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Fifth Sunday after Pentecost — July 9, 2017

LBW—Lutheran Book of Worship WOV—With One Voice

*** Please stand as you are able**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ringing of the Bell

PRELUDE *Sweet Hour of Prayer*

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 # 439 *What a Friend we Have in Jesus*

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 You are great, O God, and greatly to be praised. You have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless until they rest in you. Grant that we may believe in you, call upon you, know you, and serve you, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

FIRST LESSON: Zechariah 9:9-12

⁹Rejoice greatly, O daughter Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter Jerusalem! Lo, your king comes to you; triumphant and victorious is he, humble and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

¹⁰He will cut off the chariot from Ephraim and the war-horse from Jerusalem; and the battle bow shall be cut off, and he shall command peace to the nations; his dominion shall be from sea to sea, and

from the River to the ends of the earth.

¹¹As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you, I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit.

¹²Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope; today I declare that I will restore to you double.

A The Word of the Lord

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM 143 - sung by Loralee Jones

SECOND LESSON: Romans 7:15-25a

¹⁵I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. ¹⁶Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good. ¹⁷But in fact it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. ¹⁸For I know that nothing good dwells within me, that is, in my flesh. I can will what is right, but I cannot do it.

¹⁹For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do. ²⁰Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. ²¹So I find it

to be a law that when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand. ²²For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, ²³but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind, making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members.

²⁴Wretched man that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? ²⁵Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ 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 11:16-19, 25-30 *(please stand as you are able)*

[Jesus spoke to the crowd saying:] ¹⁶"To what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to one another, ¹⁷"We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we wailed, and you did not mourn." ¹⁸For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, 'He has a demon'; ¹⁹the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, 'Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!' Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds." ²⁵At that time Jesus said, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to

infants; ²⁶yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. ²⁷All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. ²⁸Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. ²⁹Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

P The Gospel of our Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

CHILDREN'S SERMON

HYMN WOV # 746 *Day by Day*

SERMON

HYMN LBW # 492 *O Master, Let Me Walk with You* *(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 *Come to Me...Matthew 11* -Loralee Jones

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!

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 Humble God, lead your church in the way of service. Prosper the work of campus ministries and Young Adults in Global Mission as they raise up leaders to serve the world. Lord, in your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

A Cultivating God, bless and encourage all who work the land to feed your people. Give them joy in their vocation. Shower rain on crops and health on livestock. Lord, in your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

A Holy One, you command peace to the nations. Give peaceful hearts and discerning minds to world leaders and citizens alike, that all who suffer violence and hunger come to know the fullness of life. Lord, in your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

A God of everything, you have compassion for all that you have made. Show our congregation what mercy looks like in our own community, that we become faithful partners in your ministry. Lord, in your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

A God of life, we give you thanks and praise for all the people who have blessed our lives,

for saints among us whose steadfast faith has strengthened ours. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

P Gracious God, you bid the weary come to you for rest. Renew energy for bone-tired people. Support our brothers and sisters who are burdened by grief, loneliness, and illness (*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*)

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 *May the Good Lord Bless and Keep You* -Loralee Jones

POSTLUDE *O Magnify the Lord*

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Altar flowers

Flowers are given to the glory of God by Tom & Beth Jenny in honor of their 46th wedding anniversary.

Vacation

Pastor and Carol will be on vacation until the 22nd. Pastor Denise Brown (419-579-0295) is available for emergencies. Thanks to Tom Jenny for preaching this morning!

Activity Bags

Activity/**B**usy/**C**hurch 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 Properties and Finance Boards. Please plan to stay after worship as we gather for some refreshments and fellowship in the overflow area. Next week’s host: Bell Choir.

Readers/Sound Board

Sound board operators are needed for August 13 & 20; a reader is needed for August 13. 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 **

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| 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 |

This Week

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| Monday | 9:30 a.m. | Ruth Circle at Big Boy |
| | 7:30 p.m. | Naomi Circle |
| Wednesday | 5:00 p.m. | Soul Food |
| Thursday | | NO Bible Study |
| | 7:00 p.m. | Worship |

Serving Today

Pastor James L. Castello

Guest Minister - Tom Jenny

Worship & Music Coordinator & Organist - Angela Tonjes

Bell Choir Director - Bill Panning

Lay Assistant - Larr Etzler

Sound Board - Ryan Kohout

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.

Found

A ladies' black dress shrug was found in the parking lot last Sunday. If you lost one, please check the coat rack in the hallway by the church office.

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.

Statistics

6/29 Attendance 65

7/2 Attendance 105 communed 96 Offerings \$ (\$ Bldg Fd; \$ Wrlld Hngr; \$ Good Sam)

Simply Giving 6/26-7/02: \$105 Gen Fd; \$20 Bldg Fd

Change in Communion schedule for July

Holy Communion will be offered on Sunday, July 23 and Thursday, July 27. We will return to our regular communion schedule in August.

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.

Volunteer to help an abused child in need

Children need a safe and loving home. Unfortunately, some children do not have that safe, loving home, and the court must intervene. When this happens, someone should be there to tell their story and protect their future. You could be that person! Northwest Ohio CASA will be starting a training class for volunteers in September. If you would like more information about becoming a CASA volunteer, please call their office at 419-592-9455.



"Reason is the enemy of faith." -Martin Luther

Did you know...

Prior to the Reformation, congregational singing – and even talking – during church services wasn't standard practice in Germany.