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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**

**\* 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 WOV # 690**

*Shall We Gather at the River*

**\* PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P O Lord, pour out upon us the spirit to think and do what is right, that we, who cannot even exist without you, may have the strength to live according to your will; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C **Amen**

**FIRST LESSON: Isaiah 44:6–8**

<sup>6</sup>Thus says the LORD, the King of Israel, and his Redeemer, the LORD of hosts: I am the first and I am the last; besides me there is no god.

<sup>7</sup>Who is like me? Let them proclaim it, let them declare and set it forth before me.

Who has announced from of old the things to come?

Let them tell us what is yet to be.

<sup>8</sup>Do not fear, or be afraid; have I not told you from of old and declared it?

You are my witnesses!

Is there any god besides me?

There is no other rock; I know not one.

A The Word of the Lord

C **Thanks be to God.**

**Psalms 86:11–17**

Teach me your way, O LORD, and I will walk in your truth;\* knit my heart to you that I may fear your name.

**<sup>12</sup>I will thank you, O LORD my God, with all my heart,\* and glorify your name forevermore.**

<sup>13</sup>For great is your love toward me;\* you have delivered me from the nethermost pit.

**<sup>14</sup>The arrogant rise up against me, O God, and a band of violent men seeks my life;\* they have not set you before their eyes.**

<sup>15</sup>But you, O LORD, are gracious and full of compassion,\* slow to anger, and full of kindness and truth.

**<sup>16</sup>Turn to me and have mercy upon me;\***

**give your strength to your servant; and save the child of your handmaid.**

<sup>17</sup>Show me a sign of your favor,

so that those who hate me may see it and be ashamed;\*

because you, O LORD, have helped me and comforted me.

## SECOND LESSON: Romans 8:12–25

<sup>12</sup>So then, brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh — <sup>13</sup>for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. <sup>14</sup>For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. <sup>15</sup>For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, "Abba! Father!" <sup>16</sup>it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, <sup>17</sup>and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ — if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

<sup>18</sup>I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. <sup>19</sup>For the creation waits with eager longing for

### \* GOSPEL: Matthew 13:24–30, 36–43

<sup>24</sup>He put before them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; <sup>25</sup>but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. <sup>26</sup>So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. <sup>27</sup>And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, 'Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?' <sup>28</sup>He answered, 'An enemy has done this.' The

the revealing of the children of God; <sup>20</sup>for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope <sup>21</sup>that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. <sup>22</sup>We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; <sup>23</sup>and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. <sup>24</sup>For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? <sup>25</sup>But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

A The Word of the Lord

C **Thanks be to God.**

slaves said to him, 'Then do you want us to go and gather them?' <sup>29</sup>But he replied, 'No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. <sup>30</sup>Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.'"

<sup>36</sup>Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field."

<sup>37</sup>He answered, "The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; <sup>38</sup>the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, <sup>39</sup>and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. <sup>40</sup>Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will

it be at the end of the age. <sup>41</sup>The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, <sup>42</sup>and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. <sup>43</sup>Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!

## CHILDREN'S SERMON

\* **HYMN LBW # 522** *Come, Thou Almighty King*

## SERMON

\* **HYMN LBW # 296** *Just as I Am*

## \* 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 & OFFERINGS

**OFFERTORY** *(please remain seated)* (tune: *Abide with Me*)

Lord of all good, our gifts we bring you now;

Use them your holy purpose to fulfill.

Tokens of love and pledges they shall be

That our whole life is offered to your will. *(continue next page)*

Father, whose bounty all creation shows;  
Christ, by whose willing sacrifice we live;  
Spirit, from whom all life in fullness flows:  
To you with grateful hearts ourselves we give.

**PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION** *(please remain 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 We pray for all the children of God, that as joint heirs with Christ, they may witness to the hope that is within them. Hear us, O God.

**C Your mercy is great.**

A We pray for all of creation that groans with longing to be set free from decay and misuse and to be restored to wholeness. Hear us, O God.

**C Your mercy is great.**

A We pray for the nations of the world, that even though good and evil may exist side by side, justice and mercy prevail. Bring peace to war-torn areas. Hear us, O God.

