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Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost — August 27, 2017

LBW—Lutheran Book of Worship WOV—With One Voice

*** Please stand as you are able**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ringling of the Bell

PRELUDE *Jesus Loves Me! This I Know*

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 # 294 *My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less*

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, with all your faithful followers of every age, we praise you, the rock of our life. Be our strong foundation and form us into the body of your Son, that we may gladly minister to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

Special Music: *Why Me, Lord?* -Les Kruse

FIRST LESSON: Isaiah 51:1-6

¹Listen to me, you that pursue righteousness, you that seek the LORD. Look to the rock from which you were hewn, and to the quarry from which you were dug. ²Look to Abraham your father and to Sarah who bore you; for he was but one when I called him, but I blessed him and made him many. ³For the LORD will comfort Zion; he will comfort all her waste places, and will make her wilderness like Eden, her desert like the garden of the LORD; joy and gladness will be found in her, thanksgiving and the voice of song.

⁴Listen to me, my people, and give heed to me, my nation; for a teaching will go out

from me, and my justice for a light to the peoples. ⁵I will bring near my deliverance swiftly, my salvation has gone out and my arms will rule the peoples; the coastlands wait for me, and for my arm they hope. ⁶Lift up your eyes to the heavens, and look at the earth beneath; for the heavens will vanish like smoke, the earth will wear out like a garment, and those who live on it will die like gnats; but my salvation will be forever, and my deliverance will never be ended.

A The Word of the Lord

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM 138

¹I will give thanks to you, O LORD, with ¹my whole heart; before the gods I will ¹sing your praise.

²I will bow down toward your holy temple and praise your name, because of your steadfast ¹love and faithfulness;

for you have glorified your name and your word a- ¹bove all things.

³When I called, you ¹answered me; you increased my ¹strength within me.

⁴All the rulers of the earth will praise ¹you, O LORD, when they have heard the words ¹of your mouth.

⁵They will sing of the ways ¹of the LORD, that great is the glory ¹of the LORD.

**6The LORD is high, yet cares | for the lowly,
perceiving the haughty | from afar.**

7Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you | keep me safe;
you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies;
your right | hand shall save me.

**8You will make good your pur- | pose for me;
O LORD, your steadfast love endures forever;
do not abandon the works | of your hands.**

SECOND LESSON: Romans 12:1-8

¹I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. ²Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect. ³For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. ⁴For as in one

body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, ⁵so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. ⁶We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ⁷ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; ⁸the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

A The Word of the Lord
C **Thanks be to God.**

* GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Proclaim the Gospel far and wide;
The triumphs of the cross record;
The name of Christ be glorified;
Let ev'ry people call him Lord!

* GOSPEL: Matthew 16:13-20 *(please stand as you are able)*

¹³Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" ¹⁴And they said, "Some say John the

Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." ¹⁵He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" ¹⁶Simon Peter answered, "You are the

Messiah, the Son of the living God." ¹⁷And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. ¹⁸And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. ¹⁹I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you

bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven." ²⁰Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

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

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Special Music: *Lullaby Prayer* -Seth Tonjes

BAPTISM OF CHARLOTTE LEE REYNOLDS

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 **Charlotte Lee Reynolds** to receive the Sacrament of Holy Baptism.

P In Christian love you have presented this child for Holy Baptism. You should, therefore, faithfully bring her to the services of God's house, and teach her the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments. As she grows in years, you should place in her hands the Holy Scriptures and provide for her instruction in the Christian faith, that, living in the covenant of her Baptism and in communion with the Church, she 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 she who is here baptized may be given new life. Wash away the sin of her who is cleansed by this water and bring her 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 **Charlotte Lee Reynolds**, 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 **Charlotte**: 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 **Charlotte**, 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 **Shane** and **Alexandra**. 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 sister 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 #448 *Amazing Grace* (you may remain seated)

TITHES AND OFFERINGS *One Day at a Time* -Les Kruse

OFFERTORY (you may remain seated.) 

Lord, bless the gifts our hands have brought;
Lord, bless the work our hearts have planned.
Ours is the faith, the will, the thought;
The rest, O God, is in your hand.

