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## Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost — September 3, 2017

LBW—Lutheran Book of Worship      WOV—With One Voice

\* Please stand as you are able

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### Ringing of the Bell

**Prelude**    *Balm in Gilead*

#### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS    *(you may remain seated)*

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, the one who fashions us, the one who heals us, the one who reforms us again and again.

**C Amen.**

P Let us confess our sin, calling for God's transforming power.  
Source of all life,

**C we confess that we have not allowed your grace to set us free. We fear that we are not good enough. We hear your word of love freely given to us, yet we expect others to earn it. We turn the church inward, rather than moving it outward. Forgive us. Stir us. Reform us to be a church powered by love, willing to speak for what is right, act for what is just, and seek the healing of your whole creation. Amen.**

P God hears our cry and sends the Spirit to change us and to empower our lives in the world. Our sins are forgiven, God's love is unconditional, and we are raised up as God's people who will always be made new, in the name of Jesus Christ.

**C Amen**

**HYMN LBW # 416**    *O God of Every Nation*

#### 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, we thank you for your Son, who chose the path of suffering for the sake of the world. Humble us by his example, point us to the path of obedience, and give us strength to follow your commands, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C Amen.**

#### FIRST LESSON: Jeremiah 15:15-21

<sup>15</sup>O LORD, you know; remember me and visit me, and bring down retribution for me on my persecutors. In your forbearance do not take me away; know that on your account I suffer insult. <sup>16</sup>Your words were found, and I ate them, and your words became to me a joy and the delight of my heart; for I am called by your name, O LORD, God of hosts. <sup>17</sup>I did not sit in the company of merrymakers, nor did I rejoice; under the weight of your hand I sat alone, for you had filled me with indignation. <sup>18</sup>Why is my pain unceasing, my wound incurable, refusing to be healed? Truly, you are to me like a deceitful brook, like waters that fail.

<sup>19</sup>Therefore thus says the LORD: If you

turn back, I will take you back, and you shall stand before me. If you utter what is precious, and not what is worthless, you shall serve as my mouth. It is they who will turn to you, not you who will turn to them. <sup>20</sup>And I will make you to this people a fortified wall of bronze; they will fight against you, but they shall not prevail over you, for I am with you to save you and deliver you, says the LORD. <sup>21</sup>I will deliver you out of the hand of the wicked, and redeem you from the grasp of the ruthless.

A The Word of the Lord

**C Thanks be to God.**

#### PSALM 26:1-8

<sup>1</sup>Give judgment for me, O LORD, for I have lived | with integrity;  
I have trusted in the LORD and | have not faltered.

<sup>2</sup>**Test me, O | LORD, and try me;  
examine my heart | and my mind.**

<sup>3</sup>For your steadfast love is be- | fore my eyes;  
I have walked faithful- | ly with you.

<sup>4</sup>**I have not sat | with the worthless,  
nor do I consort with | the deceitful.**

<sup>5</sup>I have hated the company of | evildoers;  
I will not sit down | with the wicked.

**<sup>6</sup>I will wash my hands in innocence, O LORD,  
that I may go in procession round your altar,  
<sup>7</sup>singing aloud a song of thanksgiving  
and recounting all your wonderful deeds.  
<sup>8</sup>LORD, I love the house in which you dwell  
and the place where your glory abides.**

**SECOND LESSON: Romans 12:9-21**

<sup>9</sup>Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; <sup>10</sup>love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. <sup>11</sup>Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. <sup>12</sup>Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. <sup>13</sup>Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers. <sup>14</sup>Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. <sup>15</sup>Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. <sup>16</sup>Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. <sup>17</sup>Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought

for what is noble in the sight of all. <sup>18</sup>If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. <sup>19</sup>Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." <sup>20</sup>No, "if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads." <sup>21</sup>Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

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

**\* GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** ♪

The Son of God, our Christ, the Word, the Way,  
Shared human life and toiled throughout the day;  
From common folk he called the twelve to be  
Co-workers in his sacred ministry.

