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Sunday of the Passion/Palm Sunday — March 29, 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 *Sing Hosannas to the King!*

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 # 108** *All Glory, Laud, and Honor*

*** 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, you sent your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, to take our flesh upon him and to suffer death on the cross. Grant that we may share in his obedience to your will and in the glorious victory of his resurrection; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

(10:30) **Special Music** *Glorify Thy Name* -6th grade catechism bells

FIRST READING: Isaiah 50:4–9a

⁴The Lord GOD has given me
the tongue of a teacher,
that I may know how to sustain
the weary with a word.
Morning by morning he awakens —
wakens my ear
to listen as those who are taught.

⁵The Lord GOD has opened my ear,
and I was not rebellious,
I did not turn backward.

⁶I gave my back to those who struck me,
and my cheeks to those who pulled out
the beard;
I did not hide my face
from insult and spitting.

⁷The Lord GOD helps me;
therefore I have not been disgraced;
therefore I have set my face like flint,
and I know that I shall not be put to
shame;

⁸he who vindicates me is near.
Who will contend with me?
Let us stand up together.
Who are my adversaries?
Let them confront me.

⁹It is the Lord GOD who helps me;
who will declare me guilty?

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

PSALM 31:9–16

Have mercy on me, O LORD, for I | am in trouble;*
my eye is consumed with sorrow, and also my throat | and my belly.

¹⁰**For my life is wasted with grief, and my | years with sighing;***
⁵**my strength fails me because of affliction, and my bones | are consumed.**

¹¹I have become a reproach to all my enemies and even to my neighbors,
a dismay to those of | my acquaintance;*
when they see me in the street | they avoid me.

¹²**I am forgotten like a dead man, | out of mind;***
I am as useless as a | broken pot.

¹³For I have heard the whispering of the crowd; fear is | all around;*
they put their heads together against me; they plot to | take my life.

¹⁴**But as for me, I have trusted in | you, O LORD.***
I have said, "You | are my God.

¹⁵My times are | in your hand;*
rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who | persecute me.

¹⁶**Make your face to shine up- | on your servant,***
and in your loving- | kindness save me."

SECOND READING: Philippians 2:5–11

⁵Let the same mind be in you that was in
Christ Jesus,

⁶who, though he was in the form of
God,

did not regard equality with God
as something to be exploited,

⁷but emptied himself,
taking the form of a slave,
being born in human likeness.

And being found in human form,
⁸he humbled himself

and became obedient to the point of
death —
even death on a cross.

⁹Therefore God also highly exalted him
and gave him the name

that is above every name,
¹⁰so that at the name of Jesus

every knee should bend,
in heaven and on earth and under the
earth,

¹¹and every tongue should confess
that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

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

*** GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**  (tune: *Joyful, Joyful*)

Rise and join the glad procession! Hear them passing by again.
All the ransomed, all his children, marching to Jerusalem!
Look ahead - the gates of splendor! Hear the everlasting hymn.
Open wide our hearts in worship, let the king of glory in!

*** GOSPEL: Mark 11:1–10**

When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples² and said to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately as you enter it, you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden; untie it and bring it.³ If anyone says to you, 'Why are you doing this?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately.'" ⁴They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, ⁵some of the bystanders said to them, "What are you

doing, untying the colt?" ⁶They told them what Jesus had said; and they allowed them to take it. ⁷Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it; and he sat on it. ⁸Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. ⁹Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting, "Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! ¹⁰Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David! Hosanna in the highest heaven!"

*** VERSE AFTER GOSPEL** 

See him there in humble splendor, hear them shouting all around.
Joy explodes in wild procession. Praise is now the victor's crown.
"Glory, glory in the highest!" Like the angels hear them sing,
Dancing round the long-awaited, once their hope and now their king.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

HYMN LBW # 26 *Prepare the Royal Highway*

SERMON

*** HYMN LBW # 492** *O Master, Let Me Walk with You*

*** APOSTLES' CREED**

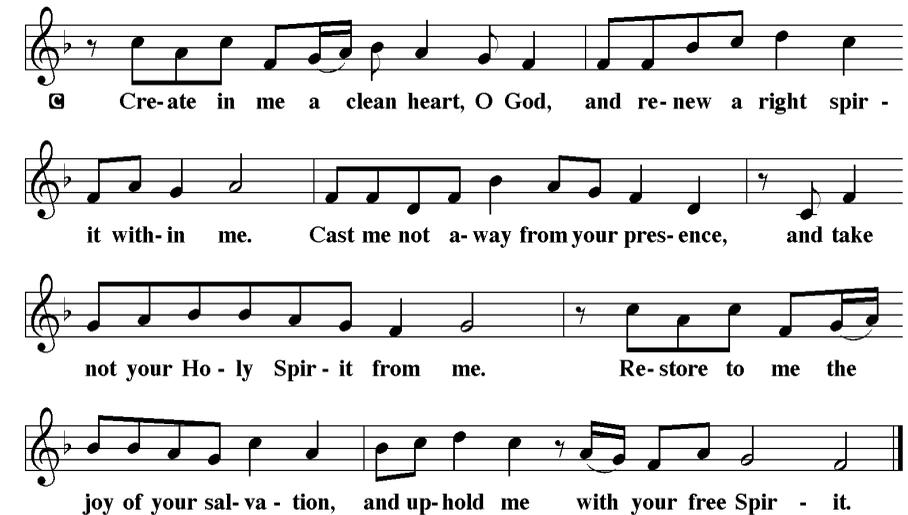
C I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

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 *The King of Glory*

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 We pray for the church, that congregations be a home for the lost, a haven for the oppressed, and a source of healing for those broken by life's circumstances. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A We pray for new life springing forth from the earth; for those who groan in labor, those who are adopting children, and those who are unable to conceive. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A We pray for Christians who do not have the freedom to worship openly, for political prisoners, refugees, widows, and orphans. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A We pray for this assembly as it enters this holy week. Sustain our pastor, musicians, staff, volunteers, and all those who will prepare for and lead worship this week, and bring us all to the joy of Easter. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A We give thanks for the blessed saints who showed us how to live and taught us how to die. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

Other petitions.

