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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 *Whispering Hope*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*** CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, who brings us out of captivity into freedom, out of the wilderness into the promised land, out of death into life.

C Amen.

P Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.
Gracious God,

C we confess that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. Forgive us and give us strength to turn from sin and to serve you in newness of life. Amen.

P By water and the Holy Spirit, God gives us a new birth, and through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, God forgives us all our sins. Almighty God strengthen us in all goodness and keep us in eternal life.

C Amen.

*** HYMN WOV # 741** *Thy Holy Wings*

*** 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 led your ancient people through the wilderness and brought them to the promised land. Guide now the people of your Church, that, following our Savior, we may walk through the wilderness of this world toward the glory of the world to come; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

(8:00) **Special Music:** *Bells of St. Mary's* -Bell Choir

FIRST READING: Genesis 9:8–17

⁸Then God said to Noah and to his sons with him, ⁹"As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, ¹⁰and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. ¹¹I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth." ¹²God said, "This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: ¹³I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth.

¹⁴When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, ¹⁵I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh.

¹⁶When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth." ¹⁷God said to Noah, "This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth."

A The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

(8:00) **PSALM 25:1–9**

To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul; my God, I put my trust in you;*
let me not be humiliated, nor let my enemies triumph over me.

Let none who look to you be put to shame;*

let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes.

Show me your ways, O LORD,*
and teach me your paths.

Lead me in your truth and teach me,*

for you are the God of my salvation;

in you have I trusted all the day long.

Remember, O LORD, your compassion and love,*
for they are from everlasting.

Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions;*

remember me according to your love

and for the sake of your goodness, O LORD.

Gracious and upright is the LORD;*
therefore he teaches sinners in his way.

He guides the humble in doing right*

and teaches his way to the lowly.

All the paths of the LORD are love and faithfulness*
to those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.

(10:30) **Psalm will be sung by Julie Mt.Castle and Peggy Snyder**

SECOND READING: 1 Peter 3:18–22

¹⁸For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, ¹⁹in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, ²⁰who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. ²¹And baptism, which this

prefigured, now saves you — not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, ²²who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

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

*** GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** 

Have mercy on us, Lord, and hear our solemn prayer.

We come to hear your living word; it saves us from despair.

*** GOSPEL: Mark 1:9–15**



⁹In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. ¹⁰And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. ¹¹And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

¹²And the Spirit immediately drove him

out into the wilderness. ¹³He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him.

¹⁴Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, ¹⁵and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near, repent, and believe in the good news."



CHILDREN'S SERMON

HYMN WOV # 647 *When Jesus Came to Jordan*

SERMON

*** HYMN LBW # 526** *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*

*** 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.

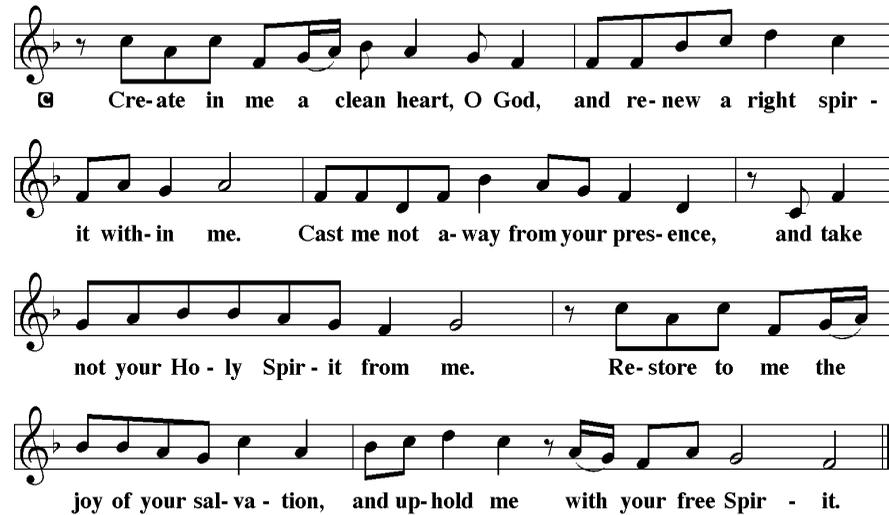
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

(8:00) *Coronation* -Bell Choir

(10:30) *No One Stand Alone* -Peggy Snyder

OFFERTORY *(please remain seated)*



Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re-new a right spir -
it with-in me. Cast me not a-way from your pres-ence, and take
not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re-store to me the
joy of your sal-va - tion, and up-hold me with your free Spir - it.

THE PRAYERS *(please remain seated)*

A Led by Christ in our journey of repentance and moved by his compassion, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

Brief silence

A Holy God, in baptism you wash us clean from sin and refresh us with your promise of belonging. Unite your church in proclaiming that in your family all are welcome, all are beloved, all are made whole. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer..

