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**Twenty-sixth Sunday after Pentecost — November 17, 2013**

*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**

**Thankoffering Service**

**PRELUDE.** ..... *We Gather Together*

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**\* GATHERING**

L Blessed be the Holy Trinity, creator, giver, and gift, one God now and forever.

**C Amen**

**\* LITANY FOR GATHERING**

L This is the day that the Lord has made.

**C Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

L Today brings the gift of life.

**C Creator, you make us in your image.**

L Today brings all we need to live with purpose.

**C Inviter, you call us to discipleship in Jesus Christ.**

L Today brings the strength to live more fully.

**C Inspiring one, you empower us by the Holy Spirit.**

L Today brings women of many generations who grow together in faith and affirm and support one another.

**C Companion, you embolden us with community.**

L Today brings a world in need of healing and wholeness.

**C Healer, you engage us in ministry and action.**

L For the church, the society, and the world,

**C God, we humbly enter this worship.**

L Prepare our hearts.

**C Amen**

**\* HYMN.** ..... *We Praise You, O God.* ..... **LBW # 241**

**\* GREETING**

L We hear you calling, O God.

**C 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.

**C And also with you.**

**\* PRAYER OF THE DAY**

L Creator God, you call us into relationship with you and with all of creation. In Jesus you gave us mercy beyond our understanding and showed us how to live with grace toward each other. Your blessings are like the dew in the morning and the stars in the heavens, not to be counted but to be received with thanksgiving and generously shared. Keep us moving always toward you and our neighbor, eager to share and receive. In the name of Christ we pray.

**C Amen**

**Special Music:** *For the Beauty of the Earth* -Holly Mohring, flute

**FIRST READING: Malachi 4:1–2a**

See, the day is coming, burning like an oven, when all the arrogant and all evildoers will be stubble; the day that comes shall burn them up, says the LORD of hosts, so that it will leave them neither

root nor branch. <sup>2</sup>But for you who revere my name the sun of righteousness shall rise, with healing in its wings.

**A** The Word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM 98

Sing to the LORD | a new song,\*  
for he has done | marvelous things.

**<sup>2</sup>With his right hand and his | holy arm\*  
has he won for him- | self the victory.**

<sup>3</sup>The LORD has made | known his victory;\*  
his righteousness has he openly shown in the sight | of the nations.

**<sup>4</sup>He remembers his mercy and faithfulness to the | house of Israel,\*  
and all the ends of the earth have seen the victory | of our God.**

<sup>5</sup>Shout with joy to the LORD, | all you lands;\*  
lift up your voice, re- | joice, and sing.

**<sup>6</sup>Sing to the LORD | with the harp,\*  
with the harp and the | voice of song.**

<sup>7</sup>With trumpets and the sound | of the horn\*  
shout with joy before the | king, the LORD.

**<sup>8</sup>Let the sea make a noise and all | that is in it,\*  
the lands and those who | dwell therein.**

<sup>9</sup>Let the rivers | clap their hands,\*  
and let the hills ring out with joy before the LORD,  
**when he comes to | judge the earth.**

**<sup>10</sup>In righteousness shall he | judge the world\*  
and the peo- | ples with equity.**

## SECOND READING: 2 Thessalonians 3:6–13

<sup>6</sup>Now we command you, beloved, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to keep away from believers who are living in idleness and not according to the tradition that they received from us. <sup>7</sup>For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us; we were not idle when we were with you, <sup>8</sup>and we did not eat anyone's bread without paying for it; but with toil and

labor we worked night and day, so that we might not burden any of you. <sup>9</sup>This was not because we do not have that right, but in order to give you an example to imitate. <sup>10</sup>For even when we were with you, we gave you this command: Anyone unwilling to work should not eat. <sup>11</sup>For we hear that some of you are living in idleness, mere busybodies, not doing any

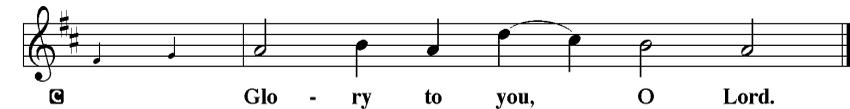
work. <sup>12</sup>Now such persons we command and exhort in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living. <sup>13</sup>Brothers and sisters, do not be

weary in doing what is right.

A The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

## \* GOSPEL: Luke 21:5–19



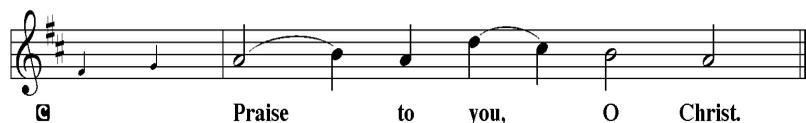
<sup>5</sup>When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, he said, <sup>6</sup>"As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down."

<sup>7</sup>They asked him, "Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?" <sup>8</sup>And he said, "Beware that you are not led astray; for many will come in my name and say, 'I am he!' and, 'The time is near!' Do not go after them.

