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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 *Meditation on Joy*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Prayer for those attending the National Youth Gathering:

P We ask you, Oh Lord, to grant peace to those attending the 2012 ELCA Youth Gathering.

Bless them, form them by your hand, guide them by your Word, renew them by your Spirit, protect them as they travel, make their ways safe, and their homecomings joyful.

God, you have looked with favor on this community and have blessed us through the lives of young people. As they have been a blessing to us, may they now be sent forth as missionaries to the larger church to be a blessing to others, through Jesus Christ, our truth and life. Go now with Jesus, and put your faith into action. Amen.

*** CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, the creator of wind and rain, field and ocean, the bread of life coming down from above, the power at work within us and this world.

C Amen.

P Before God and in the company of our sisters and brothers, let us confess our sin.

P God and Father of all,

C we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed. We have thought better of ourselves than others. We have told lies, said hurtful things, acted in ways we wish we could take back, and looked the other way when action was

needed. In your mercy, O God, forgive us, cleanse us, and heal us, for the sake of Jesus, our Savior. Amen.

P If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; everything has become new! In Christ, you are a new creation: your sins are taken away and you are made new. Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you.

C Amen

*** HYMN LBW # 499** *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*
“The blessing of the Lord brings wealth.” Proverbs 10:22

*** GREETING**

P The grace that is Christ's gift to us, the love of God, and the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace be with you all.

C And also with you.

*** PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P Almighty God, we thank you for planting in us the seed of your word. By your Holy Spirit help us to receive it with joy, live according to it, and grow in faith and hope and love; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen

Special Music: *Swing Low, Sweet Chariot* -Tom Jenny & Marv Mt.Castle

FIRST READING: Amos 7:7–15

A The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM 85:8–13

I will listen to what the LORD¹ God is saying,*
for he is speaking peace to his faithful people
and to those who turn their¹ hearts to him.

**“Truly, his salvation is very near to¹ those who fear him,*
that his glory may dwell¹ in our land.**

¹⁰Mercy and truth have¹ met together;*
righteousness and peace have¹ kissed each other.

**¹¹Truth shall spring up¹ from the earth,*
and righteousness shall look¹ down from heaven.**

¹²The LORD will indeed¹ grant prosperity,*
and our land will¹ yield its increase.

**¹³Righteousness shall¹ go before him,*
and peace shall be a pathway¹ for his feet.**

SECOND READING: Ephesians 1:3–14

A The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

*** GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** (WOV # 612)

Halle, halle, hallelujah!

Halle, halle, hallelujah!

Halle, halle, hallelujah!

Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

*** GOSPEL: Mark 6:14–29**

P The Gospel of our Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

CHILDREN'S SERMON

HYMN WOV # 763 *Let Justice Flow Like Streams*

“But let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an everflowing stream.” Amos 5:24

SERMON

*** HYMN LBW # 554** *This Is My Father's World*

“The world is mine, and all that is in it.” Psalm 50:12

*** 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 & OFFERINGS *Just a Closer Walk with Thee* -Tom Jenny & Marv Mt.Castle

OFFERTORY *(please remain seated)*

Lord of all good, our gifts we bring you now;

Use them your holy purpose to fulfill.

Tokens of love and pledges they shall be

That our whole life is offered to your will.

Father, whose bounty all creation shows;
Christ, by whose willing sacrifice we live;

Spirit, from whom all life in fullness flows:

To you with grateful hearts ourselves we give.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION *(please remain seated)*

A With reverence for the earth, those in need, and the whole human family, let us offer our prayers to God.

Brief silence.

A For the church, for leaders to proclaim your grace and prophets to call us to your justice and truth. Hear us, O God.

C **Your mercy is great.**

A For judges and magistrates, political and civic leaders, fire fighters and police officers, arbitrators and mediators, farmers and laborers. Hear us, O God.

C **Your mercy is great.**

A For the earth, that the land will yield its increase and all creation flourish with your prosperity. Hear us, O God.

C **Your mercy is great.**

A For members of this assembly who give generously of their time, abilities, and gifts. For the grace to see your presence in the loved ones and strangers we will meet this day.

Hear us, O God.

C **Your mercy is great.**

Other petitions.

P For all who work for cures for cancer and other diseases, and for all who work to prevent and treat malaria. For all living with suffering, sickness, or despair (*especially*). For ministries of compassion and care in our community. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

P We give thanks for all the faithful who were marked with the seal of the Spirit. May we too receive the pledge of our inheritance, to the praise of your glory. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

P Receive our hopes and prayers, O God of mercy, for great is your faithfulness in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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** *When the Saints* (please follow the song leader, Marv Mt.Castle)

1 Oh, when the saints go marching in
Oh, when the saints go marching in
Lord, how I want to be in that number
When the saints go marching in.

2 And when the sun refuse to shine
And when the sun refuse to shine
Lord, how I want to be in that number
When the sun refuse to shine.

3 And when the moon turns red with blood
And when the moon turns red with blood
Lord, how I want to be in that number
When the moon turns red with blood.

