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

Sunday March 17, 2024

Fifth Sunday in Lent

8:30am Traditional Worship

11:00am Blended Worship

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Our Vision:

Fully Engaged, Biblically Passionate,  
Driven to Serve

Weekly Calendar.

**Monday, March 18**  
10:00am VRQ Lunch  
7:00pm Black Mtn Bible Study Group (Roseman Home)

**Tuesday, March 19**  
9:30am Linus Blankets  
2:00pm Hardesty Small Group (East Asheville)  
6:30pm Praise Band Rehearsal

**Wednesday, March 20**  
8:10am & 10am School & ECE Chapels (Sanctuary)  
12:00pm Noon Lenten Worship Service (Sanctuary)  
12:30pm Lenten Fellowship Luncheon (Narthex)  
1:30pm Women's Bible Study Group (Rm# 111)  
7:00pm Evening Lenten Worship Service (Sanctuary)  
7:45pm Choir Rehearsal (Balcony)

**Thursday, March 21**  
6:30pm Elder's Meeting (STEAM or virtual)

**Friday, March 22**  
6:00pm Pickle Ball / Church use (Gym—J. Helms)

**Saturday, March 23**  
10:00am Women's Prayer + Crafting Group (Narthex)

**Sunday, March 24—Palm Sunday!**  
> **8:30 am Traditional Worship Service**  
9:45am PreK-5th Sunday School (Room# 17)  
9:45am Adult Bible Studies (Rm# 111 & Fellowship Hall)  
9:45am Confirmation Class (church conference room)  
> **11:00am Blended Worship Service**  
Post-service: Praying Ministry support (lectern)  
1-3pm Food Pantry **OPEN**  
5:00pm High School Youth Group

**Senior Pastor:** Rev. Dr. Jeffrey Skopak  
**Director of Christian Education:** Alexi Lundquist  
**Church Office Administrator:** Leigh Horsley  
**Hospitality Ministry Coordinator:** Shirley Parker  
**Traditional Music—Choir & Handbell Director:** A.L. Brown  
**Praise & Worship Music/Band Director:** Heather Meulenberg  
**Organist:** Lula Meulenberg  
**School Principal:** Mark Edmiston  
**School Admin. Assistant:** Shari Reaves  
**Early Childhood Education Director:** Christine Smith

Today's Servers

	8:30am	11:00am
<b>Acolytes:</b>	Paige Hausman	Mason Franklin
<b>Lectors:</b>	Scott Hausman*	Christi Lorenz
<b>Ushers:</b>	Stephanie Hanson & Scott Hausman*	Rich & Lisa Baldwin
<b>Communion:</b>	Neil Pursley & Susan Roby	Doug Piercy & Deb Deberry
<b>Elders:</b>	John Jennejahn	Kevin Lorenz

**Today's Prayer Team:** Rich and Lisa Baldwin

**Today's Tech /Sound Crew**  
8:30am: Heather Meulenberg and Peter Linton  
11:00am: Steve Taylor and Bryce Gleason

**March Altar Guild**  
8:30am: Martha Greene  
11:00am: Elaine Tonne

**March Offering Counters:** Stephanie Hanson & Lori Allen

Member Celebrations!

**Birthdays:** 3/18: Lori Allen; 3/20: Bill Hufnagle  
90+ Birthdays: 3/26 Jean Metcalf; 3/27 Gerry Hardesty

**Anniversaries:**  
3/18: Judith Walter; 3/22: Kenny & Glenda Bailey

Last Week's Services Attendance & Stats

**On-Campus Attendance**  
Last Sunday: 8:30am— 63 persons; 11am— 86 persons  
Last Wednesday: 12pm— 42 persons & 7pm— 21 persons

**Website & FaceBook Hits:**  
Website— 25 attenders; Facebook— 140 views

Last Week's Food Pantry (Grad N Go, VRQ, & Costello)

**Sunday 03/10 served:** 448 homes & 701 individuals  
**Total Feb/March:** 945 homes & 1,778 individuals

Last Week's Offerings

**Last week General Offering received:** \$ 12,931.31  
**Building Funds Received:** \$ 132.00  
\*General Weekly Offering needed: (\$ 12,817.31)

“Sacrifice is Never Giving Up”



Philippians 3:12-4:1

March 17, 2024— Fifth Sunday in Lent

**Sunday School/Bible Study Schedule**

**In between services at 9:45am:**  
Adult Bible Study (Fellowship Hall)  
Lent Easter Adult Bible Study (Room #111)  
Pre-K thru 5th Grade (room #17)  
Confirmation Class (church conf. room)

Grab-n-Go Food Pantry is closed today.

