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LBW-Lutheran Bork of Worship WOV-With One Voice

* Please stand as you are able

ANNOUNCEMENTS

RINGING OF THE BELL

PRELUDE *Fairest Lord Jesus*

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 # 401 *Before You, Lord, We Bow*

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 Gracious God, your blessed Son came down from heaven to be the true bread that gives life to the world. Give us this bread always, that he may live in us and we in him, and that, strengthened by this food, we may live as his body in the world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

FIRST LESSON: 1 Kings 19:4-8

⁴[Elijah] went a day's journey into the wilderness, and came and sat down under a solitary broom tree. He asked that he might die: "It is enough; now, O LORD, take away my life, for I am no better than my ancestors." ⁵Then he lay down under the broom tree and fell asleep. Suddenly an angel touched him and said to him, "Get up and eat." ⁶He looked, and there at his head was a cake baked on hot stones, and a jar

of water. He ate and drank, and lay down again. ⁷The angel of the LORD came a second time, touched him, and said, "Get up and eat, otherwise the journey will be too much for you." ⁸He got up, and ate and drank; then he went in the strength of that food forty days and forty nights to Horeb the mount of God.

A The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM 34:1-8

¹I will bless the LORD ¹ at all times;
the praise of God shall ever be ¹ in my mouth.

²**I will glory ¹ in the LORD;**
let the lowly hear ¹ and rejoice.

³Proclaim with me the greatness ¹ of the LORD;
let us exalt God's ¹ name together.

**⁴I sought the LORD, who ¹ answered me
and delivered me from ¹ all my terrors.**

⁵Look upon the LORD ¹ and be radiant,
and let not your faces ¹ be ashamed.

**⁶I called in my affliction, and ¹ the LORD heard me
and saved me from ¹ all my troubles.**

⁷The angel of the LORD encamps around those who ¹ fear the LORD
and delivers them.

**⁸Taste and see that the ¹ LORD is good;
happy are they who take refuge in God!**

SECOND LESSON: Ephesians 4:25—5:2

²⁵So then, putting away falsehood, let all of us speak the truth to our neighbors, for we are members of one another. ²⁶Be angry but do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, ²⁷and do not make room for the devil. ²⁸Thieves must give up stealing; rather let them labor and work honestly with their own hands, so as to have something to share with the needy. ²⁹Let no evil talk come out of your mouths, but only what is useful for building up, as there is need, so that your words may give grace to those who hear.

³⁰And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of

God, with which you were marked with a seal for the day of redemption.

³¹Put away from you all bitterness and wrath and anger and wrangling and slander, together with all malice, ³²and be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you.

^{5:1}Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children, ²and live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

A The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

We greet our Lord present within our assembly;
We hear the good news announced clearly to all.
With songs of rejoicing, our praises we are voicing,
As we invoke God's blessing and answer the call.

*** GOSPEL: John 6:35, 41-51** *(please stand as you are able)*

³⁵Jesus said to [the crowd,] "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty."
⁴¹Then the Jews began to complain about him because he said, "I am the bread that came down from heaven."
⁴²They were saying, "Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How can he now say, 'I have come down from heaven'?" ⁴³Jesus answered them, "Do not complain among yourselves. ⁴⁴No one can come to me unless drawn by the Father who sent me; and I will raise that person up on the last day. ⁴⁵It is written in the prophets, 'And they shall all be taught by God.' Everyone who has

heard and learned from the Father comes to me. ⁴⁶Not that anyone has seen the Father except the one who is from God; he has seen the Father. ⁴⁷"Very truly, I tell you, whoever believes has eternal life. ⁴⁸I am the bread of life. ⁴⁹Your ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. ⁵⁰This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. ⁵¹I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh."

P The Gospel of our Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

CHILDREN'S SERMON

HYMN LBW # 518 *Beautiful Savior*

SERMON

HYMN LBW # 170 *Crown Him with Many Crowns* *(you may remain seated)*

*** NICENE CREED** *(please stand as you are able)*

C We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven; by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen

PRAYERS *(you may remain seated)*

A Trusting in our loving and almighty God who abundantly provides the bread of life to all who hunger, let us pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

A brief silence.

