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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 *I Surrender All*

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 # 252** *You Servants of 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 God of all creation, you reach out to call people of all nations to your kingdom. As you gather disciples from near and far, count us also among those who boldly confess your Son Jesus Christ as Lord.

C Amen

FIRST READING: Isaiah 51:1–6

Listen to me, you that pursue
righteousness,

you that seek the LORD.

Look to the rock from which you were
hewn,
and to the quarry from which you were
dug.

²Look to Abraham your father
and to Sarah who bore you;
for he was but one when I called him,
but I blessed him and made him many.

³For the LORD will comfort Zion;
he will comfort all her waste places,
and will make her wilderness like
Eden,
her desert like the garden of the LORD;
joy and gladness will be found in her,
thanksgiving and the voice of song.

⁴Listen to me, my people,
and give heed to me, my nation;

for a teaching will go out from me,
and my justice for a light to the
peoples.

⁵I will bring near my deliverance swiftly,
my salvation has gone out
and my arms will rule the peoples;
the coastlands wait for me,
and for my arm they hope.

⁶Lift up your eyes to the heavens,
and look at the earth beneath;
for the heavens will vanish like smoke,
the earth will wear out like a garment,
and those who live on it will die like
gnats;
but my salvation will be forever,
and my deliverance will never be
ended.

A The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM 138

I will give thanks to you, O LORD, with ¹my whole heart;*
before the gods I will ¹sing your praise.

²**I will bow down toward your holy temple and ¹praise your name,*
because of your ¹love and faithfulness;**

³for you have glori- ¹fied your name*
and your word a- ¹bove all things.

4When I called, you answered me;* you increased my strength within me.

⁵All the kings of the earth will praise you, O LORD,*
when they have heard the words of your mouth.

6They will sing of the ways of the LORD,* that great is the glory of the LORD.

⁷Though the LORD be high, he cares for the lowly;*
he perceives the haughty from afar.

**8Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you keep me safe;*
you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies;
your right hand shall save me.**

⁹The LORD will make good his purpose for me;*
O LORD, your love endures forever; do not abandon the works of your hands.

SECOND READING: Romans 12:1–8

I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. ²Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God — what is good and acceptable and perfect.

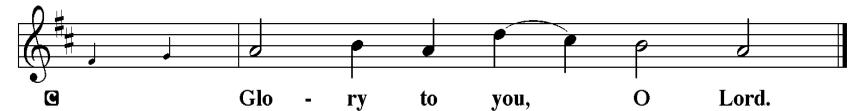
³For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. ⁴For as in one body we

have many members, and not all the members have the same function, ⁵so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. ⁶We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ⁷ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; ⁸the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

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

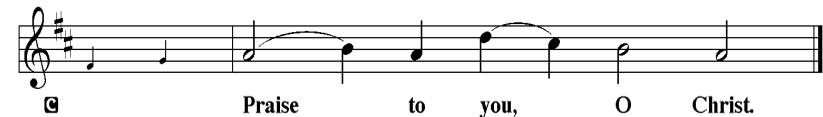
GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*** GOSPEL: Matthew 16:13–20**



¹³Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" ¹⁴And they said, "Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." ¹⁵He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" ¹⁶Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." ¹⁷And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and

blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. ¹⁸And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. ¹⁹I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven." ²⁰Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.



CHILDREN’S SERMON

Special Music: *Make This Child Yours* -Peggy Snyder

BAPTISM OF ASHLYN MARIE REED

PRESENTATION

P In Holy Baptism our gracious heavenly Father liberates us from sin and death by joining us to the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. We are born children of a fallen humanity; in the waters of Baptism we are reborn children of God and inheritors of eternal life. By water and the Holy Spirit we are made members of the Church which is the body of Christ. As we live with him and with his people, we grow in faith, love, and obedience to the will of God.

Parents and Sponsors: I present **Ashlyn Marie Reed** to receive the Sacrament of Holy Baptism.

