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LBW—Lutheran Book of Worship WOV—With One Voice

*** Please stand as you are able**

PRELUDE *Let Us Break Bread Together*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*** CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God: the only Sovereign, who dwells in light; Christ Jesus, who came to save sinners; the Holy Spirit, who lives within us.

C **Amen.**

P Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.
God of overflowing grace,

C **we come to you with repentant hearts. Forgive us for shallow thankfulness. Forgive us for passing by the ones in need. Forgive us for setting our hopes on fleeting treasures. Forgive us our neglect and thoughtlessness. Bring us home from the wilderness of sin, and strengthen us to serve you in all that we do and say; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

P There is joy in heaven over every sinner who repents. By the grace of God in Christ Jesus, who gave himself up for us all, your sins are forgiven and you are made free. Rejoice with the angels and with one another! We are home in God's mercy, now and forever.

C **Amen**

* **HYMN LBW # 423** *Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service*

*** 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 Direct us, O Lord God, in all our doings with your continual help, that in all our works, begun, continued, and ended in you, we may glorify your holy name; and finally, by your mercy, bring us to everlasting life, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C **Amen.**

FIRST LESSON: Deuteronomy 30:15-20

¹⁵See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, death and adversity. ¹⁶If you obey the commandments of the LORD your God that I am commanding you today, by loving the LORD your God, walking in his ways, and observing his commandments, decrees, and ordinances, then you shall live and become numerous, and the LORD your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to possess.

¹⁷But if your heart turns away and you do not hear, but are led astray to bow down to other gods and serve them, ¹⁸I declare to you today that you shall perish; you shall not live long in the land that you are

crossing the Jordan to enter and possess. ¹⁹I call heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, ²⁰loving the LORD your God, obeying him, and holding fast to him; for that means life to you and length of days, so that you may live in the land that the LORD swore to give to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.

A The Word of the Lord

C **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 1

¹Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel ¹ of the wicked, nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats ¹ of the scornful!

²**Their delight is in the law ¹ of the LORD, and they meditate on God's teaching ¹ day and night.**

³They are like trees planted by streams of water,
bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that ¹do not wither;
everything they ¹do shall prosper.

**⁴It is not so ¹with the wicked;
they are like chaff which the wind ¹blows away.**

⁵Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when ¹judgment comes,
nor the sinner in the council ¹of the righteous.

**⁶For the LORD knows the way ¹of the righteous,
but the way of the wicked shall ¹be destroyed.**

SECOND LESSON: Philemon 1-21

¹Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and
Timothy our brother,

To Philemon our dear friend and co-
worker, ²to Apphia our sister, to Archippus
our fellow soldier, and to the church in
your house:

³Grace to you and peace from God our
Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

⁴When I remember you in my prayers,
I always thank my God ⁵because I hear of
your love for all the saints and your faith
toward the Lord Jesus. ⁶I pray that the
sharing of your faith may become effective
when you perceive all the good that we
may do for Christ. ⁷I have indeed received
much joy and encouragement from your
love, because the hearts of the saints have
been refreshed through you, my brother.

⁸For this reason, though I am bold
enough in Christ to command you to do
your duty, ⁹yet I would rather appeal to
you on the basis of love—and I, Paul, do
this as an old man, and now also as a
prisoner of Christ Jesus. ¹⁰I am appealing
to you for my child, Onesimus, whose

father I have become during my
imprisonment. ¹¹Formerly he was useless
to you, but now he is indeed useful both to
you and to me. ¹²I am sending him, that is,
my own heart, back to you. ¹³I wanted to
keep him with me, so that he might be of
service to me in your place during my
imprisonment for the gospel; ¹⁴but I
preferred to do nothing without your
consent, in order that your good deed
might be voluntary and not something
forced. ¹⁵Perhaps this is the reason he was
separated from you for a while, so that you
might have him back forever, ¹⁶no longer
as a slave but more than a slave, a beloved
brother—especially to me but how much
more to you, both in the flesh and in the
Lord.

¹⁷So if you consider me your partner,
welcome him as you would welcome me.

¹⁸If he has wronged you in any way, or
owes you anything, charge that to my
account. ¹⁹I, Paul, am writing this with my
own hand: I will repay it. I say nothing
about your owing me even your own self.

²⁰Yes, brother, let me have this benefit
from you in the Lord! Refresh my heart in
Christ. ²¹Confident of your obedience, I

am writing to you, knowing that you will
do even more than I say.

A The Word of the Lord

C **Thanks be to God.**

* GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

The Son of God, our Christ, the Word, the Way,
Shared human life and toiled throughout the day;
From common folk he called the twelve to be
Co-workers in his sacred ministry.

Today, as then, Christ summons us to dare
To follow boldly and his work to share,
To help and heal the sick, the blind, the lame,
Declaring to the world his holy name.

