

# Emanuel Lutheran Church, Napoleon, Ohio

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## Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost † September 2, 2018

LBW-Lutheran Book of Worship    WOV-With One Voice

\* Please stand as you are able

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

### RINGING OF THE BELL

### PRELUDE    *Simple Gifts*

### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS    *(please stand as you are able)*

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, the one who fashions us, the one who heals us, the one who reforms us again and again.

**C Amen.**

P Let us confess our sin, calling for God's transforming power.  
Source of all life,

**C we confess that we have not allowed your grace to set us free. We fear that we are not good enough. We hear your word of love freely given to us, yet we expect others to earn it. We turn the church inward, rather than moving it outward. Forgive us. Stir us. Reform us to be a church powered by love, willing to speak for what is right, act for what is just, and seek the healing of your whole creation. Amen.**

P God hears our cry and sends the Spirit to change us and to empower our lives in the world. Our sins are forgiven, God's love is unconditional, and we are raised up as God's people who will always be made new, in the name of Jesus Christ.

**C Amen.**

### HYMN LBW #436    *All Who Love and Serve Your City*

### GREETING

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

**C And also with you.**

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

P O God our strength, without you we are weak and wayward creatures. Protect us from all dangers that attack us from the outside, and cleanse us from all evil that arises from within ourselves, that we may be preserved through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C Amen.**

### FIRST LESSON: Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9

<sup>1</sup>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

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

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

<sup>2</sup>**Those who lead a blameless life and do <sup>l</sup> what is right,  
who speak the truth <sup>l</sup> from their heart;**

<sup>3</sup>they do not slander with the tongue, they do no evil <sup>l</sup> to their friends;  
they do not cast discredit upon a neighbor.

<sup>4</sup>**In their sight the wicked are rejected,  
but they honor those who <sup>l</sup> fear the LORD.**

**They have sworn upon their health  
and do not take <sup>l</sup> back their word.**

<sup>5</sup>They do not give their money in hope of gain,  
nor do they take bribes against the innocent.

Those who do these things shall never be <sup>l</sup> 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

The Son of God, our Christ, the Word, the Way,  
Shared human life and toiled throughout the day;  
From common folk he called the twelve to be  
Co-workers in his sacred ministry.  
Today, as then, Christ summons us to dare To  
follow boldly and his work to share, To help  
and heal the sick, the blind, the lame,  
Declaring to the world his holy name.

\* **GOSPEL: Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23** *(please stand as you are able)*

<sup>1</sup>Now when the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around [Jesus], <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; <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.**

## CHILDREN'S SERMON

**HYMN LBW # 492** *O Master, Let Me Walk with You*

## SERMON

**HYMN LBW # 423** *Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service (you may remain seated)*

### \* 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

**PRAYERS** *(you may remain seated)*

A Freed by God in Christ to live and love and serve, we pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's beloved creation.

*A brief silence.*

A Gracious God, we pray for all those who labor to bear your word into the world by welcoming the stranger, healing the sick, and caring for the orphan. Embolden your church to take up the cross against the powers of oppression and death. Lord, in your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

A Creative God, we pray for the earth. Keep watch over those who rescue endangered species and repair scorched landscapes. Make us good stewards of creation. Lord, in your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

A Sovereign God, we pray for the nations of the world, for governments, leaders, and citizens. Watch over refugees and immigrants. Inspire us to welcome them with glad hearts when they arrive on our shores and in our neighborhoods. Lord, in your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

A With thanksgiving, we remember the cloud of witnesses whose lives inspire us to loving service. Lord, in your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

A Welcoming God, at tables around the world, through story and meal, strangers become guests and guests become friends. Embolden this congregation to always extend the wide-armed welcome you extend to us. Lord, in your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

P Loving God, you call us to serve our neighbors. Bless our vocations as we fill the cups of the thirsty, the plates of the hungry, and the hearts of the lonely. Make our presence your presence for all who sorrow (*especially*). Lord, in your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Into your wide embrace, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your boundless mercy through Jesus Christ, our Redeemer.

C **Amen.**

### \* PEACE

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **And also with you.**

## WE SHARE THE PEACE

**TITHES AND OFFERINGS** *Living Hope* -Julie & Marv MtCastle

**OFFERTORY** *(you may remain seated)*

We place upon your table, Lord, The food of life, the bread and wine, As symbols of our daily work, According to your grand design.

