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Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost — November 19, 2017

LBW—Lutheran Book of Worship WOV—With One Voice

*** Please stand as you are able**

HYMN *Give Thanks*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ringling of the Bell

PRELUDE

(8:00) *Come, Let Us Worship and Bow Down/I Will Come and Bow Down* - Living Spirit

(10:30) *You Are My All in All* -Bell Choir

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, who calls us into an everlasting hope, who guides us to springs of the water of life, who enlightens us with the spirit of wisdom.

C Amen.

P One with the communion of saints in all times and places, let us confess our sin against God and one another.

O God, our merciful redeemer,

C we confess the ways we live only for ourselves. We fail to see you in our neighbor's face. We turn our ears from voices that cry out. We pass by the hungry and the oppressed. In your great mercy, forgive our sin and strengthen us for service to all in need; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

P In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for you, and for his sake, God forgives you all your sin. Blessed are you! Rejoice and be glad, beloved people of God.

C Amen

GREETING

P Grace and peace from our God and Father, hope in our Lord Jesus Christ, and the consolation of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Righteous God, our merciful master, you own the earth and all its peoples, and you give us all that we have. Inspire us to serve you with justice and wisdom, and prepare us for the joy of the day of your coming, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C **Amen**

(10:30) **Special Music:** *Tell Your Heart to Beat Again* -Living Spirit

FIRST READING: Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18

⁷Be silent before the Lord GOD! For the day of the LORD is at hand; the LORD has prepared a sacrifice, he has consecrated his guests. ¹²At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps, and I will punish the people who rest complacently on their dregs, those who say in their hearts, "The LORD will not do good, nor will he do harm." ¹³Their wealth shall be plundered, and their houses laid waste. Though they build houses, they shall not inhabit them; though they plant vineyards, they shall not drink wine from them. ¹⁴The great day of the LORD is near, near and hastening fast; the sound of the day of the LORD is bitter, the warrior cries aloud there. ¹⁵That day will be a day of wrath, a day of distress and anguish, a day of ruin

and devastation, a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and thick darkness, ¹⁶a day of trumpet blast and battle cry against the fortified cities and against the lofty battlements. ¹⁷I will bring such distress upon people that they shall walk like the blind; because they have sinned against the LORD, their blood shall be poured out like dust, and their flesh like dung. ¹⁸Neither their silver nor their gold will be able to save them on the day of the LORD's wrath in the fire of his passion the whole earth shall be consumed; for a full, a terrible end he will make of all the inhabitants of the earth.

A The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 90 - we will sing

SECOND READING: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

¹Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. ²For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. ³When they say, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! ⁴But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; ⁵for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. ⁶So then let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake

and be sober; ⁷for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. ⁸But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. ⁹For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, ¹⁰who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. ¹¹Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

A The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

* GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*** GOSPEL: Matthew 25:14-30**

[Jesus said to the disciples:] ¹⁴"For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; ¹⁵to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. ¹⁶The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. ¹⁷In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. ¹⁸But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. ¹⁹After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. ²⁰Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.' ²¹His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' ²²And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.' ²³His master said to him, 'Well done, good and

trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' ²⁴Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; ²⁵so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' ²⁶But his master replied, 'You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter?' ²⁷Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. ²⁸So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. ²⁹For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. ³⁰As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'"

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

HYMN *Lord, I Lift Your Name on High* -sing twice

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON - Michelle Slee (The sermon was written by Holly Mohring.)

HYMN LBW # 409 *Praise and Thanksgiving* (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 (8:00) *Tell Your Heart to Beat Again* -Living Spirit

(10:30) *It Is Well With My Soul* -Bell Choir

OFFERTORY (you may remain seated) (please turn the page....)

THE PRAYERS *(you may remain seated)*

A Welcoming God's reign of righteousness and mercy, let us pray with people of every time and place.

A brief silence.

A We pray for the church. Enliven its witness in ecumenical ministries, feeding programs, and new ventures. Open our hearts to friendships that share faith, and open our mouths to share your good news. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A We pray for parks and open spaces, for clean air and clear water. Help us protect places where we are reminded of God's work in creation and find renewal. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A We pray for those who have been and are still today enslaved, trafficked, or oppressed. Make clear the needs of those who are silenced by suffering, that we may listen and bring an end to exploitation. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A We pray for this congregation and the talents and treasures each person brings. Bring new talents to blossom among us, as we encourage and build up one another. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A Lord, our dwelling place in all generations, we remember with thanksgiving all who have died in you. Teach us to count our days as gifts from you. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

P We pray for those who cry out for healing, hope, or help, and for those for whom we have promised to pray (*especially*). Bring relief to caregivers and surround those who are lonely with your powerful presence. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Receive these prayers and the hopes and concerns of our hearts, O God, as we entrust into your loving care all for whom we pray, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen

*** 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

*** BENEDICTION**

HYMN WOV # 754 *Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ*

POSTLUDE *With Thanksgiving and Praise*

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Altar flowers

Flowers are given to the glory of God by Norm & Kathy Bostelman.

