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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**    *Be Thou My Vision*

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**\* CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

P    Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

**C    Amen.**

P    In the presence of God, who sees our hearts and our minds, let us confess our sin.  
God our strength,

**C    we confess that we are captive to the power of sin that dwells within us. We put ourselves first and others last. What we think will make us happy leaves us longing for more. Even when we want to do what is good, we find ourselves doing the opposite. Rescue us from death's grip on our lives, and raise us up day by day, that we may be alive to God in Christ Jesus. Amen.**

P    Sisters and brothers, all have fallen short of the glory of God; therefore we are justified by God's grace as a gift. Nothing can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus, in whom we have forgiveness of sin, life, and salvation.

**C    Amen**

**\* HYMN WOV # 771**    *Great Is Thy Faithfulness*

**\* GREETING**

P    Sisters and brothers, called to freedom in Christ: Grace, mercy, and peace be with you all.

**C    And also with you.**

**\* PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P    God of glory and love, peace comes from you alone. Send us as peacemakers and witnesses to your kingdom, and fill our hearts with joy in your promises of salvation; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C    Amen**

**FIRST READING: Zechariah 9:9–12**

<sup>9</sup>Rejoice greatly, O daughter Zion!  
Shout aloud, O daughter Jerusalem!  
Lo, your king comes to you;  
triumphant and victorious is he,  
humble and riding on a donkey,  
on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

<sup>10</sup>He will cut off the chariot from Ephraim  
and the war-horse from Jerusalem;  
and the battle bow shall be cut off,  
and he shall command peace to the

nations;  
his dominion shall be from sea to sea,  
and from the River to the ends of the

earth.  
<sup>11</sup>As for you also, because of the blood of  
my covenant with you,  
I will set your prisoners free from the  
waterless pit.  
<sup>12</sup>Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of  
hope;  
today I declare that I will restore to  
you double.

**A    The Word of the Lord.**  
**C    Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM 145:8–15**

The LORD is gracious and full <sup>l</sup> of compassion,\*  
slow to anger and <sup>l</sup> of great kindness.

**<sup>9</sup>The LORD is loving to <sup>l</sup> everyone\*  
and his compassion is over <sup>l</sup> all his works.**

<sup>10</sup>All your works praise <sup>l</sup> you, O LORD,\*  
and your faithful <sup>l</sup> servants bless you.

**<sup>11</sup>They make known the glory <sup>l</sup> of your kingdom\*  
and speak <sup>l</sup> of your power;**

<sup>12</sup>that the peoples may know <sup>l</sup> of your power\*  
and the glorious splendor <sup>l</sup> of your kingdom.

**<sup>13</sup>Your kingdom is an ever-<sup>1</sup>lasting kingdom;\***  
**your dominion endures through-<sup>1</sup> out all ages.**

<sup>14</sup>The LORD is faithful in<sup>1</sup> all his words\*  
and merciful in<sup>1</sup> all his deeds.

**<sup>15</sup>The LORD upholds all<sup>1</sup> those who fall;\***  
**he lifts up those who<sup>1</sup> are bowed down.**

**SECOND READING: Romans 7:15–25a**

<sup>15</sup>I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. <sup>16</sup>Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good. <sup>17</sup>But in fact it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. <sup>18</sup>For I know that nothing good dwells within me, that is, in my flesh. I can will what is right, but I cannot do it. <sup>19</sup>For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do. <sup>20</sup>Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me.

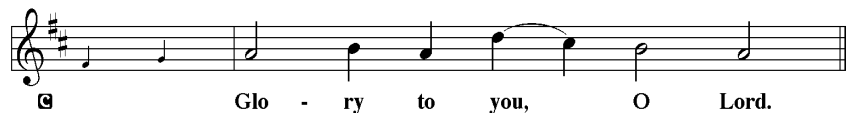
<sup>21</sup>So I find it to be a law that when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand. <sup>22</sup>For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, <sup>23</sup>but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind, making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. <sup>24</sup>Wretched man that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? <sup>25</sup>Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

A The Word of the Lord.  
C **Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** 🎵

We do not live by bread alone, but by ev'ry word  
that proceeds from the mouth of God. Al-le-lu, al-le-lu-ia.

**\* GOSPEL: Matthew 11:16–19, 25–30**



<sup>16</sup>But to what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to one another,

<sup>17</sup>'We played the flute for you, and you did not dance;

we wailed, and you did not mourn.'

<sup>18</sup>For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, 'He has a demon';

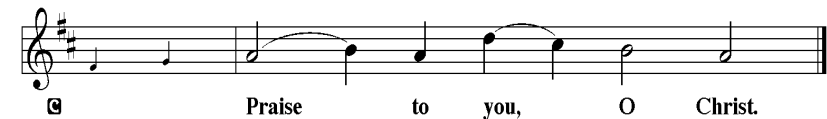
<sup>19</sup>the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, 'Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!'

Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds."

