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Empowered by the Holy Spirit, Emanuel's mission is to witness to the good news of salvation through Christ to individuals, the community and the world through discipleship and service.



LBW—Lutheran Book of Worship WOV—With One Voice
** Please stand if you are able*

PRELUDE *Let the Lower Light Be Burning*

Brightly beams our Father's mercy from his lighthouse evermore,
But to us he gives the keeping of the lights along the shore.
Let the lower lights be burning! Send a gleam across the wave!
Some poor fainting, struggling seaman you may rescue, you may save.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*** CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, the sower, the seed, the fruit; our lifeboat, our treasure, our leaven. Blessed be God forever.

C Amen.

P Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

P God of heaven and earth,

C we name before you the sin that enslaves us, the sin that wounds us and others, the sin that scars our world. Forgive us and heal us. Guard us from all evil. Give to us and the whole creation the freedom of the glory of the children of God. Amen.

P Come, all who are weary, all who carry heavy burdens. As tender as parent to child, so gentle is God to us. As high as heaven is above earth, so vast is God's love for us. As far as east is from west, so far God removes our sin, renewing our lives in Jesus Christ.

C Amen

*** HYMN LBW # 548** *Oh, Worship the King*

“The true worshiper shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth.” John 4:23

*** PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P Almighty and ever-living God, you have given great and precious promises to those who believe. Grant us the perfect faith which overcomes all doubts, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen

FIRST LESSON: Isaiah 56:1, 6–8

Thus says the LORD:

Maintain justice, and do what is right,
for soon my salvation will come,
and my deliverance be revealed.

⁶And the foreigners who join themselves
to the LORD,

to minister to him, to love the name of
the LORD,

and to be his servants,

all who keep the sabbath, and do not
profane it,

and hold fast my covenant —

⁷these I will bring to my holy mountain,
and make them joyful in my house of
prayer;

their burnt offerings and their
sacrifices
will be accepted on my altar;
for my house shall be called a house
of prayer
for all peoples.

⁸Thus says the Lord GOD,
who gathers the outcasts of Israel,
I will gather others to them
besides those already gathered.

A The Word of the Lord

C Thanks be to God.

Psalm 67

May God be merciful to ¹us and bless us,*
show us the light of his countenance, and ¹come to us.

²**Let your ways be known ¹ upon earth,***
your saving health a-¹ mong all nations.

³Let the peoples praise ¹ you, O God;*
let all the ¹ peoples praise you.

⁴**Let the nations be glad and ¹ sing for joy,***

for you judge the peoples with equity and guide all the nations ¹ upon earth.

⁵Let the peoples praise ¹ you, O God;*

let all the peoples praise you.

**“The earth has brought forth her increase;
may God, our own God, give us his blessing.**

⁷May God give us his blessing,*
and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe of him.

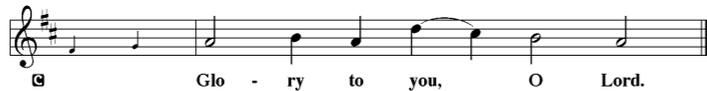
SECOND LESSON: Romans 11:1–2a, 29–32

I ask, then, has God rejected his people?
By no means! I myself am an Israelite, a
descendant of Abraham, a member of the
tribe of Benjamin. ²God has not rejected
his people whom he foreknew. ²⁹for the
gifts and the calling of God are
irrevocable. ³⁰Just as you were once
disobedient to God but have now received

mercy because of their disobedience, ³¹so
they have now been disobedient in order
that, by the mercy shown to you, they too
may now receive mercy. ³²For God has
imprisoned all in disobedience so that he
may be merciful to all.

- A The Word of the Lord
- C **Thanks be to God.**

*** GOSPEL: Matthew 15:[10–20] 21–28**



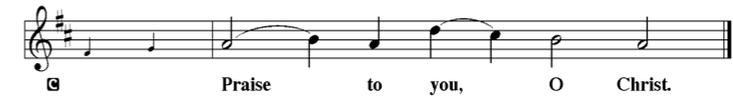
¹⁰Then he called the crowd to him and said
to them, "Listen and understand: ¹¹it is
not what goes into the mouth that defiles
a person, but it is what comes out of the
mouth that defiles." ¹²Then the disciples
approached and said to him, "Do you
know that the Pharisees took offense
when they heard what you said?" ¹³He
answered, "Every plant that my heavenly
Father has not planted will be uprooted.
¹⁴Let them alone; they are blind guides of
the blind. And if one blind person guides
another, both will fall into a pit." ¹⁵But

Peter said to him, "Explain this parable to
us." ¹⁶Then he said, "Are you also still
without understanding? ¹⁷Do you not see
that whatever goes into the mouth enters
the stomach, and goes out into the sewer?
¹⁸But what comes out of the mouth
proceeds from the heart, and this is what
defiles. ¹⁹For out of the heart come evil
intentions, murder, adultery, fornication,
theft, false witness, slander. ²⁰These are
what defile a person, but to eat with
unwashed hands does not defile."

