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Fifth Sunday of Easter — April 24, 2016

LBW—Lutheran Book of Worship WOV—With One Voice

*** Please stand as you are able**

10:30 a.m. Service

Confirmation

PRELUDE Harp selections
Come to Jesus -Bell Choir

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*** CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

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

C Amen.

P Let us come into the light, the revealing and healing light of God.
God of grace and glory,

C you have brought us through the night of sin into the light of Jesus' resurrection. Yet our lives are still shadowed by sin. Make us alive in Christ, O God. Make us new as you make all things new. Rescue us from evil and the gloom of sin, renew us in grace, and restore us to living in your holiness, through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. Amen.

P Rejoice with all creation around God's throne! The light of the risen Christ puts to flight all evil deeds, washes away sin, restores innocence to the fallen, casts out hate, brings peace, and humbles earthly pride. Jesus Christ loves you and frees you from your sins by his blood. To him be glory and dominion forever and ever!

C Amen

HYMN *Here I Am, Lord* -Bell Choir

*** PRAYER** -confirmation class

O Lord God, you teach us that without love, our actions gain nothing. Pour into our hearts your most excellent gift of love, that, made alive by your Spirit, we may know goodness and peace, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC *Be Thou My Vision* -Bell Choir

FIRST LESSON: Acts 11:1-18 -Haydon Speaks

¹Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. ²So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, ³saying, "Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?" ⁴Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, ⁵I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. ⁶As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. ⁷I also heard a voice saying to me, 'Get up, Peter; kill and eat.' ⁸But I replied, 'By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.' ⁹But a second time the voice answered from heaven, 'What God has made clean, you must not call profane.' ¹⁰This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. ¹¹At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house

where we were. ¹²The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. ¹³He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, 'Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; ¹⁴he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.' ¹⁵And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. ¹⁶And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, 'John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.' ¹⁷If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?" ¹⁸When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, "Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life."

A The Word of the Lord
C Thanks be to God.

PSALM 148 -Ryan Kruse

¹Hallelujah! Praise the LORD | from the heavens;
praise God | in the heights.

²**Praise the LORD, | all you angels;
sing praise, all you | hosts of heaven.**

³Praise the LORD, | sun and moon;
sing praise, all you | shining stars.

⁴**Praise the LORD, heav- | en of heavens,
and you waters a- | bove the heavens.**

⁵Let them praise the name | of the LORD,
who commanded, and they | were created,

⁶**who made them stand fast forev- | er and ever,
giving them a law that shall not | pass away.**

⁷Praise the LORD | from the earth,
you sea monsters | and all deeps;

⁸**fire and hail, | snow and fog,
tempestuous wind, do- | ing God's will;**

⁹mountains | and all hills,
fruit trees | and all cedars;

¹⁰**wild beasts | and all cattle,
creeping things and | flying birds;**

¹¹sovereigns of the earth | and all peoples,
princes and all rulers | of the world;

¹²**young | men and maidens,
old and | young together.**

¹³Let them praise the name | of the LORD,
whose name only is exalted, whose splendor is over | earth and heaven.

¹⁴**The LORD has raised up strength for the people
and praise for all | faithful servants,
the children of Israel, a people who are near the LORD. | Hallelujah!**

SECOND LESSON: Revelation 21:1-6

¹Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth;
for the first heaven and the first earth had
passed away, and the sea was no more.

²And I saw the holy city, the new
Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven
from God, prepared as a bride adorned for
her husband. ³And I heard a loud voice
from the throne saying,

"See, the home of God is among
mortals.

He will dwell with them;
they will be his peoples,
and God himself will be with them;

⁴he will wipe every tear from their
eyes.

*** GOSPEL: John 13:31-35** -Jennifer Canfield

³¹When he had gone out, Jesus said, "Now
the Son of Man has been glorified, and
God has been glorified in him. ³²If God has
been glorified in him, God will also glorify
him in himself and will glorify him at
once. ³³Little children, I am with you only
a little longer. You will look for me; and as
I said to the Jews so now I say to you,
'Where I am going, you cannot come.' ³⁴I

CHILDREN'S SERMON

HYMN WOV # 770 (blue book) *Borning Cry*

SERMON -confirmation class

*** HYMN LBW # 39** *Joy to the World*

-Zachary Skeens

Death will be no more;
mourning and crying and pain will be
no more,

for the first things have passed away."

