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Second Sunday in Lent — March 16, 2014

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. *O Lord, Most Holy*

Ringing of the Bell

(10:30) *Come Thou Fount* -Bell Choir

ANNOUNCEMENTS

“Beautiful Hands” 

Guide me ever, great Redeemer, Pilgrim through this barren land.
I am weak, but you are mighty; Hold me with your pow’rful hand.
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven,
Feed me now and evermore, Feed me now and evermore.

*** CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, the fountain of living water, the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation.

C Amen.

P Come, let us acknowledge our sin and seek God's face, that we may live. Holy God,
C we confess that we have turned away from you and from our neighbors, and in toward ourselves. We have sought security in possessions and the place of power in relationships. We have trusted ourselves most of all. Turn us back to you, O God. In your mercy, forgive our sinfulness and cleanse us from guilt and shame. Guide us on the path of freedom that is your gift to us in Christ our Lord. Amen.

P Hear for yourselves: There is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. In the waters of baptism grace abounds for you and for all. God turns to you in love and puts away every sin, every wrong turn, for the sake of Jesus, the one God sent to save the world.

C Amen

*** HYMN** *O Jesus, Joy of Loving Hearts*..... **LBW # 356**

*** GREETING**

P 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.

*** KYRIE FOR LENT**

*** 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

(10:30) **Special Music:** *All Because of Jesus* -Living Spirit

FIRST READING: Genesis 12:1–4a

Now the LORD said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. ²I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. ³I will bless those who bless you, and the one who

curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."

⁴So Abram went, as the LORD had told him; and Lot went with him.

A The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 121

I lift up my eyes | to the hills;*
from where is my | help to come?

²**My help comes | from the LORD,*
the maker of heav- | en and earth.**

³He will not let your | foot be moved*
and he who watches over you will not | fall asleep.

⁴**Behold, he who keeps watch | over Israel*
shall neither slum- | ber nor sleep;**

⁵the LORD himself watches | over you;*
the LORD is your shade at | your right hand,
⁶**so that the sun shall not strike | you by day,*
nor the | moon by night.**

⁷The LORD shall preserve you | from all evil;*
it is he who shall | keep you safe.

⁸**The LORD shall watch over your going out and your | coming in,*
from this time forth for- | evermore.**

SECOND READING: Romans 4:1–5, 13–17

What then are we to say was gained by Abraham, our ancestor according to the flesh? ²For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. ³For what does the scripture say? "Abraham believed God, and

it was reckoned to him as righteousness."

⁴Now to one who works, wages are not reckoned as a gift but as something due.

⁵But to one who without works trusts him who justifies the ungodly, such faith is reckoned as righteousness. ¹³For the

promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. ¹⁴If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. ¹⁵For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

¹⁶For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants,

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION 

Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit, cleansed by the blood of Christ our king;
heirs of salvation, trusting his promise, faithfully now God's praise we sing.

*** GOSPEL: John 3:1–17**

Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. ²He came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God." ³Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above." ⁴Nicodemus said to him, "How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?" ⁵Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. ⁶What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. ⁷Do not be

not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, ¹⁷as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations") — in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

A The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

astonished that I said to you, 'You must be born from above.' ⁸The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit." ⁹Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" ¹⁰Jesus answered him, "Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?

¹¹Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. ¹²If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? ¹³No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of

Man. ¹⁴And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

¹⁶For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who

believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

¹⁷Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

Response 

Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit, marked with the sign of Christ our king; born of the Spirit, we are God's children; joyfully now God's praise we sing.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

*** (10:30 service - please turn to bottom of page 7) ***

HYMN..... *On My Heart Imprint Your Image.* **LBW # 102**

SERMON

* **HYMN.** *Beneath the Cross of Jesus.* **LBW # 107**

* **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 *All Because of Jesus* -Living Spirit

OFFERTORY *(please remain seated)*



Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re-new a right spir -
 it with- in me. Cast me not a- way from your pres- ence, and take
 not your Ho- ly Spir- it from me. Re- store to me the
 joy of your sal- va- tion, and up- hold me with your free Spir - it.

