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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**

WELCA Thankoffering Service

PRELUDE *Immortal, Invisible*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*** GATHERING**

Blessed be the holy Trinity one God, the fountain of living water, the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation.

Amen.

*** LITANY FOR GATHERING**

This is the day that the Lord has made.

Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Today brings the gift of life.

Creator, you make us in your image.

Today brings all we need to live with purpose.

Inviter, you call us to discipleship in Jesus Christ.

Today brings the strength to live more fully.

Inspiring one, you empower us by the Holy Spirit.

Today brings women of many generations who grow together in faith and affirm and support one another.

Companion, you embolden us with community.

Today brings a world in need of healing and wholeness.

Healer, you engage us in ministry and action.

For the church, the society, and the world, God, we humbly enter this worship.

Prepare our hearts.

We hear you calling, O God.

Make us bold to listen and to follow. Amen.

*** HYMN LBW # 241** *We Praise You, O God*

*** GREETING**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

*** HYMN OF PRAISE** 

Let all things now living A song of thanksgiving

To God the creator triumphantly raise,

Who fashioned and made us, Protected and stayed us,

Who still guides us on to the end of our days.

God’s banners are o’er us, His light goes before us,

A pillar of fire shining forth in the night,

Till shadows have vanished And darkness is banished,

As forward we travel from light into light.

*** PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Creator God, you call us into relationship with you and with all of creation. In Jesus you gave us mercy beyond our understanding and showed us how to live with grace toward each other. Your blessings are like the dew in the morning and the stars in the heavens, not to be counted but to be received with thanksgiving and generously shared. Keep us moving always toward you and our neighbor, eager to share and receive. In the name of Christ we pray.

Amen.

(8:00) **Special Music:** *Revelation Song* -Bell Choir

Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, holy, holy, is he.

Sing a new song, to him who sits on heaven’s mercy seat.

Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty who was, and is, and is to come.
With all creation I sing praise to the King of kings,
You are my everything and I will adore you.

Clothed in rainbows, of living color, flashes of lightning, rolls of thunder,
Blessing and honor, strength and glory and power be to you the only wise King.

Filled with wonder, awestruck wonder, at the mention of your name.
Jesus, your name is power, breath, and living water; such a marvelous mystery.

FIRST LESSON: LESSON: Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14

⁹As I watched,
thrones were set in place,
and an Ancient One took his throne,
his clothing was white as snow,
and the hair of his head like pure wool;
his throne was fiery flames,
and its wheels were burning fire.

¹⁰A stream of fire issued
and flowed out from his presence.
A thousand thousands served him,
and ten thousand times ten thousand
stood attending him.

The court sat in judgment,
and the books were opened.

¹³As I watched in the night visions,

I saw one like a human being
coming with the clouds of heaven.
And he came to the Ancient One
and was presented before him.

¹⁴To him was given dominion
and glory and kingship,
that all peoples, nations, and languages
should serve him.

His dominion is an everlasting dominion
that shall not pass away,
and his kingship is one
that shall never be destroyed.

A The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 93

¹The LORD is king; he has put on splen- | did apparel;
the LORD has put on his apparel and girded him- | self with strength.

²**He has made the whole | world so sure
that it can- | not be moved;**

³ever since the world began, your throne has | been established;
you are from | everlasting.

⁴**The waters have lifted up, O LORD, the waters have lifted | up their voice;
the waters have lifted up their | pounding waves.**

⁵Mightier than the sound of many waters, mightier than the breakers | of the sea,

mightier is the LORD who | dwells on high.

⁶**Your testimonies are | very sure,
and holiness adorns your house, O LORD, forever and for- | evermore.**

SECOND LESSON: Revelation 1:4b-8

^{4b}Grace to you and peace from him who is
and who was and who is to come, and from
the seven spirits who are before his throne,
⁵and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness,
the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of
the kings of the earth.

To him who loves us and freed us from
our sins by his blood, ⁶and made us to be a
kingdom, priests serving his God and
Father, to him be glory and dominion
forever and ever. Amen.

⁷Look! He is coming with the clouds;

* GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (tune: Joyful, Joyful)

Safe within God's hand he guides us, hidden in his healing wings;
Daily does his word provide us with all good and perfect things.
In thanksgiving, let us praise him; in thanksgiving let us sing
Songs of praise and adoration to our gracious Lord, and King.

* GOSPEL: John 18:33-37

³³Pilate entered the headquarters again,
summoned Jesus, and asked him, "Are you
the King of the Jews?" ³⁴Jesus answered,
"Do you ask this on your own, or did
others tell you about me?" ³⁵Pilate replied,
"I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation
and the chief priests have handed you over
to me. What have you done?" ³⁶Jesus
answered, "My kingdom is not from this
world. If my kingdom were from this
world, my followers would be fighting to

every eye will see him,
even those who pierced him;
and on his account all the tribes of the
earth will wail.