P We pray for those who care for the weary and vulnerable: nurses, hospice workers, childcare providers, and social workers. We pray for those in any need (*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** 🎵

**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** (8:00) *Glorify thy Name* -6th grade catechism bells
(10:30) **Congregation sing....**

“Hosanna in the highest!” That ancient song we sing,
For Christ is our Redeemer, the Lord of heav’n, our King.
Oh, may we ever praise him with heart and life and voice
And in his blissful presence eternally rejoice!

POSTLUDE *Ride On!*

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Altar flowers

Flowers are given to the glory of God by Herb & Ramona Koppenhofer in honor of their 67th 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.

Healing Tree

The bare tree in the sanctuary 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.

We encourage you to give up some time to perform extra acts of love during Lent. Children can also be involved by doing an extra chore, helping without being asked, being kinder to siblings.

There are baskets of purple leaves at each entrance. Please 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. By Easter let's have a tree full of leaves!

Art Project

The finished crosses are on display in the overflow. Bid sheets are attached with final bids being accepted until noon next Sunday, April 5 (Easter). Feel free to stop in anytime during the week to check your bid! Remember, all funds will go directly into the travel fund for the Youth Gathering in July!

Holy Week and Easter Worship Schedule

Maundy Thursday, April 2

7:00 p.m. Worship with Holy Communion and stripping of the altar

Good Friday, April 3

7:00 p.m. Worship

Easter, April 5

7:00 a.m. Sunrise worship with Holy Communion

8:15 a.m. Easter breakfast

9:15 a.m. Sunday School

10:30 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion

Soundboard operators...

If you would like to learn to operate the new soundboard, there will be training sessions after each of today's services. If you learn better by doing, you are welcome to join the soundboard operator during these 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.

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

Coming Alive

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

In our prayers...

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

Maumee Valley Conference of Women Spring Assembly

The Spring Assembly will be held on Saturday, April 18th at St. Stephen Lutheran Church, Hamler. Special program speaker, Robert Rogers, will inspire you to "Live a Life of No Regrets". Robert experienced a tragedy of Biblical proportions when he lost his precious wife and all four children in a flash flood in Kansas in 2003. 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.

April's WELCA General Meeting

The April WELCA General Meeting will be held Thursday, April 9, 7:30 p.m. and will feature a presentation by Melinda Dachenhaus. She will discuss her work and the programs offered at HOPE services. Come join us as we learn more about helping individuals with developmental disabilities.

This Week

Today

4:00 p.m. 4-H

Wednesday

3:15 p.m. After School Club

5:30 p.m. Seder Meal

Thursday

9:00 a.m. Bible Study

6:15 p.m. Choir

7:00 p.m. Worship with Holy Communion

Friday

6:15 p.m. Choir

7:00 p.m. Worship

Sunday

7:00 a.m. Sunrise Worship with Holy Communion

8:15 a.m. Easter breakfast

9:15 a.m. Sunday School

10:30 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion

p.m. private party

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.

National Youth Gathering News

We want to take this opportunity to thank you all so much for your continued support as we strive to reach our fundraising goals and to keep you updated on what’s going on in the youth program. We had a wonderful time this month at the potluck and One Spirit Quartet (the Quartet of Five as it turns out!) concert!! We raised over \$350 for the group and were able to enjoy a Gospel Jam.

Did you notice that the crosses that we have all been admiring have been moved? The Silent Auction has begun!! The auction will take place in the overflow area and will last until next Sunday morning. (Please note: the stands are NOT included with the crosses, but all of the crosses have a hanger attached so they can be hung up on your wall!) The money raised will be combined with the free will donation from the Easter breakfast; and we will be requesting matching funds from Thrivent, so please plan on fighting (with your wallet!) for your cross and joining us for breakfast Easter morning to celebrate the risen Christ!

Keep your eyes peeled for a “sweet” event in April that will make all participants winners!

*-Madison Ashbaugh, Seth Tonjes, Carl Yaney, Sarah Yaney, Ryan Kohout,
Connor Small, Alexandria Biederstedt, Neil Storch, Matt Mt.Castle (advisor)*

Statistics

3/18 (126) Tithes and Offerings \$616.00

3/22 93 + 93 (186) Tithes and Offerings \$3,799.00 (\$60 Bldg Fd; \$25 World Hngr; \$11 Sun Sch; \$334 Youth Fd; \$50 mem-G.Kryder)

3/22 Memorials-C.Wangrin \$1,125 (\$50 Bldg Fd; \$20 Endow Fd; \$750 Gen Fd; \$305 Memorial Fd)

Simply Giving 3/16-3/22 \$390 Gen Fd; \$70 Bldg Fd

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.