P In Christian love you have presented this child for Holy Baptism. You should, therefore, faithfully bring her to the services of God's house, and teach her the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments. As she grows in years, you should place in her hands the Holy Scriptures and provide for her instruction in the Christian faith, that, living in the covenant of her Baptism and in communion with the Church, she may lead a godly life until the day of Jesus Christ. Do you promise to fulfill these obligations?

Parents and Sponsors: I do.

THANKSGIVING

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give him thanks and praise.

P Holy God, mighty Lord, gracious Father: We give you thanks, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and you created heaven and earth.

By the gift of water you nourish and sustain us and all living things. By the waters of the flood you condemned the wicked and saved those whom you had chosen, Noah and his family. You led Israel by the pillar of cloud and fire through the sea, out of slavery into the freedom of the promised land. In the waters of the Jordan your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Spirit. By the baptism of his own death and resurrection your beloved Son has set us free from the bondage to sin and death, and has opened the way to the joy and freedom of everlasting life. He made water a sign of the kingdom and of cleansing and rebirth. In obedience to his command, we make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Pour out your Holy Spirit, so that she who is here baptized may be given new life. Wash away the sin of her who is cleansed by this water and bring her forth as an inheritor of your glorious kingdom.

To you be given praise and honor and worship through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

C Amen

RENUNCIATION AND PROFESSION

P I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the Church, the faith in which we baptize.

P Do you renounce all the forces of evil, the devil, and all his empty promises?

Parents and Sponsors: I do.

P Do you believe in God the Father?

C I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

P Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

C 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.

P Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

C 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

BAPTISM

P **Ashlyn Marie Reed**, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen

LAYING ON OF HANDS

P God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we give you thanks for freeing your sons and daughters from the power of sin and for raising them up to a new life through this holy sacrament. Pour your Holy Spirit upon **Ashlyn**: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence.

C Amen

SIGNING WITH THE CROSS

P **Ashlyn**, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever. Amen

GIVING OF THE LIGHT

A Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

PRAYER FOR PARENTS

P O God, the giver of all life, look with kindness upon **Christopher** and **Amber**. Let them ever rejoice in the gift you have given them. Make them teachers and examples of righteousness for their children. Strengthen them in their own Baptism so they may share eternally with their children the salvation you have given them, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen

WELCOME

A Through Baptism God has made this new sister a member of the priesthood we all share in Christ Jesus, that we may proclaim the praise of God and bear his creative and redeeming Word to all the world.

C We welcome you into the Lord's family. We receive you as a fellow member of the body of Christ, child of the same heavenly Father, and worker with us in the kingdom of God.

HYMN WOV # 770 *Borning Cry*

SERMON

* **HYMN LBW # 415** *God of Grace and God of Glory*

TITHES AND OFFERINGS *O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus* -Terry Hershberger

OFFERTORY 🎵 *(please stay seated)*

Freely give your time and talents, they are gifts from God above,
To be used by Christians daily, to proclaim his wondrous love.
Come again to serve the Savior, tithes and offerings with you bring.
In your work, with him find favor, and with joy his praises sing.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION *(please stay 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 church, remind us that though we are many, we are one body in Christ. Teach us to use our grace-given gifts with generosity, compassion, and humility. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A Your Spirit blows over all the wild places of this earth, reminding us who is in control. Preserve the wilderness areas and coastlands, and help us minimize our impact upon the land. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A Transform all nations by renewing the minds of their people. Provide adequate educational facilities and well-trained teachers for students of every age so that they learn, grow, and fulfill your purpose for their lives. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A Give a discerning spirit to our congregation as we prepare for outreach ministries, programming for families and youth, and meaningful worship. Assign each member a measure of faith to make your vision a reality. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A We give you heartfelt thanks for the diligent leadership and faithful service of those who have died and now rest in you. Continue to build your church upon that strong and enduring foundation. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

Other petitions.

