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### Ascension Sunday — May 28, 2017

LBW—Lutheran Book of Worship      WOV—With One Voice

\* Please stand as you are able

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### RECOGNITION OF GRADUATES

**Special Music:** *I Am a Promise* -Sunday School children

#### RINGING OF THE BELL

**PRELUDE** *Go Down, Moses* -Bell Choir

#### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS *(you may remain seated)*

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 LBW # 170** *Crown Him with Many Crowns*

#### 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 God, your blessed Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, ascended far above all heavens that he might fill all things. Mercifully give us faith to trust that, as he promised, he abides with us on earth to the end of time, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C Amen.**

#### FIRST LESSON: Acts 1:1-11

[Luke writes:] <sup>1</sup>In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning <sup>2</sup>until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. <sup>3</sup>After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God.

<sup>4</sup>While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. "This," he said, "is what you have heard from me; <sup>5</sup>for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now." <sup>6</sup>So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" <sup>7</sup>He replied, "It is not for you to

know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. <sup>8</sup>But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." <sup>9</sup>When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. <sup>10</sup>While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. <sup>11</sup>They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

A The Word of the Lord

**C Thanks be to God.**

#### PSALM 93

<sup>1</sup>The LORD is king, robed in majesty;  
the LORD is robed in majesty and <sup>1</sup>armed with strength.

The LORD has made the world so sure that it can-<sup>1</sup> not be moved.

**<sup>2</sup>Ever since the world began, your throne has<sup>1</sup> been established;  
you are from<sup>1</sup> everlasting.**

<sup>3</sup>The waters have lifted up, O LORD, the waters have lifted<sup>1</sup> up their voice;  
the waters have lifted up their<sup>1</sup> pounding waves.

**<sup>4</sup>Mightier than the sound of many waters, mightier than the breakers<sup>1</sup> of the sea,  
mightier is the LORD who<sup>1</sup> dwells on high.**

<sup>5</sup>Your testimonies are<sup>1</sup> very sure, and holiness befits your house, O LORD,  
forever and for-<sup>1</sup> evermore.

## SECOND LESSON: Ephesians 1:15-23

<sup>15</sup>I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason <sup>16</sup>I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. <sup>17</sup>I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, <sup>18</sup>so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, <sup>19</sup>and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power.

<sup>20</sup>God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, <sup>21</sup>far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. <sup>22</sup>And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, <sup>23</sup>which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

A The Word of the Lord

C **Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

God's Word is our great heritage And shall be ours forever;  
To spread its light from age to age Shall be our chief endeavor.  
Through life it guides our way; In death it is our stay.  
Lord, grant while time shall last Your Church may hold it fast  
Throughout all generations.

\* **GOSPEL: Luke 24:44-53** *(please stand as you are able)*

<sup>44</sup>[Jesus said to the eleven and those with you while I was still with you—that them,] "These are my words that I spoke to everything written about me in the law of

Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled." <sup>45</sup>Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, <sup>46</sup>and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, <sup>47</sup>and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. <sup>48</sup>You are witnesses of these things. <sup>49</sup>And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with

power from on high." <sup>50</sup>Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. <sup>51</sup>While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. <sup>52</sup>And they worshiped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; <sup>53</sup>and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

P The Gospel of our Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

## CHILDREN'S SERMON

**HYMN LBW # 158** *Alleluia! Sing to Jesus*

## SERMON

**HYMN LBW # 332** *Battle Hymn (you may remain seated)*

\* **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** *This Train* -Bell Choir

**OFFERTORY** *(you may remain seated.)* 

Give to God your time and talents, they are gifts from heav'n above,  
To be used by Christians freely, to proclaim his wondrous love.  
Come again to serve the Savior, tithes and off'rings with you bring.  
In our work, with him find favor, and with joy his praises sing.