* GOSPEL: Luke 14:25-33

²⁵Now large crowds were traveling with
[Jesus;] and he turned and said to them,
²⁶"Whoever comes to me and does not hate
father and mother, wife and children,
brothers and sisters, yes, and even life
itself, cannot be my disciple. ²⁷Whoever
does not carry the cross and follow me
cannot be my disciple. ²⁸For which of you,
intending to build a tower, does not first sit
down and estimate the cost, to see whether
he has enough to complete it? ²⁹Otherwise,
when he has laid a foundation and is not
able to finish, all who see it will begin to
ridicule him, ³⁰saying, 'This fellow began

to build and was not able to finish.' ³¹Or
what king, going out to wage war against
another king, will not sit down first and
consider whether he is able with ten
thousand to oppose the one who comes
against him with twenty thousand? ³²If he
cannot, then, while the other is still far
away, he sends a delegation and asks for
the terms of peace. ³³So therefore, none of
you can become my disciple if you do not
give up all your possessions.

P The Gospel of our Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

CHILDREN'S SERMON

HYMN LBW # 558 *Earth and All Stars*

SERMON

* **HYMN # 327** *Rock of Ages*

* **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 Rejoicing in the Spirit's work among us, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need.

A brief silence.

A Let us pray for all congregations gathered around the word and sacraments, that they be strengthened in their discipleship through these means of grace. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A Let us pray for the creation, that it thrives and flourishes. Make us good stewards of the land with all its vegetation, mammals, birds, and creatures of all kinds. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A Let us pray for all who lead and direct us: for elected officials, school boards, pastors, bishops, trustees, councils, ministry teams, business owners, judges, and community organizers. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A Let us pray for our congregation and community, that they be safe places for all, especially the young and mature. Revive and refresh our hearts as we receive the forgiveness of Christ.

Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A Let us remember with thanksgiving the dearly departed who rest from their labors. Instruct us by their witness and bring us, with them, into the promised land. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

P Let us pray for refugees, immigrants, prisoners, and all who seek new life. Show life and prosperity to those who struggle with injury or illness (*especially*). Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Into your hands, O God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through your Son, our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

C Amen

* **PEACE**

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you.

TITHES AND OFFERINGS *In Peaceful Habitations*

* **OFFERTORY**

A world in need now summons us To labor, love, and give;
To make our life an offering To God, that all may live.

The church of Christ is calling us to make the dream come true:
A world redeemed by Christ-like love; All life in Christ made new.

* **OFFERING PRAYER**

A Merciful God, as grains of wheat scattered upon the hills were gathered together to become one bread, so let your church be gathered together from the ends of the earth into your kingdom, for yours is the glory through Jesus Christ, now and forever.

C Amen.

* **EUCCHARISTIC 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 We come again to you, O God, giving you thanks that in this feast of mercy you have embraced us and healed us, making us one in the body of Christ. Go with us on our way. Equip us for every good work, that we may continue to give you thanks by embracing others with mercy and healing; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen

*** BENEDICTION**

*** HYMN WOV # 760** *For the Fruit of All Creation*

*** DISMISSAL**

A Go in peace. Remember the poor.

C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE *March*

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In honor of the Labor Day holiday tomorrow, notice how many times “work,” “labor,” and “toil” appear in the music for today! Can you find them all?

On the radio

A recording of last week’s service will be broadcast this morning at 10:30 on WNDH 103.1 FM. This week’s service will be broadcast next Sunday morning.

Altar flowers

Flowers are given to the glory of God in honor of Mike Mohring’s birthday by his family.

Rally Day! Next Sunday – September 11

Sunday School is a “hole” lot of fun, and we’re rallying to kick off a “hole” year of learning of and living in God’s love for the “hole” world! And we’ll celebrate with some “holesome” treats!! Don’t miss it!!!!

*** We will be returning to our two-service schedule that day.... ***

8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

Mark your calendars!!!

Blessing of the Backpacks!

Kids!!! Bring your backpacks to church NEXT SUNDAY, Rally Day, September 11, (either service) for a special blessing!

Dartball

The projected start date for dartball is September 20. Please contact Bill Panning at 419-966-6216 if you are still planning on playing or if you are interested in joining the team. Matches will start at 7:00 p.m.

Baptism

Baptized yesterday was Dominic Joseph, son of Eric Schwab & Brittany Hays.

TWO SERVICES NEXT SUNDAY!!!!

Communion at 10:30 a.m.

Coffee Hour

You are invited to stay after worship for refreshments and fellowship in the overflow area. Our host for this final coffee hour of the summer is the Soul Food crew.

WE NEED YOU!!!!

We need readers and sound board operators for the month of September!!!!

Please sign up on the bulletin board in the narthex, call the church office, or talk to Peggy Snyder or Holly Mohring as soon as possible!!!!

Thank you!

