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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 *Be Thou My Vision*

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 # 343** *Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer*

* 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 and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we are to pray, and to give more than we either desire or deserve. Pour upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask, except through the merit of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen.

FIRST LESSON: 1 Kings 19:4–8

⁴But he himself went a day's journey into the wilderness, and came and sat down under a solitary broom tree. He asked that he might die: "It is enough; now, O LORD, take away my life, for I am no better than my ancestors." ⁵Then he lay down under the broom tree and fell asleep. Suddenly an angel touched him and said to him, "Get up and eat." ⁶He looked, and there at his head was a cake baked on hot stones, and a jar of water. He ate and drank, and lay down

again. ⁷The angel of the LORD came a second time, touched him, and said, "Get up and eat, otherwise the journey will be too much for you." ⁸He got up, and ate and drank; then he went in the strength of that food forty days and forty nights to Horeb the mount of God.

A The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM 34:1–8

I will bless the LORD ¹ at all times;* his praise shall ever be ¹ in my mouth.

²**I will glory ¹ in the LORD;***

let the humble hear ¹ and rejoice.

³Proclaim with me the greatness ¹ of the LORD;* let us exalt his ¹ name together.

⁴**I sought the LORD, and he ¹ answered me***

and delivered me out of ¹ all my terror.

⁵Look upon him ¹ and be radiant,* and let not your faces ¹ be ashamed.

⁶**I called in my affliction, and ¹ the LORD heard me***

and saved me from ¹ all my troubles.

⁷The angel of the LORD encompasses | those who fear him,*
and he will de- | liver them.

Taste and see that the | LORD is good;
happy are they who | trust in him!

SECOND LESSON: Ephesians 4:25—5:2

²⁵So then, putting away falsehood, let all of us speak the truth to our neighbors, for we are members of one another. ²⁶Be angry but do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, ²⁷and do not make room for the devil. ²⁸Thieves must give up stealing; rather let them labor and work honestly with their own hands, so as to have something to share with the needy. ²⁹Let no evil talk come out of your mouths, but only what is useful for building up, as there is need, so that your words may give grace to those who hear. ³⁰And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with which you were

marked with a seal for the day of redemption. ³¹Put away from you all bitterness and wrath and anger and wrangling and slander, together with all malice, ³²and be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you. ¹Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children, ²and live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

A The Word of the Lord.
C **Thanks be to God.**

*** GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** *(What Feast of Love)*

What light of truth is offered here, what covenant from heaven?
What hope of everlasting life, what wondrous word is given?
This, this is Christ the king, the sun come down from heaven,
Oh, see and hear and sing! The Word of God is given!

*** GOSPEL: John 6:35, 41–51**

³⁵Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty. ⁴¹Then the Jews began to complain about him because he said, "I am the bread that came down from heaven."
⁴²They were saying, "Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we

know? How can he now say, 'I have come down from heaven?'" ⁴³Jesus answered them, "Do not complain among yourselves. ⁴⁴No one can come to me unless drawn by the Father who sent me; and I will raise that person up on the last day. ⁴⁵It is written in the prophets, 'And they shall all be taught by God.' Everyone who has

heard and learned from the Father comes to me. ⁴⁶Not that anyone has seen the Father except the one who is from God; he has seen the Father. ⁴⁷Very truly, I tell you, whoever believes has eternal life. ⁴⁸I am the bread of life. ⁴⁹Your ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. ⁵⁰This is the bread that comes down from

heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. ⁵¹I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh."

P The Gospel of our Lord.
C **Thanks be to God.**

CHILDREN'S SERMON

HYMN WOV # 801 *Thine the Amen, Thine the Praise*

SERMON

*** HYMN WOV # 690** *Shall We Gather at the River*

*** 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 O God, build up your church throughout the world. Teach it to share the living bread from heaven that you provide so that all are fed. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A Send rain and sun in their season so that fields of grain and fields of flowers thrive. Provide clean water for people and animals alike. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A Draw leaders away from bitterness and into your ways of kindness and mercy. Replace blame and malice with forgiveness and justice. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A Bless those who prepare the bread and wine for our worship, communion servers, and those who carry from this assembly the bread of life and cup of salvation to those who are sick or homebound. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A Keep us in communion with our ancestors in the faith until we are raised up on the last day and join them at the table of the Lamb. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

Other petitions.

