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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 *-Harp selections*
Ringing of the Bell

(10:30) *Abbot's Leigh* -Bell Choir

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*** CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, the Sovereign over all the earth, the Wisdom from on high, our merciful Judge and Savior.

C Amen.

P Let us boldly approach the throne of grace, trusting in God's mercy and love.
Generous and faithful God,

C we confess to you all the ways, known and unknown, that we reject and undermine your steadfast love. Though you made us your people, we treat strangers with suspicion. Though you forgave our debts, we collect without mercy. Yet we are quick to pass judgment on others. Have mercy on us, O God, and remember your promise to us, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

P The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God will stand forever. Through the living Word, Jesus Christ, God forgives your every debt, your every sin, and gives you a new heart and a new spirit.

C Amen

HYMN WOV # 718 *Here in This Place*

*** 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 *Let us pray.* Lord God, so rule and govern our hearts and minds by your Holy Spirit that, always keeping in mind the end of all things and the day of judgment, we may be stirred up to holiness of life here and may live with you forever in the world to come, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen

(10:30) **Special Music:** *Blessings* -Living Spirit

FIRST READING: Zephaniah 1:7, 12–18

⁷Be silent before the Lord GOD!

For the day of the LORD is at hand;
the LORD has prepared a sacrifice,
he has consecrated his guests.

¹²At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps,
and I will punish the people
who rest complacently on their dregs,
those who say in their hearts,
"The LORD will not do good,
nor will he do harm."

¹³Their wealth shall be plundered,
and their houses laid waste.
Though they build houses,
they shall not inhabit them;
though they plant vineyards,
they shall not drink wine from them.

¹⁴The great day of the LORD is near,
near and hastening fast;
the sound of the day of the LORD is
bitter,
the warrior cries aloud there.

¹⁵That day will be a day of wrath,
a day of distress and anguish,

a day of ruin and devastation,
a day of darkness and gloom,
a day of clouds and thick darkness,
¹⁶a day of trumpet blast and battle cry
against the fortified cities
and against the lofty battlements.

¹⁷I will bring such distress upon people
that they shall walk like the blind;
because they have sinned against the
LORD,
their blood shall be poured out like dust,
and their flesh like dung.

¹⁸Neither their silver nor their gold
will be able to save them
on the day of the LORD's wrath;
in the fire of his passion
the whole earth shall be consumed;
for a full, a terrible end
he will make of all the inhabitants of
the earth.

A The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM 90 (verses by praise team, refrain by congregation)

Refrain:

1. Teach us to number our days, that we may gain wisdom of heart.
Return, O Lord our God, have pity on your servants. *Refrain:*
2. Fill us at dawn with your kindness, that we may shout for joy and gladness.
Make us glad for the days when you afflicted us, for the years when we saw evil. *Refrain:*
3. Let your work be seen by your servants, and your glory by their children.
May your gracious care be ours. Prosper the work of our hands. *Refrain:*

SECOND READING: 1 Thessalonians 5:1–11

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. ²For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. ³When they say, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! ⁴But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; ⁵for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. ⁶So then let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; ⁷for those who sleep sleep at

night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. ⁸But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. ⁹For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, ¹⁰who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. ¹¹Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

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

*** GOSPEL: Matthew 25:14–30**

¹⁴For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; ¹⁵to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. ¹⁶The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. ¹⁷In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. ¹⁸But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. ¹⁹After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled

accounts with them. ²⁰Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.' ²¹His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' ²²And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.' ²³His master said to him, 'Well done, good

and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' ²⁴Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; ²⁵so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' ²⁶But his master replied, 'You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter?' ²⁷Then you ought to have invested my money

with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. ²⁸So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. ²⁹For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. ³⁰As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'

P The Gospel of our Lord.

