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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

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 # 551** *Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee*

* 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 God, your ears are open always to the prayers of your servants. Open our hearts and minds to you, that we may live in harmony with your will and receive the gifts of your Spirit; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen.

FIRST LESSON: 2 Kings 4:42–44

⁴²A man came from Baal-shalishah, bringing food from the first fruits to the man of God: twenty loaves of barley and fresh ears of grain in his sack. Elisha said, "Give it to the people and let them eat."

⁴³But his servant said, "How can I set this before a hundred people?" So he repeated, "Give it to the people and let them eat, for

thus says the LORD, "They shall eat and have some left." ⁴⁴He set it before them, they ate, and had some left, according to the word of the LORD.

A The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM 145:10–19 All your works praise | you, O LORD,*
and your faithful | servants bless you.

¹¹**They make known the glory | of your kingdom*
and speak | of your power;**

¹²that the peoples may know | of your power*
and the glorious splendor | of your kingdom.

¹³**Your kingdom is an ever- | lasting kingdom;*
your dominion endures through- | out all ages.**

¹⁴The LORD is faithful in | all his words*
and merciful in | all his deeds.

¹⁵**The LORD upholds all | those who fall;*
he lifts up those who | are bowed down.**

¹⁶The eyes of all wait upon | you, O LORD,*
and you give them their food | in due season.

¹⁷**You open | wide your hand*
and satisfy the needs of every | living creature.**

¹⁸The LORD is righteous in | all his ways*
and loving in | all his works.

¹⁹**The LORD is near to those who call | upon him,*
to all who call up- | on him faithfully.**

SECOND LESSON: Ephesians 3:14–21

¹⁴For this reason I bow my knees before the
Father, ¹⁵from whom every family in
heaven and on earth takes its name. ¹⁶I
pray that, according to the riches of his
glory, he may grant that you may be
strengthened in your inner being with
power through his Spirit, ¹⁷and that Christ
may dwell in your hearts through faith, as
you are being rooted and grounded in love.

¹⁸I pray that you may have the power to
comprehend, with all the saints, what is the
breadth and length and height and depth,

¹⁹and to know the love of Christ that
surpasses knowledge, so that you may be
filled with all the fullness of God.

²⁰Now to him who by the power at
work within us is able to accomplish
abundantly far more than all we can ask or
imagine, ²¹to him be glory in the church
and in Christ Jesus to all generations,
forever and ever. Amen.

A The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

*** GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** *(Come, Thou Almighty King)*

Come, thou incarnate Word, Gird on thy mighty sword;
Our prayer attend.
Come and thy people bless, And give thy Word success,
And let thy righteousness On us descend.

*** GOSPEL: John 6:1–21**

After this Jesus went to the other side of
the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of
Tiberias. ²A large crowd kept following
him, because they saw the signs that he
was doing for the sick. ³Jesus went up the
mountain and sat down there with his
disciples. ⁴Now the Passover, the festival
of the Jews, was near. ⁵When he looked up
and saw a large crowd coming toward him,
Jesus said to Philip, "Where are we to buy

bread for these people to eat?" ⁶He said
this to test him, for he himself knew what
he was going to do. ⁷Philip answered him,
"Six months' wages would not buy enough
bread for each of them to get a little." ⁸One
of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's
brother, said to him, ⁹There is a boy here
who has five barley loaves and two fish.
But what are they among so many people?
¹⁰Jesus said, "Make the people sit down."

Now there was a great deal of grass in the
place; so they sat down, about five
thousand in all. ¹¹Then Jesus took the
loaves, and when he had given thanks, he
distributed them to those who were seated;
so also the fish, as much as they wanted.
¹²When they were satisfied, he told his
disciples, "Gather up the fragments left
over, so that nothing may be lost." ¹³So
they gathered them up, and from the
fragments of the five barley loaves, left by
those who had eaten, they filled twelve
baskets. ¹⁴When the people saw the sign
that he had done, they began to say, "This
is indeed the prophet who is to come into
the world."

