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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 *I Am Thine, O Lord*

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 WOV # 776 *Be Thou My Vision*

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 Beloved and sovereign God, through the death and resurrection of your Son you bring us into your kingdom of justice and mercy. By your Spirit, give us your wisdom, that we may treasure the life that comes from Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

FIRST LESSON: 1 Kings 3:5-12

⁵At Gibeon the LORD appeared to Solomon in a dream by night; and God said, "Ask what I should give you." ⁶And Solomon said, "You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant my father David, because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart toward you; and you have kept for him this great and steadfast love, and have given him a son to sit on his throne today. ⁷And now, O LORD my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David, although I am only a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in. ⁸And your servant is in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a great people, so numerous they cannot be numbered or counted. ⁹Give

your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil; for who can govern this your great people?" ¹⁰It pleased the LORD that Solomon had asked this. ¹¹God said to him, "Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches, or for the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, ¹²I now do according to your word. Indeed I give you a wise and discerning mind; no one like you has been before you and no one like you shall arise after you."

A The Word of the Lord

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM 119:129-136

¹²⁹Your de- | crees are wonderful;
therefore I obey them with | all my heart.

¹³⁰**When your word is opened | it gives light;
it gives understanding | to the simple.**

¹³¹I open my | mouth and pant because I long for | your commandments.

¹³²**Turn to me and be gra- | cious to me,
as you always do to those who | love your name.**

¹³³Order my footsteps | in your word;
let no iniquity have dominion | over me.

¹³⁴**Rescue me from those | who oppress me,
and I will keep | your commandments.**

¹³⁵Let your face shine up- | on your servant
and teach | me your statutes.

¹³⁶**My eyes shed | streams of tears,
because people do not | keep your teaching.**

SECOND LESSON: Romans 8:26-39

²⁶The Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. ²⁷And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God. ²⁸We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. ²⁹For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. ³⁰And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified. ³¹What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? ³²He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? ³³Who will bring any charge against God's

elect? It is God who justifies. ³⁴Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. ³⁵Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? ³⁶As it is written, "For your sake we are being killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered." ³⁷No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. ³⁸For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, ³⁹nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God 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 13:31-33, 44-52** *(please stand as you are able)*

³¹[Jesus] put before [the crowds] another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; ³²it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches." ³³He told them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened."

⁴⁴"The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. ⁴⁵Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; ⁴⁶on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it. ⁴⁷Again, the

kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; ⁴⁸when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. ⁴⁹So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous ⁵⁰and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. ⁵¹Have you understood all this?" They answered, "Yes." ⁵²And he said to them, "Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old."

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

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Special Music: *Cradle Song* -Joleen Brubaker

BAPTISM OF BENTLEY TYLER DENNIE

PRESENTATION

P In Holy Baptism our gracious heavenly Father liberates us from sin and death by joining us to the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. We are born children of a fallen humanity; in the waters of Baptism we are reborn children of God and inheritors of eternal life. By water and the Holy Spirit we are made members of the Church which is the body of Christ. As we live with him and with his people, we grow in faith, love, and obedience to the will of God.

Parents and Sponsors: I present **Bentley Tyler Dennie** to receive the Sacrament of Holy Baptism.

P In Christian love you have presented this child for Holy Baptism. You should, therefore, faithfully bring him to the services of God's house, and teach him the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments. As he grows in years, you should place in his hands the Holy Scriptures and provide for his instruction in the Christian faith, that, living in the covenant of his Baptism and in communion with the Church, he may lead a godly life until the day of Jesus Christ. Do you promise to fulfill these obligations?

Parents and Sponsors: I do.

THANKSGIVING

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give him thanks and praise.

P Holy God, mighty Lord, gracious Father: We give you thanks, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and you created heaven and earth.

By the gift of water you nourish and sustain us and all living things. By the waters of the flood you condemned the wicked and saved those whom you had chosen, Noah and his family. You led Israel by the pillar of cloud and fire through the sea, out of slavery into the freedom of the promised land. In the waters of the Jordan your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Spirit. By the baptism of his own death and resurrection your beloved Son has set us free from the bondage to sin and death, and has opened the way to the joy and freedom of everlasting life. He made water a sign of the kingdom and of cleansing and rebirth. In obedience to his command, we make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Pour out your Holy Spirit, so that he who is here baptized may be given new life. Wash away the sin of him who is cleansed by this water and bring him forth as an inheritor of your glorious kingdom.

To you be given praise and honor and worship through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

C Amen

RENUNCIATION AND PROFESSION

P I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the Church, the faith in which we baptize.

P Do you renounce all the forces of evil, the devil, and all his empty promises?

Parents and Sponsors: I do.

P Do you believe in God the Father?
C I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

P Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?
C 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.

P Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

C 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

BAPTISM

P **Bentley Tyler Dennie**, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen

LAYING ON OF HANDS

P God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we give you thanks for freeing your sons and daughters from the power of sin and for raising them up to a new life through this holy sacrament. Pour your Holy Spirit upon **Bentley**: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence.

C Amen

SIGNING WITH THE CROSS

P **Bentley**, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever. Amen

GIVING OF THE LIGHT

A Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

PRAYER FOR PARENTS

P O God, the giver of all life, look with kindness upon **Tyler** and **JoAnn**. Let them ever rejoice in the gift you have given them. Make them teachers and examples of righteousness for their children. Strengthen them in their own Baptism so they may share eternally with their children the salvation you have given them, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C **Amen**

WELCOME

A Through Baptism God has made this new brother a member of the priesthood we all share in Christ Jesus, that we may proclaim the praise of God and bear his creative and redeeming Word to all the world.

C **We welcome you into the Lord's family. We receive you as a fellow member of the body of Christ, child of the same heavenly Father, and worker with us in the kingdom of God.**

HYMN WOV # 770 *Borning Cry*

SERMON

HYMN LBW # 551 *Joyful, Joyful* (you may remain seated)

TITHES AND OFFERINGS *Savior's Shadow* -Joleen Brubaker

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 Generous, compassionate God, we gather before you to pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

A brief silence.

A Shine the light of understanding on your church on earth. Bind us together in the word to share your love with the world. Lord, in your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

A Protect birds and their nests, fields full of crops, the seas and the fish that swim in them. Inspire us to care for the creation you love. Lord, in your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

A Raise up just and wise advocates and judges from small-town courts to international tribunals. Enlighten all leaders to discern what is right and do what is good. Lord, in your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

A Expand the understanding of this assembly to see our neighbors as you see them. Let the yeast of your word grow beyond us to expand your boundless love to those around us.

Lord, in your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

A Sustain us by the intercession of your Holy Spirit. Let the Spirit's sighs, too deep for words, comfort us until we rejoice with those already united with you. Lord, in your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

Here other intercessions may be offered.

P Nurture faith in those who doubt. Lift up those who are weak in body, mind, or spirit.

Heal the sick, comfort the grieving, and surround with love those facing their last days (*especially*). Lord, in your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Into your hands we place all our prayers, spoken and unspoken, trusting in the mercy of Christ Jesus.

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 (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 *Leaning on the Everlasting Arms*

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Altar flowers

Flowers are given to the glory of God by Carey & Brenda Plummer in loving memory of Evelyn Hastedt.

Rosebuds

Rosebuds today announce the births of Bentley Tyler Dennie on June 19; Charlotte Reynolds on June 29; and Christian Thomas Kolodziejczyk on July 24.

Baptism

Being baptized this morning is Bentley Tyler, son of Tyler & JoAnn Dennie, born June 19. Bentley's sponsors are Brock and Nicole Carter.

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 Miriam Circle. Please plan to stay after worship as we gather for some refreshments and fellowship in the overflow area. Next week's host: 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.

Thank you!

Thanks to all who donated all the beautiful and delicious garden produce for our Soul Food meals!

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

Tuesday	6:00 p.m.	WELCA Exec Bd w/ WELCA Conf Bd
Wednesday	5:00 p.m.	Soul Food
Thursday	9:00 a.m.	Bible Study
	7:00 p.m.	Worship

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 - Derek Miller & Tyson Reynolds

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

7/20 Attendance 39

7/23 Attendance 120 communed 112 Simply Giving 7/17-7/23: \$490 Gen Fd; \$120 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.

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.



"I more fear what is within me than what comes from without."
-Martin Luther

Did you know...

Luther's translation of the New Testament (which he completed in just a few weeks while in hiding at Wartburg Castle) was not the first printed German translation. All previous translations were based upon the Latin "Vulgate"; Luther was the first to use the original Greek text.

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Zoom Out

On a computer screen, images can be magnified to show tiny details and make text easier to read. In the process, however, the "big picture" is lost. After checking various aspects of a project closely, it's a good idea to "zoom out" again to be sure everything still looks as it should.

Likewise, it's easy to fixate on the tiny details of our lives (especially flaws in ourselves and others). We tend to enlarge our problems far beyond their actual size and totally miss problems taking a toll elsewhere. We may also forget the beautiful "big picture" of God's care encompassing us. After tending to life's details, it's important to take a broader view to see whether our up-close perceptions hold true when we gaze on the work as a whole.

"Help us 'zoom out,' oh God," prays Joshua DuBois in *The President's Devotional* (HarperOne). "Widen our perspective and extend our horizon, so that we can more fully know your purpose this day, and every day."