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LBW—Lutheran Book of Worship WOV—With One Voice

*** Please stand as you are able**

PRELUDE *Jewels*

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 # 522** *Come, Thou Almighty King*

*** 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 O God, judge eternal, you love justice and hate oppression, and you call us to share your zeal for truth. Give us courage to take our stand with all victims of bloodshed and greed, and, following your servants and prophets, to look to the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

FIRST LESSON: Jeremiah 23:23-29

²³Am I a God near by, says the LORD, and not a God far off? ²⁴Who can hide in secret places so that I cannot see them? says the LORD. Do I not fill heaven and earth? says the LORD. ²⁵I have heard what the prophets have said who prophesy lies in my name, saying, "I have dreamed, I have dreamed!" ²⁶How long? Will the hearts of the prophets ever turn back—those who prophesy lies, and who prophesy the deceit of their own heart? ²⁷They plan to make my people forget my name by their dreams

that they tell one another, just as their ancestors forgot my name for Baal. ²⁸Let the prophet who has a dream tell the dream, but let the one who has my word speak my word faithfully. What has straw in common with wheat? says the LORD. ²⁹Is not my word like fire, says the LORD, and like a hammer that breaks a rock in pieces?

A The Word of the Lord

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM 82

¹God stands to charge the divine council assembled, giving judgment in the midst of the gods:

²"How long will you judge unjustly, and show favor to the wicked?"

³Save the weak and the orphan; defend the humble and needy;

⁴rescue the weak and the poor; deliver them from the power of the wicked.

⁵They do not know, neither do they understand; they wander about in darkness; all the foundations of the earth are shaken.

⁶Now I say to you, 'You are gods, and all of you children of the Most High;

⁷nevertheless, you shall die like mortals, and fall like any prince."

⁸Arise, O God, and rule the earth, for you shall take all nations for your own.

SECOND LESSON: Hebrews 11:29—12:2

²⁹By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as if it were dry land, but when the Egyptians attempted to do so they were drowned. ³⁰By faith the walls of Jericho fell after they had been encircled for seven days. ³¹By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had received the spies in peace.

³²And what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets—³³who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, ³⁴quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. ³⁵Women received their dead by resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to accept release, in order to obtain a better resurrection.

³⁶Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. ³⁷They were stoned to death, they were sawn in

two, they were killed by the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, persecuted, tormented—³⁸of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, and in caves and holes in the ground.

³⁹Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised, ⁴⁰since God had provided something better so that they would not, apart from us, be made perfect.

^{12:1}Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, ²looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

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

*** GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** ♪

God is speaking by his Spirit, Speaking to the hearts of all,
In the ageless Word expounding God's own message for us all.
Through the rise and fall of nations One sure faith yet standing fast;
God abides, his Word unchanging; God the first, and God the last.

*** GOSPEL: Luke 12:49-56**

[Jesus said:] ⁴⁹"I came to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! ⁵⁰I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what stress I am under until it is completed! ⁵¹Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division! ⁵²From now on five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three; ⁵³they will be divided:

father against son
and son against father,
mother against daughter
and daughter against mother,
mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law

CHILDREN'S SERMON

HYMN LBW # 270 *God of our Life, All-Glorious Lord*

SERMON

*** HYMN LBW # 235** *Break Now the Bread of Life*

*** 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

and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law."
⁵⁴He also said to the crowds, "When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, 'It is going to rain'; and so it happens. ⁵⁵And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, 'There will be scorching heat'; and it happens. ⁵⁶You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?"

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

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 God near to us, increase your people's passion to share how Christ transforms lives. Raise up prophets in your church, Lord, to interpret the word and the world today. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A Renewing God, we pray for scorched places that need rain, those recovering from disaster, and those needing balance. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A God of power, administer justice. Pour your spirit of compassion and mercy into those who hold the lives of others in their hands. We pray for all who are persecuted or imprisoned for their beliefs. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A Give wisdom to our community, Lord. Help us discern your will for our life and ministry together, even when it may divide or challenge us. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A We thank you, O God, for the great cloud of witnesses that surrounds us. Gather us with all the saints around your throne on the last day. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

P Compassionate God, save us from being overwhelmed by addictions, medical conditions, competition, and fear. Comfort all in need in body, mind, or spirit (*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

*** PEACE**

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you.

TITHES AND OFFERINGS *Holy Gifts We Offer*

*** OFFERTORY**

We give thee but thine own, What-e'er the gift may be;
All that we have is thine alone, A trust, O Lord, from thee.

May we thy bounties thus As stewards true receive,
And gladly, as thou blessest us, To thee our first-fruits give.

