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Third Sunday in Lent — March 11, 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 *Sweet Hour of Prayer*

Ringing of the Bell (10:30) *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 # 254** *Come Let Us Join*

“Are any among you cheerful? They should sing songs of praise.” James 5:13

* 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*

I take, O cross, your shadow For my abiding place;

I ask no other sunshine than The sunshine of his face;

Content to let the world go by, To know no gain nor loss,

My sinful self my only shame, My glory all, the cross.

* PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Eternal Lord, your kingdom has broken into our troubled world through the life, death, and resurrection of your Son. Help us to hear your Word and obey it, so that we become instruments of your redeeming love; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen

FIRST READING: Exodus 20:1–17

Then God spoke all these words:

²I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; ³you shall have no other gods before me.

⁴You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. ⁵You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I the LORD your God am a jealous God, punishing children for the iniquity of parents, to the third and the fourth generation of those who reject me, ⁶but showing steadfast love to the thousandth generation of those who love me and keep my commandments.

⁷You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the LORD your God, for the LORD will not acquit anyone who misuses his name.

⁸Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. ⁹Six days you shall labor and do all your work. ¹⁰But the seventh day is a sabbath to the LORD your God; you shall

not do any work — you, your son or your daughter, your male or female slave, your livestock, or the alien resident in your towns. ¹¹For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but rested the seventh day; therefore the LORD blessed the sabbath day and consecrated it.

¹²Honor your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you.

¹³You shall not murder.

¹⁴You shall not commit adultery.

¹⁵You shall not steal.

¹⁶You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

¹⁷You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

A The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 19

The heavens declare the glo- | ry of God,* and the firmament | shows his handiwork.

**²One day tells its tale | to another,*
and one night imparts knowledge | to another.**

³Although they have no | words or language,* and their voices | are not heard,

⁴their sound has gone out in- | to all lands,*

and their message to the ends | of the world.

⁵In the deep has he set a pavilion | for the sun;* it comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber; it rejoices like a champion to | run its course.

**⁶It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens
and runs about to the end of | it again;*
nothing is hidden from its | burning heat.**

⁷The law of the LORD is perfect and re- | vives the soul;* the testimony of the LORD is sure and gives wisdom | to the innocent.

**⁸The statutes of the LORD are just and re- | joice the heart;*
the commandment of the LORD is clear and gives light | to the eyes.**

⁹The fear of the LORD is clean and en- | dures forever;* the judgments of the LORD are true and righteous | altogether.

**¹⁰More to be desired are they than gold, more than | much fine gold,*
sweeter far than honey, than honey | in the comb.**

¹¹By them also is your ser- | vant enlightened,* and in keeping them there is | great reward.

¹²Who can tell how often | he offends?*
Cleanse me from my | secret faults.

¹³Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins; let them not get dominion | over me;* then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a | great offense.

**¹⁴Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart
be acceptable | in your sight,*
O LORD, my strength and | my redeemer.**

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 1:18–25

¹⁸For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. ¹⁹For it is written,

"I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart."

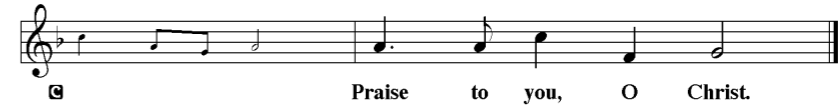
²⁰Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this

age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? ²¹For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. ²²For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, ²³but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and

foolishness to Gentiles, ²⁴but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. ²⁵For God's foolishness is wiser

than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

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CHILDREN'S SERMON

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

SERMON

- * **HYMN LBW # 554** *This Is My Father's World*
"The earth is full of the lovingkindness of the Lord." Psalm 33:5

(Please turn to page 8 for the 10:30 service.)

8:00 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 *Ten Thousand Angels* -Peggy Snyder

OFFERTORY *(please remain seated)*

* GOSPEL: John 2:13-22



¹³The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. ¹⁴In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money changers seated at their tables. ¹⁵Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. ¹⁶He told those who were selling the doves, "Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father's house a marketplace!" ¹⁷His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for your house will consume

me." ¹⁸The Jews then said to him, "What sign can you show us for doing this?" ¹⁹Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." ²⁰The Jews then said, "This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?" ²¹But he was speaking of the temple of his body. ²²After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this; and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

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

Brief silence.

