

# Emanuel Lutheran Church, Napoleon, Ohio

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## Fifth Sunday after Pentecost — July 13, 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

### 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 LBW # 369**      *The Church's One Foundation*

#### \* 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 Almighty God, we thank you for planting in us the seed of your word. By your Holy Spirit help us to receive it with joy, live according to it, and grow in faith and hope and love; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C **Amen**

#### FIRST READING: Isaiah 55:10–13

<sup>10</sup>For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven,

and do not return there until they have watered the earth,

making it bring forth and sprout,

giving seed to the sower and bread to

the eater,

<sup>11</sup>so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth;

it shall not return to me empty,

but it shall accomplish that which I

purpose,

and succeed in the thing for which I

sent it.

<sup>12</sup>For you shall go out in joy,

and be led back in peace;

the mountains and the hills before you shall burst into song,

and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.

<sup>13</sup>Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress;

instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle;

and it shall be to the LORD for a memorial,

for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.

A The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

#### PSALM 65:[1–8] 9–14

[You are to be praised, O<sup>1</sup> God, in Zion;\* to you shall vows be performed<sup>1</sup> in Jerusalem.

<sup>2</sup>To you that hear prayer shall<sup>1</sup> all flesh come,\* because of<sup>1</sup> their transgressions.

<sup>3</sup>Our sins are stron-<sup>1</sup>ger than we are,\* but you will<sup>1</sup> blot them out.

**‘Happy are they whom you choose and draw to your | courts to dwell there!\***  
**They will be satisfied by the beauty of your house,**  
**by the holiness | of your temple.**

<sup>5</sup>Awesome things will you show us in your righteousness, O God of | our salvation,\*  
O Hope of all the ends of the earth and of the seas that are | far away.

**<sup>6</sup>You make fast the mountains | by your power;\***  
**they are girded a- | bout with might.**

<sup>7</sup>You still the roaring | of the seas,\*  
the roaring of their waves, and the clamor | of the peoples.

**<sup>8</sup>Those who dwell at the ends of the earth**  
**will tremble at your | marvelous signs;\***  
**you make the dawn and the dusk to | sing for joy.]**

<sup>9</sup>You visit the earth and water it abundantly; you make it | very plenteous;\*  
the river of God is | full of water.

**<sup>10</sup>You pre- | pare the grain,\***  
**for so you provide | for the earth.**

<sup>11</sup>You drench the furrows and smooth | out the ridges;\*  
with heavy rain you soften the ground and | bless its increase.

**<sup>12</sup>You crown the year | with your goodness,\***  
**and your paths over- | flow with plenty.**

<sup>13</sup>May the fields of the wilderness be | rich for grazing,\*  
and the hills be | clothed with joy.

**<sup>14</sup>May the meadows cover themselves with flocks,**  
**and the valleys cloak them- | selves with grain;\***  
**let them shout for | joy and sing.**

### **SECOND READING: Romans 8:1–11**

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. <sup>2</sup>For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. <sup>3</sup>For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do: by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and to deal with sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, <sup>4</sup>so that the

just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. <sup>5</sup>For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. <sup>6</sup>To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace.

<sup>7</sup>For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law — indeed it cannot, <sup>8</sup>and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

<sup>9</sup>But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him.

<sup>10</sup>But if Christ is in you, though the body is

dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. <sup>11</sup>If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

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 13:1–9, 18–23**

<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 LBW # 479** *My Faith Looks Up to Thee*

## SERMON

\* **HYMN LBW # 235** *Break Now the Bread of Life*

### \* 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 Merciful God, you give your word to guide, correct, teach, and inspire. Draw us into your story, and give us wisdom, understanding, and obedient hearts as we follow your Son Jesus. Lord, in your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

A The amazing cycle of birth, growth, and death sustains your creation. Bring forth an abundant harvest, keep farmers safe, and teach us to cherish life in all its forms and stages. Lord, in your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

A In places of war, bring peace, and in places of hatred, sow love. Help world leaders set aside their prejudices, put down their weapons, and work together for the good of all people. Lord, in your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

A We live in a land of plenty, and still there are those without enough to eat. Give us generous hearts to those who are hungry. Bless the hands of those who work so that others might eat. Lord, in your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

A Raise up leaders for your church who will tend to your harvest. We lift up seminaries and church colleges, bishops and synod staffs, Lutheran World Relief and the Lutheran World Federation, as they live out their callings to serve. Lord, in your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

A Bless the memory of those who now worship at your eternal throne and bless those who worship in hopeful expectation of your eternal kingdom. Lord, in your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

*Other petitions.*

P 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. Lord, in your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

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

### \* OFFERTORY

For the fruit of all creation, thanks be to God.