Today, as then, Christ summons us to dare  
To follow boldly and his work to share,  
To help and heal the sick, the blind, the lame,  
Declaring to the world his holy name.

**\* GOSPEL: Matthew 16:21-28** *(please stand as you are able)*

<sup>21</sup>From that time on, [after Peter confessed that Jesus was the Messiah,] Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. <sup>22</sup>And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you." <sup>23</sup>But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things." <sup>24</sup>Then Jesus told his disciples, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and

take up their cross and follow me. <sup>25</sup>For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. <sup>26</sup>For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life? <sup>27</sup>For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. <sup>28</sup>Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom."

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

**CHILDREN'S SERMON**

**HYMN LBW # 558** *Earth and All Stars*

**SERMON**

**HYMN WOV # 734** *Softly and Tenderly* *(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 Open to the gifts of the Holy Spirit, we pray for the church, the world, and all of God's creation.

*A brief silence.*

C We pray for the church and its mission. Make your church ready to lose its life for your sake. Unite it in service, sustain it in suffering, and let its love for others be genuine.

Lord, in your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

A We pray for the earth and its well-being. Make us mindful of the gifts you have labored to give us, and inspire us to commit ourselves to their care. Lord, in your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

A We pray for the nations and their leaders. Overcome evil with good. Show us how to live peaceably with all. Teach us how to love our enemies. Lord, in your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

A We pray for those in any need. Provide for the hungry. Rescue the persecuted. Bless those who advocate for fair and safe working conditions and for just and livable wages.

Lord, in your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

A Alpha and Omega, we give thanks for all the saints who now rest from their labors. Keep us in union with them until we are joined around your throne. Lord, in your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

P We pray for this community and its ministry. Move us to persevere in prayer, to extend hospitality to strangers, to rejoice with those who rejoice, and to weep with those who weep (*especially*). Lord, in your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

P Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting the power of Christ and the gifts of the Spirit.


**C Amen**

**\* PEACE**

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C And also with you.**

**TITHES & OFFERINGS** *Canon in D* -Tom Jenny

**OFFERTORY** *(you may remain seated)* 

A world in need now summons us  
To labor, love, and give;  
To make our life an offering  
To God, that all may live.

The church of Christ is calling us  
To make the dream come true.

A world redeemed by Christ-like love;  
All life in Christ made new.

**OFFERING PRAYER**

A God of life, you give us these gifts of the earth, these resources of our life and our labor. Take them, offered in great thanksgiving, and use them to set a table that will heal the whole creation; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Light.

**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**

*Dona Nobis Pacem* (“Grant Us Peace”) -Karri Ashbaugh, Tom Jenny

*Wayfaring Stranger* -Karri Ashbaugh, Tom Jenny

## **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** Holy and compassionate God, in bread and wine you give us gifts that form us to be humble and courageous. May your words come to life in our serving and in our witness, that we might speak a living voice of healing and justice to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our rock and our redeemer.

**C Amen.**

## **BENEDICTION**

**HYMN WOV # 760** *For the Fruit of All Creation*

## **DISMISSAL**

**A** Go in peace. Sound the good news.

**C Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE** *Rejoice, the Lord Is King*

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In honor of Labor Day tomorrow, notice how many times the words “work,” “labor,” and “toil” appear in the music for today!  
Can you find them all? (There’s even one in the special music!)

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## **Altar flowers**

Flowers are given to the glory of God by Janis Dachenhaus & family in loving memory of Ron.

## **ATTENTION!**

Remember – we are returning to TWO Sunday services beginning next Sunday! We will see you at 8:00 or 10:30 a.m.!

**Rally Day** — NEXT SUNDAY, September 10!

## **Coffee Hour**

Our Soul Food Crew is offering “*Sundaes on Sunday*” this morning during the fellowship hour after worship! You don’t want to miss this!!!!

## **On the radio**

Our services are being broadcast on WNDH during the month of September at 10:30 a.m. (This will be a recording of a previous service.)

