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LBW—Lutheran Book of Worship WOV—With One Voice

*** Please stand as you are able**

PRELUDE *Preludio Divertimento*

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 # 517** *Praise to the Father*

*** 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 Almighty and ever-living God, you are always more ready to hear than we are to pray, and you gladly give more than we either desire or deserve. Pour upon us your abundant mercy. Forgive us those things that weigh on our conscience, and give us those good things that come only through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

Special Music: *Stronger* -Ryan Kruse

FIRST LESSON: Genesis 18:20-32

²⁰Then the LORD said, "How great is the outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah and how very grave their sin! ²¹I must go down and see whether they have done altogether according to the outcry that has come to me; and if not, I will know."

²²So the men turned from there, and went toward Sodom, while Abraham remained standing before the LORD.

²³Then Abraham came near and said, "Will you indeed sweep away the righteous with the wicked?" ²⁴Suppose there are fifty righteous within the city; will you then sweep away the place and not forgive it for the fifty righteous who are in it? ²⁵Far be it from you to do such a thing, to slay the righteous with the wicked, so that the righteous fare as the wicked! Far be that from you! Shall not the Judge of all the earth do what is just?" ²⁶And the LORD said, "If I find at Sodom fifty righteous in the city, I will forgive the whole place for their sake." ²⁷Abraham answered, "Let me

take it upon myself to speak to the LORD, I who am but dust and ashes. ²⁸Suppose five of the fifty righteous are lacking? Will you destroy the whole city for lack of five?" And he said, "I will not destroy it if I find forty-five there." ²⁹Again he spoke to him, "Suppose forty are found there." He answered, "For the sake of forty I will not do it." ³⁰Then he said, "Oh do not let the LORD be angry if I speak. Suppose thirty are found there." He answered, "I will not do it, if I find thirty there." ³¹He said, "Let me take it upon myself to speak to the LORD. Suppose twenty are found there." He answered, "For the sake of twenty I will not destroy it." ³²Then he said, "Oh do not let the LORD be angry if I speak just once more. Suppose ten are found there." He answered, "For the sake of ten I will not destroy it."

A The Word of the Lord

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM 138

¹I will give thanks to you, O LORD, with ¹my whole heart; before the gods I will ¹sing your praise.

**²I will bow down toward your holy temple and praise your name,
because of your steadfast ¹ love and faithfulness;
for you have glorified your name and your word a- ¹bove all things.**

³When I called, you ¹ answered me;
you increased my ¹ strength within me.

**⁴All the rulers of the earth will praise ¹ you, O LORD,
when they have heard the words ¹ of your mouth.**

⁵They will sing of the ways ¹ of the LORD,
that great is the glory ¹ of the LORD.

**⁶The LORD is high, yet cares ¹ for the lowly,
perceiving the haughty ¹ from afar.**

⁷Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you ¹ keep me safe;
you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies;
your right ¹ hand shall save me.

**⁸You will make good your pur- ¹pose for me;
O LORD, your steadfast love endures forever;
do not abandon the works ¹ of your hands.**

SECOND LESSON: Colossians 2:6-15 [16-19]

⁶As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to live your lives in him, ⁷rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.

⁸See to it that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the universe, and not according to Christ. ⁹For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, ¹⁰and you have come to fullness in him, who is the head of every ruler and authority. ¹¹In him also you were circumcised with a spiritual circumcision, by putting off the body of the flesh in the circumcision of Christ; ¹²when you were

buried with him in baptism, you were also raised with him through faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead.

¹³And when you were dead in trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive together with him, when he forgave us all our trespasses, ¹⁴erasing the record that stood against us with its legal demands. He set this aside, nailing it to the cross. ¹⁵He disarmed the rulers and authorities and made a public example of them, triumphing over them in it.

