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**Sixth Sunday of Easter — May 21, 2017**

**LBW—Lutheran Book of Worship      WOV—With One Voice**

**\* Please stand as you are able**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Ringling of the Bell**

**PRELUDE** (8:00 and 10:30) *Here For You* -Living Spirit

(10:30) *Go Down, Moses* -Bell Choir

**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 WOV # 717** *Come, All You People*

**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 ever-living God, you hold together all things in heaven and on earth. In your great mercy receive the prayers of all your children, and give to all the world the Spirit of your truth and peace, through 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:** *Through All of It* -Living Spirit

**FIRST LESSON: Acts 17:22-31**

<sup>22</sup>Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, "Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. <sup>23</sup>For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, 'To an unknown god.' What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. <sup>24</sup>The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, <sup>25</sup>nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. <sup>26</sup>From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, <sup>27</sup>so that they would search for God and perhaps grope

for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. <sup>28</sup>For 'In him we live and move and have our being'; as even some of your own poets have said, 'For we too are his offspring.' <sup>29</sup>Since we are God's offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. <sup>30</sup>While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, <sup>31</sup>because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead."

**A** The Word of the Lord

**C Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM 66:8-20

<sup>8</sup>Bless our | God, you peoples;

let the sound of | praise be heard.

<sup>9</sup>**Our God has kept us a- | mong the living  
and has not allowed our | feet to slip.**

<sup>10</sup>For you, O God, have | tested us;

you have tried us just as sil- | ver is tried.

<sup>11</sup>**You brought us in- | to the net;**

**you laid heavy burdens up- | on our backs.**

<sup>12</sup>You let people ride over our heads; we went through | fire and water,

but you brought us out into a place | of refreshment.

<sup>13</sup>**I will enter your house | with burnt offerings**

**and will pay | you my vows—**

<sup>14</sup>those that I promised | with my lips

and spoke with my mouth when I | was in trouble.

<sup>15</sup>**I will offer you burnt offerings of fatlings with the | smoke of rams;**

**I will give you ox- | en and goats.**

<sup>16</sup>Come and listen, all you | who believe,

and I will tell you what God has | done for me.

<sup>17</sup>**I called out to God | with my mouth,**

**and praised the Lord | with my tongue.**

<sup>18</sup>If I had cherished evil | in my heart,

the Lord would | not have heard me;

<sup>19</sup>**but in truth | God has heard me**

**and has attended to the sound | of my prayer.**

<sup>20</sup>Blessed be God, who has not reject- | ed my prayer,

nor withheld unfailing | love from me.

## SECOND LESSON: 1 Peter 3:13-22

<sup>13</sup>Who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? <sup>14</sup>But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, <sup>15</sup>but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from

you an accounting for the hope that is in you; <sup>16</sup>yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. <sup>17</sup>For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be

God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. <sup>18</sup>For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, <sup>19</sup>in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, <sup>20</sup>who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. <sup>21</sup>And baptism, which

this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, <sup>22</sup>who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

A The Word of the Lord

C **Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

## CHILDREN'S SERMON

**HYMN** *Lead Me, Lord* (Living Spirit - verses; congregation - refrain)

**\* GOSPEL: John 14:15-21** (*please stand as you are able*)

[Jesus said to the disciples:] <sup>15</sup>"If you love me, you will keep my commandments.

<sup>16</sup>And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. <sup>17</sup>This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you. <sup>18</sup>I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. <sup>19</sup>In a little

while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. <sup>20</sup>On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. <sup>21</sup>They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them."

