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**Seventh Sunday of Easter — May 17, 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**    Harp selections  
*Above All*    -Living Spirit  
(10:30) *Sunday School children sing*

**Ringing of the bell**  
(10:30) *Amazing Grace*    -Bell Choir

**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**    *Lead Me, Lord*    (verses by Living Spirit; refrain by congregation)

**\* GREETING**

**P** Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**C Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

**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 and eternal God, your Son our Savior is with you in eternal glory. Give us faith to see that, true to his promise, he is among us still, and will be with us to the end of time; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C Amen.**

(10:30) **Special Music:** *Shine On Us*    -Living Spirit

**FIRST READING: Acts 1:15–17, 21–26**

<sup>15</sup>In those days Peter stood up among the believers (together the crowd numbered about one hundred twenty persons) and said, <sup>16</sup>Friends, the scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit through David foretold concerning Judas, who became a guide for those who arrested Jesus — <sup>17</sup>for he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry." <sup>21</sup>So one of the men who have accompanied us during all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, <sup>22</sup>beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us — one of these must become a witness with

us to his resurrection." <sup>23</sup>So they proposed two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also known as Justus, and Matthias. <sup>24</sup>Then they prayed and said, "Lord, you know everyone's heart. Show us which one of these two you have chosen <sup>25</sup>to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place." <sup>26</sup>And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias; and he was added to the eleven apostles.

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

**PSALM 1** (congregation sings the refrain:)

**SECOND READING: 1 John 5:9–13**

<sup>9</sup>If we receive human testimony, the testimony of God is greater; for this is the testimony of God that he has testified to his Son. <sup>10</sup>Those who believe in the Son of God have the testimony in their hearts. Those who do not believe in God have made him a liar by not believing in the testimony that God has given concerning his Son. <sup>11</sup>And this is the testimony: God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his

Son. <sup>12</sup>Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life.

<sup>13</sup>I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life.

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

\* **CELTIC ALLELUIA** (blue book # 613)

**\* GOSPEL: John 17:6–19**

<sup>6</sup>I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. <sup>7</sup>Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; <sup>8</sup>for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed

that you sent me. <sup>9</sup>I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. <sup>10</sup>All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. <sup>11</sup>And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you



A For those completing their studies this academic year, for those who travel and enjoy recreation, and for those gathered here and those absent, that through our joy we continually offer thanks to God, let us pray.

**C Have mercy, O God.**

A In thanksgiving for those who have died in the faith, that their witness to the resurrection of Christ inspire our words and our work, let us pray.

**C Have mercy, O God.**

*Other petitions.*

P For the sick and those who provide healing, for the lonely and those who provide companionship, for the imprisoned and those who seek justice, for the bereaved and those who provide comfort (*especially*), that God protect all who are in need, let us pray.

**C Have mercy, O God.**

P 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**

**\* 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** *A Blessing* -Living Spirit

**POSTLUDE** *Did You Feel the Mountains Tremble?*

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**Altar flowers**

Flowers are given to the glory of God in honor of the After School Club staff: Angela Tonjes, Lori Sharpe, Gary & Jamie Bostelman; from Kelly & Justin Groll and family; Tina & Chris DeFavero and family; and Jennifer & Brian Wade and family. The second bouquet is from Diana Zachrich in loving memory of Larry.

**Thursday evening Worship**

Please join us on Thursday at 7 p.m. as we celebrate Holy Communion.

**Pentecost**

We celebrate Pentecost next Sunday! Pentecost is the coming of the Holy Spirit in the form of flames to the disciples, 50 days after Easter. Some Christians consider this day to be the birthday of the Christian church. We encourage you to wear **RED** to symbolize the flames of the Holy Spirit!

**ONE SERVICE NEXT SUNDAY**

9:00 a.m.

This schedule will continue until Labor Day.

Please tell your friends!!

**Caring Corner** for May — Pathstone

We are collecting items for Pathstone for their temporary housing units for seasonal workers. Or highest priority are the following items:

pots/pans	silverware	large sponges
cooking utensils	light bulbs - 75 watt	disinfectant spray cleaner
dishes: plates, bowls, cups	bleach	disposable gloves

**Family Fun Fest** — TODAY!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Family Fun Fest will be held on TODAY from 1 - 4 p.m. Sponsored jointly by Emanuel, St. Paul’s United Methodist, and First Presbyterian Churches, this FREE event offers a fest of fun activities for families – inflatables, carnival games, food, live music, crafts, and more! Webster Street will be blocked off from the United Methodist Church down to the junior high to allow for all the room for all the fun! Let’s do our part to represent our congregation in this ecumenical effort and have some fun!!

### Statistics

5/7 (31) 5/10 112 + 102 (214) communed 98 Tithes and Offerings \$6,136.10 (\$790 Bldg Fd; \$7 Wrld Hngr; \$5 Youth; \$165.10 Good Sam) Simply Giving 5/4-5/10 \$130 Gen Fd; \$45 Bldg Fd; \$25 Wrld Hngr; \$25 Good Sam)

### This Week

Today	1-4 p.m.	Family Fun Fest
	1:30 p.m.	Girl Scouts
Monday	noon	Newsletter deadline
	6:45 p.m.	Executive Board
	7:00 p.m.	Church Council
Wednesday	5:00 p.m.	Soul Food
Thursday	9:00 a.m.	Bible Study
	7:00 p.m.	Worship with Holy Communion
Sunday	9:00 a.m.	ONE SERVICE

### Serving Today

Pastor James L. Castello

Worship & Music Coordinator & Organist - Angela Tonjes

Readers - 8:00 Alexandra Reynolds 10:30 Betty Mowery

Sound Board - 8:00 Douglas Hoffman 10:30 Ryan Kohout

Acolytes - 8:00 Bryant Dachenhaus & Ryan Kruse

10:30 Caleb Hernandez & Elijah Wolf

Ushers - 8:00 Ron Wiechers, Jeannie Wiechers, Lee Weirauch, Laura Yaney

10:30 Tom Jenny, Lori Sharpe, Rupert Schweinhagen, Larry Ashbaugh

Altar Guild - Susan Mabee & Sarah Yaney

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

### Bulletins

If you take your bulletin home after the 8:00 service to just throw it away, please consider leaving it here to be used at the late service. If you refer to it during the week, however, please continue taking it with you. Thank you!

### 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.

Our Lenten services are on Channel 1, McClure today at 1 p.m. Sunday services are on three times a week also.

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

### Coming Alive

Participants of Coming Alive Challenge exercised a total of 3,020 minutes last week. Our team of exercisers has increased its total numbers each week so far! Emanuel's minutes went up 111% – 3<sup>rd</sup> most improved Community Group team! WAY TO GO!! Prize winners are: **Laura Yaney, Judy Hoffman** (beach towels); **Joan Collier, Tom Jenny, Shelly Storch** (water); **Mary Cousino** (V8 Splash). *Prizes can be picked up in the chapel.* Please record your exercise minutes for the final week by 9 a.m. tomorrow morning on the chart in the hallway near Pat's office, and place your prize entry forms in the provided envelope.