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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 *Thy Word* and *The Old Rugged Cross* -Bell Choir

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Drama skit

* CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, who spoke light into creation, who calls us to listen and follow, who sends us to shine like stars.

C **Amen.**

P Let us come before God, confessing our sin.
Holy and merciful God,

C **we confess that we have sinned against our sisters and brothers and against you. We cherish the values of this world. We cause others to stumble. The earth is wounded by our excess. Have mercy, O God. Forgive us, renew us, and raise us up on eagles' wings, that we may do your will with courage and delight. Amen.**

P Hear the voice from heaven: "You are my own, my beloved." God gives power to the weary and strengthens the powerless. Be cleansed, be healed, for in the name of Jesus Christ, I declare to you the forgiveness of your sins and the revealing of God's reign.

C **Amen**

* **HYMN LBW # 87** *Hail to the Lord's Anointed*

"Give the king thy justice, O God, and thy righteousness to the royal son." Psalm 72:1

* PRAYER OF THE DAY

P O God, you know that we cannot withstand the dangers which surround us. Strengthen us in body and spirit so that, with your help, we may be able to overcome the weakness that our sin has brought upon us; through Jesus Christ, your Son our Lord.

C **Amen**

Special Music: *God, We Thank You* -Bell Choir

FIRST READING: Deuteronomy 18:15–20

¹⁵The LORD your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among your own people; you shall heed such a prophet.

¹⁶This is what you requested of the LORD your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly when you said: "If I hear the voice of the LORD my God any more, or ever again see this great fire, I will die."

¹⁷Then the LORD replied to me: "They are right in what they have said. ¹⁸I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their own people; I will put my words in the mouth of the prophet, who

shall speak to them everything that I command. ¹⁹Anyone who does not heed the words that the prophet shall speak in my name, I myself will hold accountable. ²⁰But any prophet who speaks in the name of other gods, or who presumes to speak in my name a word that I have not commanded the prophet to speak — that prophet shall die."

A The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 111

Hallelujah! I will give thanks to the LORD with ¹ my whole heart,*
in the assembly of the upright, in the ¹ congregation.

²**Great are the deeds ¹ of the LORD!***

They are studied by all who de- ¹ light in them.

³His work is full of majes- ¹ ty and splendor,*
and his righteousness en- ¹ dures forever.

⁴**He makes his marvelous works to ¹ be remembered;***
the LORD is gracious and full ¹ of compassion.

⁵He gives food to ¹ those who fear him;*,
he is ever mindful ¹ of his covenant.

⁶**He has shown his people the power ¹ of his works***
in giving them the lands ¹ of the nations.

⁷The works of his hands are faithful-ness and justice;*
all his command-ments are sure.

⁸**They stand fast forever and ever,*
because they are done in truth and equity.**

⁹He sent redemption to his people; he commanded his covenant forever;*
holy and awesome is his name.

¹⁰**The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom;*
those who act accordingly have a good understanding.
His praise endures forever.**

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 8:1–13

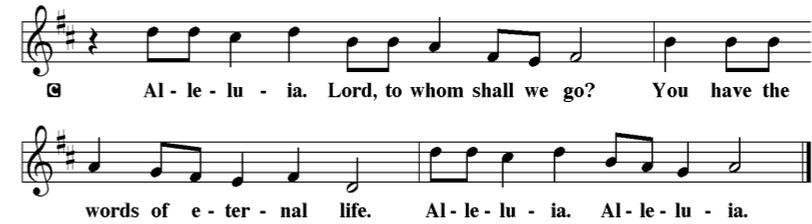
Now concerning food sacrificed to idols: we know that "all of us possess knowledge." Knowledge puffs up, but love builds up. ²Anyone who claims to know something does not yet have the necessary knowledge; ³but anyone who loves God is known by him.

⁴Hence, as to the eating of food offered to idols, we know that "no idol in the world really exists," and that "there is no God but one." ⁵Indeed, even though there may be so-called gods in heaven or on earth — as in fact there are many gods and many lords — ⁶yet for us there is one God, the Father, from whom are all things and for whom we exist, and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things and through whom we exist.