A Lord God, we pray for the whole church. Sustain all who have tasted the bread of heaven and found solace in the promise of eternal life. Teach us to forgive one another in love and build each other up. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A Lord God, save and protect your creation. Feed, nourish, and encourage all living creatures, and teach us to practice faithful stewardship. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A Lord God, you rule the nations. Lead all people to speak truth and kindness to one another, walking in the paths of justice and peace. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A Lord God, we bless you for the lives of those faithful ones who have gone before us. Raise all at the last day, that we may exalt your name together. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A Lord God, we pray for those gathered here today. Feed us well so that the difficult journey of life may not be too much, and sustain us through times of trial. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

P Lord God, we pray for those in need. Comfort those who mourn, encourage the fearful, and tend the sick (*especially*). Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

P Almighty and loving God, we look to you in hope and trust, knowing that you will do far more than we can ask or imagine, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

*** PEACE**

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you.

WE SHARE THE PEACE

TITHES AND OFFERINGS *His Eye is on the Sparrow* -Peggy Snyder

OFFERTORY *(you may remain seated)*

Grant us hearts, dear Lord, to give you Gladly,
freely, of your own. With the sunshine
of your goodness Melt our thankless hearts of stone
Till our cold and selfish natures, Warmed by
you, at length believe That more happy
and more blessed 'Tis to give than to receive.

OFFERING PRAYER

A Merciful God, you open wide your hand and satisfy the need of every living thing. You have set this feast before us. Open our hands to receive it. Open our hearts to embrace it. Open our lives to live it. We pray this through Christ our Lord.

C Amen.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

* **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**

HOLY COMMUNION

Do This and Remember Me -Peggy Snyder

BLESSING

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A Jesus Christ, host of this meal, you have given us not only this bread and cup, but your very self, that we may feast on your great love. Filled again by these signs of your grace, may we hunger for your reign of justice, may we thirst for your way of peace, for you are Lord forevermore.

C Amen.

BENEDICTION

HYMN WOV # 742 *Come, We That Love the Lord*

DISMISSAL

A Go in peace. The Spirit sends us forth to serve.

C **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE *Fanfare of Praise*

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Fair

It's "Fair Sunday!" All of the hymns, prelude, and postlude have the word "fair" or "fairer" (or "fare") in them. Can you find them all?

Beautiful Savior

The original German text of this hymn (Schonster Herr Jesu) appeared anonymously in a manuscript dated 1662 in Munster, Germany. The English translation was completed by Joseph A. Seiss. He was born in Maryland in 1823 and raised in a Moravian home. He became a Lutheran pastor in 1842.

Altar Flowers

Flowers are given to the glory of God by Shirlee Mires-Fejes in loving memory of Phil.

Passed Away

Ellen Lange passed away Monday, August 6 at the age of 91. Please keep her family in your prayers. Also please keep Denise Brown and her family in your prayers at the passing of her Mom, Roma Brown.

Coffee Hour

Thank you to our coffee hour hosts this morning, Living Spirit. Please plan to stay after worship as we gather for some refreshments and fellowship in the overflow area. Next week's hosts: Choir altos & basses.

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.

Thursday night worship

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

Caring Corner — July and August ****SCHOOL SUPPLIES****

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| 70-sheet wire-bound notebooks | 16 or 24-count crayons | dry eraser markers |
| 30-centimeter rulers | 2 1/2-in. erasers | Clorox wipes |
| pencil sharpeners | highlighters | hand sanitizer |
| blunt scissors | glue sticks | 3 x 5 index cards |
| blue or black pens | plastic pencil boxes or pouches | backpacks and/or the LWR bags |

Solo Flight

Friday, August 17 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. Matt Richardson, Local Vocalist, will be performing for your listening enjoyment. All singles are welcome!!

