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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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP *(please stay seated)*

P I was overjoyed when they said to me, “Let us go to the house of the Lord!”

C Like faithful people of old, we gather to worship you, O Lord our God.

P This is where you teach us your ways, that we may walk in your paths.

C This is where your word of peace and justice for all people is heard and acted upon:

P so that the instruments of war are transformed into tools of production;

C and nation shall not lift up arms against nation, neither shall they learn war any more.

P As we hear and obey,

C We shall surely walk in the light of the Lord!

ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING

8:00 Jeff & Lori Sharpe 10:30 Emily Jordan & family

Let us pray: God of all nations, you spoke to Isaiah and you empowered him to speak welcome words of peace and hope to the people of his time. We need to hear your word anew to us today as the darkness of despair is still experienced wherever peace and hope is absent.

C Strengthen us with the power of the Holy Spirit so that we may be your prophets in this day and age, teaching your ways and lifting people's darkness through words and works of love and peace and justice. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Light A Candle - After School Club children

* CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, who shapes the whole creation, who comes with might and mercy, who fills the hungry with good things.

C Amen.

P Let us approach the throne of grace with repentant hearts.

P Faithful God,

C we confess that we have been unfaithful to you. Like dry leaves and withered grass, our lives are blown about by our sins and the powers of evil around us.

Restore us, O God; let the light of your face shine on us, and we shall be saved.

Amen.

P God is patient, not wanting any to perish, but all to come to repentance. In the name of Jesus Christ, I bring you this good news: You are free from all that imprisons you; your sins are forgiven; God heals your broken hearts. Live in peace and harmony as you wait for the day of God.

C Amen

* HYMN LBW # 26

Prepare the Royal Highway

“Be glad...for I am coming, and I will live among you.” Zechariah 2:10

* PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Stir up your power, O Lord, and come. Protect us by your strength and save us from the threatening dangers of our sins, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen

Special Music: (8:00) *Don't Laugh at Me* - Morgan Ashbaugh, Jessica Yunker

(10:30) *I Believe* - Living Spirit

FIRST READING: Isaiah 64:1–9

O that you would tear open the heavens
and come down,

so that the mountains would quake at
your presence —

²as when fire kindles brushwood
and the fire causes water to boil —

to make your name known to your
adversaries,

so that the nations might tremble at your
presence!

³When you did awesome deeds that we
did not expect,

you came down, the mountains quaked
at your presence.

⁴From ages past no one has heard,
no ear has perceived,
no eye has seen any God besides you,
who works for those who wait for him.

⁵You meet those who gladly do right,
those who remember you in your ways.
But you were angry, and we sinned;
because you hid yourself we
transgressed.

⁶We have all become like one who is
unclean,
and all our righteous deeds are like a
filthy cloth.

We all fade like a leaf,

and our iniquities, like the wind, take us
away.

⁷There is no one who calls on your name,
or attempts to take hold of you;
for you have hidden your face from us,
and have delivered us into the hand of
our iniquity.

⁸Yet, O LORD, you are our Father;
we are the clay, and you are our potter;
we are all the work of your hand.

⁹Do not be exceedingly angry, O LORD,
and do not remember iniquity forever.
Now consider, we are all your people.

A The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM: 80:1–7, 16–18

Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph | like a flock; *
shine forth, you that are enthroned up- | on the cherubim.

**²In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, | and Manasseh, *
stir up your strength and | come to help us.**

³Restore us, O | God of hosts; *

show the light of your countenance, and we | shall be saved.

⁴O LORD | God of hosts, *

how long will you be angered despite the prayers | of your people?

⁵You have fed them with the | bread of tears; *

you have given them bowls of | tears to drink.

**⁶You have made us the derision | of our neighbors, *
and our enemies laugh | us to scorn.**

⁷Restore us, O | God of hosts; *

show the light of your countenance, and we | shall be saved.

**¹⁶Let your hand be upon the man of | your right hand, *
the son of man you have made so strong | for yourself.**

¹⁷And so will we never turn a- | way from you; *
give us life, that we may call up- | on your name.