⁷It is not everyone, however, who has this knowledge. Since some have become so accustomed to idols until now, they still think of the food they eat as food offered

to an idol; and their conscience, being weak, is defiled. ⁸Food will not bring us close to God. We are no worse off if we do not eat, and no better off if we do. ⁹But take care that this liberty of yours does not somehow become a stumbling block to the weak. ¹⁰For if others see you, who possess knowledge, eating in the temple of an idol, might they not, since their conscience is weak, be encouraged to the point of eating food sacrificed to idols? ¹¹So by your knowledge those weak believers for whom Christ died are destroyed. ¹²But when you thus sin against members of your family, and wound their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ. ¹³Therefore, if food is a cause of their falling, I will never eat meat, so that I may not cause one of them to fall.

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



* GOSPEL: Mark 1:21–28



²¹They went to Capernaum; and when the sabbath came, he entered the synagogue and taught. ²²They were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes. ²³Just then there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit, ²⁴and he cried out, "What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are, the Holy One of God." ²⁵But Jesus rebuked him, saying, "Be

silent, and come out of him!" ²⁶And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying with a loud voice, came out of him. ²⁷They were all amazed, and they kept on asking one another, "What is this? A new teaching — with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him." ²⁸At once his fame began to spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee.



BAPTISM OF William Henry Hoffman

Special Music: *Cradle Song* -Peggy Snyder

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 **William Henry Hoffman** 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 **William Henry Hoffman**, 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 **William**: 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 **William**, 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 **Ryan** and **Andrea**. 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*

CHILDREN'S SERMON

HYMN WOV # 737 *There Is a Balm in Gilead*

"Is there no balm in Gilead? Is there no physician there?" Jeremiah 8:22

SERMON

* HYMN LBW # 415 *God of Grace and God of Glory*

"Put on the whole armor of God that you might be able to stand." Ephesians 6:11

TITHES AND OFFERINGS *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing* -Bell Choir

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.

THE PRAYERS *(please remain seated)*

A As God's beloved people made radiant by the light of Christ, let us pray for the church, the whole human family, and God's good creation.

Brief silence.

A Your word is truth and life, Holy One, Holy Three. Make your church bold in word and deed so the world will hear and believe the message of your redeeming love. Hear us, O God.

C **Your mercy is great.**

A You are gracious and full of compassion for all living things. Heal the soil, water, and air, so that all your creatures flourish. Hear us, O God.

C **Your mercy is great.**

A Your works are faithfulness and justice. Guide those in authority to seek peaceful solutions to conflicts. Protect the innocent who are caught in the crossfire of ethnic and religious strife. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A Your love builds up the community of believers. Deepen our care for one another as we reach out to those who are absent for any reason, new to this congregation, or experiencing difficult circumstances. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A Holy One, Holy Three, the beloved dead are eternally in communion with you. Give us wisdom to live our days in praise, secure in the knowledge that your faithfulness endures forever. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

Other petitions.

P Your care for the weak gives us strength. We lift to you those who struggle to provide for their families, the vulnerable young, the frail elderly, the homeless, and the sick (*especially*). Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

P Holy God, we lift our prayers to you in hope, entrusting all for whom we pray to your great goodness and mercy, made known to us in Jesus Christ, our Savior.

C Amen.

* **LORD'S PRAYER** 

**Our Father, which 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 debts as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil,
for Thine is the Kingdom and the Power and the Glory, forever. Amen.**

* **BENEDICTION**

* **HYMN LBW # 559** *Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing*

“My tongue will speak of Your praises all day long.” Psalm 35:28

POSTLUDE *Praise to the God of Our Salvation*

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Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

Charles Wesley wrote this hymn in 1739 on the first anniversary of his commitment to Christ. His original poem contained 18 verses. A Moravian leader, Peter Bohler, once said, “Had I a thousand tongues, I would praise Jesus Christ with all of them.” Wesley used that quote as the basis for what is now the opening verse of his hymn.