<sup>25</sup>At that time Jesus said, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the

wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; <sup>26</sup>yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. <sup>27</sup>All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

<sup>28</sup>Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. <sup>29</sup>Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. <sup>30</sup>For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."



**CHILDREN'S SERMON**

**HYMN WOV # 710** *One Bread, One Body*

**SERMON**

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

**\* 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**

#### **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION** *(please be seated)*

A Strengthened by the Spirit who gives us words to speak and hearts that care, let us bring our hopes and needs to God who listens.

*Brief silence.*

A O God, strengthen and empower your church. Where it is weak or timid, raise up leaders. Support it with your gift of inner strength and peace. Let us pray.

**C Have mercy, O God.**

A Creator God, the earth groans when we do not regard it with loving care. Forgive us for polluting the water and the air, for stripping the land of its natural resources, and for caring more about our own comfort than the long-term health of the planet. Let us pray.

**C Have mercy, O God.**

A How beautiful it is when people dwell together in unity. Help us appreciate the differences among us, to seek to understand one another, and to work together for harmony. Let us pray.

**C Have mercy, O God.**

A As you walked with Abraham and Sarah, the magi, and all who follow your call, be with those who travel this day: pilots and truckers, cab drivers and train engineers, those on vacation and those on the road for work. Let us pray.

**C Have mercy, O God.**

A Alpha and Omega, you are with us from our first breath to our last. We give thanks for the faithful departed who now rest in your loving arms. May the promise of the resurrection sustain those who trust in you. Let us pray.

**C Have mercy, O God.**

*Other petitions.*

P Holy source of hope, so many people are in pain today. Give us hearts of compassion, hands that heal, and lips that speak words of comfort and encouragement. Surround with your love all those in need (*especially*). Let us pray.

**C Have mercy, O God.**

P We lift our prayers to you, God of mercy, confident that all things are in your hands. In Jesus' name we pray.

**C Amen**

#### **\* PEACE**

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C And also with you.**

#### **TITHES AND OFFERINGS** *Civil War Medley* -Tom Jenny, trumpet

#### **\* OFFERTORY**

As you, Lord, have lived for others; so may we for others live.

Freely have your gifts been granted; Freely may your servants give.

Yours the gold and yours and silver, Yours the wealth of land and sea;

We but stewards of your bounty Held in solemn trust will be.

#### **\* OFFERTORY PRAYER**

A God of mercy and grace, the eyes of all wait upon you, and you open your hand in blessing. Fill us with good things at your table, that we may come to the help of all in need, through Jesus Christ, our redeemer and Lord.

**C Amen.**

#### **\* 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**

*Amazing Grace/Dona Nobis/Wayfaring Stranger* -Tom Jenny, flugelhorn

### **\* BLESSING**

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

C Amen

### **\* POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

A We thank you, Lord of heaven and earth, that you have fed us in a way our hearts can understand, with the saving body and blood of Jesus Christ. Enliven us by your presence in this meal, that we may be your presence in the world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen

### **\* BENEDICTION**

\* **HYMN LBW # 561** *For the Beauty of the Earth*

### **\* DISMISSAL**

A Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE** *Paeon* (“song of praise or triumph”)

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### **Altar flowers**

Flowers are given to the glory of God by Tom & Beth Jenny in honor of their 43<sup>rd</sup> wedding anniversary.

### **Devotionals available**

*Portals of Prayer* and *Christ in Our Home* are available in both regular and large print at both entrances.

## **Coffee Hour**

Please plan to stay after worship each Sunday this summer and enjoy time to catch-up with your sisters and brothers in Christ with our coffee hour fellowship. Our host today is the Executive Board. Next week’s hosts will be the choir altos and basses.

## **Caring Corner**

Through July and August we will be collecting school supplies for the Henry County United Way’s “Stuff the Bus” and for Lutheran World Relief. Watch those “back-to-school” sales for bargain prices! Due to the great need for the emergency clean-up buckets from all of the storms, tornadoes, and floods throughout the U.S., we will continue to have an “angel bucket” in the caring corner, too. It will function much like the “angel tree” at Christmas – each bucket is “decorated” with notes listing a needed item. Take as many as you like, and let’s see if we can fill ‘em up”!

**Thursday worship** — See you at 7 p.m.!

Thursday evening services are casual and informal. Come as you are – even in your baseball uniform or flip flops. All are welcome!

## **Wedding**

Congratulations to Amber Gerken & Brandon Yost who will be married this Saturday (July 12) in Cincinnati. Amber is the daughter of Brett & Suzette Gerken and the granddaughter of Ken & Nancy Lange and Julian & Carol Gerken.