So it is to be. Amen.

⁸"I am the Alpha and the Omega," says
the Lord God, who is and who was and
who is to come, the Almighty.

A The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

keep me from being handed over to the
Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from
here." ³⁷Pilate asked him, "So you are a
king?" Jesus answered, "You say that I am
a king. For this I was born, and for this I
came into the world, to testify to the truth.
Everyone who belongs to the truth listens
to my voice."

P The Gospel of our Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

CHILDREN'S SERMON

HYMN LBW # 409 *Praise and Thanksgiving*

SERMON

THANKOFFERING

As we collect the Thankoffering today, we share in a tradition dating back to the 1800s, when Christian women formed "mite" or "cent" societies to fund mission. When others in the church said there was not enough money to carry out these projects, the women believed otherwise. In these societies, each woman collected offerings at home. On occasion, they would gather as we do today to worship and combine their offerings and offer them up with thanks and praise. When Women of the ELCA was formed nearly 30 years ago, we committed to continue this tradition of giving in gratitude for blessings. Each year, in thousands of congregations, Thankofferings are collected and sent to support the life-changing ministries of Women of the ELCA. Together, we do more than we could ever do apart. In gratitude for all God has given to us, and with hope for all that is to come, we now collect our Thankoffering.

Please bring forward your thankoffering during the singing of this hymn or place it in the offering plate.

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

TITHES AND OFFERINGS (8:00) *Mighty to Save* -Bell Choir

Everyone needs compassion, love that's never failing; let mercy fall on me.
Everyone needs forgiveness, the kindness of a Savior; the hope of nations.

Savior, he can move the mountains, my God is mighty to save, he is mighty to save.
Forever, author of salvation, he rose and conquered the grave, Jesus conquered the grave.

So take me as you find me, all my fears and failures, fill my life again.
I give my life to follow everything I believe in, now I surrender. (Refrain)

Shine your light and let the whole world see,
We're singing for the glory of the risen King...Jesus. (twice)

(10:30) *People Need the Lord* -Betty Mowery

OFFERTORY *(tune: For the Beauty of the Earth)* *(please remain seated)*

God, your blessings overflow, what can we begin to say?

How can we begin to show, all our gratitude this day?

God, we join to worship you, giving thanks for all you do.

So we join in thanks this day, so your gifts we freely share.

So we follow in Christ's way, loving, serving everywhere.

Spirit, may our lives express, all our daily thankfulness.

THE PRAYERS *(please remain seated)*

With the whole people of Christ Jesus, let us call upon God for the sake of the church, the world and all in need of prayer.

God who made all things good, you create us to be caretakers and stewards of your creation. You equip us to provide for the people, places and ministries that you have entrusted to our care. Draw us together in the light of faith and hope so that we may recognize our calling to this work. We pray in abundance,

Creator, draw us in.

God who blesses our labor, you light our paths with the histories of women who acted boldly on their faith to change the world. Bring their influence to our attention and their stories to our lips and ears. May we see in them our own potential to live boldly. We pray in abundance,

Creator, draw us in.

God who provides, you endow us with all we need to nurture, harvest and share the fruits of creation. In this abundance, direct our eyes and feet to our neighbors who are on the margins, both near and far. Give us curiosity and courage to live into the fullness of our communities. We pray in abundance,

Creator, draw us in.

God who was and is and will be, through the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America and Women of the ELCA, you have called us more deeply into relationship with you and the world. Bless every church, everywhere, that through our work, all may know your grace and accept your call to love one another. We pray in abundance,

Creator, draw us in.

Other petitions.

O God, we pray that your healing power will be with all who are homebound, hospitalized, or sick (*especially*), that they may know of your vigilant presence in their

lives. We pray in abundance,

Creator, draw us in.

God who reaches every people, turn our hearts to see those with us now, gathered at this Thankoffering service to give thanks and praise to you. Urge us on to the fullness of life, in the name of Christ, our Lord.

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

*** DISMISSAL**

Go in peace and share God's abundance.

*** HYMN LBW # 548** *Oh, Worship the King*

POSTLUDE *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name*

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Altar flowers

Flowers are given to the glory of God by Norm & Kathy Bostelman in honor of their 45th wedding anniversary.

Funeral

Please remember in your prayers the family of Norma Strayer who passed away last Tuesday. Arrangements for Norma's funeral are pending at this writing.

