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Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost — October 16, 2016

LBW—Lutheran Book of Worship WOV—With One Voice

*** Please stand as you are able**

HYMN *Gathered in the Love of Christ*
(verses: Living Spirit; refrain: congregation)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ringing of the Bell

PRELUDE

(8:00) *Beautiful Day* - Karri, Madison, and Morgan Ashbaugh

(10:30) *As the Deer* -Bell Choir

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CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS *(you may remain seated)*

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**

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 Lord God, tireless guardian of your people, you are always ready to hear our cries. Teach us to rely day and night on your care. Inspire us to seek your enduring justice for all this suffering world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

(10:30) **Special Music:** *I Can Only Imagine* -Living Spirit

FIRST LESSON: Genesis 32:22-31

²²The same night [Jacob] got up and took his two wives, his two maids, and his eleven children, and crossed the ford of the Jabbok.

²³He took them and sent them across the stream, and likewise everything that he had.

²⁴Jacob was left alone; and a man wrestled with him until daybreak. ²⁵When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he struck him on the hip socket; and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him.

²⁶Then he said, "Let me go, for the day is breaking." But Jacob said, "I will not let you go, unless you bless me." ²⁷So he said to him, "What is your name?" And he said,

PSALM 121 -sung by Living Spirit

SECOND LESSON: 2 Timothy 3:14—4:5

¹⁴But as for you, continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it, ¹⁵and how from childhood you have known the sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. ¹⁶All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, ¹⁷so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work.

"Jacob." ²⁸Then the man said, "You shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with humans, and have prevailed." ²⁹Then Jacob asked him, "Please tell me your name." But he said, "Why is it that you ask my name?" And there he blessed him. ³⁰So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, "For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life is preserved."

³¹The sun rose upon him as he passed Penuel, limping because of his hip.

A The Word of the Lord

C **Thanks be to God.**

^{4:1}In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I solemnly urge you: ²proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favorable or unfavorable; convince, rebuke, and encourage, with the utmost patience in teaching. ³For the time is coming when people will not put up with sound doctrine, but having itching ears, they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own desires,

⁴and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander away to myths. ⁵As for you, always be sober, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully.

A The Word of the Lord

C **Thanks be to God.**

* **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** (Ryan Kruse, verse)

Halle, halle, hallelujah! Halle, halle, hallelujah!

Halle, halle, hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

* **GOSPEL: Luke 18:1-8** (*please stand as you are able*)

¹Then Jesus told them a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart.

²He said, "In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. ³In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, 'Grant me justice against my opponent.' ⁴For a while he refused; but later he said to himself, 'Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, ⁵yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not

wear me out by continually coming.'"

⁶And the Lord said, "Listen to what the unjust judge says. ⁷And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? ⁸I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?"

P The Gospel of our Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

CHILDREN'S SERMON

HYMN WOV # 746 *Day by Day*

SERMON

HYMN LBW # 370 *Blest Be the Tie That Binds* (*you may remain seated*)

* **APOSTLES' CREED** (*please stand as you are able*)

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 (8:00) I Can Only Imagine -Living Spirit
(10:30) The Prayer -Bell Choir

OFFERTORY *(you may remain seated)*

THE PRAYERS *(you may remain seated)*

A Set free by the truth of God's gracious love, we pray for the church, the world, and all of God's good creation.

A brief silence.

A Protector of all, you guard your people from evil. Help your church to provide sanctuary for all who are in need. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A Creator of all, you made the sun, the moon, and the stars. Bless efforts to restore clean air, that your pure light may shine in the world. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A Keeper of all life, you provide justice for the nations. Call upon leaders and judges, lawyers and advocates to proclaim your justice where injustice rules. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A God of unfailing love, you are our first and best teacher. Guide all who teach in schools, homes, churches, seminaries, and in public life. Let your love shine forth in their teaching. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A Holy One, you bless all those who cry out to you. We give thanks for the persistent witness of your blessed saints who now rest in your just and righteous presence. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

P Nurturing healer, you reach out to those who have lost heart. Ease their suffering, relieve their pain, comfort the dying, and calm the troubled (*especially*). Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

P Into your hands, faithful God, we place ourselves and our prayers, spoken and unspoken, trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

C Amen

*** LORD'S PRAYER** *(please stand as you are able)*

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 WOV # 753 *You Are the Seed*

POSTLUDE *How Majestic Is Your Name*

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Altar flowers

Flowers are given to the glory of God by Ron & Donna Meyers in honor of their 58th wedding anniversary.

Sign up!!

Readers are needed for: November 27 (early service); all of November (late service).
Sound board operators are needed: all of November (late service). Please sign up on the bulletin board in the narthex or talk to Peggy Snyder or Holly Mohring!

Serving Today

Pastor James L. Castello
Worship & Music Coordinator & Organist - Angela Tonjes
Bell Choir Director - Bill Panning
Reader - 8:00 Ronnie Rohrs 10:30 Joan Collier
Sound Board - 8:00 Jack Robbins 10:30
Acolytes - 8:00 Thea Perdew & Cale Perdew
10:30 Emma Rowland & Halle Good
Ushers - 8:00 Dave Schwab, Jack Ruby, Tiffany Biederstedt, Ed Biederstedt
10:30 Alan Storch, Jeff Mires, Kurt Rohrs, Ken Lange
Altar Guild - Beth Jenny & Lana Sonnenberg
Prayer Chain Co-ordinator - Carol Castello (419-592-0847) or cjcast@yahoo.com

Statistics

10/06 (28) 10/09 71+62 (133) communed (58)
Tithes and Offerings \$6,189 (\$585 Bldg Fd; \$10 Wrld Hngr; \$20 After Sch Club)
Simply Giving 10/03 - 10/09 \$865 Gen Fd; \$220 Bldg Fd

Caring Corner for October — Coats for Kids

We are collecting winter coats, new or gently used, to be donated to the "Coats for Kids" distribution at Christ United Methodist Church. Adult coats are also accepted, and free dry-cleaning is donated to clean coats before they're given out in November.

Newsletter

The deadline for the November newsletter is noon tomorrow!

Healthy Living for the Brain and Body Thursday, October 20, 4 p.m.

The program will be in the Chapel at the Lutheran Home. It will be presented by Lynn Ritter, Ph.D. Professional Education Coordinator, Alzheimer's Association, NW Ohio Chapter. Dinner will follow the presentation

This Week

Monday	noon	Newsletter deadline
	7:00 p.m.	Church Council
Tuesday	6:30 p.m.	Miriam Circle
Wednesday	3:15 p.m.	After School Club
	5:00 p.m.	Soul Food
	5:30 p.m.	Emanubells
	6:30 p.m.	Choir
	7:30 p.m.	Living Spirit
	7:30 p.m.	Naomi Circle
Thursday	9:00 a.m.	Bible Study
	7:00 p.m.	Worship with <i>Holy Communion</i>

Barbecue

Together We Can Make A Difference Initiatives is sponsoring a Chicken and Rib BBQ on Monday, October 24, from 12 noon to 6 p.m. in our parking lot. For \$7 you may have either Chicken or Ribs with a bag of chips, applesauce, and a dinner roll. Tickets may be purchased ahead of time, but drive-thrus are welcome. To reserve your dinners, call Kelli Burkhardt at 419-579-0199 or email togetherinwoh@gmail.com or contact Carol Castello or Terri Sedam. Meat prepared by Port-A-Pit BBQ from Edgerton.

Congregational Meeting

Our annual fall Congregational Meeting will be held on Sunday, October 30, immediately following the late worship service. Watch for a mailing with information on the budget and the ballot for 2017 in your mail this week.