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LBW—Lutheran Book of Worship WOV—With One Voice

*** Please stand as you are able**

PRELUDE *Pachelbel Canon in D*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*** CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, abounding in steadfast love toward us, healing the sick and raising the dead, showering us with every good gift.

C Amen.

P Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.
Just and gracious God,

C we come to you for healing and life. Our sins hurt others and diminish us; we confess them to you. Our lives bear the scars of sin; we bring these also to you. Show us your mercy, O God. Bind up our wounds, forgive us our sins, and free us to love, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

P The apostle Paul assures us: "When we were dead in our trespasses, God made us alive together with Christ, nailing the record of our sins to the cross." Jesus says to you, "Your sins are forgiven." Be at peace, and tell everyone how much God has done for you.

C Amen

*** HYMN LBW # 523** *Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling*

*** 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 Sovereign God, ruler of all hearts, you call us to obey you, and you favor us with true freedom. Keep us faithful to the ways of your Son, that, leaving behind all that hinders us, we may steadfastly follow your paths, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

FIRST LESSON: 1 Kings 19:15-16, 19-21

¹⁵Then the LORD said to [Elijah,] "Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram. ¹⁶Also you shall anoint Jehu son of Nimshi as king over Israel; and you shall anoint Elisha son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah as prophet in your place. ¹⁹So he set out from there, and found Elisha son of Shaphat, who was plowing. There were twelve yoke of oxen ahead of him, and he was with the twelfth. Elijah passed by him and threw his mantle over him. ²⁰He left the oxen, ran

after Elijah, and said, "Let me kiss my father and my mother, and then I will follow you." Then Elijah said to him, "Go back again; for what have I done to you?" ²¹He returned from following him, took the yoke of oxen, and slaughtered them; using the equipment from the oxen, he boiled their flesh, and gave it to the people, and they ate. Then he set out and followed Elijah, and became his servant.

A The Word of the Lord

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM 16

¹Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you;

I have said to the LORD, "You are my Lord, my good above all other."

²**All my delight is in the godly that are in the land, upon those who are noble among the people.**

³But those who run after other gods shall have their troubles multiplied.

⁴**I will not pour out drink offerings to such gods, never take their names upon my lips.**

⁵O LORD, you are my portion and my cup; it is you who hold my lot.

⁶**My boundaries enclose a pleasant land; indeed, I have a rich inheritance.**

⁷I will bless the LORD who gives me counsel; my heart teaches me after night.

**⁸I have set the LORD al- | ways before me;
because God is at my right hand, I shall | not be shaken.**

⁹My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spir- | it rejoices;
my body also shall | rest in hope.

**¹⁰For you will not abandon me | to the grave,
nor let your holy one | see the pit.**

¹¹You will show me the | path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy,
and in your right hand are pleasures for- | evermore.

SECOND LESSON: Galatians 5:1, 13-25

¹For freedom Christ has set us free. Stand firm, therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery.

¹³For you were called to freedom, brothers and sisters only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for self-indulgence, but through love become slaves to one another. ¹⁴For the whole law is summed up in a single commandment, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." ¹⁵If, however, you bite and devour one another, take care that you are not consumed by one another.

¹⁶Live by the Spirit, I say, and do not gratify the desires of the flesh. ¹⁷For what the flesh desires is opposed to the Spirit, and what the Spirit desires is opposed to the flesh; for these are opposed to each other, to prevent you from doing what you want. ¹⁸But if you are led by the Spirit, you

*** GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** 
Proclaim the Gospel far and wide
The triumphs of the cross record;
The name of Christ be glorified;
Let ev'ry people all him Lord!

are not subject to the law. ¹⁹Now the works of the flesh are obvious: fornication, impurity, licentiousness, ²⁰idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, anger, quarrels, dissensions, factions, ²¹envy, drunkenness, carousing, and things like these. I am warning you, as I warned you before: those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.

²²By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, ²³gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things. ²⁴And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. ²⁵If we live by the Spirit, let us also be guided by the Spirit.

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

*** GOSPEL: Luke 9:51-62**

⁵¹When the days drew near for [Jesus] to be taken up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem. ⁵²And he sent messengers ahead of him. On their way they entered a village of the Samaritans to make ready for him; ⁵³but they did not receive him, because his face was set toward Jerusalem. ⁵⁴When his disciples James and John saw it, they said, "Lord, do you want us to command fire to come down from heaven and consume them?" ⁵⁵But he turned and rebuked them. ⁵⁶Then they went on to another village.

⁵⁷As they were going along the road, someone said to him, "I will follow you wherever you go." ⁵⁸And Jesus said to him, "Foxes have holes, and birds of the air

have nests; but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head." ⁵⁹To another he said, "Follow me." But he said, "Lord, first let me go and bury my father." ⁶⁰But Jesus said to him, "Let the dead bury their own dead; but as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God." ⁶¹Another said, "I will follow you, Lord; but let me first say farewell to those at my home." ⁶²Jesus said to him, "No one who puts a hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God."

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

CHILDREN'S SERMON

HYMN LBW # 503 *O Jesus, I Have Promised*

SERMON

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

*** APOSTLES' CREED**

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 *Just A Closer Walk with Thee* -Terry Hershberger

OFFERTORY 🎵 (please remain seated)

As you, Lord, have lived for others, So may we for others live.
Freely have your gifts been granted; Freely may your servants give.
Yours the gold and yours the silver, Yours the wealth of land and sea;
We but stewards of your bounty Held in solemn trust will be.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION (please remain seated)

A Let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

A brief silence.

