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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 as you are able**

PRELUDE *Spirit of God*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Recognition of High School Graduates

* 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 LBW # 257** *Holy Spirit, Truth Devine*

* 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.* God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, as you sent upon the disciples the promised gift of the Holy Spirit, look upon your Church and open our hearts to the power of the Spirit. Kindle in us the fire of your love, and strengthen our lives for service in your kingdom; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Special Music: *Amazing Grace* -Bell Choir

FIRST READING: Acts 2:1–21

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. ²And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. ³Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. ⁴All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

⁵Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. ⁶And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. ⁷Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?" ⁸And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native

language? ⁹Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, ¹¹Cretans and Arabs — in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." ¹²All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" ¹³But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine."

¹⁴But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. ¹⁵Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the

morning. ¹⁶No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

¹⁷In the last days it will be, God declares,
that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh,
and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,
and your young men shall see visions,
and your old men shall dream dreams.
¹⁸Even upon my slaves, both men and women,
in those days I will pour out my Spirit;

and they shall prophesy.

¹⁹And I will show portents in the heaven above

and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist.

²⁰The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day.

²¹Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'

A The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 104:25–35, 37

O LORD, how manifold ¹are your works!*

In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full ¹of your creatures.

²⁶**Yonder is the great and wide sea with its living things too many to number,* creatures both ¹small and great.**

²⁷There move the ships, and there is ¹that Leviathan,* which you have made for the ¹sport of it.

²⁸**All of them ¹look to you* to give them their food ¹in due season.**

²⁹You give it to them; they ¹gather it;* you open your hand, and they are filled ¹with good things.

³⁰**You hide your face, and ¹they are terrified;* you take away their breath, and they die and return ¹to their dust.**

³¹You send forth your Spirit, and they ¹are created;* and so you renew the face ¹of the earth.

³²**May the glory of the LORD endure forever;* may the LORD rejoice in ¹all his works.**

³³He looks at the earth ¹and it trembles;* he touches the mountains ¹and they smoke.

³⁴**I will sing to the LORD as long ¹as I live;* I will praise my God while I ¹have my being.**

³⁵May these words ¹of mine please him;* I will rejoice ¹in the LORD.

³⁷**Bless the LORD, ¹O my soul.* Hal-¹lelujah!**

SECOND READING: Romans 8:22–27

²²We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; ²³and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. ²⁴For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen?

²⁵But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

²⁶Likewise the Spirit helps us in our

weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words.

²⁷And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

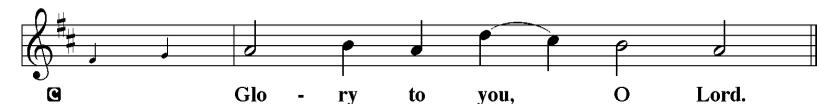
A The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

* ALLELUIA



* GOSPEL: John 15:26–27; 16:4b–15



²⁶When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who comes from the Father, he will testify on my behalf. ²⁷You also are to testify because you have been with me from the beginning.

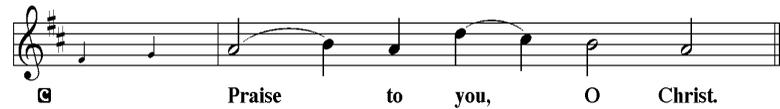
^{4b} "I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you.

⁵But now I am going to him who sent me;

yet none of you asks me, 'Where are you going?' ⁶But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your hearts. ⁷Nevertheless I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. ⁸And when he comes, he will prove the world wrong about sin and

righteousness and judgment: ⁹about sin, because they do not believe in me; ¹⁰about righteousness, because I am going to the Father and you will see me no longer; ¹¹about judgment, because the ruler of this world has been condemned. ¹²I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. ¹³When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth;

for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. ¹⁴He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. ¹⁵All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.



CHILDREN'S SERMON

HYMN WOV # 684 *Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness*

SERMON

* **HYMN** *America, the Beautiful*

- 1 O beautiful for spacious skies, for amber waves of grain,
For purple mountain majesties above the fruited plain!
America! America! God shed His grace on thee,
And crown thy good with brotherhood from sea to shining sea!
- 2 O beautiful for pilgrim feet, whose stern impassioned stress
A thorough-fare for freedom beat across the wilderness!
America! America! God mend thine every flaw,
Confirm thy soul in self-control, thy liberty in law!
- 3 O beautiful for heroes proved in liberating strife,
Who more than self their country loved, and mercy more than life!
America! America! May God thy gold refine,
Till all success be nobleness, and every gain divine!

(continued)

- 4 O beautiful for patriot dream that sees beyond the years,
Thine alabaster cities gleam, undimmed by human tears!
America! America! God shed His grace on thee,
And crown thy good with brotherhood from sea to shining sea!

* 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 *Trumpet Tune Finale* -Bell Choir

OFFERTORY *(please remain seated)*

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION *(please remain seated)*

A Trusting the Spirit's power, we pray for the church, the world, and all of God's creation.
Brief silence.

A For the church as it receives your Holy Spirit and shares its hope in Christ. For advocates of truth and forgiveness and for perseverance in prayer. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A For the creation as life takes root and grows. For the earth and all planets, for the sun, moon, and stars, for the natural wonders in, among, and beyond us. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A For the nations as they seek guidance. For government and tribal leaders, for international organizations, for translators and interpreters, for prophets and peacemakers. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A For this worshipping community: For acolytes and ushers, readers and intercessors, musicians and artists, for all ministries of hospitality, and for those who cannot be with us this day. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A We remember saints led by your Spirit. Open our eyes to your work in the world and inspire hope for the world to come. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

Other petitions.