## **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. We are especially in need of readers and sound board operators for the 10:30 service during September! 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 next Sunday, September 10, to retire the Building Loan debt. We are looking to pay this off by Reformation Sunday!

**Caring Corner** — September **\*\*Books for Thailand\*\***

Marcus Mt.Castle, living and working in Thailand with the Peace Corps, is setting up an English library for his students to help them in their learning of our language. Dr. Seuss books or simple, small worded books that you may have lying around the house and are willing to part with, would be put to very good use! Picture books are also great. Please be mindful of reading levels – these students are learning English; it is NOT their first language; and keep in mind that paperback books will be cheaper to ship than hard-cover books.

**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.

**This Week**

Monday		Office Closed - Labor Day
Tuesday	1:30 p.m.	PERI meeting here
	7:00 p.m.	WELCA General Meeting
Wednesday	5:00 p.m.	Soul Food
	6:30 p.m.	Choir
	7:30 p.m.	Living Spirit
Thursday	9:00 a.m.	Bible Study
	7:00 p.m.	Worship

**Statistics**

8/24 Attendance 50      8/27 Attendance 112  
8/27 Tithes and offerings \$4,853 (\$1,215 Bldg Fd; \$10 Wrld Hngr; \$50 Good Sam)  
Simply Giving 8/21-8/27: \$105 Gen Fd; \$20 Bldg Fd

**Serving Today**

Pastor James L. Castello  
Worship & Music Coordinator & Organist - Angela Tonjes  
Bell Choir Director - Bill Panning  
Lay Assistant - Betty Mowery  
Sound Board - Jack Robbins  
Acolytes - Morgan Ashbaugh & Jessica Yunker  
Ushers -  
Altar Guild - Joyce Rohrs & Jennifer Jenny  
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.”

“Peace is more important than all justice; and peace was not made for the sake of justice, but justice for the sake of peace.” -Martin Luther



*Did you know...*

Martin Luther has been called “one of the greatest preachers of all time,” yet he became deeply discouraged with his congregation. Despite his admonitions and instruction, Luther felt, his people remained godless. “It annoys me to keep preaching to you,” he said, and in 1530, he actually went on strike and refused to preach for a time.

### **Car Show and Open House**

Genacross Lutheran Services (Lutheran Home) is sponsoring a Car Show and Open House and celebrating Grandparent's Day on Sunday, September 10, 2-4 p.m. Tour the newly renovated and beautiful facility. Bring your beautiful antique car, classic car, cool car, antique tractor, pull truck or motorcycle for the residents to enjoy. Residents will vote for the Best of Show. Rain date is September 24 – listen to WNDH for delay information.

### **Lutheran Disaster Response** -Hurricane Harvey

Hurricane Harvey hit the Gulf Coast of the United States on August 25, threatening millions of people in coastal Texas and Louisiana with multiple days of heavy rain, winds, and rising tides. While many have evacuated, significant damage is still expected, and thousands of people may be housed in shelters for an extended period of time.

Lutheran Disaster Responses's affiliate is actively present, collaborating with community leaders and offices to initiate the proper responses, particularly the long-term recovery efforts. Together, we have a strong history of working with Disasters in the Gulf Coast area. The road to recovery will be long, and Lutheran Disaster Response will be there to accompany those affected through every phase of this disaster.

We invite you to stand by our neighbors on the Gulf Coast during this time. Your gifts ensure that our church will be able to provide help and hope for those left homeless or otherwise affected by this disaster for years to come.

**Gifts to Lutheran Disaster Response designated for “Hurricane Response – United States” will be used entirely (100 percent) for this disaster until the response is complete.** Together, we can help provide immediate and long-lasting support. Give today to support the needs in this response and others like it.

Give through your congregation *or* make your check out to “**Lutheran Disaster Response**” and send it to:

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America  
ELCA Gift Processing Center  
P.O. Box 1809  
Merrifield, VA 22116-8009

Write “*Hurricane Response, United States*” or “*Lutheran Disaster Response, U.S.*” on your check's memo line.