⁵And the one who was seated on the throne
said, "See, I am making all things new."

Also he said, "Write this, for these words
are trustworthy and true." ⁶Then he said to
me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the
Omega, the beginning and the end. To the
thirsty I will give water as a gift from the
spring of the water of life.

A The Word of the Lord

C **Thanks be to God.**

give you a new commandment, that you
love one another. Just as I have loved you,
you also should love one another. ³⁵By this
everyone will know that you are my
disciples, if you have love for one
another."

A The Gospel of our Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

THE PRAYERS *-confirmation class*

A Rooted in the abundant life and love of Christ Jesus, we pray for the life of the church, the lives of people in need, and the life of all creation.

A brief silence.

A Holy God, by your Holy Spirit reveal to us the saving work of Christ. Strengthen your church with the good news that leads to limitless life for all. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A Send us to places far and near, and join our voices in chorus with all creation. Use us to show others your abundant goodness in the created world. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A End war and the human desire to hold on to power. Free all people to love both neighbor and enemy, and make your church an example of such love. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A Strengthen the bonds of shared service between congregations and social ministry organizations. Guide us in doing your work together. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A In Christ's death and resurrection you have fulfilled your work for the sake of your saints. Come swiftly to dwell among us and to make all things new. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

P Surround people who are hurting with agents of your healing and messengers of your peace. Provide safe communities for all who are in any need (*especially*). Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

P We deliver all this into your care, O God, trusting in the work of your Holy Spirit to bring all things into the risen life of Christ our Lord.

C Amen

TITHES AND OFFERINGS *Find Your Wings* -Karri, Madison and Morgan Ashbaugh, Alyssa and Ryan Kruse

* OFFERTORY

Go tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere,
Go tell it on the mountain, that Jesus Christ is Lord.

AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM

*EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

* 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.

HOLY COMMUNION

Morgan Ashbaugh, Madison Ashbaugh, Alyssa Kruse, piano

* BLESSING

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

C Amen

* BENEDICTION

* **HYMN WOV # 721** (blue book) *Go My Children*

POSTLUDE *The Call to Commitment*

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All the hymns and some of the special music today
were chosen by the confirmands.

Class verse: *So then just as you receive Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live in Him, rooted and built up in Him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness.* Colossians 2:6-7

Confirmation

God's richest blessings to the following young people who are affirming their baptismal vows this morning:

Jennifer Ruthanne Canfield
Ryan Michael Kruse
Zachary Collier Skeens
Haydon Parker Speaks



Altar flowers

Flowers are given to the glory of God by the confirmation class; by Alan & Shelly Storch in honor of Neil's birthday; and by Ed & Tiffany Biederstedt in honor of their 26th wedding anniversary.

Confirmation Parents...

Please return confirmation gowns to the office by **9 a.m. tomorrow morning** in their plastic bags!

Thank you...

Alyce Oberhaus and her family would like to thank all who helped make her 95th birthday a very special day! And a special thanks to Ruth Hershberger and Judy Hoffman for all their help!

On the radio

Our worship service is being broadcast on WNDH 103.1 FM every Sunday at 10:30 a.m. during the month of April. The broadcast will be a recording from the previous week.

Congratulations

Congratulations to Zachary & Maurine Palamara on the addition to their family, Sophia Louise, on April 15 in Florida. Proud grandmother is Bonnie Palamara; great grandmother is Eleonora Koppenhofer.

Coming Alive

Coming Alive begins April 25! Remember to record your exercise minutes on the bulletin board by the church office by 9 a.m. on each Monday of the challenge!

Thursday Worship

Our Thursday worship service begins at 7 p.m. If you would like another worship experience or will be gone for the weekend, please join us!