**The Emmanuel Preschool Choir sing two songs at the 11am service today!**

Thank you lovingly to all the Teachers here today, Parents & Families visiting, and to our ECE music teacher Heather Meulenberg!

**Today's Altar Flowers** are given to the Glory of God by: Peg and Gerry Hardesty



**8:30am Traditional Worship Outline (DS1)**

Call to Worship: The King of Love My Shepherd Is  
Performed by the Meulenberg Family

Welcome and Announcements

Opening Hymn:  
LSB 606 I Lay My Sins on Jesus

Invocation: page 151

Confession and Absolution: page 151

Kyrie: Page 152,153

Salutation and Collect: Page 156

Old Testament: Jeremiah 31:31-34 (page 156)

Epistle: Hebrews 5:1-10 (page 156)

Alleluia and Verse: Page 156

The Holy Gospel: Mark 10:35-45 (page 157)

Children's Message

The Sermon Hymn:  
LSB 430 My Song Is Love Unknown

The Sermon: Sacrifice is Never Giving Up  
(Philippians 3:12-4:1)

The Apostles' Creed: 159

Prayers of the Church

Offering

Offertory: Page 159,160

Preface: Page 160

Proper Preface

Sanctus: Page 161

Lord's Prayer: Page 162 (Right hand Column)

Words of Institution: Page 16 (Right hand Column)

Pax Domini: Page 163

Agnus Dei: Page 163

Distribution

Communion Hymns:  
LSB 770 What a Friend We Have in Jesus  
LSB 636 Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness

Post-Communion Cantic: Page 164

Post-Communion Collect: Page 166

Benediction: Page 166

Closing Hymn:  
LSB 919 Abide, O Dearest Jesus

**Google Meet joining info**

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

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

**VIRTUAL PRAYER SERVICE**

Prayer is ESSENTIAL to our Worship.

Join us the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of every month @ 6pm (EST)

For more info contact Scott Hausman

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**THIS EVENING, SUNDAY MARCH 17th**



**Saturday March 23<sup>rd</sup>**  
**A very special...**  
**Women's Prayer + Crafting Group**

**We will be making "goodie" bags for the SED 85<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Jubilee in April!**  
**Begins at 10am in the Narthex**



**Easter Church Opportunities to support!**

- 1. Dedicate an EASTER LILY plant @ \$10 each** (sign-up sheet, Narthex)
- 2. Make a BREAKFAST CASSEROLE for Easter morning** (email signup)
- 3. Donate CANDY for the Easter Egg Hunt!** (bring to church office by 3/24)



**Sacrifice is Never Giving Up**  
**Philippians 3:12-4:1**

*Winston Churchill: Never give in. Never give in. Never, never, never - in nothing \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_, large or petty, never give in, except to \_\_\_\_\_ of honor and good sense*

I. Never \_\_\_\_\_ Up

A. Philippians \_\_\_\_\_

1. Paul is striving to be more like \_\_\_\_\_
2. But sometimes God puts us in places where we are \_\_\_\_\_, hampered, and limited
  - a. It is in these places where we become \_\_\_\_\_ enough to seek God
  - b. This may lead to amazing spiritual \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ on Jesus
3. The point Paul is making: He is not \_\_\_\_\_ - BUT he will strive to grab ahold of Jesus
  - a. It is a \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. Never give up...never \_\_\_\_\_!

