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**Fifth Sunday in Lent — March 22, 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 as you are able**

**PRELUDE**    *My Jesus, I Love Thee*

**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 LBW # 301**    *Come to Calvary’s Holy Mountain*

**\* 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.* Almighty God, our redeemer, in our weakness we have failed to be your messengers of forgiveness and hope in the world. Renew us by your Holy Spirit, that we may follow your commands and proclaim your reign of love; 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:** *Lamb of God* -Bell Choir

Your only Son, no sin to hide But you have sent him from your side  
To walk upon this guilty sod And to become the Lamb of God.

Your gift of love, they crucified They laughed and scorned him as he died  
The humble King, they named a fraud And sacrificed the Lamb of God.

Oh, Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God I love the holy Lamb of God  
Oh, wash me in your precious blood My Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God.

I was so lost, I should have died But you have brought me to your side  
To be led by your staff and rod And to be called a lamb of God.

Oh, Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God I love the holy Lamb of God  
Oh, wash me in your precious blood 'Til I am just a lamb of God.

**FIRST READING: Jeremiah 31:31–34**

<sup>31</sup>The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. <sup>32</sup>It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt — a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD. <sup>33</sup>But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my

law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. <sup>34</sup>No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, "Know the LORD," for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

**A** The Word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM 51:1–13

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your lovingkindness;\*  
in your great compassion blot out my offenses.

**<sup>2</sup>Wash me through and through | from my wickedness\*  
and cleanse me | from my sin.**

<sup>3</sup>For I know | my transgressions,\* and my sin is ev- | er before me.

**<sup>4</sup>Against you only | have I sinned\* and done what is evil | in your sight.**

<sup>5</sup>And so you are justified | when you speak\* and upright | in your judgment.

**<sup>6</sup>Indeed, I have been wicked | from my birth,\*  
a sinner from my | mother's womb.**

<sup>7</sup>For behold, you look for truth | deep within me,\*  
and will make me understand | wisdom secretly.

**<sup>8</sup>Purge me from my sin, and I | shall be pure;\*  
wash me, and I shall be | clean indeed.**

<sup>9</sup>Make me hear of | joy and gladness,\*  
that the body you have broken | may rejoice.

**<sup>10</sup>Hide your face | from my sins,\* and blot out all | my iniquities.**

<sup>11</sup>Create in me a clean | heart, O God,\* and renew a right spir- | it within me.

**<sup>12</sup>Cast me not away | from your presence\*  
and take not your Holy | Spirit from me.**

<sup>13</sup>Give me the joy of your saving | help again\*  
and sustain me with your boun- | tiful Spirit.

## SECOND READING: Hebrews 5:5–10

<sup>5</sup>So also Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him,

"You are my Son,  
today I have begotten you";

<sup>6</sup>as he says also in another place,

"You are a priest forever,  
according to the order of

Melchizedek."

<sup>7</sup>In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save

him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. <sup>8</sup>Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; <sup>9</sup>and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, <sup>10</sup>having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

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.

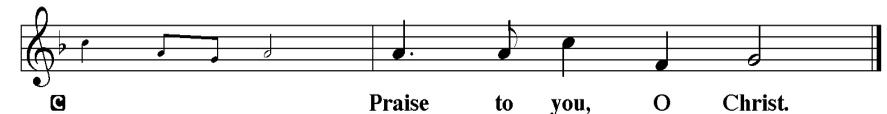
## \* GOSPEL: John 12:20–33



<sup>20</sup>Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks.

<sup>21</sup>They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, "Sir, we wish to see Jesus." <sup>22</sup>Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. <sup>23</sup>Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. <sup>24</sup>Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. <sup>25</sup>Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. <sup>26</sup>Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor.

<sup>27</sup>Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say — 'Father, save me from this hour'? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. <sup>28</sup>Father, glorify your name." Then a voice came from heaven, "I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again." <sup>29</sup>The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, "An angel has spoken to him." <sup>30</sup>Jesus answered, "This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. <sup>31</sup>Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. <sup>32</sup>And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself." <sup>33</sup>He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.



## CHILDREN'S SERMON

**HYMN LBW # 346** *When Peace, like a River*

## SERMON

\* HYMN LBW # 123 *Ah, Holy Jesus*

\* 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) *Old Rugged Cross* -Bell Choir  
(10:30) *In His Time* -Lester Kruse

**OFFERTORY WOV # 732** *Create in Me* (please remain seated)

**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 Gracious God, keep your church firm in faith, so that it might trust in your goodness even when the way is difficult and the future seems bleak. Lord, in your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

A As the earth spins through another change of season, awaken trees and flowers from their winter's rest. Bring forth grain from the earth and fruit from the vine. Lord, in your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

A Bring peace to nations devastated by war and violence. Teach leaders to trust in your deep and abiding peace and make all of us instruments of that holy peace. Lord, in your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

A Bless the ministries of teachers and mentors in the faith and be with those preparing for baptism. Send newcomers into our midst, and prepare us to welcome them. Lord, in your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

A Remember your covenant with us, and write it on our hearts until we join with all the saints around your heavenly throne. Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

**C hear our prayer.**

*Other petitions.*

P You come into a broken world that is never beyond your repair. Heal those who feel the effects of illness and injury in body, mind, or spirit (*especially*). 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

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 # 262 *Savior, Again to Your Dear Name*

**POSTLUDE** *Allegro*

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**Altar flowers**

Flowers are given to the glory of God by Bob & Esther Dennie in honor of their wedding anniversary.