Altar flowers

Flowers are given to the glory of God by Douglas & Judy Hoffman in honor of their 48th wedding anniversary.

Baptism

This morning we are privileged to witness the baptism of William Henry, son of Ryan & Andrea Hoffman. William’s sponsors are Tracy Weber and Scott Speiser.

Annual Congregational Meeting

Our annual meeting will be held immediately after our worship service this morning. We will then enjoy a **potluck** meal to celebrate our first “5th Sunday” of 2012!

National Youth Gathering

The high school youth and chaperones that will be attending the National Youth Gathering will meet today during the potluck. If you are unable to attend, please call Angela Sosebee at 419-966-0473.

WELCA General Meeting (Women of the ELCA)

There will be a General Meeting of the Women of the Church on Thursday, February 2, at 7:00 p.m. The speaker will be Mary Joseph, from Salvation Army and St. Paul’s United Methodist Church.

Statistics

1/22 attendance 110 + 109 (219) Offerings \$4,403.80 (\$160 Bldg Fd; \$5 Wrld Hngr; \$25 Good Sam Fd; \$250 Partners in Educ)

This Week

Today 9:00 a.m. Worship service
10:00 a.m. Annual Congregational Meeting
11:00 a.m. Potluck
7:00 p.m. Henry County Chorale
Wednesday 3:15 p.m. After School Club
5:00 p.m. Soul Food
6:00 p.m. Emanubells
7:00 p.m. Choir
8:00 p.m. Living Spirit
Thursday 9:00 a.m. Bible Study

Serving Today

Pastor James L. Castello
Worship & Music Coordinator & Organist - Angela Tonjes
Worship Assistant - Angela Sosebee
Acolytes - Austin Damman & Keegan Schroeder or Brock Brubaker & Derek Belcher
Ushers - Norm Bostelman, Mark Tonjes, Alan Storch, Bill Panning
Altar Guild - Sue Schink & Terri Haase
Prayer Chain Co-ordinator - Carol Castello (419-592-0847) or cjcast@yahoo.com

Soup and Pie Luncheon

You are invited to the Annual Winter Soup and Pie Luncheon sponsored by the Lutheran Home Auxiliary next Sunday, February 5, 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. in the Multi Purpose Room at Alpine Village. Proceeds will benefit The Lutheran Home and Alpine Village.

Early Communion

Students who are in 5th grade on up (and their parents) who are interested in early communion are encouraged to talk to Pastor as soon as possible.

Flower Chart

February 26 is still open to furnish altar flowers. Please sign up today if you would like to furnish flowers that Sunday.

SOUPer Bowl of Caring — NEXT SUNDAY!

Next Sunday, February 5, is Souper Bowl of Caring Sunday. Our sixth grade drama youth will hold soup pots at church doors and join young people in churches across the country to collect money for those who are hungry and hurting. ALL of the money collected will go to the ELCA World Hunger Appeal. We are also asking that you bring a special donation of canned food items that day. These donations will be given to the food pantry at John's Episcopal Church.

Old devotionals, etc.

If you have any outdated or old materials from Sunday School, devotionals, prayer books, Bible, etc. that you would like to get rid of, please contact Judy Hoffman. They will be donated to Christian Resources International where they will be put to good use.

Donation Corner for January

Together We Can Make A Difference

toilet paper	deodorant	dish soap
toothbrushes	shampoo	diapers!!!
(adult & children)	bar soap	feminine supplies
toothpaste	disposable razors	(pads & tampons)

Plastic bags are always needed for repackaging items. Opened packages of diapers (outgrown sizes, unused extras) are always welcomed! Sunday supplement coupons help stretch dollars further, for them and for their clients.

Readers needed!

Readers are needed for February! If you are willing to assist in this way, please fill in your name on the sign-up sheet hanging on the bulletin board in the narthex.

Sound Board operators needed

If you are willing to run the sound board for any service, please sign up on the sheet in the narthex.

C.D.s available

There are extra C.D.s available of all the Christmas services by the south entrance/exit.