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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

WELCA Thankoffering Service

PRELUDE *All Things Bright and Beautiful*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

* LITANY OF MANY GENERATIONS

L For the many generations, we give thanks to you, O God.

C For the many generations, we give thank to you, O God.

L We give thanks for Eve, Sarah and Rebekah, Deborah and Esther, Miriam and Naomi,

C God be praised.

L For Abigail and Ruth, Rachel and Rahab, Hagar and Hannah, All the faithful of Israel,

C God be praised.

L For the many generations, we give thanks to you, O God.

C For the many generations, we give thanks to you, O God.

L For the mother of our Lord, And Mary Magdalene, Joanna and Elizabeth, Mary and Martha,

C God be praised.

L For Anna and Lydia, Dorcas and Pheobe, The Samaritan woman, All who walked with Jesus,

C God be praised.

L For the many generations, we give thanks to you, O God.

C For the many generations, we give thanks to you, O God.

L For Agnes and Lucy, Joan and Cecilia, Perpetua and Felicity,

C God be praised.

L All who died for the faith, For Elizabeth Fedde, Hildegard of Bingen, Clare of San Damiano, All who vowed to serve you,

C God be praised.

L For the many generations, we give thanks to you, O God.

C For the many generations, we give thanks to you, O God.

L For Birgetta of Sweden, Florence Nightingale, Julian of Norwich, Teresa of Avila, For Clara Maass, Catherine of Siena, Katharine von Bora, All renewers of your church,

C God be praised.

L For the many generations, we give thanks to you, O God.

C For the many generations, we give thanks to you, O God.

L For Harriet Tubman, Sojourner Truth, Rosa Jensey Young, All renewers of society,

C God be praised.

S For our mothers and daughters, Our sisters and family, Generations before us, Generations to come,

C God be praised.

L For the many generations, we give thanks to you, O God.

C For the many generations, we give thanks to you, O God.

HYMN LBW # 409 *Praise and Thanksgiving*

* GREETING

L The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C And also with you.

* PRAYER OF THE DAY

L *Let us pray.* Holy and eternal One, from everlasting you are God, our dwelling place in all generations. With endless mercy you receive the prayers of all who call upon you. By your Spirit lead us to acknowledge your goodness and give thanks for your benefits; show us the things we ought to do, and give us the grace and power to do them, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen

(8:00) **Special Music:** *Abbot's Leigh* -Bell Choir

FIRST READING: Isaiah 58:6–12

⁶Is not this the fast that I choose:
to loose the bonds of injustice,
to undo the thongs of the yoke,
to let the oppressed go free,
and to break every yoke?

⁷Is it not to share your bread with the
hungry,
and bring the homeless poor into your
house;
when you see the naked, to cover them,
and not to hide yourself from your own
kin?

⁸Then your light shall break forth like the
dawn,
and your healing shall spring up quickly;
your vindicator shall go before you,
the glory of the LORD shall be your rear
guard.

⁹Then you shall call, and the LORD will
answer;
you shall cry for help, and he will say,
Here I am.

PSALM 112:1–9

Praise the LORD!

Happy are those who fear the LORD,
who greatly delight in his commandments.

²**Their descendants will be mighty in the land;
the generation of the upright will be blessed.**

³Wealth and riches are in their houses,
and their righteousness endures forever.

⁴**They rise in the darkness as a light for the upright;
they are gracious, merciful, and righteous.**

If you remove the yoke from among you,
the pointing of the finger, the speaking of
evil,

¹⁰if you offer your food to the hungry
and satisfy the needs of the afflicted,
then your light shall rise in the darkness
and your gloom be like the noonday.

¹¹The LORD will guide you continually,
and satisfy your needs in parched places,
and make your bones strong;
and you shall be like a watered garden,
like a spring of water,
whose waters never fail.

¹²Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt;
you shall raise up the foundations of many
generations;
you shall be called the repairer of the
breach,
the restorer of streets to live in.

