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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 Christ Alone* -Living Spirit

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 # 451** *The Lord’s My Shepherd*

*** 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.* O Lord, pour out upon us the spirit to think and do what is right, that we, who cannot even exist without you, may have the strength to live according to your will; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen.

FIRST LESSON: Jeremiah 23:1–6

Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the LORD. ²Therefore thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock, and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the LORD. ³Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. ⁴I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall not fear any

longer, or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the LORD.

⁵The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. ⁶In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: "The LORD is our righteousness."

A The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM 23

SECOND LESSON: Ephesians 2:11–22

¹¹So then, remember that at one time you Gentiles by birth, called "the uncircumcision" by those who are called "the circumcision" — a physical circumcision made in the flesh by human hands — ¹²remember that you were at that time without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. ¹³But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. ¹⁴For he is our peace; in his flesh he has made both groups into one and has broken down the dividing wall, that is, the hostility between us. ¹⁵He has abolished the law with its commandments and ordinances, that he might create in himself one new humanity in place of the two, thus making peace, ¹⁶and might reconcile both

groups to God in one body through the cross, thus putting to death that hostility through it. ¹⁷So he came and proclaimed peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near; ¹⁸for through him both of us have access in one Spirit to the Father. ¹⁹So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, ²⁰built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone. ²¹In him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; ²²in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling place for God.

A The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

* GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

* GOSPEL: Mark 6:30–34, 53–56

³⁰The apostles gathered around Jesus, and told him all that they had done and taught.

³¹He said to them, "Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while." For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. ³²And they went away in the boat to a deserted place by themselves. ³³Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they hurried there on foot from all the towns and arrived ahead of them. ³⁴As he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things. ⁵³When

they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret and moored the boat.

⁵⁴When they got out of the boat, people at once recognized him, ⁵⁵and rushed about that whole region and began to bring the sick on mats to wherever they heard he was. ⁵⁶And wherever he went, into villages or cities or farms, they laid the sick in the marketplaces, and begged him that they might touch even the fringe of his cloak; and all who touched it were healed.

P The Gospel of our Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

CHILDREN'S SERMON

HYMN LBW # 212 *Let Us Break Bread Together*

SERMON -Tom Jenny

* **HYMN WOV # 734** *Softly and Tenderly*

* 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 *Whom Shall I Fear (God of Angel Armies)* -Living Spirit

You hear me when I call. You are my morning song.
Though darkness fills the night, it cannot hide the light.
Whom shall I fear?

You crush the enemy underneath my feet
You are my sword and shield though troubles linger still.
Whom shall I fear?

I know who goes before me. I know who stands behind.
The God of angel armies is always by my side.
The one who reigns forever, he is a friend of mine.
The God of angel armies is always by my side.

My strength is in your name, for you alone can save.
You will deliver me. Yours is the victory.
Whom shall I fear? Whom shall I fear? (refrain)

And nothing formed against me shall stand
You hold the whole world in your hands.
I'm holding on to Your promises.
You are faithful. You are faithful.

OFFERTORY *(please remain seated) (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.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION *(please remain 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 Holy One, give hope to your church around the world and nurture it with a shepherd's care so that all will remember your faithfulness and love. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A Restore the earth to the goodness you provided at creation. Protect and renew the quiet places of the world. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A Break down walls and hostilities that divide people and nations. Teach us to be neighbors to each other instead of strangers and aliens. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A Bring calm to those who are troubled because of frantic schedules and lack of leisure. Make this assembly a place of rest and refreshment. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A We give thanks that we are citizens with the saints and members of your household. Keep us in communion with all the faithful departed until we join them around your throne. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

Other petitions.

P Give rest to those who care for others in homes, hospitals, long-term care facilities, and hospice. Be with those who are dying, comfort those who grieve, and heal those who are sick (*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

*** 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** *(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..

POSTLUDE *A Joyous Alleluia*

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Altar flowers

Flowers are given to the glory of God by Rupert & Rita Schweinhagen for their 54th wedding anniversary.

Vacation

Pastor & Carol are on vacation and plan to return on the 25th. Rev. Denise Brown is available for emergencies.

