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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 *Hold Us Together* -Living Spirit

It don't have a job, don't pay your bills,
Won't buy you a home in Beverly Hills.
Won't fix your life, in five easy steps.
Ain't the law of the land or the government,
But it's all you need.

And love will hold us together,
Make us a shelter to weather the storm.
And I'll be my brother's keeper
So the whole world will know that we're not alone.

It's waiting for you, knocking at our door
In the moment of truth when your heart hits the floor
And you're on your knees. (Refrain)

This is the first day of the rest of your life.
This is the first day of the rest of your life.
'Cause even in the dark you can still see the light.
It's gonna be alright, it's gonna be alright. (Repeat, refrain)

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 # 401** *Before You, Lord, We Bow*

* **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 ever-living God, you have given great and precious promises to those who believe. Grant us the perfect faith which overcomes all doubts, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen.

FIRST LESSON: Proverbs 9:1–6

Wisdom has built her house,
she has hewn her seven pillars.
²She has slaughtered her animals, she has
mixed her wine,
she has also set her table.
³She has sent out her servant-girls, she
calls
from the highest places in the town,
⁴"You that are simple, turn in here!"

To those without sense she says,
⁵"Come, eat of my bread
and drink of the wine I have mixed.
⁶Lay aside immaturity, and live,
and walk in the way of insight."

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

PSALM 34

SECOND LESSON: Ephesians 5:15–20

¹⁵Be careful then how you live, not as
unwise people but as wise, ¹⁶making the
most of the time, because the days are evil.
¹⁷So do not be foolish, but understand what
the will of the Lord is. ¹⁸Do not get drunk
with wine, for that is debauchery; but be
filled with the Spirit, ¹⁹as you sing psalms
and hymns and spiritual songs among

yourselves, singing and making melody to
the Lord in your hearts, ²⁰giving thanks to
God the Father at all times and for
everything in the name of our Lord Jesus
Christ.

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

*** GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

*** GOSPEL: John 6:51–58**

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."

⁵²The Jews then disputed among
themselves, saying, "How can this man
give us his flesh to eat?" ⁵³So Jesus said to
them, "Very truly, I tell you, unless you eat
the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his
blood, you have no life in you. ⁵⁴Those
who eat my flesh and drink my blood have
eternal life, and I will raise them up on the
last day; ⁵⁵for my flesh is true food and my

blood is true drink. ⁵⁶Those who eat my
flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and
I in them. ⁵⁷Just as the living Father sent
me, and I live because of the Father, so
whoever eats me will live because of me.
⁵⁸This is the bread that came down from
heaven, not like that which your ancestors
ate, and they died. But the one who eats
this bread will live forever."

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

CHILDREN’S SERMON

HYMN LBW # 501 *He Leadeth Me*

SERMON

* **HYMN LBW # 499** *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

* **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 *Taste and See* -Living Spirit

OFFERTORY *(please remain seated) (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.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION *(please remain seated)*

A With confidence in God's compassion and generosity, let us pray for the church, the world, and all of God's creation.

Brief silence.

A God of generosity, you came to live among us in communion with us. We pray for all congregations, that they be places of welcome and belonging where those who seek you find a home. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A God of creativity, you have given us a rich earth to provide all sorts of nourishment. Grant us the wisdom to be good stewards of this vast and wondrous home. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A God of peace, we pray for the nations of the world. Give the world's leaders the wisdom that they need to seek peace and pursue justice. Give citizens the courage to raise up such leaders. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A God of wisdom, we pray for all those who are returning to school: students, teachers, and staff. Give them the joy of learning from each other by sharing their gifts and questions. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A God of community, we remember all the faithful who have come before us. Help us to remember, as they did, that those who seek the Lord will lack nothing that is good. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

Other petitions.

P God of compassion, we pray for all who are in need—both the needs we understand and the hungers that are beyond our comprehension. Fill all yearning souls with the true satisfaction that comes from you. *(Especially we pray for...)* Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ, 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** *(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.

POSTLUDE *The Promise of Salvation*

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Altar flowers

Flowers are given to the glory of God by Rev. Bob & Betsy Mix for their 49th wedding anniversary; and by Bonnie Palamara in loving memory of Gary on his birthday.

Funeral

Please remember in your prayers the family of Julie Delventhal who passed away last Tuesday morning. Her funeral was held yesterday.

Newsletter

The deadline for the September newsletter is noon tomorrow. Please be sure to have your meetings on the calendar by then.

Rally Day!!!!

Rally Day is September 13th! Sunday School will begin at 9:15. There will be crafts, games, singing, and snacks. We are going to kick off our Sunday School year and "Count Our Blessings"!!!!!!

Sunday School Teachers needed!

Teachers, I believe, are the most responsible and important members of society because their efforts affect the fate of the earth. -Helen Caldicott, author and peace activist

We need a Sunday School teacher for our 1st and 2nd grade class. You do NOT have to teach every Sunday. You can share this class with another person. Contact Laura Ellis (419) 783-7862 if you are willing to help out with this important job!!

Choir

We will be having a party to kick off the fall season! This end-of-summer blast will be held at the home of Mark and Angela Tonjes on Wednesday, September 2 at 6:00 p.m. Meat and beverages will be provided; choir members bring a dish to share and your spouse/friend/children. We will eat, play games, and rehearse.

The choir will sing on Sunday, September 6 at the 9:00 a.m. service and on Sunday, September 13 at the 10:30 a.m. service.

This Week

Monday	noon	Newsletter deadline
	6:30 p.m.	Miriam Circle
	6:45 p.m.	Executive Board
	7:00 p.m.	Church Council
Wednesday	5:00 p.m.	Soul Food
Thursday	9:00 a.m.	Bible Study
	7:00 p.m.	Worship with Holy Communion

Serving Today

Pastor James L. Castello
Worship & Music Coordinator & Organist - Angela Tonjes
Worship Assistant - Gary & Jamie Bostelman
Sound Board - Joe Kohout
Acolytes - Zachary Skeens & Carter Burken
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 host today is the Miriam Circle. Next week's host is the Congregational Life Board.

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!

Statistics

8/06 (63) 8/09 (112) communed (103) Tithes and Offerings \$4,876.00 (\$490 Bldg Fd; \$5 Wrld Hngr) Simply Giving 8/03-8/09 \$740 Gen Fd; \$195 Bldg Fd

Fair Parade Refreshments

We will again be offering refreshments at the fair parade today. 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. If you are willing and able to help, please see Carol Castello.