

# Emanuel Lutheran Church, Napoleon, Ohio

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## Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost † September 1, 2019

LBW-Lutheran Book of Worship    WOV-With One Voice

\* Please stand as you are able

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

### RINGING OF THE BELL

PRELUDE    *My Heart Ever Faithful*

### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, the strength of our ancestors, the host of this meal, the builder of the city that is to come.

**C Amen.**

P If we have died with Christ, we will also live with Christ. Let us confess our sin to the one who is faithful.

God our helper,

**C we confess the many ways we have failed to live as your disciples. We have not finished what we began. We have feasted with friends but ignored strangers. We have been captivated by our possessions. Lift our burdens, gracious God. Refresh our hearts and forgive our sin. Raise us to the new life you have chosen for us in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

P There is rejoicing in heaven when sinners repent. Put your trust in these promises: God will never leave you or forsake you. You who were lost have been found. For the sake of Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Rejoice with the angels at this good news.

**C Amen.**

**HYMN LBW # 316**    *Jesus, the Very Thought of You*

### 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, you resist those who are proud and give grace to those who are humble. Give us the humility of your Son, that we may embody the generosity of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C Amen.**

### FIRST READING: Proverbs 25:6-7

<sup>6</sup>Do not put yourself forward in the king's presence  
or stand in the place of the great;

than to be put lower in the presence of a noble.

<sup>7</sup>for it is better to be told, "Come up here,"

**A The Word of the Lord.**

**C Thanks be to God.**

### PSALM 112

<sup>1</sup>Hallelujah! Happy are they who <sup>1</sup>fear the LORD  
and have great delight in <sup>1</sup>God's commandments!

<sup>2</sup>**Their descendants will be mighty <sup>1</sup>in the land;  
the generation of the upright <sup>1</sup>will be blessed.**

<sup>3</sup>Wealth and riches will be <sup>1</sup>in their house,  
and their righteousness will <sup>1</sup>last forever.

<sup>4</sup>**Light shines in the darkness <sup>1</sup>for the upright;  
the righteous are merciful and full <sup>1</sup>of compassion.**

<sup>5</sup>It is good for them to be generous in lending and to manage their affairs with justice.

<sup>6</sup>**For they will never be shaken; the righteous will be kept in everlasting remembrance.**

<sup>7</sup>They will not be afraid of any <sup>1</sup>evil rumors; their heart is steadfast, trusting <sup>1</sup>in the LORD.

<sup>8</sup>**Their heart is established and <sup>1</sup>will not shrink, until they see their desire upon their enemies.**

<sup>9</sup>They have given freely to the poor, and their righteousness stands <sup>1</sup>fast forever; they will hold up their <sup>1</sup>head with honor.

<sup>10</sup>**The wicked will see it and be angry; they will gnash their teeth and <sup>1</sup>pine away; the desires of the wicked will perish.**

#### **SECOND READING: Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16**

<sup>1</sup>Let mutual love continue. <sup>2</sup>Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. <sup>3</sup>Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them; those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured. <sup>4</sup>Let marriage be held in honor by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled; for God will judge fornicators and adulterers. <sup>5</sup>Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have; for he has said, "I will never leave you or forsake you." <sup>6</sup>So we can say with confidence,

"The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid.

What can anyone do to me?"

<sup>7</sup>Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. <sup>8</sup>Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. <sup>15</sup>Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name.

<sup>16</sup>Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

A The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

#### **\* GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** (please stand as you are able)

Thanks to God whose word was written in the Bible's sacred page,  
Record of the revelation showing God in ev'ry age.  
God has spoken, God has spoken, praise him for his open word.

#### **\* GOSPEL: Luke 14:1, 7-14** (please stand as you are able)

<sup>1</sup>On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the sabbath, they were watching him closely. <sup>7</sup>When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honor, he told them a parable. <sup>8</sup>"When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honor, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host; <sup>9</sup>and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, 'Give this person your place,' and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. <sup>10</sup>But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, 'Friend, move up higher'; then you will be honored in the presence

of all who sit at the table with you. <sup>11</sup>For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted."