¹⁸Restore us, O LORD | God of hosts; *

show the light of your countenance, and we | shall be saved.

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 1:3–9

³Grace to you and peace from God our
Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

⁴I give thanks to my God always for you
because of the grace of God that has been
given you in Christ Jesus, ⁵for in every
way you have been enriched in him, in
speech and knowledge of every kind —

⁶just as the testimony of Christ has been
strengthened among you — ⁷so that you
are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you

wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus
Christ. ⁸He will also strengthen you to the
end, so that you may be blameless on the
day of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁹God is
faithful; by him you were called into the
fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our
Lord.

A The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

* GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (tune: *Infant Holy, Infant Lowly*)

We are called to ponder myst'ry and await the coming Christ,
to embody God's compassion for each fragile human life.

God is with us in our longing to bring healing to the earth,

While we watch with joy and wonder for the promised Savior's birth.

* GOSPEL: Mark 13:24–37



²⁴But in those days, after that suffering,
the sun will be darkened,
and the moon will not give its light,
²⁵and the stars will be falling from
heaven,

and the powers in the heavens will be
shaken.

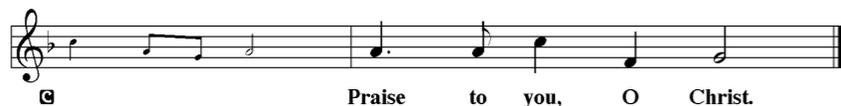
²⁶Then they will see 'the Son of Man
coming in clouds' with great power and
glory. ²⁷Then he will send out the angels,
and gather his elect from the four winds,

from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.

²⁸From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. ²⁹So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. ³⁰Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. ³¹Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

³²But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor

the Son, but only the Father. ³³Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. ³⁴It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. ³⁵Therefore, keep awake — for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, ³⁶or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. ³⁷And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake."



(8:00) **BAPTISM OF BENSON MATTHEW SCHWAB** (beginning on page 8)

CHILDREN’S SERMON

HYMN *We All Need More Kindness*

SERMON

* **HYMN LBW # 40** *What Child Is This*

“They spread the word concerning what had been told them about this child.” Luke 2:17
“...and going into the house they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they fell down and worshiped him.” Matthew 2:11

(10:30 only) * **APOSTLES' CREED**

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

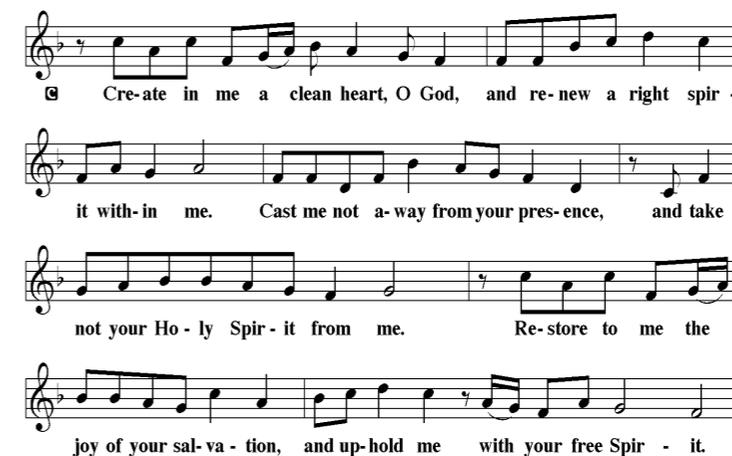
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the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

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

TITHES AND OFFERINGS (8:00) *I Believe* -Living Spirit

(Please stay seated)

(10:30) *Offertory on a Luther Hymn*



PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION (*please stay seated*)

A Walking in the light of the coming Savior, let us pray for the church, the world, and all who await God's justice.

Brief silence.

