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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 *Something for Thee*

Ringing of the Bell

(10:30) *The Prayer* -Bell Choir

ANNOUNCEMENTS

A LITANY FOR BOLD WOMEN'S DAY

Leader: Lord our God, we give thanks today for the witness of bold women. From the earliest times until today and on into the future, bold women show all of us how to live as God's beloved children in God's beloved creation, carrying out our baptismal call to work for justice and peace for all God's creatures.

Leader: For Eve, mother of us all, sinful and beloved, we say:

All: Thank you, Lord!

Leader: For Miriam, who danced beside the Red Sea, we say:

Young Women: Thank you, Lord!

Leader: For Mary, mother of Jesus, who pondered the angel's words in her heart, we say:

Mothers: Thank you, Lord!

Leader: For Mary Magdalene, first to hear the voice of the Risen Christ, we say:

Single women: Thank you, Lord!

Leader: For Naomi, who rejoiced in her grandson Obed, we say:

Grandmothers: Thank you, Lord!

Leader: For the Syro-Phoenician woman, bold enough to challenge Jesus himself for her child's sake:

Daughters: Thank you, Lord!

Leader: For Mary and Martha of Bethany, who served the Lord together in their different ways, we say:

Sisters: Thank you, Lord!

Leader: For the persistent widow, who would not rest until she won justice, we say:

Widows: Thank you, Lord!

Leader: For Katharine von Bora Luther, who ran to embrace change in her world, we say:

Married women: Thank you, Lord!

Leader: For the witness of all bold women, yesterday, today, and tomorrow, Lord our God, we thank you and we praise you. Lord our God, let their boldness flourish in our own hearts as we live out our baptismal call to serve you and our neighbor, with all our heart, with all our mind, with all our strength.

All: Thank you Lord! Amen!

Beneath the Cross We Gather

A Holy God, we come to worship

C in the gathering shadows of Jesus' suffering and death.

A We come to worship and to remember

C in the shadow of the cross, our abiding place.

A We come to worship and to witness

C the wonder of God's glorious love, his love in action. Amen.

Beneath the Cross...We Listen

Peter's Story: Luke 22:55-62

Beneath the Cross...We Sing ♪

Upon the cross of Jesus, My eye at times 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.

*** CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, who brings us safely through the sea, who gives us water from the rock, who leads us into the land of milk and honey.

C **Amen.**

P Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

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** *For All the Faithful Women* **WOV # 692**

*** GREETING**

P The grace of Jesus Christ our Savior, the reconciling love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C **And also with you.**

*** PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P Eternal God, it is your glory always to have mercy. Bring back all who have erred and strayed from your ways; lead them again to embrace in faith the truth of your Word and to hold it fast; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen**

Special Music: *He Leadeth Me* -Bell Choir

FIRST READING: Genesis 15:1–12, 17–18

After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." ²But Abram said, "O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" ³And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." ⁴But the word of the LORD came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir." ⁵He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." ⁶And he believed the LORD; and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness.

⁷Then he said to him, "I am the LORD who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to possess." ⁸But he said, "O Lord GOD, how

am I to know that I shall possess it?" ⁹He said to him, "Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtledove, and a young pigeon." ¹⁰He brought him all these and cut them in two, laying each half over against the other; but he did not cut the birds in two. ¹¹And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away.

¹²As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram, and a deep and terrifying darkness descended upon him. ¹⁷When the sun had gone down and it was dark, a smoking fire pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces. ¹⁸On that day the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying, "To your descendants I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates.

A The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 27

The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom then shall I fear?*

The LORD is the strength of my life; of whom then shall I be afraid?

²When evildoers came upon me to eat up my flesh,*

it was they, my foes and my adversaries, who stumbled and fell.

³Though an army should encamp against me,*
yet my heart shall not be afraid;

⁴and though war should rise up against me,*

yet will I put my trust in him.

⁵One thing have I asked of the LORD; one thing I seek;*

that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life;

⁶to behold the fair beauty of the LORD*

and to seek him in his temple.

⁷For in the day of trouble he shall keep me safe in his shelter;*

he shall hide me in the secrecy of his dwelling and set me high up on a rock.

⁸Even now he lifts up my head*

above my enemies round about me.

⁹Therefore I will offer in his dwelling an oblation with sounds of great gladness;*

I will sing and make music to the LORD.

¹⁰Hearken to my voice, O LORD, when I call;*

have mercy on me and answer me.

¹¹You speak in my heart and say, "Seek my face."*

Your face, LORD, will I seek.

¹²Hide not your face from me,*

nor turn away your servant in displeasure.

¹³You have been my helper; cast me not away;*

do not forsake me, O God of my salvation.

¹⁴Though my father and my mother forsake me,*

the LORD will sustain me.

¹⁵Show me your way, O LORD;*

lead me on a level path, because of my enemies.

¹⁶Deliver me not into the hand of my adversaries,*

for false witnesses have risen up against me, and also those who speak malice.

¹⁷What if I had not believed that I should see the goodness of the LORD*

in the land of the living!

¹⁸Oh, tarry and await the LORD's pleasure;

be strong, and he shall comfort your heart;*

wait patiently for the LORD.

