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Second Sunday after Epiphany — January 15, 2017

LBW—Lutheran Book of Worship WOV—With One Voice

* Please stand as you are able

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ringling of the Bell

PRELUDE *Come, All You People* -Living Spirit

(10:30) *Three French Carols* -Bell Choir

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS *(you may remain seated)*

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, who stretches out the heavens, who sends light to the nations, who gives breath to us all.

C Amen.

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

Loving God,

C we confess that we have turned from your way to follow our own ways. Forgive us for the times we have spoken or acted too quickly; we have not spoken or acted at all; we have hurt those closest to us; we have hurt those we have yet to know; we have thought more about ourselves than others; we have thought less of ourselves than we ought. Turn us around, and give us a fresh start, so that we can live again as your children. Amen.

P Even when we have done wrong, God makes us right. Even when we have messed up, God puts us together. God's love never runs out. God never tires of calling us beloved children. Hear God say to you now: Your sins are forgiven, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior.

C Amen

HYMN WOV # 718 *Here in This Place*

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 Everlasting God, the radiance of all faithful people, you brought the nations to the brightness of your rising. Fill the world with your glory, and show yourself to all the world through him who is the true light and the bright morning star, your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

(10:30) **Special Music:** *Lamb of God* -Living Spirit

FIRST LESSON: Isaiah 49:1-7

¹Listen to me, O coastlands, pay attention, you peoples from far away! The LORD called me before I was born, while I was in my mother's womb he named me. ²He made my mouth like a sharp sword, in the shadow of his hand he hid me; he made me a polished arrow, in his quiver he hid me away. ³And he said to me, "You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified." ⁴But I said, "I have labored in vain, I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity; yet surely my cause is with the LORD, and my reward with my God."

⁵And now the LORD says, who formed me in the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him, and that Israel might be gathered to him, for I am honored in the sight of the LORD, and my God has

become my strength — ⁶he says, "It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to restore the survivors of Israel; I will give you as a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth." ⁷Thus says the LORD, the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One, to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nations, the slave of rulers, "Kings shall see and stand up, princes, and they shall prostrate themselves, because of the LORD, who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you."

A The Word of the Lord

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM 40:1-11

¹I waited patiently up-¹ on the LORD,
who stooped to me and¹ heard my cry.

²**The LORD lifted me out of the desolate pit, out of the¹ miry clay,
and set my feet upon a high cliff, making my¹ footing sure.**

³The LORD put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise¹ to our God;
many shall see, and stand in awe, and put their trust¹ in the LORD.

⁴**Happy are they who trust¹ in the LORD!**

They do not turn to enemies or to those who¹ follow lies.

⁵Great are the wonders you have done, O LORD my God!

In your plans for us, none can be com-¹pared with you!

Oh, that I could make them known and tell them!

But they are more than¹ I can count.

⁶**Sacrifice and offering you do¹ not desire;**

you have opened my ears:

burnt-offering and sin-offering you have¹ not required.

⁷And so I said, "Here I¹ am; I come.

In the scroll of the book it is writ-¹ten of me:

⁸**I love to do your will,¹ O my God;**

your law is¹ deep within me."

⁹I proclaimed righteousness in the¹ great assembly;

I have not restrained my lips, O¹ LORD, you know.

¹⁰**I have not hidden your righteousness in my heart;**

I have spoken of your faithfulness and¹ your deliverance;

I have not concealed your steadfast love and truth

from the¹ great assembly.

¹¹You are the LORD; do not withhold your compas-¹sion from me;

may your steadfast love and your truth continually¹ keep me safe.

SECOND LESSON: 1 Corinthians 1:1-9

Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus
by the will of God, and our brother
Sosthenes, ²To the church of God that is in
Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ
Jesus, called to be saints, together with all
those who in every place call on the name of

our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and
ours: ³Grace to you and peace from God our
Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. ⁴I give
thanks to my God always for you because of
the grace of God that has been given you in
Christ Jesus, ⁵for in every way you have

been enriched in him, in speech and
knowledge of every kind—⁶just as the
testimony of Christ has been strengthened
among you—⁷so that you are not lacking in
any spiritual gift as you wait for the
revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁸He will
also strengthen you to the end, so that you

may be blameless on the day of our Lord
Jesus Christ. ⁹God is faithful; by him you
were called into the fellowship of his Son,
Jesus Christ our Lord.

A The Word of the Lord

C **Thanks be to God.**

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

*** GOSPEL: John 1:29-42**

(please stand as you are able)

²⁹[John the Baptist] saw Jesus coming
toward him and declared, "Here is the
Lamb of God who takes away the sin of
the world! ³⁰This is he of whom I said,
'After me comes a man who ranks ahead of
me because he was before me.' ³¹I myself

did not know him; but I came baptizing
with water for this reason, that he might be
revealed to Israel." ³²And John testified, "I
saw the Spirit descending from heaven like
a dove, and it remained on him. ³³I myself
did not know him, but the one who sent

me to baptize with water said to me, 'He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.' ³⁴And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God." ³⁵The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, ³⁶and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, "Look, here is the Lamb of God!" ³⁷The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. ³⁸When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, "What are you looking for?" They said to him, "Rabbi" (which translated means Teacher), "where are you staying?" ³⁹He said to them, "Come and see." They came

and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon. ⁴⁰One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. ⁴¹He first found his brother Simon and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which is translated Anointed). ⁴²He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, "You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas" (which is translated Peter).