Statistics

8/2 (40)
 8/5 (85) communed (79) Offerings: \$6339 (\$585 Bldg Fd; \$5 World Hunger; \$100 Good Sam; \$10 Endow Fd; \$100 Soul Food; \$100 Together We Can; \$65 Lenhart Lange Memorial)
 Simply Giving 8/1-8/8: \$905 Gen Fd; \$245 Bldg Fd; \$25 Good Sam; \$25 World Hunger

This Week

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| Monday | 9:00 a.m. | Ruth Circle |
| | 7:00 p.m. | Transition Team Meeting |
| | 7:30 p.m. | Naomi Circle |
| Wednesday | 5:00 p.m. | Soul Food |
| Thursday | 7:00 p.m. | Worship with Holy Communion |

Serving Today

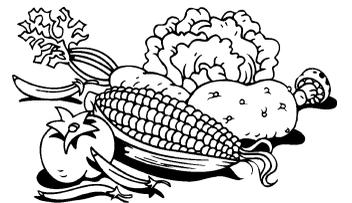
Officiating - Pastor Ron Atkins
 Worship & Music Coordinator & Organist - Angela Tonjes
 Bell Choir Director - Bill Panning
 Lay Assistant - Karri Ashbaugh
 Sound Board - Marv MtCastle
 Acolytes - Preston Speaks & Cameron Burken
 Ushers - Joe Kohout, Ronnie Rohrs, Ron Wiechers, Rick Ford
 Altar Guild - Elaine Borstelman & Lori Sharpe
 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.

Thank You!!!

Thank you to all who have been donating their garden goodies to “Soul Food”. It is very much appreciated.

The Lutheran Magazine

Several people have expressed they do not want to receive the Lutheran Magazine anymore. If you do not wish to receive it anymore, please contact the church office.

Needed: Sunday School Teachers!

Remember that passage in the Bible that “the harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few”? One of the most rewarding things you can do to serve God and your church is to teach Sunday School. Working with these kids and helping to shape their faith is so important and such fun. Presently, we need a teacher for the 6th and 7th grade class. Please give this your prayerful consideration. Please contact Julie MtCastle or Amanda Dilbone if you are interested.

Choir Party

Ron and Jeannie Wiechers have volunteered to host the back-to-choir party. This end of summer event will be held Wednesday, August 29 at 6:30 p.m. Meat will be provided, choir members bring a potluck dish and your spouse/friend/children. You will receive the fall schedule and we will rehearse a few numbers. Ron and Jeannie live at 8245 State Route 6, Napoleon.

Newsletter

The deadline for the September newsletter is noon Monday, August 20. Please be sure that all your meetings are on the calendar by that time. Thank you!

Do Something

God wants our work to be meaningful and satisfying. No matter what we do, it should provide a reason to get up each day and use the talents God has given us. As Benjamin Franklin said, “The man who achieves makes many mistakes, but he never makes the biggest mistake of all: doing nothing.”

Transition/Call Committee Meeting

The committees met on Monday, August 6 and the call process has started. The transition committee will be distributing surveys soon that are to be filled out by church members. Look for them in the newsletter, bulletins, and by the entrances. Both committees will begin working on the Ministry Site Profile provided by the synod. When all items are completed, the MSP is submitted to the synod, and they will begin finding candidates suitable for our church. This process takes time, and we ask for patience and prayers as we work together for the good of the congregation.

If you have additional questions, please see a committee member:

TRANSITION TEAM - Ron Wiechers, Council President; Barb Hoffman, Dave Schwab, Lenny Sonnenberg, Shelly Storch.

CALL COMMITTEE - Gary Bostelman, Chairman; Laura Yaney, Secretary; Karri Ashbaugh, Kelli Burkhardt, Beth Jenny, Holly Mohring, Bill Panning, Brian Plummer, Rupert Schweinhagen, Angela Tonjes.

Three Ways God Answers Prayers

1. Yes. I think your request can be arranged.
2. No. I have something better in mind for you. Your request would only make things worse.
3. Wait awhile. Some things take time and patience. Accept the promise that all things work together for good with those who love Me. Check Romans 8:28.