**C Your mercy is great.**

A We pray for this congregation, that, having received the spirit of adoption into God's family, we support foster and adoptive families. Hear us, O God.

**C Your mercy is great.**

A We give thanks for the example of brothers and sisters in Christ, who, having lived righteous lives, now shine like the sun in the kingdom of God. Hear us, O God.

**C Your mercy is great.**

*Other petitions.*

P We pray for all who need hope: the orphaned, lost, ill, or dying (*especially*), that they may have patience even as they wait upon you. 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.**

**\* 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**

**\* BENEDICTION**

**\* HYMN LBW # 492** *O Master, Let Me Walk with You*

**POSTLUDE**

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**Altar flowers**

Flowers are given to the glory of God by Carolyn Schmidlin in loving memory of her husband, Donald Schmidlin; and by Rupert & Rita Schweinhagen in honor of their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.

**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**

707 Thursday attendance 61  
7/10 Attendance 169 Communed 154 Offerings \$5,466.00 (\$250 Bldg Fd; \$40 World Hngr)

**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.

### **Thank you!**

Thank you to all who donated money towards the Morton Fund for CFS Research on Sunday, July 3 after the church service. As a congregation, \$167.00 was raised, which is part of the \$393.06 that I have raised so far to give to this research based out of the University of Miami, Florida. Thank you also to Matt Mt.Castle who sang “Strong Enough” by Matthew West when asked to do so on short notice, but yet sounded amazing and to those who have taken the time to personally share their encouragement as well as through letters and email. Again, I am so blessed to have such a wonderful and loving church family to come back home to when I am in the area. -Kaitlin Rohrs

### **e-newsletter**

If you would like to receive your monthly newsletter by e-mail, please let us know in the church office. 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). *Please note: because of the need to include important information and material concerning the special congregational meeting on July 31, the August newsletter will NOT be sent by email.*

### **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!

### **Thanks, Kyle!**

Kyle Miller is in charge of keeping our web page up-to-date (www.emanuelpoleon.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!

**Newsletter deadline** — 9:00 a.m. tomorrow!

### **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.

### **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.

### **Ice Cream Social**

On Sunday, July 24, from 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. the Henry County Historical Society, 229 W. Clinton Street, will be having an “Ice Cream Social”, Antique Cars, and returning “Sweetstreet Jazz Band” (with our own Tom Jenny). We will be serving sandwiches and homemade pies to go along with Toft’s ice cream. Free Will donation.

### **This Week**

Monday	noon	Newsletter deadline
	6:30 p.m.	Executive Board
	7:00 p.m.	Church Council
Wednesday	5:30 p.m.	Soul Food
Thursday	9:00 a.m.	Bible Study
	7:30 pm.	Worship with Holy Communion

### **Serving Today**

Pastor James L. Castello  
Worship & Music Coordinator & Organist - Angela Tonjes  
Guest Organist - Danielle Williams  
Reader - Ellen Lange  
Acolytes - Alexandria Biederstedt & Bryce Reynolds  
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

### Reader needed

A reader for August is still needed. If you are willing to help out, please sign up on the sheet on the bulletin board or talk to Holly Mohring as soon as possible.

**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)

### **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 this. Also, committee members will be available after worship services on today and next Sunday 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.

### 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday potluck

July 31 is our next “5<sup>th</sup> Sunday”. We are planning a potluck that day right after the Special Congregational Meeting. Mark your calendars!

### *People in our prayers:*

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

***We pray for people having birthdays this week ...***

Kathy Bostelman	Nancy Schink	Adam Rohrs	Chip Piercefield
Terri Sedam	Edda Sedon	Amanda Belcher	Barb Hoffman
Shirley Walker	Zachary Zwiebel	Laura Yaney	Beth Jenny
Kelli Burkhardt	Patsy McGinnis	Jason Borer	

***and anniversaries ...***

Todd & Krista Amstutz      Gary & Brenda Weiss

***and for those in the military ...***

Mike DeMichiei      Elizabeth Yoder      Tyler Haase