

# Emanuel Lutheran Church, Napoleon, Ohio

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## Fourth Sunday of Easter — April 26, 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*

### 10:30 a.m. Confirmation Service

**PRELUDE**      *Peace Be Unto You* -harp

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

**P** Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, who calls us beloved children, who gathers us into one flock, who guides us into all truth.

**C** **Amen.**

**P** Let us confess our sins, trusting that God will forgive us and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Faithful and just God,

**C** **we confess that we are captive to doubt and fear, bound by the ways that lead to death. We have not loved our sisters and brothers as you have first loved us. Forgive us, God of mercy. Let your Holy Spirit work in us to change our lives and make us new, that we may know the abundant life given in Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.**

**Amen.**

**P** In this is love, not that we loved God but that God loved us and sent the Son to atone for our sins. In the name of Jesus Christ, I announce to you that your sins are forgiven. Let the perfect love of God cast out fear, fill you with joy, and inspire you to live for others.

**C** **Amen**

**\* HYMN**      *Here I Am, Lord* -Bell Choir

**\* PRAYER OF THE DAY** -confirmation class

**Special Music:** *Remember Me* -Joleen Brubaker, Seth Tonjes, accompanied by Rachel Spears (Joleen & Rachel are Seth's godmothers)

Remember Me, in a Bible cracked and faded by the years.

Remember Me, in a sanctuary filled with silent prayer.

*(Refrain)* And age to age and heart to heart, bound by grace and peace, child of wonder, child of God, I've remembered you, remember Me.

Remember Me, when the color of the sunset fills the sky.

Remember Me, when you pray and tears of joy fall from your eyes. *Refrain*

Remember Me. When the children leave their Sunday School with smiles.

Remember Me, when they're old enough to teach, old enough to preach, old enough to leave. *Refrain*

**FIRST READING: Acts 4:5–12** -Carl Yaney

<sup>5</sup>The next day their rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, <sup>6</sup>with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. <sup>7</sup>When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, "By what power or by what name did you do this?" <sup>8</sup>Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders, <sup>9</sup>if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, <sup>10</sup>let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing

before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead.

<sup>11</sup>This Jesus is

'the stone that was rejected by you, the builders;

it has become the cornerstone.'

<sup>12</sup>There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved."

**A** The word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM 23** -Bryant Dachenhaus

The LORD | is my shepherd;\*

I shall not | be in want.

<sup>2</sup>**He makes me lie down | in green pastures\* and leads me be- | side still waters.**

<sup>3</sup>He re- | vives my soul\*

and guides me along right pathways | for his name's sake.

**‘Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall | fear no evil;\***  
**for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they | comfort me.**

<sup>5</sup>You spread a table before me in the presence of those who | trouble me;\*

you have anointed my head with oil, and my cup is | running over.

**‘Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days | of my life,\***  
**and I will dwell in the house of the | LORD forever.**

**SECOND READING: 1 John 3:16–24** -Caleb Hernandez

<sup>16</sup>We know love by this, that he laid down his life for us — and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. <sup>17</sup>How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help?

<sup>18</sup>Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action.

<sup>19</sup>And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him <sup>20</sup>whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything.

<sup>21</sup>Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us,

we have boldness before God; <sup>22</sup>and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him.

<sup>23</sup>And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. <sup>24</sup>All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

A The word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

**\* GOSPEL: John 10:11–18** -Seth Tonjes

<sup>11</sup>I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.

<sup>12</sup>The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away — and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. <sup>13</sup>The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. <sup>14</sup>I am the good shepherd. I know

my own and my own know me, <sup>15</sup>just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. <sup>16</sup>I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. <sup>17</sup>For this

reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again.

<sup>18</sup>No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father."

**CHILDREN’S SERMON** -Abby Allison, Tessa Rhodes, Alicyn Hopkins

**HYMN WOV # 770** *Borning Cry*

**SERMON** -confirmation class

**\* HYMN LBW # 272** *Abide with Me*

**PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION** (*please remain seated*) -Abby, Tessa, Alicyn

A Confident that the resurrection of Christ has defeated sin and death, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all people in need.

*Brief silence.*

A For the leaders of the church: bishops, pastors, lay professionals; for those who teach the gospel in our seminaries, colleges, and universities; that salvation be preached to all in word and deed, let us pray.

**C Have mercy, O God.**

A For the beauty of creation, for those who care for the land and all creatures, and for those who find recreation in natural resources, that all see God's goodness revealed there, let us pray.

**C Have mercy, O God.**

A For the rulers of nations, local and national leaders, and those who provide counsel to them, that they be guided by the command to love one another, let us pray.

**C Have mercy, O God.**

A For families and friends, for those absent from worship, and for those celebrating significant events in their lives, that the Holy Spirit guide all God's people in their work and their journeys, let us pray.

**C Have mercy, O God.**

A In thanksgiving for those who have died and by whose lives we have been nourished, that we be bold in believing God's promise to be with us always, let us pray.

**C Have mercy, O God.**

A For the sick, the imprisoned, those living with HIV/AIDS, and those who feel themselves living without hope, that they know the comfort of the Lord surrounding them, let us pray.

**C Have mercy, O God.**

A Holy God, by the death and resurrection of your Son, you have granted new life, abundant renewal, and salvation. Hear our prayers for the sake of the one who has set us free, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C Amen**

**TITHES AND OFFERINGS** *Seek Ye First* -Catechism bells

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

Go tell it on the mountain, Over the hills and ev'rywhere;  
Go tell it on the mountain, That Jesus Christ is Lord.

**AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM**

**EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER**

\* **LORD'S PRAYER** -sung by Peggy Snyder

**HOLY COMMUNION**

*Wish You Well* -Peggy Snyder

\* **BENEDICTION**

\* **HYMN WOV # 721** *Go, My Children, with My Blessing*

**POSTLUDE** *Go Joyfully*

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All hymns and music for today were chosen by the confirmands.

Class verse: *God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.* Psalm 46:1

**Welcome**

Welcome, friends, as we worship in the name of God the Father, Jesus our Good Shepherd and the Holy Spirit, our guide through life. Amen.

**Confirmation**

God's richest blessings to the following young people who are affirming their baptismal vows this morning: **Abby Nicole Allison, Bryant Christopher Dachenhaus, Caleb Matthew Hernandez, Alicyn Michelle Hopkins, Tessa Breanna Rhodes, Seth Allen Tonjes, Carl Lee Yaney.**

**Gluten free communion wafers**

If you would like to receive the gluten-free communion wafer, please talk to the Pastor before the service. Also, there is white grape juice available toward the center of each wine tray if you prefer it to wine.

**Altar flowers**

Flowers are given to the glory of God by the confirmation class; by Ed & Tiffany Biederstedt for their 25<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary; and by the family of Neil Storch in honor of his 19<sup>th</sup> birthday.

**Rosebud**

The rosebud today announces the birth of Paige Jo to Joe & Molly Knepley on April 14!

**Funeral**

Please remember the family of Paul Panning whose funeral was held on Friday.

**Caring Corner** for April

This month we are collecting **bar soap, dish soap, and razors** for Together We Can Make A Difference Initiatives. Let's "clean it up" and accumulate these "cleaning supplies"!

**Thursday evening services**

Our Thursday evening services continue each week at 7 p.m.

### On the radio

Our 10:30 services are being broadcast on WNDH-FM 103.1 this month. Each Sunday they will broadcast a recording of our service from the week before.

### Bake Sale

There will be a bake sale on Sunday, May 3, before and after the services. The proceeds will benefit the kids going to the National Youth Gathering.

### Spring Fling

Emanuel's Ladies' Tea will be held on Saturday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2:00 p.m. Tickets cost \$5.00 and are available from Kathy Bostelman, Kelli Burkhardt, Julie Callaway, Carol Castello, Joan Collier, and Shelly Storch. DEADLINE FOR ORDERING TICKETS IS TODAY!! This event is open to ALL Emanuel's Ladies and Guests! Proceeds will benefit Emanuel's Good Samaritan Fund.

### Statistics

4/16 (25) communed 23 4/19 75 + 111 (186) Tithes and Offerings \$3,881.86 (\$120 Bldg Fd; \$30 Yth Crosses; \$100 Good Sam Fd; \$2 Wrld Hngr; \$6.11 Sun Sch; \$75 memorials-Bonnie Babcock) Simply Giving 4/13-4/19 \$300 Gen Fd; \$50 Bldg Fd

### Serving Today

Pastor James L. Castello  
Worship & Music Coordinator & Organist - Angela Tonjes  
Communion Assistant - Juanita Clausen  
Sound Board - Alexandria Biederstedt  
Acolyte - Jayce and Nathan Brubaker  
Ushers - Ryan Dachenhaus, Ben Leininger, Mark Tonjes, Mike Yaney  
Altar Guild - Lori Sharpe & Beth Jenny  
Prayer Chain Co-ordinator - Carol Castello (419-592-0847) or cjcast@yahoo.com

### Understanding Arthritis

"Spring into Better Health" at the Lutheran Home at Napoleon on Tuesday, April 28, at 3 p.m. in their Chapel. The speaker, Teresa Sutter, M.Ed., LPTA, Executive Director of Rehab Services at the Lutheran Home Society, will offer a presentation on "Understanding Arthritis". For more information, contact Kelly Wallace at 419-592-1688.

### This Week

<b>Today</b>	afternoon	private party in basement
<b>Wednesday</b>	3:15 p.m.	After School Club
	5:00 p.m.	Soul Food
	6:00 p.m.	Choir
	7:00 p.m.	Living Spirit
	8:00 p.m.	Emanubells
<b>Thursday</b>	9:00 a.m.	Bible Study
	7:00 p.m.	Worship
<b>Friday</b>	all day	WELCA using basement
<b>Saturday</b>	2:00 p.m.	"Spring Fling" Ladies' Tea

### Check out our videos

Check out videos of Emanuel's church services which are always available on YouTube (just search for "Pastor Castello"). They are also available on NC-TV at various times. And our services are on Channel 1, McClure three times a week.

If you are on Facebook, please share our services with your friends.

### Coming Alive

Participants of Coming Alive Challenge are reminded to record their exercise minutes by Monday morning on the chart in the hallway near Pat's office. There is also an envelope to place your prize entry forms.

If you are looking for something different to help you in your exercise program, the Napoleon Parks and Recreation is offering Outdoor Education Programs. The next one is "Nature by Bike" on Thursday, April 30, 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. at Oakwood Park. Bring your own bike and helmet and join a local naturalist in exploring nature. From birds to bees there is a lot to see by bike.

### **Confirmation parents:**

**It is very important that you please return your confirmand's gown (with your child's name on it) to the church office by 9:00 TOMORROW MORNING! It would also be very helpful if you returned them in the bag they came in!**