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LBW—Lutheran Book of Worship WOV—With One Voice

*** Please stand as you are able**

PRELUDE *Holy Spirit*

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 # 409** *Praise and Thanksgiving*

*** 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 Benevolent God, you are the source, the guide, and the goal of our lives. Teach us to love what is worth loving, to reject what is offensive to you, and to treasure what is precious in your sight, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

FIRST LESSON: Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-23

²Vanity of vanities, says the Teacher, vanity of vanities! All is vanity.

¹²I, the Teacher, when king over Israel in Jerusalem, ¹³applied my mind to seek and to search out by wisdom all that is done under heaven; it is an unhappy business that God has given to human beings to be busy with. ¹⁴I saw all the deeds that are done under the sun; and see, all is vanity and a chasing after wind.

^{2:18}I hated all my toil in which I had toiled under the sun, seeing that I must leave it to those who come after me

¹⁹—and who knows whether they will be wise or foolish? Yet they will be master of all for which I toiled and used my wisdom

under the sun. This also is vanity. ²⁰So I turned and gave my heart up to despair concerning all the toil of my labors under the sun, ²¹because sometimes one who has toiled with wisdom and knowledge and skill must leave all to be enjoyed by another who did not toil for it. This also is vanity and a great evil. ²²What do mortals get from all the toil and strain with which they toil under the sun? ²³For all their days are full of pain, and their work is a vexation; even at night their minds do not rest. This also is vanity.

A The Word of the Lord

C Thanks be to God.

SECOND LESSON: Colossians 3:1-11

¹So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. ²Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, ³for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. ⁴When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

⁵Put to death, therefore, whatever in you is earthly: fornication, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed (which is idolatry). ⁶On account of these the wrath of God is coming on those who are disobedient. ⁷These are the ways you also once followed, when you were living that

life. ⁸But now you must get rid of all such things—anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive language from your mouth. ⁹Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have stripped off the old self with its practices ¹⁰and have clothed yourselves with the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge according to the image of its creator. ¹¹In that renewal there is no longer Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave and free; but Christ is all and in all!

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

*** GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** ♪

Refrain: Alleluia, alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord;
Alleluia, alleluia, give praise to his name.

Jesus is Lord of all the earth;
he is the king of creation. *Refrain:*

*** GOSPEL: Luke 12:13-21**

¹³Someone in the crowd said to [Jesus,] "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me." ¹⁴But he said to him, "Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?" ¹⁵And he said to them, "Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions." ¹⁶Then he told them a parable: "The land of a rich man produced abundantly. ¹⁷And he thought to himself, 'What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?' ¹⁸Then he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build

larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. ¹⁹And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.' ²⁰But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' ²¹So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God."

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

CHILDREN'S SERMON

HYMN LBW # 532 *How Great Thou Art*

SERMON

*** HYMN LBW # 507** *How Firm a Foundation*

*** 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 *Shelter Me, Lord* -Anthony Godsey and Marv Mt.Castle

OFFERTORY 🎵 *(sing twice)*

Lord, listen to your children praying,
Lord, send your Spirit in this place;
Lord, listen to your children praying,
Send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace.

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 O God, enliven the body of Christ with energy and creativity. Work through partnerships across towns, denominations, and ministry contexts, that Christ be shared with all. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A Guard your creation against greed and over-consumption. Restore polluted air and waters, protect animal habitats, and send new growth where it is needed. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A Break down barriers between neighborhoods, peoples, and nations. Sustain community leaders, legislators, volunteers, peacemakers, and all who seek the good of their communities. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A Inspire our congregation to live in the present moment, O God, and to trust in you. In committee meetings, classrooms, and all ministries, give us flexibility to follow where you lead. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A We give thanks for those who have died recently and across the ages, and we rejoice in the hope of the resurrection. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

P Soothe furrowed and fevered brows. Give energy and compassion to caregivers, those who sit at bedsides or wait by the phone. Comfort all in need of healing (*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** *-sung by praise band*

*** BENEDICTION**

*** HYMN LBW # 389** *Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus*

POSTLUDE *Great Is the Lord*

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Altar flowers

Flowers are given to the glory of God by Bonnie Palamara in loving memory of Gary.

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 Executive Board. Next week's fellowship will be hosted by Living Spirit.

Thursday worship

Worship will begin at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday night.

Statistics

7/21 Thursday 43 7/24 98 Offerings \$4,280.00 (\$45 Bldg Fd; \$5 Wrld Hngr)
7/18-7/24 Simply Giving \$105 Gen; \$20 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.*

→ 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.

This Week

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

Chicken BBQ

The Kevin R. Schwiebert Memorial Fundraiser Chicken BBQ will be held on Saturday, August 7 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the American Legion. Meals are \$8 each and include a ½ BBQ chicken, baked potato, cole slaw, diner roll and drink. Tickets are available through pre-sale only through Jen Schwiebert at 419-438-8602 or kjschwiebert@gmail.com. Dine in and carry outs are available. All proceeds will benefit the Kevin R. Schwiebert Memorial Fund which raises money for educational scholarships and fire department grants throughout the area. For more information, contact Jen or visit their Facebook page at www.facebook.com/KRSScholarshipFund.

Serving Today

Pastor James L. Castello
Worship & Music Coordinator & Organist - Angela Tonjes
Bell Choir Director - Bill Panning
Reader - Alexandra Reynolds
Sound Board - Joe Kohout
Acolytes - Tyson Reynolds & Carter Burken
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

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

The Salvation Army Bell-Ringers...

The Salvation Army is looking for kettle coordinators. Robert Joseph, kettle coordinator for the past 15 years, will not be doing it this upcoming season. The dates are as follows:

Nov. 18-19 at Chief's	Nov. 23 at Chief's
Nov. 23 at Walmart	Dec. 1-2-3 at Walmart
Dec. 8-9-10 at Walmart	Dec. 15-16-17 at Walmart
Dec. 22-23-24 at Walmart	

If you would be willing to coordinate one week (or more!), please call Melody Williams at 419-934-5090.