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Sunday January 28, 2024
4th Sunday in Epiphany

8:30am Traditional Worship
11:00am Blended Worship

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Our Vision:
Fully Engaged, Biblically Passionate,

Weekly Calendar

Monday, January 29
10:00am VRQ Lunch

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

Wednesday, January 31
8:10am & 10am School & ECE Chapels (Sanctuary)
12:00pm Noon Midweek Church Service (Sanctuary)
6:00pm Handbells practice
6:45pm Choir practice

Thursday, February 1
6:30pm Parish Admin Meeting

Friday, February 2
3:30pm Middle School Youth Group (modular)
6:00pm Pickleball (gym)

Saturday, February 3
7:30am Men's Prayer Breakfast (Another Broken Egg)

Sunday, February 4
> **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)**
Food Pantry **CLOSED**
5 - 7pm High Youth Group

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
School Admin. Assistant: Shari Reaves
Traditional Music—Choir & Handbell Director: A.L. Brown
Praise & Worship Music/Band Director: Heather Meulenberg
Organist: Lula Meulenberg

Today's Servers

	<u>8:30am</u>	<u>11:00am</u>
Acolytes:	Elia Yoder	Naomi Hines
Lectors:	Mike Rush*	Wendy Hines
Ushers:	Neil Pursley & Alan Tarrant*	Dirk & Kathryn Wilmoth
Communion:	Mike Rush* & Stephanie Hanson	David Meyer & Dale Pioch
Elders:	John Jennejahn*	Rich Baldwin*

Today's Tech /Sound Crew
8:30am: Steve Taylor and Peter Linton.
11:00am: Steve Taylor, Rachel Stackhouse, Heather Meulenberg

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

January Offering Counters
Joel & Jeanine Helms

Upcoming Member Celebrations!

BIRTHDAYS: 1/28: Madalyn Neuenkirchen; Daniel Sullivan, & Kenneth Treadway

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

ANNIVERSARIES: N/A

Last Service Attendance & Stats

On-Campus Attendance
Last Sunday: 8:30am— 62 persons; 11am— 72 persons
Last Wednesday Noon— 15 persons

Website & FaceBook Hits
Website—46 Facebook— 51

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

Sunday 01/21 served: 721 homes, and 985 people
Total JAN 2024 served: 912 homes: 1,376 people

Last Week's Offerings

Last week General Offering received: \$ 6,618.73
Building Funds Received: \$ 25.00
General Weekly Offering needed: (\$ 12,817.31)



Mark 1:21-28

January 28, 2024— Fourth Sunday in Epiphany

Sunday School/Bible Study Schedule!

At 9:45am:

Adult Bible Study (Fellowship Hall)

Pre-K thru 5th Grade (room #17)

Confirmation Class (church conf. room)

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

Today's Altar flower's are given to the Glory of God by:

Martha Greene & Family — in memory of the life of Doug Greene.



8:30AM Worship Outline (DS3)

Opening Hymn: LSB 849
"Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness"

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"Son of God, Eternal Savior"

Sermon: Authority...Power...Hope (Mark 1:21-28)

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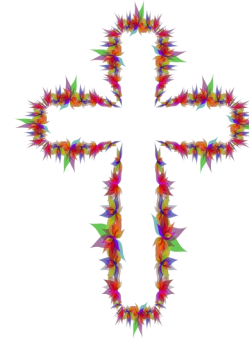
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Closing Hymn: LSB 337
"The Night Will Soon Be Ending"



We are beginning a new Prayer Ministry team venture! In the next few months, every Sunday after the 11am service, worshippers will have the opportunity to come forward behind the lectern & have a team member pray with and for them. If you would like to be a part of this prayer team, please contact Pastor Art & Kathy Gillespie. We plan to begin training in February! Thanks, Pastor. Art




Noon Soup Luncheons

Weekly Lent Fellowship Luncheons

following each of the 5 Wednesday Noon services in Lent.
February 21-March 20.

"We would like to thank everyone who volunteered to help during the Advent Luncheons. We all enjoyed great fellowship and food."