²¹Jesus left that place and went away

to the district of Tyre and Sidon. ²²Just
then a Canaanite woman from that region
came out and started shouting, "Have
mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my
daughter is tormented by a demon." ²³But
he did not answer her at all. And his
disciples came and urged him, saying,
"Send her away, for she keeps shouting
after us." ²⁴He answered, "I was sent only
to the lost sheep of the house of Israel."

²⁵But she came and knelt before him,
saying, "Lord, help me." ²⁶He answered,
"It is not fair to take the children's food
and throw it to the dogs." ²⁷She said,
"Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the
crumbs that fall from their masters' table."
²⁸Then Jesus answered her, "Woman,
great is your faith! Let it be done for you
as you wish." And her daughter was
healed instantly.



Special Music: Jesus Loves You, Little One -Emanuel girls and Peggy Snyder

Congregation: please sing the refrain when directed by Peggy:

- Yes, Jesus loves you.
- Yes, Jesus loves you.
- Yes, Jesus loves you, the Bible tells us so.

BAPTISM OF HANNAH GRACE KERR

PRESENTATION

P In Holy Baptism our gracious heavenly Father liberates us from sin and death by
joining us to the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. We are born children of a
fallen humanity; in the waters of Baptism we are reborn children of God and inheritors of
eternal life. By water and the Holy Spirit we are made members of the Church which is
the body of Christ. As we live with him and with his people, we grow in faith, love, and
obedience to the will of God.

Parents and Sponsors: I present **Hannah Grace Kerr** to receive the Sacrament of Holy
Baptism.

P In Christian love you have presented this child for Holy Baptism. You should,
therefore, faithfully bring her to the services of God's house, and teach her the Lord's

Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments. As she grows in years, you should place in her hands the Holy Scriptures and provide for her instruction in the Christian faith, that, living in the covenant of her Baptism and in communion with the Church, she may lead a godly life until the day of Jesus Christ. Do you promise to fulfill these obligations?

Parents and Sponsors: I do.

THANKSGIVING

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give him thanks and praise.

P Holy God, mighty Lord, gracious Father: We give you thanks, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and you created heaven and earth.

By the gift of water you nourish and sustain us and all living things. By the waters of the flood you condemned the wicked and saved those whom you had chosen, Noah and his family. You led Israel by the pillar of cloud and fire through the sea, out of slavery into the freedom of the promised land. In the waters of the Jordan your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Spirit. By the baptism of his own death and resurrection your beloved Son has set us free from the bondage to sin and death, and has opened the way to the joy and freedom of everlasting life. He made water a sign of the kingdom and of cleansing and rebirth. In obedience to his command, we make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Pour out your Holy Spirit, so that she who is here baptized may be given new life. Wash away the sin of her who is cleansed by this water and bring her forth as an inheritor of your glorious kingdom.

To you be given praise and honor and worship through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

C Amen

RENUNCIATION AND PROFESSION

P I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the Church, the faith in which we baptize.

P Do you renounce all the forces of evil, the devil, and all his empty promises?

Parents and Sponsors: I do.

P Do you believe in God the Father?

C I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

P Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

C I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

P Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

C I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen

BAPTISM

P **Hannah Grace Kerr**, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen

LAYING ON OF HANDS

P God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we give you thanks for freeing your sons and daughters from the power of sin and for raising them up to a new life through this holy sacrament. Pour your Holy Spirit upon **Hannah**: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence.

C Amen

SIGNING WITH THE CROSS

P **Hannah**, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever. Amen

GIVING OF THE LIGHT

A Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

PRAYER FOR PARENTS

P O God, the giver of all life, look with kindness upon **Greg** and **Christine**. Let them ever rejoice in the gift you have given them. Make them teachers and examples of righteousness for their children. Strengthen them in their own Baptism so they may share eternally with their children the salvation you have given them, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen

WELCOME

A Through Baptism God has made this new sister a member of the priesthood we all share in Christ Jesus, that we may proclaim the praise of God and bear his creative and redeeming Word to all the world.

