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Fourth Sunday after Pentecost — July 2, 2017

LBW—Lutheran Book of Worship WOV—With One Voice

* Please stand as you are able

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ringing of the Bell

PRELUDE *The Star Spangled Banner* -Laura & Mike Kruse, Dave Schwab

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS *(you may remain seated)*

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 # 332 *Battle Hymn of the Republic*

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 O God, you direct our lives by your grace, and your words of justice and mercy reshape the world. Mold us into a people who welcome your word and serve one another, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

FIRST LESSON: Jeremiah 28:5-9

⁵The prophet Jeremiah spoke to the prophet Hananiah in the presence of the priests and all the people who were standing in the house of the LORD; ⁶and the prophet Jeremiah said, "Amen! May the LORD do so; may the LORD fulfill the words that you have prophesied, and bring back to this place from Babylon the vessels of the house of the LORD, and all the exiles. ⁷But listen now to this word that I speak in your hearing and in the hearing

of all the people. ⁸The prophets who preceded you and me from ancient times prophesied war, famine, and pestilence against many countries and great kingdoms. ⁹As for the prophet who prophesies peace, when the word of that prophet comes true, then it will be known that the LORD has truly sent the prophet."

A The Word of the Lord

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM 89:1-4, 15-18

¹Your love, O LORD, forever | will I sing;

from age to age my mouth will pro- | claim your faithfulness.

²**For I am persuaded that your steadfast love is estab- | lished forever;**
you have set your faithfulness firmly | in the heavens.

³"I have made a covenant with my | chosen one;

I have sworn an oath to Da- | vid my servant:

⁴**I will establish your | line forever,**

and preserve your throne for all | generations."

¹⁵Happy are the people who know the | festal shout!

They walk, O LORD, in the light | of your presence.

**¹⁶They rejoice daily | in your name;
they are jubilant | in your righteousness.**

¹⁷For you are the glory | of their strength,
and by your favor our might | is exalted.

**¹⁸Truly, our shield belongs | to the LORD;
our king to the Holy | One of Israel.**

SECOND LESSON: Romans 6:12-23

¹²Do not let sin exercise dominion in your mortal bodies, to make you obey their passions. ¹³No longer present your members to sin as instruments of wickedness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and present your members to God as instruments of righteousness. ¹⁴For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace. ¹⁵What then? Should we sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! ¹⁶Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? ¹⁷But thanks be to God that you, having once been slaves of sin, have become obedient from the heart to the form of teaching to which you were entrusted, ¹⁸and that you, having been set free from sin,

have become slaves of righteousness. ¹⁹I am speaking in human terms because of your natural limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and to greater and greater iniquity, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness for sanctification. ²⁰When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. ²¹So what advantage did you then get from the things of which you now are ashamed? The end of those things is death. ²²But now that you have been freed from sin and enslaved to God, the advantage you get is sanctification. The end is eternal life. ²³For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

A The Word of the Lord

C **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION ♪

Morning has broken, like the first morning
Blackbird has spoken, like the first bird
Praise for the singing, praise for the morning
Praise for them springing fresh from the word.

*** GOSPEL: Matthew 10:40-42** *(please stand as you are able)*

[Jesus said to the twelve:] ⁴⁰"Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. ⁴¹Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet's reward; and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous; ⁴²and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple—truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward."

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

CHILDREN'S SERMON

HYMN LBW # 567 *God of Our Fathers* (Please wait for the trumpet fanfare before each verse)

SERMON

HYMN *America the Beautiful* *(you may remain seated)*

- 1 O beautiful for spacious skies, for amber waves of grain,
For purple mountain majesties above the fruited plain!
America! America! God shed His grace on thee,
And crown thy good with brotherhood from sea to shining sea!
- 2 O beautiful for pilgrim feet, whose stern impassioned stress
A thorough-fare for freedom beat across the wilderness!
America! America! God mend thine every flaw,
Confirm thy soul in self-control, thy liberty in law!
- 3 O beautiful for heroes proved in liberating strife,
Who more than self their country loved, and mercy more than life!
America! America! May God thy gold refine,
Till all success be nobleness, and every gain divine!
- 4 O beautiful for patriot dream that sees beyond the years,
Thine alabaster cities gleam, undimmed by human tears!
America! America! God shed His grace on thee,
And crown thy good with brotherhood from sea to shining sea!

* **NICENE CREED** *(please stand as you are able)*

C We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven; by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance

with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen

THE PRAYERS *(you may be seated)*

A Called together in the Spirit's embrace, let us pray for the mending of God's world.

A brief silence.

A We pray for the church. For exiled Christians, oppressed churches, and all who suffer persecution because of faith in you: deliver freedom, courage, and partners in peacemaking. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A We pray for the earth and its creatures. For sage grouse, wolverines, and all vulnerable species; for humans and the choices we face: sustain life and guide our stewardship of all that you have made. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A We pray for the United States and Canada as we celebrate the founding of our nations. For the president and prime minister; for the congress and parliament: grant wisdom and hearts for justice, that all our people flourish. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A We pray for all who worship you today. For wise elders and curious seekers, joyful spirits and burdened souls: give holy welcome, share tender mercies, and deepen trust in your

goodness. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A We give thanks for all who have died in the faith and received the reward of the righteous. Bless their memory among us and their life with you. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

P We pray for those in need. For those who seek jobs, shelter, food, health, and love; for dear ones known to us (*especially*): meet their need by your bountiful compassion and our community's action. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

P All these things, and whatever else you see that we need, we entrust to your care through Christ our Lord.

C Amen

* **PEACE**

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you.

TITHES & OFFERINGS *Battle Hymn of the Republic*

OFFERTORY *(you may remain seated)* 

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God, all creatures here below:

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Praise God, the source of all our gifts!

