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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 *Holy, Holy, Holy*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

* CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, the creator of wind and rain, field and ocean, the bread of life coming down from above, the power at work within us and this world.

C Amen.

P Before God and in the company of our sisters and brothers, let us confess our sin.
God and Father of all,

C we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed. We have thought better of ourselves than others. We have told lies, said hurtful things, acted in ways we wish we could take back, and looked the other way when action was needed. In your mercy, O God, forgive us, cleanse us, and heal us, for the sake of Jesus, our Savior. Amen.

P If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; everything has become new! In Christ, you are a new creation: your sins are taken away and you are made new. Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you.

C Amen.

* **HYMN LBW # 165** *Holy, Holy, Holy*

* 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 God our Father, dwelling in majesty and mystery, renewing and fulfilling creation by your eternal Spirit, and revealing your glory through our Lord, Jesus Christ: Cleanse us from doubt and fear, and enable us to worship you, with your Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, living and reigning, now and forever.

C Amen.

FIRST READING: Isaiah 6:1–8

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the LORD sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple.

²Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. ³And one called to another and said:

"Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory."

⁴The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. ⁵And I said: "Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean

lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!"

⁶Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. ⁷The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: "Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out." ⁸Then I heard the voice of the LORD saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" And I said, "Here am I; send me!"

A The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM 29

Ascribe to the LORD, you gods,* ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

²Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name;*
worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.

³The voice of the LORD is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders;* the LORD is upon the mighty waters.

‘The voice of the LORD is a pow- | erful voice;*
the voice of the LORD is a | voice of splendor.

⁵The voice of the LORD breaks the | cedar trees;*
the LORD breaks the ce- | dars of Lebanon;

‘he makes Lebanon skip | like a calf,*
and Mount Hermon like a | young wild ox.

⁷The voice of the LORD splits the flames of fire;
the voice of the LORD | shakes the wilderness;*
the LORD shakes the wilder- | ness of Kadesh.

The voice of the LORD makes the | oak trees writhe
and strips the | forests bare.

⁹And in the temple | of the LORD* all are | crying, "Glory!"

¹⁰The LORD sits enthroned a- | bove the flood;*
the LORD sits enthroned as | king forevermore.

¹¹The LORD shall give strength | to his people;*
the LORD shall give his people the bless- | ing of peace.

SECOND READING: Romans 8:12–17

¹²So then, brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh — ¹³for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. ¹⁴For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. ¹⁵For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, "Abba! Father!"

¹⁶it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, ¹⁷and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ — if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

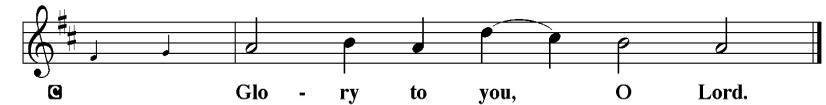
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C **Thanks be to God.**

*** ALLELUIA**



*** GOSPEL: John 3:1–17**



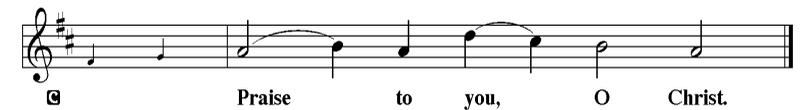
Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. ²He came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God." ³Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above." ⁴Nicodemus said to him, "How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?" ⁵Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. ⁶What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. ⁷Do not be astonished that I said to you, 'You must be born from above.' ⁸The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit." ⁹Nicodemus

said to him, "How can these things be?" ¹⁰Jesus answered him, "Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?"

¹¹Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. ¹²If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? ¹³No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. ¹⁴And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

¹⁶For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

¹⁷Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.



CHILDREN’S SERMON

HYMN LBW # 535 *Holy God, We Praise Your Name*

SERMON

* **HYMN LBW # 448** *Amazing Grace*

* **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 & OFFERINGS *Amazing Grace (My Chains are Gone)* -Laura & Mike Kruse

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.

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.

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Brief Silence.

A Holy God, you dwell in the church by your life-giving Spirit. Inspire the newly baptized, empower church leaders, and renew all of us for service in Christ's name. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A Creating God, you fill the universe with your splendor. Restore right relationships among all living things, both seen and unseen. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A Saving One, you so love this world. Bring justice to the oppressed, mercy to those who are angry, nourishment to the hungry, and peace to the violent and their victims. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A Loving Spirit, in you we live and move and have our being. As Mary visited Elizabeth in her waiting, visit those awaiting birth or preparing for adoption, all who struggle to conceive or cannot have children, and those mourning pregnancy loss. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A God of life, we remember your saints. With them, may we bear the life of Christ to those around us. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

Other petitions.

P Merciful God, you visit the hurting, giving healing and strength. We pray for your children in any need: the orphaned, the neglected, the grieving, the injured, and those we name this day (*especially*). 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**

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 LBW # 522** *Come Thou Almighty King*

POSTLUDE *Praise, O Praise the Lord*

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Altar flowers

Flowers are given to the glory of God by Marv & Julie Mt.Castle for their 34th wedding anniversary.

Rosebud

God's blessings to Jeffrey & Abbey (Schwab) Haudenschild on the birth of Parker Jeffrey on May 27 in Findlay! Proud grandparents are Dave & Nanette Schwab, and great grandmother, Denelda Rohrs.

Address

The current address for Julie Delventhal is: Kingston Residence of Perrysburg, 333 E. Boundary St., Perrysburg, OH 43551

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 coffee hour after worship. Our host today is Emanubells. Next week's host is the Adult Sunday School Class (aka Holy Donut Club).

Volunteers needed

Readers for June 7, 14, and 28, and sound board operators for the month of June are needed. Please sign up on the bulletin board in the narthex, talk to Shelly Storch or Peggy Snyder, or call the church office if you are willing to help!

BBQ

Don't forget the Chicken & Rib BBQ sponsored by Together We Can Make a Difference Initiatives from noon - 6 p.m. on Monday, June 8, in our parking lot. Tickets are \$7. To reserve your dinner, talk to Kelli Burkhardt, Terri Sedam, or Carol Castello.

Bloodmobile

Mark your calendars now for the bloodmobile to be held at Emanuel on Tuesday, June 9, noon - 6 p.m. Call for an appointment (419-592-4606), sign up online, or walk in.

This Week

Wednesday	5:00 p.m.	Soul Food
Thursday	9:00 a.m.	Bible Study
	7:00 p.m.	Worship

Strawberry Festival

The Henry County Historical Society will be hosting their annual Strawberry Festival Sunday, June 14, at the Dr. Bloomfield House (229 W. Clinton St.) from 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Enjoy sandwiches, strawberries, shortcake, pies, ice cream and beverages all for a free will donation. Entertainment will be provided by the Tuba Fours. There will also be a book signing in the Carriage House Museum by local author, Linda Ridley, featuring her book, *The Journey of Lucinda Jane*. We hope to see you there!

Serving Today

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

Statistics

5/21 (46) communed (43) 5/24 (143) Tithes and Offerings \$3,777 (\$70 Bldg Fd; \$5 Wrld Hngr) Simply Giving 5/18-5/24 \$40 Gen Fd