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LBW—Lutheran Book of Worship WOV—With One Voice

*** Please stand as you are able**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ringing of the Bell

PRELUDE *All the People Said Amen*

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, the fountain of living water, the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation.

C Amen.

P Let us come into the light, the revealing and healing light of God.

God of grace and glory,

C you have brought us through the night of sin into the light of Jesus’ resurrection. Yet our lives are still shadowed by sin. Make us alive in Christ, O God, Make us new as you make all things new. Rescue us from evil and the gloom of sin, renew us in grace, and restore us to living in your holiness, through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. Amen.

P Rejoice with all creation around God’s throne! The light of the risen Christ puts to flight all evil deeds, washes away sin, restores innocence to the fallen, casts out hate, brings peace, and humbles earthly pride. Jesus Christ loves you and frees you from your sins by his blood. To him be glory and dominion forever and ever!

C Amen.

HYMN *I’ve Got Peace Like a River*

I’ve got peace like a river, I’ve got peace like a river,
I’ve got peace like a river in my soul;

I’ve got peace like a river, I’ve got peace like a river,
I’ve got peace like a river in my soul.

I’ve got joy like a fountain, I’ve got joy like a fountain,
I’ve got joy like a fountain in my soul;
I’ve got joy like a fountain, I’ve got joy like a fountain,
I’ve got joy like a fountain in my soul.

I’ve got love like an ocean, I’ve got love like an ocean,
I’ve got love like an ocean in my soul;
I’ve got love like an ocean, I’ve got love like an ocean,
I’ve got love like an ocean in my soul.

I’ve got peace like a river, I’ve got joy like a fountain,
I’ve got love like an ocean in my soul,
I’ve got peace like a river, I’ve got joy like a fountain,
I’ve got love like an ocean in my soul.

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 and eternal God, the strength of those who believe and the hope of those who doubt, may we, who have not seen, have faith in you and receive the fullness of Christ's blessing, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

FIRST LESSON: Acts 2:14a, 22-32

^{14a}Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed [the crowd]:
²²"You that are Israelites, listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with deeds of

power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know—²³this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and

killed by the hands of those outside the law. ²⁴But God raised him up, having freed him from death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power. ²⁵For David says concerning him, 'I saw the Lord always before me, for he is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken; ²⁶therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced; moreover my flesh will live in hope. ²⁷For you will not abandon my soul to Hades, or let your Holy One experience corruption. ²⁸You have made known to me the ways of life; you will make me full of gladness with your presence. ²⁹Fellow Israelites, I may say to

you confidently of our ancestor David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. ³⁰Since he was a prophet, he knew that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would put one of his descendants on his throne. ³¹Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying, 'He was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh experience corruption.' ³²This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses."

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

PSALM 16 (Living Spirit-verses; congregation-refrain)

SECOND LESSON: 1 Peter 1:3-9

³Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, ⁴and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, ⁵who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last

time. ⁶In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, ⁷so that the genuineness of your faith—being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. ⁸Although you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe

in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, ⁹for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe." ²⁶A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁷Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." ²⁸Thomas answered him, "My Lord and

my God!" ²⁹Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe." ³⁰Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. ³¹But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

HYMN *Lord, Your Hands Have Formed*

*** GOSPEL: John 20:19-31** *(please stand as you are able)*

¹⁹When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁰After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." ²²When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." ²⁴But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in

SERMON

OFFERTORY *(you may remain seated.)*

HYMN *Sanctify (you may remain seated)*

*** APOSTLES' CREED**

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 *Glorious Day*

THE PRAYERS *(you may remain seated)*

A Rejoicing in the risen life of Christ, let us pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

A brief silence.

