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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** *All Thanks and Praise to God!*

(10:30) *Rejoice and Be Glad* -Emanubells

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**\* LITANY FOR GATHERING**

L In the name of the Triune God

**All Let us remember the discipleship of courageous women of faith. Amen.**

L The Lord delights in all those who come to the house of the Lord to praise and glorify God's holy name.

**All Happy are those whose hearts are filled with joy in serving the Lord!**

L The Lord gives wisdom to those with humble and simple hearts. How wonderful it is to celebrate the discipleship of our faithful women.

**All Happy are those whose hearts are filled with joy in serving the Lord!**

L Listen, children of God. How mighty are the deeds of the Lord, which transform the hearts of the faithful.

**All Happy are those whose hearts are filled with joy in serving the Lord!**

**All O God, pour out your wisdom once again upon the young and old, the faithful and courageous women of this congregation. Bless them so that their spirits are strengthened and renewed through the celebration of this Thankoffering service; through the merits of your beloved son, Jesus Christ, we beseech you for your guidance. Amen.**

**\* ENTRANCE HYMN LBW # 407** *Come, You Thankful People, Come*

“Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us make joyful noise to him with songs of praise!” Psalm 95:2

**\* GREETING**

L We hear you calling, O God.

**All Make us bold to listen and to follow.**

L The grace of our Lord, Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**All And also with you.**

**Special Music:** (8:00) *Rejoice and Be Glad* -Emanubells

(10:30) *You Are My King (Amazing Love)* -Living Spirit

**FIRST READING: Daniel 12:1–3**

At that time Michael, the great prince, the protector of your people, shall arise. There shall be a time of anguish, such as has never occurred since nations first came into existence. But at that time your people shall be delivered, everyone who is found written in the book. <sup>2</sup>Many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake,

some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt. <sup>3</sup>Those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the sky, and those who lead many to righteousness, like the stars forever and ever.

A The Word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM 16**

Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you;\*

I have said to the LORD, "You are my LORD, my good above all other."

<sup>2</sup>**All my delight is upon the godly that are in the land,\***

**upon those who are noble among the people.**

<sup>3</sup>But those who run after other gods\*

shall have their troubles multiplied.

<sup>4</sup>**Their libations of blood I will not offer,\***

**nor take the names of their gods upon my lips.**

<sup>5</sup>O LORD, you are my portion and my cup;\*

it is you who hold my lot.

<sup>6</sup>**My boundaries enclose a pleasant land;\***

**indeed, I have a | goodly heritage.**

<sup>7</sup>I will bless the LORD who | gives me counsel;\*  
my heart teaches me, night | after night.

**<sup>8</sup>I have set the LORD al- | ways before me;\***

**because he is at my right hand I | shall not fall.**

<sup>9</sup>My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spir- | it rejoices;\*  
my body also shall | rest in hope.

**<sup>10</sup>For you will not abandon me | to the grave,\***

**nor let your holy one | see the pit.**

<sup>11</sup>You will show me the | path of life;\*  
in your presence there is fullness of joy,  
and in your right hand are pleasures for- | evermore.

### **SECOND READING: Hebrews 10:11–14[15–18] 19–25**

<sup>11</sup>And every priest stands day after day at his service, offering again and again the same sacrifices that can never take away sins. <sup>12</sup>But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, "he sat down at the right hand of God," <sup>13</sup>and since then has been waiting "until his enemies would be made a footstool for his feet." <sup>14</sup>For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are sanctified. <sup>15</sup>And the Holy Spirit also testifies to us, for after saying,

<sup>16</sup>"This is the covenant that I will make with them  
after those days, says the Lord:  
I will put my laws in their hearts,  
and I will write them on their minds,"

<sup>17</sup>he also adds,  
"I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more."

<sup>18</sup>Where there is forgiveness of these,  
there is no longer any offering for sin.

<sup>19</sup>Therefore, my friends, since we have confidence to enter the sanctuary by the blood of Jesus, <sup>20</sup>by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain (that is, through his flesh), <sup>21</sup>and since we have a great priest over the house of God, <sup>22</sup>let us approach with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water.

<sup>23</sup>Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful. <sup>24</sup>And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, <sup>25</sup>not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

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

**\* GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** (tune: *The Church's One Foundation*)

To God all thanks and glory, to him be endless praise.  
For he by grace has saved me, and leads me day by day.  
How can I thank you, Jesus, how can I thank you, Lord?  
I, with the hosts in heaven, praise you in one accord.