Caring Corner — Christmas Cheer ...

... canned/non-perishable food items for Christmas Cheer of Henry County. Please check expiration dates! And NO microwavable foods, please. Think complete meals.

Flower chart

The 2018 flower chart is hanging in the narthex. Three Sundays in January are open!

Congratulations!

God's blessings to Dave & Jen Zwiebel on the birth of Hayden James on October 30. The proud grandmother is Mary Lou Zwiebel!

Volunteers needed

Readers are needed for the 8:00 service on December 31 and the 10:30 service on December 3, 10, and 31. Sound board operators are needed for both services all month. If you are willing to be a reader or run the sound board, please sign up on the bulletin board in the narthex.

Serving Today

Pastor James L. Castello

Worship & Music Coordinator & Organist - Angela Tonjes

Bell Choir Director - Bill Panning

Guest Preacher - Michelle Slee

Lay Assistant - 8:00 Alexandra Reynolds 10:30 Jamie Bostelman

Sound Board - 8:00 Maxine Eickhoff 10:30 Jeff Sharpe

Acolytes - 8:00 Derek Miller & Jaycob Celani

10:30 Emma Rowland & Adara Hildebrandt

Ushers - 8:00 Lana Sonnenberg, Barb Hoffman, Lauren Helberg, Jeannie Wiechers

10:30 Barb Kenning, Kathy Bostelman, Diane Walther, Betty Mowery

Altar Guild - Ami Allison & Kristie Miller

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

This Week

Monday 7:00 p.m. Church Council

Tuesday 7:00 p.m. Dartball at Hamler

Wednesday 5:00 p.m. Soul Food

7:00 p.m. Community Thanksgiving Service at Emanuel

“Hark, how the bells...”

There is a sign-up sheet posted by the secretary’s office for volunteering to ring the bells at the Salvation Army red kettles at WalMart on Saturday, December 2. There are 2-hour shifts for each of the two doors. Start your Advent Season by preparing to help others! All monies in these kettles supports the great work of Salvation Army in Henry County. Dress for the weather!

Statistics

11/09 Attendance 32 11/12 Attendance 60+112 (172) communed (99) Tithes and Offerings \$5,936 (\$225 Bldg Fd; \$10 Wrld Hngr)

Simply Giving 11/06-11/12: \$130 Gen Fd; \$45 Bldg Fd; \$25 Wrld Hngr; \$25 Good Sam

Thanksgiving

Emanuel is honored to host the Community Thanksgiving service this Wednesday at 7 p.m. Refreshments will be served immediately following the service. Don’t miss this special service! Give thanks with a grateful heart!

Concert

Siberian Solstice (A Trans-Siberian Orchestra Tribute Band) and One Spirit Gospel Quartet present “The Angel’s Gift on Saturday, December 9, at Life Revitalization Center, 1501 Monroe Street, Toledo. Host is Denny Schaffer of Q105FM. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Show starts at 7 p.m. Donation \$25; 100% to benefit Cherry Street Mission Ministries. See Marv Mt.Castle for tickets.

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.”

Calendars

2018 calendars are available at both entrances from the Snyder-Wesche-Hoening Funeral Home. Take several!

Poinsettias

TODAY is the deadline to order your poinsettias! There are order forms available in your bulletin and at each entrance.

Community Thanksgiving Dinner

Help is needed for the Community Thanksgiving Dinner which is being held at St. Paul Lutheran Church on Glenwood. There are sign-up sheets on the bulletin boards in the narthex and in the hallway outside the secretary’s office.

Directory pictures

If you had your picture taken for the new directory and are to receive a free 8 x 10 photo, some of those have been received and are on the Caring Table to be picked up.

Youth Fundraiser

The youth going to Houston next summer will be making iced sugar cookies for Christmas. Pre-order forms are available at both entrances. Cookies will be ready for pickup on Sunday, December 17, before and after both worship services. A freewill offering will be accepted. A limited number of extra cookies will be available for anyone who did not pre-order.