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Second Sunday in Lent — March 4, 2012

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 Meditation on *He Leadeth Me*

Ring of the Bell (8:00) *Nothing But the Blood* -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 # 104** *In the Cross of Christ I Glory*

“God forbid that I should glory, save in the cross.” Galatians 6:14

*** 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*

Upon the cross of Jesus, My eye at times can see

The very dying form of one Who suffered there for me.

And from my contrite heart, with tears, Two wonders I confess:

The wonder of his glorious love And my unworthiness.

*** PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P Eternal God, it is your glory always to have mercy. Bring back all who have erred and strayed from your ways; lead them again to embrace in faith the truth of your Word and to hold it fast; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen

(10:30) **Special Music:** *All Night, All Day* -Ryan Kruse

FIRST READING: Genesis 17:1–7, 15–16

When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the LORD appeared to Abram, and said to him, "I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless. ²And I will make my covenant between me and you, and will make you exceedingly numerous."

³Then Abram fell on his face; and God said to him, ⁴"As for me, this is my covenant with you: You shall be the ancestor of a multitude of nations. ⁵No longer shall your name be Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you the ancestor of a multitude of nations. ⁶I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come

from you. ⁷I will establish my covenant between me and you, and your offspring after you throughout their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you. ¹⁵God said to Abraham, "As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. ¹⁶I will bless her, and moreover I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall give rise to nations; kings of peoples shall come from her."

A The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 22:22–30

Praise the LORD, ¹you that fear him;* stand in awe of him, O offspring of Israel; all you of Jacob's ¹line, give glory.

²³For he does not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty; neither does he hide his ¹face from them;* but when they cry to ¹him he hears them.

²⁴My praise is of him in the ¹great assembly;*

I will perform my vows in the presence of those who ¹worship him.

²⁵The poor shall eat and be satisfied, and those who seek the ¹LORD shall praise him:*
"May your heart ¹live forever!"

²⁶All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn ¹to the LORD,* and all the families of the nations ¹bow before him.

²⁷For kingship belongs ¹to the LORD;* he rules o- ¹ver the nations.

²⁸To him alone all who sleep in the earth bow ¹down in worship;* all who go down to the dust ¹fall before him.

²⁹My soul shall live for him; my descen- ¹dants shall serve him;*

they shall be known as the ¹LORD's forever.

³⁰They shall come and make known to a people ¹yet unborn* the saving deeds that ¹he has done.

SECOND READING: Romans 4:13–25

¹³For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. ¹⁴If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. ¹⁵For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

¹⁶For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, ¹⁷as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations") — in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

¹⁸Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become "the father of many nations," according to what was said, "So numerous shall your descendants be." ¹⁹He

did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb. ²⁰No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, ²¹being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. ²²Therefore his faith "was reckoned to him as righteousness." ²³Now the words, "it was reckoned to him," were written not for his sake alone, ²⁴but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, ²⁵who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

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C **Thanks be to God.**

* **GOSPEL: Mark 8:31–38**



³¹Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. ³²He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. ³³But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

³⁴He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny

themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ³⁵For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. ³⁶For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? ³⁷Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? ³⁸Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."



CHILDREN’S SERMON

- (8:00) **HYMN LBW # 463** *God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens*
 "Worship the Lord in the splendor of His holiness." 1 Chronicles 16:29
- (10:30) **HYMN LBW # 93** *Jesus, Refuge of the Weary*
 "Cast all your anxieties on him, for he cares about you." 1 Peter 5:7

SERMON

* **HYMN WOV # 734** *Softly and Tenderly*

(Please turn to page 10 for the 10:30 service.)

8:00 a.m. Service

* **NICENE CREED**

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

Brief silence.

A Let us pray for the one holy catholic and apostolic church, for the church's leaders and all its people, and for every local community of faith. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A Let us pray for this planet we call home; for the oceans we have polluted with oil; for the land we have piled with garbage; and for the species we have endangered. Lord, in your mercy,

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A Let us pray for the multitude of nations; for Jews, Muslims, Hindus, Buddhists, and others of different faiths than our own; and for those without a community of faith. Lord, in your mercy,

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A Let us pray for this assembly; for those who read the lessons and lead music; for greeters and ushers; for Sunday school teachers and students; for longtime members and first-time visitors. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A Let us give thanks for those who have lost their lives for the sake of the gospel. Encourage us also to deny ourselves, take up the cross, and follow you. Lord in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

Other petitions.

P Let us pray for couples longing for children; for families that are separated; for children in foster care; for people with disabilities; and for all in need of healing (*especially*). 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.

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

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you.

TITHES & OFFERINGS

In the Garden -Choir

*** OFFERTORY**

Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our
cup of bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the
seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life.
Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u - nite them with the
prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your
pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

*** OFFERING PRAYER**

A God our provider, you have not fed us with bread alone, but with words of grace and life. Bless us and these your gifts, which we receive from your bounty, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen.

*** GREAT
THANKSGIVING**

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give him thanks and praise.

P It is indeed right and salutary ...