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

CHILDREN'S SERMON

HYMN WOV # 752 *Here I Am, Lord*

SERMON

HYMN *You Are the Light of the World* (you may remain seated)
Congregation sings refrain:

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

C 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 AND OFFERINGS (8:00) *Lamb of God* -Living Spirit
(10:30) *I Wonder As I Wander* -Bell Choir

OFFERTORY *(you may remain seated.)*

THE PRAYERS (you may remain seated)

A Called to be a light to the nations, let us pray for God's justice, peace, and healing.
A brief silence.

A Gather us in, gracious God. Bring together Methodist and Pentecostal, Baptist and Roman Catholic, Lutheran and AME-Zion. Form us in worship into your united people. Send us out as one in you, proclaiming your glory and serving all. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A Fed with bread and wine, Christ's body and blood, make us eager to care for your good creation. Send us to pick up litter from highways and lakeshores and protect animal habitats. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A We pray for all the nations of the world. Help us to reach out to the places where the scandal of hunger resides. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A We thank you for the faithfulness of your prophets. Strengthen our faith in you. Send us out to proclaim and live your justice boldly. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A Open us to see how our congregation abounds with every spiritual gift. Send us out to share our abundant gifts and proclaim your steadfast love. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

P Quell the anxieties of all who wait for test results. Bring hope to all whose life is a struggle and filled with despair. Send us to care for those who suffer (*especially*). Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

P Receive these prayers in the name of Christ, the light of the world, who is one with you and the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

C Amen

*** 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.

*** BENEDICTION**

*** HYMN WOV # 650** *We Are Marching in the Light of God*

POSTLUDE *You're Worthy of My Praise*

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Altar flowers

Flowers are given to the glory of God by Douglas and Judy Hoffman.

2017 Offering Envelopes

The new offering envelopes are available in the hallway outside the church offices. Please be sure the number on your envelope is the same as that listed on the label.

Statistics

12/31 Tithes and Offerings \$110.00

01/08 94+92 (186) Communed (82) Tithes and Offerings \$6,445.75 (\$655 Bldg Fd; \$16 Wrld Hngr; \$300 Good Sam Fd) (1/2 \$760 Memorials Bldg Fd-B.Showman)

Simply Giving 01/02-01/08 \$865 Gen Fd; \$220 Bldg Fd

Altar Guild

The Altar Guild will have a cleaning day on Saturday, January 21 at 9 a.m.

Annual Meeting

Don't forget our Annual Meeting which will be held on Sunday, January 29, immediately following the 10:30 worship service. Meeting packets will be sent out this week along with your February newsletter. Please take note and mark your calendars!

Flower Chart

There is an opening on the flower chart for February 19. If you would like to furnish flowers for that day, please sign up as soon as possible.

Would you like to.....

...run the sound board for the 10:30 service during the month of February? ...be the lay assistant at the 8:00 service on February 5, 12 or 26? If you are willing to help in these ways, please sign up on the bulletin board in the narthex or talk to Holly Mohring or Betty Mowery. Thank you so much!

Serving Today

Pastor James L. Castello
Worship & Music Coordinator & Organist - Angela Tonjes
Bell Choir Director - Bill Panning
Lay Assistant - 8:00 Larr Etzler 10:30 Laura Ellis
Sound Board - 8:00 Jack Robbins 10:30 Ryan Kohout
Acolytes - 8:00 Derek Miller & Tyson Reynolds
10:30 Laci Dachenhaus & Halle Good
Altar Guild - Cheryl Hershberger & Jeannie Wiechers
Ushers - 8:00 Dave Schwab, Jack Ruby, Ed Biederstedt, Tiffany Biederstedt
10:30 Bob Ivancso, Bill Panning, Tom Schroeder, Denny Ehlers
Prayer Chain Co-ordinator - Carol Castello (419-592-0847) or cjcast@yahoo.com

Newsletter

The deadline for the February newsletter is noon tomorrow!

This Week

Monday	noon	Newsletter deadline
	7:00 p.m.	Church Council
Wednesday	3:15 p.m.	After School Club
	3:30 p.m.	6 th grade
	5:00 p.m.	Soul Food
	5:30 p.m.	Emanubells
	6:30 p.m.	7 th grade
	6:30 p.m.	Choir
	7:30 p.m.	Living Spirit
	7:30 p.m.	7 th /8 th grade bells
	8:00 p.m.	8 th grade
Thursday	9:00 a.m.	Bible Study
Saturday	9:00 a.m.	Altar Guild cleaning

Caring Corner - January SOAP

We hope for a bright, clean start to a brand-new, shiny, sparkling clean New Year, so this month, we'll collect soap – any brand, any size – for Together We Can Make A Difference Initiatives. We can even use small travel, hotel/motel-size, which we re-package as “School kits” for kids who shower at school with sports and/or phys ed.

Time and Talents

Now is the time for all good people to come to the aid of their congregation... (sorry ‘bout that!). If you have not yet filled out a Time and Talent form, PLEASE do so in the next week or two and leave it in the office or place it in the offering plate. (The forms can be found at each entrance.) Church Council is going to be working hard to use all those wonderful people who would like to volunteer for the various activities. We need YOU!!!
...and YOU ...and YOU ...and YOU

Can you/will you help our grieving families?

Help is needed in ministering to our church members who have lost a loved one. If you would be willing to make a dish or help serve a funeral luncheon, please call or contact Kathy Bostelman at 419-599-3416 or Joan Collier at 419-592-2621 for more information.



“You have as much laughter as you have faith.”
Martin Luther

Did you know...
Luther once said he had not even seen a Bible until he was 20 years old.