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**Ninth Sunday after Pentecost — July 17, 2016**

**LBW—Lutheran Book of Worship      WOV—With One Voice**

**\* Please stand as you are able**

**PRELUDE**    *He Leadeth Me*

**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 # 241**    *We Praise You, O God*

**\* 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 Eternal God, you draw near to us in Christ, and you make yourself our guest. Amid the cares of our lives, make us attentive to your presence, that we may treasure your word above all else, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C Amen.**

**FIRST LESSON: Genesis 18:1-10a**

<sup>1</sup>The LORD appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the entrance of his tent in the heat of the day. <sup>2</sup>He looked up and saw three men standing near him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent entrance to meet them, and bowed down to the ground. <sup>3</sup>He said, "My lord, if I find favor with you, do not pass by your servant. <sup>4</sup>Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree. <sup>5</sup>Let me bring a little bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on—since you have come to your servant." So they said, "Do as you have said." <sup>6</sup>And Abraham hastened into the tent to Sarah, and said, "Make ready

quickly three measures of choice flour, knead it, and make cakes." <sup>7</sup>Abraham ran to the herd, and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to the servant, who hastened to prepare it. <sup>8</sup>Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared, and set it before them; and he stood by them under the tree while they ate.

<sup>9</sup>They said to him, "Where is your wife Sarah?" And he said, "There, in the tent." <sup>10a</sup>Then one said, "I will surely return to you in due season, and your wife Sarah shall have a son."

A The Word of the Lord

**C Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM 15**

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

Who may abide upon your <sup>1</sup>holy hill?

<sup>2</sup>**Those who lead a blameless life and do <sup>1</sup>what is right, who speak the truth <sup>1</sup>from their heart;**

<sup>3</sup>they do not slander with the tongue, they do no evil <sup>1</sup>to their friends; they do not cast discredit up- <sup>1</sup>on a neighbor.

<sup>4</sup>**In their sight the wicked are rejected, but they honor those who <sup>1</sup>fear the LORD. They have sworn upon their health and do not take <sup>1</sup>back their word.**

<sup>5</sup>They do not give their money in hope of gain, nor do they take bribes a- <sup>1</sup>gainst the innocent.

Those who do these things shall never be <sup>1</sup>overthrown.

**SECOND LESSON: Colossians 1:15-28**

<sup>15</sup>[Christ Jesus] is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; <sup>16</sup>for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. <sup>17</sup>He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. <sup>18</sup>He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. <sup>19</sup>For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, <sup>20</sup>and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

<sup>21</sup>And you who were once estranged and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, <sup>22</sup>he has now reconciled in his fleshly body through death, so as to present you holy and blameless and irreproachable before him—<sup>23</sup>provided that you continue securely established and steadfast in the faith, without shifting from the hope

promised by the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed to every creature under heaven. I, Paul, became a servant of this gospel.

<sup>24</sup>I am now rejoicing in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am completing what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the church. <sup>25</sup>I became its servant according to God's commission that was given to me for you, to make the word of God fully known, <sup>26</sup>the mystery that has been hidden throughout the ages and generations but has now been revealed to his saints. <sup>27</sup>To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. <sup>28</sup>It is he whom we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone in all wisdom, so that we may present everyone mature in Christ.

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

**\* GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** ♪

The God who scattered us abroad has brought us back together now.  
And on this day we shall applaud the bounteous goodness of our God.  
O, let the world have ears to hear the Word of God so strong and clear.

**\* GOSPEL: Luke 10:38-42**

<sup>38</sup>Now as [Jesus and his disciples] went on their way, he entered a certain village, where a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home. <sup>39</sup>She had a sister named Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to what he was saying. <sup>40</sup>But Martha was distracted by her many tasks; so she came to him and asked, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her then to

help me." <sup>41</sup>But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things; <sup>42</sup>there is need of only one thing.

Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her."

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

**CHILDREN'S SERMON**

**HYMN WOV # 783** *Seek Ye First*

**SERMON**

**\* HYMN WOV # 744** *Soon and Very Soon* (first page ONLY)

**\* 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**

**TITHES & OFFERINGS** *Every Time I Feel the Spirit* -Tom Jenny, trumpet

**OFFERTORY** ♪

Refreshed by living waters, renewed by living bread,  
May we, your sons and daughters, by your own hand be led.  
Accept the gifts we offer; receive the lives we owe.  
Unite us in your service; may seeds of justice grow!

**THE PRAYERS** *(please remain seated)*

A Rooted in Christ and rising to serve, let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

*A brief silence.*

A You open the doors of your church, Lord, to all who feel distant or estranged. Give us courage to share your good news through conversation and love. Hear us, O God.

**C Your mercy is great.**

A Cultivate in all people a care for the world you have made. Make us mindful of our impact on creation for the good of our neighbor and future generations. Hear us, O God.

**C Your mercy is great.**

A Reconcile and bring peace to communities that suffer. Raise up and strengthen leaders and organizations that promote dialogue, hospitality, and restoration. Hear us, O God.

**C Your mercy is great.**

A Bless and keep safe campers, counselors, and families who experience the gift of outdoor ministry at camps this summer. Continue transforming them in Christ once they are safely home. Hear us, O God.

**C Your mercy is great.**

A Comfort your children with the trust that your word is stronger than death. We remember saints and loved ones who have died and rest in you. Hear us, O God.

**C Your mercy is great.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

P Open our eyes to see those suffering any affliction, even ourselves. Open our lips to boldly beg relief in body or spirit for all in need (*especially*). Hear us, O God.

**C Your mercy is great.**

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**

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**

**\* HYMN LBW # 401** *Before You, Lord, We Bow*

**POSTLUDE** *Trumpet Voluntary in G*

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**Altar flowers**

Flowers are given to the glory of God by Rupert & Rita Schweinhagen in honor of their 55<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on the 15<sup>th</sup>.

**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 Properties and Finance Boards. Next week's fellowship will be hosted by the Adult Sunday School Class.

**Vacation**

Pastor & Carol are away on vacation until Saturday, July 23. Pastor Denise Brown is "on call" for emergencies.

**Bible Study**

Please note that there will be NO Bible Study on Thursday morning.

**Thursday worship**

Worship will begin at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday night. Please note that Holy Communion will NOT be offered this week ... we will have communion on July 28!

**Statistics**

7/07 Thursday 70      7/10 118    communed 110    Offerings \$4,913.00 (\$535 Bldg Fd; \$10  
Wrld Hngr)    7/04-7/10 Simply Giving \$130 Gen; \$45 Bldg Fd; \$25 Good Sam; \$25 Wrld Hngr)

### What do you think...

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 July and August — school supplies for local “Stuff the Bus” and world-wide through Lutheran World Relief school kits:

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| <b>70-sheet wire-bound notebooks</b> | <b>red pens</b>                                      |
| <b>30-centimeter rulers</b>          | <b>plastic pencil boxes or pouches</b>               |
| <b>pencil sharpeners</b>             | <b>5-count and 8-count subject dividers</b>          |
| <b>blunt scissors</b>                | <b>washable markers</b>                              |
| <b>blue or black pens</b>            | <b>dry erase markers</b>                             |
| <b>16- or 24-packs of crayons</b>    | <b>Clorox wipes</b>                                  |
| <b>2 ½ in erasers, specifically</b>  | <b>hand sanitizer</b>                                |
| <b>tissues</b>                       | <b>3 x 5 index cards</b>                             |
| <b>highlighters</b>                  | <b>backpacks</b>                                     |
| <b>glue sticks</b>                   | <i>Patterns for the LWR bags are also available.</i> |

### Volunteers are always needed!

If you would be willing to be a worship assistant/reader or to run the sound board for one Sunday or for a month, please talk to Peggy Snyder or Holly Mohring. There are always openings in these areas.

### This Week

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| Monday    | (NO Church Council Meeting this month) |
| Wednesday | 5:00 p.m. Soul Food                    |
| Thursday  | - - - NO Bible Study                   |
|           | 7:00 p.m. Worship                      |

### Installation

You are invited to attend the installation service for Reverend Daniel Beaudoin as Bishop of the Northwestern Ohio Synod of the ELCA on July 23, 2016, 1:00 p.m. at St. Mark’s Lutheran Church, 315 S. College Drive, Bowling Green, Ohio. Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton will preach and preside.

### Serving Today

Pastor James L. Castello  
Guest Preacher - Bill Panning  
Worship & Music Coordinator & Organist - Angela Tonjes  
Bell Choir Director - Bill Panning  
Reader - Ruth Hershberger  
Sound Board - Joe Kohout  
Acolytes - Nate Brubaker & Jayce Brubaker  
Ushers - Lenny Sonnenberg, Bill Panning, Tom Jenny, Jeff Mires  
Altar Guild - Sue Kruse & Cheryl Hershberger  
Prayer Chain Co-ordinator - Carol Castello (419-592-0847) or [cjcast@yahoo.com](mailto:cjcast@yahoo.com)

### **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.*

### Stop and Smell The Flowers

The Lutheran Home at Napoleon will present “Don’t Let Stress Get the Best of You” on Thursday, July 21, 4 p.m. in the Chapel. Explore the causes and effects of stress and learn simple ways to alleviate stress in your daily life. Presented by Victoria L. Harris, LSW, Clinical Therapist, LHS Family and Youth Services. Dinner follows the program at 5 p.m. For more information or to RSVP, contact Kelly Wallace at 419-592-1688.