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Eighth Sunday after Pentecost — July 15, 2018

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

RINGING OF THE BELL

PRELUDE *Flower Duet from Lakme* -Tom Jenny, flugelhorn

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS *(please stand as you are able)*

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, full of compassion and mercy, abounding in steadfast love.

C Amen.

P Trusting God's promise of forgiveness, let us confess our sin against God and one another. Eternal God our creator,

C in you we live and move and have our being. Look upon us, your children, the work of your hands. Forgive us all our offenses, and cleanse us from proud thoughts and empty desires. By your grace draw us near to you, our refuge and our strength; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

P Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit given to us. In the mercy of almighty God, Christ died for us while we still were sinners; and for his sake, God forgives you all your sins.

C Amen.

HYMN LBW #495 *Lead On, O King Eternal*

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, from you come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works. Give to us, your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey your commandments; and also that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may live in peace and quietness, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

FIRST LESSON: Amos 7:7-15

⁷This is what [the Lord GOD] showed me: the LORD was standing beside a wall built with a plumb line, with a plumb line in his hand. ⁸And the LORD said to me, "Amos, what do you see?" And I said, "A plumb line." Then the LORD said, "See, I am setting a plumb line in the midst of my people Israel; I will never again pass them by; ⁹the high places of Isaac shall be made desolate, and the sanctuaries of Israel shall be laid waste, and I will rise against the house of Jeroboam with the sword." ¹⁰Then Amaziah, the priest of Bethel, sent to King Jeroboam of Israel, saying, "Amos has conspired against you in the very center of the house of Israel; the land is not able to bear all his words. ¹¹For thus

Amos has said, 'Jeroboam shall die by the sword, and Israel must go into exile away from his land.'" ¹²And Amaziah said to Amos, "O seer, go, flee away to the land of Judah, earn your bread there, and prophesy there; ¹³but never again prophesy at Bethel, for it is the king's sanctuary, and it is a temple of the kingdom." ¹⁴Then Amos answered Amaziah, "I am no prophet, nor a prophet's son; but I am a herdsman, and a dresser of sycamore trees, ¹⁵and the LORD took me from following the flock, and the LORD said to me, 'Go, prophesy to my people Israel.'"

A The Word of the Lord

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM 85:8-13

⁸I will listen to what the LORD | God is saying;
for you speak peace to your faithful people
and to those who turn their | hearts to you.

⁹**Truly, your salvation is very near to | those who fear you,
that your glory may dwell | in our land.**

¹⁰Steadfast love and faithfulness have | met together;
righteousness and peace have | kissed each other.

¹¹**Faithfulness shall spring up | from the earth,
and righteousness shall look | down from heaven.**

¹²The LORD will indeed | grant prosperity,
and our land will | yield its increase.

¹³**Righteousness shall go before the LORD
and shall prepare for | God a pathway.**

SECOND LESSON: Ephesians 1:3-14

³Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, ⁴just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. ⁵He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, ⁶to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. ⁷In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace ⁸that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight ⁹he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, ¹⁰as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up

all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. ¹¹In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, ¹²so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. ¹³In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; ¹⁴this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION 

Word that caused blind eyes to see, speak and heal our mortal blindness;
deaf we are: our healer be; loose our tongues to tell your kindness.
Be our Word in pity spoken, heal the world, by our sin broken.

*** GOSPEL: Mark 6:14-29** *(please stand as you are able)*

¹⁴King Herod heard of [the disciples' preaching,] for Jesus' name had become known. Some were saying, "John the baptizer has been raised from the dead; and for this reason these powers are at work in him." ¹⁵But others said, "It is Elijah." And others said, "It is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old." ¹⁶But when Herod heard of it, he said, "John, whom I beheaded, has been raised."

¹⁷For Herod himself had sent men who arrested John, bound him, and put him in prison on account of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, because Herod had married her. ¹⁸For John had been telling Herod, "It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife." ¹⁹And Herodias had a grudge against him, and wanted to kill him. But she could not, ²⁰for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he protected him. When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed; and yet he liked to listen to him. ²¹But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his courtiers and officers and for the leaders of Galilee. ²²When his daughter

Herodias came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his guests; and the king said to the girl, "Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will give it." ²³And he solemnly swore to her, "Whatever you ask me, I will give you, even half of my kingdom." ²⁴She went out and said to her mother, "What should I ask for?" She replied, "The head of John the baptizer." ²⁵Immediately she rushed back to the king and requested, "I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter." ²⁶The king was deeply grieved; yet out of regard for his oaths and for the guests, he did not want to refuse her. ²⁷Immediately the king sent a soldier of the guard with orders to bring John's head. He went and beheaded him in the prison, ²⁸brought his head on a platter, and gave it to the girl. Then the girl gave it to her mother. ²⁹When his disciples heard about it, they came and took his body, and laid it in a tomb.