<sup>12</sup>He said also to the one who had invited him, "When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. <sup>13</sup>But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. <sup>14</sup>And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."

P The Gospel of our Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

#### **CHILDREN'S SERMON**

*Bein' Green* -Kermit the Frog

**HYMN WOV # 770** *I Was There to Hear Your Boring Cry*

**SERMON**

**HYMN LBW # 294** *My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less*

\* **APOSTLES' CREED** *(please stand as you are able)*

**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 AND OFFERINGS** *Blest Be the Tie That Binds*

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

O Christ, create new hearts in us, that beat in time with yours,  
that, joined by faith with your great heart, become love's open doors.  
We are your body, risen Christ; our hearts, our hands we yield  
that through our life and ministry your love may be revealed.

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

A Sustained and nurtured by our generous God, we gather as one to pray for the church, the world, and all of God's creation.

*A brief silence.*

A God of peace, we pray for the leaders, teachers, and preachers who fearlessly share your word and who reveal you through humble sacrifice. Uphold and sustain all who seek to live in a way that is pleasing to you. Lord, in your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

A God of generosity, we pray for crops growing ripe in the fields and fruit becoming ready to harvest. Grant safety to workers who will gather this bounty, and bless the yield to come. Lord, in your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

A God of power, we pray for humility, kindness, and generosity to be instilled in the leaders of all nations. Inspire them to become models of servanthood, and to work for worldwide peace and prosperity. Lord, in your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

A God of love, we pray for all those who are forgotten or pushed aside; for those who are suffering from poverty, neglect, physical or emotional trauma; and those who are homeless or are without a homeland. Lord, in your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

A God of grace, we pray for students of all ages and disciplines, teachers and professors, teaching assistants and aids, substitute teachers, and administrators. Provide safety in travel and in the classroom, so that a spirit of learning is fostered for all. Lord, in your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

A God of mercy, we remember those you love who now rest from their labors. Grant all your beloved saints a place at your eternal banquet table. Lord, in your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

P Assured by your promise to hear us, we lay our prayers before your throne of grace; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C Amen.**

**\* 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**

**BENEDICTION**

**CLOSING VERSE** 

May the Lord, mighty God, bless and keep you forever.  
Grant you peace, perfect peace, strength in every endeavor.  
Lift your eyes and see his face, know his grace forever.  
May the Lord, mighty God, bless and keep you forever.

**POSTLUDE** *God of Grace and God of Glory*

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**Altar Flowers**

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

**We pray for people having birthdays this week ...** Bonita Ruby, Heidi Conklin, Haydon Speaks, Jonathan Mix, Sandra Borstelman, Lilah Long, Noah Borstelman. **and wedding anniversaries ...** Joe & Amanda Dilbone, Jeff & Julie Mires, Tom & Barb Hoffman, Robert & Shirley Walker, Gary & Jamie Bostelman. **and for all the military...**

**WELCA General Meeting**

The September 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting will begin at 7 p.m. in the church basement. Our speaker will be Tom Jenny. He will share information about the Henry County Historical Society, of which he is currently serving as President. Refreshments will be served. **ALL ARE WELCOME!!!**

**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!!!!

**Thursday evening services**

Our Thursday evening service begins at 7 p.m. Tell your friends.

**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 23-29, 2019.

**Thank You!!!**

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

**Rally Day 2019!!**

NEXT SUNDAY, September 8<sup>th</sup>

**9:00 a.m. Worship** ✧ **10:15 a.m. Sunday School**

**GAMES!** ✧ **ICE CREAM!!** ✧ **INFLATABLES!!!**

Join us for some food and fun as we kick off a new Sunday School year!

**ALL ARE WELCOME!!!**

### **Blessing of the Backpacks and Lunch Boxes**

Children, remember to bring your backpacks and lunch boxes to church on Sunday, September 8 for prayers and a blessing. We will have a special gift for you, with words of encouragement and a reminder that God loves you all year long.

### **Catechism Bells**

Sunday, September 8 will be the first rehearsal for catechism bells this year. Practice will take place every week after Sunday School for 30 minutes. Students in fifth, sixth, and seventh grades can come to the sanctuary after class and they will experience the joys of music and bell ringing.

