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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..... *Above All*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Simon’s Story: Matthew 27:31-32

*** 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**..... *Spirit Song*..... printed

Oh, let the Son of God enfold you
With His Spirit and His love
Let him fill your heart and satisfy your soul.
Oh, let him have those things that hold you
And His spirit like a dove
Will descend upon your life and make you whole.

Chorus:

Jesus, oh Jesus Come and fill your lambs
Jesus, oh Jesus Come and fill your lambs.

O come and sing this song with gladness
As your hearts are filled with joy

Lift your hands in sweet surrender to his name.
O give Him all your tears and sadness,
Give him all your years of pain
And you'll enter into life in Jesus' name.

*** 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 Almighty God, our redeemer, in our weakness we have failed to be your messengers of forgiveness and hope in the world. Renew us by your Holy Spirit, that we may follow your commands and proclaim your reign of love; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen

FIRST READING: Isaiah 43:16–21

¹⁶Thus says the LORD,
who makes a way in the sea,
a path in the mighty waters,
¹⁷who brings out chariot and horse,
army and warrior;
they lie down, they cannot rise,
they are extinguished, quenched like a
wick:

¹⁸Do not remember the former things,
or consider the things of old.

¹⁹I am about to do a new thing;
now it springs forth, do you not
perceive it?

I will make a way in the wilderness
and rivers in the desert.

²⁰The wild animals will honor me,
the jackals and the ostriches;
for I give water in the wilderness,
rivers in the desert,
to give drink to my chosen people,
²¹the people whom I formed for myself
so that they might declare my praise.

A The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM 126

When the LORD restored the for- | tunes of Zion,*
then were we like | those who dream.

²Then was our mouth | filled with laughter,*

and our tongue with | shouts of joy.

³Then they said a- | mong the nations,*

"The LORD has done great | things for them."

⁴ **The LORD has done great | things for us,*
and we are | glad indeed.**

⁵Restore our for- | tunes, O LORD,*
like the watercourses | of the Negev.

⁶**Those who | sowed with tears*
will reap with | songs of joy.**

⁷ Those who go out weeping, carry- | ing the seed,*
will come again with joy, shoulder- | ing their sheaves.

SECOND READING: Philippians 3:4b–14

^{4b} If anyone else has reason to be
confident in the flesh, I have more:
⁵circumcised on the eighth day, a member
of the people of Israel, of the tribe of
Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as
to the law, a Pharisee; ⁶as to zeal, a
persecutor of the church; as to
righteousness under the law, blameless.

⁷Yet whatever gains I had, these I
have come to regard as loss because of
Christ. ⁸More than that, I regard
everything as loss because of the
surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus
my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the
loss of all things, and I regard them as
rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ
⁹and be found in him, not having a
righteousness of my own that comes from
the law, but one that comes through faith in

Christ, the righteousness from God based
on faith. ¹⁰I want to know Christ and the
power of his resurrection and the sharing
of his sufferings by becoming like him in
his death, ¹¹if somehow I may attain the
resurrection from the dead.

¹²Not that I have already obtained this
or have already reached the goal; but I
press on to make it my own, because
Christ Jesus has made me his own.

¹³Beloved, I do not consider that I have
made it my own but this one thing I do:
forgetting what lies behind and straining
forward to what lies ahead, ¹⁴I press on
toward the goal for the prize of the
heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

A The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

*** GOSPEL: John 12:1–8**

Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. ²There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. ³Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. ⁴But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to

betray him), said, ⁵Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor? ⁶(He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) ⁷Jesus said, "Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. ⁸You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me."

CHILDREN’S SERMON

HYMN..... *Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil.* **WOV # 713**
(sing twice)

SERMON

*** HYMN.** *Lord, Whose Love In Humble Service*..... **LBW # 423**

*** 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 AND OFFERINGS *Amazing Grace/My Chains Are Gone*

THE PRAYERS *(please remained seated)*

A Returning to the Lord with all our heart, let us pray for the whole people of God, the earth, and all who cry out for healing.

Brief silence.

A That you bring those preparing for baptism, and the whole church, through the wilderness to the water of life. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A That the nations put aside grievances and conflicts from the past, making room for springs of justice and rivers of peace to flow forth. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A That we serve your creation by honoring plants and animals, rivers and seas, wilderness and desert. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A That recognizing your costly grace, you teach us to value that which is of surpassing worth, as we behold the new things you are doing in our midst. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A We give thanks for all who lived and died in your costly grace. Guide us on our Lenten journey, until we reach the resurrection feast. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

Other petitions.

P That you pour out your extravagant grace on the poor, and all who suffer the loss of purpose, employment, loved ones, or health (*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**

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**. *Go Now In Peace*. printed

Go now in peace, my friends.
Go now in peace together.
May the Spirit of Christ embrace your life.
Go now in peace, my friends.

Go now in peace, my friends.
Go now in peace together.
As your journey each day, may God guide your way.
Go now in peace, my friends.

