

# Emanuel Lutheran Church, Napoleon, Ohio

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## Second Sunday after Epiphany — January 18, 2015

*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  
*God of Wonders* -praise team

**Ringing of the Bell**  
(10:30) *Melita* Bell Choir

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### \* **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, who spoke light into creation, who calls us to listen and follow, who sends us to shine like stars.

**C Amen.**

P Let us come before God, confessing our sin.

Holy and merciful God,

**C we confess that we have sinned against our sisters and brothers and against you. We cherish the values of this world. We cause others to stumble. The earth is wounded by our excess. Have mercy, O God. Forgive us, renew us, and raise us up on eagles' wings, that we may do your will with courage and delight. Amen.**

P Hear the voice from heaven: "You are my own, my beloved." God gives power to the weary and strengthens the powerless. Be cleansed, be healed, for in the name of Jesus Christ, I declare to you the forgiveness of your sins and the revealing of God's reign.

**C Amen.**

\* **HYMN WOV # 717** *Come, All You People* (Please join in **after** Living Spirit sings through all the verses one time.)

#### \* **GREETING**

P 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**

P *Let us pray.* Lord God, you showed your glory and led many to faith by the works of your Son. As he brought gladness and healing to his people, grant us these same gifts and lead us also to perfect faith in him, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C Amen.**

(10:30) **Special Music:** *Emmanuel, God with Us* -Living Spirit

#### **FIRST READING: 1 Samuel 3:1–10 [11–20]**

Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the LORD under Eli. The word of the LORD was rare in those days; visions were not widespread.

<sup>2</sup>At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; <sup>3</sup>the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the LORD, where the ark of God was. <sup>4</sup>Then the LORD called, "Samuel! Samuel!" and he said, "Here I am!" <sup>5</sup>and ran to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call; lie down again." So he went and lay down. <sup>6</sup>The LORD called again, "Samuel!" Samuel got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call, my son; lie down

again." <sup>7</sup>Now Samuel did not yet know the LORD, and the word of the LORD had not yet been revealed to him. <sup>8</sup>The LORD called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." Then Eli perceived that the LORD was calling the boy. <sup>9</sup>Therefore Eli said to Samuel, "Go, lie down; and if he calls you, you shall say, 'Speak, LORD, for your servant is listening.'" So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

<sup>10</sup>Now the LORD came and stood there, calling as before, "Samuel! Samuel!" And Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant is listening." <sup>11</sup>Then the LORD said to Samuel, "See, I am about to do something in Israel that will make both ears of anyone who hears of it tingle. <sup>12</sup>On

that day I will fulfill against Eli all that I have spoken concerning his house, from beginning to end. <sup>13</sup>For I have told him that I am about to punish his house forever, for the iniquity that he knew, because his sons were blaspheming God, and he did not restrain them. <sup>14</sup>Therefore I swear to the house of Eli that the iniquity of Eli's house shall not be expiated by sacrifice or offering forever."

<sup>15</sup>Samuel lay there until morning; then he opened the doors of the house of the LORD. Samuel was afraid to tell the vision to Eli. <sup>16</sup>But Eli called Samuel and said, "Samuel, my son." He said, "Here I

am." <sup>17</sup>Eli said, "What was it that he told you? Do not hide it from me. May God do so to you and more also, if you hide anything from me of all that he told you."

<sup>18</sup>So Samuel told him everything and hid nothing from him. Then he said, "It is the LORD; let him do what seems good to him."

<sup>19</sup>As Samuel grew up, the LORD was with him and let none of his words fall to the ground. <sup>20</sup>And all Israel from Dan to Beer-sheba knew that Samuel was a trustworthy prophet of the LORD.