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

CHILDREN'S SERMON

HYMN WOV #763 *Let Justice Flow Like Streams*

SERMON

HYMN LBW #183 *The Son of God Goes Forth to War* (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 *Lord, I Want to be a Christian* -Tom Jenny

OFFERTORY (you may remain seated)

In gratitude and humble trust
We bring our best today
To serve your cause and share your love
With all along life's way.
O God, who gave yourself to us
In Jesus Christ your Son,
Teach us to give ourselves each day
Until life's work is done.

THE PRAYERS (you may remain seated)

A Growing in faith and discipleship, we give thanks for God's merciful compassion as we pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

A brief silence.

A God of truth, put your word of justice on our lips. Bless your church in the task of holy resistance. Make us a living and persistent sign of your righteousness and your lovingkindness. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A God of heaven and earth, pour your healing power upon our fragile earth for us and for all who will inherit it. Inspire the work of engineers and environmentalists who seek sustainable sources of energy, food, and clean water. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A God of justice, hold your plumb line to the nations. Speak convicting words of holy judgment to those in positions of authority. Redeem all harms caused by corruption and the hunger for power. Restore peace to our world. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A God of the saints, you have claimed the faithful departed as your own and given them an inheritance in glory. Sustain us in faith until the fullness of time, when you gather up all things in heaven and on earth. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A God of tenderness, you adopt us as your own. Help us to provide nourishing care for all children in our midst. Inspire us with their creativity and energy. Heal and protect children who are victims of abuse, neglect, or scorn. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

P God of salvation, bring wholeness to all your beloved children. Anoint the hands of all caregivers, nurses, doctors, therapists, hospice workers, and chaplains. Bring abundance of life to all who long for healing (*especially*). Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Gracious God, we lift to you these prayers and the prayers of our hearts, trusting in your everlasting love and mercy, 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 #260 *On Our Way Rejoicing*

POSTLUDE *Christians, We have Met to Worship*

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Prelude

Today's prelude is the most famous work by Leo Delibes (1836-1891). Taken from his three part opera, this duet is between the characters Lakme and Mallika. This song is often used in movie soundtracks, and you may have heard it recently in a Doritos commercial!

Lead On, O King Eternal

The words to this hymn were written by Ernest Shurtleff, who was born in Boston, Massachusetts in 1862. He was educated at Boston Latin School, Harvard University, and Andover Seminary and became a minister. His hymn, "Lead On, O King Eternal," was written as a parting hymn to his class of fellow students at Andover. He died in 1917.

Altar flowers

Flowers are given to the glory of God by Rupert & Rita Schweinhagen in honor of their 57th wedding anniversary.

Wedding

Congratulations and God's blessings to Blake & Sarah (Yaney) Ruffer who were married at Emanuel yesterday!

Coffee Hour

Thank you to our coffee hour hosts this morning, the Bell Choir. Please plan to stay after worship as we gather for some refreshments and fellowship in the overflow area. Next week's hosts: Ruth and Naomi Circles.

Homemade Ice Cream Social

Zion Lutheran Church in Ridgeville Corners homemade ice cream social today, 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. Free will donation to Church Improvement Fund.

Solo Flight

Thursday, July 19, the new "Solo Flight" group for "singles" is having a potluck at the Henry Co. Senior Center. Doors open at 5 p.m. Dinner at 5:30. Please bring a dish to share. Curly's Country Grass will be performing for your listening enjoyment. All singles are welcome!!

Ice Cream Social

St. Mark's Lutheran Church, Domersville & Nagel Roads, 3 miles north of Tinora School, Defiance, Ohio, is having an Ice Cream Social on July 22, 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. They will be serving bratwurst, hot chicken, hot dog sandwiches, potato salad, baked beans, chips, desserts, ice cream, and drinks for a free will donation. Carry outs available and Bake Sale. Proceeds will be used for Missionary Sponsorship and Sunday School.

Devotionals

The new *Portals of Prayer* and *Christ In Our Home* are available at both entrances.

Altar Flowers needed

Open dates: September 30; November 4; and December 2. If you would like to furnish flowers for any of these days, please sign up on the chart in the narthex.

Thursday night worship

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

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.