A We pray for the church. Breathe your Spirit into us. Renew us with your power. Unite us in mission and send us into the world with your love. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A For the earth. For fields and forests, gardens and vineyards, and all newly planted crops. Sustain our world with clean water and favorable weather. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A For the nations. Empower leaders to work for the well-being of all. Send peace into every place where people live in the shadow of violence and displacement. Free all who are isolated behind walls of fear. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A For this assembly. Give us courage to welcome newcomers graciously. Walk with those who are inquiring, those who harbor doubts and questions, and those who are absent from us. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A With thanksgiving, we remember those who have died in faith. Inspire us by their witness. Bring us with them to the heavenly feast. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

P For those in need. Look with compassion toward those who bear hidden wounds. Draw near to those who seek you. Comfort the dying, console the grieving, and heal the sick (*especially*). Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Joining our voices with your faithful ones in every time and place, we offer our prayers in the name of the Risen One, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen

*** LORD'S PRAYER** *(please stand as you 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 *Go Now in Peace*

POSTLUDE *Come, Christians, Join to Sing*

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Altar flowers

Flowers are given to the glory of God by Alan & Shelly Storch in honor of Neil’s birthday.

Caring Corner – items for babies

New or gently used items are acceptable, preferably in varied sizes from 6 to 24 months.

Lightweight cotton t-shirts (NOT Onesies)

long- or short-sleeved gowns or sleepers (withOUT feet)

receiving blankets

cloth diapers and diaper pins

jacket, sweater, or sweatshirt with hood or include a cap

baby socks

hand towels, dark colors preferred

bars of soap

any size of disposable diapers is accepted, even opened packages that have been outgrown

Vacation Bible School

Attention parents of K-5, mark your calendars for the evenings of Sunday, June 11 - Thursday, June 15 for the annual community VBS (sometimes known as the downtown VBS). Crossroads church on State Route 108 across from the Holiday Inn will be hosting. Jamie Bostelman and Julie Mt.Castle are looking for volunteers. Emanuel’s task is to “man” the registration table from 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. each evening. Because we will be participating in this VBS, we will not be holding a VBS at Emanuel. Thanks in advance for your help. More details to follow.

On the radio - you can hear a recording of last week’s service on WNDH at 10:30 a.m.

This Week

Monday	5:30 p.m.	Miriam Circle
Wednesday	9:00 a.m.	Sewing
	3:15 p.m.	After School Club (parents pick up at 5:30)
	5:00 p.m.	Soul Food
	6:30 p.m.	Choir in sanctuary
	7:30 p.m.	Living Spirit
Thursday	9:00 a.m.	Bible Study
	7:00 p.m.	Worship
Sunday	10:30 a.m.	Confirmation

Statistics

4/13 Attendance 137 communed 125 Offerings \$944.00

4/14 Attendance 133 Offerings \$1,000.00

4/16 Attendance 205+168 (373) Communed 168+124 (292) Offerings \$5,818.00 (\$211 Bldg Fd; \$5 Wrld Hngr; \$5 Sun Sch)

Simply Giving 4/10-4/16: \$130 Gen Fd; \$45 Bldg Fd; \$25 Wrld Hngr; \$25 Good Sam

Serving Today

Pastor James L. Castello

Worship & Music Coordinator & Organist - Angela Tonjes

Bell Choir Director - Bill Panning

Lay Assistant - 8:00 Terry Hershberger 10:30 Ron Meyers

Sound Board - 8:00 Jeff Sharpe 10:30

Acolytes - 8:00 Rudi Dachenhaus & Jessica Yunker

10:30 Carter Burken & Preston Speaks

Altar Guild - Lana Sonnenberg & Susan Mabee

Ushers - 8:00 Barb Hoffman, Tom Hoffman, Kelli Burkhardt, Terri Sedam

10:30 Chris Peper, Paul Mowery, Terry Walther, Steve Kenning

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

Work Day

Please mark your calendars for Saturday, May 13. We plan to do some “spring cleaning” at the church (both inside and outside) and could use your help!!!

“Nothing good ever comes of violence..” -Martin Luther



Did you know...

Luther was paid no wage, and took no payment for his services. At the end of his life, with six children, he installed a lathe and learned woodworking in order to keep the money coming in. He was also a keen gardener, apparently producing fantastic lettuces, beans, melons and cucumbers.