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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 *In Quiet Faith*

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 # 377** *Lift High the Cross*

*** 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.* Almighty God, we thank you for planting in us the seed of your word. By your Holy Spirit help us to receive it with joy, live according to it, and grow in faith and hope and love; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen.

FIRST READING: Amos 7:7–15

⁷This is what he showed me: the LORD was standing beside a wall built with a plumb line, with a plumb line in his hand.

⁸And the LORD said to me, "Amos, what do you see?" And I said, "A plumb line."

Then the LORD said,

 "See, I am setting a plumb line
 in the midst of my people Israel;

 I will never again pass them by;

⁹the high places of Isaac shall be made desolate,

 and the sanctuaries of Israel shall be laid waste,

 and I will rise against the house of Jeroboam with the sword."

¹⁰Then Amaziah, the priest of Bethel, sent to King Jeroboam of Israel, saying, "Amos has conspired against you in the very center of the house of Israel; the land is not able to bear all his words. ¹¹For thus Amos

has said,

 'Jeroboam shall die by the sword,
 and Israel must go into exile
 away from his land.'

¹²And Amaziah said to Amos, "O seer, go, flee away to the land of Judah, earn your bread there, and prophesy there; ¹³but never again prophesy at Bethel, for it is the king's sanctuary, and it is a temple of the kingdom."

¹⁴Then Amos answered Amaziah, "I am no prophet, nor a prophet's son; but I am a herdsman, and a dresser of sycamore trees, ¹⁵and the LORD took me from following the flock, and the LORD said to me, 'Go, prophesy to my people Israel.'

A The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM 85:8–13

I will listen to what the LORD¹ God is saying,*
for he is speaking peace to his faithful people and to those who turn their¹ hearts to him.

***Truly, his salvation is very near to | those who fear him,*
that his glory may dwell | in our land.**

¹⁰Mercy and truth have | met together;* righteousness and peace have | kissed each other.

**¹¹Truth shall spring up | from the earth,*
and righteousness shall look | down from heaven.**

¹²The LORD will indeed | grant prosperity,* and our land will | yield its increase.

**¹³Righteousness shall | go before him,*
and peace shall be a pathway | for his feet.**

SECOND READING: Ephesians 1:3–14

³Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, ⁴just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love.

⁵He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, ⁶to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. ⁷In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace ⁸that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight ⁹he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, ¹⁰as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him,

things in heaven and things on earth. ¹¹In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, ¹²so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. ¹³In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; ¹⁴this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

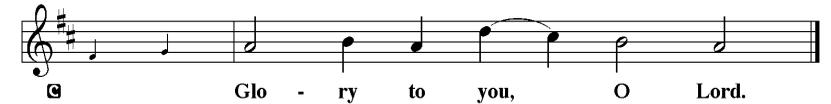
A The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

*** GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** (tune: *Come, Thou Fount*)

As we gather at your altar, as we listen to your word,
Help us know, O God, your presence; let our hearts and minds be stirred.
Nourish us with sacred story til we claim it as our own;
Teach us through this holy Gospel how to make Love's vict'ry known.

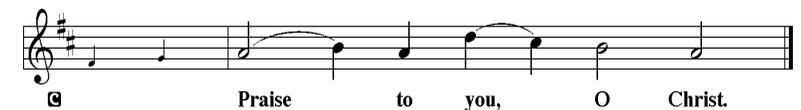
*** GOSPEL: Mark 6:14–29**



¹⁴King Herod heard of it, for Jesus' name had become known. Some were saying, "John the baptizer has been raised from the dead; and for this reason these powers are at work in him." ¹⁵But others said, "It is Elijah." And others said, "It is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old." ¹⁶But when Herod heard of it, he said, "John, whom I beheaded, has been raised."

