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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 *O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee*

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, full of compassion and mercy, abounding in steadfast love.

C Amen.

P Trusting God's promise of forgiveness, let us confess our sin against God and one another. Eternal God our creator,

C in you we live and move and have our being. Look upon us, your children, the work of your hands. Forgive us all our offenses, and cleanse us from proud thoughts and empty desires. By your grace draw us near to you, our refuge and our strength; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

P Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit given to us. In the mercy of almighty God, Christ died for us while we still were sinners; and for his sake, God forgives you all your sins.

C Amen.

HYMN LBW # 474 *Children of the Heavenly Father*

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 Teach us, good Lord God, to serve you as you deserve, to give and not to count the cost, to fight and not to heed the wounds, to toil and not to seek for rest, to labor and not to ask for reward, except that of knowing that we do your will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

FIRST LESSON: Jeremiah 20:7-13

⁷O LORD, you have enticed me, and I was enticed; you have overpowered me, and you have prevailed. I have become a laughingstock all day long; everyone mocks me. ⁸For whenever I speak, I must cry out, I must shout, "Violence and destruction!" For the word of the LORD has become for me a reproach and derision all day long. ⁹If I say, "I will not mention him, or speak any more in his name," then within me there is something like a burning fire shut up in my bones; I am weary with holding it in, and I cannot.

¹⁰For I hear many whispering: "Terror is all around! Denounce him! Let us denounce him!" All my close friends are watching for me to stumble. "Perhaps he

can be enticed, and we can prevail against him, and take our revenge on him." ¹¹But the LORD is with me like a dread warrior; therefore my persecutors will stumble, and they will not prevail. They will be greatly shamed, for they will not succeed. Their eternal dishonor will never be forgotten. ¹²O LORD of hosts, you test the righteous, you see the heart and the mind; let me see your retribution upon them, for to you I have committed my cause. ¹³Sing to the LORD; praise the LORD! For he has delivered the life of the needy from the hands of evildoers.

A The Word of the Lord

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM 69:7-10 [11-15] 16-18

⁷Surely, for your sake I have suffered reproach, and shame has covered my face.

⁸I have become a stranger to my own kindred, an alien to my mother's children.

⁹Zeal for your house has eat- | en me up;
the scorn of those who scorn you has fall- | en upon me.
¹⁰**I humbled my- | self with fasting, but that was turned to | my reproach.**
[¹¹I put on | sackcloth also, and became a by- | word among them.
¹²**Those who sit at the gate mur- | mur against me,
and the drunkards make | songs about me.**
¹³But as for me, this is my prayer to you, at the time you have | set, O LORD:
 "In your great mercy, O God, answer me with your un- | failing help.
¹⁴**Save me from the mire; do not | let me sink;
let me be rescued from those who hate me and out of | the deep waters.**
¹⁵Let not the torrent of waters wash over me,
neither let the deep swal- | low me up;
do not let the pit shut its | mouth upon me.]
¹⁶**Answer me, O LORD, for your | love is kind;
in your great compassion, | turn to me.**
¹⁷Hide not your face | from your servant;
be swift and answer me, for I am | in distress.
¹⁸**Draw near to me | and redeem me;
because of my enemies de- | liver me.**

SECOND LESSON: Romans 6:1b-11

^{1b}Should we continue in sin in order that grace may abound? ²By no means! How can we who died to sin go on living in it? ³Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? ⁴Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life. ⁵For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. ⁶We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin

might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. ⁷For whoever has died is freed from sin. ⁸But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. ⁹We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. ¹⁰The death he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. ¹¹So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

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: Matthew 10:24-39** *(please stand as you are able)*

[Jesus said to the twelve:] ²⁴"A disciple is not above the teacher, nor a slave above the master; ²⁵it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher, and the slave like the master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household! ²⁶So have no fear of them; for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered, and nothing secret that will not become known. ²⁷What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light; and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. ²⁸Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. ²⁹Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. ³⁰And even the hairs of your head are all counted. ³¹So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows. ³²Everyone therefore who

acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven; ³³but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven. ³⁴Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace, but a sword. ³⁵For I have come to set a man against his father, and a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law; ³⁶and one's foes will be members of one's own household. ³⁷Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; ³⁸and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me. ³⁹Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it."

