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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**

8:00 a.m. Service

(10:30 service begins on page 11)

PRELUDE. *Nature from Her Sleep Awakes (A Spring Carol)*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

“Beautiful Hands” 

He leadeth me: oh, blessed thought! Oh, words with heav'nly comfort fraught!

Whate'er I do, where'er I be, Still 'tis God's hand that leadeth me.

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CHILDREN'S SERMON

HYMN. *O Christ the Same.* **WOV # 778**

SERMON

*** HYMN.** *Softly and Tenderly.* **WOV # 734**

*** NICENE CREED**

C We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven; by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He

has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen

THE PRAYERS *(please be 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 Pour out your Spirit upon your church so that your people speak words of life to dry bones. Hear us, O God.

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Other petitions.

P Stir up your healing power to redeem from illness all those who wait upon you (*especially*), that they know your steadfast love. Hear us, O God.

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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

*** PEACE**

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you.

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Here I Am to Worship -Choir

*** OFFERTORY**

Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our
cup of bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the
seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life.
Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u - nite them with the
prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your
pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

*** OFFERTORY PRAYER**

A God our provider, you have not fed us with bread alone, but with words of grace and life. Bless us and these your gifts, which we receive from your bounty, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen.

*** GREAT THANKSGIVING**

P The Lord be with you. C And al - so with you.
 P Lift up your hearts. C We lift them to the Lord.
 P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
 C It is right to give him thanks and praise.

P It is indeed right and salutary...

C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:
 Heav- en and earth are full of your glo- ry. Ho - san- na. Ho - san- na.
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 comes in the name of the Lord. Ho- san - na in the high - est.

*** EUCHARISTIC PRAYER**

*** 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.**

HOLY COMMUNION

How Quiet is the Night -Choir

*** BLESSING**

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C Amen

*** POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE**

Cup of blessing that we share, Does it not his grace declare?
 Is it not the blood of Christ, Who for us was sacrificed?
 As one body, we are fed; Christ we share, one cup, one bread.

Is it not one bread we break? Of his body all partake.
 Casting out distrust and fear, Let us love with hearts sincere.
 One by God's design are we; Let us live in unity.

*** POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

A God of mercy, we give you thanks for seating us at your table and serving us with the food of eternal life. We who once were dead are now living members of your Son, awakened by the breathing of your Spirit. Send us out to awaken others to the mystery of your love, which is revealed to all the world in the one who came to give himself away, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen

*** BENEDICTION**

*** HYMN** *Go Now in Peace* -Choir

*** DISMISSAL**

A Go in peace. Remember the poor.

C **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE *Spring Praise*

10:30 a.m. Service

PRELUDE. *Nature from Her Sleep Awakes (A Spring Carol)*

Ringing of the Bell

Amazing Grace -Emanubells

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Special Music: *Jesus Dying for Me* -Alyssa Kruse and Jessica Yunker

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CHILDREN'S SERMON

HYMN *Jesus Is a Rock in a Weary Land* -the kids

SERMON

* **HYMN**. *Softly and Tenderly*. **WOV # 734**

* **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 *A Holy Offering*

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
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Other petitions.

P Stir up your healing power to redeem from illness all those who wait upon you (*especially*), that they know your steadfast love. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

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.** *Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing.* **LBW # 559**

POSTLUDE *Spring Praise*

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Altar flowers

Flowers are given to the glory of God by Ben & Judy Michaelis in loving memory of Barbara Michaelis.

Caring Corner for April — Food Pantry at St. John's Episcopal Church

Especially needed are cereal, canned fruit, canned meats or stew. Think in term of complete meals (if you give spaghetti, give a jar of spaghetti sauce, too, along with a can of vegetables and/or fruit.) Remember the "buy-one-get-one-free" and "10 for \$10" deals to stretch your food dollars!

Lent

Our Lenten worship service begins at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday. Please join us.

Easter breakfast

Please join us after the sunrise service on Easter morning for our annual Easter breakfast! Proceeds from this meal will benefit our youth for retreats and for the National Youth Gathering which takes place in July, 2015.

Easter flowers

The last day to order your Easter flowers is **T O D A Y!**

Statistics

3/26 attendance 89 Offerings \$591 (\$200 Soul Food)
3/30 attendance 85 + 119 (204) Offerings \$4,504.49 (includes \$30 Bldg Fd; \$7 Wrld Hngr; \$10 Sunday School) Simply Giving (3/24 - 3/30) \$130 Gen Fd; \$20 Bldg Fd)

Newsletter

Be sure to pick up a copy of the April/May newsletter which is available at both entrances. If you know of someone who would like to have it mailed to them, please leave that information in the church office. Also, if you would prefer to receive your newsletter via email, please leave your email address in the church office.

This Week

Today	1:30 p.m.	Girl Scouts
	7:00 p.m.	8 th grade catechism
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

Volunteers needed

We are in need of a reader for the 10:30 service on **April 13 and 20**. 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.

On the radio in April

Be sure to tell your shut-in friends and relatives – our 10:30 a.m. worship service is being broadcast on WNDH 103.1 FM this whole month.

Coming Alive

Coming Alive, an exercise challenge sponsored by the United Way, will run from April 21 through May 18 this year. If you would like a registration form, please see Judy Hoffman.