¹⁷For Herod himself had sent men who arrested John, bound him, and put him in prison on account of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, because Herod had married her. ¹⁸For John had been telling Herod, "It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife." ¹⁹And Herodias had a grudge against him, and wanted to kill him. But she could not, ²⁰for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he protected him. When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed; and yet he liked to listen to him. ²¹But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his courtiers and officers and

for the leaders of Galilee. ²²When his daughter Herodias came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his guests; and the king said to the girl, "Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will give it." ²³And he solemnly swore to her, "Whatever you ask me, I will give you, even half of my kingdom." ²⁴She went out and said to her mother, "What should I ask for?" She replied, "The head of John the baptizer." ²⁵Immediately she rushed back to the king and requested, "I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter." ²⁶The king was deeply grieved; yet out of regard for his oaths and for the guests, he did not want to refuse her. ²⁷Immediately the king sent a soldier of the guard with orders to bring John's head. He went and beheaded him in the prison, ²⁸brought his head on a platter, and gave it to the girl. Then the girl gave it to her mother. ²⁹When his disciples heard about it, they came and took his body, and laid it in a tomb.



CHILDREN'S SERMON

HYMN LBW # 518 *Beautiful Savior*

SERMON

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

* **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

THE PRAYERS *(please be seated)*

A Gathered by the Holy Spirit and fed by the word, we come together as the people of God to pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

Brief silence.

A Mighty God, raise up prophets in every age who speak truth through and to your church. Inspire preaching in our congregations so that your life-giving gospel is proclaimed. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A Send favorable weather on crops, fields, orchards, and gardens. Provide ample pasture and grazing land for herds and flocks. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A Give us leaders who consider the needs of all, especially those who have no advocate.

Protect those who speak truth to power. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A Strengthen families, guide parents and caregivers, and enfold children with the riches of your grace. Send this assembly to share the gifts of love we have received. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A We give thanks for all your saints who were marked with the seal of the Holy Spirit. United with them in baptism, keep us faithful until all things are gathered in Christ. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

Other petitions.

P Tend to all victims of violence, those unjustly imprisoned, and those who are running out of hope. Heal those who are sick and comfort those who grieve (*especially*). Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

P Into your hands, loving God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in the grace of Jesus our Savior.

C Amen

***PEACE**

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you.

TITHES & OFFERINGS *Amazing Grace* -Tom Jenny

* **OFFERTORY** *(tune: Doxology)*

Create in me a new heart, Lord
That gladly I obey your Word,
Let what you will be my desire,
And with new life my soul inspire.

***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.

***EUCCHARISTIC 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

Come Thou Fount

Dona Nobis Pacem

Praise and Thanksgiving – Tom Jenny

Sweet Hour of Prayer

Wayfaring Stranger

*** 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: Go, My Children*)

May the Lord, our great creator, bless you this day;

Give you peace and hope and courage along your way.

May you stay within God’s keeping in your waking, in your sleeping,

In your joy, and in your weeping, God be with you.

*** DISMISSAL**

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

C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE *Go Your Way with Rejoicing!*

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Altar flowers

Flowers are given to the glory of God by Carolyn Schmidlin in loving memory of Don.

Gluten-free wafers are available

Gluten-free communion wafers are available – please let the Pastor know before the service if you wish to receive these. Others will continue to receive the regular wafers.

There are also glasses of white grape juice in the center of each wine tray for those who would prefer to receive juice.

Vacation

Pastor & Carol will be leaving on vacation this Thursday, July 16. They are planning to return on the 25th. Rev. Denise Brown will be available for emergencies.

Youth Gathering

Please remember in your prayers the young people and their advisor who will be attending the National Youth Gathering in Detroit from July 15 - 19: *Madison Ashbaugh, Seth Tonjes, Carl Yaney, Sarah Yaney, Ryan Kohout, Connor Small, Alexandria Biederstedt, Neil Storch, and Matt Mt.Castle.*

Summer Coffee Hours

All are invited to attend our coffee hour after worship. Our hosts today are the kids who will be leaving for the Youth Gathering in Detroit this week! Next week’s host is the Bell Choir.

WELCA Missionary Fund

Donations are being accepted for the WELCA Missionary Fund. Please use the envelope mailed with your 2015 program booklet (or use any regular envelope, marking it “Missionary Fund”). You may also use your regular weekly offering envelope. Checks should be made payable to *Emanuel Women of the Church*.