B. Philippians \_\_\_\_\_

1. Paul has laser like \_\_\_\_\_
2. There is no let up in following Jesus - we strive after the \_\_\_\_\_ and run all the way to the finish \_\_\_\_\_

C. Too many people live their lives looking \_\_\_\_\_

1. Looking backwards causes us to have \_\_\_\_\_, focus on \_\_\_\_\_, and reminds us of our \_\_\_\_\_
2. We are called to let go of our past failings, confess our \_\_\_\_\_, and receive the forgiveness Jesus alone can provide
3. And with all the \_\_\_\_\_ in our world it is even more imperative for us to fix our eyes of the prize, Jesus Christ.

II.

Easily \_\_\_\_\_

A. Paul is talking about a \_\_\_\_\_ all the way to the finish line

1. No \_\_\_\_\_; No \_\_\_\_\_
2. Philippians \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. Paul is not talking about mindlessly \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. He is talking about a real \_\_\_\_\_

B. The \_\_\_\_\_ for God is not a “All Roads Lead to \_\_\_\_\_”

1. As a follower of Jesus we \_\_\_\_\_.  
He is the only way, truth, and life
2. And this leads to \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. Some \_\_\_\_\_ may not be helpful to our faith walk
  - b. Some \_\_\_\_\_ may be harmful to our focus on Jesus

III. Standing \_\_\_\_\_ and Sacrificing Much

A. Philippians \_\_\_\_\_

1. Because of your faith in Jesus you will be able to stand \_\_\_\_\_
2. You will be able to weather the \_\_\_\_\_ and stand firm in the face of \_\_\_\_\_

B. To stand in the fullness of Christ is to \_\_\_\_\_ for the One who sacrificed all for us

1. Sacrifice calls for you to use your time, talents, and \_\_\_\_\_
2. EVERYTHING you do in the name of Jesus \_\_\_\_\_

*None of us have arrived to where we exactly need to be in \_\_\_\_\_. We will still fight temptations and \_\_\_\_\_ will certainly try to derail us. But never give in. Never give in.*

# EMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

March 17, 2024 Fifth Sunday in Lent 11:00am

## AS WE GATHER

Today's Epistle speaks of Jesus, our High Priest. High priests are called to offer sacrifices for the sins of the people as well as themselves. Jesus is a different sort of high priest who offers Himself as sacrifice, once for all, that we might be forgiven and granted eternal salvation. In the Gospel, Jesus proclaims that He came not to be served, but to serve. He came to offer His life as a ransom for us. As we follow Jesus, we are called to reflect His actions and attitude of service and sacrifice. May we likewise go to serve and sacrifice for others.

## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### OPENING SONG Who You Say I Am

(VERSE 1)

Who am I that the highest King would welcome me  
I was lost but He brought me in, oh His love for me  
Oh His love for me

(CHORUS 1)

**Who the Son sets free, oh is free indeed; I'm a child of God Yes I am**

(VERSE 2)

Free at last He has ransomed me  
His grace runs deep  
While I was a slave to sin Jesus died for me  
Yes He died for me

(CHORUS 1)

**Who the Son sets free, oh is free indeed; I'm a child of God Yes I am**

(CHORUS 2)

**In my Father's house there's a place for me**

**I'm a child of God Yes I am**

(BRIDGE)

I am chosen not forsaken, I am who You say I am  
You are for me not against me, I am who You say I am

(REPEAT BRIDGE)

Oh I am who You say I am

**(SING BOTH CHORUSES, 1 & 2)**

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## INVOCATION

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

**People: Amen.**

## **OPENING SENTENCES**

Pastor: What a priest we have in Jesus!

**People: He is our source of eternal salvation.**

Pastor: He sympathizes with us in our weakness.

**People: He offers prayers and supplications for us.**

Pastor: He serves us and sacrifices Himself for us.

**People: What a priest we have in Jesus!**

## **CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

Pastor: Though Jesus is our great High Priest, we have lived as if we did not need Him, as though our sin was not dire and deadly. Despite our self-centered failures, our heavenly Father is merciful, and because of Jesus, He invites us to draw near to His throne in confidence to ask for forgiveness.