**SERMON**

**HYMN**     *All Are Welcome*     (you may remain seated)  
(Living Spirit - verses; congregation - refrain)

**OFFERTORY**     (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**     (8:00) *Through All of It* -Living Spirit  
(10:30) *This Train* -Bell Choir

**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. Draw your whole church together as one. Bring an end to division. Send your Spirit into your people and rouse us to greater love and mission. Lord, in your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

A For the earth. For scientists, photographers, and explorers. For scholars, poets, musicians, artists, and all who lead us to greater knowledge and appreciation of beauty. For lakes and rivers, watersheds and wetlands, ponds and oceans. Lord, in your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

A For the nations. Give wisdom to those who govern. Strengthen all who work for peace. Protect those who have been displaced or have left their homes in search of safety and freedom. Lord, in your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

A For this assembly. Bless those preparing for baptism and affirmation of baptism. Strengthen our ministries of evangelism, outreach, and pastoral care. Deepen our faith and knowledge of you. Lord, in your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

A With thanksgiving, we remember those who have died. Inspire us by their witness to your love. Bring us into your eternal presence to live with you forever. Lord, in your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

P For those in need. For those who suffer abuse or neglect. For those who suffer post-traumatic stress. For those who struggle with addiction. For those who grieve and all who are ill (*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 Out in the World*      -Living Spirit

**POSTLUDE**      *Jesus Saves!*

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**Altar flowers**

Flowers are given to the glory of God by Mary, Tara, Molly, and Kenzie Eickhoff.

**Funeral**

Please keep the family of Marilyn Fretz in your prayers. Marilyn's funeral was held here on Thursday.

**Today's Bell Choir Music**

The Bell Choir number for today, "Go Down, Moses," is an American spiritual. The song describes events in the Bible from Exodus 8:1 where God commands Moses to demand the release of the Israelites from slavery in Egypt. Sheet music of the song says it dates back to 1853. However, Harriet Tubman used the song as a code to communicate with slaves when fleeing Maryland. She started her underground railroad work in 1850, so it is possible the song is older than originally thought. The other Bell Choir number for today, "This Train," is a traditional American gospel song. The origins of this song are unknown, and the earliest recording is from 1922.

### **Summer Schedule begins next Sunday!!!!**

Please mark your calendar...there will be ONE service (9:00 a.m.) on Sundays beginning next Sunday morning! Thursday evening services continue at 7 p.m.

### **Graduates**

We will recognize our high school graduates next Sunday during the service; and then there will be a brunch in their honor in the basement after worship. If you would like to help, we need breakfast casseroles, fresh fruit, coffee cake/muffins, and juice; there is a sign-up sheet on the fridge in the kitchen.

### **Caring Corner** – PathStone Migrant Rest Center –*priority items....*

pillows and pillow cases	bleach
blankets and bedding sets for twin beds	large sponges
towels	disposable gloves
toiletries	disinfectant spray cleaner
pots & pans	heavy-duty shower curtains
dishes: plates, bowls, cups, spoons, forks	oven cleaner
light bulbs	

### **Family Fun Fest**

Family Fun Fest will be held today from 2 - 5 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church, at the corner of Webster and Washington. This ecumenical event will offer a fest of FREE fun for families, including inflatables, carnival games, spray tattoos, a puppet show, musical entertainment, the fire department's "safety house", clowns, hot dogs, snow cones, and MORE – all for FREE! Let's do our part in joining our brothers and sisters in Christ with this outreach to our community!

### **Work Day**

Thanks to all who came to help with the "spring cleaning" of our property yesterday!

### **Coming Alive**

You exercised a total of 3,869 minutes last week! Be sure to record your minutes for the final week and turn in your prize entries by 9 a.m. tomorrow morning! Winners of prizes this week: *Dea Plummer, Douglas Hoffman, Robert Ivancso, Brenda Plummer, Karri Ashbaugh, Terri Sedam, Tom Jenny, Mary Eickhoff, Judith Hoffman, and Carey Plummer.* Pick up your prizes in the Sunday School office.

### **Come and hear.....**

The Adult Sunday School class is very excited about a guest speaker today during the Sunday School hour in the overflow area. Andrew Bartholomew and his family are here to tell of their stories as a missionary family serving our Lord. There is a write-up below from Andrew himself. We would love to have a large group come to hear about their journey and what works God is doing through them. Refreshments and snacks will be provided during this time of fellowship.

