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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**      *Prelude in Classic Style*

Youth: *Trading My Sorrows*

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**\* 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 # 241**      *We Praise You, O God*

“Great is the Lord and most worthy of praise.” 1 Chronicles 16:25

**\* 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 and ever-living God, you have given great and precious promises to those who believe. Grant us the perfect faith which overcomes all doubts, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C Amen**

**Special Music:** *Make a Difference* -Youth

**FIRST READING: Proverbs 9:1–6**

A The Word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM 34:9–14**

Fear the LORD, you that <sup>1</sup>are his saints,\*  
for those who fear <sup>1</sup>him lack nothing.

<sup>10</sup>**The young lions lack and <sup>1</sup>suffer hunger,\***

**but those who seek the LORD lack nothing <sup>1</sup>that is good.**

<sup>11</sup>Come, children, and lis- <sup>1</sup>ten to me;\*

I will teach you the fear <sup>1</sup>of the LORD.

<sup>12</sup>**Who among <sup>1</sup>you loves life\***

**and desires long life to en- <sup>1</sup>joy prosperity?**

<sup>13</sup>Keep your tongue from <sup>1</sup>evil-speaking\*  
and your lips from <sup>1</sup>lying words.

<sup>14</sup>**Turn from evil <sup>1</sup>and do good;\***

**seek peace <sup>1</sup>and pursue it.**

**SECOND READING: Ephesians 5:15–20**

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: John 6:51–58**

P The Gospel of our Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

**CHILDREN’S SERMON**

**HYMN LBW # 553** *Rejoice, O Pilgrim Throng!*

“Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice.” Philippians 4:4

**SERMON**

\* **HYMN LBW # 469** *Lord of All Hopefulness*

“Blessed be the Lord who daily bears us up.” Psalm 68:19

\* **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** *Hallelujah* -Angela Sosebee

**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 Make your church into a house of wisdom, inviting all to live with simplicity and to walk in the way of insight. Hear us, O God.

C **Your mercy is great.**

A Fill with your Spirit the leaders of nations, that they turn from evil, do good, and seek peace. Hear us, O God.

C **Your mercy is great.**

A Bring forth a harvest from the earth and feed the poor and hungry with nourishing bread. Hear us, O God.

C **Your mercy is great.**

A Bless the music ministry of this assembly and make our lives a song of praise. Hear us, O God.

C **Your mercy is great.**

A Raise us up on the last day with all your saints who shared your holy communion on earth and now abide with you in life eternal. Hear us, O God.

C **Your mercy is great.**

*Other petitions.*

P Give grace to those in any kind of need (*especially*), that they may give thanks at all times and make the most of each day. 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** Youth: *Get Down*

**POSTLUDE** *Lead On, O King Eternal*

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### **Altar flowers**

Flowers are given to the glory of God by Mark & Angela Tonjes in honor of their 24<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.

### **Caring Corner** — School supplies

*Cash contributions* (checks payable to United Way of Henry County)

Large box of tissues	Glue sticks	12 count colored pencils
#2 pencils	Wide ruled spiral notebook	10 count washable markers
Large pink erasers	Wide ruled loose leaf paper	Plastic pencil box w/lid
24 count box crayola crayons	Packages of 5 & 8 subject dividers	Zippered pencil pouch
Red ink pens		Book covers
Blue or black ink pens	Fat dry erase markers	Baby wipes
Highlighters	8 ct watercolor paints	Clorox wipes
Rulers with centimeters	Scissors-pointed & safety	Gallon & quart ziploc bags
Elmer's glue all	Pack of 100 3x5 index cards	Sanitizing or wet wipes

### **Serving Today**

Pastor James L. Castello  
Worship & Music Coordinator & Organist - Angela Tonjes  
Lay Assistant - Ron Meyers  
Acolytes - Grace Rowland & Alexandria Biederstedt  
Ushers - Mike Yaney, Neil Storch, Denny Ehlers, Karl Wiechers  
Sound Board - Laura Ellis  
Altar Guild - Laura Ellis-Kruse & Julie Callaway  
Prayer Chain Co-ordinator - Carol Castello (419-592-0847) or [cjcast@yahoo.com](mailto:cjcast@yahoo.com)

### **Rally Day!**

Save the date!!! Sunday, September 2 is Rally Day and we will be having a Carnival for Christ! More details to come....

