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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 *Praise Ye the Father*

CONFESSION

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

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, you are the tree of life, offering shelter to all the world. Graft us into yourself and nurture our growth, that we may bear your truth and love to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C **Amen.**

SPECIAL MUSIC *Faith of Our Fathers* -Terry Hershberger

FIRST LESSON: Ezekiel 17:22-24

²²Thus says the Lord GOD: I myself will take a sprig from the lofty top of a cedar; I will set it out. I will break off a tender one from the topmost of its young twigs; I myself will plant it on a high and lofty mountain. ²³On the mountain height of Israel I will plant it, in order that it may produce boughs and bear fruit, and become a noble cedar. Under it every kind of bird will live; in the shade of its branches will

nest winged creatures of every kind. ²⁴All the trees of the field shall know that I am the LORD. I bring low the high tree, I make high the low tree; I dry up the green tree and make the dry tree flourish. I the LORD have spoken; I will accomplish it.

A The Word of the Lord

C **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 92:1-4, 12-15

¹It is a good thing to give thanks | to the LORD,
 to sing praise to your name, | O Most High;

²**to herald your love | in the morning
 and your faithfulness at night;**

³on the psaltery, and | on the lyre,
 and to the melody | of the harp.

⁴**For you have made me glad by your | acts, O LORD;
 and I shout for joy because of the works | of your hands.**

¹²The righteous shall flourish ¹ like a palm tree,
and shall spread abroad like a cedar of Lebanon.

¹³**Those who are planted in the house ¹ of the LORD
shall flourish in the courts ¹ of our God;**

¹⁴they shall still bear fruit ¹ in old age;
they shall be ¹ green and succulent;

¹⁵**that they may show how upright the LORD is,
my rock, in whom there is ¹ no injustice.**

SECOND LESSON: 2 Corinthians 5:6-10 [11-13] 14-17

⁶So we are always confident; even though we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord—⁷for we walk by faith, not by sight. ⁸Yes, we do have confidence, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. ⁹So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. ¹⁰For all of us must appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each may receive recompense for what has been done in the body, whether good or evil.

[¹¹Therefore, knowing the fear of the Lord, we try to persuade others; but we ourselves are well known to God, and I hope that we are also well known to your consciences. ¹²We are not commending ourselves to you again, but giving you an opportunity to boast about us, so that you may be able to answer those who boast in

outward appearance and not in the heart.

¹³For if we are beside ourselves, it is for God; if we are in our right mind, it is for you.] ¹⁴For the love of Christ urges us on, because we are convinced that one has died for all; therefore all have died. ¹⁵And he died for all, so that those who live might live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised for them. ¹⁶From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. ¹⁷So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!

A The Word of the Lord

C **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Thanks we give and adoration For your Gospel's joyful sound.
May the fruits of your salvation In our hearts and lives abound.
Ever faithful, ever faithful To your truth may we be found.

* **GOSPEL: Mark 4:26-34** *(please stand as you are able)*

²⁶[Jesus said,] "The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground, ²⁷and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. ²⁸The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head.

²⁹But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come." ³⁰He also said, "With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it?"

³¹It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of

all the seeds on earth; ³²yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade." ³³With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; ³⁴he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.

P The Gospel of our Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

CHILDREN'S SERMON

HYMN LBW # 532 *How Great Thou Art*

SERMON

HYMN LBW # 554 *This Is My Father's World*

* **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 *Father, We Praise Thee*

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.

PRAYERS

A Filled with the Holy Spirit, we join with the church in every place, praying for the world that God so loves.

A brief silence.

