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## PRELUDE

## RINGING OF THE BELL

## WELCOME

### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, the keeper of the covenant, the source of steadfast love, our rock and our redeemer. **Amen.**

God hears us when we cry, and draws us close in Jesus Christ. Let us return to the one who is full of compassion.

Fountain of living water,

**pour out your mercy over us. Our sin is heavy, and we long to be free. Rebuild what we have ruined and mend what we have torn. Wash us in your cleansing flood. Make us alive in the Spirit to follow in the way of Jesus, as healers and restorers of the world you so love. Amen.**

Beloved, God's word never fails. The promise rests on grace: by the saving love of Jesus Christ, the wisdom and power of God, your sins are forgiven, and God remembers them no more. Journey in the way of Jesus. **Amen.**

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God, by the passion of your blessed Son you made an instrument of shameful death to be for us the means of life. Grant us so to glory in the cross of Christ that we may gladly suffer shame and loss for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

### FIRST READING: Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16

<sup>1</sup>When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the Lord appeared to Abram, and said to him, "I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless. <sup>2</sup>And I will make my covenant between me and you, and will make you exceedingly numerous." <sup>3</sup>Then Abram fell on his face; and God said to him, <sup>4</sup>"As for me, this is my covenant with you: You shall be the ancestor of a multitude of nations. <sup>5</sup>No longer shall your name be Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you the ancestor

of a multitude of nations. <sup>6</sup>I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you. <sup>7</sup>I will establish my covenant between me and you, and your offspring after you throughout their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you."

<sup>15</sup>God said to Abraham, "As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. <sup>16</sup>I will bless her, and moreover I will give you a son by her. I will

bless her, and she shall give rise to nations;  
kings of peoples shall come from her.”

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

**PSALM 22:23-31**

<sup>23</sup>You who fear the Lord, give praise! All you of Jacob’s | line, give glory.  
Stand in awe of the Lord, all you offspring of Israel.

<sup>24</sup>**For the Lord does not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty;  
neither is the Lord’s face hidden from them;  
but when they cry out, | the Lord hears them.**

<sup>25</sup>From you comes my praise in the | great assembly;  
I will perform my vows in the sight of those who | fear the Lord.

<sup>26</sup>**The poor shall eat | and be satisfied,  
Let those who seek the Lord give praise! May your hearts | live forever!**

<sup>27</sup>All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn | to the Lord;  
all the families of nations shall bow | before God.

<sup>28</sup>**For dominion belongs | to the Lord,  
who rules over the nations.**

<sup>29</sup>Indeed, all who sleep in the earth shall bow | down in worship;  
all who go down to the dust, though they be dead, shall kneel before the Lord.

<sup>30</sup>**Their descendants shall | serve the Lord,  
whom they shall proclaim to generations to come.**

<sup>31</sup>They shall proclaim God’s deliverance to a people | yet unborn,  
saying to them, “The | Lord has acted!”

**SECOND READING: Romans 4:13-25**

<sup>13</sup>The promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. <sup>14</sup>If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void.

<sup>15</sup>For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

<sup>16</sup>For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, <sup>17</sup>as it is written, “I have made you the father of many nations”)—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. <sup>18</sup>Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become “the father of many nations,” according to what was said, “So numerous shall your descendants

be.” <sup>19</sup>He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah’s womb. <sup>20</sup>No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, <sup>21</sup>being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised.

<sup>22</sup>Therefore his faith “was reckoned to him as righteousness.” <sup>23</sup>Now the words, “it was reckoned to him,” were written not for his sake alone, <sup>24</sup>but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, <sup>25</sup>who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

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

**GOSPEL: Mark 8:31-38**

<sup>31</sup>[Jesus] began to teach them that the Son

of Man must undergo great suffering, and

be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again.<sup>32</sup> He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. <sup>33</sup>But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

<sup>34</sup>He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. <sup>35</sup>For those who want to save their life will lose it,

and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it.

<sup>36</sup>For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? <sup>37</sup>Indeed, what can they give in return for their life?

<sup>38</sup>Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

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

## **SERMON**

**SPECIAL MUSIC** "For the Beauty of the Earth"

## **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

### **APOSTLES' CREED**

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.

### **PRAYERS**

Relying on the promises of God, we pray boldly for the church, the world, and all in need.

