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LBW—Lutheran Book of Worship WOV—With One Voice

*** Please stand as you are able**

PRELUDE

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 # 554 *This Is My Father's World***

*** 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 God, you sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your church. Open our hearts to the riches of your grace, that we may be ready to receive you wherever you appear, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

FIRST LESSON: Genesis 15:1-6

¹After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." ²But Abram said, "O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" ³And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." ⁴But the word of the LORD came to him, "This man shall not

be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir." ⁵He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." ⁶And he believed the LORD; and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness.

A The Word of the Lord

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM 33:12-22

¹²Happy is the nation whose God ¹is the LORD!

Happy the people chosen to ¹be God's heritage!

¹³**The LORD looks ¹down from heaven, and sees all ¹humankind.**

¹⁴God sits firmly en- ¹throned and watches all who dwell ¹on the earth.

¹⁵**God fashions ¹all their hearts and observes ¹all their deeds.**

¹⁶A king is not saved by the size ¹of the army, nor are warriors rescued by ¹their great strength.

¹⁷**The horse gives vain ¹hope for victory; despite its great strength it ¹cannot save.**

¹⁸Truly, your eye is upon those who fear ¹you, O LORD, upon those who wait for your ¹steadfast love,

¹⁹**to deliver their ¹lives from death, and to keep them alive in ¹time of famine.**

²⁰Our innermost being waits for | you, O LORD,
our helper | and our shield.

²¹**Surely, our heart rejoices in you,
for in your holy name we | put our trust.**

²²Let your lovingkindness, O LORD, | be upon us,
even as we place our | hope in you.

SECOND LESSON: Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

¹Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. ²Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. ³By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.

⁸By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. ⁹By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. ¹⁰For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. ¹¹By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old—and Sarah herself was barren—because he considered him

*** GOSPEL: Luke 12:32-40**

[Jesus said:] ³²"Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. ³³Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an

faithful who had promised. ¹²Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, "as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore."

¹³All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, ¹⁴for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. ¹⁵If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. ¹⁶But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

A The Word of the Lord

C **Thanks be to God.**

unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys.

³⁴For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

³⁵Be dressed for action and have your

lamps lit; ³⁶be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks.

³⁷Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. ³⁸If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and

finds them so, blessed are those slaves.

³⁹But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. ⁴⁰You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour."

P The Gospel of our Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

CHILDREN'S SERMON

HYMN LBW # 518 *Beautiful Savior*

SERMON

* **HYMN WOV # 781** *My Life Flows on in Endless Song (How Can I Keep from Singing?)*

*** NICENE CREED**

C We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven; by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen

THE PRAYERS *(please be 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, encourage your church in new ventures of faith: new congregations, ministries, conversations, and partnerships. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A Creating God, the abundance of your creation fills us with awe and delight. Call us daily to be vigilant and responsible stewards of all you have made. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A Merciful God, calm the fears that produce wars, prejudice, and injustice. Equip governments, leaders, and peacemakers to be models of cooperation and reconciliation among the nations. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A Steadfast God, we pray for those in life transitions that bring anxiety. Heal those hurt by broken promises, and sustain them with your never-ending love. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A Heavenly Father, we give you thanks for all the saints who now enjoy unfailing treasure in heaven, and we rejoice that we are united with them in your love. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

P Restoring God, comfort all who long for relief from circumstances of grief or sickness (*especially*). Bless hospitals, mental health facilities, and all places of healing. 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

*** PEACE**

P The peace of the Lord be with you always. **C And also with you.**

TITHES AND OFFERINGS *Forgive Us*

*** OFFERING PRAYER**

A God of mercy and grace, the eyes of all wait upon you, and you open your hand in blessing. Fill us with good things at your table, that we may come to the help of all in need, through Jesus Christ, our redeemer and Lord.

C Amen.

*** EUCHARISTIC PRAYER**

*** 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.

HOLY COMMUNION

*** BLESSING**

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

C Amen

*** POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

A O God, as a mother comforts her child, so you comfort your people, carrying us in your arms and satisfying us with this food and drink, the body and blood of Christ. Send us now as your disciples, announcing peace and proclaiming that the reign of God has come near; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen

*** BENEDICTION**

*** HYMN WOV # 765** *Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love*

*** DISMISSAL**

A Go in peace. Proclaim the good news.

C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE *Blest Be the Tie*

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Altar flowers Flowers are given to the glory of God by Tara, Molly, Mackenzie, & Mary Eickhoff in loving memory of Jeff; by Shirlee Mires Fejes in loving memory of Phil; and in honor of Karen Rohrs on her 60th birthday by her family.

Funeral The funeral for Daryl Jones was held on Thursday. Please keep Lorelee and their family in your prayers.

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 Living Spirit. Next week's fellowship will be hosted by the Miriam Circle.

Statistics

7/28 Thursday (58) communed (50) 7/31 (95) Offerings \$13,915 (\$10,107 Bldg Fd; \$5 Wrld Hngr) 7/25-7/31 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 your 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

Tomato Festival Fair Parade Refreshments

Emanuel will again be providing refreshments for the community before the parade on Sunday, August 14. We are in need of packaged cookies, fresh fruit, and VOLUNTEERS to help (!!!). We will set up at 2:30 p.m. and have a table of refreshments from 3 until about 5:30. Clean-up is finished by 6:00 so you won't miss any of the parade! Please talk to Carol Castello if you would like to help by donating or serving! Thank you!!!!

Serving Today

Pastor James L. Castello

Worship & Music Coordinator & Organist - Angela Tonjes

Guest musicians - Carol Castello & Peg Brown

Bell Choir Director - Bill Panning

Reader - Terry Hershberger

Sound Board - Joe Kohout

Acolytes - Emma Rowland & Halle Good

Ushers - Norm Bostelman, Rupert Schweinhagen

Altar Guild - Julie Mt.Castle & Wendy Schroeder

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

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.