A O Most High, your divine realm is like a noble tree whose boughs and branches give shade and rest to the peoples of the earth. Make your church a nesting place for all who need your peace and healing. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A O Most High, all the world is a garden for your creativity. Refresh places of drought with abundant rains. Strengthen and keep safe those who fight fires in your forests. Help us tend your mountains and plains, oceans and rivers with loving care. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A O Most High, you speak and your word is accomplished. Speak to the leaders of the nations so they might end cycles of violence, giving people everywhere tranquility and peace. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A O Most High, just as the earth produces of itself and the harvest comes, you gather up your people from all times and places. Bring us along with those who have died into the lasting harvest of your kingdom. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A O Most High, your steadfast love and faithfulness sustain your people. Bless fathers and all father figures with such love and faithfulness that children flourish and grow in uprightness and joy. Bless those who long to be fathers and those for whom this day is difficult. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

P O Most High, if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation. Bring the abundant healing blessings of the new creation into the lives of those who suffer illness or deprivation of any kind (*especially*). Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

P By the sure guidance of your Holy Spirit, O God, we lift up our prayers in trust and thanksgiving; 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 LBW # 261 *On What Has Now Been Sown*

POSTLUDE *Eternal Father, Strong to Save*

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Altar flowers

Flowers are given to the glory of God by Rita Kryder in loving memory of George; and by Shirlee Mires-Fejes in loving memory of Ray Landversicht.

Thursday Evening Worship

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

Coffee Hour

Thank you to our coffee hour hosts this morning, the Adult Sunday School Class. Please plan to stay after worship as we gather for some refreshments and fellowship in the overflow area. Next weeks's hosts: Executive Board.

Work Day

Please mark your calendars for this coming Saturday, **June 23**. We plan to do some "spring cleaning" at the church (both inside and outside) and could use your help!!! We will start at 9 a.m.

Activity Bags

Activity/**B**usy/**C**hurch 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.

Caring Corner for June — Summer Food Pantry Needs

With kids home for the summer and not having breakfast and lunch at school, family budgets are stretched a little thinner. Let's help ease some of that by collecting kid-friendly eats to help stock local food pantries:

Peanut butter and jelly
Macaroni and cheese
Spaghetti and sauce
Granola bars, nuts
Whole-grain cereals
Canned chicken and tuna



Devotionals

The July-September issue of Portals of Prayer and Christ In Our Home is now available at both entrances. These are available in both regular and large print. Please help yourself.

Statistics

6/7 (61)

6/10 (316) communed (249) Offerings: \$5804.00 (\$270 Bldg. Fd.; \$55 World Hunger)

(Donna Peper Mem. \$30)

Simply Giving 6/8-6/11: \$130 Gen Fd; \$45 Bldg Fd.; \$25 Good Sam; \$25 World Hunger

This Week

Monday	9:00 a.m.	Ruth Circle
	Noon	July & August Newsletter deadline
	7:00 p.m.	Church Council
Wednesday	5:00 p.m.	Soul Food
Thursday	7:00 p.m.	Worship

Serving Today

Officiating - Pastor Ron Atkins

Worship & Music Coordinator & Organist - Angela Tonjes

Bell Choir Director - Bill Panning

Lay Assistant - Kelli Burkhardt

Sound Board - Joe Kohout

Acolytes - Preston Speaks & Cameron Burken

Ushers - Ron Wiechers, Tom Jenny, Rupert Schweinhagen, Ed Biederstedt

Altar Guild - Kristie Miller & Ami Allison

Prayer Chain Co-ordinator - Phyllis Kloos (419-260-6582) or phyllis_kloos@yahoo.com

Volunteers needed

Readers, sound board operators, and ushers are always needed!!! You can sign up for one week or for a month. Please sign up on the bulletin board in the narthex or talk to Betty Mowery or Ronnie Rohrs to volunteer. Thanks!

Spring Choral Concert

The Henry County Chorale will present their annual Spring Choral Concert with the theme of "American Folk and Patriotic Music" on Sunday, June 24, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. in the sanctuary of St. Paul Lutheran Church, 1075 Glenwood Ave., Napoleon, OH. The public is invited. A free will offering will be accepted for the benefit of the Henry County Chorale and St. Paul Lutheran Church. The group will be performing a variety of the wonderful selections centered around the theme of "American Folk and Patriotic Music", with soloists Sandra Honemann, Nathan Jaqua, Mark Schwiebert, Garry Cline, and Dan Seedorf, along with special performances by the women, men, and a smaller ensemble. Percussion accompaniment will be provided by Greg Schuette. The group is under the direction of Janet Lyne, with Ruth Labie as accompanist.