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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 God, Our Help in Ages Past* -Bell Choir

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**\* CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, who brings us out of captivity into freedom, out of the wilderness into the promised land, out of death into life.

**C Amen.**

P Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

P Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal,

**C have mercy on us.**

P For self-centered living, and for failing to walk with humility and gentleness:

**C Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.**

P For longing to have what is not ours, and for hearts that are not at rest with ourselves:

**C Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.**

P For misuse of human relationships, and for unwillingness to see the image of God in others:

**C Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.**

P For jealousies that divide families and nations, and for rivalries that create strife and warfare:

**C Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.**

P For reluctance in sharing the gifts of God, and for carelessness with the fruits of creation:

**C Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.**

P For hurtful words that condemn, and for angry deeds that harm:

**C Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.**

P For idleness in witnessing to Jesus Christ, and for squandering the gifts of love and grace:

**C Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.**

P In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. Through the Holy Spirit God cleanses us and gives us the power to proclaim the mighty acts of the one who called us out of darkness into his marvelous light. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C Amen**

**\* HYMN LBW # 99** *O Lord, throughout These Forty Days*

*“And he fasted forty days and forty nights.” Matthew 4:2*

**\* GREETING**

P The immeasurable grace of Christ Jesus, the rich mercy of God, and the unity of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C And also with you.**

**\* HYMN OF PRAISE** *Beneath the Cross of Jesus*

*Beneath the cross of Jesus I long to take my stand;*

*The shadow of a mighty rock within a weary land.*

*A home within a wilderness, A rest upon the way,*

*From the burning of the noontide heat And burdens of the day.*

**\* PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P Lord God, you led your ancient people through the wilderness and brought them to the promised land. Guide now the people of your Church, that, following our Savior, we may walk through the wilderness of this world toward the glory of the world to come; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C Amen**

**Special Music:** *Here I Am to Worship* -Bell Choir

**FIRST READING: Genesis 9:8–17**

<sup>8</sup>Then God said to Noah and to his sons with him, <sup>9</sup>"As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, <sup>10</sup>and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. <sup>11</sup>I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth." <sup>12</sup>God said, "This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: <sup>13</sup>I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth.

<sup>14</sup>When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, <sup>15</sup>I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. <sup>16</sup>When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth." <sup>17</sup>God said to Noah, "This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth."

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

**PSALM 25:1–9**

To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul; my God, I put my trust in you;\* let me not be humiliated, nor let my enemies triumph over me.

<sup>3</sup>**Let none who look to you be put to shame;\* let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes.**

<sup>3</sup>Show me your ways, O LORD,\* and teach me your paths.

<sup>4</sup>**Lead me in your truth and teach me,\* for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all the day long.**

<sup>5</sup>Remember, O LORD, your compassion and love,\* for they are from everlasting.

<sup>6</sup>**Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions;\* remember me according to your love and for the sake of your goodness, O LORD.**

<sup>7</sup>Gracious and upright is the LORD;\* therefore he teaches sinners in his way.

<sup>8</sup>**He guides the humble in doing right\* and teaches his way to the lowly.**

<sup>9</sup>All the paths of the LORD are love and faithfulness\* to those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.

**SECOND READING: 1 Peter 3:18–22**

<sup>18</sup>For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, <sup>19</sup>in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, <sup>20</sup>who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. <sup>21</sup>And baptism, which this

prefigured, now saves you — not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, <sup>22</sup>who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

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

**\* GOSPEL: Mark 1:9–15**



<sup>9</sup>In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. <sup>10</sup>And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. <sup>11</sup>And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

<sup>12</sup>And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. <sup>13</sup>He was in

the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him.

<sup>14</sup>Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, <sup>15</sup>and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near, repent, and believe in the good news."



