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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**    *We Sing to Thee, O Son of God*

**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 WOV # 697**    *Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters*

**\* 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, we thank you for your Son who chose the path of suffering for the sake of the world. Humble us by his example, point us to the path of obedience, and give us strength to follow his commands; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C Amen.**

**FIRST LESSON: Deuteronomy 4:1–2, 6–9**

So now, Israel, give heed to the statutes and ordinances that I am teaching you to observe, so that you may live to enter and occupy the land that the LORD, the God of your ancestors, is giving you. <sup>2</sup>You must neither add anything to what I command you nor take away anything from it, but keep the commandments of the LORD your God with which I am charging you. <sup>6</sup>You must observe them diligently, for this will show your wisdom and discernment to the peoples, who, when they hear all these statutes, will say, "Surely this great nation is a wise and discerning people!" <sup>7</sup>For what other great nation has a god so near to

it as the LORD our God is whenever we call to him? <sup>8</sup>And what other great nation has statutes and ordinances as just as this entire law that I am setting before you today?

<sup>9</sup>But take care and watch yourselves closely, so as neither to forget the things that your eyes have seen nor to let them slip from your mind all the days of your life; make them known to your children and your children's children--

A The Word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM 15**

LORD, who may dwell in your <sup>1</sup>tabernacle?\*

Who may abide upon your <sup>1</sup>holy hill?

<sup>2</sup>**Whoever leads a blameless life and does <sup>1</sup>what is right,\*  
who speaks the truth <sup>1</sup>from his heart,**

<sup>3</sup>there is no guile upon his tongue; he does no evil <sup>1</sup>to his friend;\*  
he does not heap contempt up- <sup>1</sup>on his neighbor.

<sup>4</sup>**In his sight the wicked <sup>1</sup>is rejected,\***

**but he honors those who | fear the LORD.**

<sup>5</sup>He has sworn to | do no wrong\*  
and does not take | back his word.

**<sup>6</sup>He does not give his money in | hope of gain,\*  
nor does he take a bribe a- | gainst the innocent.**

<sup>7</sup>Whoever | does these things\*  
shall never be | overthrown.

## **SECOND LESSON: James 1:17–27**

<sup>17</sup>Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change.

<sup>18</sup>In fulfillment of his own purpose he gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures.

<sup>19</sup>You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger; <sup>20</sup>for your anger does not produce God's righteousness. <sup>21</sup>Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls.

<sup>22</sup>But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves.

<sup>23</sup>For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; <sup>24</sup>for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like.

<sup>25</sup>But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act — they will be blessed in their doing.

<sup>26</sup>If any think they are religious, and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless.

<sup>27</sup>Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

A The Word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

## **\* GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

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: Mark 7:1–8, 14–15, 21–23**

Now when the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around him, <sup>2</sup>they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. <sup>3</sup>(For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; <sup>4</sup>and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.) <sup>5</sup>So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, "Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?" <sup>6</sup>He said to them, "Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written,

'This people honors me with their lips,  
but their hearts are far from me;

## **CHILDREN'S SERMON**

**HYMN WOV # 780**     *What a Fellowship*

## **SERMON**

**\* HYMN LBW # 315**     *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

## **\* 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**

<sup>7</sup>in vain do they worship me,  
teaching human precepts as doctrines.'

<sup>8</sup>You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition."

<sup>14</sup>Then he called the crowd again and said to them, "Listen to me, all of you, and understand: <sup>15</sup>there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile."

<sup>21</sup>For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, <sup>22</sup>adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. <sup>23</sup>All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person."

P The Gospel of our Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

**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**

*Remember Me* -Joleen Brubaker, Julie and Marv Mt.Castle, Seth Tonjes

Remember Me, in a Bible cracked and faded by the years.

Remember Me, in a sanctuary filled with silent prayer,

And age to age and heart to heart, bound by grace and peace.

Child of wonder, child of God, I've remembered you, remember Me.

Remember Me, when the color of the sunset fills the sky.

Remember Me, when you pray and tears of joy fall from your eyes. *Refrain*

Remember Me, when the children leave their Sunday School with smiles.

Remember Me, when they're old enough to teach, old enough to preach,

old enough to leave. *Refrain*

### **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 O God, we pray for the church throughout the world. Give its members the inspiration to be doers of the word. Proclaim your grace to their children and their children's children.

Lord, in your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

A As the harvest comes to its peak, remind us that we live in a bountiful universe and inspire us to work for continued nourishment for Earth and all its creatures. Lord, in your mercy,

Lord, in your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

A We pray for the nations of the world. Give them the courage to seek peace with justice and to set free every person who is oppressed. Lord, in your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

A We pray for all congregations. Inspire and strengthen them to live by your commandments and to be your hands in the community. Make them shining lights to the world. Lord, in your mercy,

Lord, in your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

A O God, we give thanks for those who have held fast to your commandments, and we look forward to the day of reunion when we shall all live upon your holy hill. Lord, in your mercy,

Lord, in your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

*Other petitions.*

P We pray for those waiting for their freedom. Break the chains that bind our human hearts. Console those constrained by any sort of oppression, grief, loneliness, or illness

*(especially)*. 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**

**Our Father, which 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 debts as we forgive our debtors.**

**And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil,**

**for Thine is the Kingdom and the Power and the Glory, forever. 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**     *Postlude in Early American Hymn Style*

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**Altar flowers**

Flowers are given to the glory of God by Alan and Shelly Storch for their 26<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.