Congratulations

Congratulations to Brandon and Amber (Gerken) Yost on the birth of a son, Cooper. Proud grandparents are Ken & Nancy Lange and Julian & Carol Gerken.

Caring Corner for November — Christmas Cheer

Canned/non-perishable food items for Christmas Cheer of Henry County. Please check expiration dates!! And NO microwavable food, please. Think complete meals!

Community Thanksgiving Dinner

The churches and service groups of Henry County invite you to a Community Thanksgiving Meal featuring a traditional turkey dinner on Thanksgiving Day, November 26, 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. at St. Paul Lutheran Church, 1075 Glenwood. Carryout service will be provided as well as limited delivery service for takeout meals to the homebound. If you have questions or would like to volunteer to help with this dinner, please call: 419-592-3535. If you would like to donate a pie for dessert it would be most appreciated!

Statistics

Thursday, 11/12 (no service)

Sunday, 11/15 101+86 (176) Offerings 3,619.00 (\$115 Bldg Fd; \$5 Wrld Hngr; \$27.50 Sun Sch; \$100 Conf Mtg Donation; \$10 mem-E.Sonnenberg)

Simply Giving 11/09 - 11/15 \$130 Gen Fd; \$45 Bldg Fd; \$25 Wrld Hngr; \$25 Good Sam Fd

Your help is needed!!

Readers are needed for the 8:00 service on December 20 and 27. Sound board operators are needed for the 8:00 service on December 20, 24, 25, 27; and for the 10:30 service all month. Please consider helping us out and sign up today on the bulletin board in the narthex or talk to Shelly Storch or Peggy Snyder!

Thanksgiving

Please plan to attend our **Thanksgiving** Eve service to be held at the Presbyterian Church on Webster & Clinton at **7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, November 25!** Our choir and bell choir will be participating.

Church Decorating

Church decorating for Christmas will begin at 9 a.m. on Saturday. Your assistance would be very much appreciated!!

WELCA (Women of the Church) General Meeting

Mark your calendar now to come and enjoy the musical program by the Brown PK's at the WELCA meeting on December 3, 7:30 p.m. For our "gifting", check the Caring Corner and take a tab. It will have the size and sex needed for socks to be given to our "Angel Tree Recipients". Let's help warm their toes and hearts this Christmas season.

Flower Chart

The new Flower Chart for 2016 is hanging in the narthex. Why not pick out your day early and sign up! Flowers, as of now, are still \$20.00.

Salvation Army Bell Ringing

Our church will be ringing the Salvation Army Bells at Wal-Mart on Saturday, November 28. These are 2-hour shifts at both the south and north doors at Wal-Mart. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin by the church office. Pick your time and sign up now!

Free Holiday Meal

The Napoleon Police Officer's Association and The Napoleon American Legion Post 300 is offering a free holiday meal on Saturday, December 5, from 4 p.m. - 7 p.m. at the Napoleon American Legion Hall, 500 Glenwood. Dinner includes: Ham, Roast Beef, Potatoes and More. Music by Vibration Craze DJ Mike Foreman. This is free and open to all.

Serving Today

Pastor James L. Castello

Worship & Music Coordinator & Organist - Angela Tonjes

Worship Assistants - women of the church

Sound Board - 8:00 Maxine Eickhoff 10:30 Ryan Kohout

Acolytes - 8:00 Nate Brubaker & Jayce Brubaker

10:30 Carter Burken & Elijah Wolf

Ushers - women of the church

Altar Guild - Shelly Storch & Gayla Yaney

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

This Week

Wednesday NO After School Club, Catechism, or Rehearsals

6:30 p.m. Choir at Presbyterian Church

7:00 p.m. Thanksgiving Eve Worship at Presbyterian Church

Thursday-Friday Church Offices Closed

Saturday 9:00 a.m. Church Decorating

Helping Hands, Loving Hands Christmas Tree of Lights

You are invited to join fellow Christians with your "helping hands and loving hands" by honoring/remembering a loved one with a name on the ribbon to help decorate the Christmas Tree of Lights" at The Lutheran Home in Napoleon. You can find forms on the bulletin board by the church office.

Thanksgiving prayer

Author and radio host Garrison Keillor put a unique spin on expressing gratitude for special meals. He painted the following table prayer on his dining-room wall, encouraging guests to sing it together before eating:

O Lord, we thank Thee for this food,
For every blessing, every good.
For earthly sustenance and love
Bestowed on us from heaven above.
Be present at our table, Lord.
Be here and everywhere adored.
Thy children bless and grant that we
May feast in paradise with Thee.

"It's inspiring to hear 15 people find harmony around the Thanksgiving table," Keillor writes. Singing together "sets a tone. No crying in the cranberries. ... There is much to be grateful for."