Caring Corner — July and August

70-sheet wire-bound notebooks
 30-centimeter rulers
 pencil sharpeners
 blunt scissors
 blue or black pens
 16 or 24-count crayons
 2 1/2-in. erasers
 highlighters

****SCHOOL SUPPLIES****

glue sticks
 plastic pencil boxes or pouches
 dry eraser markers
 Clorox wipes
 hand sanitizer
 3 x 5 index cards
 backpacks and/or the
 LWR bags

Statistics

7/5 (39)

7/8 (105) communed (91) Offerings: \$4637.00 (\$375 Bldg Fd; \$30 Endow Fd)

Simply Giving 7/9: \$90 Gen Fd; \$45 Bldg Fd; \$25 Good Sam; \$25 World Hunger

This Week

Monday	7:00 p.m.	Church Council
	7:30 p.m.	Naomi Circle meeting at Dora Titgemeyer's
Wednesday	5:00 p.m.	Soul Food
Thursday	7:00 p.m.	Worship with Holy Communion

Serving Today

Officiating - Pastor Ron Atkins
 Worship & Music Coordinator & Organist - Angela Tonjes
 Bell Choir Director - Bill Panning
 Lay Assistant - Gary & Jamie Bostelman
 Sound Board - Shelly Storch
 Acolytes - Rudi Dachenhaus & Laci Dachenhaus
 Ushers - Larry Ashbaugh, Paul Mowery, Ronnie Rohrs
 Altar Guild - Jeannie Wiechers & Cheryl Hershberger
 Prayer Chain Co-ordinator - Phyllis Kloos (419-260-6582) or phyllis_kloos@yahoo.com

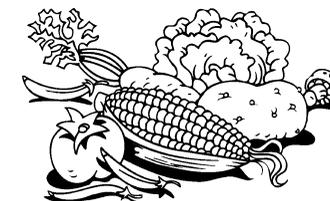
Volunteers needed

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!

Stirrings From "Soul Food"

Yes, "Soul Food" continues throughout the summer months, and any help is needed and welcomed! We are trying to emphasize fresh fruits and vegetables more and more, so if you have an abundant harvest in your summer garden, please consider donating your garden goodies to "Soul Food." If you are having a large family gathering/reunion and have lots of leftovers that no one wants to take home, please remember that we can put them to good use at "Soul Food"! We are still feeding 80 to 100 folks (lots of families!) each Wednesday, so "many hands can DEFINITELY make light work". We usually start food prep at 3 p.m. and serve from 5 to 6 p.m. The fellowship is every bit as important as the food, so please come join us whenever you can in whatever way you can.

Any questions call Judy at 419-261-8903.



Living thanks

"Thank you!" I exuded, after receiving a hefty bag of homegrown tomatoes. I set the produce on the kitchen floor; I would attend to it shortly. But I got distracted — for days.

Finally, I lifted the bag to make use of the gift, and the bottom fell out. Many of the tomatoes had become squishy, their juices soaking the paper beneath them. Instead of making good use of the generous gift, I was left cleaning up rotten tomatoes and throwing many of the veggies away.

We do the same with God's gifts: "I'll practice piano tomorrow ... next week ... next month ..." until soon we don't remember how to play at all. We pass up chances to visit someone dear and, when she moves away, regret squandering the friendship. We opt to sleep in instead of attending worship, unaware of what gifts of God's Word and Christian fellowship we'll miss.

Next time I receive something — from God or anyone else — may the Spirit help me not just *give* thanks but *live* thanks by using and enjoying the gift!

—Heidi Mann

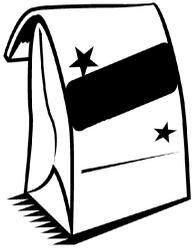
Stop, look and listen

Literature, painting, music — the most basic lesson that all art teaches us is to stop, look and listen to life on this planet, including our own lives, as a vastly richer, deeper, more mysterious business than most of the time it ever occurs to us to suspect as we bumble along from day to day on automatic pilot. ...

When Jesus [says] that the greatest command of all is to love God and to love our neighbor, he too is asking us to pay attention. If we are to love God, we must first stop, look and listen for him in what is happening around us and inside us. If we are to love our neighbors, before doing anything else we must see our neighbors. With our imagination as well as our eyes, that is to say like artists, we must see not just their faces but the life behind and within their faces. Here it is love that is the frame we see them in.

—Frederick Buechner, *Whistling in the Dark*

Northwestern Ohio Community Action Commission and Camp Widewater have partnered to bring you



Summer Chomp and Romp!!

This program provides **FREE** lunches and camp activities to children ages 1-18 (up to age 21 with a disability)

East Riverdowns Park

Front Street (By Dog Park), Napoleon, Ohio

June 11 to August 9 (Monday-Friday; closed July 4)

12:00-12:30 p.m., activities until 1:15 p.m.

All kids & teens eat FREE; No income or ID requirements;

No registration required

For more information hkween@nocac.org or 419-784-2150, x 1110