<sup>9</sup>"When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified; for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately." <sup>10</sup>Then he said to them, "Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; <sup>11</sup>there will be great earthquakes, and in

various places famines and plagues; and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven.

<sup>12</sup>"But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. <sup>13</sup>This will give you an opportunity to testify. <sup>14</sup>So make up your minds not to prepare your defense in advance; <sup>15</sup>for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. <sup>16</sup>You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, by relatives and friends; and they will put some of you to death. <sup>17</sup>You will be hated by all because of my name. <sup>18</sup>But not a hair of your head will perish. <sup>19</sup>By your endurance you will gain your souls."



**CHILDREN’S SERMON**

**HYMN.** . . . . . *Come You Thankful People, Come.* . . . . . **LBW # 407**

**SERMON** -Kelli Burkhardt  
*(written by Holly Mohring)*

**THANKOFFERING**

As we collect the Thankoffering today, we share in a tradition dating back to the 1800s, when Christian women formed “mite” or “cent” societies to fund mission. When others in the church said there was not enough money to carry out these projects, the women believed otherwise. In cent societies, each woman collected offerings at home. They would gather as we do today to worship and combine their offerings and offer them up with thanks and praise, dedicating the funds to mission. When Women of the ELCA was formed more than 25 years ago, we committed to continue this tradition of giving in gratitude for blessings. Each year, in thousands of congregations, Thankofferings are collected and sent to support the life-changing ministries of Women of the ELCA. Together, we do more than we could ever do apart. In gratitude for all God has given to us, and with hope for all that is to come, we now collect our Thankoffering.

*Please bring forward your thankoffering during the singing of this hymn or place it in the offering plate.*

**\* HYMN.** . . . . . *Praise and Thanksgiving.* . . . . . **LBW # 409**

**TITHES AND OFFERINGS** *We Thank Thee, Lord*

**\* OFFERTORY**

We give thee but thine own, What-e’er the gift may be;  
 All that we have is thine alone, A trust, O Lord, from thee.

May we thy bounties thus As stewards true receive,  
 And gladly, as thou blessest us, to thee our first-fruits give.

**\* OFFERTORY PRAYER**

**L** God of grace

**C** **You have showered us with abundance and entrusted to us the ministries of Women of the ELCA. Accept these offerings to further your mission. Help us to grow in faith, affirm our gifts, support one another in our callings, engage in ministry and action, and promote healing and wholeness in the church, the society, and the world. Accept these gifts and this prayer that, nurtured by your Word, filled with your spirit, and fed at your table, we may share with gladness all that you have shared with us until all creation is satisfied. Amen**

**THE PRAYERS** *(please be seated)*

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

*Brief silence.*

**A** God who made all things good, you create us to be caretakers and stewards in your creation. You equip us to provide for the people, places, and 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,

**C** **Creator, draw us in.**

**A** God who blesses our labor, you light our paths with the histories of women who acted boldly on their faith to change the world. Bring their influence to our attention and their stories to our lips and ears. May we see in them our own potential to live boldly. We pray in abundance,

**C** **Creator, draw us in.**

**A** God who provides, you endow us with all we need to nurture, harvest, and share the fruits of creation. In this abundance, direct our eyes and feet to our neighbors who are on the margins, both near and far. Give us curiosity and courage to live into the fullness of our communities. We pray in abundance,

**C** **Creator, draw us in.**

A God who was and is and will be, through the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America and women of the ELCA, you have called us more deeply into relationship with you and the world. Bless every church, everywhere, that through our work, all may know your grace and accept your call to love one another. We pray in abundance,

**C Creator, draw us in.**

A O God, we pray that your healing power will be with all who are homebound, hospitalized, or sick (*especially*), that they may know of your vigilant presence in their lives. We pray in abundance,

**C Creator, draw us in.**

A God who reaches every people, turn our hearts to see those with us now, gathered at this Thankoffering service to give thanks and praise to you. Urge us on to the fullness of life, in the name of Christ, our Lord.

**C Amen**

**\* LORD'S PRAYER**

L 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**

**\* BLESSING**

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

**\* HYMN. . . . . Sing to the Lord of Harvest . . . . . LBW # 412**

**POSTLUDE** *Come, Ye Thankful People, Come*

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**Altar flowers**

Flowers are given to the glory of God by Chris & Maureen Peper; and by Ruth Bahler in living memory of Edwin.

**→ → Thanksgiving Eve Service ← ←**

The Community Thanksgiving Service will be hosted by St. Augustine Catholic Church on November 27 at 7:00 p.m. (The Mass Choir will practice at St. Augustine's at 6:00 p.m.) Come, don't miss our Emanuel hand mime with live music and dance!

**Please note** that there will be NO After School Club, Catechism, or Emanubells, Choir, or Living Spirit practices on Wednesday, November 27.

**Newsletter**

The deadline for the December newsletter is noon tomorrow. Please be sure your meetings are on the calendar!

