Word, as His Spirit spoke instruction and encouragement of the use of bodies through Paul in his letter to the church of Corinth. Through all He speaks, we are called to listen to that Word to guide and direct, and to hear His continued words of forgiveness, peace, hope, and joy as “in these last days He has spoken to us by His Son” (Hebrews 1:2).

CALL TO WORSHIP

Because He Lives Gaither/arr. Brown A. L. Brown, solo
 And then one day I'll cross that river;
 I'll fight life's final war with pain;
 And then as death gives way to vict'ry,
I'll see the lights of glory and I'll know He reigns.
 Because He lives, I can face tomorrow,
 Because He lives, all fear is gone;
 Because I know He holds the future,
And life is worth the living just because He lives!

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING SONG King of Love *(based on LSB 709)*

Verse 1

The King of Love my Shepherd is
Whose goodness faileth never
I nothing lack if I am His
And He is mine forever, And He is mine forever

Verse 2

Where streams of living water flow
My ransomed soul He leadeth
And where the verdant pastures grow
With food celestial feedeth

Chorus 1

**Never failing Ruler of my heart
Everlasting Lover of my soul
On the mountain high or in the valley low
The King of Love my Shepherd is
The King of Love my Shepherd is**

Verse 3

Lost and foolish off I strayed
But yet in love He sought me
And on His shoulder gently laid
And home rejoicing brought me

Verse 4

In death's dark veil I fear no ill
With Thee dear Lord beside me
Thy rod and staff my comfort still
Thy cross before to guide me

(SING CHORUS)

(Bridge)

Oh Hallelujah Hallelujah
Oh Hallelujah Hallelujah

(SING CHORUS)

Verse 5

And so through all the length of days
Thy goodness faileth never
Good Shepherd may I sing Your praise
Within Your house forever
Within Your house forever

INVOCATION

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

People: **Amen.**

OPENING SENTENCES *Psalm 139:1–10; 1 Samuel 3:9*

Pastor: O LORD, You have searched me and known me!

People: **You know when I sit down and when I rise up; You discern my thoughts from afar.**

Pastor: You search out my path and my lying down and are acquainted with all my ways.

People: **Even before a word is on my tongue, behold, O LORD, You know it altogether.**

Pastor: You hem me in, behind and before, and lay Your hand upon me.

People: **Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is high; I cannot attain it.**

Pastor: Where shall I go from Your Spirit? Or where shall I flee from Your presence? If I ascend to heaven, You are there! If I make my bed in Sheol, You are there!

People: **If I take the wings of the morning and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea, even there Your hand shall lead me, and Your right hand shall hold me.**

Pastor: Speak, LORD,

People: **for Your servant hears.**

CONFESSION *Psalm 145:18; 50:15; Isaiah 55:6; 1 Samuel 3:9*

Pastor: As the psalmist declares, the Lord searches us, knows us, is ever-present with us, and leads us. He listens to us as we speak to Him. We come before Him in confession.

Pastor: "The LORD is near to all who call on Him, to all who call on Him in truth."

People: **We confess, heavenly Father, that we often choose not to call on You in times of need, nor in times of thanksgiving. We fail to be near You in our opportunities to pray, praise, and give thanks. Forgive us.**

Pastor: "Call upon Me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you, and you shall glorify Me."

People: **We confess, heavenly Father, that in our days of trouble we rely on ourselves and not You. We seek deliverance through our own devices and peace through the temporary offerings of this world. Forgive us.**

Pastor: "Seek the LORD while He may be found; call upon Him while He is near."

People: **We confess, heavenly Father, we are the ones who are lost even though You are near and present in Your Word and means of grace. Our sins of thought, word, and deed separate us from You. Forgive us.**

Pastor: Speak, LORD,

People: **for Your servant hears.**

ABSOLUTION *2 Timothy 1:9; Isaiah 43:1; 1 Samuel 3:10*

Pastor: As we speak and call out to the Lord in prayer and confession, He calls to us, His people, through His Word of truth, mercy, and grace; for He has “saved us and called us to a holy calling, not because of our works but because of His own purpose and grace, which He gave us in Christ Jesus before the ages began.” As a called and ordained servant of the Word and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all of your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

Pastor: But now thus says the LORD, He who created you, O Jacob, He who formed you, O Israel: “Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are Mine. Speak, LORD,

People: for Your servant hears. Amen.