Youth Gathering

Please remember in your prayers the young people and their advisor who are returning from the National Youth Gathering in Detroit today: *Madison Ashbaugh, Seth Tonjes, Carl Yaney, Sarah Yaney, Ryan Kohout, Connor Small, Alexandria Biederstedt, Neil Storch, and Matt Mt.Castle.*

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	6:45 p.m.	Executive Board
	7:00 p.m.	Church Council
Wednesday	9:00 a.m.	Sewing
	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 will be publishing a new membership address/phone directory in the next week. If your address or phone number has changed, please let us know by Tuesday so that the publication can be as accurate as possible! Thank you!

Serving Today

Pastor James L. Castello
Guest Preacher - Tom Jenny
Worship & Music Coordinator & Organist - Angela Tonjes
Worship Assistant - Jack Robbins
Sound Board - Shelly Storch
Acolytes - Abby Allison & Alicyn Hopkins
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.

Summer Coffee Hours

All are invited to attend our coffee hour after worship. Our host today is the Bell Choir. Next week’s hosts are the Finance and Education Boards.

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.

Statistics

7/9 (63) communed (56) 7/12 (100) communed (92) Tithes and Offerings \$4,161 (\$265 Bldg Fd; \$10 Wrld Hngr; \$50 Good Sam Fd) Simply Giving 7/6-7/12 \$130 Gen Fd; \$45 Bldg Fd; \$25 Wrld Hngr; \$25 Good Sam Fd

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 Northwesternaires

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 today, 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. at St. Mark's Lutheran Church, Domersville & Nagel Roads, 3 miles north of Tinora School, Defiance, Ohio.

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

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

Homemade Ice Cream Social

St. Peter Lutheran Church in Florida invites you to a homemade ice cream social on Sunday, August 2, at 11:30 a.m. There will be a freewill offering; proceeds will go to their Church Organ Fund. This is a Thrivent Action Team Event.

Someone 'with skin on'

My 3-year-old nephew was having a hard time falling asleep at Grandma's house, so my mom lay down beside him for a while. As she started to ease out of the room, his eyes flew open. "You're safe," she reminded him. "Jesus is always with you."

"I know, Grandma," he protested, "but I want someone with skin on!"

That reminded me of a quote by theologian Frederick Buechner:

"Compassion is the sometimes fatal capacity for feeling what it is like to live inside somebody else's skin." God came to us as Jesus – someone "with skin on" – so we would know he understands what it's like to live inside our skin. Now as Jesus' body in the world, we're often called on to be someone "with skin on" to others. Indeed, we're to show them such compassion that we could just as well be wearing *their* skin.

—Heidi Mann

What's your bugle?

Numbers 10 tells of God's command that Moses make two bugles for various purposes: summoning the leaders, sending the people to war, announcing worship, presenting offerings, calling everyone for a festival. "Blow the bugles," declares the Lord. "They will keep your attention on God" (v. 10, *The Message*).

What "bugles" draw our attention to God? Maybe church bells chime daily near your home. Maybe worship attendance serves as the "bugle" that calls you back to the Divine. Some people place a small dot-sticker on the face of their watch to remind them to pray whenever they check the time. A sticker on your cell phone or MP3 player might work even better. Maybe you set your Bible or devotions on the kitchen table before bed to remind you to start your day with God.

God's people get distracted easily, whether with tent-pitching in the Sinai Desert 3,500 years ago or with jam-packed schedules today. We all need a "bugle." What's yours?

... and then some

Shortly after a business executive retired, someone asked him what had been the secret of his success. He chuckled softly, and then said that it could be summarized in three words: "... and then some."

He explained that he had learned early in his career that the top people in any group were those who did what was expected of them ... and then some.

Such people worked diligently, efficiently, faithfully ... and then some. They were thoughtful and kind to others ... and then some. They were reliable friends who could be counted on ... and then some. If an emergency came, they tried to do their share to deal with it ... and then some. In short, they were more than ordinary people, they tried to be extraordinary.

That is precisely what Jesus expected and still expects of his followers. When he was teaching his friends about loving and serving others (see Matthew 5:43-48), he included these words, "What more are you doing than others?" (v. 47, NRSV).

Christians do what is required ... and then some.