Serving Today

Pastor James L. Castello
Worship & Music Coordinator & Organist - Angela Tonjes
Reader - 8:00 Kelli Burkhardt 10:30 Laura Ellis
Sound Board - 8:00 Alexandria Biederstedt 10:30 Ryan Kohout
Acolytes - 8:00 Carl Yaney & Keegan Schroeder
10:30 Madison Ashbaugh & Grace Rowland
Ushers - 8:00 Tom Hoffman, Mike Yaney, Steve Kloos, Casey Callaway
10:30 Ken Lange, Tom Schroeder, Kurt Rohrs, Denny Ehlers
Altar Guild - Elaine Borstelman & Lori Sharpe
Prayer Chain Co-ordinator - Carol Castello (419-592-0847) or cjcast@yahoo.com

Holy Week Worship Schedule

Maundy Thursday, April 17, 7:30 p.m. Holy Communion/Stripping of the altar
Good Friday, April 18, 7:30 p.m.
Easter, April 20
7:00 a.m. Sunrise worship – Holy Communion
8:15 a.m. Easter breakfast
9:15 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Festival worship – Holy Communion

Important Event Today

EleSondra DeRomano will share her personal experience as victim of human trafficking and offer suggestions for how we, as a community, can further address the problem. Her own exposure to exploitation began at an early age when she was placed in foster care. By the time she was 4 she was being abused and sexually molested a regular basis. By the time she was 11, she had graduated to a world of drugs, prison life, and prostitution. She was one of the lucky few who was able to break free from this lifestyle and is working with at-risk women and girls.. You are invited to hear her speak at Christ United Methodist Church, 1255 Glenwood, Napoleon, this afternoon at 2 p.m.

Head Start

Northwestern Ohio Community Action Commission Head Start program is currently taking applications for the 2014-2015 school year. Head Start is a free federal preschool program for children ages 3 and 4 that promotes school readiness for preschool-aged children from low income families. For information on how to apply, families may contact NOCAC at 419-784-5136 or visit their website at www.nocac.org.

Thrivent Choice

Thrivent members, select our congregation the first time you direct Choice Dollars® between April 1 and May 31, 2014, and our church will receive an extra \$20 grant from Thrivent Financial! Through the "Direct Now . . . and add \$20!" campaign, Thrivent will give an extra \$20 for each member who chooses to direct Choice Dollars to our congregation first.

People in our prayers:

Kim Corder	Velma Bostelman	Powers family
Andrew Zachrich	Bill & Betty Richard	Ralph & Jane Yunk
Len Kolbe	Richard Hoover	Lois Plotts
Amos Showman	Chris Schmidtmeier	Deb Tiffany
Shirlee Mires Fejes	Stephanie Nelson	Ben Michaelis
Terry Doda	Beth Jenny	Juanita Clausen
Lucy Zwiebel	Dick DeWese	Susan Allen
Sandi Borstelman	Ted Titgemeyer	Mary Lou Zwiebel
Norbert Brandt	Irene Cordes	Audrey Kate Schroeder
Jamie Bostelman	Lois Wiechers	Donna Norden
Cass Boulton	Alfred & Rita Prigge	Mildred Miller
Leota Pedraza	Jordan James	Stan & Eileen Mabee
Colleen Cable	Brent Thompson	Charlotte Wangrin
Valerie	Rudy & Ann Rabe	Melanie Simpson
Bob & Esther Dennie	Kelly Garst	Eleanor Engler
Linda Lulfs	Naomi Rhodes	Jeannie Curtis
Jackie	George & Cindy Pope	Roman Strohm
Dustin Brown	Arleta Panning	Betsy Mix
Anna Long	Kelly Troyer	Fred Kloos
Alyce Oberhaus	Linda Hill	Bill Winseman
Lucas Rosebrock	Bethany Wolfe	Robert Plassman
Andrew Williams	Landon Zunk	Josh Bevelle
Joshua Jenny	Paul Panning	Norma Strayer
Ken Ludeman	Miranda Schink	Dave & Betty Meyer
Linda	Don & Susan Drewes	Marlene Kryder
Roma Brown	Alice Langenhop	Brennan
Paul Long	Kaden Michaelis	Jeff Brown
Mary Brown	Emma Mires	Tammy Porter
Paul Cousino	Crystal Garcia	Allie Grace Small
Jeff Warner	Lorna Bostelman	Carol Baerlin
Rudy Eickhoff	Josh Badenhop	Lucas King
Pat Badenhop	Sandy Bostelman	Dick Brown
Margery Downs	Louisa Bevelle	Sarah Lenhart
Brent Leiter	K T	Deb Schink
Alexa Jennings		

We pray for people having birthdays this week ...

Halle Good	Amy Hershberger	Ami Allison	Aaron Kolodziejczyk
Casey Haase	Elizabeth Placke	Kara Behnfeldt	Judy Michaelis
Logan Ostrander	Amber Reed	Nicole Ehlers	Brian Ruby
Sandi Weirauch	Korbin Winhoven	Nick Heuer	

and anniversaries ...

Mel & Marg Lanzer

and for those in the military ...

Mike DeMichiei Elizabeth Yoder Tyler Haase Austin Oberg
Zach Bonner Jessica Reed