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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 Meditation on *Kentucky*

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 # 241** *We Praise You, O God*

* 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 God, your ears are open always to the prayers of your servants. Open our hearts and minds to you, that we may live in harmony with your will and receive the gifts of your Spirit; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen

Special Music: *Thank You, Lord, for Your Blessings* -Lester Kruse

FIRST READING: 1 Kings 3:5–12

⁵At Gibeon the LORD appeared to Solomon in a dream by night; and God said, "Ask what I should give you." ⁶And Solomon said, "You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant my father David, because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart toward you; and you have kept for him this great and steadfast love, and have given him a son to sit on his throne today. ⁷And now, O LORD my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David, although I am only a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in. ⁸And your servant is in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a great people, so numerous they cannot be numbered or counted. ⁹Give

your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil; for who can govern this your great people?"

¹⁰It pleased the LORD that Solomon had asked this. ¹¹God said to him, "Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches, or for the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, ¹²I now do according to your word. Indeed I give you a wise and discerning mind; no one like you has been before you and no one like you shall arise after you.

A The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM 119:129–136

Psalm Refrain sung by Betty Mowery

Read responsively:

Your de- | crees are wonderful;*

therefore I obey them with | all my heart.

¹³⁰**When your word goes forth | it gives light;***

it gives understanding | to the simple.

¹³¹I open my | mouth and pant;*
I long for | your commandments.

¹³²**Turn to | me in mercy,***
as you always do to those who | love your name.

Psalm Refrain sung by Betty Mowery
Read responsively:

¹³³Steady my footsteps | in your word;*
let no iniquity have dominion | over me.

¹³⁴**Rescue me from those | who oppress me,***
and I will keep | your commandments.

¹³⁵Let your countenance shine up- | on your servant*
and teach | me your statutes.

¹³⁶**My eyes shed | streams of tears,***
because people do not | keep your law.

SECOND READING: Romans 8:26–39

²⁶Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. ²⁷And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

²⁸We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose.

²⁹For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. ³⁰And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified.

³¹What then are we to say about these

things? If God is for us, who is against us?

³²He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else?

³³Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. ³⁴Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. ³⁵Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? ³⁶As it is written,

"For your sake we are being killed all day long;

we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered."

³⁷No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us.

³⁸For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, ³⁹nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us

from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

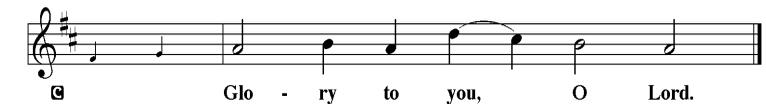
A The Word of the Lord.

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 13:31–33, 44–52



³¹He put before them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; ³²it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches."

³³He told them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened."

⁴⁴The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

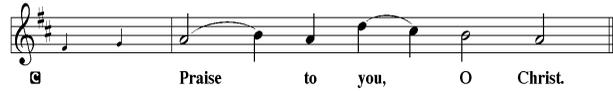
⁴⁵Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; ⁴⁶on

finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it.

⁴⁷Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; ⁴⁸when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. ⁴⁹So it will be at the end of the age.

The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous ⁵⁰and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

⁵¹Have you understood all this? They answered, "Yes." ⁵²And he said to them, "Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old."



HYMN WOV # 776 *Be Thou My Vision*

CHILDREN'S SERMON -Jack Robbins

SERMON

* **HYMN LBW # 294** *My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less*

* **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 *Just Closer Walk with Thee* -Lester Kruse

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 Gracious Lord, the unfolding of your words gives light to those who love your name throughout the world. Fill the hearts of all preachers and teachers with your wisdom. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A Your earth is filled with abundant life: fish, animals, and plants of all shapes and sizes, from the smallest shrub to the greatest tree. Teach us to conserve these gifts for the benefit of all. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A Righteous God, people of all nations clamor for justice. Give their leaders understanding minds to discern between good and evil, govern wisely, and listen to their suffering people. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A Search our hearts and minds and open the doors of this congregation to those who seek refuge or need a place to belong, that all who come to us find shelter in our life together. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A Your face shines upon those faithful servants who now rest with you in your heavenly kingdom. Remind us that neither death nor life can separate us from your love in Christ Jesus. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

Other petitions.

P Faithful One, we trust that all things work together for good. Bring hope to those who have no job, who have no place to call home, or who are in any need (*especially*). 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** 

Our Father, which 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 debts as we forgive our debtors.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil,

for Thine is the Kingdom and the Power and the Glory, forever. Amen.

* **BENEDICTION**

* **HYMN** *-sung by Marcus Mt. Castle*

POSTLUDE

Sent Forth by God's Blessing

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Altar flowers

Flowers are given to the glory of God by Maxine Eickhoff.

Pastor returns...

Pastor Castello will return to his office tomorrow. Thank you to Bill Panning for leading our worship this morning!

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 Naomi Circle. Next week's host will be the Bell Choir.

Thursday worship — See you at 7 p.m.!

Thursday evening services are casual and informal. Come as you are. (Many thanks to Tom Jenny for filling in for the Pastor last Thursday!)

Newsletter

The August newsletter is available for pick-up at both entrances.

We need you!

Readers and Sound Board operators are needed for the rest of the year! There are sign-up sheets on the bulletin board in the narthex.

Bloodmobile

The Red Cross Bloodmobile will be at the Ridgeville American Legion tomorrow from 12 - 6 p.m. Call 1-800-REDCROSS to schedule an appointment. Walk-ins are welcome!

This Week

Wednesday 5:00 p.m. Soul Food
7:30 p.m. WELCA Board
Thursday 9:00 a.m. Bible Study
7:00 p.m. Worship

Fair Parade Water Tent — Sunday, August 10

We are once again offering a community service here at Emanuel by having a tent out on the front lawn before the Tomato Festival Parade with hot dogs, cookies, and water. We are in need of hot dogs, buns, cookies (packaged in baggies of 2), and bottled water – as well as workers. We will meet at 2:30 p.m. to set up and begin serving at 3. We will be done before the parade starts! Please see Carol Castello to volunteer!

Statistics

7/17 attendance 53 communed 49
7/20 attendance 120 Offerings (TBA) Simply Giving (7/14 - 7/20) \$230 Gen Fd; \$70 Bldg Fd)

Caring Corner — School supplies for “Stuff the Bus” and for Lutheran World Relief

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 preacher - Bill Panning
Sound Board - Larry Ashbaugh
Acolytes - Abby Allison & Tessa Rhodes
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