### **...Andrew Bartholomew**

In 2014 the Bartholomew Family lived in Thailand and worked with a church for the English speaking international community. Since returning to the U.S., the Bartholomews partner with existing ministries that focus on sharing the Gospel with unreached groups. Andrew and Sharon and their four children, currently live in Tampa, Florida, where they work with people from more than 20 countries (North Africa, Middle East, Asia). There will be an opportunity at this hour to donate to them to help with their living expenses. You can learn more and sign up for their newsletter at [bartholomewnews.weebly.com](http://bartholomewnews.weebly.com).

### **Pentecost**

Sunday, June 4, is Pentecost! Don't forget to wear RED on that day!!! (Thursday night worshippers could wear red on June 1!)

### **Statistics**

5/11 Attendance 32      5/14 Attendance 78+108 (186)      communed (98)      Offerings \$7,523 (\$2,890 Bldg Fd; \$105 Wrld Hngr; \$25 mem L.Gerken)  
Simply Giving 5/08-5/14: \$130 Gen Fd; \$45 Bldg Fd; \$25 Wrld Hngr; \$25 Good Sam Fd

### **Vacation Bible School**

Be sure to check out the bulletin board at the back entrance for details about the Community Vacation Bible School that Emanuel will be participating in June 11-15, 2017. "Passport to Peru" will be held at Crossroads Church (located on Rt 108 across from the Holiday Inn) 6-8 p.m. Registration is nightly. Emanuel's responsibility will be to run the registration table each evening and to escort children from a nearby neighborhood 5:30-6 p.m. If you are able to volunteer any of these evenings, please sign up on the bulletin board anytime between now and June 4. We will need 3 people each evening. Thanks in advance, Jamie Bostelman & Julie Mt.Castle. **Note: Because we are participating in the community VBS, we will not host a VBS at Emanuel.**

### **Bloodmobile**

There will be a Red Cross Bloodmobile at Emanuel on Monday, June 5 from 12 noon until 6 p.m. To schedule an appointment, please call Rita Schweinhagen at 419-592-4606 or visit [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) and enter sponsor code: EMANUELLUTH. **Help is needed and expected.** There are posters on the tables at both entrances – please pick one up and have it displayed at a business in your area. Let’s have a great turnout and make Rita proud!

### **This Week**

Today	2-5 p.m.	Family Fun Fest at Presbyterian Church
Monday	5:30 p.m.	Miriam Circle
Wednesday	9:00 a.m.	Sewing
	5:00 p.m.	Soul Food
Thursday	9:00 a.m.	Bible Study
	7:00 p.m.	Worship
Sunday	9:00 a.m.	ONE SERVICE

### **Serving Today**

Pastor James L. Castello  
Worship & Music Coordinator & Organist - Angela Tonjes  
Bell Choir Director - Bill Panning  
Lay Assistant - 8:00 Laura Ellis 10:30 Betty Mowery  
Sound Board - 8:00 Jack Robbins 10:30 Marv Mt.Castle  
Acolytes - 8:00 Derek Miller & Tyson Reynolds  
10:30 Alyssa Kruse & Halle Good  
Altar Guild - Joyce Rohrs & Jennifer Jenny  
Ushers - 8:00 Ron & Jeannie Wiechers, Lee Weirauch, Laura Yaney  
10:30 Bob Ivancso, Bill Panning, Tom Schroeder, Denny Ehlers  
Prayer Chain Co-ordinator - Carol Castello (419-592-0847) or [cjcast@yahoo.com](mailto:cjcast@yahoo.com)

### **Readers, Sound Board Operators**

If you would be willing to be a worship assistant or run the sound board during the months of June, July, and/or August (one service at 9 a.m.), please sign up now on the bulletin board in the narthex or talk to Betty Mowery or Holly Mohring. Thank you for your service!!

Mark your calendars!

We will begin our summer schedule of ONE worship service at 9 a.m. on Sunday, May 28! Holy Communion will be celebrated the first two Sundays of each month. Thursday night services continue at 7 p.m. each week.