This Week

Monday 9:30 a.m. Ruth Circle
6:30 p.m. Miriam Circle
7:30 p.m. Naomi Circle
Wednesday 5:00 p.m. Soul Food
Thursday NO Bible Study
7:00 p.m. Worship

No Bible Study

Please note that there will be no Thursday morning Bible Study until July 30.

Addresses

We are planning to publish a new membership address/phone directory in the next couple weeks. If your address or phone number have changed, please let us know as soon as possible so that the publication can be as accurate as possible! Thank you to those who have notified us so far!!

Serving Today

Pastor James L. Castello
Worship & Music Coordinator & Organist - Angela Tonjes
Worship Assistant - Jack Robbins
Sound Board - Laura Ellis
Acolytes - Tessa Rhodes & Jessica Yunker
Altar Guild - Laura Ellis & Sue Kruse
Prayer Chain Co-ordinator - Carol Castello (419-592-0847) or cjcast@yahoo.com

Caring Corner for July & August — *back-to-school supplies*

We are collecting school supplies to be distributed locally through United Way’s “Stuff the Bus” and internationally through Lutheran World Relief School Kits.

Mud Hens Home Plate Event

The Toledo Mud Hens will host a Home Plate Event presented by Proclaim FM on Sunday, August 9, at 4 p.m. Players and coaches for both teams, along with special guest speaker, Nate Robertson, will share their faith in Jesus Christ at this unique event. Tickets are available for \$18. This includes tickets to the game and a hot dog meal. There will be a postgame fireworks show. Contact Hannah Tyson at 419-725-9258 or email her at htyson@mudhens.com for information and tickets.

Needed: Sound Board Operators!!!

We still need a sound board operator for July 19. There is a sign up sheet on the bulletin board in the narthex. Thanks to all who have volunteered their time to assist in our services!

Flowers needed

Open dates: September 27; October 4; and December 20. If you would like to furnish flowers for any of these days, please sign up on the chart in the narthex.

Tent Revival

All are welcome to an Old Fashioned Tent Revival on July 23, 24 and 25 at St. Paul Lutheran Church, 671 Clinton, Defiance - across from Defiance Junior High School. (Look for the tent near Triangle Park.)

Thursday - July 23 at 6:30

Pastor Dave Brobston, St. Paul Choir, Defiance Community VBS Youth Sing

Friday, July 24 at 6:30 p.m.

Pastor Keith Hunsinger, Special Music by Northwesterners

Saturday, July 25 a 4:00 p.m.

Pastor Dave Brobston, Special music, BBQ served

Ice Cream Social

You are invited to an Ice Cream Social on July 19, 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. at St. Mark’s Lutheran Church, Domersville & Nagel Roads, 3 miles north of Tinora School, Defiance, Ohio. They will be serving bratwurst, hot chicken & hot dog sandwiches, potato salad, baked beans, chips, desserts, Schwan’s Ice Cream and drinks for a free will donation. Carry outs will be available. Proceeds will be used for Missionary Sponsorship. They are handicap accessible.

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.

Statistics

7/2 (70) 7/5 (105) communed (100) Tithes and Offerings \$7,940.60 (\$1,010 Bldg Fd; \$5 Wrld Hngr; \$51 Conf Exp; \$250 Good Sam Fd; \$250 Tog We Can Make a Diff; \$120 Endowment Fd) Simply Giving 6/29-7/5 \$740 Gen Fd; \$195 Bldg Fd

Devotionals

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

Art Walk

The Henry County Chamber of Commerce, Outlaw BBQ and Henry County Arts Partnership (HC Chorale, MVCT, Nap City Band, HC Historical Society, HCAC) present an Art Walk on July 12, 2015 from 11 a.m. - 4 p.m. on the Central School front lawn. Admission is free. There will be live entertainment, musicians, artists, crafters, mimes, Strolling Drum Line, sidewalk art, NHS Jazz Choir, buskers, Justin the Clown, food court, art sales, Henry County Chorale, street entertainers, NHS Band, vendors, Maumee Valley Civic Theater, Headline Band Bliss, River City Rodders Car Show. Proceeds will benefit the Napoleon Civic Center.