HYMN OF RESPONSE LSB 589 (V.4) “Speak, O Lord, Your Servant Listens”

4 As I pray, dear Jesus, hear me; Let Your words in me take root.
May Your Spirit e’er be near me, That I bear abundant fruit.
May I daily sing Your praise, From my heart glad anthems raise,
Till my highest praise is given, In the endless joy of heaven.

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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 everlasting God, who governs all things in heaven and on earth, mercifully hear the prayers of Your people and grant us Your peace through all our days; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING *1 Samuel 3:1–10, 11-20*

¹ Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the Lord in the presence of Eli. And the word of the Lord was rare in those days; there was no frequent vision.

² At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his own place. ³ The lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the Lord, where the ark of God was.

⁴ Then the Lord called Samuel, and he said, “Here I am!” ⁵ and ran to Eli and said, “Here I am, for you called me.” But he said, “I did not call; lie down again.” So he went and lay down.

⁶ And the Lord called again, “Samuel!” and Samuel arose and went to Eli and said, “Here I am, for you called me.” But he said, “I did not call, my son; lie down again.” ⁷ Now Samuel did not yet know the Lord, and the word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him.

⁸ And the Lord called Samuel again the third time. And he arose and went to Eli and said, “Here I am, for you called me.” Then Eli perceived that the Lord was calling the boy. ⁹ Therefore Eli said to Samuel, “Go, lie down, and if he calls you, you shall say, ‘Speak, Lord, for your servant hears.’” So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

¹⁰ And the Lord came and stood, calling as at other times, “Samuel! Samuel!” And Samuel said, “Speak, for your servant hears.” ¹¹ Then the Lord said to Samuel, “Behold, I am about to do a thing in Israel at which the two ears of everyone who hears it will tingle. ¹² On that day I will fulfill against Eli all that I have spoken concerning his house, from beginning to end. ¹³ And I declare to him that I am about to punish his house forever, for the iniquity that he knew, because his sons were blaspheming God, and he did not restrain them. ¹⁴ Therefore I swear to the house of Eli that the iniquity of Eli's house shall not be atoned for by sacrifice or offering forever.” ¹⁵ Samuel lay until morning; then he opened the doors of the house of the Lord. And Samuel was afraid to tell the vision to Eli. ¹⁶ But Eli called Samuel and said, “Samuel, my son.” And he said, “Here I am.” ¹⁷ And Eli said, “What was it that he told you? Do not hide it from me. May God do so to you and more also if you hide anything from me of all that he told you.” ¹⁸ So Samuel told him everything and hid nothing from him. And he said, “It is the Lord. Let him do what seems good to him.” ¹⁹ And Samuel grew, and the Lord was with him and let none of his words fall to the ground. ²⁰ And all Israel from Dan to Beersheba knew that Samuel was established as a prophet of the Lord.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE *1 Corinthians 6:12–20* (God’s call to flee from immorality)

¹² “All things are lawful for me,” but not all things are helpful. “All things are lawful for me,” but I will not be dominated by anything. ¹³ “Food is meant for the stomach and the stomach for food” —and God will destroy both one and the other. The body is not meant for sexual immorality, but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. ¹⁴ And God raised the Lord and will also raise us up by his power. ¹⁵ Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Shall I then take the members of Christ and make them members of a prostitute? Never! ¹⁶ Or do you not know that he who is joined to a prostitute becomes one body with her? For, as it is written, “The two will become one flesh.” ¹⁷ But he who is joined to the Lord becomes one spirit with him. ¹⁸ Flee from sexual immorality. Every other sin a person commits is outside the body, but the sexually immoral person sins against his own body. ¹⁹ Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God? You are not your own, ²⁰ for you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

HOLY GOSPEL *John 1:43–51*

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

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

⁴³ The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, “Follow me.” ⁴⁴ Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. ⁴⁵ Philip found Nathanael and said to him, “We have found him of whom Moses in the Law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph.” ⁴⁶ Nathanael said to him, “Can anything good come out of Nazareth?” Philip said to him, “Come and see.” ⁴⁷ Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him and said of him, “Behold, an Israelite indeed, in whom there is no deceit!” ⁴⁸ Nathanael said to him, “How do you know me?” Jesus answered him, “Before Philip called you, when you were under the fig tree, I saw you.” ⁴⁹ Nathanael answered him, “Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!” ⁵⁰ Jesus answered him, “Because I said to you, ‘I saw you under the fig tree,’ do you believe? You will see greater things than these.” ⁵¹ And he said to him, “Truly, truly, I say to you, you will see heaven opened, and the angels of God ascending and descending on the Son of Man.”