*Silence for reflection.*

Pastor: Heavenly Father,

**People: we have sinned against our neighbors and against You. We have sought to be served. We have demanded others sacrifice for us. Forgive us, renew us, and humble us, for the sake of Jesus. Amen.**

Pastor: Almighty God in His mercy sent Jesus into our world to be our great High Priest, who came to serve and offer His life as a ransom for us. Christ died and is risen for you. 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. We are forgiven. Christ has sacrificed His life for us.**

## **SALUTATION**

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Pastor: Let us pray.

Almighty God, by Your great goodness mercifully look upon Your people that we may be governed and preserved evermore in body and soul; 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**     *Jeremiah 31:31–34*

<sup>31</sup> “Behold, the days are coming, declares the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah, <sup>32</sup> not like the covenant that I made with their fathers on the day when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt, my covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, declares the Lord. <sup>33</sup> For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, declares the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts. And I will be their God, and they shall be my people. <sup>34</sup> And no longer shall each one teach his neighbor and each his brother, saying, ‘Know the Lord,’ for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, declares the Lord. For I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more.”

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**EPISTLE**     *Hebrews 5:1–10*

<sup>1</sup> For every high priest chosen from among men is appointed to act on behalf of men in relation to God, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. <sup>2</sup> He can deal gently with the ignorant and wayward, since he himself is beset with weakness. <sup>3</sup> Because of this he is obligated to offer sacrifice for his own sins just as he does for those of the people. <sup>4</sup> And no one takes this honor for himself, but only when called by God, just as Aaron was. <sup>5</sup> So also Christ did not exalt himself to be made a high priest, but was appointed by him who said to him, “You are my Son, today I have begotten you”; <sup>6</sup> as he says also in another place, “You are a priest forever, after the order of Melchizedek.” <sup>7</sup> In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to him who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverence. <sup>8</sup> Although he was a son, he learned obedience through what he suffered. <sup>9</sup> And being made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation to all who obey him, <sup>10</sup> being designated by God a high priest after the order of Melchizedek.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

## **HOLY GOSPEL** *Mark 10: 35–45*

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

**People: Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>35</sup> And James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came up to him and said to him, “Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you.” <sup>36</sup> And he said to them, “What do you want me to do for you?” <sup>37</sup> And they said to him, “Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory.” <sup>38</sup> Jesus said to them, “You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or to be baptized with the baptism with which I am baptized?” <sup>39</sup> And they said to him, “We are able.” And Jesus said to them, “The cup that I drink you will drink, and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized, <sup>40</sup> but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared.” <sup>41</sup> And when the ten heard it, they began to be indignant at James and John. <sup>42</sup> And Jesus called them to him and said to them, “You know that those who are considered rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones exercise authority over them. <sup>43</sup> But it shall not be so among you. But whoever would be great among you must be your servant, <sup>44</sup> and whoever would be first among you must be slave of all. <sup>45</sup> For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.”

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**People: Praise to You, O Christ.**

## **CHILDREN’S MESSAGE**

**SERMON SONG** I Will Trust In You (Emmanuel Preschool Choir!)

**SERMON** Sacrifice is Never Giving Up (Philippians 3:12 – 4:1)

## **APOSTLE’S 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

**LORD'S PRAYER** *Matthew 6:9–13*

### OFFERING

**OFFERTORY SONG** Jesus Is My Healer

(VERSE 1)

Oh that rugged cross the selfless pain He bore  
He breathed His final breath  
That I would be restored  
By His body that was broken  
Precious blood freely shed  
The spotless Lamb of heaven  
Has forever conquered death

**(CHORUS)**

**Jesus is my healer He's everything I need  
He alone has triumphed over sickness and disease  
Fear where is your power; The cross is your defeat  
Jesus is my healer He has won the victory**

(VERSE 2)

Oh how great a love I'm held by perfect peace  
He walks with me through valleys  
Understands my suffering  
Every joy and every sorrow every triumph every loss  
I know everything is covered  
By the shadow of the cross  
Everything is covered by the shadow of the cross

**(Chorus #2)**

**Jesus is my healer He's everything I need  
He alone has triumphed over sickness and disease  
Fear where is your power; The cross is your defeat  
Jesus is my healer He has won the victory; Jesus is my healer He has won the victory**