P For those who suffer as they long for healing. For those who are lonely or forgotten, for those who are ill (*especially*). For veterans, military personnel, and those who advocate on their behalf. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

P Receive these prayers, gracious God, and those prayers known only to you. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit.

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 # 566** *My Country 'Tis of Thee*

POSTLUDE *A Song of Praise*

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Altar flowers

Flowers are given to the glory of God by Tom & Wendy Schroeder for Audrey's 2nd birthday; and by the family of Lois Gerken for her 90th birthday.

Rosebud

Congratulations and God's blessings to Matt & Katie (Borstelman) Diem on the birth of Harper Kay on May 5! Proud grandparents are Roger & Elaine Borstelman.

Congratulations, graduates!

God's blessing to our high school graduates this morning: **Tyler Allison, Taryn Conklin, Elizabeth Michael, Hannah Plummer, Neil Storch, and Sarah Yaney.** They and their families will be our guests at a brunch in their honor after the worship service.

Thursday evening Worship

Please join us in worship on Thursday at 7 p.m.

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

Ladies & Gentlemen, Boys and Girls – It's a Picnic!

WELCA would like to invite everyone to their June meeting on Thursday, June 4, at 6:30 p.m. in the church basement. Come and see LuAnn Bowers and her assistance dog, Cadence, from Guide Dogs for the Blind in Boring, Oregon, in action. Bring a dish to share and enjoy our time together.

Summer Coffee Hours

All are invited to attend our summer coffee hours after worship beginning next Sunday (today is the Graduation Brunch). Our host for next week's coffee hour is Emanubells.

This Week

Monday		Memorial Day - offices closed
Wednesday	9:00 a.m.	Sewing
	5:00 p.m.	Soul Food
Thursday	9:00 a.m.	Bible Study
	7:00 p.m.	Worship

Serving Today

Pastor James L. Castello
Worship & Music Coordinator & Organist - Angela Tonjes
Reader - Laura Ellis-Kruse
Sound Board - Ryan Kohout
Acolytes - Bryant Dachenhaus & Ryan Kruse
Altar Guild - Susan Mabee & Sarah Yaney
Prayer Chain Co-ordinator - Carol Castello (419-592-0847) or cecast@yahoo.com

Statistics

5/14 (28) 5/17 70 + 125 (195) Tithes and Offerings \$3,334.05 (\$95 Bldg Fd; \$5 Wrld Hngr; \$14.05 Sun Sch; \$25 ELCA Disaster Relief) Simply Giving 5/11-5/17 \$375 Gen Fd; \$120 Bldg Fd

Coming Alive

Participants of this last week of Coming Alive exercised a total of 2,720 minutes. Prize winners are: **Joan Collier** (beach towel); **Laura Yaney**, **Bob Ivancso**, **Judy Hoffman**, **Susan Mabee**, **Douglas Hoffman**, **Lana Sonnenberg** (water); **Paul Cousino** (V8 V-Fusion). Prizes can be picked up in the chapel.



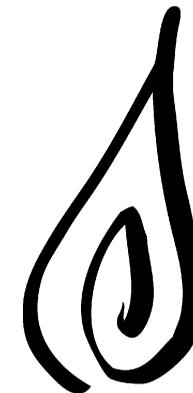
Pentecost power

Ten days after Jesus ascended into heaven, the Holy Spirit descended onto Jesus' disciples. While they were gathered in Jerusalem to celebrate the Jewish festival of Pentecost, the disciples saw flames among and on them, heard a rushing wind and began talking in many languages. As a result, the disciples were able to share the good news of Jesus in the native tongues of all the pilgrims assembled in the city.

Even today, the power of the Holy Spirit fuels the "flame" that ignites Christians' outreach efforts. Only by the Spirit's power can we know Christ and make him known throughout the world.

Poet William Blake (1757-1827), who's been described as a passionate, Pentecost kind of person, wrote this poem about the Spirit's power:

Unless the eye catch fire,
The God will not be seen.
Unless the ear catch fire,
The God will not be heard.
Unless the tongue catch fire,
The God will not be named.
Unless the heart catch fire,
The God will not be loved.
Unless the mind catch fire,
The God will not be known.





Memorial Day emerged from the grim shadows of the American Civil War. Before the close of the war, women began decorating the graves of soldiers who had died in that war. The practice quickly spread, and a few years later May 30, 1868, was designated as Decoration Day — a day for placing flowers on the graves of Union and Confederate soldiers throughout the United States.

In 1882, Decoration Day became known as Memorial Day, and soldiers who died in other wars were also honored. Over the years, it has become a day when all loved ones who have died — in war and otherwise — are remembered. In 1971, the United States Congress declared Memorial Day a national holiday to be observed annually on the last Monday in May.

On this Memorial Day, remember those who gave their lives for our country. But also pray for those who continue serving to keep America free, especially those who are in harm's way.



Wherever you go

Graduations bring a commencement, or beginning, of new things.

In 1990, Dr. Seuss published *Oh, the Places You'll Go!* This popular graduation gift tells in Seuss' inimitable style of all life's possible ups and downs, twists and turns. There will surely be excitement and slumps, fun and loneliness, purpose and confusion. And, yes, fear: "There are some [things], down the road between hither and yon, that can scare you so much you won't want to go on."

The sheer determination of the storybook's life-traveler moves him beyond trouble and fear. But God's children don't have to go it alone. Life cannot take us anywhere God hasn't been first. Furthermore, he walks beside us on every winding path and around every corner.

Graduates — and all Christians — can trust in the promise of Joshua 1:9 (NIV): "Be strong and courageous ... for the LORD your God will be with you wherever you go."