A Anointing God, you commission us for our ministry in daily life. You also call us to pass our faith and ministry on to the next generation. Inspire us in our equipping of others.

Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A God of creation, you have given us all we need. Inspire us to honor your creation as an inheritance and trust. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A God of the nations, the distractions of the world draw our attention away from you. Refocus us in our commitment to your ways and the justice you desire for the world. Lord,

in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A Steadfast God, guide this congregation by your Spirit. Make us neighbors to each other, ready to be and receive strangers, and show us how to love our neighbors as you intend. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A O God, you have called the saints your own. Gather us, with them, into your kingdom, in the promise of life forever with you. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

P Through the fruits of your Spirit, make us healers in the world. Bring love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control into the lives of all in need. We pray especially for . . . Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P We lift our prayers to you, O God, trusting your promise to hear us; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen

*** 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.**

*** BENEDICTION**

*** HYMN LBW # 262** *Savior, Again to Your Dear Nam We Raise*

POSTLUDE *Mighty Are Thy Works*

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Altar flowers

Flowers are given to the glory of God by Carey & Brenda Plummer in honor of their wedding anniversary.

Wedding

Congratulations and God's blessings to Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Lobodzinski (Danielle Williams) who were married at our altar yesterday!

Card Shower

Rita Prigge will celebrate her 85th birthday on June 27. Her children are inviting family and friends to send birthday cards to celebrate her special occasion. Rita's address is: Vancrest of Holgate, 600 Joe E. Brown Ave., Room 24, Holgate OH 43527.

Coffee Hour

You are invited to stay after worship for refreshments and fellowship in the overflow area. Our hosts for the coffee hour today are the Education and Doctrine & Worship Boards. Next week's fellowship will be hosted by the Congregational Life Board.

Starting an important discussion...

A motion was made and seconded at the June council meeting to obtain congregational input and explore the possibility of one Sunday service and a year-round Thursday evening service (except during Lent). Please place your comments and/or questions in the offering plate or, better yet, speak with a council member and express your opinion. Church council would like to receive as much input as possible in order to give this matter prayerful consideration. Council will be reviewing comments and questions received at the August 22 council meeting. Council members: *Dave Schwab, Gary Bostelman, Julie Kohout, Laura Yaney, Peggy Snyder, Holly Mohring, Sue Schink, Carol Castello, Laura Ellis, Jamie Bostelman, Marv Mt.Castle, Jeff Mires, Kelli Burkhardt, Maxine Eickhoff.*

Caring Corner for June — *Summer Skivvies*

A basic need for nearly all organizations that assist people in need is for socks and underwear. This month we will collect NEW sox and underwear for kids and adults – various sizes for boys, girls, women, and men.

Can you/will you help??

There are many openings on the sound board and reader lists for July and August. If you are willing to help in either of these areas, PLEASE sign up on the bulletin board in the narthex or talk to Peggy Snyder or Holly Mohring!

Bell Choir

Gary & Jamie Bostelman will be hosting a bell choir party/picnic on Saturday, July 9, 5-10 p.m. All bell choir members and their spouses or guests are invited. Please bring a dish to share, your favorite beverage, and lawn chairs. Parking is limited, so consider parking on the cul de sac at the end of Park Lane and entering through our back gate. Regrets only 419-599-2477.

Statistics

6/16 Thursday (69) communed (63) 6/19 (128) Offerings \$3,581.39 (\$130 Bldg Fd; \$50 Good Sam Fd; \$10 Wrld Hngr) 6/13-6/19 Simply Giving \$475 Gen; \$120 Bldg Fd

This Week

Wednesday 5:00 p.m. Soul Food
Thursday 9:00 a.m. Bible Study
7:00 p.m. Worship

Chorale Concert

The Henry County Chorale will be in concert tonight at 7:00 p.m. at St. Paul Lutheran Church, 1075 Glenwood Avenue. A free will offering will be accepted to benefit the Henry County Chorale and St. Paul Lutheran Church.

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Take the love of Jesus with you on summer vacation!

We want you to pass along the love of Jesus from Emanuel this summer as you vacation with our family. Take Jesus in your heart – and pick up a paper heart from either entrance to the sanctuary. The hearts will be labeled with Emanuel's information. Take a picture of you and your family holding the heart and bring the picture back to post on the back door bulletin board. Then leave the heart in your hotel room, vacation rental, etc. for others to see how we share the love of Jesus from Emanuel. Maybe they'll even e-mail us back!! Philemon 6: *I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective when you perceive all the good that we may do for Christ.*

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Serving Today

Pastor James L. Castello
Worship & Music Coordinator & Organist - Angela Tonjes
Bell Choir Director - Bill Panning
Reader - Gary & Jamie Bostelman
Sound Board -
Acolytes - Zachary Skeens & Elijah Wolf
Ushers - Terry Hershberger, Ruth Hershberger, Paul Mowery, Dave Schwab
Altar Guild - Gayla Yaney & Ami Allison
Prayer Chain Co-ordinator - Carol Castello (419-592-0847) or cjcast@yahoo.com