**Note:**

Please note that we will return to two-service schedule on Sunday mornings beginning SEPTEMBER 13! At that time we will have worship at 8:00 and 10:30 a.m. with Sunday School at 9:15. Thursday night worship at 7 p.m. will continue until Thanksgiving.

**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 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

**On the radio**

Our services will be broadcast on WNDH 103.1 FM during the month of September at 10:30 on Sunday mornings. (This will be a recording of the previous week's service. )Tell your friends!

**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.

**Rally Day!!!!**

Rally Day is September 13<sup>th</sup>! 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"!!!!!! We'll have a "Fun Day" lunch after worship services with a last-blast-of-summer hot dog feast followed by snow-cones! EVERYONE is welcome!!!

**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*.

**Women of the Church General Meeting**

Our WELCA will be holding their September meeting on Thursday, September 3 at 7:30 p.m. We welcome Nanette Schwab as our speaker as she tells us about her work as a labor and delivery nurse at Fulton County Health Center. Everyone is welcome to attend and hear what promises to be a most interesting program. Come and bring a friend!

**Serving Today**

Pastor James L. Castello  
Worship & Music Coordinator & Organist - Angela Tonjes  
Worship Assistant - Gary & Jamie Bostelman  
Sound Board - Joe Kohout  
Acolytes - Tyson Reynolds & Morgan Ashbaugh  
Altar Guild - Karri Ashbaugh & Julie Mt.Castle  
Prayer Chain Co-ordinator - Carol Castello (419-592-0847) or [cjcast@yahoo.com](mailto:cjcast@yahoo.com)

### **Summer Coffee Hours**

All are invited to attend our coffee hour after worship. Our hosts today are the Naomi and Ruth Circles. Our hosts for the final coffee hour next week will be the Soul Food Crew.

### **NEEDED!!!**

Sound board operators are needed for the 9:00 a.m. service on September 6 and for the 10:30 service the whole month of September. Please sign up on the bulletin board in the narthex or talk to Shelly Storch or Peggy Snyder. We need you!

### **Catechism Parents and students**

There is an important meeting of all 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, and 8<sup>th</sup> grade parents and students concerning catechism classes immediately following the service this morning in the Chapel.

### **Card shower**

Lenhart Lange's family is having a card shower for him on his 90<sup>th</sup> birthday on September 12.

If you would like to send him a card, his address is:

Lenhart Lange  
1711 Fernstone Terrace NW  
Acworth GA 30101

### **Funeral**

We express our sympathy to the family of Pastor Linda Rahe whose mother-in-law, Virginia M. Rahe, passed away on Tuesday, August 18. Her funeral was held last Sunday, August 23 at Zion Lutheran Church, Gibsonburg. Cards and notes of sympathy may be sent to Rev. Linda & Dutch Rahe, 632 Weatherstone Rd., Holland, Ohio 43528.

### **Lutheran World Relief Kits**

On the Caring Corner table there are instructions on the different kits (Personal Care, Baby, Fabric, School). There are empty School Kit bags already made, so all you have to do is fill one. If you don't sew or cannot be a part of a kit-making project, please consider donating to the Women of the Church to be donated to LWR Quilt & Kit Shipping Fund. For every \$1 you give, someone in need receives \$8 worth of essential personal items. The kits must be turned in to the Caring Corner table, and monetary donations must be made by October 4. If you have questions, please contact Julie Callaway 419/966-3824. Monetary donations can be turned in to the church office.

### **Marriage Encounter**

Invest in your marriage on a Lutheran Marriage Encounter Weekend November 13-15 in Millersburg, OH. Apply online at GodLovesMarriage.org to view and select a room, or contact Duffy & Nan Guthrie at nguthrie@suite224.net or 440-599-9090 for more information. Weekends fill fast - don't miss out. Pre-registration is required.

### **This Week**

Today 10:15 a.m. Meeting with catechism parents/students in Chapel

Wednesday 5:00 p.m. Soul Food

6:00 p.m. Choir Party at Tonjes house

Thursday 9:00 a.m. Bible Study

7:00 p.m. Worship

7:30 p.m. WELCA General Meeting

### **Statistics**

8/20 (52) communed (50) 8/23 (90) Offerings \$4,363.04 (\$75 Bldg Fd; \$5 Wrld Hngr; \$500 memorial for Bldg Fd-J. Delventhal; \$398.04 VBS) Simply Giving 8/17-8/23 \$375 Gen Fd; \$120 Bldg Fd