**\* GOSPEL: Mark 13:1–8**

As he came out of the temple, one of his disciples said to him, "Look, Teacher, what large stones and what large buildings!"  
<sup>2</sup>Then Jesus asked him, "Do you see these great buildings? Not one stone will be left here upon another; all will be thrown down."

<sup>3</sup>When he was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John, and Andrew asked him privately,  
<sup>4</sup>Tell us, when will this be, and what will be the sign that all these things are about to

be accomplished? <sup>5</sup>Then Jesus began to say to them, "Beware that no one leads you astray. <sup>6</sup>Many will come in my name and say, 'I am he!' and they will lead many astray. <sup>7</sup>When you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be alarmed; this must take place, but the end is still to come. <sup>8</sup>For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be earthquakes in various places; there will be famines. This is but the beginning of the birth pangs.

**HYMN LBW # 412**

*Sing to the Lord of Harvest*

"The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few." Luke 10:2

**SERMON**

**\* HYMN LBW # 409**

*Praise and Thanksgiving*

"With praise and thanksgiving they sang to the Lord." Ezra 3:11

**PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

L With the whole people of Christ Jesus, let us call upon God for the sake of the church, th world, and all in need of prayer.

God our Creator, you made us to be caretakers and stewards in your creation and in the church. Give us the courage and commitment to provide for the people, the places, and the ministries that you have entrusted to our care. Draw us together in the light of faith and hope so that we may recognize our calling to this work. We pray in abundance,  
**All Lord, hear our prayer.**

L God our renewer, where we lead and follow, make us open to renewal and change. As we celebrate 25 years of Women of the ELCA, inspire us with the stories of our foremothers – ALC Women, Lutheran Church Women, and Women in Action for Mission – who came together in 1987 to give life to new mission and ministry as Women of the ELCA. May we be women who adapt to change with grace and curiosity. We pray in abundance,

**All Lord, hear our prayer.**

L God our provider, you have made us to share what we receive. Thank you for the ministries of Women of the ELCA. We believe our offerings are needed, are valued, and will be used to faithfully further the mission and purpose of our churchwide women’s organization. Guide us to be generous and thoughtful with our donations, our prayers, and our participation. We pray in abundance,

**All Lord, hear our prayer.**

L God our light, help us see into the darkness where so much wrong is done, especially the sins of domestic violence, neglect, and abuse of all kinds. Help us to follow your light into lives and situations that we might otherwise ignore. We pray in abundance,

**All Lord, hear our prayer.**

L God our inspiration, you call us to act boldly on our faith and you give us examples in the lives of old women like Katie Luther and Leymah Gbowee. May we see in them our own potential to act boldly. We pray in abundance,

**All Lord, hear our prayer.**

L God our companion, turn our heads to see the people around us now, all gathered at this Thankoffering service to give thanks and praise to you. Bless them to know they are loved, free them from burdens too great to bear, and urge them to live in the fullness of life. We pray in abundance,

**All Lord, hear our prayer. Amen**

**\* SHARING OF THE PEACE**

**THANKOFFERING** (8:00) *You Are My King (Amazing Love)* -Living Spirit

(10:30) *The Journey* -Carol Castello & Emily Jordan

**\* OFFERTORY** *We Praise You, O God*

We praise you, O God, our redeemer, creator;  
In grateful devotion our tribute we bring.

We lay it before you; we kneel and adore you;  
We bless your holy name; glad praises we sing.

With voices united our praises we offer  
And gladly our songs of thanksgiving we raise.  
With you, Lord, beside us, your strong arm will guide us.  
To you, our great redeemer, forever be praise!

**\* OFFERTORY PRAYER**

L Merciful God

**All You have shown us what is good and showered us with abundance. Accept these offerings, that, nurtured by your Word, filled with our spirit of compassion, and fed at your table, we may share with gladness and joy all that you have shared with us, until all creation is satisfied and content, through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**\* 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**

**\* BLESSING**

L God bless you with courage, with peace and with love, that you may be empowered to freely live for God and freely give for others.