SECOND READING: Philippians 3:17—4:1

¹⁷Brothers and sisters, join in imitating me, and observe those who live according to the example you have in us. ¹⁸For many live as enemies of the cross of Christ; I have often told you of them, and now I tell you even with tears. ¹⁹Their end is destruction; their god is the belly; and their glory is in their shame; their minds are set on earthly things. ²⁰But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ.

²¹He will transform the body of our humiliation that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to himself.

Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

A The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

* GOSPEL: Luke 13:31–35



³¹At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to him, "Get away from here, for

Herod wants to kill you." ³²He said to them, "Go and tell that fox for me, 'Listen,

and merciful embrace. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

Other petitions.

P Enfold with compassion all who cry out for nourishment, peace of mind, or healing (*especially*). Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

P Hear us according to your steadfast love, O God, and in your great compassion bring us to resurrection and rebirth in Jesus Christ our Lord.

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** *..... All Who Love and Serve Your City* **LBW # 436**

POSTLUDE *A Concluding Voluntary*

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Lyrics to The Prayer which is being played by the Bell Choir this morning:

I pray you'll be our eyes And watch us where we go
And help us to be wise In times when we don't know
Let this be our prayer As we go our way
Lead us to a place Guide us with your Grace
To a place where we'll be safe.

I pray we'll find your light And hold it in our hearts
When stars go out each night Let this be our prayer
When shadows fill our day Lead us to a place
Guide us with your grace Give us faith so we'll be safe.

We ask that life be kind And watch us from above
We hope each soul will find Another soul to love.

Let this be our prayer Just like every child
Needs to find a place, Guide us with your grace
Give us faith so we'll be safe.

Altar flowers

Flowers are given to the glory of God in loving memory of Ron Schink by his loving family.

Lenten offerings

Our 5 Lenten offerings will be divided equally among: ELCA World Hunger; Emanuel's Good Samaritan Fund; Henry County Transportation Network; and St. John's Episcopal Food Pantry.

Caring Corner — Henry County Humane Society

February caring corner will collect to assist the Henry County Humane Society who care for all God's furry friends. They are in need of a variety of items in order to keep the facility up and running on a regular basis. These items include the following:

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| AA and AAA batteries | dry kitten food (brown or no color Purina or Pedigree brand) |
| black permanent markers | blankets (small in size for animals to sleep on) |
| copy paper | used ink cartridges for recycling |
| postage stamps | clean rags |
| paper towels | *ALL dog food is donated |
| latex gloves | **Remember during winter months as well as |
| trash bags (13 gallon) | all months that any outside animals need |
| Ajax dish soap (with bleach alternative) | fresh (unfrozen) clean water and warm |
| dry cat food (brown or no color Purina or Pedigree brand) | bedding |

Community Hymn Festival

There will be a community hymn festival featuring Robert Hobby this afternoon at 3 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church, 506 Oxford Drive, Bryan, Ohio. Robert Hobby is an organist, composer, recitalist, and Director of Music at Trinity English Lutheran, Fort Wayne. Mr. Hobby will be joined by a mass choir and handbells. Call June Webster for more information (419.636.1907).

You may recall that Mr. Hobby was the guest musician at our pipe organ dedication on September 30, 2001!

Save your bulletins

If you come to the early service and take your Sunday bulletin home just to throw it away, please consider leaving it here at the church in case extra bulletins are needed at the late service. (If, however, you take your bulletin home to refer to during the week, please continue doing so!)

Lost

A silver and gold beaded necklace was lost last Sunday in the sanctuary or the parking lot. If you find it, please return it to the church office.

Statistics

2/13 attendance 128 Offerings \$1,144

2/17 attendance 75 + 95 (170) Offerings \$3,647.76 (includes \$240 Bldg Fd; \$50 mem to Endw Fd-Roger McGinnis)

Simply Giving (2/11-2/17) General \$230 Bldg Fd \$70

Serving Today

Pastor James L. Castello

Worship & Music Coordinator & Organist - Angela Tonjes

Assistant - 8:00 Kelli Burkhardt 10:30 Gary & Jamie Bostelman

Sound Board - 8:00 Maxine Eickhoff 10:30

Acolytes - 8:00 Carl Yaney & Ryan Kohout

10:30 Madison Ashbaugh & Grace Rowland

Ushers - 8:00 Jeff & Lori Sharpe, Paul Mowery, Jack Robbins

10:30 Larry Ashbaugh, Gary Bostelman, Karl Yunker, Bill Panning

Altar Guild - Julie Callaway & Phyllis Kloos

Prayer Chain Co-ordinator - Carol Castello (419-592-0847) or cjcast@yahoo.com

This Week

Today	2:00 p.m.	4-H
Wednesday	9:00 a.m.	Sewing
	5:00 p.m.	Soul Food
	5:00 p.m.	6 th grade catechism
	6:00 p.m.	8 th grade catechism
	6:00 p.m.	Emanubells
	6:30 p.m.	Choir
	7:30 p.m.	LENTEN WORSHIP
	8:30 p.m.	Living Spirit
Thursday	9:00 a.m.	Bible Study
Saturday	11:00 a.m.	Congregational Life Board