FOOD SIGN-UP SHEET
posted in the Narthex



Saturday, February 3rd, 7:30am at Another Broken Egg Cafe



Emmanuel Lutheran

MEN'S BREAKFAST

PRAYER, FELLOWSHIP AND FOOD

Meets 1st Saturday of each month 7:30am at:
Another Broken Egg Cafe

Contact Scott Hausman for more info:
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scott.a.hausman@gmail.com

EMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

January 28, 2024 4th Sunday in Epiphany 11:00am

AS WE GATHER

In a world where there is nothing new under the sun, we still run to anything that appears to be new. When Jesus taught in the synagogue, the hearers heard a man speak with the authority of the author of the Scriptures. They were surprised and even more surprised when His Word was not simply theoretical but silenced an unclean spirit and relieved the man of this demon. In their amazement, they could not help but tell the story to any who would listen. Yet even as Jesus' fame spread, so did opposition to His teaching and preaching.

CALL TO WORSHIP My God is an Awesome God K. Hampton
Naomi Hines & Elia Yoder, soloists

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING SONG "A Thousand Hallelujahs"

(Verse 1)

Who else would rocks cry out to worship
Whose glory taught the stars to shine
Perhaps creation longs to have the words to sing
But this joy is mine

(Chorus)

**With a thousand hallelujahs we magnify Your name
You alone deserve the glory the honor and the praise
Lord Jesus this song is forever Yours
A thousand hallelujahs And a thousand more**

(Verse 2)

Who else would die for our redemption
Whose resurrection means I'll rise
There isn't time enough to sing of all you've done
But I have eternity to try

(Sing Chorus)

(Bridge)

Praise to the Lord To the Lamb
To the King of heaven Praise for He rose
Now He reigns We will sing forever

(Sing Chorus)

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INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
People: Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION *Psalm 32:1–2*

Pastor: Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.

People: Blessed is the man against whom the LORD counts no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit.

Pastor: I said, “I will confess my transgressions to the LORD,”

People: and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Pastor: Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto You that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You by thought, word, and deed. Wherefore we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

People: O most merciful God who has given Your only-begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of You and of Your will and true obedience to Your Word, to the end that by Your grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Pastor: Almighty God has had mercy upon you and has given His only Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. In the stead and by the command of our Lord Jesus Christ, I, a called and ordained servant of the Word, forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit. He who began this good work within you will bring it to completion on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

People: Amen.

SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray. Almighty God, You know we live in the midst of so many dangers that in our frailty we cannot stand upright. Grant strength and protection to support us in all dangers and carry us through all temptations; 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 *Deuteronomy 18:15–20*

¹⁵ “The Lord your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among you, from your brothers—it is to him you shall listen— ¹⁶ just as you desired of the Lord your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly, when you said, ‘Let me not hear again the voice of the Lord my God or see this great fire any more, lest I die.’ ¹⁷ And the Lord said to me, ‘They are right in what they have spoken. ¹⁸ I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their brothers. And I will put my words in his mouth, and he shall speak to them all that I command him. ¹⁹ And whoever will not listen to my words that he shall speak in my name, I myself will require it of him. ²⁰ But the prophet who presumes to speak a word in my name that I have not commanded him to speak, or^[a] who speaks in the name of other gods, that same prophet shall die.’

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE *1 Corinthians 8:1–13*

8 Now concerning^[a] food offered to idols: we know that “all of us possess knowledge.” This “knowledge” puffs up, but love builds up. ² If anyone imagines that he knows something, he does not yet know as he ought to know. ³ But if anyone loves God, he is known by God.⁴ Therefore, as to the eating of food offered to idols, we know that “an idol has no real existence,” and that “there is no God but one.” ⁵ For although there may be so-called gods in heaven or on earth—as indeed there are many “gods” and many “lords”— ⁶ yet for us there is one God, the Father, from whom are all things and for whom we exist, and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things and through whom we exist. ⁷ However, not all possess this knowledge. But some, through former association with idols, eat food as really offered to an idol, and their conscience, being weak, is defiled. ⁸ Food will not commend us to God. We are no worse off if we do not eat, and no better off if we do. ⁹ But take care that this right of yours does not somehow become a stumbling block to the weak. ¹⁰ For if anyone sees you who have knowledge eating in an idol's temple, will he not be encouraged, if his conscience is weak, to eat food offered to idols? ¹¹ And so by your knowledge this weak person is destroyed, the brother for whom Christ died. ¹² Thus, sinning against your brothers and wounding their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ. ¹³ Therefore, if food makes my brother stumble, I will never eat meat, lest I make my brother stumble.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