### **Caring Corner** — NOCAC PATH Center

The Caring Corner for March is collecting items for the NOCAC PATH Center. (Partnership Assistance to the Homeless) in Defiance. Needed are : hygiene/toiletry items; towels and washcloths; sheets (twin and double), blankets, pillows and cases; laundry soap and softener; school supplies; and dinners/food items that can be microwaved. Also needed are spices, coffee, napkins, paper products and cleaning supplies for the soup kitchen at the PATH Center.

### **Wedding**

God's blessings to Michael Schroder and Bree Shollenberger who were married at our altar yesterday!

### **Healing Tree**

There is a bare tree in the sanctuary from now until Easter. This tree is a reminder of the barrenness outside this time of year. It also serves 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.

Beginning next Sunday, March 29, the finished crosses will be on display in the overflow. Bid sheets will be attached with final bids being accepted until noon on Sunday, April 5 (Easter). Remember, all funds will go directly into the travel fund for the Youth Gathering in July!

### **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 29<sup>th</sup> services. If you learn better by doing, you are welcome to join the soundboard operator during the March 29<sup>th</sup> 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.

### **Easter flowers**

The deadline to order your Easter flowers is TODAY!! Money must be included with the order.

### **Re-cycle bulletins**

Early service worshipers: if you plan to throw away your bulletin when you get home, please leave it here, instead, for others to use. Thank you! If you like to refer to it during the week, however, please continue to do so!

### **This Week**

#### **Today**

1:30 p.m. Girl Scouts

#### **Wednesday**

9:00 a.m. Sewing

3:15 p.m. After School Club

3:15 p.m. 6<sup>th</sup> grade catechism

4:30 p.m. 6<sup>th</sup> grade bells

5:00 p.m. Soul Food

5:30 p.m. 7<sup>th</sup> grade catechism

6:00 p.m. Choir (basement)

7:00 p.m. WORSHIP

8:00 p.m. Emanubells

8:00 p.m. 8<sup>th</sup> grade catechism

8:30 p.m. Living Spirit

#### **Thursday**

9:00 a.m. Bible Study

**Friday-Saturday** Catechism Retreat

### **Thursday morning Bible Study**

You are invited to join our group of people who meet every Thursday morning at 9 a.m. for a very interesting and thought-provoking Bible study. You are guaranteed to learn something new or to see something you always “knew” in a new light!

### **March is Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month**

The theme of this year is “Can Do! Like You!. Lutheran Ministries of Mercy (Filling Home and Luther Home of Mercy) encourages everyone to focus on peoples’ abilities and similarities rather than their differences.

### **Serving Today**

Pastor James L. Castello

Worship & Music Coordinator & Organist - Angela Tonjes

Readers - 8:00 Ruth Hershberger 10:30 Bonnie Palamara

Sound Board - 8:00 Ryan Hoffman 10:30 Kevin Good

Acolytes - 8:00 Seth Tonjes & Tyson Reynolds

10:30 Morgan Ashbaugh & Halle Good

Ushers - 8:00 Dave Schwab, Bryce Reynolds, Casey Callaway, Shelly Storch

10:30 Bob Ivancso, Bill Panning, Tom Schroeder, Denny Ehlers

Altar Guild - Marilyn Fretz & Joleen Brubaker

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

### **Volunteers needed!**

Readers are needed for the early service on April 5, 19, and 26, and for the late service all month. Sound board operators are also needed for the late service during April. Please sign up on the bulletin board in the narthex or call the church office if you are willing to help out!

### **Statistics**

3/11 (88) Tithes and Offerings \$535.02

3/15 74 + 102 (276) Tithes and Offerings \$4,566.46 (\$155 Bldg Fd; \$27 World Hngr; \$9.46)

Simply Giving 3/09-3/15 \$155 Gen Fd; \$45 Bldg Fd; \$25 World Hngr; \$25 Good Sam Fd

### **In our prayers...**

Kari Robbins (Jack’s daughter) is donating one of her kidneys this week. If you would like to send her a card, this is her address: Kari Robbins, 1268 Wolfe St., Jacksonville, FL 32205.

### **Thursday evening services to begin soon!**

Mark your calendars! Our Thursday evening services will begin on April 9 at 7 p.m. We will continue these services until Thanksgiving.

### **Maumee Valley Conference of Women Spring Assembly**

The Spring Assembly will be held on Saturday, April 18<sup>th</sup> at St. Stephen Lutheran Church, Hamler. Registration fee is \$7.00 due by April 11; registration forms are on the bulletin board by Pat’s office. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. and meeting adjourns with a luncheon at 12:00 noon. Anyone interested in attending and would like to car pool, we will meet in our church parking lot at 8:10 a.m.

### **Coming Alive**

The United Way Exercise Challenge will run from April 20 through May 17. Registration forms will be coming soon!