A The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM** *-refrain by congregation/praise team, 4 verses by soloists*

**SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 6:12–20**

<sup>12</sup>All things are lawful for me, but not all things are beneficial. "All things are lawful for me," but I will not be dominated by

anything. <sup>13</sup>Food is meant for the stomach and the stomach for food, and God will destroy both one and the other. The body

is meant not for fornication but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. <sup>14</sup>And God raised the Lord and will also raise us by his power. <sup>15</sup>Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Should I therefore take the members of Christ and make them members of a prostitute? Never! <sup>16</sup>Do you not know that whoever is united to a prostitute becomes one body with her? For it is said, "The two shall be one flesh." <sup>17</sup>But anyone united to the Lord becomes one spirit with him. <sup>18</sup>Shun

**\* GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

**\* GOSPEL: John 1:43–51**

<sup>43</sup>The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, "Follow me." <sup>44</sup>Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. <sup>45</sup>Philip found Nathanael and said to him,

fornication! Every sin that a person commits is outside the body; but the fornicator sins against the body itself. <sup>19</sup>Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, which you have from God, and that you are not your own? <sup>20</sup>For you were bought with a price; therefore glorify God in your body.

A The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

"We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth." <sup>46</sup>Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and

see." <sup>47</sup>When Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him, he said of him, "Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!"

<sup>48</sup>Nathanael asked him, "Where did you get to know me?" Jesus answered, "I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you."

<sup>49</sup>Nathanael replied, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" <sup>50</sup>Jesus

answered, "Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these." <sup>51</sup>And he said to him, "Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man."

## CHILDREN'S SERMON

**HYMN WOV # 649** *I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light*

## SERMON

\* **HYMN WOV # 752** *Here I Am, Lord*

### \* 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) *Emmanuel, God with Us* -Living Spirit

(10:30) *Les Cloches Dor* -Bell Choir

**OFFERTORY** *(please remain seated)*

## THE PRAYERS *(please remain seated)*

A Called to know, love, and follow you, O God, we pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

*Brief silence.*

A Gracious God, speak to your listening church, and send it to point eagerly to the many ways in which you reveal your life-giving presence. Lord, in your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

A Renew the face of the earth. Heal the wounds human carelessness inflicts on creation, and rouse us to increase our care of land and waters. Lord, in your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

A Restore and strengthen world leaders. Give them a clear vision of your power to move hearts and minds, and enable them to act with justice and compassion. Lord, in your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

A Fill our congregation with renewed zeal to love our neighbor as you love us. Open our mouths to invite friends and neighbors to come and see you. Lord, in your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

A We bless you for revealing yourself in the saints. Bring us with them into the fullness of your glory. Lord, in your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

*Other petitions.*

P Refresh the depressed and despairing. Comfort those who weep and mourn. Give companionship to the lonely and healing to the sick (*especially*). Lord, in your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

P Trusting your love and healing, O God, we commend to you all for whom we pray, knowing you will hear and answer, 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 # 650 *We Are Marching in the Light of God*

**POSTLUDE** *Glory to God Forever*

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#### Altar flowers

Flowers are given to the glory of God by Ken & Nancy Lange in honor of their wedding anniversary.

#### Annual Meeting

Our Annual Congregational Meeting will be held after the late service on Sunday, January 25. Information packets were mailed out this past week. Mark your calendar!!

#### Ruth Circle

The Ruth Circle has re-scheduled its meeting for tomorrow, January 19, at 9:30 a.m.

#### Altar Guild

The Altar Guild will meet on Saturday, January 24 at 9:30 a.m. for cleaning and orientation. All members should attend.

#### Mitten Tree

The Sunday School children are turning their Christmas tree into a mitten tree. We will be collecting hats and mittens until February 1<sup>st</sup>. You can place hats and mittens on the tree by the stage in the basement.

#### Newsletter

The deadline for the February newsletter is noon tomorrow!

#### Volunteers needed!

February - readers for both services

- sound board operators for 10:30 service

Please sign up on the bulletin board in the narthex, talk to Shelly Storch or Peggy Snyder, or call the church office if you are willing to assist in either of these areas.

#### Flowers

There are openings on the flower chart for February 22 and March 1, 8 and 22.