Go now in peace, my friends.
Go now in peace together.
May you witness to Christ through deeds that you do
Go now in peace, my friends.

Go now in peace, my friends.
Go now in peace together.
Now break open God’s word, Good News ever heard
Go now in peace, my friends.

Go now in peace, my friends.

POSTLUDE *You are My All in All*

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Praise Band

Thank you to the Praise Band for their beautiful music this morning!

Patrick, bishop, died 461

At 16, Patrick was kidnapped by Irish prates and sold into slavery in Ireland. Fter six years he escaped, returned to Britain, and began to train for the ministry. He later returned to Ireland to be a missionary, and he had great success bringing the good news of Jesus to the people there. He wrote a famous hymn that can be used as a remembrance of baptism during this season of Lent:

“I bind this day to me forever, by power of faith, Christ’s incarnation,
his baptism in the Jordan River, the cross of death for my salvation,
his bursting from the spiced tomb, his riding up the heavenly way,
his coming at the day of doom, I bind unto myself today.”

Altar flowers

Flowers are given to the glory of God by Ed & Donna Peper in loving memory of Sarah.

Funeral

Please remember in your prayers the family of Helen Kenning who passed away this past week. Her funeral was held here on Thursday.

Coming Alive

Coming Alive, the county-wide exercise challenge of the United Way, will be starting mid-April. We would like to encourage everyone to get out and exercise. Registration forms are available from Judy Hoffman or the church office and must be turned in by APRIL 3!

Blood Drive

The Lutheran Home at Napoleon will be hosting a Blood Drive on Friday, April 5, 12:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. To schedule an appointment, please call 419-592-1688 or visit redcrossblood.org and enter sponsor code: LUTHERANHOMENAPOLEON. This event is sponsored by the Lutheran Home at Napoleon and The American Red Cross.

Easter Egg Hunt – Rain or Shine!!!

There will be a community Easter Egg Hunt given by Sharon United Methodist Church, Corner of Co Rd P and St Rt 109, on Saturday, March 30 at 10 a.m. Come out and enjoy the fun! All children are welcome. Bring a basket. Coffee, Punch, and Cookies will be served afterwards.

This Week

Today	1:30 p.m.	Girl Scouts
	2:00 p.m.	4-H
Monday	noon	Newsletter deadline
	6:45 p.m.	Executive Board
	7:00 p.m.	Church Council
Wednesday	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.	WORSHIP
	8:30 p.m.	Living Spirit
Thursday	9:00 a.m.	Bible Study

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!)

Piano Tour

St. Olaf College Piano Tour will perform at Community of Christ Lutheran Church, 6517 Finzel Road, Whitehouse, on Tuesday, March 26, at 7:30 p.m. The concert is a selection of outstanding students performing works by North and South American composers, including Gershwin, Barber and Villa Lobos. A free will offering will be collected.

Statistics

3/06 attendance 115 Offerings \$775.06
3/10 attendance 73 + 110 (183) communed 101 Offerings \$4,534.53 (includes \$580 Bldg Fd; \$12 World Hngr)
Simply Giving (3/4-3/10) \$155 General; \$45 Bldg Fd; \$25 Good Sam Fd; \$25 World Hunger

Caring Corner — Lutheran Home “craft department”

Word find puzzle books	Emery boards
Crossword puzzles	Nail polish remover
Card stock paper (seasonal colors such as green yellow, etc.)	Nail polish (muted shades)
Glue Sticks	Pocket size kleenex
	Note pads (2/3 inch spiral bound)

Newsletter Deadline

The deadline for the April newsletter is noon tomorrow!!! Please be sure all your meetings are on the calendar by that time.

Serving Today

Pastor James L. Castello
Lay Minister - Carol Castello
Worship & Music Coordinator & Organist - Angela Tonjes
Assistant - 8:00 Andrea Rohrs 10:30 Ron Meyers
Sound Board - 8:00 Eric & Nick Rohrs 10:30 Kevin Good
Acolytes - 8:00 Charlee Glick & Keegan Schroeder
10:30 Alex Andrews & Seth Tonjes
Ushers - 8:00 Lee Weirauch, Dave Schwab, Leo Clausen, Kevin Gerken
10:30 Alan Storch, Norm Bostelman, Terry Walther, Tom Jenny
Altar Guild - Lauren Helberg & Andrea Hoffman
Prayer Chain Co-ordinator - Carol Castello (419-592-0847) or cjcast@yahoo.com

Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month

March is Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month. HOPE Services invites you to view their display at the Napoleon/Henry County chamber of Commerce located at 611 North Perry Street. This year’s theme is “Look Beyond” and encourages people to understand that when people with disabilities are welcomed into local neighborhoods, workplaces, house of worship, and schools, everyone wins! Please take the time to get to know someone with a disability and what he or she has to offer. Thank you for your support of the individuals they serve in our community. For more information, call HOPE Services at 419-599-2892 or 419-278-3050.