HOLY GOSPEL *Mark 1:21–28*

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

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

²¹ And they went into Capernaum, and immediately on the Sabbath he entered the synagogue and was teaching. ²² And they were astonished at his teaching, for he taught them as one who had authority, and not as the scribes. ²³ And immediately there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit. And he cried out, ²⁴ “What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are—the Holy One of God.” ²⁵ But Jesus rebuked him, saying, “Be silent, and come out of him!” ²⁶ And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying out with a loud voice, came out of him. ²⁷ And they were all amazed, so that they questioned among themselves, saying, “What is this? A new teaching with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him.” ²⁸ And at once his fame spread everywhere throughout all the surrounding region of Galilee.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise 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 Authority...Power...Hope... (Mark 1:21-28)

CREED *Nicene Creed*

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end. And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life ☩ of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

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

OFFERING SONG “What A Beautiful Name”

(Verse 1)

You were the Word at the beginning.

One with God the Lord Most High

Your hidden glory in creation, now revealed in You our Christ

(Chorus 1)

What a beautiful Name it is what a beautiful Name it is

The Name of Jesus Christ my King

What a beautiful Name it is, nothing compares to this

What a beautiful Name it is, the Name of Jesus

(Verse 2)

You didn't want heaven without us,

so Jesus You brought heaven down

My sin was great, Your love was greater,

what could separate us now

(Chorus 2)

What a wonderful Name it is, what a wonderful Name it is

The Name of Jesus Christ my King

What a wonderful Name it is, nothing compares to this

What a wonderful Name it is, the Name of Jesus

What a wonderful Name it is, the Name of Jesus

(Bridge 1)

Death could not hold You, the veil tore before You

You silence the boast of sin and grave

The heavens are roaring, the praise of Your glory

For You are raised to life again

(Bridge 2)

You have no rival, You have no equal

Now and forever God You reign

Yours is the kingdom, Yours is the glory

Yours is the Name above all names

(Chorus 3)

What a powerful Name it is, what a powerful Name it is

The Name of Jesus Christ my King

What a powerful Name it is, nothing can stand against

What a powerful Name it is, the Name of Jesus

(Ending)

What a powerful Name it is, the Name of Jesus

What a powerful Name it is, the Name of Jesus

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Holy Lord, holy and merciful Father, with patience You bore with us sinners who deserved nothing of Your kindness and brought forth a Savior who is Your Son in our flesh. He lived with obedience we could not and died for sins not His own. In that one, all-sufficient death and mighty resurrection, He ended the reign of sin and delivered to us the victory of everlasting life. Now in this Sacrament of His body and blood, He bestows upon us the fruits of His redeeming work.

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."

PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST *1 Corinthians 11:26; Revelation 22:20*

Pastor: As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

People: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

PAX DOMINI

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

People: Amen.

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS LSB 533 “Jesus Has Come and Brings Pleasure”

- 1** Jesus has come and brings pleasure eternal,
Alpha, Omega, Beginning and End;
Godhead, humanity, union supernal,
O great Redeemer, You come as our friend!
Heaven and earth, now proclaim this great wonder:
Jesus has come and brings pleasure eternal!
- 2** Jesus has come! Now see bonds rent asunder!
Fetters of death now dissolve, disappear.
See Him burst through with a voice as of thunder!
He sets us free from our guilt and our fear,
Lifts us from shame to the place of His honor.
Jesus has come! Hear the roll of God’s thunder!
- 3** Jesus has come as the mighty Redeemer.
See now the threatening strong one disarmed!
Jesus breaks down all the walls of death’s fortress,
Brings forth the pris’ners triumphant, unharmed.
Satan, you wicked one, own now your master!
Jesus has come! He, the mighty Redeemer!
- 4** Jesus has come as the King of all glory!
Heaven and earth, O declare His great pow’r,
Capturing hearts with the heavenly story;
Welcome Him now in this fast-fleeting hour!
Ponder His love! Take the crown He has for you!
Jesus has come! He, the King of all glory!

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LSB 754 Entrust Your Days and Burdens

1 Entrust your days and burdens
To God's most loving hand;
He cares for you while ruling
The sky, the sea, the land.
For He who guides the tempests
Along their thund'rous ways
Will find for you a pathway
And guide you all your days.