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:
 Heav-en and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho - san - na. Ho - san - na.
 Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who
 comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

*** EUCHARISTIC PRAYER**

*** LORD'S PRAYER**

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

Come, Take the Body -Choir

In Christ Alone -Bell Choir *words printed on page 15

*** BLESSING**

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C Amen

*** POST COMMUNION CANTICLE LBW # 339** *O Lord, Now Let Your Servant*

*** PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

A Merciful God, accompany our journey through these forty days. Renew us in the gift of baptism, that we may provide for those who are poor, pray for those in need, fast from self-indulgence, and above all that we may find our treasure in the life of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

*** BENEDICTION**

*** HYMN LBW # 263** *Abide with Us, Our Savior*

“Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him.” 1 John 4:15

*** DISMISSAL**

A Go in peace. Remember the poor.

C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE *Voices Exultant*

10:30 a.m. Service

*** 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 *Brethren, We Have Met to Worship*

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)*

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*** LORD'S PRAYER**

P Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

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**REMEMBER TO TURN YOUR CLOCKS AHEAD 1 HOUR
 ON SATURDAY NIGHT.**

Altar flowers

Flowers are given to the glory of God by Larry & Lois Wiechers in honor of their 65th wedding anniversary.

Donation Corner for March — LWR Personal Care Kits

One light-weight bath-size towel (maximum 52" x 27"), dark color recommended
Two bath-size bars (4-5 oz.) of soap, any brand, in original wrapping
One adult-size toothbrush in its original packaging
One sturdy comb, remove packaging
One metal nail clippers (attached file optional), remove packaging

Do not add other items or leave out any of the items listed. All items should be new and in good condition. Wrap all the items in the towel and tie securely with ribbons or yarn. Do not enclose the Kit or any of its contents in plastic bags. *You don't need to donate everything for a kit; just donate any of the items that you find on sale. These kits will be compiled for the Women of the Church's delivery of the kits in the fall.*

Statistics

2/22 attendance 156 communed 141 Offerings \$ 1,187
2/26 attendance 80 + 123 (203) Offerings \$ 3,988.11 (\$85 Bldg Fd; \$148 Good Sam Fd; \$15 World Hngr; \$435.50 Youth Convention)

This Week

Today	1:30 p.m.	Girl Scouts
	2:00 p.m.	4-H meeting
	7:00 p.m.	Henry County Chorale
Monday	7:30 p.m.	Naomi Circle
Wednesday	3:15 p.m.	After School Club
	3:30 p.m.	6 th grade catechism
	5:00 p.m.	7 th grade catechism
	5:00 p.m.	Soul Food
	6:00 p.m.	8 th 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

Naomi Circle

The Naomi Circle will meet tomorrow night at 7:30 p.m.

WELCA Board

The WELCA Board will meet at 6:30 p.m. on March 15.

Lenten services

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

Serving Today

Pastor James L. Castello

Worship & Music Coordinator & Organist - Angela Tonjes

Worship Assistant - 8:00 Ruth Hershberger 10:30 Marv Mt.Castle

Acolytes - 8:00 Bryce Reynolds Stephen Yunker 10:30 Mitchell Walther & Alex Andrews

Ushers - 8:00 Lee Weirauch, Dave Schwab, Leo Clausen, Kevin Gerken

10:30 Terry Walter, Rupert Schweinhagen, Chris Peper, Tom Jenny

Altar Guild - Susan Mabee & Lauren Helberg

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

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.

Youtube sermons!

The best way to find Pastor's sermons is from our web page (www.emanuelnapoleon.org) and click on "What's New". Searching for "J Castello Sermon" on Google works, too. Also, the same search works directly in youtube.

Benefit

You are invited to join members from the Henry Co. Chapter of Thrivent Financial for Lutherans to raise funds for Stacie (Hurst) Vandenberghe to help with extensive medical testing and costs. It will be held next Sunday, March 11, 11 a.m.-3 p.m. at the Ridgeville American Legion on Co Rd 19. Local 4-H Clubs will be having a bake sale; Get a chance to win your own John Deere Pedal Tractor at the Kid & Adult Pedal Pull. Call Beth Behrman at 419-630-6783 for information.

We are broadcasting on WNDH 103.1 FM during March at 10:30 a.m.

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

March is Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month

The Henry County Board of Developmental Disabilities – HOPE Services would like to remind you that March is Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month. This year’s theme is “Our Community is Better Together”. Isaiah 56:7 calls us to welcome all people into our religious community: “My house shall be called a house of prayer for all people”. The community of God includes people with and without developmental disabilities. People with disabilities have the same emotions, wants, needs, and desires “just like you”.

In Christ Alone * (Bell Choir song being played during communion)

In Christ alone my hope is found; He is my light, my strength, my song;
This cornerstone, this solid ground, Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace,
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease!
My comforter, my all in all – Here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone, Who took on flesh, Fullness of God in helpless babe!
This gift of love and righteousness, Scorned by the ones he came to save.
Till on that cross as Jesus died, The wrath of God was satisfied;
For ev’ry sin on Him was laid – Here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay, Light of the world by darkness slain;
Then bursting forth in glorious day, Up from the grave He rose again!
And as He stands in victory, Sin’s curse has lost its grip on me;
For I am his and He is mine – Brought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death – This is the pow’r of Christ in me;
From life’s first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny.
No pow’r of hell, no scheme of man, Can ever pluck me from His hand;
Till He returns or calls me home – Here in the pow’r of Christ I’ll stand.

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 - 5th 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: