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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 *O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee*

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 # 328** *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!*

“O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is Thy name in all the earth.” Psalm 8:9

* PRAYER OF THE DAY

P O God, your ears are open always to the prayers of your servants. Open our hearts and minds to you, that we may live in harmony with your will and receive the gifts of your Spirit; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen

Special Music: *Jacob's Ladder* -Maddie Ashbaugh & Charlee Glick

FIRST LESSON: 1 Kings 3:5–12

⁵At Gibeon the LORD appeared to Solomon in a dream by night; and God said, "Ask what I should give you." ⁶And Solomon said, "You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant my father David, because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart toward you; and you have kept for him this great and steadfast love, and have given him a son to sit on his throne today. ⁷And now, O LORD my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David, although I am only a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in. ⁸And your servant is in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a great people, so numerous they cannot be numbered or counted. ⁹Give

your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil; for who can govern this your great people?"

¹⁰It pleased the LORD that Solomon had asked this. ¹¹God said to him, "Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches, or for the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, ¹²I now do according to your word. Indeed I give you a wise and discerning mind; no one like you has been before you and no one like you shall arise after you.

A The Word of the Lord

C Thanks be to God.

Psalm 119:129–136

Your de- | crees are wonderful;*
therefore I obey them with | all my heart.

¹³⁰**When your word goes forth | it gives light;*
it gives understanding | to the simple.**

¹³¹I open my | mouth and pant;*
I long for | your commandments.

¹³²**Turn to | me in mercy,***

as you always do to those who love your name.

¹³³Steady my footsteps in your word;*

let no iniquity have dominion over me.

¹³⁴**Rescue me from those who oppress me,*
and I will keep your commandments.**

¹³⁵Let your countenance shine up- on your servant*
and teach me your statutes.

¹³⁶**My eyes shed streams of tears,*
because people do not keep your law.**

SECOND LESSON: Romans 8:26–39

²⁶Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. ²⁷And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

²⁸We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose.

²⁹For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. ³⁰And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified.

³¹What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us?

³²He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else?

³³Who will bring any charge against God's

elect? It is God who justifies. ³⁴Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. ³⁵Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? ³⁶As it is written,

"For your sake we are being killed all day long;

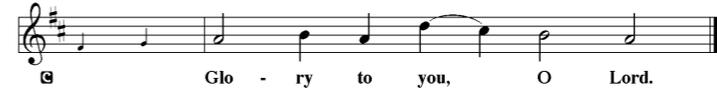
we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered."

³⁷No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us.

³⁸For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, ³⁹nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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

*** GOSPEL: Matthew 13:31–33, 44–52**



³¹He put before them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; ³²it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches."

³³He told them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened."

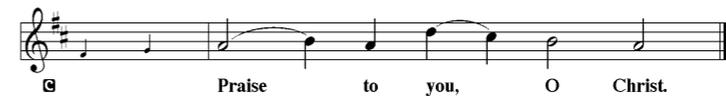
⁴⁴The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

⁴⁵Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; ⁴⁶on finding one pearl of great value, he

went and sold all that he had and bought it.

⁴⁷Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; ⁴⁸when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. ⁴⁹So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous ⁵⁰and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

⁵¹Have you understood all this? They answered, "Yes." ⁵²And he said to them, "Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old."



CHILDREN'S SERMON

*** HYMN LBW # 439** *What a Friend We Have in Jesus*

"A friend loves at all times, and a brother is born for adversity." Proverbs 17:17

SERMON

* HYMN LBW # 370 *Blest Be the Tie That Binds*

“This I command you, to love one another.” John 15:17

* 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 *Is There Anybody Here Who Loves My Jesus*” -girls group

OFFERTORY *(please remain seated)*



Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re-new a right spir -
it with-in me. Cast me not a-way from your pres-ence, and take
not your Ho-ly Spir-it from me. Re-store to me the
joy of your sal-va-tion, and up-hold me with your free Spir-it.

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 Let us pray for Christians everywhere, that they may work together for good. Help them always to act in accord with God's good purposes. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A Let us pray for the restoration of forests, fields, and prairies that provide homes for birds, wild animals, and livestock. Teach us to respect all land and creatures. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A Let us pray for rulers and people in power, that they act responsibly for the good of all people. Search their hearts, O God, and lead them to work for justice. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A Let us pray for this assembly that we may diligently seek the treasure of God's kingdom. Make us rise up like leaven to serve. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A Let us give thanks for the saints before us, who are more than conquerors through Christ and now live in glory. Let their witness teach us how to serve. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

Other petitions.

P Let us pray for all who are suffering hardship: those who are hungry, unemployed, persecuted, naked, or ill (*especially*). Give them the assurance that nothing can separate them from your love. 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 # 261 *On What Has Now Been Sown*

“He who sows the good seed is the Son of man...the harvest is the close of the age.” Matt.13:37,39

POSTLUDE *Postludium* -Handel

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What a Friend We Have in Jesus

The original title of this hymn was “Pray Without Ceasing”. When asked about the writing of the words Joseph Scriven replied, “The Lord and I did it between us.” This hymn was written to comfort his mother during an illness as he could not afford to travel to be with her. It has usually been sung in American churches on the Sunday morning before a church member leaves for the military. Many Eastern Europeans arrived at Ellis Island singing this song.

Altar flowers

Flowers are given to the glory of God by Jack & Paula Robbins in honor of their 2nd wedding anniversary.

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.**

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

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

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 are 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!

5th Sunday potluck

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

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

Wednesday	9:00 a.m.	Sewing
	5:30 p.m.	Soul Food
Thursday	9:00 a.m.	Bible Study
	7:30 p.m.	Worship with Holy Communion
Sunday	9:00 a.m.	Worship
		Special Congregational Meeting (after worship)
		5 th Sunday Potluck (after meeting)

Serving Today

Pastor James L. Castello
Worship & Music Coordinator & Organist - Angela Tonjes
Reader - Ellen Lange
Acolytes - Sarah Yaney & 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

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.

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)*

Statistics

7/14 Thursday attendance 48

7/17 Attendance 180 Offerings \$4,577.00 (\$50 Bldg Fd; \$10 World Hngr; \$25 Good Sam Fd)

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.

Members of the Elevator/Restroom Renovation Committee will be available after today's service outside the Elevator room.

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.