**Filling Guild Membership**

Rita will be accepting Filling Home Guild memberships for one more week. Please place your \$1.00 (or more!) in an envelope marked Filling Home Membership, together with your name, address, and phone number, and give it to Rita Schweinhagen or place it in the offering plate.

**Flower Chart**

The new flower chart for 2014 has been posted on the bulletin board in the narthex. When you pick a date to furnish flowers, please be sure your designation is CLEAR! Thank you!

**Caring Corner**

We are collecting canned goods, dry goods and paper products for Christmas Cheer through December 9. Please place all collections on the Caring corner table. Any monetary donations can be made out to *Henry County Christmas Cheer* and would be used for purchases of chicken, potatoes, milk, bread, apples and a new toy for each child in a family. Please check those expiration dates!

**Needed**

A reader and a sound board operator are needed for the 10:30 service in December. Also needed is a sound board operator for Christmas Day. Please sign up on the bulletin board.

### **This Week**

Today	1:30 p.m.	Girl Scouts
	7:00 p.m.	8 <sup>th</sup> grade catechism
Monday	noon	Newsletter deadline
	6:30 p.m.	Executive Board
	7:00 p.m.	Church Council
Tuesday	7:30 p.m.	Dartball @ Bryan Wesley United Methodist
Wednesday	3:15 p.m.	After School Club
	3:30 p.m.	6 <sup>th</sup> grade catechism
	5:00 p.m.	Soul Food
	6:30 p.m.	Choir
	7:30 p.m.	Living Spirit
	7:30 p.m.	7 <sup>th</sup> grade catechism
Thursday	9:00 a.m.	Bible Study
	7:30 p.m.	Worship with Holy Communion

### **Serving Today**

Pastor James L. Castello

Worship & Music Coordinator & Organist - Angela Tonjes

Reader - 8:00 Susan Landversicht      10:30 Joan Collier

Sound Board - 8:00 Maxine Eickhoff      10:30 Larry Ashbaugh

Acolytes - 8:00 Seth Tonjes & Keegan Schroeder

10:30 Caleb Hernandez & Grace Rowland

Ushers - 8:00 Women of the Church

10:30 Women of the Church

Altar Guild - Jeannie Wiechers & Nanette Schwab

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

### **Statistics**

11/7 attendance 23      11/10 attendance 62 + 97 (159)      Communed 90      Offerings \$4,530.50  
(includes \$615 Bldg Fd; \$10 Wrld Hngr)      “Simply Giving” (11/4-11/10)      \$155 Gen; \$45 Bldg  
Fd; \$25 Good Sam Fd; \$25 Wrld Hngr)

### **Church Decorating**

We will be decorating the church for Christmas on Saturday, November 30, beginning at 9 a.m. Can we count on your help?

### **Thursday Worship Service**

The final Thursday night worship of this year will start at 7:30 p.m. Holy Communion will be celebrated.

### **Bell Ringers**

Salvation Army Bell Ringers are needed on Saturdays, December 7 and December 14, at Wal Mart (North and South doors). Shifts are 2 hours each and start at 10 a.m. and go until 8 p.m. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board by the church office.

### **Thanksgiving Dinner**

The Community Thanksgiving Dinner will be held at St. Paul Lutheran Church on Glenwood on Thanksgiving Day from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. If you would like to volunteer to help, please call St. Paul's (419-592-3535). Baked pies are also needed – you can drop them off in Emanuel's basement by Wednesday (Thanksgiving Eve) no later than 6 p.m. If you would like to give a donation, please make your check payable to St. Paul Lutheran Church and put “Thanksgiving Meal” in the memo line. Send it to Thanksgiving Dinner 2013, St. Paul Lutheran Church, 1075 Glenwood Avenue, Napoleon, OH 43545.

### **Christmas Auction for Mission**

You are invited to a Christmas Auction at the church of the Nazarene, 630 Appian, Napoleon, today beginning at 6 p.m. There will be refreshments, auctions, and other activities for a fun-filled evening.

### **Siberian Solstice**

Siberian Solstice is a musical group from northwest Ohio providing an exciting contemporary 90-minute set of Christmas music as originally performed by the nationally acclaimed group “Trans-Siberian Orchestra”. You are invited for the 2013 Christmas season at the follow locations:

Sunday, November 17, 7:00 p.m. at Zion's Lutheran Church, Defiance

Sunday, December 1, 6:30 p.m. at Christ United Methodist Church, Napoleon

Friday, December 6, 7:00 p.m. at Defiance College Schomburg Auditorium

Saturday, December 7, 7:00 p.m. at Trinity Lutheran Church, Findlay

Saturday, December 14, at 7:00 p.m. at Zion Lutheran Church, Waterville

### **Symphony of Trees**

The Jingle Bell Jam and Sunday Brunch will be held on Sunday, November 17, from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. at the American Legion, Glenwood Ave.