## **This Week**

Wednesday 5:00 p.m. Soul Food

Thursday 9:00 a.m. Bible Study

7:00 p.m. Worship

## **Statistics**

6/26 attendance 46 6/29 attendance 111 Offerings \$4,580.00 (includes \$80 Bldg Fd; \$10 Wrld Hngr; \$175 memorials-Arlene Hershberger [\$131.25 Endow Fd & \$43.75 Gen Fd]) Simply Giving (6/23 - 6/29) \$130 Gen Fd; \$20 Bldg Fd)

## **Ice Cream Social**

Zion Lutheran Church in Ridgeville Corners is sponsoring a homemade ice cream social on Sunday, July 20, from 11 a.m -1 p.m. Free will donation to Church Improvement Fund.

### Serving Today

Pastor James L. Castello

Worship & Music Coordinator & Organist - Angela Tonjes

Reader - Bill Panning

Sound Board - Larry Ashbaugh

Acolytes - Ryan Kruse & Seth Tonjes

Ushers - Alan Storch, Norm Bostelman, Terry Walther, Tom Jenny

Altar Guild - Sandi Borstelman & Laura Ellis-Kruse

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

### Mud Hens

Home Plate Event at the Toledo Mud Hens will be held Sunday, July 13. Players and coaches from both teams, along with special guest speaker Jason Hanson (21-year NFL veteran, two-time Pro Bowler and former Detroit Lions Kicker), will share their faith in Jesus Christ at this unique event. Program begins at 4 p.m. First pitch at 6 p.m. Package includes hot dog and game ticket, Postgame Kids Run the Bases, Postgame Fireworks. Group cost is \$14.00 each. Registration information is posted on the bulletin board outside the church office.



### *People in our prayers:*

Linda

Kim Corder

Jackie

Bob & Esther Dennie

Margery Downs

Alfred & Rita Prigge

Terry Doda

Josh Badenhop

Rudy & Ann Rabe

Kelly Garst

Don & Susan Drewes

Susan Allen

Pat Badenhop

Beth Jenny

Arleta Panning

Josh Bevelle

Louisa Bevelle

Sandi Borstelman

Russ Van Meter

Sandy Bostelman

Kaden Michaelis

Lorna Bostelman

Cass Boulton

Norbert Brandt

Roma Brown

Valerie

Jane Yunk

Jeff Brown

Anna Long

Colleen Cable

Juanita Clausen

Lucy Zwiebel

Irene Cordes

Steven

Paul Cousino

Jeannie Curtis

Ron Dachenhaus

Dave & Betty Meyer

Rudy Eickhoff

Eleanor Engler

Crystal Garcia

Allie Grace Small

Linda Hill

Richard Hoover

Jordan James

Alexa Jennings

Mary Brown

Joshua Jenny

Dustin Brown

Audrey Schroeder

Lucas King

Fred Kloos

Len Kolbe

Marlene Kryder

Alice Langenhop

Brent Leiter

Sarah Lenhart

Tammy Porter

Paul Long

Mary Lou Zwiebel

Ken Ludeman

Linda Lulfs

Ben Michaelis

Jamie Bostelman

Mildred Miller

Emma Mires

Brent Thompson

Shirlee Mires Fejes

Betsy Mix

Donna Norden

Alyce Oberhaus

Paul Panning

Carol Baerlin

Leota Pedraza

Robert Plassman

Lois Plotts

Naomi Rhodes

Lucas Rosebrock

Brennan

Deb Schink

Chris Schmidtmeyer

Amos Showman

Melanie Simpson

Dick Brown

Miranda Schink

Norma Strayer

George & Cindy Pope

Roman Strohm

K T

Deb Tiffany

Ted Titgemeyer

Kelly Troyer

Charlotte Wangrin

Jeff Warner

Lois Wiechers

Andrew Williams

Bill Winseman

Bethany Wolfe

Landon Zunk

Stan & Eileen Mabee

***We pray for people having birthdays this week ...***

Jaycob Celani	Deborah Nation	Kevin Good	Peggy Bertz
Amanda Dilbone	Cason Callaway	Erica Godsey	Eric Rohrs
Konner Gerken	Gregory Peper	Emily Jordan	Lori Sharpe
Mark Tonjes	Melvin Wachtmann	Dorothy Vasher	

***and anniversaries ..***

Brian & Stephanie Nelson    Jason & Emily Jordan    Tom & Beth Jenny  
Paul & Ruth Ann Weiss    Jack & Jill Walters

***and for those in the military ...***

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



**What a heart is really for**

As much as I love the 1939 movie *The Wizard of Oz*, I have a gripe with one line near the end. As the would-be wizard bestows on the scarecrow, tin man and lion symbols of what they've been seeking but in fact already possess — a brain, a heart and courage — he says to the tin man, "Remember ... a heart is not judged by how much you love, but by how much you are loved by others."

"No!" I always protest aloud. Society often functions as if it were so, but Jesus taught, "Love one another as I have loved you" (John 15:12, NRSV). How we relate to others — our "heart" — is indeed judged by how much we love. The only sense in which the wizard's words carry a sliver of truth is that we are judged by how much we're loved by God, who counts us precious through his grace.

-Heidi Mann