For these gifts to ev'ry nation, thanks be to God.

For the plowing, sowing, reaping, silent growth while we are sleeping,  
future needs in earth's safe-keeping, thanks be to God.

**\* 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**

**\* 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 # 509** *Onward, Christian Soldiers*

**\* DISMISSAL**

A Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE**

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**Altar flowers**

Flowers are given to the glory of God by Rupert & Rita Schweinhagen in honor of their 53<sup>rd</sup> wedding anniversary.

**Rosebud**

God's blessings to Chris & Amber Reed on the birth of Ashlyn Marie on July 6!

**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 hosts today are the choir altos and basses. Next week's hosts will be the Education & Finance Boards.

**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! Holy Communion this week.

**This Week**

Monday	9:30 a.m.	Ruth Circle
	7:30 p.m.	Naomi Circle
Tuesday	6:30 p.m.	Miriam Circle
Wednesday	5:00 p.m.	Soul Food
Thursday	9:00 a.m.	Bible Study
	7:00 p.m.	Worship with Holy Communion

### **Statistics**

7/3 attendance 37 7/6 attendance 143 communed 132 Offerings \$9,041.18 (includes \$965 Bldg Fd; \$10 Wrld Hngr; \$120 Endowment Fd; \$10 memorial to Bldg Fd-Velma Bostelman; \$288 CROP Walk; \$2,949.18 Benefits Reimbursement) Simply Giving (6/30 - 7/6) \$715 Gen Fd; \$145 Bldg Fd)

### **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.

### **Wish List**

Large Box of Tissues	Glue Sticks	Pack of 100 3x5 Index Cards
#2 Pencils	Wide Ruled Spiral Notebook	10 Count Washable Markers
Large Pink Erasers	Wide Ruled Loose Leaf Paper	Book Covers
24 Count Box Crayola Crayons	Plastic Pencil Box with Lid	Baby Wipes
Red Ink Pens	Pkgs of 5 & 8 Subject Dividers	Clorox Wipes
Blue or Black Ink Pens	Fat Dry Erase Markers	Sanitizing or Wet Wipes
Highlighters	8 Count Watercolor Paints	Gallon & Quart Ziploc Bags
Rulers with Centimeters	Scissors – Pointed & Safety	Backpacks
Elmer's Glue All	Zippered Pencil Pouch	

### **Also...**

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"!

### **Serving Today**

Pastor James L. Castello  
Worship & Music Coordinator & Organist - Angela Tonjes  
Guest Organist - Pat Mohring  
Reader - Bill Panning  
Sound Board - Larry Ashbaugh  
Acolytes - Carl Yaney & Keegan Schroeder  
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

### **Mud Hens**

Home Plate Event at the Toledo Mud Hens is being held today. 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.

### **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.

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### **True sacrifice**

In 1 Chronicles 21, King David prepares to offer God a sacrifice of repentance. The man from whom David must purchase supplies is so eager to help that he offers everything for free. David replies, "No. I'm buying it from you, and at the full market price. I'm not going to offer GOD sacrifices that are no sacrifice" (v. 24, *The Message*).

How often we do that ourselves: forgo a latte to put a few dollars into the collection plate ... read Scripture for only five minutes a day ... say we're too busy for a service project, then spend hours watching TV .... The list goes on.

It's not that we should "give 'til it hurts"; it's about giving 'til it feels good! God doesn't need our sacrifices; we do. Our faith grows when we challenge ourselves to give up something less valuable to embrace the richness of God. When we give more than we're comfortable giving, our need for control is replaced by confidence that God holds us.

*But as for what was sown on  
good soil, this is the one who  
hears the word and  
understands it, who indeed  
bears fruit...*

*Matthew 13:23, NRSV*