(Bridge)

Everything bows at His name; Everything bows at His name  
Sickness darkness chains break at the name of Jesus

(REPEAT BRIDGE)

**(SING CHORUS #2 TWICE)**

(Ending)

Jesus is my healer He has won the victory

## **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.”

## **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

### “Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord” LSB 637

- 1 Draw near and take the body of the Lord,  
And drink the holy blood for you outpoured;  
Offered was He for greatest and for least,  
Himself the victim and Himself the priest.
- 2 He who His saints in this world rules and shields,  
To all believers life eternal yields;  
With heav’nly bread He makes the hungry whole,  
Gives living waters to the thirsting soul.
- 3 Come forward then with faithful hearts sincere,  
And take the pledges of salvation here.  
O Lord, our hearts with grateful thanks endow  
As in this feast of love You bless us now.

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### “What a Friend We Have in Jesus” LSB 770

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1 What a friend we have in Jesus,<br/>All our sins and griefs to bear!<br/>What a privilege to carry<br/>Ev’rything to God in prayer!<br/>Oh, what peace we often forfeit;<br/>Oh, what needless pain we bear—<br/>All because we do not carry<br/>Ev’rything to God in prayer!</li><li>2 Have we trials and temptations?<br/>Is there trouble anywhere?<br/>We should never be discouraged—<br/>Take it to the Lord in prayer.<br/>Can we find a friend so faithful<br/>Who will all our sorrows share?<br/>Jesus knows our ev’ry weakness—<br/>Take it to the Lord in prayer.</li></ol> | <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>3 Are we weak and heavy laden,<br/>Cumbered with a load of care?<br/>Precious Savior, still our refuge—<br/>Take it to the Lord in prayer.<br/>Do thy friends despise, forsake thee?<br/>Take it to the Lord in prayer.<br/>In His arms He’ll take and shield thee;<br/>Thou wilt find a solace there.</li></ol> |
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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.

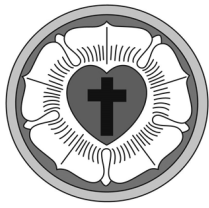
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

**People: Amen.**

## **CLOSING HYMN** Great is Your Love (Emmanuel Preschool Choir!)



***Prayer Ministering available*** after the 11am service, for those in the congregation in need of personal, powerful prayers of healing and encouragement, in Jesus' name. Meet at the lectern on the left facing side of the Altar.



## Emmanuel Lutheran Prayer List The Week of March 17, 2024

These are people in need of prayers this week. "Lord Jesus we commend into Your hands the needs of people that go through challenges of many kinds. You know their joys, troubles, illnesses, and fears. We now commend them to You."