**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. Clothe us with your power. Uphold all preachers and teachers of the gospel. Unite us through the Spirit and lead us out in mission. Lord, in your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

A For the earth. For hills and valleys, prairies and pastures. For deserts and mountains, tundra and bogs. Nurture all plants and animals, and sustain those whose labor produces our food. Lord, in your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

A For the nations. Guide all local, national, and international leaders. Build up safe communities. Bring an end to violence in families as well as between nations. Liberate those who live under oppression. Strengthen those who work for equality. Lord, in your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

A For this assembly. Bless those who are preparing for baptism or affirmation of baptism. Strengthen our ministries of education and outreach. Uphold those who lead us in prayer and song. Lord, in your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

A With thanksgiving, we remember those who have died. Inspire us by their witness and bring us to receive our inheritance with all the saints in your glory. Lord, in your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

P For those in need. For those who travel. For those who are abused or neglected. For all refugees and immigrants. For students approaching a graduation. For those 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)*

**Our Father, which 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 debts as we forgive our debtors.**

**And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil,  
for Thine is the Kingdom and the Power and the Glory, forever. Amen.**

**BENEDICTION**

**HYMN LBW # 569** *God Bless Our Native Land*

**POSTLUDE** *Lift Every Voice and Sing*

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**Altar flowers**

Flowers are given to the glory of God by Larr & Denise Etzler in honor of their granddaughter's birthday.

**Graduates**

Congratulations to our high school graduates this morning: **Alex Andrews, Alex Bustamante, Kenli Dachenhaus, Alison Hernandez, Ryan Kohout, and Mitchell Walther**. We will recognize these young people during the service; and then we will honor them and their families with a brunch in the basement after worship.

**Today's Bell Choir Music**

The Bell Choir number, "Go Down, Moses," is an American spiritual, describing events 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, "This Train," is a traditional American gospel song. The origins of this song are unknown, and the earliest recording is from 1922.

**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!

### Coffee Hour

Our summer coffee hours will begin next week. Hosting will be the WELCA Officers. Please plan to stay after worship next week as we gather for some refreshments and fellowship in the overflow area.

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

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

### Coming Alive

You exercised a total of 3,452 minutes last week! Prize winners: *Dea Plummer, Brenda Plummer, Karri Ashbaugh, Mary Eickhoff, Tom Jenny, Mary Cousino, Susan Mabee, Robert Ivancso, Douglas Hoffman, and Larry Ashbaugh.* Pick up your prizes in the Sunday School office.

### Pentecost

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

### Statistics

5/18 Attendance 25 communed 24

5/21 Attendance 78+87 (165) Offerings \$7,523 (\$2,890 Bldg Fd; \$105 Wrld Hngr; \$25 mem L.Gerken) Simply Giving 5/15-5/21: \$490 Gen Fd; \$120 Bldg 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.**

### Bartholomew family

Last Sunday the adult Sunday School class was honored to host Andrew Bartholomew and his family who shared of their faith journey and how they heard the calling to be missionaries for Christ. Their mission is to minister to families of unreached countries to share the story about our God and His love for them. Their daughter, Rhema, also shared a dance from her heart to the song *Mary Did You Know*. If you would like to hear the Bartholomew family story, there will be DVDs available. If you would still like to make a donation, you can do so by mailing a check to Simplicity of the Heart Ministries (SOHM), PO Box 102, Portage, OH 43451. They rely solely on donations for their income. You can also sign up for their newsletter at [Bartholomewnews.weebly.com](http://Bartholomewnews.weebly.com) and click "contact".

### This Week

Monday		Church Office Closed - Memorial Day
Wednesday	5:00 p.m.	Soul Food
	6:00 p.m.	WELCA Board
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  
Lay Assistant - Laura Ellis  
Sound Board - Jack Robbins  
Acolytes - Alyssa Kruse & Halle Good  
Altar Guild - Joyce Rohrs & Jennifer Jenny  
Prayer Chain Co-ordinator - Carol Castello (419-592-0847) or [cjcast@yahoo.com](mailto:cjcast@yahoo.com)

### Readers, Sound Board Operators

We are in need of a worship assistant and sound board operator on June 25 and during the months of July and August (9 a.m.). Please sign up now on the bulletin board in the narthex or talk to Betty Mowery or Holly Mohring to volunteer. Thanks!



"Whatever your heart clings to and confides in, that is really your God."  
-Martin Luther

*Did you know...* Luther knew most of the New Testament and large sections of the Old Testament by memory.