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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 *Sweet Hour of Prayer*

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 WOV # 760** *For the Fruit of All Creation*

* GREETING

P Sisters and brothers, called to freedom in Christ: Grace, mercy, and peace be with you all.

C And also with you.

* PRAYER OF THE DAY

P *Let us pray.* God, our maker and redeemer, you have made us a new company of priests to bear witness to the Gospel. Enable us to be faithful to our calling to make known your promises to all the world; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen.

FIRST LESSON: Ezekiel 17:22–24

²²Thus says the Lord GOD:

I myself will take a sprig
from the lofty top of a cedar;
I will set it out.
I will break off a tender one
from the topmost of its young twigs;
I myself will plant it
on a high and lofty mountain.

²³On the mountain height of Israel

I will plant it,
in order that it may produce boughs and
bear fruit,
and become a noble cedar.
Under it every kind of bird will live;

in the shade of its branches will nest
winged creatures of every kind.

²⁴All the trees of the field shall know
that I am the LORD.

I bring low the high tree,
I make high the low tree;
I dry up the green tree
and make the dry tree flourish.

I the LORD have spoken;
I will accomplish it.

A The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM 92:1–4, 11–14

It is a good thing to give thanks | to the LORD,*
and to sing praises to your name, | O Most High;

²**to tell of your lovingkindness early | in the morning***
and of your faithfulness in | the night season;

³on the psaltery, and | on the lyre,*
and to the melody | of the harp.

⁴**For you have made me glad by your | acts, O LORD;***
and I shout for joy because of the works | of your hands.

¹¹The righteous shall flourish | like a palm tree,*

and shall spread abroad like a ce- | dar of Lebanon.

**¹²Those who are planted in the house | of the LORD*
shall flourish in the courts | of our God;**

¹³they shall still bear fruit | in old age;*

they shall be | green and succulent;

**¹⁴that they may show how up- | right the LORD is,*
my rock, in whom there | is no fault.**

SECOND LESSON: 2 Corinthians 5:6–10[11–13] 14–17

⁶So we are always confident; even though we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord — ⁷for we walk by faith, not by sight. ⁸Yes, we do have confidence, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. ⁹So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. ¹⁰For all of us must appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each may receive recompense for what has been done in the body, whether good or evil.

¹¹Therefore, knowing the fear of the Lord, we try to persuade others; but we ourselves are well known to God, and I hope that we are also well known to your consciences. ¹²We are not commending ourselves to you again, but giving you an opportunity to boast about us, so that you may be able to answer those who boast in

outward appearance and not in the heart.

¹³For if we are beside ourselves, it is for God; if we are in our right mind, it is for you. ¹⁴For the love of Christ urges us on, because we are convinced that one has died for all; therefore all have died. ¹⁵And he died for all, so that those who live might live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised for them.

¹⁶From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. ¹⁷So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!

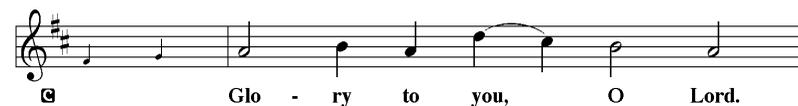
A The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

* **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** (tune: *Seek Ye First*)

Man does not live by bread alone, but by every word
That proceeds from the mouth of the Lord, Allelu, Alleluia!

* **GOSPEL: Mark 4:26–34**

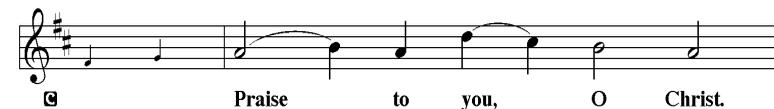


²⁶He also said, "The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground, ²⁷and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. ²⁸The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. ²⁹But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come."

³⁰He also said, "With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what

parable will we use for it? ³¹It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; ³²yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade."

³³With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; ³⁴he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.



CHILDREN'S SERMON

HYMN LBW # 532 *How Great Thou Art*

SERMON

* **HYMN WOV # 699** *Blessed Assurance*

* **NICENE CREED**

C We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven; by the power of the Holy Spirit he

became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION *(please be seated)*

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

A Gracious God, you reveal yourself in word and water, bread and wine. Show us your will as we worship and send us forth as signs of unexpected grace. Lord, in your mercy,
C hear our prayer.

A Life-giving God, the trees sing of your faithfulness. Give growth to trees and shrubs, grasses and all flowering things, that their beauty may flourish for their sakes and ours. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A God of wisdom, you provide for all peoples and nations. We pray for governments and international organizations, for all who shelter refugees and strive for peace and justice. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A Faithful God, you prosper the work of our hands. We pray for the outreach ministries of this congregation. We trust your Spirit moving through and among us even when we do not see the fruits of our labors. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A We remember in thanksgiving the saints who have gone before us. Anchor us in the triune God, confident in the abundant life you promise. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

Other petitions.

P God of love, you know our hurts and failings. We pray for those who are homeless, unemployed, imprisoned, hungry, and sick (*especially*). Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

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

***PEACE**

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you.

TITHES & OFFERINGS Jason Jordan-tuba

OFFERTORY *(please remain seated)* *(tune: Joyful, Joyful)*

As you Lord, have lived for others, so may we for others live.

Freely have your gifts been granted; freely may your servants give.

Yours the gold and yours the silver, yours the wealth of land and sea;

We but stewards of your bounty held in solemn trust will be.