“Peace is more important than all justice; and peace was not made for the sake of justice, but justice for the sake of peace.”  
-Martin Luther



*Did you know...*

Luther was bitterly opposed to hunting. When he was disguised as a knight in the castle of the Wartburg, he refused to take part in the customary pursuit of rabbit hunting. One ran up his leg to escape the dogs, but they still bit through the cloth and killed it.

Decisions matter

Good and evil both increase at compound interest. That is why the little decisions you and I make every day are of such infinite importance. The smallest good act today is the capture of a strategic point from which, a few months later, you may be able to go on to victories you never dreamed of. An apparently trivial indulgence in lust or anger today is the loss of a ridge or railway line or bridgehead from which the enemy may launch an attack otherwise impossible.

—C.S. Lewis, *Mere Christianity*

***People in our prayers:***

Lexi Evarts  
Ken Freytag  
Myka Reeter  
Lincoln Kurtz  
Colleen Cable  
Dick Cobb  
Jackie  
Dave & Betty Meyer  
George & Cindy Pope  
Bob & Esther Dennie  
Marcus Mt.Castle  
Tom & Eleanor Morgan  
Susan Allen  
Lupe Arreguin  
Josh Badenhop  
Russ Van Meter  
Tom Badenhop  
Carol Baerlin  
Steve Baker  
Kaden Michaelis  
Krista Behm  
Connie Beltz  
Louisa Bevelle  
Don Bischoff  
Linda  
Jill Borstelman Klausing  
Sandy Bostelman  
Norbert Brandt  
Jeff Brown  
Denelda Rohrs  
Miranda Schink  
Roma Brown  
Karl Wiechers  
Irene Cordes  
Mary Lou Bowers

Jamie Bostelman  
Pat Westick  
Larry Ashbaugh Sr.  
Robert Smith  
Jeannie Curtis  
Terry Doda  
Margery Downs  
Susan Drewes  
Crystal Garcia  
Kelly Garst  
Frank Gebers  
Mackenzie Godsey  
Allie Grace Small  
Chris Hanson  
Linda Hill  
Dustin Brown  
Becky Hilvers  
Jerri Holder  
Richard Hoover  
Alexa Jennings  
Mary Lou Zwiebel  
Beth Jenny  
Kathy Jordan  
Ally  
Lucas King  
Carlie Knowles  
Len Kolbe  
Alice Langenhop  
Connee Lawlis  
Brent Leiter  
Sarah Lenhart  
Amber Lucas  
Ken Ludeman  
Mildred Miller

Laura Kestner  
Carol Gerken  
Betty Baer  
Denise Etzler  
Matthew  
Todd Miller  
Emma Mires  
Landon Zunk  
Shirlee Mires Fejes  
Kevin Mires  
Jon  
Joe Moser  
Donna Norden  
Alyce Oberhaus  
Lois Plotts  
Naomi Rhodes  
Kimberly Ritchey Small  
Lucas Rosebrock  
Simon Saputo  
Valerie  
Deb Schink  
Chris Schmitmeyer  
Audrey Schroeder  
Irene Smith  
Erin Lynch  
K T  
Jet Thomas  
Randy Vocke  
Mary Brown  
Jeff Warner  
Jill Weddington  
Cliff Williams  
Andrew Williams  
Bill Winseman

***We pray for people having birthdays this week ...***

Danielle Lobodzinski	Mitch Delaney	Scott Sonnenberg	Alivia Good
Juanita Clausen	Jordan Damman	Virginia Dillon	Mary Jo Moden
Esther Dennie	Audrey Schroeder	Bernard Miller	David Zwiebel
Micah Helberg			

***and anniversaries ..***

Aaron & Kathy Kolodziejczyk    Ed & Cathy Houck    Kyle & Kari Zahcrich

***and for those in the military ...***

Mike DeMichiei • Jessica Reed • Henry Elling • Hunter Carnahan • Jacob Skeens •  
Matt DeMichiei • Alex Hlebovy