THE PRAYERS *(please remain seated)*

A Returning to the Lord, our God, let us pray for the church, the world, and all of God's creation.

Brief silence.

A We pray for the whole body of Christ. That being born of the Spirit and blessed by God, your church may be a blessing to the world. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A We pray for creation. For water and wind in their many forms, that they nourish and renew the earth. Lord, in your mercy,

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We pray for the world. For all countries, tribes, races, and families, that they live in harmony and cooperation. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A We pray for this assembly. That having received all righteousness by faith, we boldly bear witness to a God who loves the whole world. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A We give thanks for the faithful departed. For the example of faith by which they lived, that it sustain us until we all enter the reign of God in its fullness. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

Other petitions.

P We pray for all who are in need. For the spiritually lost, the fearful, the confused, and

the ill that the Lord will keep their going out and their coming in. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Into your hands, O God, we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting in your abundant mercy, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and 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. O God of Mercy, God of Light. LBW # 425**

POSTLUDE *Rejoice, My Soul, Rejoice*

10:30 service continues.....

Special Music: *God Knew Your Name* -Karri Ashbaugh

BAPTISM of Isabella Christine Campbell

PRESENTATION

P In Holy Baptism our gracious heavenly Father liberates us from sin and death by joining us to the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. We are born children of a fallen humanity; in the waters of Baptism we are reborn children of God and inheritors of eternal life. By water and the Holy Spirit we are made members of the Church which is the body of Christ. As we live with him and with his people, we grow in faith, love, and obedience to the will of God.

Parents and Sponsors: I present **Isabella Christine Campbell** to receive the Sacrament of Holy Baptism.

P In Christian love you have presented this child for Holy Baptism.

You should, therefore, faithfully bring her to the services of God's house, and teach her the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments. As she grows in years, you should place in her hands the Holy Scriptures and provide for her instruction in the Christian faith, that, living in the covenant of her Baptism and in communion with the Church, she may lead a godly life until the day of Jesus Christ. Do you promise to fulfill these obligations?

Parents and Sponsors: I do.

THANKSGIVING

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give him thanks and praise.

P Holy God, mighty Lord, gracious Father: We give you thanks, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and you created heaven and earth.

By the gift of water you nourish and sustain us and all living things. By the waters of the flood you condemned the wicked and saved those whom you had chosen, Noah and his family. You led Israel by the pillar of cloud and fire through the sea, out of slavery into the freedom of the promised land. In the waters of the Jordan your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Spirit. By the baptism of his own death and resurrection your beloved Son has set us free from the bondage to sin and death, and has opened the way to the joy and freedom of everlasting life. He made water a sign of the kingdom and of cleansing and rebirth. In obedience to his command, we make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Pour out your Holy Spirit, so that she who is here baptized may be given new life. Wash away the sin of her who is cleansed by this water and bring her forth as an inheritor of your glorious kingdom.

To you be given praise and honor and worship through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

C Amen

RENUNCIATION AND PROFESSION

P I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the Church, the faith in which we baptize.

P Do you renounce all the forces of evil, the devil, and all his empty promises?

Parents and Sponsors: I do.

P Do you believe in God the Father?

C I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

P Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

C 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.

P Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

C 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

BAPTISM

P **Isabella Christine Campbell**, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen

LAYING ON OF HANDS

P God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we give you thanks for freeing your sons and daughters from the power of sin and for raising them up to a new life through this holy sacrament. Pour your Holy Spirit upon **Isabella**: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence.

C Amen

SIGNING WITH THE CROSS

P **Isabella**, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever. Amen

GIVING OF THE LIGHT

A Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

PRAYER FOR PARENTS

P O God, the giver of all life, look with kindness upon **Dan** and **Danielle**. Let them ever rejoice in the gift you have given them. Make them teachers and examples of righteousness for their child. Strengthen them in their own Baptism so they may share eternally with their child the salvation you have given them, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen

WELCOME

A Through Baptism God has made this new sister a member of the priesthood we all share in Christ Jesus, that we may proclaim the praise of God and bear his creative and redeeming Word to all the world.

C We welcome you into the Lord's family. We receive you as a fellow member of the body of Christ, child of the same heavenly Father, and worker with us in the kingdom of God.