2 Rely on God your Savior
And find your life secure.
Make His work your foundation
That your work may endure.
No anxious thought, no worry,
No self-tormenting care
Can win your Father's favor;
His heart is moved by prayer.

3 Take heart, have hope, my spirit,
And do not be dismayed;
God helps in ev'ry trial
And makes you unafraid.
Await His time with patience
Through darkest hours of night
Until the sun you hoped for
Delights your eager sight.

4 Leave all to His direction;
His wisdom rules for you
In ways to rouse your wonder
At all His love can do.
Soon He, His promise keeping,
With wonder-working pow'rs
Will banish from your spirit
What gave you troubled hours.

5 O blessèd heir of heaven,
You'll hear the song resound
Of endless jubilation
When you with life are crowned.
In your right hand your maker
Will place the victor's palm,
And you will thank Him gladly
With heaven's joyful psalm.

6 Our hands and feet, Lord, strengthen;
With joy our spirits bless
Until we see the ending
Of all our life's distress.
And so throughout our lifetime
Keep us within Your care
And at our end then bring us
To heav'n to praise You there.

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POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Let us pray. O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; 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 This Is Our God

(VERSE 1)

Remember those walls that we called sin and shame

They were like prisons that we couldn't escape

But He came, and He died, and He rose, those walls are rubble now

Remember those giants we called death and grave

They were like mountains that stood in our way

But He came and He died and He rose

Those giants are dead now

(CHORUS)

This is our God this is who He is He loves us

This is our God this is what He does He saves us

He bore the cross beat the grave Let heaven and earth proclaim

This is our God King Jesus

(VERSE 2)

Remember that fear that took our breath away

Faith so weak that we could barely pray

But He heard every word every whisper

Now those altars in the wilderness

Tell the story of His faithfulness

Never once did He fail and He never will

(SING CHORUS)

(BRIDGE)

Who pulled me out of that pit? He did He did

Who paid for all of our sin? Nobody but Jesus

(REPEAT BRIDGE)

Who rescued me from that grave? Yahweh Yahweh

Who gets the glory and praise? Nobody but Him!

(SING CHORUS)

(ENDING)

He bore the cross beat the grave

Let heaven and earth proclaim

This is our God King Jesus



Praying for...

Emmanuel Lutheran Prayer List The Week of January 28, 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:

- ◇ **Michael Fastenau** Was hospitalized & is now home awaiting therapy (1/24)
- Debbie Henderson** (J.Groh's friend) Running extensive tests (1/23)
- Scott Stinson** (The Stinson's son) He had a 3rd surgery 1 week ago. Pain level is moderate. Told not to lift heavier than a pencil for next 2 weeks (1/24)
- ◇ Steve Holler Having ankle surgery on Friday 1/19.
- ◇ Bernard Smith Has fallen and is recovering at home
- ◇ Martha Greene & Family Doug Greene passed unto Heaven on 1/11
- ◇ Art Gillespie Recovering from a bacterial lung infection.
- ◇ Jay Keller (M.Rush) Needs continued healing prayers.

Elsie Langford (S.Pruett, mother) Went to hospital w/ G.I. bleed & now in rehab facility near her home. Doing physical therapy before able to go back home. (1/25)

Tommy (B.Sullivan, Sister's husband) After suffering a small hemorrhage, post colonoscopy, Dr. found spot on kidney. **Nephrologist appt in Feb. (1/25)**

Carol (B.Sullivan, Niece) Now receiving iron transfusions to help with her severe anemia. So far she is responding fairly well to that. (1/25)

Katelyn (B.Sullivan, Daughter) Prayers for a better, safer, and affordable housing very soon & the depression lifts so that she seeks medical help for G. I troubles.

Doug Kenney (C.Munn's friend) New cancer diagnosis.

Cher Huntley Neck fusion on 1/16, #26 surgery. Prayers for healing & comfort.