C We welcome you into the Lord's family. We receive you as a fellow member of the body of Christ, child of the same heavenly Father, and worker with us in the kingdom of God.

Baptismal Hymn WOV #770 *Borning Cry*

CHILDREN'S SERMON

* **HYMN LBW # 212** *Let Us Break Bread Together*

“They devoted themselves to the breaking of the bread.” Acts 2:42

SERMON

* **HYMN WOV # 699** *Blessed Assurance*

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION *(please remain seated)*

A With the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

Brief silence.

A O God: We pray for all who gather today to lift songs of praise to you from choir lofts or cathedrals or hilltops. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A We pray for your creation. Show mercy to every injured and suffering creature, and to every species losing its habitat. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A For all nations in conflict, we ask for your presence, O God. We pray for your grace to settle in the hearts of all who govern, that justice and peace be established for all. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A We pray for this congregation, especially those among us preparing to return to school: students and teachers, librarians and custodians, bus drivers and principals. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A With thanksgiving, O God, we remember all who abide with you in heaven. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

Other petitions.

P We pray for all who are suffering (*especially*). We pray for hungry children, fearful parents, grieving loved ones, abused spouses, and those we now name in our hearts, that they may know your peace. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

C Amen.

* **PEACE** *(please stand)*

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you.

TITHES & OFFERINGS *The Nightingale* -Peggy Snyder, violin

OFFERTORY *(please remain seated)*

Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of
bless-ing. Gath-er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be
fed with the bread of life. Gath-er the hopes and dreams of all; u -
nite them with the prayers we of - fer. Grace our ta - ble with your
pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

OFFERING PRAYER

A God of mercy and grace, the eyes of all wait upon you, and you open your hand in blessing. Fill us with good things at your table, that we may come to the help of all in need, through Jesus Christ, our redeemer and Lord.

C Amen.

* EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

* LORD'S PRAYER

P Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

C **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**

HOLY COMMUNION

Macee Glick, piano

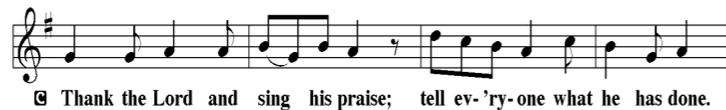
Hymn Medley -Peggy Snyder, violin

* BLESSING

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C Amen

* POST COMMUNION CANTICLE



* PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A Generous God, we give you thanks that again this day you have opened wide your hand and satisfied us with the food of life, the body and blood of Christ. Sharing your compassionate heart, may we be blessed and given to all who hunger and thirst; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

* BENEDICTION

* **HYMN WOV # LBW 550** *From All That Dwell below the Skies*

“Praise the Lord, all nations! Extol him, all peoples.” Psalm 117:1

* DISMISSAL

A Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE *The Promise of Salvation*

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Let Us Break Bread Together

Historians speculate that this black spiritual was not originally a communion song. As a “gathering song” it served as a bell to announce the unauthorized meeting of slaves. This song may have involved hidden clues about such meetings of which only the slaves were aware.

Let the Lower Lights Be Burning (prelude)

This gospel hymn was composed after hymn-writer Philip Bliss heard the story of a shipwreck on Lake Erie. Although the ship’s captain could see the higher light from the lighthouse, he looked in vain for the lower lights that would warn him of hazardous rocks near the shore. Sadly, the storm had knocked out power to those lower lights, causing the ship to crash. Bliss composed the text and the tune, based on a quote from evangelist D.L. Moody, “The Master will take care of the great lighthouse, but let us keep the lower lights burning.”

Altar flowers

Flowers are given to the glory of God by Brian & Dea Plummer in honor of Hannah's birthday.

Baptism

We are privileged to witness the baptism this morning of Hannah Grace, daughter of Greg & Christine (Bostelman) Kerr, born March 23 in Arlington, Virginia. Hannah's sponsors are Dustin Placke and Jana Bostelman.

Adult Choir reminder

You are signed up to bring cookies for fellowship hour on NEXT SUNDAY, August 21. Please bring ONE dozen cookies and put them in the overflow area.

Caring Corner — school supplies

School supplies are being collected during the months of July and August. These supplies include: **markers, crayons, glue, baby wipes, tissues, brown paper bags, notebook paper/notebooks, pencils, and/or backpacks.**

Sign-up sheets

There is now a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the narthex for those willing to run the sound board on Sundays. Please prayerfully consider this needed ministry. Training is available if needed. Talk to Holly Mohring if interested.

And don't forget the sign-up sheet for readers. We still need a reader for 9:00 on Sunday, September 5, and readers for 8:00 and 10:30 the rest of September.