¹⁵When Jesus realized that they were
about to come and take him by force to

make him king, he withdrew again to the
mountain by himself.

¹⁶When evening came, his disciples
went down to the sea, ¹⁷got into a boat, and
started across the sea to Capernaum. It was
now dark, and Jesus had not yet come to
them. ¹⁸The sea became rough because a
strong wind was blowing. ¹⁹When they had
rowed about three or four miles, they saw
Jesus walking on the sea and coming near
the boat, and they were terrified. ²⁰But he
said to them, "It is I; do not be afraid."
²¹Then they wanted to take him into the
boat, and immediately the boat reached the
land toward which they were going.

P The Gospel of our Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

HYMN LBW # 294 *My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less*

SERMON -Barb Hoffman

*** HYMN LBW # 474** *Children of the Heavenly Father*

*** 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

OFFERTORY *(please remain seated) (We Praise You, O God)*

We praise you, O God, our Redeemer, creator;
In grateful devotion our tribute we bring.
We lay it before you; we kneel and adore you;
We bless your holy name; glad praises we sing.

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 God our provider, awaken hunger for your truth in the church around the world so all are fed with your love and mercy. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A Give rain to the fields that supply our bread, and care for those who tend the crops. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A Raise up leaders who love truth and seek justice. Prosper the work of those who supply and oversee feeding programs in our community and around the world. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A Strengthen this congregation in its service to food pantries and community meal programs. Open our eyes to your abundance when we see only scarcity. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A With all the saints, root and ground us in love until we know the breadth, length, height, and depth of fullness in your kingdom. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

Other petitions.

P Comfort those who fear that they will not be able to feed their children. Send them healthy food and surround them with people who care. With your Spirit, strengthen those who are unsatisfied, lonely, rejected, or ill (*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 LBW # 543** *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*

POSTLUDE

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Altar flowers

Flowers are given to the glory of God by Maxine Eickhoff.

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

Wednesday 5:00 p.m. Soul Food

Thursday 9:00 a.m. Bible Study

7:00 p.m. Worship

Serving Today

Pastor James L. Castello

Guest Preacher - Barb Hoffman

Worship & Music Coordinator & Organist - Angela Tonjes

Guest Organist - Pat Mohring

Worship Assistant - Jack Robbins

Sound Board - Laura Ellis

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 hosts today are the Finance and Education Boards. Next week's hosts are the choir altos and basses.

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

7/16 (58) 7/19 (80) Tithes and Offerings \$2,762 (\$120 Bldg Fd)

Simply Giving 7/13-7/19 \$375 Gen Fd; \$120 Bldg Fd

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.

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.

Flowers

There is an opening on the flower chart for September 27. If you would like to provide flowers for that day, please sign the chart or call the church office.

Bloodmobile

There will be a bloodmobile tomorrow at the Ridgeville American Legion on Co Rd 19 from 12 - 6 p.m.

Membership Directory

The 2015 Membership Directory is available today at both entrances. Please observe the limit of one per household. Thank you!

Fair Parade Refreshments

We will again be offering refreshments on the day of the fair parade - Sunday, August 16. We will offer hot dogs, cookies, and bottled water to bystanders and those lining up for the parade in and adjacent to our parking lot. Donations are needed, food-wise and help-wise. We set up about 2:30 p.m. and are usually cleaned up in time to watch the parade at 6. If you are willing to donate hot dogs, buns, cookies (packed in baggies of 2, please), and/or bottled water OR if you are willing and able to help, please see Carol Castello.

Grace is a gift

When we work an eight-hour day and receive eight hours' pay for our efforts, that is a **WAGE**.

When we compete with an opponent and receive a trophy for our superior performance, that is a **PRIZE**.

When we receive something in recognition for our service or achievement, that is an **AWARD**.

But when we can earn no wage, can win no prize and deserve no award — yet we receive such a gift — that is unmerited favor. That is undeserved kindness. That is **GRACE**.