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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

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS *(you may remain seated)*

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, the fountain of living water, the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation.

C Amen.

P Let us come into the light, the revealing and healing light of God.
God of grace and glory,

C you have brought us through the night of sin into the light of Jesus' resurrection. Yet our lives are still shadowed by sin. Make us alive in Christ, O God. Make us new as you make all things new. Rescue us from evil and the gloom of sin, renew us in grace, and restore us to living in your holiness, through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. Amen.

P Rejoice with all creation around God's throne! The light of the risen Christ puts to flight all evil deeds, washes away sin, restores innocence to the fallen, casts out hate, brings peace, and humbles earthly pride. Jesus Christ loves you and frees you from your sins by his blood. To him be glory and dominion forever and ever!

C Amen.

HYMN LBW # 389 *Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus*

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 Lord Christ, good shepherd of the sheep, you seek the lost and guide us into your fold. Feed us, and we shall be satisfied; heal us, and we shall be whole. Make us one with you, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

FIRST LESSON: Acts 4:5-12

⁵The next day [the] rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, ⁶with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. ⁷When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, "By what power or by what name did you do this?" ⁸Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders, ⁹if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, ¹⁰let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing

before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead.

¹¹This Jesus is

'the stone that was rejected by you, the builders;

it has become the cornerstone.'

¹²There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved."

A The Word of the Lord

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM 23

¹The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not be in want.

²The LORD makes me lie down in green pastures and leads me beside still waters.

³You restore my soul, O LORD, and guide me along right pathways for your name's sake.

⁴Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

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

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

SECOND LESSON: 1 John 3:16-24

¹⁶We know love by this, that [Jesus Christ] laid down his life for us—and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. ¹⁷How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help?

¹⁸Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. ¹⁹And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him ²⁰whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. ²¹Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness

before God; ²²and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him. ²³And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. ²⁴All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

A The Word of the Lord

C **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

I love to tell the story Of unseen things above,
Of Jesus and his glory, O Jesus and his love.
I love to tell the story, Because I know it's true;
It satisfies my longings As nothing else would do.
I love to tell the story; I'll sing this theme in glory
And tell the old, old story O Jesus and his love.

* GOSPEL: John 10:11-18 *(please stand as you are able)*

[Jesus said:] ¹¹"I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. ¹²The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. ¹³The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. ¹⁴I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, ¹⁵just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the

sheep. ¹⁶I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. ¹⁷For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. ¹⁸No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father."

CHILDREN'S SERMON

HYMN LBW # 481 *Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us* *(alternate melody)*

SERMON

HYMN WOV #734 *Softly and Tenderly* *(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 AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

This is my Father's world, And to my list'ning ears
All nature sings, and round me rings The music of the spheres.
This is my Father's world; I rest me in the thought
Of rocks and trees, of skies and seas; His hand the wonders wrought.

THE PRAYERS *(you may remain seated)*

A Rejoicing in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ, we pray for the witness of the church, the wholeness of creation, and all who are in need.

A brief silence.

A Bless all who shepherd your sheep and guide them in their serving. We pray for church custodians, office managers, Sunday school teachers, confirmation leaders, baptismal sponsors, deacons, pastors, youth workers, and bishops. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A Restore natural environments damaged by our hands. We pray for river valleys and grassy plains, coral reefs and arctic ice, mountains, deserts, and marshlands. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A Protect and guide first responders. Bring mercy and justice with their presence. We pray for military personnel, firefighters, paramedics, and police officers, and for disaster relief and crisis intervention teams. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A Heal and renew all who ache for a better tomorrow. We pray for the unemployed and underemployed, the forgotten, the nameless, and the outcasts; for our enemies; and for our loved ones. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A Nourish us with the testimony of all the disciples who have gone before us. We give thanks for the faithful departed and their witness in every age. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

P Give to all who are restless, reckless, or uncertain the peace you promise that is deeper and richer than anything we can imagine. We pray for all who live with chronic pain, who live with anxiety, and who are ill or hospitalized (*especially*). Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P We entrust all our prayers to you, gracious God. Receive them by the power of the Holy Spirit and the love of your Son, 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 LBW #370 *Blest Be the Tie That Binds*

POSTLUDE

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Altar flowers

Flowers are given to the glory of God by Paul & Betty Mowery in honor of their 41st wedding anniversary.

Weddings

God's blessings to Ben Flogaus and Jessica Lavoy who were married April 14th at our church by Pastor Castello.

God's blessings also to Dylan Tonjes and Courtney Bishop who were married yesterday in Deshler by Pastor Castello.

Thursday night worship

Our Thursday night service begins at 7 p.m. Tell your friends.

Cross fundraiser

The bidding on the colorful crosses has been extended to Sunday, April 29 and will close at noon. Check them out in the overflow! The wooden crosses were made by Mike Mohring and individually painted and decorated by each youth. All proceeds will help our teenagers attend the National Youth Gathering in Houston in June.

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.

Statistics

4/12 (36)
4/15 80+65 (145) Simply Giving 4/09-4/15 \$130 Gen Fd; \$45 Bldg Fd; \$25 World Hunger; \$25 Good Sam

Caring Corner for April — Community Pregnancy Center, Women’s Health Resource

(Check your March newsletter for other ways you can help...)

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| washer/dryer | baby wash | socks |
| outdoor shed | pacifier clips | bibs |
| spring seeding of the lawn | burp cloths | bath towels |
| lawn maintenance service | new small toys | bath washcloths |
| on-going utilities | baby bottles 8 oz. | diaper bags |
| spring landscaping | Crib sheets | baby shampoo |
| 18 mo-2T new boy clothing | new mom hygiene items | plain note cards |

Chicken & Rib Barbecue

Together We Can Make A Difference Initiatives is sponsoring a Chicken and Rib BBQ on Monday, April 23, from 12 noon to 6 p.m. in our parking lot (please use the Scott Street entrance). For \$8 you may have either Chicken or Ribs with a bag of chips, applesauce, and a dinner roll or meat only for \$6. Feel free to contact Kelli Burkhardt, Carol Castello or Terri Sedam.

This Week

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| Monday | 12-6 p.m. | BBQ |
| | 6:30 p.m. | Endowment Committee |
| | 6:30 p.m. | 4-H |
| Wednesday | 3:15 p.m. | After School Club |
| | 5:00 p.m. | Soul Food |
| | 5:30 p.m. | Emanubells |
| | 6:30 p.m. | Choir |
| | 7:30 p.m. | Living Spirit |
| 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 - 8:00 Alexandra Reynolds 10:30 Laura Ellis
Sound Board - 8:00 Jeff Sharpe 10:30 Ron Wiechers
Acolytes - 8:00 Jaycob Celani & Cale Perdew
10:30 Preston Speaks & Cameron Burken
Ushers - 8:00 Carey Plummer, Ed Biederstedt, Tiffany Biederstedt, Terry Hershberger
10:30 Ken Lange, Norm Bostelman, Steve Kenning, Lori Sharpe
Altar Guild - Susan Mabee & Melinda Dachenhaus
Prayer Chain Co-ordinator - Carol Castello (419-592-0847) or cjcast@yahoo.com

Coming Alive

Thank you to all who signed up for the Coming Alive. Be sure to record your minutes on the chart on the bulletin board by Maxine’s office.

Spring Flower Sale... Just in time for Mother’s Day!!

Emanuel’s Youth Group is holding a spring flower sale. The money raised will go toward the National Youth Gathering expenses. Orders are due by Wednesday, May 2nd. Orders will be delivered to the church on Thursday, May 10th, and should be available for pick up starting at 4:00 p.m. Order forms are available at both entrances.