Electrician needed

An electrician is needed in preparation for the Christmas program. If you would like to help out, please call Susan Landversicht at 419.592.0137 or 419.966.4644.

Adult Choir Party

Choir members, please join us for a pool party at the home of Bonnie Palamara on Wednesday, August 31 at 6:00 p.m. There will be chicken sandwiches and sloppy joes; drinks and tableware provided. Please bring a dish to share, a spouse or friend, and your kids. Bonnie lives at 1378 Richmar Lane, just off of Indiana Street (look for the sign). Let's kick off the fall choir season with some fun!

Newsletter deadline — tomorrow morning, 9:00 a.m.

If you would like to have your newsletter delivered via email, please let us know by tomorrow. You will need to have Adobe reader on your computer (free download available at Adobe.com).

Collecting plastic.....

Sarah Sonnenberg is asking for our assistance in the collection of plastic caps from water and pop bottles to go towards a charity event that St. Luke's is doing for cancer patients in need. For every 500 plastic water and pop bottle caps that St. Luke's receives, they will give a free chemo treatment to a cancer patient. This benefits cancer patients who are struggling financially and could really use the help. There is a designated box on the Caring/Donation table to place your bottle caps.

Dartball

There is still a need for a captain for the Dartball team. The Captains meeting is held in August to begin the season in September. Please contact Bill Panning if you're interested.

Summer Soul

We are still having Soul Food suppers each Wednesday at 5:30 p.m. If anyone would like to help, we gather at 3 p.m. to cook up the menu for the evening!

Fellowship Hour

You are invited to stay for refreshments and fellowship immediately following the service in the "overflow" area. Volunteers to "host" each Sunday are welcomed; there is a sign-up sheet outside the church office.

Coupons

Can't use your Sunday supplements? Together We Can Make Difference is always looking for bargain prices on toiletry and personal care items, and coupon shopping helps stretch their dollars. There are boxes at each entrance for your coupons.

Statistics

8/4 Thursday attendance 61

8/7 Attendance 183 Communed 174 Offerings \$5,625.00 (\$610 Bldg Fd; \$10 World Hngr; \$25 Good Sam Fd; \$50 mem to Endow Fd-Joyce Baker; \$60 mem to Endow Fd-Marge Gathman)

This Week

Today 2:00 p.m. Prepare for fair parade food stand
Monday noon Newsletter deadline
6:30 p.m. Executive Board
7:00 p.m. Church Council

Wednesday 5:30 pm. Soul Food
Thursday 9:00 a.m. Bible Study
7:30 p.m. Worship and Holy Communion

Serving Today

Pastor James L. Castello
Worship & Music Coordinator & Organist - Angela Tonjes
Worship Assistant - Carol Castello
Acolytes - Brock Brubaker & Tyler Allison
Ushers - Kurt Rohrs, Chris Peper, Terry Walther, Karl Wiechers
Altar Guild - Julie Callaway & Laura Ellis Kruse
Prayer Chain Co-ordinator - Carol Castello (419-592-0847) or cjcast@yahoo.com

Note to this year's confirmands

We still have one of your gifts from Thrivent Financial and one photo packet from Julie's Portraits in the office.

Check the bulletin board at the north entrance of the church. Where will you "rest" this summer? The map will be up all summer for you to mark your vacation destinations! *Thus the heavens and the earth were completed in all their vast array. By the seventh day God had finished the work he had been doing; so on the seventh day he **RESTED** from all his work. Then God blessed the seventh day and made it holy, because on it he **RESTED** from all the work of creating that he had done.* Genesis 2:1-2 (NIV)

Benefit

All day event to benefit the NTAF Great Lakes Islet Cell Transplant Fund in honor of Bruce Reitman on Saturday, August 20, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the Napoleon American Legion Annex. Rummage Sale & "Bread for Bruce" Bake Sale 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Beef & Noodle Dinner 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Carry outs available. Free will offering.

Results of July 31 Congregational Meeting

The congregation voted to authorize church council to move forward with the elevator/restroom renovation project. By an 81% majority vote the more extensive renovation project was approved at a total cost of \$328,000. The Mel Lanzer Company will have architectural drawings completed and put this project into their work schedule. Church Council will keep the congregation informed as time line details become available.

The congregation also authorized church council to arrange for financing of the project by way of loans from members of the congregation rather than bank financing. Loans will be a minimum of \$10,000 and an interest rate of 3% will be paid. Any congregational member interested in loaning money to the church for this purpose should contact Council President Gary Bostelman by Sunday September 18, 2011.

