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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 *Trusting Jesus*

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 # 412 *Sing to the Lord of Harvest*

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 Faithful God, most merciful judge, you care for your children with firmness and compassion. By your Spirit nurture us who live in your kingdom, that we may be rooted in the way of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

FIRST LESSON: Isaiah 44:6-8

⁶Thus says the LORD, the King of Israel, and his Redeemer, the LORD of hosts: I am the first and I am the last; besides me there is no god. ⁷Who is like me? Let them proclaim it, let them declare and set it forth before me. Who has announced from of old the things to come? Let them tell us what is yet to be. ⁸Do not fear, or be afraid;

have I not told you from of old and declared it? You are my witnesses! Is there any god besides me? There is no other rock; I know not one.

A The Word of the Lord

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM 86:11-17

¹¹Teach me your way, O LORD, and I will walk ¹ in your truth; give me an undivided heart to re- ¹ vere your name.

¹²**I will thank you, O Lord my God, with ¹ all my heart, and glorify your name for- ¹ evermore.**

¹³For great is your ¹ love toward me; you have delivered me from the ¹ pit of death.

¹⁴**The arrogant rise up against me, O God, and a band of violent people ¹ seeks my life; they have not set you be- ¹ fore their eyes.**

¹⁵But you, O Lord, are gracious and full ¹ of compassion, slow to anger, and full of kind- ¹ ness and truth.

¹⁶**Turn to me and have mer- ¹ cy on me; give your strength to your servant, and save the child ¹ of your handmaid.**

¹⁷Show me a sign of your favor, so that those who hate me may see it and be put to shame;
because you, Lord, have helped me and comforted me.

SECOND LESSON: Romans 8:12-25

¹²So then, brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh—¹³for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. ¹⁴For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. ¹⁵For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, "Abba! Father!" ¹⁶it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, ¹⁷and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ—if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him. ¹⁸I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. ¹⁹For the creation waits with eager longing for the

revealing of the children of God; ²⁰for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope ²¹that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. ²²We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; ²³and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. ²⁴For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? ²⁵But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

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 13:24-30, 36-43** *(please stand as you are able)*

²⁴[Jesus] put before [the crowds] another parable: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; ²⁵but while everybody

was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. ²⁶So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as

well. ²⁷And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, 'Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?' ²⁸He answered, 'An enemy has done this.' The slaves said to him, 'Then do you want us to go and gather them?' ²⁹But he replied, 'No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. ³⁰Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.'" ³⁶Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field." ³⁷He answered, "The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; ³⁸the field is

the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, ³⁹and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. ⁴⁰Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. ⁴¹The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, ⁴²and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. ⁴³Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!"

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

CHILDREN'S SERMON

HYMN WOV # 771 *Great Is Thy Faithfulness*

SERMON

HYMN LBW # 554 *This Is My Father's World* *(you may remain seated)*

* **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 Enliven your church with love for your world, O God. Give undivided hearts to Christians from Africa and the Americas, Asia and Europe. Make us one in faithful witness to your will. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A Renew the life of this earth, O God, even as it groans because of misuse and decay. Cultivate in us an eager longing for a healthy and life-giving earth. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A Bridge the chasms that divide the nations, O God. Inspire a reconciling vision among the world's leaders, and bring together people of differing commitments for the sake of the world's most vulnerable people. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A Embolden our witness to your love, O God. Send us out into the world with courageous hearts, persistence, and holy wisdom. Inspire us to tend to and delight in our children's faith. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A Raise up your saints, O God. Inspire us by the lives of all reformers and renewers of your church. Receive our thanks for the saints among us who have recently died. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

P Embrace those who suffer, O God. Give peace to all who are near death, hope to those who are depressed, shelter to the homeless, and healing to the sick (*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

*** PEACE**

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you.

TITHES & OFFERINGS *Stronger* -Ryan Kruse

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 *(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.

DISMISSAL

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

C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE *Postlude in G*

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Altar flowers

Flowers are given to the glory of God by Maxine Eickhoff in loving memory of Mom and Dad.

Flower containers

Our confirmation class gifted the church with a couple beautiful ceramic flower vases to use on the altar. Please do not remove them from the altar when you take your flowers. 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.

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

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.

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 9:00 a.m. Bible Study
7:00 p.m. Worship with Holy Communion

Serving Today

Pastor James L. Castello
Guest Minister - Laura Yaney
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

7/13 Attendance 37

7/16 Attendance 84 Offerings \$4,340 (\$645 Bldg Fd; \$50 mem-M.Fretz)

Simply Giving 7/10-7/16: \$130 Gen Fd; \$45 Bldg Fd; \$25 Good Sam Fd; \$25 Wrld Hngr

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.

Ice Cream Social

You are invited to a Homemade Ice Cream Social at St. Peter Lutheran Church, Florida, Ohio, on Sunday, August 6, at 11:30 a.m. Freewill offering...proceeds to Financial Aid for Seminarians. Sponsored by St. Peter Lutheran Church, Florida, Thrivent Action Team Event.



"People must have righteous principals in the first, and then they will not fail to perform virtuous actions." -Martin Luther

Did you know...

Luther desired hymns to be modest and text-driven – derived from scripture, expressing Christian values, illuminating faith and the gospel message and lending themselves to congregational singing.