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 God our rock, provide a strong foundation for your church on earth. Unite it in joyful praise, service, and mission. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A You make deserts into gardens and the wilderness into Eden. Restore the clean and pleasant beauty of your creation. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A You shine the light of justice on the nations. Deliver us quickly from evil, protect the defenseless, and bring peace to warring lands. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A You give gifts to all. Build up this assembly. Increase our generosity, compassion, and

cheerfulness. Lift up from among us prophets, ministers, teachers, and diligent leaders. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A Your salvation lasts forever. Console us here on earth until we join all who praise you without end. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

P You renew our minds and transform our bodies. Wait with all who seek a cure or long for relief from chronic pain. Bring comfort and healing to all who suffer illness in spirit, mind, or body (*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 LBW # 514 *O Savior, Precious Savior*

POSTLUDE *Trumpet Rondo*

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Altar flowers

Flowers are given to the glory of God by Gayla Yaney in honor of Jess, Laura, Sarah, and Carl.

Baptism

God's blessings to Charlotte Lee, daughter of Shane and Alexandra Reynolds, who is being baptized this morning. Charlotte's sponsors are Jeremy and Erin Reynolds.

Wedding

God's blessings to Corey Pease and Christine Baker who were married here yesterday!

Rally Day — September 10

The first day of Sunday School – and our Rally Day – will be Sunday, September 10. Please MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Coffee Hour

Please plan to stay after worship for some refreshments and fellowship in the overflow area. Thank you to our hosts, the Choir sopranos and tenors. Next week's hosts: Our Soul Food Crew who will offer "*Sundaes on Sunday*"!!! You don't want to miss this!!!!

Women of Emanuel

All women of our church are automatically members of WELCA and are always invited to WELCA meetings (February, April, June, September, December). Our Tuesday, September 5, meeting begins at 7 p.m. and will include a program presented by Jamie Bostelman sharing her transplant story and information about "Donate Life".

Readers and Sound Board operators

Sign up sheets for readers and sound board operators for September/October/November are hanging on the bulletin board in the narthex. Please check which Sunday(s) you are able to volunteer and sign up. Thank you so much for your service! If you have any questions, please talk to Holly Mohring or Betty Mowery.

Door offering

We will have a door offering on Sunday, September 10, to retire the Building Loan debt. We are looking to pay this off by Reformation Sunday!

Choir Party

We are having a party to kick off the fall choir season! This end of summer event will be held at the home of Mark and Angela Tonjes on Wednesday, August 30, at 6:00 p.m. The address is J664 State Route 109, Malinta. Hamburgers and hotdogs will be served, choir members bring a dish of food to share and your spouse/friend/children. We will practice a few songs.

Have YOU thought about joining us this year? We promise you will have fun, and we would love to have you!

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-count 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 - Ronnie Rohrs
Sound Board - Joe Kohout
Acolytes - Morgan Ashbaugh & Jessica Yunker
Ushers - Jeff Sharpe, Lori Sharpe, Lenny Sonnenberg, Lana Sonnenberg
Altar Guild - Wendy Schroeder & Elaine Borstelman
Prayer Chain Co-ordinator - Carol Castello (419-592-0847) or cjcast@yahoo.com

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."

Statistics

8/17 Attendance 38 communed 36 8/20 Attendance 94

8/13 Tithes and offerings \$3,751.71 (\$222 Bldg Fd; \$5 Wrld Hngr)

8/20 Tithes and offerings 4,704.50 (\$85 Bldg Fd)

Simply Giving 8/14-8/20: \$490 Gen Fd; \$120 Bldg Fd

This Week

Today	12-3 p.m.	Private party
Monday	5:30 p.m.	Miriam Circle
Wednesday	5:00 p.m.	Soul Food
	6:00 p.m.	Choir party at Tonjes'
	6:30 p.m.	WELCA Executive Board
Thursday	9:00 a.m.	Bible Study
	7:00 p.m.	Worship

Altar Guild

If you would like to serve on the altar guild for next year, please contact Barb Hoffman 419-267-3433.

Lutheran World Relief

On the Caring Corner table there are instructions for the different LWR kits (Personal Care, Baby, Fabric, School). We are also in need of drawstring backpacks to include with the School kits, and those instructions are on the Caring Corner table as well. The kits must be turned in to the Caring Corner table by October 1, 2017. If you have questions, please contact Michelle Slee 419-966-4896.

"God creates faith in the human heart the same way that He created the world. He found nothing and created something.."

-Martin Luther



Did you know...

"The Protestant Reformation had a lot to do with the printing press, where Martin Luther's theses were reproduced about 250,000 times, and so you had widespread dissemination of ideas that hadn't circulated in the mainstream before."