Accept them, Lord; they come from you; We take them humbly from your hand. These gifts of yours for higher use We offer up as you command.

## OFFERING PRAYER

A God of life, you give us these gifts of the earth, these resources of our life and our labor. Take them, offered in great thanksgiving, and use them to set a table that will heal the whole creation; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Light.

**C Amen.**

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

\* **LORD'S PRAYER** *(please stand as you are able)*

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

### BLESSING

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

**C Amen**

## PRAYERS AFTER COMMUNION

A Holy and compassionate God, in bread and wine you give us gifts that form us to be humble and courageous. May your words come to life in our serving and in our witness, that we might speak a living voice of healing and justice to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our rock and our redeemer.

**C Amen.**

## BENEDICTION

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

## DISMISSAL

A Go in peace. Sound the good news.

**C Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE** *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*

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In honor of Labor Day tomorrow, notice how many times the words “work” or “labor” or “toiled” appear in the music for today. Can you find them all?

### Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

The Hymn of Joy (often called “Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee” after the first line) is a poem written by Henry van Dyke in 1907. His intention was to put his words with the music of Beethoven’s famous “Ode to Joy,” which was the final movement of his final symphony. The hymn almost begs to be sung in a fast, upbeat manner, and is considered by hymnologists to be one of the most joyous expressions of hymn lyrics in the English language. It is appropriate to sing throughout the liturgical year during any part of a worship service.

### **Altar Flowers**

Flowers are given to the glory of God by Janis Dachenhaus & family in loving memory of Ron.

### **Funeral**

Please remember in your prayers the family of Norbert Brandt whose funeral was held here at the church Thursday.

### **Two Service Schedule**

Remember we are returning to **TWO** Sunday services beginning next Sunday! Worship will begin at 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.; and Sunday School will begin at 9:15 a.m. Thursday night worship at 7 p.m. will continue until Thanksgiving.

### **Rally Day - NEXT SUNDAY, September 9!!**

**9:15-10:15 a.m.**

We will have inflatables and ice cream. Please join us for a fun day and a kick off to the Sunday School year! If you have any questions please text or call Amanda Dilbone at 419-377-0754.

### **Coffee Hour**

Our Soul Food Crew is offering **“Sundaes on Sunday”** this morning during the fellowship hour after worship! You don’t want to miss this!!!!

### **Emanubells Needs You!**

If you have ever wondered what it would be like to ring bells, now is your chance. Emanubells is in need of at least 2 ringers. They practice on Wednesday nights at 5:30 and play at late service the first Sunday of the month and at early on the second Sunday of the month. If you are interested, Please contact Bill Panning at 419-966-6216. It’s a lot of fun! It’s mostly smoke and mirrors!

### **Activity Bags**

**Activity/Busy/Church** bags are available on the coat trees at each entryway and in the balcony. Please feel free to take one for your child to enjoy during the worship service, and then return it to the tree afterward.

### **Lutheran World Relief**

On the Caring Corner table there are instructions for the different LWR kits (Personal Care, Baby, Fabric, School). We are also in need of drawstring backpacks to include with the School kits, and those instructions are on the Caring Corner table as well. Please return the finished kits to the Caring Corner table by October 1, 2018. If you have questions, please contact Betty Mowery 419-966-9027.

### **Caring Corner for September**

We at Emanuel will be collecting diapers and pull-ups to be distributed at “Together We Can Make a Difference Initiatives” in recognition of Diaper Awareness Week. September 24-30, 2018.

### **Cruise-In Carnival**

Lutheran Home Auxiliary and Thrivent Action Team will be sponsoring a Cruise-In Carnival, Sunday, September 9, 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. at Napoleon Campus, 1036 S. Perry St., Napoleon. Ice Cream Social 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. Serving hot beef sandwiches, hot dogs or chili dogs, and Toff’s ice cream in the Alpine Village dining room. Freewill offerings accepted. Car Show 12 - 2 p.m. Bring your car, truck, tractor or motorcycle to show in the Alpine Village parking lot.