Praise Jesus Christ, whose pow'r uplifts!

Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

OFFERING PRAYER

A Merciful God, you open wide your hand and satisfy the need of every living thing. You have set this feast before us. Open our hands to receive it. Open our hearts to embrace it. Open our lives to live it. We pray this through Christ our Lord.

C Amen.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

*** LORD'S PRAYER** *(please stand as you are 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

HOLY COMMUNION

BLESSING

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C Amen

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A Jesus Christ, host of this meal, you have given us not only this bread and cup, but your very self, that we may feast on your great love. Filled again by these signs of your grace, may we hunger for your reign of justice, may we thirst for your way of peace, for you are Lord forevermore.

C Amen.

BENEDICTION

HYMN *God Bless America*

God bless America, land that I love.
Stand beside her, and guide her
Through the night with a light from above.
From the mountains, to the prairies,
To the oceans, white with foam,
God bless America, my home sweet home.
God bless America, my home sweet home.

DISMISSAL

A Go in peace. The Spirit sends us forth to serve.

C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE *America, the Beautiful*

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God Bless America

This melody is an American patriotic song written by Irving Berlin during WW1 in 1918. The opening lyric to the song is seldom heard, and the words are as follows:

While the storm clouds gather far across the sea,
Let us swear allegiance to a land that's free.
Let us all be grateful for a land so fair,
As we raise our voices in a solemn prayer:

Battle Hymn of the Republic

This song is by American writer Julia Ward Howe. It was written in November 1861, published in February 1862, and originally had six verses. Howe was an active leader in anti-slavery politics and a supporter of the Union. This hymn was played at Winston Churchill's funeral in 1965 and Walt Disney's in 1966 as it was one of their favorite songs.

Altar flowers

Flowers are given to the glory of God by Bonnie Palamara in loving memory of Gary and in honor of kids' birthdays.

Funeral

Please remember in your prayers the family of William Thompson whose funeral was held at the Filling Home on Friday.

Activity Bags

Activity/Busy/Church bags are available on the coat trees at each entryway and in the balcony. Please feel free to take one for your child to enjoy during the worship service, and then return it to the tree afterward. All are welcome to our service, as "it is better to have a child wiggle in church than to wiggle out of it."

Coffee Hour

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

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 — July and August ** SCHOOL SUPPLIES **

70-sheet wire-bound notebooks	highlighters
30-centimeter rulers	glue sticks
pencil sharpeners	plastic pencil boxes or pouches
blunt scissors	dry erase markers
blue or black pens	Clorox wipes
16- or 24-county crayons	hand sanitizer
2 ½ in. erasers	3 x 5 index cards
	backpacks and/or the LWR bags

Serving Today

Pastor James L. Castello
 Worship & Music Coordinator & Organist - Angela Tonjes
 Bell Choir Director - Bill Panning
 Lay Assistant - Tom Jenny
 Sound Board - Jack Robbins
 Acolytes - Rudi Dachenhaus & Laci Dachenhaus
 Ushers - Carey Plummer, Brian Plummer, Chris Peper, Ron Wiechers
 Altar Guild - Cheryl Hershberger & Jeannie Wiechers
 Prayer Chain Co-ordinator - Carol Castello (419-592-0847) or cjcast@yahoo.com

Needed!

We need sound board operators for August! Also needed is an assistant for August 13. If you are willing to fill in any of these openings, please sign up on the bulletin board in the narthex or talk to Betty Mowery or Holly Mohring.

Devotionals

The new *Portals of Prayer* and *Christ In Our Home* are available at both entrances.

Flowers

There is an opening on the flower chart for July 30. If you would like to furnish flowers for this service, please sign the flower chart in the narthex.

Parade Float

It's time again for the Tomato Festival Parade at the Henry County Fair, and there has been some interest expressed in having a church float again! The theme this year is "All about the YOUth at the Henry County Fair." We need a hay wagon with a standard and a vehicle to pull it, plus a crew to "build" it as well as walk with/ride on it in the parade on August 13. Do YOU have an idea? Are YOU willing to help? Please see Carol Castello, Betty Mowery, or Julie Mt. Castle.

This Week

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

Statistics

6/22 Attendance 70
6/25 Attendance 111 Offerings \$13,817 (\$10,210 Bldg Fd; \$10 Wrld Hngr; \$50 Good Sam)
 Simply Giving 6/19-6/25: \$105 Gen Fd; \$20 Bldg Fd

Communion schedule for July

Please mark your calendars!! There is a change in the regular communion schedule this month. Holy Communion is being celebrated:

today, July 2
Sunday, July 23
Thursday, July 27

Help is needed!

There are senior citizens in our community who need help in putting in their window air conditioners. If you are willing and able to assist them, please call LouAnn at NOCAC, 419-599-2481.

Summer Crisis Program Starts July 1

The Summer Crisis Program is a cooling assistance program that may provide a one-time payment towards an electric bill, and/or an air conditioner or fan, and/or central air unit repair for those who meet the program eligibility requirements. The Program begins July 1 and runs through August 31. More information and eligibility requirements are posted on the bulletin board near the church office.

Home and Garden Tour

The Henry County Historical Society's Home and Garden Tour will be Saturday, July 8, from 10:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. rain or shine. Visit 6 historic homes and their gardens all for \$12 per person. Tour starts at the Dr. Bloomfield Home Museum, 229 W. Clinton St., Napoleon.



“Beautiful music is the art of the prophets that can calm the agitations of the soul; it is one of the most magnificent and delightful presents God has given us.” -Martin Luther

Did you know...

When Luther became a priest and celebrated his first Mass, in 1507, he trembled so much he nearly dropped the bread and cup. He became so terrified of the presence of Christ in the sacrament that he tried to run from the altar.