## CHILDREN'S SERMON

**HYMN LBW # 487** *Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus*

"He will teach us his ways, that we may walk in his paths." Isaiah 2:3

## SERMON

\* **HYMN LBW # 448** *Amazing Grace*

\* **APOSTLES' CREED**

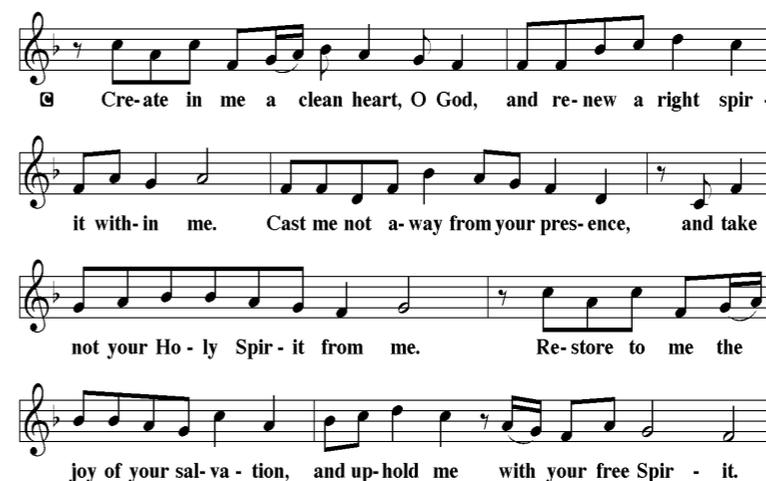
**C I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**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** *Mighty to Save* -Bell Choir

## OFFERTORY *(please remain seated)*



## THE PRAYERS *(please remain seated)*

**A** We cry to you for help, O God, praying for the church, the world, and all those who are in need.

*Brief silence.*

**A** We pray for the church in this season of Lent; for our denomination and our full-communion partners; for our congregation and other congregations in our community; for those persons preparing for baptism. Lord, in your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

**A** We pray for the wild beasts, the birds, the domestic animals, and every living creature; for the wilderness areas on this continent; for rain, enough but not too much. Lord, in your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

**A** We pray for those countries, cities, and villages that have been ravaged by floods; for those who provide leadership in times of chaos; for disaster relief workers and aid organizations. Lord, in your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

**A** We pray for this community; for single people; for married couples, and those who are divorced; for widows and widowers; for children and youth; for those who come here in need of good news. Lord, in your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

A We thank you for the everlasting covenant you have made with all flesh, and we remember our ancestors and loved ones, who know the fulfillment of your promises. Lord, in your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

*Other petitions.*

P We pray for people in prison; for those who live in long-term care facilities; for the homeless, the sick (*especially*); for the dying, and those who will die today. Lord, in your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

P Now is the acceptable time to offer our prayers to you, God of grace and truth. Receive them in your mercy, and grant us all that we need, in Jesus' name.

**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 # 229**      *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*

“The Lord God Almighty is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.” Psalm 46:7

**POSTLUDE**      *Recessionale*

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**Altar flowers**

Flowers are given to the glory of God by Nancy Schink in loving memory of Ron; and in honor of Mel Lanzer's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday by his family.

**Choir Reminder**

Choir practice will be held at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday in the basement. Living Spirit practice will follow the worship service.

**Lenten services**

Our Lenten service begins at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday. Please plan to be here.

**Donation Corner for February — Food pantry at St. John's Episcopal Church**

*Those things in greatest need:*

Canned fruit	Boxed Macaroni & Cheese	Canned meats and meals
Cereal	Canned pasta, such as	such as beef stew are
Canned Vegetables	Spaghetti's, Ravioli, etc.	also welcomed

**Ushers needed**

Ushers are needed for the 10:30 service beginning in August. The pay is good and the working conditions are easy! Women welcome! Please talk to Ken Lange.

**Thanks!**

A “high 5” to our high school youth group, their parents and sponsors for planning and executing a great Italian dinner last Sunday night. There was a hostess to greet you and a host to seat you. Each table featured place settings, flower petals and soft candlelight. Attentive servers delivered drinks, lasagna, salad and dessert while soft music played in the background. So thank you to them for an enjoyable experience!

**Serving Today**

Pastor James L. Castello

Worship & Music Coordinator & Organist - Angela Tonjes

Worship Assistant - 8:00 Barb Hoffman    10:30 Gary & Jamie Bostelman

Acolytes - 8:00 Alie Hernandez & Kenli Dachenhaus    10:30 Charlee Glick & Grace Rowland

Ushers - 8:00 Jeff & Lori Sharpe, Susan Landversicht, Paul Mowery

10:30 Larry Ashbaugh, Karl Yunker, Matt Mt.Castle, Gary Bostelman

Altar Guild - Laura Ellis-Kruse & Julie Callaway

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

**Statistics**

2/19 attendance (94+126) 220    Offerings \$4,526.25    (\$255 Bldg Fd; \$75 Good Sam Fd)

## This Week

Today	1:00 p.m.	private party
	7:00 p.m.	Henry County Chorale
Wednesday	3:15 p.m.	After School Club
	3:30 p.m.	6 <sup>th</sup> grade catechism
	5:00 p.m.	7 <sup>th</sup> grade catechism
	5:00 p.m.	Soul Food
	6:00 p.m.	8 <sup>th</sup> grade catechism
	6:00 p.m.	Emanubells
	6:30 p.m.	Choir in basement
	7:30 p.m.	Worship
	8:30 p.m.	Living Spirit after worship
Thursday	9:00 a.m.	Bible Study

### *From the Synod...*

As we enter the season of Lent, we remember Jesus' sacrificial, life-giving love. May we also give of ourselves sacrificially for the sake of Christ's church, for our own congregation, and for the ministry of the Synod and the ELCA. As we follow Jesus in the Way of the Cross, may we walk together as brothers and sisters in Christ.