*** 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 LBW # 377 *Lift High the Cross*

*** DISMISSAL**

A Go in peace. Proclaim the good news.

C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE *Praise My Soul, the King of Heaven*

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Altar flowers

Flowers are given to the glory of God by Steve & Phyllis Kloos in honor of the wedding of Missy (Kloos) and Adam Amundsen on August 6.

Funeral

Please remember in your prayers the family of Arleta Panning who was laid to rest on Thursday.

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 Miriam Circle. Next week's fellowship will be hosted by the choir altos and basses.

Statistics

8/04 (61) 8/07 (100) communed (98) Offerings \$7,914.00 (\$1,220 Bldg Fd; \$10 Wrld Hngr; \$50 Bldg Fd in honor of Kurt Rohrs) 8/01-8/07 Simply Giving \$865 Gen; \$220 Bldg Fd

Thursday worship

Worship on Thursday begins at 7 p.m. Holy Communion will be offered this week.

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

Monday	noon	Newsletter deadline
	7:30 p.m.	Naomi Circle
Wednesday	5:00 p.m.	Soul Food
Thursday	9:00 a.m.	Bible Study
	7:00 p.m.	Worship with Holy Communion
Friday	6:00 p.m.	Wedding Rehearsal
Saturday	3:30 p.m.	Ankney/Wittmeyer wedding

Tomato Festival Fair Parade Refreshments

Emanuel will again be providing refreshments for the community before the parade today. We are in need of 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!

Newsletter

The deadline for the September newsletter is noon tomorrow! Please be sure all your meetings are on the calendar by that time.

Serving Today

Pastor James L. Castello

Worship & Music Coordinator & Organist - Angela Tonjes

Bell Choir Director - Bill Panning

Reader - Terry Hershberger

Sound Board -

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 — 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.

The whole is greater

Composer Iannis Xenakis said, “The collision of hail or rain with hard surfaces, or the song of cicadas in a summer field. These sonic events are made out of thousands of isolated sounds; this multitude of sounds, seen as totality, is a new sonic event.”

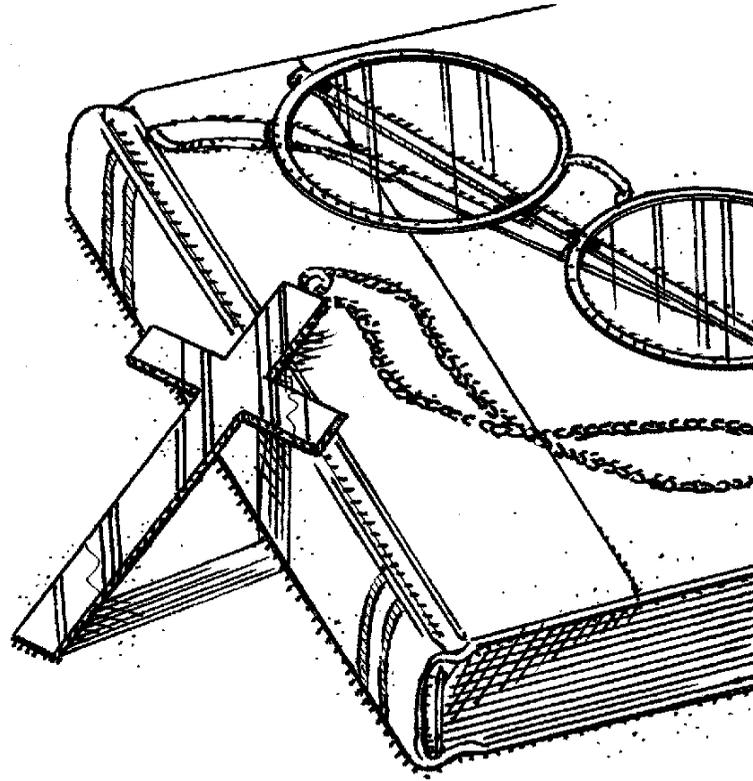
What would one cicada sound like, or a lone hailstone hitting the ground? Would we even hear that? How about one raindrop, one low rumble of thunder? But put those individual sounds together in groups and they're powerful.



What can one coin in an offering plate accomplish? Or one volunteer from an entire congregation? What if John the Baptist's lone voice had never been joined by the disciples, and all the Christians after them, sharing the Gospel?

One voice alone isn't inconsequential, just as one coin, one volunteer, one raindrop isn't nothing. But if each felt inconsequential and stopped contributing its “sound,” soon there would be nothing. Conversely, when many individuals stay in the game, God brings their contributions soon they find they aren't alone at all. together, creating a whole new “sonic event”!





Let us keep our eyes
on Jesus, the author and
perfecter of our faith.

Hebrews 12:2