A The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

⁵It is well with those who deal generously and lend,
who conduct their affairs with justice.

⁶**For the righteous will never be moved;
they will be remembered forever.**

⁷They are not afraid of evil tidings;
their hearts are firm, secure in the LORD.

⁸**Their hearts are steady, they will not be afraid;
in the end they will look in triumph on their foes.**

⁹They have distributed freely, they have given to the poor;
their righteousness endures forever;
their horn is exalted in honor.

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 2:1–12

When I came to you, brothers and sisters, I
did not come proclaiming the mystery of
God to you in lofty words or wisdom. ²For
I decided to know nothing among you
except Jesus Christ, and him crucified.
³And I came to you in weakness and in fear
and in much trembling. ⁴My speech and
my proclamation were not with plausible
words of wisdom, but with a demonstration
of the Spirit and of power, ⁵so that your
faith might rest not on human wisdom but
on the power of God.

⁶Yet among the mature we do speak
wisdom, though it is not a wisdom of this
age or of the rulers of this age, who are
doomed to perish. ⁷But we speak God's
wisdom, secret and hidden, which God
decreed before the ages for our glory.

⁸None of the rulers of this age understood
this; for if they had, they would not have

crucified the Lord of glory. ⁹But, as it is
written,
"What no eye has seen, nor ear heard,
nor the human heart conceived,
what God has prepared for those who love
him" —

¹⁰these things God has revealed to us
through the Spirit; for the Spirit searches
everything, even the depths of God. ¹¹For
what human being knows what is truly
human except the human spirit that is
within? So also no one comprehends what
is truly God's except the Spirit of God.

¹²Now we have received not the spirit of
the world, but the Spirit that is from God,
so that we may understand the gifts
bestowed on us by God.

A The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

*** GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** *(tune: The Church's One Foundation)*

To God all thanks and glory, to him be endless praise.
For he by grace has saved me, and leads me day by day.
How can I thank you, Jesus, how can I thank you, Lord?
I, with the hosts in heaven, praise you in one accord.

*** GOSPEL: Matthew 5:13–20**

¹³"You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot.

¹⁴"You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. ¹⁵No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. ¹⁶In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

¹⁷"Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. ¹⁸For truly I tell you,

until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter will pass from the law until all is accomplished.

¹⁹Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others to do the same, will be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. ²⁰For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.

L The Gospel of our Lord.

C Thanks be to God

CHILDREN'S SERMON -Barb Hoffman

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

SERMON -Barb Hoffman

HYMN *Do Something* -Marv Mt.Castle

TITHES AND OFFERINGS *-women of the church will take up the offering*

(8:00) *Go Down, Moses* -Bell Choir

(10:30) *Joshua* -Ryan Kruse

OFFERTORY ♪

We praise you, O God, our redeemer, creator;
In grateful devotion our tribute we bring,
We lay it before you; we kneel and adore you;
We bless your holy name; glad praises we sing.

With voices united our praises we offer
And gladly our songs of thanksgiving we raise.
With you, Lord, beside us, your strong arm will guide us.
To you, our great redeemer, forever be praise!

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION *(please stay seated)*

A Guided by the light of Christ made known to the generations, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all people in need.

Brief silence.

A Your light springs forth like the dawn. Call your church to share the mystery of your grace with a broken and searching world. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

A Increase our care for the earth and all its creatures. Help us reflect your light in our use of these good gifts. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A You care for the weak and the strong. Raise up leaders who will free the oppressed in all places. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A Give light and life to this gathering of faith, that we may delight to know your ways and share them with a world longing to know you. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A Bless the ministries of the Women of the ELCA that they may be a blessing to others in their congregations and communities. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A Satisfy our needs until we gather with all your saints from every time and place in your glorious light. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

Other petitions.

P Quickly send your healing for all in pain. Feed the hungry and shelter the homeless.

Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

P Into your hands, O God, we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting in your abundant mercy, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and 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 LBW # 412** *Sing to the Lord of Harvest*

*** SENDING**

L Go in peace, Christ is your light.

C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE Flourish on *Come, Ye Thankful People, Come*

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Altar flowers

Flowers are given to the glory of God by Norm & Kathy Bostelman.

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.

Filling Home Guild Membership Drive

Have you been putting off turning in your membership donation? Please do so as soon as possible (today would be good!). Place your \$1.00 (or more) into an envelope with your name, address, and phone number, and then place it in the offering plate, give it to your circle leader or to Rita Schweinhagen, or leave it in the church office. Checks should be made out to the Women's Guild of the Filling Memorial Home of Mercy.

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.

Door offering

We will have a door offering on December 7 and December 14 to capital improvements, including \$6,000 to repair the eavespouting. The balance will go toward retiring the building loan debt. Won't you please help? Thank you!

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.

Newsletters

Be sure to pick up a copy of the new December newsletter this morning.

Statistics

11/13 attendance 20 11/16 attendance 85 & 134 (219) Offerings \$4,388.05 (\$395 Bldg Fd; \$5 Wrld Hngr; \$14.59 Sun Sch; \$500 Angel Tree) also \$2,110 Memorials-Ron Dachenhaus Simply Giving (11/10 - 11/16) \$155 Gen Fd; \$45 Bldg Fd; \$25 Good Sam Fd; \$25 Wrld Hngr

WELCA General Meeting

A WELCA General Meeting will be held on Thursday, December 4 at 7:30 p.m. There will be installation of officers for 2015. The WELCA Board is asking that, if you can, you bring items for The Filling Home. Suggested items are **jello, rice, macaroni, spaghetti, noodles, ketchup, cream of wheat/rice, oatmeal, cold cereal, cake mixes, brown and white sugars, peanut butter, crackers (saltine and graham), all types of soups, canned meat, canned fruits and vegetables (all sizes), ziplock bags, cupcake liners, kitchen towels, paper towels, bathroom tissue, toothbrushes, Crest toothpaste (Tartar control), white bath towels, white hand towels, white or colored washcloths.** The Board also has a couple recommendations for organizations to which to donate from the WELCA treasury. Betty Mowery, program chairman, has asked Carol Armstrong, a Reflexologist, to speak and demonstrate what she does. This will be related to Scripture. It sounds very interesting. The hostess circle will be the Ruth Circle. Please plan to be there – all women of Emanuel are members and encouraged to attend!

Attention all women of the church:

Northwest Ohio Synod Women's Organization is starting to prepare for the Northwest Ohio Synod Convention on June 20, 2015 in Bowling Green. The Nominating Committee needs women to volunteer to serve as Officers and Board members to replace the present ones. The new ones will then be elected at this convention on June 20, 2015. Our Nominating Committee members will also need to be replaced at the same time. Please prayerfully consider this new opportunity to serve your Lord outside of your local church. Anyone who is interested, check with Wanda Norden (419-256-6283) who is on the Nominating Committee. Thank you for your help.

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.

Poinsettias

TODAY is the last day to order your poinsettias!!

Gestures of gratitude

In 2005, a female humpback whale became entangled in a web of crab traps and lines just east of the Farallon Islands, off the San Francisco coast. Hundreds of yards of line rope were wrapped around her body, tail, torso and mouth, weighing her down so much that she struggled to stay afloat.

A fisherman spotted the whale and radioed for help. When rescuers arrived, they determined that the only way to save the creature was to dive in and untangle her. This was a dangerous proposition, as one slap of the tail could be deadly.

Rescuers worked for hours with curved knives and eventually freed the whale. What she did next surprised the divers: She swam in what seemed like joyous circles, coming back to each person, one at a time, nudging them gently, in what rescuers assumed was a beautiful gesture of thanks.

May you and those you love be surrounded by people who help you get untangled from whatever is binding you and may you always know the joy of giving and receiving gratitude.

