

Emanuel Lutheran Church, Napoleon, Ohio

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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 *Deep and Wide* -Rainbow Ringers
Jacob's Ladder -Music Camp Kids, Bells

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Elevator/Building Project Dedication

*** 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 # 522** *Come, Thou Almighty King*
“The Lord is the great God, the great King.” Psalm 95:3

*** 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 God of all creation, you reach out to call people of all nations to your kingdom. As you gather disciples from near and far, count us also among those who boldly confess your Son Jesus Christ as Lord.

C Amen

Special Music: *Lift Up Your Hands* -Music Camp Kids

FIRST READING: Joshua 24:1–2a, 14–18

A The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM 34:15–22

The eyes of the LORD are up- | on the righteous,*
and his ears are open | to their cry.

**¹⁶The face of the LORD is against those | who do evil,*
to root out the remembrance of them | from the earth.**

¹⁷The righteous cry, and | the LORD hears them*
and delivers them from | all their troubles.

**¹⁸The LORD is near to the | brokenhearted*
and will save those whose spir- | its are crushed.**

¹⁹Many are the troubles | of the righteous,*
but the LORD will deliver him out | of them all.

**²⁰He will keep safe | all his bones;*
not one of them | shall be broken.**

²¹Evil shall | slay the wicked,*
and those who hate the righteous | will be punished.

**²²The LORD ransoms the life | of his servants,*
and none will be punished who | trust in him.**

SECOND READING: Ephesians 6:10–20

A The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

*** GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**



*** GOSPEL: John 6:56–69**

P The Gospel of our Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

CHILDREN’S SERMON

HYMN LBW # 561 *For the Beauty of the Earth*

“Give thanks to the Lord for his unfailing love and his wonderful deeds.” Psalm 107:8

SERMON

*** HYMN LBW # 551** *Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee*

“Your works are wonderful, I know that full well.” Psalm 139:14

*** 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

We Praise Your Name -Music Camp Kids

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 That you nourish the church with words of eternal life and the food and drink of the Lord's supper. Lord, in your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

A That public leaders and officials serve with faithfulness and humility. Lord, in your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

A That forests and streams, hills and meadows, trees and flowers will reveal to us the beauty of your creation. Lord, in your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

A That this community turn from false gods to serve the Lord, praying with boldness and proclaiming the gospel of peace. Lord, in your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

A That you unite us with all your holy ones who served you with reverence and faith in your promises. Lord, in your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

Other petitions.

P That all who are hungry or downtrodden, anxious or alone, depressed or ill may be strong in the Lord *(especially)*. Lord, in your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

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 -will be sung by the kids

* **BENEDICTION**

* **HYMN # 557** *Let All Things Now Living*

"Sing unto the Lord all the earth, show forth from day to day his salvation." 1 Chronicles 16:23

POSTLUDE *Ceremonial March*

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**Thanks to the children who came to music camp
for sharing their music with us today!**

Altar flowers

Flowers are given to the glory of God by Alan & Shelly Storch for their 23rd wedding anniversary; and by Shirlee Mires-Fejes in loving memory of Ray & Melle Landversicht.

Blessing of the Back Packs

To celebrate the start of a new school year, Pastor will be blessing the backpacks on Rally Day, September 2. The children are invited to bring their bags up during the children's sermon next Sunday.

Funeral

Please remember in your prayers the family of Ed Oberhaus whose funeral was held here last Sunday.

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	Fat dry erase markers	Book covers
Blue or black ink pens	8 ct watercolor paints	Baby wipes
Highlighters	Scissors-pointed & safety	Clorox wipes
Rulers with centimeters	Pack of 100 3x5 index cards	Gallon & quart ziploc bags
Elmer's glue all		Sanitizing or wet wipes

Coffee Hour

The Choir altos and basses are hosting the coffee hour this morning after worship. Next Sunday the final fellowship of this summer will be sponsored by the Choir sopranos and tenors.

Catechism meeting

There will be a meeting with the parents and confirmands (grades 6, 7, 8) after the service this morning at 10:30 a.m in the church basement. We will set up times for the classes and discuss overall expectations. Thank you!

NEEDED!!

We are in urgent need of people to run the sound board at the late service in September and for both services in October, November and December. We also need readers for the early service in November and December. If you would be willing to assist us, **please** sign up on the bulletin board in the narthex.

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.

Serving Today

Pastor James L. Castello
Worship & Music Coordinator & Organist - Angela Tonjes
Lay Assistant - Ron Meyers
Acolytes - Keegan Schroeder & Madison Ashbaugh
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

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.

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

8/16 attendance 47 communed 45 8/19 attendance 146 Offerings \$10,334.28 (\$585 Building Fund; \$5 Wrld Hngr; \$1,000 Good Sam Fd; \$1,000 Angel Tree; \$500 Pastor’s Books)

This Week

Today 10:30 a.m. Meeting of catechism parents and students
Wednesday 5:00 pm. Soul Food
6:30 p.m. Back-to-Choir Party at Tonjes’
Thursday 9:00 a.m. Bible Study
7:30 p.m. Worship

Bloodmobile

The “Battle of the Badges” Blood Drive will take place tomorrow afternoon from 1 - 7 p.m. at the Napoleon AmVets on N. Scott Street. If you last donated blood at our own bloodmobile, you are eligible to give now.

End of Summer Picnic

The Henry Co. Chapter of Thrivent Financial for Lutherans invites all Thrivent Financial members and their guests to their first annual end-of-the-summer picnic on Sat., Sept. 8th, 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. 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.

It’s Sundaes on Sunday! It’s a Carnival for Christ! It’s....
Rally Day!!!

We will kick off the new Sunday School year carnival-style next Sunday, September 2, following the 9 a.m. worship service. Please join us for a hot dog lunch, make-your-own ice cream sundaes, carnival games, and a bounce house! Everyone is welcome to join in the fun and get the Sunday School year off to a great start!

(If you would like to help with these Rally Day events, please contact Emily Jordan or Carol Castello. Thank you!)