***OFFERING PRAYER**

A God of mercy and grace, the eyes of all wait upon you, and you open your hand in blessing. Fill us with good things at your table, that we may come to the help of all in need, through Jesus Christ, our redeemer and Lord.

C Amen.

***EUCHARISTIC PRAYER**

***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.

HOLY COMMUNION

Jason Jordan - tuba

*** BLESSING**

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C Amen

*** POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

A Wise and generous God, we thank you that at this holy table you have fed us again with the food of everlasting life. Send us with your blessing to seek the good of our neighbor and call others to your feast; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C **Amen**

*** BENEDICTION**

*** HYMN** *(tune: Edelweiss)*

May the Lord, mighty God, bless and keep you forever.
Grant you peace, perfect peace, strength in every endeavor.
Lift your eyes and see his face, know his grace forever.
May the Lord, mighty God, bless and keep you forever.

*** DISMISSAL**

A Go in peace. Live in love, as Christ loved us.

C **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE *Thanks Be to Thee*

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Altar flowers

Flowers are given to the glory of God by Rita Kryder in loving memory of George.

Newsletter

The deadline for the **July/August** newsletter is noon tomorrow! Please note that this will be a combined edition.

Save a tree

Do you use email? Save a few trees and request that the newsletter be sent to your email inbox. Give the office a call (or send us an email at emanuel@bright.net), and we'll make the change. The newsletter can also be viewed on our website: emanuelnapoleon.org.

Caring Corner for June — Crisis Intervention Center (formerly First Call for Help)

Crisis Intervention Center has now become a respite care and “service” center for children, for which there is a great need. Items to donate are:

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| Board games - Connect Four, Life, card games | Puzzles |
| Craft supplies - washable paint, paint brushes, markers | Socks |
| CDs of relaxation music | Coloring/activity books |
| 2-pocket paper folders (without clasps or staples) | Composition notebook (no wires) |

Summer Coffee Hours

All are invited to attend our coffee hour after worship. Our hosts today are the WELCA officers. Next week’s host is Living Spirit.

This Week

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| Monday | noon | Newsletter deadline |
| Monday-Thursday | 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. | Vacation Bible School |
| Wednesday | 5:00 p.m. | Soul Food |
| Thursday | 9:00 a.m. | Bible Study |
| | 7:00 p.m. | Worship with Holy Communion |
| Friday | 6:00 p.m. | Wedding Rehearsal |
| Saturday | 4:30 p.m. | Jordan Damman/Morgan Seibert Wedding |

Serving Today

- Pastor James L. Castello
- Worship & Music Coordinator & Organist - Angela Tonjes
- Worship Assistant - Carol Castello
- Sound Board - Marv & Julie Mt.Castle
- Acolytes - Carl Yaney & Haydon Speaks
- Altar Guild - Shelly Storch & Gayla Yaney
- Prayer Chain Co-ordinator - Carol Castello (419-592-0847) or cjcast@yahoo.com

We need you!!!

We need volunteers to serve as worship assistants/readers or sound board operators. There is a sign up sheet on the bulletin board in the narthex, or you may call Shelly Storch, Peggy Snyder, or the church office. You may sign up for the month or for the week (remember... there is only service this summer). THANK YOU!!!!

Addresses

Please let the church office know of any changes in your address or phone number! We will be putting out a new phone directory this summer and would like it to be as accurate as possible! Thank you!

Strawberry Festival

The Henry County Historical Society will be hosting their annual Strawberry Festival today 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!

Statistics

6/04 (53) 6/07 (124) Tithes and Offerings \$6,056 (\$1,005 Bldg Fd; \$5 Wrld Hngr) (6/07 Lois Wiechers Memorials: \$25 Bldg Fd; \$185 Mem) Simply Giving 6/01-6/07 \$740 Gen Fd; \$195 Bldg Fd

Gospel Music Concert/Faith & Family Day, Sauder Village, Archbold

Enjoy Special Music and fun, kids activities throughout the day today in the Historic Village, open 12:00 p.m. - 4 :00 p.m. Kids 16 and under are free every Sunday this season. The sounds of beautiful gospel music will fill the air as talented musicians take the stage in Founders Hall during the annual Gospel Music concert at 4:00 p.m. Pianist, Jim Stewart, will open the show at 3:30 p.m. followed by The 3rd Row Boys and Freedom Quarter. The Gospel Show is included with admission into the Historic village.

Ice Cream Social

The Auxiliary of the Lutheran Home at Napoleon is sponsoring an Ice Cream Social in the Alpine Village Dining Room today, 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. Freewill offerings will be accepted. This is a Thrivent Action Team event. Beef is being donated by Brookview Farm Meats & BBQ. Proceeds will help restore outdoor flower boxes and purchase equipment and other items to be used by residents of the campus.

Thursday evening Worship

Please join us in worship on Thursday at 7 p.m. Holy Communion will be offered.

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

Devotionals

The new daily devotionals, *Portals of Prayer* and *Christ in Our Home*, are available at both entrances (regular and large print).



SHMILY

Shirley Dobson tells of a game her grandparents played called SHMILY. They took turns writing that word in unusual places for the other person to find. For example, when steam would gather on a bathroom mirror, one or the other would write “SHMILY” on it with a bare finger.

Apparently, the word could show up anywhere — even on sugar, flour or salt spilled on a kitchen counter. The game lasted a lifetime.

When Shirley’s grandmother died, a bouquet ribbon had the letters SHMILY on it. What did they stand for? They were the first letters of the words: See How Much I Love You.