P Sustain all whose journey feels too hard to bear. Restore the hope of all who despair. Comfort those who are poor, oppressed, persecuted, or homeless. Heal the sick and comfort the grieving (*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 *You Are My All in All* -Bell Choir

*** OFFERTORY** *(Sing to the Lord of Harvest)*

Bring to this sacred altar The gifts his goodness gave,
The golden sheaves of harvest, the souls Christ died to save.
Your hearts lay down before him When at his feet you fall,
And with your lives adore him Who gave his life for all.

***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

It Is Well With My Soul -Bell Choir

*** 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** *(Amazing Grace)*

Depart in peace to do God's will;
Walk ever in the light,
For Christ is with you evermore,
To guide you day and night.

* **DISMISSAL**

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

C **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE *Grand Dialogue*

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Altar flowers

Flowers are given to the glory of God by Shirlee Mires-Fejes in loving memory of Phil; and by the Schink family in honor of Nate & Nikki Frey's wedding.

Birth

Congratulations and blessings to Mike & Anna Evans on the birth of Caroline Elizabeth, born July 23. Proud grandparents are Terry & Ruth Hershberger.

Funeral

Please remember in your prayers the family of Rudy Eickhoff whose funeral was held last Monday morning.

Weddings

Congratulations and God's blessings to the following couples who were married yesterday:

Mr. & Mrs. Nathanael and Nikki (Schink) Frey who were married at Emanuel.

Mr. & Mrs. James and Megan (Jenny) Szelagowski who were married in Cleveland.

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.

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
7:30 p.m. Naomi Circle
Wednesday 5:00 p.m. Soul Food
Thursday 9:00 a.m. Bible Study
7:00 p.m. Worship

Newsletter deadline: Monday, August 17

Thank you

Thanks to everyone for your cards of congratulations sent after the birth of Lennon.

-Joe & Amanda Dilbone

Serving Today

Pastor James L. Castello

Worship & Music Coordinator & Organist - Angela Tonjes

Worship Assistant - Joan Collier

Sound Board - Joe Kohout

Acolytes - Nathan Brubaker & Jayce Brubaker

Altar Guild - Karri Ashbaugh & Julie Mt.Castle

Prayer Chain Co-ordinator - Carol Castello (419-592-0847) or cjcast@yahoo.com

Caring Corner for 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 choir sopranos and tenors. Next week's host is the Miriam Circle.

Sign Up Sheet

There is a sign up sheet on the bulletin board in the narthex for readers and sound board operators for the rest of the year. We need you! Thank you for your service!

Membership Directory

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

Statistics

7/30 (68) 8/02 (112) communed (100) Tithes and Offerings \$7,405.42 (\$835 Bldg Fd; \$10 Wrld Hngr) Simply Giving 7/27-8/02 \$105 Gen Fd; \$20 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.

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.

Harlan's Chicken Barbecue/Vendor Event/Silent Auction Fundraiser

There will be a Chicken BBQ today at the Napoleon American Legion from 11:30 to 4 p.m. All proceeds will benefit the Kevin R. Schwiebert Memorial Fund which awards fire department grants to fire departments in Henry, Defiance, Williams, Fulton and Wood Counties. Learn more at www.facebook.com/KRSScholarshipFund.

The arms of Jesus

A teacher took her class of 7-year-olds to visit residents of an Alzheimer's care center. One boy spied an elderly woman sitting alone on a bed, slipped into her room and gave her a hug. She — and many who saw the interaction — shed tears.

The boy scurried back to his group, apologizing for making the woman cry. "She just looked like she needed a hug," he said meekly.

To the boy's surprise, the teacher commended him: "Your arms were the arms of Jesus to her."

Scripture tells of Jesus taking children in his arms (Mark 10:13-16). This child became Jesus to someone in her "second childhood," taking her in his arms and blessing her.

—Based on "She Needed a Hug,"
Chicken Soup for the Soul: Devotional Stories Sampler
(Simon & Schuster eBook, 2011)

