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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 *Benediction*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

* **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, who forgives our sin, heals every illness, saves us from death, enfolds us with tender care, and crowns us with steadfast love.

C Amen.

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

P God of abundant mercy,

C we confess that we are more ready to be forgiven than to forgive others. We hold too closely your gifts to us. We trample your vineyard, our good earth. Have mercy, O God; turn us again to you and toward others; and grant that we may live for you and die in you, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our redeemer and Lord. Amen.

P God is generous and faithful, forgiving sins without number, welcoming all to the feast, giving us a place among the saints. Through the humble obedience of Christ Jesus, who went to the cross for our sake, you are forgiven and made whole. The Spirit of God is at work in you, enabling you to live for one another.

C Amen

* **HYMN WOV # 748**

Bind Us Together

“We are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, joined and knit together by every joint” Ephesians 4:15-16

* **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P Almighty and eternal God, you know our problems and our weaknesses better than we ourselves. In your love and by your power help us in our confusion and, in spite of our weakness, make us firm in faith; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen

FIRST LESSON: Ezekiel 33:7–11

⁷So you, mortal, I have made a sentinel for the house of Israel; whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. ⁸If I say to the wicked, "O wicked ones, you shall surely die," and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but their blood I will require at your hand. ⁹But if you warn the wicked to turn from their ways, and they do not turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but you will have saved your life.

¹⁰Now you, mortal, say to the house of Israel, Thus you have said: "Our transgressions and our sins weigh upon us, and we waste away because of them; how then can we live?" ¹¹Say to them, As I live, says the Lord GOD, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from their ways and live; turn back, turn back from your evil ways; for why will you die, O house of Israel?

A The Word of the Lord

C Thanks be to God.

Psalm 119 -Angela Sosebee

SECOND LESSON: Romans 13:8–14

⁸Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. ⁹The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet"; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, "Love your neighbor as yourself." ¹⁰Love does no

wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

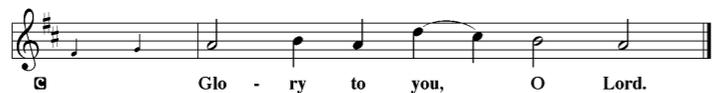
¹¹Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; ¹²the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness

and put on the armor of light; ¹³let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. ¹⁴Instead, put on the Lord Jesus

Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

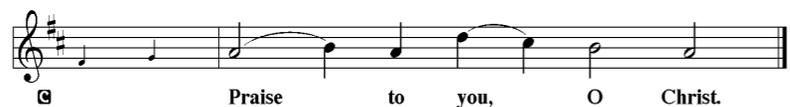
- A The Word of the Lord
- C **Thanks be to God.**

*** GOSPEL: Matthew 18:15–20**



¹⁵If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. ¹⁶But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. ¹⁷If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let

such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. ¹⁸Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. ¹⁹Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. ²⁰For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them."



CHILDREN’S SERMON

*** HYMN WOV # 701**

What Feast of Love

“The bread of God is that which comes down from heaven, and gives life to the world” John 6y:33

SERMON

*** HYMN LBW # 551**

Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee

“My lips will shout for joy when I sing praises to you” Psalm 71:23

*** NICENE CREED**

C We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven; by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION *(please be seated)*

A Seeking the renewal of the Holy Spirit in our communities and in our world, we pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

Brief silence.

A Holy and life-giving God, unite your people in a life of righteousness and loving-kindness. Form us as your witnesses, so that when people seek compassion, they may find it in Christ-centered community. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A Bless the labors of farmers, herders, packagers, and all who work for the harvest and distribution of food. Make them a strong link between your abundant creation and all hungry people. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A Guide the work of all elected officials. Create and encourage accountability in

governments. Use these servants of the people to uphold justice in our world. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A Grant a spirit of thankfulness to all whose daily needs are met. Give hope to those who are unemployed or underemployed. Bind us together in service to one another. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A As we recall the lives of the saints who have revealed Christ to us, open our eyes to see his face in those gathered with us. Strengthen our faith in his ongoing work of redemption. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

Other petitions.

P Make the presence of Christ known among those who are ill, grieving, and broken-hearted. Bring your gifts of healing and wholeness to all who are sick and suffering (*especially*). Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Into your hands, holy God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your abundant 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 *Thy Word* -Angela Sosebee

*** OFFERTORY**

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 Merciful God, as grains of wheat scattered upon the hills were gathered together to become one bread, so let your church be gathered together from the ends of the earth into your kingdom, for yours is the glory through Jesus Christ, now and forever.

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

*** BLESSING**

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

C Amen

*** POST COMMUNION CANTICLE**



☞ Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev-'ry-one what he has done.



Let ev-'ry-one who seeks the Lord re-joice and proud-ly bear his name.



He re-calls his prom-is-es and leads his peo-ple forth in joy



with shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le-lu-ia. Al-le-lu-ia.

*** PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

A God our shepherd, you have gathered us again from scattered places and nourished us with rich food in word and sacrament. Go with us now, that we may seek the lost, bind up the injured, and strengthen the weak, until you gather us and all the saints into your eternal feast with Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

*** BENEDICTION**

*** HYMN LBW # 558** *Earth and All Stars!*

“Let the sea soar, let the floods clap their hands, let the hills be joyful together.” Psalm 98:7,8

*** DISMISSAL**

A Go in peace. The Lord is near.

C **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE *Our Refuge and Strength*

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Altar flowers

Flowers are given to the glory of God by Gary & Jamie Bostelman in honor of their 36th wedding anniversary on the 6th; and by Tom & Barb Hoffman in honor of their 35th wedding anniversary.

Worship schedule

Reminder: we will return to our regular Sunday morning schedule next week, i.e. worship at 8:00 and 10:30 a.m.; Sunday School at 9:15. Thursday services continue at 7:30 p.m.

Caring Corner — Together We Can Make a Difference

We are collecting dish soap this month.

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.

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.

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.

Statistics

8/25 Thursday attendance 35

8/28 Attendance 171 Offerings \$3,615.80 (\$155 Bldg Fd; \$50 Good Sam Fd; \$10 World Hngr)

The September - December issues of **Portals of Prayer** and **Christ in Our Home** devotionals are available at both entrances.

This Week

Monday Labor Day - Office Closed
Wednesday 5:30 pm. Soul Food
6:30 p.m. Choir
7:30 p.m. Living Spirit
Thursday 9:00 a.m. Bible Study
7:30 p.m. Worship
Sunday 8:00 a.m. Worship
9:15 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion

Serving Today

Pastor James L. Castello
Worship & Music Coordinator & Organist - Angela Tonjes
Worship Assistant - Joan Collier
Acolytes - Ryan Kohout & Mitchell Walther
Ushers - Ken Lange, Norm Bostelman, Ron Meyers, Mark Tonjes
Altar Guild - Nancy Lange & Angela Sosebee
Prayer Chain Co-ordinator - Carol Castello (419-592-0847) or cjcast@yahoo.com

The congregation has authorized church council to arrange for financing of the elevator/restroom renovation 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.

People in our prayers:

Virginia Dillon	Alice Langenhop	Darlene Bostelman
family of Pat Wiederwohl	Crystal Garcia	Lenhart Lange
Larry Zachrich	Evelyn Carlile	Josh Bevelle
Paul Cousino	Lorna Bostelman	Norma Strayer
Jeff Warner	Wendy Schroeder	Bob & Linda Lulfs
Glick family	Kiersten Kloos	Amy Rodenbaugh
Jessica Brown	Kathy Ward	Betty Bernicke
Rudy Eickhoff	Donna Meyers	Fred
Walter Thomson	Louisa Bevelle	Amanda Hughes
Jamie Bostelman	C A	Art Pedraza
Pat Badenhop	Mary Lou Joseph	Kaden Michaelis
Deb Gerken	Chad Williams	Alyce Oberhaus
Alfred Prigge	Shirlee Mires Fejes	Julia Arps
Velma Bostelman	Betsy Mix	Sandra Homer
Don & Susan Drewes	Arleta Panning	Marlene Kryder
Betty Mansfield	Ann Westhoven	Tammy Porter
Brent Leiter	Alexa Jennings	Pastor Don Saul
Paul Panning	Michael Stover	John & Dorothy Harms
Herman Campbell	Mary Brown	Joe
Brent Thompson	Emma Mires	Roman Strohm
Allie Grace Small	Paul Bressler	Lavern Sonnenberg
Marsha	Al Duquette	Brennan
Pat Kramer	Pete Miller	Lucas King
Chris Barrow	Ted Titgemeyer	Dave & Betty Meyer
Austin Lighthill	John Wenner	K T
Ruth M. Eickhoff	Miranda Schink	Sarah Rupert
JJ Dennis	Kelly Van	Dick Brown
Landon Zunk	Jeff Brown	Sarah Lenhart
Betty Middleton	Sandy Bostelman	Deb Schink
Carol Baerlin	Margery Downs	

We pray for people having birthdays this week ...

Jonathan Mix	Amy Oliver	Barbara Kenning	Donnie Daman
Sandi Borstelman	Bonnie Babcock	Ryan Kohout	Kamden DeWit
Herman Campbell	Mike Mohring	Calista Bost	Kelda Heitkamp
Sunny Lange			

and anniversaries ...

Tom & Barb Hoffman	Rob & Shirley Walker	Gary & Jamie Bostelman
Andy & Kim Jenkins	Brian & Dea Plummer	

and for those in the military ...

Mike DeMichiei	Elizabeth Yoder	Tyler Haase
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