**\* CLOSING HYMN LBW # 534** *Now Thank We All Our God*

“Give thanks to the Lord, make known what He has done.” Isaiah 12:4

**\* BENEDICTION** *Come, You Thankful People, Come*

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*Now Thank We All Our God*

This hymn was written by Martin Rinkart during the 30 Years' War in 1636, in the walled city of Eilenburg in Saxony. War, hunger, and pestilence plagued the city and Rinkart conducted 4500 burial services in 1637, including his wife's.

**Altar flowers** – Flowers are given to the glory of God by Norm & Kathy Bostelman.

**Wedding** – God's blessings to Alex Bustamante and Jennifer Sloan who were married here yesterday.

**Thanksgiving Service** – We will be participating in the Community Thanksgiving Service at 7 p.m. on Wednesday at the Presbyterian Church. Come and enjoy a time of praise and thanksgiving with fellow Christians. Our pastor, choir and Bell Choir will be taking part in the service.

**2012 WELCA Board** – will meet on Monday, November 26 at 6:30 p.m.

**Choirs** – There will be NO choir, Emanubells, or Living Spirit rehearsal on Wednesday, November 21. Everyone is invited to sing with us in the mass choir at the community Thanksgiving service at the Presbyterian Church at 7:00 p.m.

**Women of the Church** – Women of Emanuel Lutheran Church Christmas Program and installation of officers will be on Thursday, December 6, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. Please join us in fellowship and fun.

**Caring Corner** — Christmas Cheer

Think in terms of complete meals – canned beef with a bag of noodles and a can of broth; canned chicken; canned tuna with a bag of noodles and a can of cream of mushroom soup; a jar of spaghetti sauce and a box of spaghetti; canned vegetables and fruits; etc.

**Parents and students** – Any 5<sup>th</sup> grader or older who would like to take early communion classes, please talk to Pastor as soon as possible.

**Church Decorating** – The Doctrine and Worship Board is asking for help to decorate the church on Saturday, December 1. We will begin at 9:00 a.m.

**Community Thanksgiving Dinner** – This year's Community Thanksgiving Dinner is being hosted by St. Paul Lutheran Church on Glenwood on Thanksgiving Day, November 22, from 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. St. Paul will oversee the gathering/purchasing of all that is needed for the meal with the exception of pies. Here is how you can contribute to the effort: Volunteers are needed to help set up, cook/food prep, serving, clean-up. Call 419-

592-3535 and let them when you can be there on Thursday and what you would like to do.

They need pies. Please drop off donated pies at St. Paul's on Wednesday 9 a.m. - 8 p.m. or Thursday morning 9 - 11 a.m.

Monetary donations can be sent to St. Paul's; make check payable to St. Paul Lutheran Church (1075 Glenwood Ave., Napoleon) with "Thanksgiving Meal" in the memo line.

**This Week**

Today	7:00 p.m.	7 <sup>th</sup> Grade Catechism
Monday	5-7:30 p.m.	Head Start parent meeting here
	6:45 p.m.	Executive Board
	7:00 p.m.	Church Council
	7:30 p.m.	Naomi Circle
Tuesday	7:30 p.m.	Dartball at Emanuel
Wednesday	5:00 p.m.	Soul Food
	7:00 p.m.	Community Thanksgiving service at Presbyterian Church
Thursday		HAPPY THANKSGIVING
Friday		Church Office Closed

**Serving Today**

Pastor James L. Castello  
Worship & Music Coordinator & Organist - Angela Tonjes  
Sound Board - 8:00 Nick & Eric Rohrs 10:30 Kohout  
Altar Guild - Nicole Schink & Jeannie Wiechers  
Prayer Chain Co-ordinator - Carol Castello (419-592-0847) or cjcast@yahoo.com  
Lay Assistant - 8:00 Andrea Rohrs 10:30 Beth Jenny  
Acolytes - 8:00 Charlee Glick & Keegan Schroeder  
10:30 Alex Andrews & Grace Rowland  
Ushers - Women of the Church

**Ringers needed** – The Salvation Army is looking for volunteer bell ringers for the Christmas season. If you would be willing to sign up for one or more 2-hour shift(s), please call Bob Joseph at 419-592-4731.

**Statistics**

11/08 attendance 20 11/11 attendance 94 + 131 (225) communed 110 Offerings \$4,677.03 (\$165 Bldg Fd; \$5 Wrld Hngr; \$310 mem to BF-H. Delventhal; \$150 mem to BF-Ruth Delaney)