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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 *Were You There?*

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 WOV # 716** *Word of God*

“And the word became flesh and dwelt among us, full of grace and truth.” John 1:14

*** 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 time 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 Almighty God, our redeemer, in our weakness we have failed to be your messengers of forgiveness and hope in the world. Renew us by your Holy Spirit, that we may follow your commands and proclaim your reign of 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

Special Music: *You Are My All in All* -Bell Choir (by special request from a member)

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 31:31–34

³¹The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ³²It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt — a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD. ³³But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my

law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. ³⁴No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, "Know the LORD," for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

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

PSALM 51:1–13

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your lovingkindness;* in your great compassion blot out my offenses.

²**Wash me through and through from my wickedness* and cleanse me from my sin.**

³For I know my transgressions,* and my sin is ever before me.

⁴**Against you only have I sinned* and done what is evil in your sight.**

⁵And so you are justified when you speak* and upright in your judgment.

⁶**Indeed, I have been wicked from my birth,* a sinner from my mother's womb.**

⁷For behold, you look for truth deep within me,* and will make me understand wisdom secretly.

⁸**Purge me from my sin, and I shall be pure;* wash me, and I shall be clean indeed.**

⁹Make me hear of joy and gladness,* that the body you have broken may rejoice.

¹⁰**Hide your face from my sins,* and blot out all my iniquities.**

¹¹Create in me a clean heart, O God,* and renew a right spirit within me.

¹²**Cast me not away from your presence* and take not your Holy Spirit from me.**

¹³Give me the joy of your saving help again* and sustain me with your bountiful Spirit.

SECOND READING: Hebrews 5:5–10

⁵So also Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him,

"You are my Son, today I have begotten you";

⁶as he says also in another place,

"You are a priest forever, according to the order of

Melchizedek."

⁷In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save

him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. ⁸Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; ⁹and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, ¹⁰having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

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

***GOSPEL: John 12:20–33**



²⁰Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. ²¹They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, "Sir, we wish to see Jesus." ²²Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. ²³Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. ²⁴Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. ²⁵Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. ²⁶Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor.



²⁷Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say — 'Father, save me from this hour'? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. ²⁸Father, glorify your name." Then a voice came from heaven, "I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again." ²⁹The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, "An angel has spoken to him." ³⁰Jesus answered, "This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. ³¹Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. ³²And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself." ³³He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

HYMN WOV # 732 *Create in Me a Clean Heart*

"Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me." Psalm 52:10

SERMON

* HYMN LBW # 474 *Children of the Heavenly Father*

"See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God, and so we are." 1 John 3:1

* APOSTLES' CREED

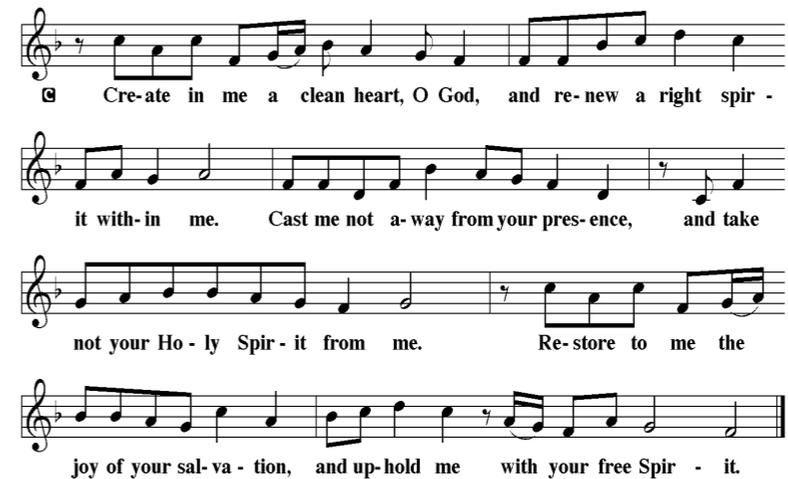
C I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

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 *O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing* -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 You write a new covenant on our hearts. We pray for those who will be washed in the waters of baptism this Easter, and also their families and sponsors. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A You make creation bear fruit. We pray for farmers and ranchers; for animals coming out of hibernation; for deserts and tundra, where living conditions are harsh. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A You draw all people to yourself. We pray for nations preparing for elections; for countries suffering from fires, floods, storms, or famines; for those living in refugee camps. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A You renew a right spirit within us. We pray for this assembly, for our pastor/s, members, and visitors, that we might see Jesus in one another and in the stranger. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A You are the source of eternal salvation. We remember before you the faithful witnesses who have gone before us, and now rest forever in your peace. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

Other petitions.

P You know the troubles of our souls. We pray for those waiting for answers to prayers; for those whose lives are full of tears; for those sick in body or spirit (*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** 

**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 WOV # 778** *O Christ the Same*

“Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and for ever.” Hebrews 13:8

POSTLUDE *Song of Triumph*

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Altar flowers

Flowers are given to the glory of God by Herb & Ramona Koppenhofer in honor of their 64th 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.*

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

3/14 attendance 90 Offerings \$732.00

3/21 attendance 97 Offerings \$677.00

3/18 att 89 + 115 (204) Off \$4966.67 (\$140 Bldg Fd; \$200 Good Sam; \$40 Wrld Hngr)

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
Wednesday 9:00 a.m. Sewing
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
Thursday 9:00 a.m. Bible Study

Reminder: Choir practice will be held at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday 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 cjcast@yahoo.com

Lenten services

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

Tapestry of Darkness

The choir will be presenting a cantata on Good Friday, April 6 at 7:30 p.m. entitled "Tapestry of Darkness". The music and the spoken word will paint an image of the last hours of Jesus' life and his sacrifice for us.

Trumpet Ensemble

The BGSU Trumpet Ensemble will perform today at 4 p.m. at Community of Christ Lutheran Church, 6517 Finzel Road, Whitehouse.

Coming Alive

The United Way exercise challenge will take place from April 23 through May 20! If you are interested in joining us this year, please pick up a form from Judy Hoffman or the church office.

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".

Card Party

Alpine Village Assisted Living invites you to join them for their Card Party on Thursday, March 29 at 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. Snacks and drinks will be provided. Please call Shelly Boehm at 419-592-1015 to reserve your table. Reservations must be made to assure that they have enough spots for everyone.