#### Statistics

1/11 attendance 65 & 89 (154) communed 77 Offer \$3,353.00 (\$175 Bldg Fd; \$5 Wrld Hngr; \$120 Endow Fd) Simply Giving (1/5-1/11)\$155 Gen Fd; \$45 Bldg Fd; \$25 Wrld Hngr; \$25 Good Sam Fd

### Concert

One Spirit Gospel Quartet will be performing a concert on Sunday, February 8, at 7:00 p.m. at The Better Half Studio (located in the old Small's Cheese Building on East Washington Street). Marv and Matt Mt.Castle are both members of this quartet. This event is being held as a fundraiser for the Napoleon Civic Center Foundation. Tickets are \$8.00. Call or text 419-966-2532 for tickets or see Marv or Julie Mt.Castle.

### Serving Today

Pastor James L. Castello

Worship & Music Coordinator & Organist - Angela Tonjes

Readers - 8:00 Laura Ellis-Kruse 10:30 Gary & Jamie Bostelman

Sound Board - 8:00 Alexandria Biederstedt 10:30

Acolytes - 8:00 Ryan Kruse & Tyson Reynolds

10:30 Tessa Rhodes & Alicyn Hopkins

Ushers - 10:30 Lori Sharpe, Rupert Schweinhagen, Larry Ashbaugh, Chris Peper

Altar Guild - Laura Ellis-Kruse & Sue Kruse

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

### Offering Envelopes

There are still several 2015 offering envelope boxes left to be picked up. They are located in the hall way by the church offices.

### Re-cycle

Early service worshipers: If you will be throwing your bulletin away when you get home, please consider leaving it here for 10:30 worshipers to use.

### Final Lost and Found Tour

The Lost and Found 2015 Farewell Tour is officially happening and is coming to northwest Ohio **Sunday, March 1, 2015, 6:30 p.m. at the Ottawa-Glandorf High School Auditorium** (630 Glendale Ave, Ottawa, Ohio). Don't miss this "grand finale" of a concert hosted by New Creation Lutheran Church. Tickets are on sale now for **\$5/person (\$7 at the door)**. Seating is limited so order soon to "Stein Auf!" ("Rock On!") with Mike and George. To order tickets, simply contact New Creation at 419.523.6250 or e-mail them at [NewCreation@midohio.twcbc.com](mailto:NewCreation@midohio.twcbc.com).

### This Week

Today	1:30 p.m.	Girl Scouts
Monday	9:30 a.m.	Ruth Circle
	noon	newsletter deadline
	6:45 p.m.	Executive Board
	7:00 p.m.	Church Council
Wednesday	3:15 p.m.	After School Club
	3:30 p.m.	6 <sup>th</sup> grade catechism
	4:30 p.m.	6 <sup>th</sup> grade bells
	5:00 p.m.	Soul Food
	6:00 p.m.	Choir
	6:30 p.m.	7 <sup>th</sup> grade catechism
	7:00 p.m.	Living Spirit
	7:30 p.m.	7th/8th grade bells
	8:00 p.m.	Emanubells
	8:00 p.m.	8 <sup>th</sup> grade catechism
Thursday	9:00 a.m.	Bible Study
Saturday	9:30 a.m.	Altar Guild cleaning and orientation
Next Sunday	11:30 a.m.	Annual Congregational Meeting

### Blind Trust

Lex Gillette, a blind long-jumper from North Carolina, participated in the 2004, 2008 and 2012 Paralympic Games. Before an event, his guide shows him around the course. During competitions, the guide positions Gillette at the starting line, then goes to the sand pit, where he claps and calls steadily so the athlete can follow the sounds and run straight ahead. Gillette knows to jump when he hits his 16th step.

Unable to see where he's going, nor the line from which to jump, nor where he'll land, Gillette entrusts himself fully to his guide. The result? Three consecutive silver medals, and a world record set in 2011.

We're all blind to what lies ahead in life, so our guide, the Holy Spirit, goes before us and beckons us forward in the way we should go. Entrusting ourselves to God, we can do great things.