Statistics

8/25 (48) 8/28 (92)

Simply Giving 8/22 - 8/28 Gen Fd \$105; \$20 Bldg Fd

Offerings 8/14 \$5,409 (2,105 Bldg Fd; 205 Wrld Hngr; 290 CROP Walk)

Offerings 8/21 \$6,879 (340 Bldg Fd; 5 Wrld Hngr; 1,750 memorial Bldg Fd-Julie Delventhal; 440 memorial Bldg Fd-Arleta Panning)

Offerings 8/28 \$3,414 (110 Bldg Fd; 5 Wrld Hngr)

This Week

Monday		Office Closed - Labor Day
Tuesday	1:30 p.m.	PERI Meeting
	7:00 p.m.	WELCA General Meeting
Wednesday	5:00 p.m.	Soul Food
	5:30 p.m.	Emanubells
	6:30 p.m.	Choir
	7:30 p.m.	Living Spirit
Thursday	9:00 a.m.	Bible Study
	7:00 p.m.	Worship

Serving Today

Pastor James L. Castello

Worship & Music Coordinator & Organist - Angela Tonjes

Bell Choir Director - Bill Panning

Reader - Ronnie Rohrs

Sound Board - Seth Tonjes

Acolytes - Nate Brubaker & Jayce Brubaker

Ushers - Rupert Schweinhagen, Norm Bostelman

Altar Guild - Sarah Yaney & Joyce Rohrs

Prayer Chain Co-ordinator - Carol Castello (419-592-0847) or cjcast@yahoo.com

Festival of Tables

The Festival of Tables, sponsored by the Women's Guild of Filling Homes, will be held at 12:00 noon on Saturday, September 24, at the Filling Homes Therapy Center Activity Room. Doors will open at 11:00 in order to give participants the opportunity to view all of the tables. The meal will be served at noon followed by entertainment. Tickets for the Festival of Tables are a minimum donation of \$15.00 with proceeds benefitting the children and adults with intellectual disabilities who are served by the ministry of Filling Homes. Tickets are available by pre-sale only. No tickets will be sold at the door. To register as a hostess, or for more information about participating in this event, please contact Bonnie Ohlrich at 419-533-5661 or by email: bonnieohlrich@embarqmail.com. The deadline to register as a hostess is Tuesday, September 6.

Open House

Lutheran Homes is sponsoring an Open House of their Nursing Home, Assisted Living, and Independent Condos on Sunday, September 11, 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. Tours begin in the Lutheran Home Lobby. Get a personalized tour of the campus, meet the staff, and get information of all the benefits they offer.

Women of Emanuel

Our WELCA General Meeting will be held Tuesday, September 6 at 7:00 p.m in the basement of the church. Our guest speaker will be Tracy Bartholomew who will be sharing her work on church mission trips. Not only has she been on several mission trips, but her family is very involved in mission work. It is always very enlightening to hear how God works through different people. We would love to see you there.

Catechism Parents Meeting
Wednesday, September 14, 2016
7:00 p.m.
in the adult Sunday School classroom
across from the church office.
If you cannot attend this meeting,
please talk to Pastor beforehand.

Lutheran World Relief

On the Caring Corner table there are instructions on the different kits (Personal Care, Baby, Fabric, School). We are also in need of Drawstring backpacks to include with the School kits, and those instructions are on the Caring Corner table as well. If you don't sew or cannot be a part of the kit-making project, please consider donating to the Women of the Church to be donated to the LWR Quilt & Kit Shipping Fund. For every \$1 you give, someone in need receives \$8 worth of essential personal items. The kits must be turned in to the Caring Corner table, and monetary donations must be made by October 2, 2016. If you have questions, please contact Michelle Slee 419-966-4896. Monetary donations can be turned in to the church office.

Kevin R. Schwiebert Memorial Fund Redhead Run 5K

Saturday, September 17, 9:00 a.m. Registration begins at 7:45 a.m. Start/Finish at St. Peter Lutheran Church, K980 Co Rd 17D, Florida. Registration forms available from Jen Schwiebert kjschwiebert@gmail.com / 419-777-5356. Or register online at www.RunSignUp.com and search for Redhead Run 5K. Preregister by September 11 to get a free t-shirt.

Caring Corner for September — Lutheran World Relief Kits

There are instruction sheets available on the Caring Corner table. Here is what is needed for each kit:

Personal Care Kit

one dark-colored light-weight bath towel (between 20x40" and 52x27")
2 or 3 bath-size bars of soap equaling 8-9 oz., any brand
one adult-size toothbrush
one sturdy comb, wide-tooth preferred
one metal nail clippers (attached file optional)

Fabric Kit

2 spools of neutral-colored, general purpose thread 250-300 yards each
2 pieces of cotton or cotton-blend fabric (NO knits of 100% polyester); each piece should match one of the sizes:
2¼ yards of 60" wide fabric
3 yards of 44" wide fabric
4 yards of 36" fabric

Baby Care Kit

2 lightweight cotton t-shirts (NO Onesies)
2 long- or short-sleeved gowns or sleepers (WITHOUT feet)
2 receiving blankets
4 cloth diapers, flat fold preferred
1 jacket, sweater, or sweatshirt with a hood or include a baby cap
2 pairs of socks
1 hand towel, dark color recommended
2 or 3 bath-size bars of gentle soap, equaling 8-9 oz.
2 diaper pins or large safety pins

We may also need some of the (empty) school bags made; we usually have the Sunday School kids help fill these bags with the school supplies we have collected through July and August. These Lutheran World Relief kits, along with the quilts that have been sewn are delivered for shipment October 14 and 15.