4 Oh when the trumpet sounds its call
Oh when the trumpet sounds its call
Lord, how I want to be in that number
When the trumpet sounds its call.

5 Oh when the new world is revealed
Oh when the new world is revealed
Lord, how I want to be in that number
When the new world is revealed.

6 Oh, when the saints go marching in
Oh, when the saints go marching in
Lord, how I want to be in that number
When the saints go marching in.

POSTLUDE *Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken*

We will be accepting a door offering this morning for the youth who are going to the National Youth Gathering later this week!

Thrivent Financial has offered to match funds 50¢ for every \$1 raised (up to \$500) at the last fundraiser and this door offering!

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Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Notice in the second verse of this hymn, the first line reads, "Here I raise my Ebenezer." Ever wonder what an Ebenezer is? In 1 Samuel 7:12 it says, "Samuel took a stone and set it up and called its name Ebenezer for he said, 'Hitherto the Lord has helped us.'" Ebenezer means Stone of help.

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.

Vacation — Pastor & Carol are on vacation this week. Pastor Denise Brown is “on call” for emergencies.

Altar flowers — Flowers are given to the glory of God by Carolyn Schmidlin in loving memory of Donald; and by Rupert & Rita Schweinhagen in honor of their 51st wedding anniversary.

Funeral — Please keep the family of Betty Middleton in your prayers. Betty passed away on the 7th and was buried last Thursday.

National Youth Gathering! — The following group will be leaving for The National Youth Gathering in New Orleans Tuesday evening: **Alexandria Biederstedt, Blake Biederstedt, Neil Storch, Sarah Yaney, Laura Yaney, Jenni Schink, Casey Haase, Jayci Steingass, Robert McMahan, Ed Biederstedt, Tiffany Biederstedt, and Angie Sosebee.** They will be busing with several area churches and will return in the wee hours of July 23rd. We will be accepting a door offering for the group today! *Thank you for all your support!*

Coffee Hour — The Gathering-bound youth are hosting the coffee hour after the service in the overflow. Next week’s fellowship will be hosted by the Education & Finance Boards.

Emanuel’s First! Ever! Summer Music Camp — Children of Emanuel, are you ready for Summer Music Camp? Mark your calendars for Monday, July 23 through Friday, July 27. The camp is open to children from first through eighth grades and will last from 9:00 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. each day. There will be singing, bell ringing, games, snacks, and a very special art project! If your child would like to attend, email Angela at matonjes@metalink.net or call the church office. Please indicate if your child would like to sing solos and/or duets. We need some more helpers, even if you can only come for an hour or two!!

Caring Corner — School supplies (list of items needed is posted in the caring corner and will be printed here next week)

Statistics — 7/05 attendance 40 7/08 attendance 154 communed 127 Offerings \$5,435 (\$310 Building Fund; \$5 World Hunger; \$100 Wells; mem to Bldg Fd-\$100 Jay Bostelman, \$75 Al Duquette; mem to “Music”- \$235 Al Duquette)

Fifth Sunday — 5th Sunday is July 29, and we will host a potluck brunch for the Youth Encounter team who will be visiting us that morning. Please think “brunch”, since, with our worship at 9 a.m., our meal will be early.

Rocky Point Lighthouse! — Please join us for Emanuel Lutheran Church’s first ever weekend Vacation Bible School, Friday, August 3 from 6-8 p.m., Saturday, August 4 from 9 a.m. - noon, and a special program Sunday, August 5 at 9:00 a.m. Just fill out the enclosed registration form and place it into the offering plate. Deadline for registration is Sunday, July 22. If you have any questions, please contact Angie Sosebee.

This Week

Today	2:00 p.m.	private party
Monday	noon	Newsletter deadline
	6:45 p.m.	Executive Board
	7:00 p.m.	Church Council
Tuesday	4:00 p.m.	Youth depart for National Youth Gathering
Wednesday	5:00 p.m.	Soul Food
Thursday		NO Bible Study
	7:30 p.m.	Worship with Holy Communion

Serving Today

Pastor James L. Castello
Guest Preacher - Barb Hoffman
Worship & Music Coordinator & Organist - Angela Tonjes
Worship Assistant - Terry Hershberger
Acolytes - Brock Brubaker & Bryce Reynolds
Ushers - Terry Walther, Tom Jenny, Chris Peper, Rupert Schweinhagen
Sound Board - Seth/Dylan Tonjes
Altar Guild - Sue Schink & Terri Haase
Prayer Chain Co-ordinator - Carol Castello (419-592-0847) or cjcast@yahoo.com

Take the Love of Jesus Along with You on Summer Vacation — We want you to pass along the love of Jesus from Emanuel this summer as you vacation with your family. Take Jesus in your Heart ... pick up a paper heart in the back or front entrance of the church. Take a picture of you and your family holding the heart and bring the picture back to post on the back door bulletin board. Then leave the heart in your hotel room, etc. for others to see how we share the love of Jesus from Emanuel.