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON SONG "Same God"

(Verse 1)

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

(Chorus)

Oh God my God I need You. Oh God my God I need You now

How I need You now

Oh Rock oh Rock of ages, I'm standing on Your faithfulness

(Verse 2)

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

(Chorus)

(Bridge 1)

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

(Bridge 2)

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

(Chorus)

(Repeat Chorus)

(Ending)

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

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SERMON "The Calling" (John 1:43-51)

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 of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH *Hebrews 1:1–2*

LORD'S PRAYER *Matthew 6:9–13*

☑ Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY 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)

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

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

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

People: Amen.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD 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 ✠ 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: And also with you.

(We share signs of Christian peace with one another)

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

LSB 827 “Hark, the Voice of Jesus Calling”

- 1 Hark, the voice of Jesus calling,
“Who will go and work today?
Fields are white and harvests waiting—
Who will bear the sheaves away?”
Loud and long the Master calleth;
Rich reward He offers thee.
Who will answer, gladly saying,
“Here am I, send me, send me”?
- 2 Some take up His task in morning,
To their Lord responding soon;
Some are called in heat of midday,
Others late in afternoon;
Even as the sun is setting,
Some are sent into the fields,
There to gather in the bounty
That God’s Word so richly yields.
- 3 For as rain and snow from heaven
Water seeds in dusty soil,
Causing them to bud and flower,
Giving bread to those who toil;
So the Lord sends forth His promise,
Words of life and joy and peace—
Never void to Him returning,
Bearing fruit with great increase.
- 4 Harken to the Lord whose coming
Marks the time when grace shall end,
When with His angelic reapers
He in glory shall descend.
Soon the night, the final harvest;
Soon the time for work shall cease.
Then the souls His grace has garnered
Shall enjoy His Sabbath peace.

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LSB 901 “Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty”

- 1 Open now thy gates of beauty;
Zion, let me enter there,
Where my soul in joyful duty
Waits for Him who answers prayer.
Oh, how blessed is this place,
Filled with solace, light, and grace!
- 2 Gracious God, I come before Thee;
Come Thou also unto me.
Where we find Thee and adore Thee,
There a heav'n on earth must be.
To my heart, O enter Thou;
Let it be Thy temple now!
- 3 Here Thy praise is gladly chanted;
Here Thy seed is duly sown.
Let my soul, where it is planted,
Bring forth precious sheaves alone,
So that all I hear may be
Fruitful unto life in me.
- 4 Thou my faith increase and quicken;
Let me keep Thy gift divine,
Howsoe'er temptations thicken;
May Thy Word still o'er me shine
As my guiding star through life,
As my comfort in all strife.
- 5 Speak, O God, and I will hear Thee;
Let Thy will be done indeed.
May I undisturbed draw near Thee
While Thou dost Thy people feed.
Here of life the fountain flows;
Here is balm for all our woes.

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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 HYMN God Of Wonders

Verse 1

Lord of all creation, of water earth and sky

The heavens are Your tabernacle, glory to the Lord on high

Chorus 1

God of wonders beyond our galaxy, you are holy holy

The universe declares Your majesty, you are holy holy

Lord of heaven and earth

Lord of heaven and earth

Verse 2

Early in the morning, I will celebrate the light

When I stumble in the darkness, I will call Your name by night

(SING CHORUS 1)

Bridge

Hallelujah to the Lord of heaven and earth

Hallelujah to the Lord of heaven and earth

Hallelujah to the Lord of heaven and earth

You are holy

Chorus 2

God of wonders beyond our galaxy, you are holy holy

Precious Lord reveal Your heart to me, Father hold me hold me

The universe declares Your majesty, you are holy holy

Holy, holy

Chorus

God of wonders beyond our galaxy, you are holy holy

The universe declares Your majesty, you are holy holy

Ending

Hallelujah to the Lord of heaven and earth

Hallelujah to the Lord of heaven and earth

Hallelujah to the Lord of heaven and earth



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.