HYMN..... *Borning Cry*..... **WOV # 770**

SERMON

*** HYMN. *Beneath the Cross of Jesus*..... **LBW # 107****

TITHES & OFFERINGS *Breathe* -Bell Choir

OFFERTORY *(please remain seated)*



Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re-new a right spir -
 it with-in me. Cast me not a-way from your pres-ence, and take
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 joy of your sal-va - tion, and up-hold me with your free Spir - it.

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POSTLUDE *Rejoice, My Soul, Rejoice*

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“Beautiful Hands”

The theme for Lent this year is “Beautiful Hands.” We are asking all of you to trace your hand on white paper, cut it out, and place it in the offering plate. On your paper hand, write something that you would like to “hand over” or “hand to” God this Lenten season. Maybe you could hand over more prayers, offerings or volunteer time. You could hand God your worries, sins, or burdens. You may want to leave your hand blank. We will make a display. ***There is a blank page in the bulletin today – draw your hand and we will cut it out for you!***

Altar flowers

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

Baptism

We are pleased to witness the baptism of Isabella Christine, daughter of Dan & Danielle (Schwab) Campbell, at the 10:30 worship hour. Isabella's sponsors are Emily Schwab & Eric Schwab.

Volunteers needed!

We are in need of a reader for the 10:30 service on April 6, 13 and 20. We are also in need of sound board operators for the 10:30 service on April 20 & 27. Sound board operators are also needed for the whole month of May (both services). Sign up sheets are on the bulletin board in the narthex. You may sign up weekly or monthly.

Caring Corner for March

The Caring Corner for March is for the House of Ruth, a domestic violence shelter. Needed are paper products (paper towels, toilet paper, etc.) and hygiene products (deodorant, shampoo, soap, etc.)

Lent

Join us in our journey through Lent. The service begins on Wednesday at 7:30 p.m.

DD Month

March is Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month. Our theme is "Ability at Work" and encourages people to look beyond an individual's disability and picture that person's potential. For more information, call HOPE Services at 419-599-2892 or 419-278-3050.

Newsletter

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

Statistics

3/5 attendance 123 communed 118 Offerings \$1225.00 (\$210 Bldg Fd)
3/9 attendance 50 + 134 (184) communed 103 Offerings \$5,377 (includes \$435 Bldg Fd; \$5 Wrld Hngr) Simply Giving (3/3 - 3/9) \$755 Gen Fd; \$145 Bldg Fd

Easter flowers

Order your Easter flowers today on the bulletin insert. Easter lilies are \$7.50 and pink hydrangeas are \$14.00. Order deadline is Sunday, April 6.

This Week

Today	1:00 p.m.	Dartball tournament here
	1:30 p.m.	Girl Scouts
	2:00 p.m.	4-H
	7:00 p.m.	8 th grade catechism
Monday	noon	April/May newsletter deadline
	6:45 p.m.	Executive Board
	7:00 p.m.	Church Council
	7:30 p.m.	Naomi Circle
Wednesday	3:15 p.m.	After School Club
	3:30 p.m.	6 th grade catechism
	5:00 p.m.	Soul Food
	6:00 p.m.	Emanubells
	6:00 p.m.	7 th grade catechism
	6:30 p.m.	Choir
	7:30 p.m.	WORSHIP
	8:30 p.m.	Living Spirit
Thursday	9:00 a.m.	Bible Study
Saturday-Sunday		Catechism Retreat

Serving Today

Pastor James L. Castello
Worship & Music Coordinator & Organist - Angela Tonjes
Reader - 8:00 Ruth Hershberger 10:30 Joan Collier
Sound Board - 8:00 Maxine Eickhoff 10:30 Ron Wiechers
Acolytes - 8:00 Ryan Kruse & Seth Tonjes
10:30 Tessa Rhodes & Abby Allison
Ushers - 8:00 Kelli Burkhardt, Terri Sedam, Lenny Sonnenberg, Ron Wiechers
10:30 Alan Storch, Norm Bostelman, Terry Walther, Tom Jenny
Altar Guild - Andrea Hoffman & Marilyn Fretz
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