### **Women of ELC General Meeting**

The General Meeting of the Women of Emanuel Lutheran Church will be held on Thursday, September 6, 7:00 p.m. Our speakers are from the Napoleon Church of the Nazarene. They will speak of A Woman's Ministry...God's Love. This is our election meeting. Please plan to join us.

### **Coffee Hour**

The Miriam Circle is hosting the coffee hour this morning after worship. Next Sunday the fellowship will be sponsored by the Choir altos and basses.

### **Women of the ELCA Board**

The WELCA Board will meet on Thursday, August 23, at 6:30 p.m.

### **Catechism meeting**

There will be a meeting with the parents and confirmands (grades 6, 7, 8) after the service on August 26 at 10:30 a.m. in the church basement. We will set up times for the classes and discuss overall expectations. Please plan to attend. If you cannot be here, please let Pastor know in advance. Thank you!

**NEWSLETTER DEADLINE** — NOON TOMORROW

### **Elevator Project**

The Elevator/Restroom project has been completed! Council would like to remind everyone of their commitment to this project and the need for everyone to give regularly to the Building Fund so that we can pay off the loans as soon as possible.

### **Start-of-Choir-Season Party**

Can you believe it's time to start thinking about choir already? We will be having a back-to-choir party on Wednesday, August 29 at 6:30 p.m. It will be held at the home of Mark and Angela Tonjes in Malinta. Sandwiches and drinks will be provided, please bring a potluck dish and the kids, spouse, or friend. Plan on playing some games and doing some singing around the piano!

### **Statistics**

8/09 attendance 54 8/12 attendance 128 Communed 114 Offerings \$4,809 (\$860 Building Fund; \$5 World Hunger; \$20 mem to Bldg Fd-Betty Middleton)

### **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.

### **This Week**

Monday	noon	Newsletter deadline
	6:45 p.m.	Executive Board
	7:00 p.m.	Church Council
	7:30 p.m.	Naomi Circle
Tuesday	6:30 p.m.	Miriam Circle
Wednesday	5:00 p.m.	Soul Food
Thursday	9:00 a.m.	Bible Study
	6:30 p.m.	WELCA Board
	7:30 p.m.	Worship

### **End of Summer Picnic**

The Henry County Chapter of Thrivent Financial for Lutherans invites all Thrivent Financial members and their guests to their first annual end-of-the-summer picnic on Saturday, September 8<sup>th</sup>, 3 – 7 p.m. at the Bavarian Haus, Deshler. There will be bingo from 3 – 4:30 p.m. and various activities for kids throughout the afternoon. There will also be corn hole, hillbilly golf, music and card games. Beginning at 4:30 they will be serving brats and shredded chicken sandwiches along with various other salads, chips and cookies. In order to plan accordingly for food, please RSVP by August 28 to Jean Cohrs, Events Director – 419-599-8280 or jean.cohrs@gmail.com. The event is sponsored by the Henry County Thrivent Chapter.

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### **Precision-crafted**

God engineered the human body so our 206 bones, the heaviest part of us, make up only one-fifth of our weight. Yet bones are strong enough to protect and support every other cell, bearing the compression and tension we exert through ordinary activities such as walking and lifting heavy items.

By comparison, wood snaps at such impact. And steel, strong enough to bear such force, weighs three times what bone does and would hinder our movements. No other matter strikes such a perfect balance between strength and weight.

Furthermore, our bones are hollow — a big part of what reduces their weight — and the interior efficiently produces a trillion red blood cells each day.

With the psalmist, we can proclaim to God, “I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made” (Psalm 139:14, NRSV).