### **FAMILY FUN & GENEROSITY**

Join the Thrivent Member Network - Mid-America Region for a day of family fun and generosity at Leaders Farms, Sunday, September 9, 1 to 5 p.m. Bring the family out for: Lunch, Pumpkin painting as part of a Thrivent Action Team, Networking with your fellow Thrivent members, The corn MAIZE, Hay rides, Putt-putt golf, Super slides, Zip line, Much, much, more!

### **Harvest Home**

We’d like to decorate the altar area of the church for Harvest Home - bring the fruits of your harvest to your church home! Fall begins September 22, 2018. If you can bring in some “fall” things to decorate with, it would be greatly appreciated. Please just bring in your fall items to the chapel by Sunday, September 16. We are looking for pumpkins, gourds, apples, fresh garden produce, HOME canned goods in glass jars, mums, baskets, SMALL bales of straw ... anything that “says” fall to you!

### **Statistics**

8/23 (39) - 8/26 (91) Offerings: \$5083 (\$20 Bldg Fd; \$2020 Endow Fd)  
(Lenhart & Ellen Lange Mem \$65 Endow Fd)

Simply Giving 8/27: \$65 Gen Fd; \$20 Bldg Fd

### **This Week**

Monday		Office Closed - Labor Day
Tuesday	1:30 p.m.	PERI
	7:00 p.m.	WELCA General Meeting
Wednesday	5:00 p.m.	Soul Food
	6:30 p.m.	Choir
	7:30 p.m.	Living Spirit
Thursday	7:00 p.m.	Worship

### **Serving Today**

Officiating - Pastor Ron Atkins

Worship & Music Coordinator & Organist - Angela Tonjes

Bell Choir Director - Bill Panning

Lay Assistant - Karri Ashbaugh

Sound Board - Marv MtCastle

Acolytes - Emma Rowland & Adara Hildebrandt

Ushers - Joe Kohout, Ronnie Rohrs, Ron Wiechers, Rick Ford

Altar Guild - Jennifer Jenny & Beth Jenny

Prayer Chain Co-ordinator - Phyllis Kloos (419-260-6582) or  
phyllis\_kloos@yahoo.com

### **Volunteers needed**

Readers, sound board operators, and ushers are always needed!!! Please sign up on the bulletin board in the narthex. Thanks!

### **Redhead Run 5K**

4<sup>th</sup> Annual Kevin R. Schwiebert Memorial Fund, Redhead Run 5K. Saturday, September 15<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 a.m. (Registration begins at 7:45 a.m.) Start/Finish at St. Peter Lutheran Church, K980 County Road 17D, Florida. Register online at [www.runsignup.com](http://www.runsignup.com) and search for Redhead Run or contact Jen Schwiebert at [kjschwiebert@gmail.com](mailto:kjschwiebert@gmail.com) or 419-777-5356 EVERYONE IS WELCOME!

### **Soulful Stirrings from "Soul Food"**

"Soul Food" is a ministry of this congregation. It's not just a meal on Wednesday evenings; it's a time of fellowship. It's not just supper for strangers; it's an outreach. It's not just a "duty"; it's a joy! "Soul Food" is NOT only a "community" meal; it's a gathering together to nourish bodies and souls. Join us! Get acquainted with someone you might not know! And help is needed with all that goes into these weekly meals. Helping hands are **always** welcomed, and you don't have to commit to every week; simply come when you can and help as you are able! We usually get together at 3 p.m. to start "prepping"; the "head cook" for the week determines the menu and usually shops accordingly, but there are still ways you can help. Dishpan hands are ALWAYS in need, We serve from 5 to 6 p.m. if available, take-outs are allowed only after 6 p.m. Concentrating on healthier foods, we'd like to have fewer desserts and MORE fresh fruit!! Salads and fresh vegetables are also welcomed every week. With vacations, work schedules, health issues, family needs, etc., our "crew" is fairly "skeletal" lately, and we welcome YOUR involvement! There is plenty of food, fun, fellowship, and we share prayer concerns each week. Come feed your body **and** your soul!

### **Thank You!!!**

Thank you to all who have been donating their garden goodies to "Soul Food". It is very much appreciated.

## **DOOR OFFERING**

We will have an Endowment Fund door offering on Sunday, September 9, to help reach our goal of \$100,000 so that we may use these funds to further the mission work of the church.

***TWO SERVICES NEXT SUNDAY!!!!***  
**Communion at 10:30 a.m.**