A Like a potter working clay, shape and mold our church leaders into vessels fit to serve your people and the world according to your purpose. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A Awaken us to the majesty and beauty of your creation—sun, moon, stars, and all living things—and teach us to be good stewards of these gifts. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A Stir up your might and bring justice to all lands. Where there is war, bring peace; where there is ethnic strife, bring reconciliation; where there is hunger, provide food; and where there is oppression, bring freedom. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A Guide us as a shepherd throughout this Advent season; turn us away from the temptations of consumerism and lead us to see and respond to the needs of those in our community. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A Sustain us by your grace, just as you sustained the saints who called on your name and whose lives gave witness to you. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

Other petitions.

P Give ear and hear the cries of all in need: those who mourn, those without hope, those who live in fear, those who are sick (*especially*). We remember all those who have died and suffered from the effects of AIDS and pray that you bring an end to the suffering and a cure for the disease. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

P Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your steadfast love and faithfulness, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen

* **LORD'S PRAYER** *♪* (*tune: The First Noel*) (please stand)

Holy Father from above, may we hallow your name,
May your kingdom on earth and in heav'n be the same.
May your will in us be done, may we honor your name.
May we follow your will and in your love remain.
Father, God, we pray to you, since your promise is true.
Let us give glory and praise to you.

Give to us our daily bread and forgive us our sins.
When our neighbor offends us, cleanse our heart within.
Lead us not into the test, our temptation arrest,
Come, deliver us, Lord, and then give us your rest.
For the kingdom and the pow'r and the glory are yours,
Now and forever and ever! Amen.

* **BENEDICTION**

* **HYMN** *Shine on Us* -Mt.Castle Men

POSTLUDE *Hark, the Glad Sound!*

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(8:00 service)

BAPTISM OF Benson Matthew Schwab

Special Music: *Masterpiece* -Marv Mt.Castle

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 **Benson Matthew Schwab** to receive the Sacrament of Holy Baptism.

P In Christian love you have presented this child for Holy Baptism. You should, therefore, faithfully bring him to the services of God's house, and teach him the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments. As he grows in years, you should place in his hands the Holy Scriptures and provide for his instruction in the Christian faith, that, living in the covenant of his Baptism and in communion with the Church, he 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 he who is here baptized may be given new life. Wash away the sin of him who is cleansed by this water and bring him 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 **Benson Matthew Schwab**, 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 **Benson**: 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 **Benson**, 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 **Matt** and **Jill**. 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 brother 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*

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I Believe

We listen to a lot a music that is “pretty”; there are catchy melodies and the nitty gritty is found in the lyrics. “I Believe” is the opposite. From a musical based on an 1892 play about growing up, the music you hear is the composer’s representation of the world around us – disjointed, disenchanting, dissonant: interesting, but rarely “pretty.” But beneath all the things in this world meant to tear us from one another and from God, are simple lyrics building to give a simple message. “I believe there is love in heaven. I believe all will be forgiven. Peace and joy be with them, harmony and wisdom. I believe.”

Altar flowers

Flowers are given to the glory of God by Joe & Julie Kohout in honor of their 18th wedding anniversary.

Baptism

Benson Matthew, son of Matt & Jill Schwab, is being baptized at the 8:00 worship hour this morning. Benson’s sponsors are Jenna Toon, Andrew Schwab, and Josh Wiechers.

The new directories are here!!

If you had your picture taken for the directory (or submitted a picture) you will find your new directory in an envelope with your name on it in the box in the overflow. (They are in alphabetical order.) Please pass the word!

Band Concert

Don’t miss the Community Band Concert which is being held here at 7:00 p.m. December 5! The concert will feature the Community Band and the Tower Brass Quartet.

Coffee hour

Cookies and coffee will be served by the choir after the 9:00 a.m. worship on December 18th. Please stay and join us in fellowship after the Cantata.

Flower Chart

The new flower chart for 2012 is hanging in the narthex. Please be sure that the date you choose is *clearly* marked.

Salvation Army Bell Ringers

We need volunteers to be Bell Ringers at Wal Mart on **December 17** from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. There are 6 different shifts to choose from and there must be at least 1 adult at each door or 2 junior high or high school students at each. Younger people are also invited, but they must have an adult with them. Rain or shine! High School Seniors please note: This may count towards your community service hours. A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board by the church office.