A For the body of Christ, that we might trust in the foolishness of God. For houses of worship everywhere, that we might not make your sanctuaries into marketplaces. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A For wisdom to carefully steward all your creation; for cattle, sheep, doves, donkeys, and animals of every kind; for veterinarians and zookeepers; for biologists and ranchers. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A For the nations of the world and their leaders; for legislatures and judges; for merchants and money changers; for police and military personnel; for the civilians of war-torn countries. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A We lift up the names of loved ones who have died in the faith, trusting that in the crucified and risen Christ we are bound to them in death as in life. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A For this faith community, whenever we make idols, misuse your name, break the sabbath, dishonor our parents, murder, commit adultery, bear false witness, and covet what is not our own. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

Other petitions.

P For all those captive to addictions; for victims of crime; for survivors of sexual or domestic abuse; for those sick with malaria, HIV/AIDS, or cancer; for those with Alzheimer's and their caregivers; for all in any need (*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.

*** 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 # 480** *O that the Lord Would Guide My Ways*

"O that my ways may be steadfast in keeping your statutes." Psalm 119:5

POSTLUDE *Once to Every Man and Nation*

10:30 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)*

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* **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

Sing Unto the Lord -Madison Ashbaugh, piano
May Your Kingdom Come -Seth Tonjes, piano
Come, Take the Body -Choir

*** 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 # 480**

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"O that my ways may be steadfast in keeping your statutes." Psalm 119:5

*** DISMISSAL**

A Go in peace. Remember the poor.

C **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE *Once to Every Man and Nation*

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This Is My Father's World

Maltbie D. Babcock, a baseball pitcher in college and a varsity swimmer, wrote this hymn in 1901. He became a pastor at a Presbyterian church in New York City.

Altar flowers

Flowers are given to the glory of God and in celebration of Keegan Schroeder's 12th birthday by his family.

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.*

Women of the ELCA Spring Assembly

"Don't Be Afraid", the Spring Assembly, will be held on Saturday, April 21, 2012 at Trinity Lutheran Church in Wauseon. Registration forms and information are posted on the bulletin board next to the church office. Need a ride? Call 419-592-2511.

Statistics

2/29 attendance 99 Offerings \$667.50
3/04 att 107 + 81 (188) com 100 Off \$5,275.55 (\$965 Bldg Fd; \$100 Good Sam; \$35 Wrld Hngr)

Bake Sale

The High School Youth Group that is going to the National Youth Gathering in New Orleans will be holding a Bake Sale on Sunday, March 18, before and after both services.

Chapel Communion will begin at 2:30 p.m. on Wednesday.

Needed!

Readers for April (8:00) & May (8:00); sound board for May (8:00)

Lenten services

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

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.

This Week

- Today 7:00 p.m. Henry County Chorale
- Monday 9:30 a.m. Ruth Circle
- 1:30 p.m. Congregational Life Board
- 7:00 pm. Doctrine & Worship Board
- Wednesday 1:00 p.m. Martha Circle
- 2:30 p.m. Chapel Communion
- 3:15 p.m. After School Club
- 3:30 p.m. 6th grade catechism
- 5:00 p.m. 7th grade catechism
- 5:00 p.m. Soul Food
- 6:00 p.m. 8th 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
- 6:30 p.m. WELCA Board

WELCA Board

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

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

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 cecast@yahoo.com

Youtube sermons

You can subscribe to **J Castello Sermon** videos by clicking the Subscribe button at the top of the video. Clicking the 21 (? number changes) videos button at the top allows you to choose the videos that have already been uploaded. The quality of the video can be changed by clicking the ships wheel at the bottom right of the video. The rectangles (bottom right of the video) allow you to change the size of the video on the screen. Sometimes there are additional notes below the video (always the date etc.) such as the name of the original 1912 song that was composed by Kelli's grandmother. We cannot control the volume of the Youtube videos.

www.emanuelnapoleon.org/ Click on **What's New**. You can also bookmark the current Youtube video (on your computer/device) and come back and check when you want to view additional sermons. They can also be downloaded on your iThings (and other devices) and can then be viewed whenever desired without using the network.

On the radio in April

Our 10:30 service will be broadcast on WNDH during **April** (NOT March).

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".

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: