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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 *Blessed Assurance*

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 # 250 *Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty*

“Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise!” Psalm 100:4

* PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Almighty God, we thank you for planting in us the seed of your word. By your Holy Spirit help us to receive it with joy, live according to it, and grow in faith and hope and love; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen

FIRST LESSON: Isaiah 55:10–13

¹⁰For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven,
and do not return there until they have watered the earth,

making it bring forth and sprout,

giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater,

¹¹so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth;

it shall not return to me empty,

but it shall accomplish that which I

purpose,

and succeed in the thing for which I

sent it.

¹²For you shall go out in joy,

and be led back in peace;
the mountains and the hills before you shall burst into song,
and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.

¹³Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress;
instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle;

and it shall be to the LORD for a memorial,

for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.

A The Word of the Lord

C Thanks be to God.

Psalm 65:[1–8] 9–14

[You are to be praised, O God, in Zion;*
to you shall vows be performed in Jerusalem.

²To you that hear prayer shall all flesh come,*
because of their transgressions.

³Our sins are stronger than we are,*
but you will blot them out.

⁴Happy are they whom you choose and draw to your courts to dwell there!*
They will be satisfied by the beauty of your house,
by the holiness of your temple.

⁵Awesome things will you show us in your righteousness, O God of our salvation,*
O Hope of all the ends of the earth and of the seas that are far away.

**⁶You make fast the mountains | by your power;*
they are girded a- | bout with might.**

⁷You still the roaring | of the seas,*
the roaring of their waves, and the clamor | of the peoples.

**⁸Those who dwell at the ends of the earth
will tremble at your | marvelous signs;*
you make the dawn and the dusk to | sing for joy.]**

⁹You visit the earth and water it abundantly; you make it | very plenteous;*
the river of God is | full of water.

**¹⁰You pre- | pare the grain,*
for so you provide | for the earth.**

¹¹You drench the furrows and smooth | out the ridges;*
with heavy rain you soften the ground and | bless its increase.

**¹²You crown the year | with your goodness,*
and your paths over- | flow with plenty.**

¹³May the fields of the wilderness be | rich for grazing,*
and the hills be | clothed with joy.

**¹⁴May the meadows cover themselves with flocks,
and the valleys cloak them- | selves with grain;*
let them shout for | joy and sing.**

SECOND LESSON: Romans 8:1–11

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. ²For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. ³For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do: by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and to deal with sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, ⁴so that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. ⁵For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but

those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. ⁶To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. ⁷For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law — indeed it cannot, ⁸and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

⁹But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him.

¹⁰But if Christ is in you, though the body is

dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. ¹¹If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead

will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

A The Word of the Lord

C Thanks be to God.

* GOSPEL: Matthew 13:1–9, 18–23



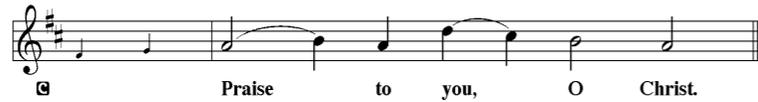
That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. ²Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. ³And he told them many things in parables, saying: "Listen! A sower went out to sow. ⁴And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up.

⁵Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. ⁶But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. ⁷Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. ⁸Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty.

⁹Let anyone with ears listen!"

¹⁸Hear then the parable of the sower.

¹⁹When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. ²⁰As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; ²¹yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. ²²As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. ²³But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty."



CHILDREN'S SERMON

* **HYMN WOV # 760** *For the Fruit of All Creation*

“The land yields its harvest; God, our God, blesses us.” Psalm 67:6

SERMON

* **HYMN LBW # 315** *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

“So we know and believe the love God has for us. God is love and he who abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him.” 1 John 4:16

* **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 Led by the Holy Spirit, and 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 Let us pray for the people of God, that as they sow seeds of love and mercy, the gospel may be received with joy and take root and grow. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A Let us pray for the oceans and the beaches of the earth, that pollution may be reversed and life again flourish underwater and on the shores. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A Let us pray for the leaders of all nations, that the seeds of justice may be planted where there is inequality and seeds of peace where there is disharmony. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A Let us pray for this congregation, that we may be good soil, bearing the fruits of the spirit a hundredfold in service to Christ. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A Let us give thanks for the faithful departed, that they, having set their mind on the Spirit and having received their reward, may be models of faithfulness for us. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A Give rest to all who are weary or burdened: those who are poor, hungry, oppressed, ill, or grieving, that they may know your peace. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

Other petitions.