**Prayers are continual and for good HEALTH, swift HEALING, & FAVOR, for the afflicted, their families, and friends:**

- ◇ **Ray Bailey** (G. Bailey, wife) He is waiting on a pacemaker
- Greg Hutchins** (R & G Bailey, friend) Long term illness
- ◇ **John Jennejahn** Shoulder pain is worsening; Surgery scheduled 4/22 (3/13)
- Pat Bolling** (H. Renner, friend) Diagnosed with cancer; prayers for healing & peace.
- ◇ **Julia Kearley** (self) Surgery was on 3/11; to be released from Hospital 3/12.
- ◇ **Lary Schulhof** (self) Health Issues
- ◇ **Florence Samuel** (W. Samuel, wife) Prayers are for a successful surgery.
- ◇ **Elsie Lankford** (J. Pruett, grandmother) Her strength is weak after rehab.  
Jessica Fisher (Hufnagle, daughter in law) She returned home Tuesday (3/5) evening from 3 weeks in the hospital. Bill & Mary give thanks for all our thoughts & prayers. (updated 3/7)
- Davenport Family** (B. Swatzell/ECE teacher, brother-in-law) Alan Davenport passed away after being very sick since Christmas.  
Prayers for his wife and kids as they grieve.
- Ralph Ector** (S. Edward, father) Aging Issues, Prayers for sharp senses & sound mind.
- Katelyn Sullivan** (B. Sullivan, daughter) Desperate for safe housing in Asheville;  
Her current living situation is not good. Pray she does not live in car.
- Marleen & Jack** (B. Sullivan, friend of friend) Elderly couple involved in severe car accident Friday 2/23, in Mission ICU. (2/25)
- Bruce Buzogany** (D. Meyer, friend) Health issues, waiting for diagnosis. (2/25)
- ◇ **Florence Samuel** New treatment & surgery needed. Prayers for guidance for doctors & strength to go through this. (2/18)
- Shirley Stiles** (S. Edwards, friend) Heart Issues. (2/18)
- Lillian Edwards** (S. Edwards, mother-in-law) Vision lost. (2/18)
- ◇ **Kendida Gordon** Trying to find new job; recovering from bronchitis & pneumonia (2/18)
- Don Maskell** (A. Franklin, fiancé) Prayers for his health. (2/18)
- Heather Ridgeway** (Ridgeway's daughter-in-law) Her father passed away. (2/18)
- Paul Ude** (S. Ude, brother) In the Hospital for COPD (2/18)
- Troy Williams** (Skopak, friend) Diagnosed w/stage 4 rectal cancer. Starting treatments.
- Merdie Mullins** (A.Bair, Dad) 85 yrs old w/ pulmonary edema. Already has COPD, heart disease, & black lung.

◇ = Emmanuel Lutheran Church Members

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

- ◇ Marilyn Saylor
- ◇ Emily Nieting
- ◇ Cynthia Cline
- ◇ Helen Cline
- ◇ Marjorie Locke
- ◇ Ken Treadway
- ◇ Mike Walker
- ◇ Julia Kearley
- ◇ C.J. Reece
- ◇ Dale Wooten
- ◇ Pastor Art Gillespie
- ◇ Mike Fastenau
- ◇ Tommy Ridgeway
- ◇ Gloria Spude
- ◇ Ray Bailey
- Elsie Lankford** (S. Pruett's mother)
- Debbie Henderson** (J.Groh, friend)
- Jan Williams** (C.Waites Mother)
- Janice** (L.Giese's friend)
- Lynn Case-Scott** (S.Buckner's friend)
- Ralph Ector, Snr** (S.Edward's father)
- Sam Leder** (V.Stinson's cousin)
- Muriel Williams** (S.Edward's friend)
- Don Young** (P/CJ Reece)
- Hubert Hicks** (C.Cline's friend)
- Ann Melious** (P/H McCarthy family)
- Jenny Buckner** (C.Cline's neighbor)
- Carol Harris** (S.Ude's friend)
- Robin Worley** (J.Kearley's friend)
- Min Soo Lee** (E.Bailey's friend)
- Antonia Simpson** (L.Meulenberg's friend)
- Bob Frey** (D.Wooten's friend)
- Keith Haynes** (R.Rush's friend)
- Virginia Lopez** (E.Lopez's mother)
- Melinda Condrey** (Hufnagle's friend)
- Chris Alstrin** (L.Schulhof's friend)
- Garret Reiser** (R/Dee Gordon's family)
- Becky Presley** (S.Brock's friend)
- Greg Hutchins** (R & G Bailey, friend)

### ◇ PRAYERS FOR OUR HOMEBOUND MEMBER BROTHERS & SISTERS

- \* Dot Fastenau
- \* Ruth Jean Metcalf
- \* Marilyn Saylor
- \* Teenie Smathers
- \* Marjorie Locke
- \* Diana & Isabelle Hempel
- \* Bertha Mertens
- \* Helen Cline
- \* Ray & Glenda Bailey

### ◇ PRAYERS FOR OUR SEMINARIAN

Adam Nieting & his wife Emily (Concordia Theological Seminary)

◇ = Emmanuel Lutheran Church Members

### Healing 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.

*Emmanuel Lutheran Church is a praying community. We believe the promise of God regarding His Word. Our new prayer request cards are located on the bottom of our new attendance cards in the sanctuary on the back on the pews. You may also call or email your request to the church office at anytime!*