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

CHILDREN'S SERMON

HYMN LBW # 487 *Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus*

SERMON

HYMN LBW # 507 *How Firm a Foundation* (you may remain seated)

* **APOSTLES' CREED** (please stand as you 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 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 Called together in the Spirit's embrace, let us pray for the mending of God's world.
A brief silence.

A God of grace, we give you thanks for renewing the church in every age. Bless missionaries who boldly proclaim your mercy throughout the world. Lord, in your mercy,
C hear our prayer.

A Generous God, you love the sparrows and shower your whole creation with abundance. Guide our stewardship by your wisdom so that all life flourishes as you intend. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A God of peace, change the hearts of leaders who go to war. Enlighten their minds with your holy imagination, opening new paths to peace and renewed life. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A God of community, thank you for the gift of this congregation. Bless all who are new here. Teach us how to welcome one another. Unite us as we proclaim your love. Shine through our common life. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A We give thanks for all who have been baptized into Christ Jesus and now rest in the fullness of Christ's resurrection. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

P Compassionate God, you tell us not to fear, but we do. Give courage to everyone who faces oppression and bigotry, hunger and homelessness. Bring healing and hope to all your people (*especially*). Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P All these things, and whatever else you see that we need, we entrust to your care through 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 *God Be With You* 

May the Lord, our great creator, bless you this day;

Give you peace and hope and courage along your way.

May you stay within God's keeping in your waking, in your sleeping,

In your joy, and in your weeping, God be with you.

POSTLUDE *How Majestic Is Your Name*

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Altar flowers

Flowers are given to the glory of God by Carey & Brenda Plummer in honor of their 43rd wedding anniversary.

Wedding

Congratulations and God's blessings to Mr. & Mrs. Seth (Abby Panning) Meyer who were married at Emanuel yesterday!

Coffee Hour

Thank you to our coffee hour hosts this morning, the Education and Doctrine & Worship Boards. Please plan to stay after worship as we gather for some refreshments and fellowship in the overflow area. Next week's host: Congregational Life Board.

Sound Board

Operators are needed to run the sound board on July 2, 16, 23 and 30. Please sign up on the bulletin board in the narthex or talk to Betty Mowery or Holly Mohring.

Caring Corner – summer food pantry needs

With kids home for the summer and not having breakfast and lunch at school, family budgets are stretched a little thinner. Let's help ease some of that by collecting kid-friendly eats to help stock local food pantries:

peanut butter and jelly	spaghetti and sauce	whole-grain cereals
macaroni and cheese	granola bars, nuts	canned chicken and tuna

Serving Today

Pastor James L. Castello
 Worship & Music Coordinator & Organist - Angela Tonjes
 Bell Choir Director - Bill Panning
 Lay Assistant - Laura Ellis
 Sound Board - Joe Kohout
 Acolytes - Thea Perdew & Cale Perdew
 Ushers - Alan & Shelly Storch, Jeff Mires, Paul Mowery
 Altar Guild - Ami Allison & Kristie Miller
 Prayer Chain Co-ordinator - Carol Castello (419-592-0847) or cjcast@yahoo.com

This Week

Wednesday	5:00 p.m.	Soul Food
Thursday	9:00 a.m.	Bible Study
	7:00 p.m.	Worship

Devotionals

The new *Portals of Prayer* and *Christ In Our Home* are now available at both entrances. These are available in both regular and large print. Please help yourself.

Statistics

6/015 Attendance 72 communed 56
 6/18 Attendance 113 Offerings \$4,952 (\$130 Bldg Fd; \$100 Wrld Hngr; \$150 Good Sam)
 Memorials M.Fretz \$545 (\$20 Endow Fd; \$50 Bldg Fd; \$475 Mem Fd)
 Simply Giving 6/12-6/18: \$490 Gen Fd; \$120 Bldg Fd

Communion schedule for July

Please mark your calendars!! There will be a change in the regular communion schedule for next month. Holy Communion will be celebrated on:

Sunday, July 2

Sunday, July 23

Thursday, July 27

Flowers

There are openings on the flower chart for July 30 and August 27. If you would like to furnish flowers for either of those services, please sign the flower chart in the narthex.



“Faith must trample under foot all reason, sense, and understanding..” -Martin Luther

Did you know...

In 1527, a terrible plague struck Wittenberg, and virtually all of Luther's students fled for their lives. The elector (prince) begged Luther to leave town also, but Luther felt pastors should stay and help the afflicted. Because he and Katherine took in so many sick and dying people, their house had to be quarantined even after the plague ended.