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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 *Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us*

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 # 407** *Come, You Thankful People, Come*

*** 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 O Lord, pour out upon us the spirit to think and do what is right, that we, who cannot even exist without you, may have the strength to live according to your will; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen

FIRST READING: Isaiah 44:6–8

⁶Thus says the LORD, the King of Israel,
and his Redeemer, the LORD of hosts:
I am the first and I am the last;
besides me there is no god.

⁷Who is like me? Let them proclaim it,
let them declare and set it forth before
me.

Who has announced from of old the
things to come?

Let them tell us what is yet to be.

⁸Do not fear, or be afraid;
have I not told you from of old and
declared it?

You are my witnesses!

Is there any god besides me?
There is no other rock; I know not
one.

A The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM 86:11–17

Teach me your way, O LORD, and I will walk ¹ in your truth;*
knit my heart to you that I may ¹ fear your name.

**¹²I will thank you, O LORD my God, with ¹ all my heart,*
and glorify your name for- ¹ evermore.**

¹³For great is your ¹ love toward me;*
you have delivered me from the neth- ¹ ermost pit.

**¹⁴The arrogant rise up against me, O God,
and a band of violent men ¹ seeks my life;*
they have not set you be- ¹ fore their eyes.**

¹⁵But you, O LORD, are gracious and full ¹ of compassion,*
slow to anger, and full of kind- ¹ ness and truth.

**¹⁶Turn to me and have mer- ¹ cy upon me;*
give your strength to your servant; and save the child ¹ of your handmaid.**

¹⁷Show me a sign of your favor,
so that those who hate me may see it and ¹ be ashamed;*
because you, O LORD, have helped me and com- ¹ forted me.

SECOND READING: Romans 8:12–25

¹²So then, brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh — ¹³for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. ¹⁴For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. ¹⁵For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, "Abba! Father!" ¹⁶it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, ¹⁷and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ — if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

¹⁸I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. ¹⁹For the creation waits with eager longing for

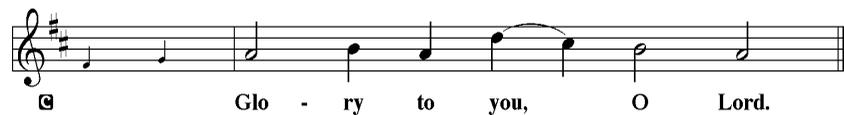
the revealing of the children of God; ²⁰for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope ²¹that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. ²²We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; ²³and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. ²⁴For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? ²⁵But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION 🎵

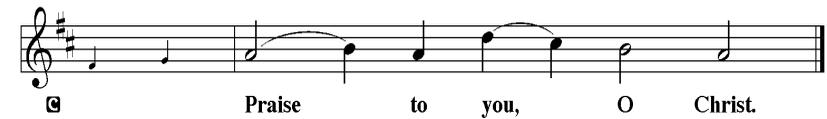
We do not live by bread alone, but by ev'ry word that proceeds from the mouth of God. Al-le-lu, al-le-lu-ia.

*** GOSPEL: Matthew 13:24–30, 36–43**



²⁴He put before them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; ²⁵but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. ²⁶So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. ²⁷And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, 'Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?' ²⁸He answered, 'An enemy has done this.' The slaves said to him, 'Then do you want us to go and gather them?' ²⁹But he replied, 'No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. ³⁰Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.'"

³⁶Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field." ³⁷He answered, "The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; ³⁸the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, ³⁹and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. ⁴⁰Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. ⁴¹The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, ⁴²and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. ⁴³Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!



HYMN LBW # 379 *Spread, Oh, Spread, Almighty Word*

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON "The Three Trees (a traditional folk tale)"
with narration, illustration, and harp

Narrator: Karri Ashbaugh
Illustrator: Alexandria Biederstedt

* **HYMN LBW # 327** *Rock of Ages*

* **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 AND OFFERINGS *Melody for Flute*

OFFERTORY *♩ (please remain seated)*

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 the silver, Yours the wealth of land and sea;
We but stewards of your bounty Held in solemn trust will be.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION *(please remain seated)*

A Filled by the Spirit, let us join the whole people of God in Christ Jesus in praying for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

Brief silence.

A Lord of the harvest, sow the seeds of your word throughout the world, that all your children grow into your kingdom. Use our hands to tend your garden, wherever it may be.
Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A Send the summer winds to bring much-needed rain and blow the hope of what is unseen through your creation, that it be set free from decay to bear good fruit. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A Lord of all nations, guide our leaders with your strength and wisdom as they search for common ground. Through your mercy show them the way to justice and peace. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A Teach your way, O Lord, to our congregation. Help us walk in your truth, grow together in your word, mirror your patience, treat one another with kindness, and sing your praises with undivided hearts. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A Lord of hosts, you are the first and the last, gathering all those who have gone before us into one. Thank you for your steadfast love and for their faithful witness. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

Other petitions.

P Listen to the cries of your people waiting patiently for your healing hand and comforting Spirit (*especially*). Ease the sufferings of this present time and fill us with hope. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Into your loving hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your abundant mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

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 LBW # 412** *Sing to the Lord of Harvest*

POSTLUDE *Sortie on Hursley*

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Altar flowers

Flowers are given to the glory of God by Bonnie Palamara in loving memory of Gary.

Vacation

Pastor and Carol will be on vacation until the evening of the 27th. Pastor Denise Brown is available in case of emergencies.

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 Education and Finance Boards. Next week’s host will be the Naomi Circle.

✘ We would like to thank everyone for their cards, prayers, love and support during the death of my husband, Mel. A special thank you to Pastor Castello for his time spent with our family and the women of the church for all their hard work put into the funeral luncheon. -Marge Lanzer and family

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!

Newsletter

The deadline for the August newsletter is noon tomorrow!

This Week

Monday	noon	Newsletter deadline
Wednesday	9:00 a.m.	Sewing
	5:00 p.m.	Soul Food
Thursday	7:00 p.m.	Worship

Statistics

7/10 attendance 57
7/13 attendance 92 communed 89 Offerings \$3,831.50 (includes \$260 Bldg Fd; \$5 Wrld Hngr)
Simply Giving (7/7 - 7/13) \$195 Gen Fd; \$45 Bldg Fd; \$25 Good Sam Fd; \$25 Wrld Hngr)

Serving Today

Pastor James L. Castello
Worship & Music Coordinator & Organist - Angela Tonjes
Leader - 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

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”!

Ice Cream Social

Zion Lutheran Church in Ridgeville Corners is hosting an ice cream social today from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. Proceeds to Church Improvement Fund. Freewill donation.