*A brief silence.*

Your gift of grace is for all people. Give confident faith to all the baptized, that they may follow you wholeheartedly. Give new believers joy in your promises; give hope and courage to those who suffer for their faith. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

All the ends of the earth worship you. From galaxies to microorganisms, preserve your creation. Teach humanity to wonder at your works and to join you in tending to creation's well-being. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

You rule over the nations. Raise up advocates for peace and justice within and between nations. Give life where hope seems dead; call into existence new realities we cannot even imagine. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

In Jesus you joined humanity in suffering and death. Reveal to all the depth of your love shown on the cross. Accompany all who suffer in body, mind, and spirit. Restore all who are sick or grieving. Bring vindication for victims of injustice, exploitation, and oppression. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

You made Abraham and Sarah the ancestors of a multitude of nations. Bless grandparents, parents, and foster parents, and the children who look to them for care and guidance. Console those who deal with infertility, parents who have entrusted their children to adoption, and children longing to be adopted. Equip ministries and services to families. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

We await the day of Christ’s coming in glory. Lead us by the example of all the saints whom you have called to take up their cross and follow you, that together we may find our lives in you. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

We entrust ourselves and all our prayers to you, O faithful God, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**LORD’S PRAYER**

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**

**DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE**

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**This week please hold in prayer:** Evelyn Allen, Karl & Oneta Wiechers, Mary Lou Zwiebel, Rick Ford, the family of Connie Beltz, the family of Pastor Bob Mix, for all those on our hearts and minds, and for peace in our nation and the whole world.

**BIBLE STUDY:** Next weeks readings are: First Reading: Exodus 20:1-17, Psalm 19 , Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:18-25, Gospel: John 2:13-22. Please join us weekly on Wednesday at 6:00 pm on Zoom. We discuss the texts for the upcoming Sunday. Some guiding questions are: what sticks out, what are you noticing, and what is challenging you in this text. We have a lot of fun and learn some, too! We would love for you to join us! You can join host Carey Plummer and Pastor Janine Shearer a little before the hour by entering the following information on the Zoom page: Meeting #817 3901 3743 and Password: church12. No need to be a Bible scholar!! Just have your Bible handy!!

**Pancake & Sausage Breakfast**

Ridgeville Township Fire Department is hosting its annual Pancake and Sausage Breakfast on Sunday, March 7 from 7am until 1pm at the Ridgeville American Legion on County Road 19. Menu: Pancakes, Sausage, Scrambled Eggs, Juice. Free-will Donation. Proceeds will go towards fire and rescue equipment.

**JOIN US** in reading the New Testament in chronological order in 2021! This week's readings are:

February 28: Romans 11  
March 1: Romans 12  
March 2: Romans 13  
March 3: Romans 14

March 4: Romans 15  
March 5: Romans 16  
March 6: Philemon

### **Lenten Micro Practices**

God Sightings - 3-1 - Day 11 - MORE

At the end of the day ask yourself **“Where did I see God today?”** Make a list.

Prayer Wall - 3-2 - Day 12 - PRAY

Use a large piece of paper or sticky notes to **write or draw prayers of joy and concern.** Visit the wall regularly and continue to pray for the prayers that have been posted.

Press Pause - 3-3 - Day 13 - FAST

**Press pause on videos, shows, movies, and streamed content.** What can you fill this time with instead?

Save + Share - 3-4 - Day 14 - GIVE

**Buy one or two extra non-perishable foods each week at the grocery store or set aside 10¢ a meal.** At the end of Lent, share what you've saved to help feed others.

Learn A Song - 3-5 - Day 15 - MORE

**Find a psalm or a hymn text that is meaningful to you.** Write out the words, learn more about the song, and read/sing it throughout the day.

On The Move - 3-6 - Day 16 - PRAY

**Be intentional about silencing your phone and radio when in the car alone.** Instead, use that quiet time to talk to God.

Be Inconvenienced - 3-7 - Sunday 3 - FAST

**Cut out a modern convenience that you use regularly (digital devices, microwave, coffee maker, etc.) for the day.** How does this change your daily activities?

### **VBS Coordinator Needed**

Emanuel is looking for a new VBS Coordinator. Laura Ellis-Kruse has graciously filled this position for several years and feels it is time to turn the reigns over to someone new. The VBS Coordinator is responsible for representing Emanuel in the Downtown VBS Program held every summer. Responsibilities include attending meetings, coordinating with the other churches on the curriculum, and the recruitment of volunteers. If you are interested, please contact Deanna McCabe at 419-276-2709 or Kaitlin Cordes at 419-822-1762 or at [kaitlin.rohrs@gmail.com](mailto:kaitlin.rohrs@gmail.com).

### **Calling All Campers!**

Lutheran Outdoor Ministries in Ohio is back open and currently taking registrations for summer camp! Programs are available for grades K-12 Please visit [Lomocamps.org](http://Lomocamps.org) for more information on the programs being offered this summer. Scholarships are available! Please contact Deanna McCabe at 419-276-2709 or Kaitlin Cordes at 419-822-1762 or [kaitlin.rohrs@gmail.com](mailto:kaitlin.rohrs@gmail.com) for a scholarship application.

## **SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS AND PARENTS**

Henry County is getting closer to turning ORANGE which means we are getting closer to getting back into the building and into Sunday School! We will then plan on starting back on the Sunday immediately following the Thursday that we turn ORANGE. Sunday school will start at 9:45am.

### **Offering**

If you are interested, you may sign up for Simply Giving through Vanco by contacting treasurer Julie Kohout, or send your offering to Emanuel Lutheran Church, PO Box 501, Napoleon, OH 43545. **Please do not send cash in the mail!**

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