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

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

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|-------------------|-------------------|---------------------------|
| * Dot Fastenau | * Jean Metcalf | * Marilyn Saylor |
| * Teenie Smathers | * Marjorie Yelton | * Diana & Isabelle Hempel |
| * Bertha Mertens | * Marjorie Locke | * Helen Cline |

Scripture and Prayer for this week:

"First of all, then, I urge that petitions, prayers, requests, and thanksgivings be offered to God for all people; for kings and all others in authority, that we may lead a quiet and peaceful life with all reverence toward God and with proper conduct." (1 Timothy 2:1-2)

Dear God, Your Word says "blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord." We pray for our nation. Have mercy upon us and turn us back to Yourself. Thank You for our forefathers who established this nation on Your Word and the acknowledgement that You are God. In God we trust; let that be true in America. Give us leaders who will acknowledge responsibility to You, who will seek Your wisdom and counsel, and who themselves seek to be servants of the people. Restore humility, integrity, truthfulness, good character, goodness and respect. Come to the aid of those who cannot speak for themselves and for those most vulnerable in our society. Keep our religious freedom alive and move Your Church to speak and act in Your Name and according to Your Word. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Sharing God's Answers & Updates to our Prayers:

From Isabelle Hempel: Diana is now at home now and getting 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.

Authority...Power...Hope

Mark 1:21-28

...because they are God's Word incarnate in this _____, these words take on a special distinction in our lives. How Jesus' words have _____, power, and hope for the _____

I. First _____

A. Mark _____

1. There was something very _____ about Jesus' words
2. Jesus didn't quote learned _____ from the past, he was the sole authority of His words
3. Jesus had the authority of _____ Himself - John 1:1

B. God's Word, the Word that God used to _____, the authoritative Word that brought things into existence, was _____ in Jesus

1. Jesus spoke with the authority that was present at _____
2. Jesus began to speak this word when the time was right (Mark _____)
3. And now the _____ was at hand

II. The Power of Jesus As He _____ God's Word

A. Mark _____

1. There was Power in Jesus' _____
2. The power of Jesus words affects _____
3. These words have the power in _____ when we confess our sins
 - a. Jesus' action of _____ reaches into our lives
 - b. The cosmic battle of _____ has been fought and Jesus has won

B. It is only through the powerful word of Christ that we can hope to _____

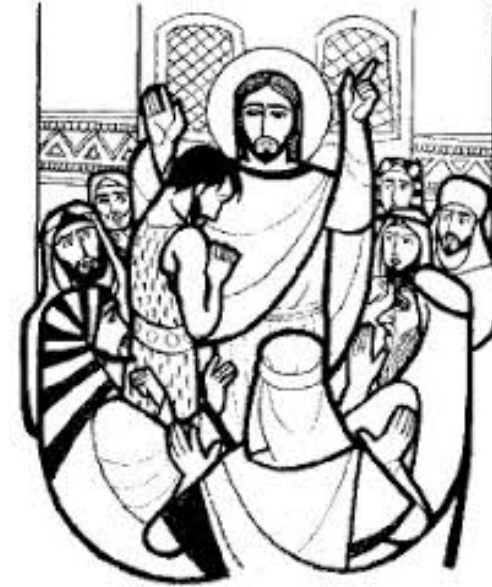
II. And the Word of _____

A. Because Jesus' Words have authority and power we can live as a people with _____

1. Lives can be changed, things can be _____
2. We can live lives as Victor instead of as _____

B. Maxie Dunnam: "I am dancing in the face of _____ over which I have no control except to trust God and life and circumstance. I am able to live in the presence of _____ because I trust myself as a victor rather than victim"

1. Jesus is our _____ across the brokenness of life
2. He moves us closer to _____ and the promise of salvation which is ours through the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ



The Time is fulfilled...and the _____ of God is at hand; repent, and believe the Gospel!"

2024 Tour!

Singing Saints



at Emmanuel Lutheran Church!

Sunday, February 25

CONCERT: 7pm



The Singing Saints of Saint Paul Lutheran High School, Concordia, Missouri. The touring choir is made up of 46 students, performing a varied program that includes classic German choral works by Mendelssohn, Bruckner, & Haydn, as well as some hymns, anthems & spirituals.

The award-winning choir is under the direction of Dr. Jerrode Marsh. The concert is free. Donations are kindly requested to help cover expenses for their tour.

Students need housing for 1 night.