P Stretch out your hand to preserve us from trouble and deliver us from poverty. We pray for peace and reconciliation among all people. 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 # 381** *Hark, the Voice of Jesus Calling*

POSTLUDE *Postlude in D*

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Altar flowers

Flowers are given to the glory of God by Shirlee Mires Fejes in loving memory of Ray & Melle Landversicht; and by Alan & Shelly Storch in honor of their 25th wedding anniversary.

Baptism

God's blessings on Ashlyn Marie, daughter of Christopher and Amber (Hoffman) Reed, who is being baptized this morning. Ashlyn's sponsors are Jessica Reed, Jacob Skeens, and Meghan Skeens.

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 Miriam Circle. Next week's host is Living Spirit.

Two Services

Mark your calendars...we will return to having two services on Sunday, September 7!

Rally Day!!! SEPTEMBER 7

Sunday, September 7, will be RALLY DAY at Emanuel!!! We will kick off the Sunday School year with some fun during the regular Sunday School hour at 9:15. Then, following the 10:30 worship service, everyone is welcome for a potluck lunch and some ice cream "sundaes on Sunday"! Please bring a dish to share. EVERYONE is welcome!!!

We need you!

Needed: Reader for early service in October. Also needed are Sound board operators for September and October!! There are sign-up sheets on the bulletin board in the narthex.

Thursday worship — See you at 7 p.m.!

Thursday evening services are casual and informal. Come as you are.

This Week

Today	10:00 a.m.	private party
Wednesday	9:00 a.m.	Sewing
	5:00 p.m.	Soul Food
Thursday	9:00 a.m.	Bible Study
	7:00 p.m.	Worship

Newsletter

Be sure to pick up your copy of the new September/October newsletter available at both entrances!

Lutheran World Relief Kits

On the Caring Corner table there are instructions on the different kits (Personal Care, Baby, Fabric, School). There are empty School Kit Bags already made so all you have to do is fill one. If you don't sew or cannot be a part of a kit-making project, please consider donating to the women of the church to be donated to LWR Quilt & Kit Shipping Fund. For every \$1 you give, someone in need receives \$8 worth of essential personal items. The kits must be turned in to the Caring Corner table, and monetary donations must be made by October 5. If You have questions, please contact Julie Callaway 419.966.3824. Monetary donations can be turned in to the church office.

Choir Party (this is a change!)

The Choir party is being postponed to a later date. Choir practices will start as scheduled on September 3 at 6:30 p.m.

Flowers needed

Flowers are needed for September 28 and October 5! Please sign the flower chart or call the office.

Statistics

8/14 attendance 41

8/17 attendance 122 Offerings \$4,420.00 (\$225 Bldg Fd; \$5 Wrld Hgr)

Simply Giving (8/11 - 8/17) \$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”!

Conference Women Missionary Sponsorship

Please consider your contribution to this project which is explained in Emanuel’s September newsletter. An envelope marked ELCA Missionary Fund is enclosed in your newsletter. If you receive the newsletter by email, there are also envelopes available at both church entrances. If paying by check, please make check payable to Emanuel Women of the Church. You may place your offering in the marked envelope in the offering plate, give it to Janice Rohrs, Joan Collier, your circle leader, or leave it at the church office. All women and men are encouraged to participate in this project of the Maumee Valley Conference Women of the ELCA. Contributions will be accepted through September. Thank you for your support!

Serving Today

Pastor James L. Castello

Worship & Music Coordinator & Organist - Angela Tonjes

Reader - Carol Castello

Sound Board - Joe Kohout

Acolytes - Zachary Skeens & Meghan Skeens

Ushers - Ken Lange, Tom Schroeder, Kurt Rohrs, Denny Ehlers

Altar Guild - Phyllis Kloos & Karri Ashbaugh

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

Women of the Church General Meeting

The Women of the Church will have a general meeting on Thursday, September 4, at 7:30 p.m. The program will be an update about the Filling Home by Carol Dille from the Filling Guild and by a representative of the Home’s employees. There will be election of officers and a vote on the changes to the By-laws of the WELCA Constitution that were presented at the June meeting. The Miriam Circle will be the hostess circle.