C **Thanks be to God**

CHILDREN'S SERMON

HYMN *You Are the Voice* (verses by praise team, refrain by congregation)

Refrain:

1. Praise for the light that shines through the night,
From darkness to light, from death to new life,
And praise to the morning that brings forth the sun,
To open our eyes to the Lord! To open our eyes to the Lord! *Refrain:*
2. Praise for the water that springs from the sea,
The seed that gives life to all who believe,
God's love overflowing, our hearts know the joy
To be daughters and sons of the Lord! To be daughters and sons of the Lord! *Refrain:*
3. Praise for the singing and praise for the dance,
With new heart and voice, all raise the song
Of praise to creation, all heaven and earth,
Come sing of the glory of God! Come sing to the glory of God! *Refrain:*

SERMON

* **HYMN** *You Are Mine* (verses by praise team, refrain by congregation)
(verses are on the next page)

Refrain:

1. I will come to you in the silence, I will lift you from all year fear.
You will hear my voice I claim you as my choice,
Be still and know I am here. *(No refrain....)*
2. I am hope for all who are hopeless, I am eyes for all who long to see.
In the shadows of the night, I will be your light, come and rest in me. *Refrain:*
3. I am strength for all the despairing, healing for the ones who dwell in shame.
All the blind will see, the lame will all run free, and all will know my name. *Refrain:*
4. I am the Word that leads to all freedom, I am the peace the world cannot give.
I will call your name, embracing all your pain, stand up, now walk, and live! *Refrain:*

*** 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 (8:00) *Blessings* -Living Spirit
(10:30) *Go Down, Moses* -Bell Choir

OFFERTORY

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PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION *(please stay seated)*

A Remembering the saints who have gone before us and giving thanks for God's blessings, we pray for the church, all in need, and God's good creation.

Brief silence.

A We pray for the church, that it continues to sow seeds of mercy, love, forgiveness, and joy, even as it anticipates your coming again to bring restoration to the new heaven and earth. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A We pray for all creation, for the wonder of climate and tide, of mountains, valleys, rivers, and oceans, that we become better stewards of this bounty. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A We pray for all nations, their leaders and governments, that they replace power, pride, greed, and enmity with justice, mercy, reconciliation, and peacemaking. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A We pray for our congregation's leaders, that they continue to encourage us and send us out in peace and love to follow your call. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A We give thanks for all the saints, for their faithfulness and perseverance in following you, whose examples will bring us closer to you. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

Other petitions.

P We pray for the lonely, the disheartened, those who suffer from debilitating illness, those who cannot speak for themselves, and those in any need (*especially*). Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Receive our prayers and hopes, Good Shepherd, and bring us safely into all joy and peace, through Christ our Lord.

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 WOV # 754** *Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ*

POSTLUDE *Ancient of Days*

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Altar flowers

Flowers are given to the glory of God by Chris & Maureen Peper in honor of their wedding anniversary.

Baptism

God's blessings to Kasen Lucas Vajen, son of Kodi Nafziger and Kylie Vajen, who is being baptized later this morning. Kasen's sponsors are Brooke Thomas and Katelynn Mount.

God's blessings also to Alicyn Michelle Hopkins who was baptized last Sunday morning!

Thanksgiving Service

Emanuel is hosting the Community Thanksgiving Service on Wednesday, November 26 at 7:00 p.m. Music will be provided by Rainbow Ringers, our hand mime group, a mass choir and bell choir (rehearsal for adult musicians at 6:00 p.m.). Refreshments will be served after the service.

Salvation Army Bell Ringers Needed

The Salvation Army is seeking bell ringers on **Saturday, December 6**, from 10 a.m. until 8 p.m. at the north and south doors of Walmart. These are 2-hour sessions. Please pick your time and sign up on the bulletin board by the church office.

2015 WELCA Board

The 2015 WELCA Board will have an organizational meeting on Wednesday, November 19, at 7:30 p.m.

Ushers needed

Ushers are needed for the 10:30 service starting in January. Sign-up is for one month at a time. Women are welcome! Please talk to Ken Lange to volunteer.

Thursday worship – 7:00 p.m.

Holy Communion will be offered at this final Thursday evening service for this year.

Thankoffering

The WELCA Thankoffering services will be on Thursday, November 20 and Sunday, November 23. Thankoffering envelopes are available at both entrances.

Statistics

11/06 attendance 38 11/9 attendance 60 & 118 (178) communed 100 Offerings \$4,892.50 (\$380 Bldg Fd; \$5 Wrld Hngr) also \$120 Memorials-Ron Dachenhaus: \$90 Endowment Fd; \$30 Gen Fd) Simply Giving (11/03 - 11/9) \$755 Gen Fd; \$145 Bldg Fd

This Week

Today 1:30 p.m. Girl Scouts
Monday noon Newsletter deadline
6:45 p.m. Executive Board
7:00 p.m. Church Council
Tuesday 7:30 p.m. Dartball here with Bryan United Wesleyan
Wednesday 3:15 p.m. After School Club
3:30 p.m. 6th grade catechism
4:30 p.m. 6th grade bells
5:00 p.m. Soul Food
6:00 p.m. Choir
6:00 p.m. 7th grade catechism
7:00 p.m. Living Spirit
7:30 p.m. 7th & 8th grade bells
7:30 p.m. 2015 WELCA Officers organizational meeting
8:00 p.m. 8th grade catechism
8:00 p.m. Emanubells
Thursday 9:00 a.m. Bible Study
7:00 p.m. Worship with Holy Communion

Newsletter

The deadline for the December newsletter is noon tomorrow.

Thank You

Thank you to everybody for your donations of food for Soul Food. And we certainly appreciate all the fine desserts we've gotten!

Serving Today

Pastor James L. Castello
Worship & Music Coordinator & Organist - Angela Tonjes
Reader - 8:00 Richard Landversicht 10:30 Shelly Storch
Sound Board - 8:00 Maxine Eickhoff 10:30 Jeff Sharpe
Acolytes - 8:00 Carl Yaney & Jayce Brubaker
10:30 Zachary Skeens & Elijah Wolf
Ushers - 10:30 Alan Storch, Norm Bostelman, Terry Walther, Tom Jenny
Altar Guild - Nanette Schwab & Shelly Storch
Prayer Chain Co-ordinator - Carol Castello (419-592-0847) or cjcast@yahoo.com

Christmas Cheer We are now collecting items for Christmas Cheer.

Needed: (Please check expiration dates and NO microwave items)

Canned vegetables	Crackers, Peanut Butter, Jelly Pudding, Jell-O,
Fruits, Soup, Stews, Meats	Cake Mixes, Frostings
Macaroni & Cheese Mixes, Spaghettios	Fruit Juices, Coffee, Tea, Kool-Aid
Spaghetti Sauces, Tomato Juice, Broths	Chocolate Drink Mixes
Noodles, Macaroni, Rice, Spaghetti	Toilet Tissue, Facial Tissue, Paper Towels
Potato Mixes, Stuffing Mixes	Bar Soap, Toothpaste, Shampoo
Cereals, Pancake Mixes, Syrups	

If you wish to make a monetary contribution, please make checks payable to **Henry County Christmas Cheer** and send to:

Henry County Christmas Cheer
c/o LeRoy Helberg
Q610 Co Rd 19
Napoleon, OH 43545

Needed!

Needed for December: Readers for both services and sound board operators for the late worship service!! Please sign up today!!

Concert

“Siberian Solstice” is a musical group from northwest Ohio providing an exciting contemporary 90-minute set of Christmas music as originally performed by the nationally acclaimed group “Trans-Siberian Orchestra”. They will have performances at various churches and schools in the area...locally at the Christ United Methodist Church on Sunday, November 30 at 6:30 p.m.

Breakfast Among the Trees

Symphony of Trees presents Breakfast Among the Trees on November 21, 7:00 a.m.-9:00 a.m. in The Armory Arts & Events Center. Come and enjoy a light continental breakfast (free will offering), browse the gift shop, and enjoy the decorations.

Decorating for Christmas

We will be decorating the church for Christmas on Saturday, November 29th. Your help will be greatly appreciated!!