**Please contact the church office
to be assigned!**

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(828)252-1795 ext. 100



January 27th, 2024 - 2pm

MEMORIAL SERVICE

In honor of: Douglas Mason Greene

Born: February 8, 1946

Entered Eternal Life: January 11, 2024

HYMN "When Peace, like a River" LSB 763

INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the (+) Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

Pastor: In Holy Baptism, Doug was clothed with the robe of Christ's own righteousness that covered all his sin. St. Paul, guided by the Holy Spirit wrote, "Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into His death?"

People: "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. 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." *Thanks be unto God!*

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Let us pray

People: O God of grace and mercy, we give thanks for Your loving kindness shown to Doug and to all Your servants who having finished their course in faith, now rest from their labors. Grant that we also may be faithful unto death and receive the crown of eternal life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

PSALM FOR THE DAY Psalm 23 (King James Version) *(read responsively)*

Pastor: The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.

People: ²He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters.

Pastor: ³He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

People: ⁴Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

Pastor: ⁵Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.

People: ⁶Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READINGS Ecclesiastes 3:1-4, Proverbs 3: 5-6; James 1:12; John 10: 22-30

SONG "AN EVENING PRAYER" Heidi Meulenberg
Written by C.M. Battersby & Chas H. Gabriel

SERMON

FAMILY REFLECTIONS

APOSTLES' CREED

C 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 life everlasting. Amen.

SONG "The Prayer" Heather Meulenberg & Alexi Lundquist
(Written by Carole Sager & David Foster)

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: Let us pray to the Lord, our God and Father, who raised Jesus from the dead. Almighty God, You have knit Your chosen people together into one communion in the mystical body of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Give to Your whole Church in heaven and on earth Your light and Your peace. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Grant that all who have been baptized into Christ's death and resurrection may die to sin and rise to newness of life and so pass with Him through the gate of death and the grave to our joyful resurrection. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Give the family Doug and to all who mourn, comfort in their grief and a sure confidence in Your loving care that, casting all their sorrow on You, they may know the consolation of Your love. Lord, In Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Give courage and faith to the bereaved, that within the communion of Your Church they may have strength to meet the days ahead in the assurance of a holy and certain hope and in the joyful expectation of eternal life with those they love who have departed in the faith. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer. *(Continues on back)*

Pastor: Receive our thanks for Doug and for all the blessings You bestowed on him in this earthly life. Bring us at last to our heavenly home that with him we may see You face to face in the joys of paradise. Lord, in Your mercy.

People: **hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Lord God, our faithful Shepherd, You gather the lambs of Your flock into the arms of Your mercy and bring them home. Comfort us with the certain hope of the resurrection to everlasting life and a joyful reunion with those we love who have died in the faith; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Pastor: Let us bless the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord look upon you with favor and (+) give you peace.

People: **Amen.**

CLOSING SONG "I'll Fly Away"

1. Some glad morning when this life is o'er,
I'll fly away;
To a home on God's celestial shore,
I'll fly away (I'll fly away).

Chorus

I'll fly away, O glory

I'll fly away; (in the morning)

When I die, Hallelujah, by and by,

I'll fly away.

2. When the shadows of this life have gone,
I'll fly away;
Like a bird from prison bars has flown,
I'll fly away (I'll fly away).

(Repeat Chorus)

3. Just a few more weary days and then,
I'll fly away;
To a land where joy shall never end,
I'll fly away (I'll fly away).

DISMISSAL SONG "Ashokan Farewell" played by Lula Meulenberg
(by Jay Ungar)



**Emmanuel
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ASHEVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA



Douglas Mason Greene, 77, passed away Thursday, January 11, 2024.

Born February 8, 1946 in Buncombe County; Douglas was the only son of the late Cecil Earl Greene and Elizabeth Mae West Greene.

Mr. Greene was a veteran of the U.S. Navy having served during Vietnam. He was a graduate of T.C. Roberson High School and UNCA. He was a member of Emmanuel Lutheran Church, participating in numerous service roles and activities. He enjoyed being in nature, playing golf, and watching Carolina football. He had a remarkable sense of humor and was known for his kindness, compassion, and willingness to help others. Surviving is his wife of 53 years, Martha E. Greene, his daughters Allison Greene and Meredith Benjamin, and his son-in-law Nathan Benjamin.

A memorial service will be held on the 27th day of January at 2:00 PM at Emmanuel Lutheran Church. In lieu of flowers the family requests donations be made to the Memorial at Emmanuel Lutheran Church.

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