Women of the Church... Missionary Sponsorship – through November

We of the Maumee Valley Conference continue to sponsor missionaries, John and Barbara LeMond. Please place your donation in the envelope you received in your newsletter marked “Missionary Fund” (or place it in your own envelope on which you mark “Missionary”) and place it in the offering plate.

Serving Today

Pastor James L. Castello

Worship & Music Coordinator & Organist - Angela Tonjes

Worship Assistants - 8:00 Melinda Dachenhaus 10:30 Laura Ellis

Acolytes - 8:00 Bryce Reynolds & Stephen Yunker

10:30 Alex Andrews & Meghan Skeens

Ushers - 8:00 Lee Weirauch, Casey Callaway, Lenny Sonnenberg, Ruth Hershberger

10:30 Matt Mt.Castle, Gary Bostelman, Rupert Schweinhagen, Chris Peper

Altar Guild - Joyce Rohrs & Nicole Schink

Prayer Chain Co-ordinator - Carol Castello (419-592-0847) or cjcast@yahoo.com

This Week

Wednesday 9:00 a.m. Sewing
3:15 p.m. After School Club
3:30 p.m. 6th grade catechism
5:00 p.m. 7th grade catechism
5:30 p.m. Soul Food
6:00 p.m. Emanubells
6:30 p.m. Catechism bells
7:00 p.m. 8th grade catechism
7:00 p.m. Choir
8:00 p.m. Living Spirit
Thursday 9:00 a.m. Bible Study
Emanubells at Wauseon

During construction ... valet parking

In addition to the parking spaces reserved at the back entrance and assistance provided to navigate the stairs at the back entrance for those who need assistance, church council would also like to provide valet parking if all parking spaces at the back entrance are occupied. This is especially important as we approach the winter months when the parking lot and sidewalks may become slippery. Individuals will be at the back entrance to assist you into the church, park your car, and then return your car to the back entrance after the service. Members who are willing to assist our elderly and handicapped members in this regard are asked to simply be at the back entrance to lend a hand. There will not be specifically assigned times. Just be there to help out over the next several months.

Poinsettias

If you haven't yet ordered your Christmas poinsettias, please do so TODAY!

Statistics

11/17 Thursday attendance 27 communed 26
11/20 Att. 89 + 98 (187) Offerings \$5,672.60 (\$1170 Bldg Fd; \$5 Wrld Hngr; \$50 Good Sam Fd)

Ushers needed

Ushers are needed especially for the 10:30 service. If you are willing to help out, please call Ken Lange or the church office.

Life Connection of Ohio

In celebration of National Donor Sabbath, please consider registering as an organ and tissue donor. One person has the power to save up to eight lives through organ donation and enhance the lives of 50 more through tissue donation. For more information, call Life Connection of Ohio at 800.262.5443. To join the Ohio Donor Registry, visit www.DonateLifeOhio.org. More information is available in the overflow; donor pins are available at either entrance.

Stewardship note from the Synod...

Paul declares, "The point is this: he who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully." God is a God of creation and a God of abundance, able to feed 5,000 from two loaves of bread, and if God has created the world in a way that the more that flows through you the more that flows into you, then we sow abundantly by giving away generously.

Caring Corner — Christmas Cheer

Canned Vegetables, Fruits, Soup	Crackers, Peanut Butter, Jelly
Stews, Meats	Pudding, Jello, Cake Mixes, Frostings
Macaroni & Cheese Mixes, Spaghetios	Fruit Juices, Coffee, Tea, Kool-aid
Spaghetti Sauces, Tomato Juice, Broths	Chocolate Drink Mixes
Noodles, Macaroni, Rice, Spaghetti	Toilet Tissue, Facial Tissue, Paper Towels
Potato Mixes, Stuffing Mixes	Bar Soap, Toothpaste, Shampoo
Cereals, Pancake Mixes, Syrups	PLEASE NO MICROWAVE ITEMS