[¹⁶Therefore do not let anyone condemn you in matters of food and drink or of observing festivals, new moons, or sabbaths. ¹⁷These are only a shadow of what is to come, but the substance belongs

to Christ. ¹⁸Do not let anyone disqualify you, insisting on self-abasement and worship of angels, dwelling on visions, puffed up without cause by a human way of thinking, ¹⁹and not holding fast to the head, from whom the whole body,

nourished and held together by its ligaments and sinews, grows with a growth that is from God.]

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 11:1-13**

¹[Jesus] was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples." ²He said to them, "When you pray, say:

Father, hallowed be your name.
Your kingdom come.

³Give us each day our daily bread.

⁴And forgive us our sins,
for we ourselves forgive

everyone indebted to us.

And do not bring us to the time of trial."

⁵And he said to them, "Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, 'Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; ⁶for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him.' ⁷And he answers from within, 'Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you

anything.' ⁸I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs.

⁹So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. ¹⁰For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. ¹¹Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for a fish, will give a snake instead of a fish? ¹²Or if the child asks for an egg, will give a scorpion? ¹³If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"

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

CHILDREN'S SERMON

HYMN LBW # 439 *What a Friend We Have in Jesus*

SERMON

* HYMN LBW # 346 *When Peace, like a River*

* 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 *Joshua* -Ryan Kruse

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 Faithful God, through diverse cultures and countries, your Spirit weaves us together as one church. Help us all, your disciples, to ask for the things we need, confident that you hear us. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A Call us to notice places and people you created but we often forget. For busy places, for those working in the noon heat, in the silence of the night, and in care of your creation. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A Bring peace where strife is found, where homes have become battlegrounds. Empower leaders and organizations to find solutions through persistence and faith. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A Seek after us wherever we are found in these summer months. Grant safety to those who travel, sabbath rest to those who vacation, and perseverance to those who have no leisure time. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A Join our prayers with those ancestors and saints who taught us to pray. We remember those who have died in faith, with the comfort that your steadfast love endures forever. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

P Turn our hearts to the cries of those in great need. Comfort and heal those who feel defined by situation, grief, or sickness (*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 # 559 *Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing*

POSTLUDE *Postlude in Thirds*

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Altar flowers

Flowers are given to the glory of God by Michelle Slee.

Coffee Hour

You are invited to stay after worship for refreshments and fellowship in the overflow area. Our host for the coffee hour today is the Adult Sunday School Class. Next week's fellowship will be hosted by the Executive Board.

Thursday worship

Worship will begin at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday night. Holy Communion will be offered.

Statistics

7/14 Thursday 44 7/17 76 Offerings \$3,376.10 (\$235 Bldg Fd; \$20 Wrld Hngr)
7/11-7/17 Simply Giving \$475 Gen; \$120 Bldg Fd

Your opinion counts...

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:

70-sheet wire-bound notebooks

30-centimeter rulers

pencil sharpeners

blunt scissors

blue or black pens

16- or 24-packs of crayons

2 ½ in erasers, specifically

tissues

highlighters

glue sticks

red pens

plastic pencil boxes or pouches

5-count and 8-count subject dividers

washable markers

dry erase markers

Clorox wipes

hand sanitizer

3 x 5 index cards

backpacks

Patterns for the LWR bags are also available.

This Week

Tuesday 6:30 p.m. Miriam Circle

Wednesday 9:00 a.m. Sewing

5:00 p.m. Soul Food

Thursday 9:00 a.m. Bible Study

7:00 p.m. Worship with Holy Communion

Serving Today

Pastor James L. Castello

Worship & Music Coordinator & Organist - Angela Tonjes

Bell Choir Director - Bill Panning

Reader - Ruth Hershberger

Sound Board - Joe Kohout

Acolytes - Tyson Reynolds & Carter Bruken

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

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.*

Open Doors – Settlers Day

Henry County Historical Society - OPEN DOORS - Settlers Day: Sunday, July 24, 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. FREE at Henry County Fairgrounds. Reenactors, Live Period Music, String Quartet under the gazebo. Old-fashioned Children's Activities, Building Tours, Historic Lectures. Free will donation for food featuring Brats and Kraut, German Potato Salad, Beans, Ice Cream, Drinks. Bring your lawn chairs!