A The earth thirsts for your life-giving water. We pray for desert places where there is no rain and for restoration of polluted rivers and oceans. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A Flood our world with a desire for peace. Where people are oppressed, bring justice. Where

there is terror, bring safety. Stir up compassion among leaders and citizens so that every person is treated with dignity, kindness, and love. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A Bless ministers, musicians, teachers, visionaries, council members, committees, and all those who strive to lead this congregation faithfully into the future. Ground their work in scripture and prayer and fuel it with your great imagination. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A Remember your covenant with us, and keep us faithful to you until we join with all the saints and angels around your heavenly throne. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

Other petitions.

P Your heart aches with those who are in pain. Tend to those who are hungry, lonely, lost, and those in any need (*especially*). Hear their cries and spur us to respond as your hands and heart in the world. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your 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 LBW # 553** *Rejoice, O Pilgrim Throng!*

POSTLUDE *On Our Way Rejoicing*

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Altar flowers

Flowers are given to the glory of God by Nancy Schink in loving memory of Ron.

Funeral

The funeral of George Kryder was held here last Sunday afternoon. Please keep Rita and their family in your prayers.

Caring Corner — St. John's Episcopal Church food pantry

Think in terms of complete meals: spaghetti and sauce; noodles and canned chicken/tuna and broth/cream soup; canned meats and stews; canned fruits; peanut butter; cereals.

Bell Choir

Back in the early 1960's when the bell choir was founded by Ron Schink, there wasn't an array of music available for bells. Ron had to ask for permission to arrange songs for the bell choir to play. During February, the bell choirs are honoring Ron and remembering him by playing a few of the songs that he arranged: "Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming", "Coronation", and "Bells of St. Mary", two long-time favorites. Thanks also to Hugh for the 20 years of directing the bell choirs after Ron passed away. We feel this music ministry is very important to our congregation, and we hope you enjoy listening as much as we enjoy providing this ministry.

Statistics

2/15 54 + 85 (139) Tithes and Offerings \$4,351 (\$305 Bldg Fd; \$5 World Hngr; \$350 Good Sam Fd; \$4 Sun Sch) Simply Giving 2/9-2/15 \$115 Gen Fd; \$45 Bldg Fd; \$25 Wrld Hngr; \$25 Good Sam)

Healing Tree

There is a bare tree in the sanctuary from now until Easter. This tree will be a reminder of the barrenness outside this time of year. It also will serve as a reminder of how empty our lives would be without Jesus.

Many people give things up for Lent. We encourage you to give up some time to perform extra acts of love during Lent: send cards, visit or call someone who needs company, be a volunteer, cook or bake something extra, etc. Maybe you could forgive a small debt, give up a hurt, make amends, let something go, say more prayers, be more thankful. Even children can be involved by doing an extra chore, helping without being asked, being kinder to siblings.

There are baskets of purple leaves by the doors of the church. We would like the congregation to bring our empty tree to life by writing these acts of kindness and forgiveness on the leaves and putting them in the offering plate. We will attach them to the tree each week. By Easter let's have a tree full of leaves!

Art Project

The teenagers going to the National Youth Gathering will be working on an art project throughout Lent. Their work will be displayed in the sanctuary and will change slightly each week. Once the 10 projects have been completed at the end of March, they will be sold with proceeds going into the Gathering travel fund for these youth.

Serving Today

Pastor James L. Castello

Worship & Music Coordinator & Organist - Angela Tonjes

Readers - 8:00 Kelli Burkhardt 10:30 Ron Meyers

Sound Board - 8:00 Maxine Eickhoff 10:30

Acolytes - 8:00 Carl Yaney & Jessica Yunker

10:30 Bryant Dachenhaus & Thea Perdew

Ushers - 8:00 Len Sonnenberg, Kevin Gerken, Tiffany Biederstedt, Ed Biederstedt

10:30 Mark Tonjes, Paul Mowery, Terry Walther, Norm Bostelman

Altar Guild - Karri Ashbaugh & Julie Mt.Castle

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

This Week

Wednesday	9:00 a.m.	Sewing
	3:15 p.m.	After School Club
	3:30 p.m.	6 th grade catechism
	4:30 p.m.	6 th grade bells
	5:00 p.m.	Soul Food
	6:00 p.m.	Choir
	7:00 p.m.	WORSHIP
	8:00 p.m.	Emanubells
Thursday	9:00 a.m.	Bible Study

Soundboard operators...

If you would like to learn to operate the new soundboard, we will be having several training sessions. You can come to the balcony during any of the Lenten services and sit with the soundboard operator to watch and learn. If these times do not work for you, there will be training sessions after each of the March 29th services. If you learn better by doing, you are welcome to join the soundboard operator during the March 29th church services instead of waiting until after the services to learn. Please don't be intimidated – word is that this soundboard is easier to use than the old one.