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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 *Sanctuary/Have Thine Own Way, Lord* -Betty Mowery

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 # 250 *Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty*

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, we thank you for planting in us the seed of your word. By your Holy Spirit help us to receive it with joy, live according to it, and grow in faith and hope and love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

FIRST LESSON: Isaiah 55:10-13

¹⁰For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return there until they have watered the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, ¹¹so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

¹²For you shall go out in joy, and be led back in peace; the mountains and the hills

before you shall burst into song, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.

¹³Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress; instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle; and it shall be to the LORD for a memorial, for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.

A The Word of the Lord

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM 65: [1-8] 9-13

[¹You are to be praised, O God, in Zion; to you shall vows be fulfilled.

²To you, the one who answers prayer, to you all flesh shall come.

³Our sins are stronger than we are, but you blot out our transgressions.

⁴**Happy are they whom you choose and draw to your courts to dwell there! They will be satisfied by the beauty of your house, by the holiness of your temple.**

⁵Awesome things will you show us in your righteousness, O God of our salvation, O hope of all the ends of the earth and of the oceans far away.

⁶**You make firm the mountains by your power; you are girded about with might.**

⁷You still the roaring of the seas, the roaring of their waves, and the clamor of the peoples.

⁸**Those who dwell at the ends of the earth will tremble at your marvelous signs; you make the dawn and the dusk to sing for joy.]**

⁹You visit the earth and water it abundantly; you make it very plenteous; the river of God is full of water.

You prepare the grain, for so you provide for the earth.

¹⁰You drench the furrows and smooth out the ridges; with heavy rain you soften the ground and bless its increase.

¹¹You crown the year with your goodness, and your paths overflow with plenty.

¹²May the fields of the wilderness be rich for grazing, and the hills be clothed with joy.

¹³May the meadows cover themselves with flocks, and the valleys cloak themselves with grain; let them shout for joy and sing.

SECOND LESSON: Romans 8:1-11

¹There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. ²For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. ³For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do: by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and to deal with sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, ⁴so that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. ⁵For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. ⁶To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. ⁷For this

reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law—indeed it cannot, ⁸and those who are in the flesh cannot please God. ⁹But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. ¹⁰But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. ¹¹If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

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 13:1-9, 18-23 *(please stand as you are able)*

¹That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. ²Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. ³And he told them many things in parables, saying: "Listen! A sower went out to sow. ⁴And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. ⁵Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. ⁶But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. ⁷Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. ⁸Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. ⁹Let anyone with ears listen!" ¹⁸"Hear then the parable of the sower. ¹⁹When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it,

the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. ²⁰As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; ²¹yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. ²²As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. ²³But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty."

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

CHILDREN'S SERMON

HYMN LBW # 234 *Almighty God, your Word Is Cast*

SERMON

HYMN LBW # 397 *O Zion Haste* *(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 *Hymn of Promise* -Betty Mowery

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 Gracious God, we give thanks for your living word that goes out and does not return empty. Make your church a partner in accomplishing what you desire. Unite us in faith, witness, and mission. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A For land, creatures, and people suffering from drought, that gentle rain bring life and hope. For mountains, hills, and the trees of the field, that all creation clap for joy. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A For nations suffering the violence and hunger of war. For exiles and refugees. Lead them home in peace and bless them with your fullness. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A For this congregation and its leaders; through our shared work, let your word prosper among us and bring life to the community beyond our doors. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A In thanksgiving for all who have died recently, for strangers and dear ones who have blessed our lives and sparked our hope. Give comfort and confidence to all who mourn.

Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

P For victims and perpetrators of race-based crime. For all who suffer sorrow, illness, or injury (*especially*). Bring them justice, healing, and new life by the power of your Spirit.

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

*** 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 *(tune: Edelweiss)*

May the Lord, mighty God, bless and keep you forever.
Grant you peace, perfect peace, strength in every endeavor.
Lift your eyes and see his face, know his grace forever.
May the Lord, mighty God, bless and keep you forever.

POSTLUDE *Triumphal March*

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Altar flowers

Flowers are given to the glory of God by Rupert & Rita Schweinhagen in honor of their 56th wedding anniversary.

Flower containers

Our confirmation class gifted the church with a couple beautiful ceramic flower vases to use on the altar. If you have accidentally removed one of these vases with your flowers, please return it at your earliest convenience. We also re-cycle the green plastic base that the flowers come in. These can be left on Angela's desk when you are done with them.

Vacation

Pastor and Carol will back from vacation on Saturday. Pastor Denise Brown (419-579-0295) is available for emergencies. Thanks to Barb Hoffman for preaching this morning!

Funeral

Gary Weis's funeral was held here on Tuesday. Please keep family in your prayers.

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 Bell Choir. Please plan to stay after worship as we gather for some refreshments and fellowship in the overflow area. Next week's hosts: Ruth & Naomi Circles.

Readers/Sound Board

Sound board operators are needed for August 13 & 20. Please sign up on the bulletin board in the narthex or talk to Betty Mowery or Holly Mohring.

Change in Communion schedule for July

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

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

This Week

Wednesday	5:00 p.m.	Soul Food
Thursday		NO Bible Study
	7:00 p.m.	Worship

Serving Today

Pastor James L. Castello
Guest Minister - Barb Hoffman
Worship & Music Coordinator & Organist - Angela Tonjes
Bell Choir Director - Bill Panning
Lay Assistant - Tom Jenny
Sound Board - Jack Robbins
Acolytes - Emma Rowland & Alyssa Kruse
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

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

7/6 Attendance 53

7/9 Attendance 79 Offerings \$5,074 (\$335 Bldg Fd; \$120 Endow Fd)

7/2 Offerings \$5,723 (\$835 Bldg Fd; \$10 Wrld Hngr)

Simply Giving 7/03-7/09: \$880 Gen Fd; \$220 Bldg Fd

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.

The Reformation 500 Crawl

You are invited to an exciting opportunity to learn about our Lutheran past, present, and future in Northwestern Ohio! On July 29 and October 21, congregations all over the synod will be providing a Reformation-related experience. Each site will be open from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. Some will be “open house” format with congregation members greeting you and talking about the significance of their property or programs. At other sites, a speaker will offer a short (20-30 minutes) presentation on a variety of topics at 10:00 a.m., 11:30 a.m., or 1:30 p.m. And, it’s all FREE! Check out the posters on the bulletin board in the narthex or the hallway near the church office for a map of the different sites.



“I cannot and will not recant anything, for to go against conscience is neither right nor safe. Here I stand, I can do no other, so help me God. Amen..” -Martin Luther

Did you know...

Luther composed more than 40 hymns in his lifetime, and in 1529 wrote and composed the tune for what became known as “The Battle Hymn of the Reformation” – today called “A Mighty Fortress Is Our God.”