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## **Two wolves**

One evening an old Cherokee told his grandson about a battle that goes on inside people. He said, "My son, the battle is between two 'wolves' inside us all.

"One wolf is Evil. It is anger, envy, jealousy, sorrow, regret, greed, arrogance, self-pity, guilt, resentment, inferiority, lies, false pride, superiority and ego.

"The other wolf is Good. It is joy, peace, love, hope, serenity, humility, kindness, benevolence, empathy, generosity, truth, compassion and faith."

The grandson thought about it for a minute, and then asked his grandfather, "Which wolf wins?"

The old Cherokee simply replied, "The one you feed."

## ***People in our prayers:***

Ken Ludeman	Bethany Wolfe	Larry Gineman
Grace Zachrich	Colleen Cable	Fred Kloos
Carolyn Lammy	Larry Wiechers	Jay Bostelman
Chelsea Hartman	Ken & Margaret Starkey	Bill Winseman
Al Duquette	Richard Heckler	Pauline Downard
Linda	Ruth Delaney	Kurt Landversicht
Joshua Gerken	Evelyn Carlile	Gary Kieffer
Roma Brown	Jaylyn Wilson	Robert Cadegan
Paul Long	J.P.	Lenhart Lange
Larry Zachrich	Derek Mohring	Bobbie Hagen Reiger
Robert Plassman	Alice Langenhop	Josh Bevelle
Paul Cousino	Crystal Garcia	Norma Strayer
Jeff Warner	Lorna Bostelman	Linda Lulfs
Rudy Eickhoff	Josh Badenhop	Amy Rodenbaugh
Betty Middleton	Louisa Bevelle	Betty Bernicke
Walter Thomson	Andrew Williams	Amanda Hughes
Jamie Bostelman	Chad Williams	Kaden Michaelis
Pat Badenhop	Shirlee Mires Fejes	Alyce Oberhaus
Deb Gerken	Betsy Mix	Sandra Homer
Alfred Prigge	Arleta Panning	Marlene Kryder
Velma Bostelman	Ann Westhoven	Tammy Porter
Don & Susan Drewes	Alexa Jennings	Pastor Don Saul
Brent Leiter	Michael Stover	John & Dorothy Harms
Paul Panning	Mary Brown	Joe
C A	Emma Mires	Ruth M. Eickhoff
Herman Campbell	Pete Miller	Roman Strohm
Brent Thompson	Ted Titgemeyer	Carol Baerlin
Marsha	John Wenner	Brennan
Chris Barrow	Miranda Schink	Lucas King
JJ Dennis	Allie Grace Small	Dave & Betty Meyer
Kelly Van	Jeff Brown	K T
Landon Zunk	Margery Downs	Dick Brown
Sandy Bostelman	Austin Lighthill	Sarah Lenhart
		Deb Schink

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

Ben Robbins	Larry Zachrich	Abby Panning	Karilyne Manahan
Melinda Dachenhaus	Deb Clausen	Dean Ruby	John Wenner
Ruth M. Eickhoff	Pat Mohring	Phyllis Bischoff	

***and anniversaries ...***

Steve & Ann Overhulse

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

Mike DeMichiei	Elizabeth Yoder	Tyler Haase	Austin Oberg
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Emanuel's Board of Education is starting to make plans for Vacation Bible School for this summer. Since our numbers have been down the past couple of years, we are trying to find out what appeals to most people. If you have child(ren) that are of VBS age (preschool - 5<sup>th</sup> grade), or know of some children that would like to attend, please fill out the form below and place it in the offering plate or turn it in to Angie Sosebee, Julie Mt.Castle or the church office.

**I WOULD LIKE TO MY CHILD TO ATTEND VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL:**

\_\_\_\_\_ For one week at Emanuel Lutheran Church

\_\_\_\_\_ Downtown Community Bible School, at the host church, for one week

\_\_\_\_\_ "Weekend" VBS program at Emanuel (Friday evening, Saturday morning or evening, and program on Sunday morning during worship service)

Would you prefer to have the week of VBS in June or July?  
(circle one)

JUNE

JULY

Would you be willing to help with VBS in any way? \_\_\_\_\_  
(teacher, helper, crafts, music, snacks)

COMMENTS: