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Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost — October 15, 2017

LBW—Lutheran Book of Worship WOV—With One Voice
* Please stand as you are able

(10:30 service begins on page 7)

8:00 a.m. Service

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ringing of the Bell

PRELUDE *Every Eye Shall See* - Living Spirit

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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C Amen.

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HYMN WOV # 712 *Listen, God Is Calling* -leader, Seth Tonjes

GREETING

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A The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM 23 - we will sing

SECOND READING: Philippians 4:1-9

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P The Gospel of our Lord.
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CHILDREN'S SERMON

HYMN WOV # 701 *What Feast of Love*

SERMON

HYMN LBW # 451 *The Lord's My Shepherd* (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 & OFFERINGS *This Is the Stuff* -Living Spirit with Ryan Kruse, ukulele

OFFERTORY *(you may remain seated)*

THE PRAYERS *(you may remain seated)*

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*** BENEDICTION**

HYMN *Go Out in the World* -Living Spirit

POSTLUDE *How Majestic Is Your Name*

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PSALM 23

¹The LORD ¹ is my shepherd;

I shall not ¹ be in want.

²**The LORD makes me lie down ¹ in green pastures and leads me be- ¹ side still waters.**

³You restore my ¹ soul, O LORD,

and guide me along right pathways ¹ for your name's sake.

⁴**Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,**

I shall ¹ fear no evil;

for you are with me;

your rod and your staff, they ¹ comfort me.

⁵You prepare a table before me in the presence ¹ of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is ¹ running over.

**⁶Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days ¹ of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of the ¹ LORD forever.**

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HYMN LBW # 448 *Amazing Grace*

SERMON

HYMN LBW # 451 *The Lord's My Shepherd* (you may remain seated)

AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM

TITHES AND OFFERINGS *He Leadeth Me* -Bell Choir

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WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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HOLY COMMUNION

* **BLESSING**

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POSTLUDE *How Majestic Is Your Name*

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Confirmation

God's blessings on the young people affirming their baptismal vows this morning:
Kennedy Ruth Delaney, Zavier Orion Delaney, and Madden Alexander Delaney.

Altar flowers

Flowers are given to the glory of God by Dennis & Norma Ehlers for their 31st wedding anniversary; and by Melvin & Margaret Wachtmann in honor of their 65th wedding anniversary on the 19th.

Statistics

10/05 Attendance 28 10/08 Attendance 56+75 (131) Tithes and offerings \$5,695 (\$635 Bldg Fd; \$129 Luth Disaster Resp) Simply Giving 10/02-10/08: \$880 Gen Fd; \$220 Bldg Fd

CROP Walk

There is still time to donate to the CROP Hunger Walk until October 15. You can drop your offering in the offering plate, leave it in the church office, or give it to Carol Castello. Checks should be made out to CWS/CROP.

Nativity Fundraiser

Our young people going to the National Youth Gathering in Houston next year are crafting nativities for a fundraising project. A manger scene is on display at both entrances along with a sign-up sheet. A limited number will be made for a freewill donation, and they will be ready for Christmas gift-giving (or keep it yourself!) by December.

Schedule for October 29

Please mark your calendars for this change in our worship schedule ...

We will have ONE service on October 29 - at 9:00 a.m. Our Congregational meeting will follow this service (the packet including the proposed 2018 budget and the ballot for 2018 church council has been mailed). Sunday School children will be dismissed to the basement immediately following the service for Reformation games and crafts. And then there will be a potluck following the meeting!!

Caring Corner — Coats for Kids

Have your kids outgrown their winter coats from last year? For the month of October, we will collect winter coats, new or gently used, to be donated to the "Coats for Kids" distribution at Christ United Methodist Church. Adult coats are also accepted, and free dry-cleaning is donated to clean coats before they're given out in November.

Calling All Music-Types!! *Saturday, October 28, 7:00 p.m.*

Luther said that "Next to the Word of God, the noble art of music is the greatest treasure in the world." To celebrate the 500th anniversary of the Reformation, we will be having a "God's Work - Our Hands" concert! All are invited to participate with a SINGLE stipulation - you MUST use your hands. You can play an instrument, sign while singing, or put on a puppet show, but you MUST use your hands to express God's Work, God's Love, God's Gift! If you would like to use your hands to demonstrate God's work, please see Carol Castello or Holly Mohring by **October 22nd**! Prior to the concert we will have a soup and dessert meal (made with the hands of your Church Council) with a free will donation to aid the Building Fund. (It will be a Mighty Fortress for our Mighty Fortress!!) Please come, participate and enjoy God's Work with Our Hands on October 28th. There will be joy, laughter, and celebration fit for Luther! We can't wait to see you there!

Newsletter

The deadline for the November newsletter is noon tomorrow.

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.”

Volunteers needed

Readers are needed for both services on November 12 and November 26. Sound Board operators are needed for the early service during the month of November. If you are willing to help, please sign up on the bulletin board in the narthex.

Reformation Crawl

On 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 min) presentation on a variety of topics at 10 a.m., 11:30 a.m., or 1:30 p.m. And, it’s all free! Check the posters on the bulletin board across from the church office for more information.

This Week

Monday	noon	Newsletter deadline
	5-7 p.m.	Teen Café (kitchen)
	7:00 p.m.	Church Council
Tuesday	7:00 p.m.	Dartball here
Wednesday	3:15 p.m.	After School Club
	5:00 p.m.	Soul Food
	5:30 p.m.	Emanubells
	6:30 p.m.	Choir
	6:30 p.m.	7 th grade
	7:30 p.m.	Catechism bells
	7:30 p.m.	Living Spirit
Thursday	8:00 p.m.	8 th grade
	9:00 a.m.	Bible Study
Friday	7:00 p.m.	Worship with Holy Communion
	4-8 p.m.	Directory pictures
Saturday	11 a.m.-5:30 p.m	Directory pictures

Serving Today

Pastor James L. Castello

Worship & Music Coordinator & Organist - Angela Tonjes

Bell Choir Director - Bill Panning

Lay Assistant - 8:00 Ronnie Rohrs 10:30 Gary Bostelman

Sound Board - 8:00 Ed Biederstedt 10:30 Maxine Eickhoff

Acolytes - 8:00 Rudi Dachenhaus & Laci Dachenhaus

10:30 Preston Speaks & Cameron Burken

Ushers - 8:00 Steve Kloos Dave Schwab, Carl Yaney

10:30 Tom Jenny, Larry Ashbaugh, Rupert Schweinhagen, Norm Bostelman

Altar Guild - Lana Sonnenberg & Susan Mabee

Prayer Chain Co-ordinator - Carol Castello (419-592-0847) or cjcast@yahoo.com

“Faith is permitting ourselves to be seized by the things we do not see.”

-Martin Luther



Did you know...

Luther wasn't exactly from peasant stock. His father, Hans – whose father was a farmer – ended up a well-to-do mine owner. His mother's family, the Lindemanns, included a mayor of Eisenach, Thuringia, in Germany.