Serving Today

Pastor James L. Castello

Worship & Music Coordinator & Organist - Angela Tonjes

Bell Choir Director - Bill Panning

Communion assistant - Juanita Clausen

Sound Board -

Acolytes - Alyssa Kruse, Morgan Ashbaugh

Ushers - Mitch Delaney, Mike Kruse, John Canfield, Corbin Skeens

Altar Guild - Barb Hoffman & Lana Sonnenberg

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

Caring Corner for April — *Items for Lutheran World Relief baby care kits for babies around the world and diapers and wipes for local needs*

New or gently used items are acceptable, preferably in varied sizes from 6 to 24 months. Needed are: lightweight **cotton t-shirts** (NOT Onesies); long-or short-sleeved **gowns or sleepers** (without feet); **receiving blankets**; **cloth diapers**; **jacket, sweater, or sweatshirt** with hood or include cap; **baby socks**; **hand towels**, dark colors preferred; **bars of soap**; **diaper pins** or **large safety pins**. Any size of **disposable diapers** are acceptable, even opened packages that have been outgrown.

Door offering

We will be taking a door offering the first two Sundays in May for our Building Fund.

This Week

Wednesday	9:00 a.m.	Sewing
	3:15 p.m.	After School Club
	5:00 p.m.	Soul Food
	5:30 p.m.	Emanubells NO CHOIR
	7:30 p.m.	Living Spirit
Thursday	9:00 a.m.	Bible Study
	7:00 p.m.	Worship

Breakfast Fundraiser

There will be an All-you-can-eat Breakfast at Spengler's on May 1 from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. benefitting Together We Can Make A Difference Initiatives and PiLLars of Success. Ages 5 and under - free will donation; ages 6-16 -\$5.00; ages 17 and older -\$10.00. The Meal comes with your choice of non-alcoholic beverage.

Statistics

4/14 Thursday (34)
4/17 94+92 (186) Offerings \$4,488.30 (\$255 Bldg Fd; \$10 Wrld Hngr; \$13.50 Sun Sch)
4/11-4/17 Simply Giving \$475 Gen; \$120 Bldg Fd

Concert Series — today, 4:00 p.m., St. Martin's Lutheran Church in Archbold

This will be a hymn festival presented by organist, Steve Basselman, and the Cancel Choir of St. Martin's Lutheran Church, including a variety of instrumental accompaniment. Please come for a program filled with singing both new and old hymns, traditional and contemporary. St. Martin's is celebrating its 150th anniversary this year. There will be a free-will offering supper meal offered following the event.

One of the songs that the Adult Bell Choir will play today, "Come to Jesus", (Untitled Hymn), written by Chris Rice and arranged for bells by Joel Raney, has special meaning.

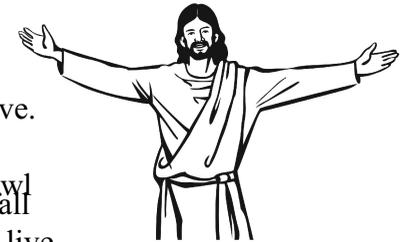
Steve Basselman, music and bell choir director of St. Martin's Lutheran Church in Archbold, was a relative of Arlene Hershberger. After Arlene's passing, Steve wanted to honor and remember both Jim and Arlene with some bell music. The music for this song was purchased by Steve and donated to the bell choir to be played to remember the Hershbergers.

When this song is played, we will remember Jim and Arlene and what they meant to so many people. But also, as you hear the bells play and reflect on the lyrics listed below, know the Love of Christ and know that His open arms await us, both in everyday life and when we join the church Triumphant!

It gives us great pleasure to perform this song as it has become one of our favorites already.

Weak and wounded sinner, lost and left to die
Oh, raise your hand for love is passing by
Come to Jesus, come to Jesus, come to Jesus and live.

Now your burden's lifted, and carried far away
And precious blood has washed away the stain
Sing to Jesus, sing to Jesus, sing to Jesus and live.



And like a newborn baby, don't be afraid to crawl
And remember when you walk sometimes we fall
So fall on Jesus, fall on Jesus, fall on Jesus and live.

Sometimes the way is lonely, and steep and filled with pain
So if your sky is dark and pours the rain
Then cry to Jesus, cry to Jesus, cry to Jesus and live.

Oh, and when the love spills over, and music fills the night
And when you can't contain your joy inside
Then dance for Jesus, dance for Jesus, dance for Jesus and live.

With your final heartbeat, kiss the world goodbye
Then go in peace and laugh on glory's side
And fly to Jesus, fly to Jesus, fly to Jesus and live.