### **Caring Corner - WELCA Mission Kits**

If anyone would like to still contribute to the Baby and School kits that are being made for WELCA, we need monetary contributions in order to purchase items to complete kits. Please make a note on your offering envelope that it is for the WELCA Caring Corner and the money will be used to purchase items to complete kits.

Thank you for all you have generously given. We should be able to make 50 school kits and 5+ baby kits with a lot more baby items to carry over into 2020 for kits. I will let you know how many we have exactly when we package them to ship. -Betty Mowery

### **Redhead Run 5K**

5<sup>th</sup> Annual Kevin R. Schwiebert Memorial Fund, Redhead Run 5K. Saturday, September 21<sup>st</sup>, 9:00 a.m. (Registration begins at 8:00 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 5K or contact Jen Schwiebert at [kjschwiebert@gmail.com](mailto:kjschwiebert@gmail.com) or 419-777-5356 EVERYONE IS WELCOME!

### **Statistics**

8/22 (44) communed (43)      8/25 (98)  
Offerings: \$8309 (\$50 Bldg Fd; \$5 Endow Fd; \$50 Good Sam)  
Simply Giving 8/26: \$65 Gen Fd; \$20 Bldg Fd

### **This Week**

Monday	Church Office Closed - Labor Day	
Tuesday	1:30 p.m.	P.E.R.I.
	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	9:00 a.m.	Bible Study
	7:00 p.m.	Worship

### **Serving Today**

Officiating - Jamie Bostelman  
Worship & Music Coordinator & Organist - Angela Tonjes  
Bell Choir Director - Bill Panning  
Lay Assistant - Laura Ellis-Kruse  
Sound Board - Joe Kohout  
Acolytes - Cameron Burken & Jaycob Celani  
Ushers - Ken Lange, Gary Bostelman, Dave Schwab, Steve Kloos  
Altar Guild - Beth Jenny & Joleen Brubaker  
Prayer Chain Co-ordinator - Phyllis Kloos (419-260-6582) or  
[phyllis\\_kloos@yahoo.com](mailto:phyllis_kloos@yahoo.com)

### **Volunteers needed**

Please consider volunteering as lay assistant, sound board operator, or usher for our worship services. You can sign up for one week or for a month. The sign up sheet is on the bulletin board in the narthex or talk to Ronnie Rohrs or Melinda Dachenhaus to volunteer. WE NEED YOU!!!

### **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. All are welcome to our service, as "it is better to have a child wiggle in church than to wiggle out of it."

### **Call Committee update**

The Call Committee interviewed another candidate in late August and feels that this individual would be an excellent fit for Emanuel. We have a second interview scheduled with this candidate in late September, exact date still to be determined. As with the candidate we interviewed in early July, we were the first congregation to interview this individual and both have other interviews scheduled. We are basically in a holding pattern with both of these candidates until they complete the interviews which they feel are necessary to allow them to make a decision. As we all know, there is more demand for pastors than there is supply. So it is understandable that all candidates who are seeking a call will “test the waters” to make sure they are doing what is best for them and their families. We remain patient, and know that the Holy Spirit will guide us to an end result that is pleasing to our Lord, to our new pastor (whomever that may be) and to our Emanuel congregation. We ask for your continued prayers.

### **Thinking about Labor Day**

The Bible affirms the importance of work. Adam was put in the garden “to till and keep it.”

In the fourth commandment we are told to “Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy.” Then we read: “Six days you shall labor and do all your work” (Exodus 20:8-9 NRSV).

Work is important for us. It allows us to use our talent, our minds and our strength to create and bring forth the “fruits” of our labor. Work satisfies an inner need to make a positive contribution to the world. Work helps to bring satisfaction and fulfillment to us as we use our lives for good and uplifting purposes. It is a way of exercising good stewardship of the personal gifts God has given to us: our brain power, our physical strength, our special talents.

Since we have the privilege of being “workers together with God” it seems fitting that we set aside one day a year to think about the goodness and dignity of work. Therefore, let us joyfully celebrate Labor Day.