P Let us pray for all who suffer condemnation at the hands of others and for all who are sick or suffering in any way (*especially*), that they may know freedom in Jesus Christ. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

P Into your hands, O God, we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting in your abundant mercy, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

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

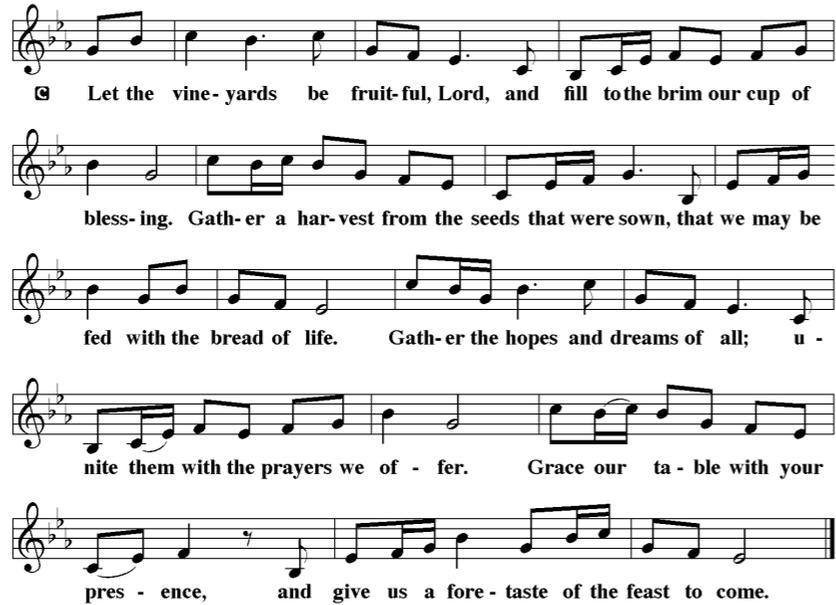
P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you.

TITHES & OFFERINGS

Thank God for Kids -Seth Tonjes

*** OFFERTORY**



Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of
 blessing. Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be
 fed with the bread of life. Gather 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**

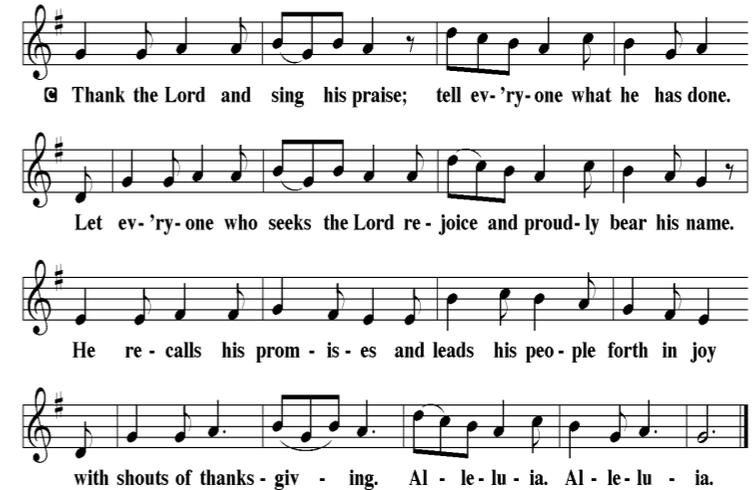
HOLY COMMUNION

*** 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 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 LBW # 221 *Sent Forth by God's Blessing*
 "From this day on I will bless you" Haggai 2:4

*** DISMISSAL**

A Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE *Sing Forth Exultantly!*

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Altar flowers

Flowers are given to the glory of God by Tom & Beth Jenny in honor of their 40th wedding anniversary.

Wedding

Congratulations and God's blessings to Kevin Ash and Laura Gerken who were married yesterday in Cincinnati. Laura is the granddaughter of Ken & Nancy Lange and Julian & Carol Gerken.

Caring Corner — school supplies

Tissues	Elmer's school glue	Gallon sized Ziploc bags
#2 pencils	12" ruler with centimeters	Highlighters
Pointed tip scissors	Plastic pencil box with lid	Baby wipes
24 count box of crayons	Glue sticks	Zippered pencil pouch
Plastic pocket folders	Wide ruled spiral notebook	10 count washable markers
Large pink erasers	Wide ruled notebook paper	New or gently used
12 count colored pencils	Ink pens/red or blue	back packs

Statistics

6/30 Thursday attendance 47

7/03 Attendance 150 Offerings \$6,848.34 (\$220 Bldg Fd; \$30 World Hngr)

Note to this year's confirmands

We have received gifts for our confirmands from Thrivent Financial. Please stop in the office to pick yours up! There are also a couple of your photo packets from Julie's Portraits in the office.

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!

e-newsletter

If you would like to receive your monthly newsletter by e-mail, please let us know in the church office as soon as possible. Advantages: you will get your newsletter days earlier, you will help save the church money on supplies and postage, and you will help save trees in the process! You will need to have Adobe Reader on your computer (this can be downloaded free from adobe.com).

Thanks, Kyle!

Kyle Miller is in charge of keeping our web page up-to-date (www.emmanuelnapoleon.org). You will be able to see each Sunday's bulletin as well as the current and past newsletters (including picture pages). There is all kinds of useful information available on our site. Be sure to check it out!

Pictorial Directory

Appointments are now being made to get your picture taken for our new pictorial directory. A sign up will be available after both the Thursday and Sunday worship services until July 17. Sessions will be scheduled for July 26 - 29 (2:30-9:00), July 30 (9:30-4:00), and August 1 & 2 (2:30-9:00). Each family that gets their picture taken will receive free of charge an 8 x 10 portrait and a directory. There will be an opportunity to purchase additional pictures but there is no obligation to do so.

Coffee 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.

Ice Cream Social

You are invited to an Ice Cream Social at St. Mark's Lutheran Church, Domersville and Nagel Roads, 3 miles north of Tinora, on July 10, 11:00 a.m. until 1 p.m. There will be a free will donation. Proceeds will be used for Missionary sponsorship.

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.

This Week

Monday 9:30 a.m. Ruth Circle
7:00 p.m. Congregational Life Board
7:30 p.m. Naomi Circle
Tuesday 6:00 p.m. Board of Education
Wednesday 1:00 p.m. Martha Circle
2:30 p.m. Chapel Communion
5:30 p.m. Soul Food
Thursday 9:00 a.m. Bible Study
7:30 pm. Worship

Newsletter deadline - Monday, July 18

Thank you

Thank you so much for your many visits, prayers, and kindness while I was hospitalized. Also would like to thank the congregation for the many cards, prayers, and well wishes. It is a great feeling for all the support I received. I am also very supportive of Arlene, Mike, Terry & Cheryl for the love and support I received. It is very difficult to cover this in such a few words. God bless you. -Jim Hershberger

Serving Today

Pastor James L. Castello
Worship & Music Coordinator & Organist - Angela Tonjes
Reader - Ellen Lange
Acolytes - Austin Damman & Stephen Yunker
Ushers - Rupert Schweinhagen, Larry Ashbaugh, Gary Bostelman, Matt Mt.Castle
Altar Guild - Diane Walther & Sue Schink
Prayer Chain Co-ordinator - Carol Castello (419-592-0847) or cjcast@yahoo.com

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)*

Chapel Communion — Wednesday, July 13, 2:30 p.m.

Special Congregational Meeting

Church Council has called a special congregational meeting for Sunday, July 31 immediately after the worship service for the purpose of discussing and bringing to a vote the elevator/restroom renovation project. The committee studying this project has spent many hours in finalizing their recommendations, and Church Council would like to thank them for the time and effort they have put forth. Committee members include Chairman Ed Biederstedt, Judy Hoffman, Mel Lanzer, Darlene Bostelman, Matt Mt.Castle, Mike Yaney, Jamie Glick, and Alan Storch. Details regarding the committee’s recommendations to Church Council will be included in the next church newsletter which will be mailed to members the week of July 18. Also, committee members will be available after worship services on July 17 and July 24 to answer questions about the proposed renovations. Church Council encourages all members of the congregation to become familiar with the proposed renovations and give prayerful consideration to the project in order to cast an informed vote on July 31.

Deshler Community Chorus

The Deshler Community Chorus is seeking singers for a concert on Sunday, August 21 at 1 p.m. at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Deshler during the Corn City Festival. Selections for the concert will include popular Broadway music, sacred, and patriotic favorites. Practices will be weekly starting Tuesday, July 12 at 7 p.m., also at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Deshler. Anyone from the Northwest Ohio area is welcome to sing with the chorus! Contact Ryan Mays at 419.278.3355 or rmays@phpatriots.org for more information.