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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 *Blessed Assurance*

CONFESSIO 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 # 252 *You Servants of God*

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 Ever-loving God, your Son gives himself as living bread for the life of the world. Fill us with such a knowledge of his presence that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life to serve you continually, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

FIRST LESSON: Proverbs 9:1-6

¹Wisdom has built her house, she has hewn her seven pillars. ²She has slaughtered her animals, she has mixed her wine, she has also set her table. ³She has sent out her servant-girls, she calls from the highest places in the town, ⁴"You that are simple, turn in here!" To those

without sense she says, ⁵"Come, eat of my bread and drink of the wine I have mixed. ⁶Lay aside immaturity, and live, and walk in the way of insight."

A The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM 34:9-14

⁹Fear the LORD, you saints ¹of the LORD, for those who fear the ¹LORD lack nothing.

¹⁰**The lions are in want and ¹suffer hunger, but those who seek the LORD lack nothing ¹that is good.**

¹¹Come, children, and listen to me; I will teach you reverence ¹for the LORD.

¹²**Who among you takes pleasure in life and desires long life to enjoy prosperity?**

¹³Keep your ¹tongue from evil and your lips from ¹lying words.

**¹⁴Turn from evil ¹ and do good;
seek peace ¹ and pursue it.**

SECOND LESSON: Ephesians 5:15-20

¹⁵Be careful then how you live, not as unwise people but as wise, ¹⁶making the most of the time, because the days are evil. ¹⁷So do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. ¹⁸Do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery; but be filled with the Spirit, ¹⁹as you sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs

among yourselves, singing and making melody to the Lord in your hearts, ²⁰giving thanks to God the Father at all times and for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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 6:51-58** *(please stand as you are able)*

[Jesus said,] ⁵¹"I 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."
⁵²The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, "How can this man give us his flesh to eat?" ⁵³So Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. ⁵⁴Those who eat

my flesh and drink my blood have eternal life, and I will raise them up on the last day; ⁵⁵for my flesh is true food and my blood is true drink. ⁵⁶Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. ⁵⁷Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. ⁵⁸This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they

died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever."

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

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SPECIAL MUSIC *A Parent's Prayer* -Seth Tonjes and Ted Rohrs

BAPTISM OF ROHAN JAMES KNEPLEY

PRESENTATION

P In Holy Baptism our gracious heavenly Father liberates us from sin and death by joining us to the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. We are born children of a fallen humanity; in the waters of Baptism we are reborn children of God and inheritors of eternal life. By water and the Holy Spirit we are made members of the Church which is the body of Christ. As we live with him and with his people, we grow in faith, love, and obedience to the will of God.

Parents and Sponsors: I present **Rohan James Knepley** to receive the Sacrament of Holy Baptism.

P In Christian love you have presented this child for Holy Baptism. You should, therefore, faithfully bring him to the services of God's house, and teach him the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments. As he grows in years, you should place in his hands the Holy Scriptures and provide for his instruction in the Christian faith, that, living in the covenant of his Baptism and in communion with the Church, he may lead a godly life until the day of Jesus Christ. Do you promise to fulfill these obligations?

Parents and Sponsors: I do.

THANKSGIVING

P The Lord be with you.
C **And also with you.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give him thanks and praise.

P Holy God, mighty Lord, gracious Father: We give you thanks, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and you created heaven and earth.

By the gift of water you nourish and sustain us and all living things. By the waters of the flood you condemned the wicked and saved those whom you had chosen, Noah and his family. You led Israel by the pillar of cloud and fire through the sea, out of slavery into the freedom of the promised land. In the waters of the Jordan your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Spirit. By the baptism of his own death and resurrection your beloved Son has set us free from the bondage to sin and death, and has opened the way to the joy and freedom of everlasting life. He made water a sign of the kingdom and of cleansing and rebirth. In obedience to his command, we make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Pour out your Holy Spirit, so that he who is here baptized may be given new life. Wash away the sin of him who is cleansed by this water and bring him forth as an inheritor of your glorious kingdom.

To you be given praise and honor and worship through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

C Amen

RENUNCIATION AND PROFESSION

P I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the Church, the faith in which we baptize.

P Do you renounce all the forces of evil, the devil, and all his empty promises?

Parents and Sponsors: I do.

P Do you believe in God the Father?

C I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

P Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

C 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.

P Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

C 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

BAPTISM

P **Rohan James Knepley**, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen

LAYING ON OF HANDS

P God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we give you thanks for freeing your sons and daughters from the power of sin and for raising them up to a new life through this holy sacrament. Pour your Holy Spirit upon **Rohan**: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence.

C Amen

SIGNING WITH THE CROSS

P **Rohan**, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever. Amen

GIVING OF THE LIGHT

A Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

PRAYER FOR PARENTS

P O God, the giver of all life, look with kindness upon **Andy** and **Abby**. Let them ever rejoice in the gift you have given them. Make them teachers and examples of righteousness for their children. Strengthen them in their own Baptism so they may share eternally with their children the salvation you have given them, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen

WELCOME

A Through Baptism God has made this new brother a member of the priesthood we all share in Christ Jesus, that we may proclaim the praise of God and bear his creative and redeeming Word to all the world.

C We welcome you into the Lord's family. We receive you as a fellow member of the body of Christ, child of the same heavenly Father, and worker with us in the kingdom of God.

HYMN WOV # 770 *Borning Cry*

SERMON

HYMN LBW # 406 *Take My Life, that I May Be* (you may remain seated)

TITHES AND OFFERINGS *Amazing Grace* -Ted Rohrs

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.

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 O Lord, you build your church, the body of Christ, and sustain it with living bread. Let wisdom guide your church, and teach all its members the way of righteousness. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A O Lord, bless the work of musicians, composers, writers, and all artists. Move us to even greater praise through their gifts of creativity. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A O Lord, we thank you for the diversity of the nations. Shower your wisdom and mercy upon all leaders and citizens. Give us all the courage to seek peace and pursue it. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A O Lord, we bless you for family, friends, and sisters and brothers in Christ who have guided us in wisdom and insight. Lead us into peace with all people until the day of Christ. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A O Lord, we thank you for this congregation. Give us gratitude for the many blessings we enjoy, and inspire us to give thanks at all times. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

P O Lord, send calm and perseverance to those who are in trouble or who live daily with great stress. Fill them with your Spirit and satisfy them with your presence (*especially*). Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

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.

* **LORD'S PRAYER** -Sung by Ted Rohrs (please stand as you are able)

BENEDICTION

HYMN LBW # 553 *Rejoice, O Pilgrim Throng*

POSTLUDE *Postlude on "St. Denio"*

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Borning Cry

The words and music for our baptism hymn today were written by John Ylvisaker. He was born in Fargo, North Dakota in 1937, and received his bachelor's degree in music and history from Concordia College. He felt worship music should be easily sung by those in the pews, and he wrote more than 1,000 songs for this effect. Creating lyrics paraphrased directly from the Bible, he used familiar folk tunes for the music. He also composed theme songs for the National Youth Gatherings for four decades. In 1985, Ylvisaker wrote "Borning Cry" for an ALC series on baptism, and it now appears in hymn books around the world. He died in March 2017, and true to his ministry he created his own memorial service.

Altar Flowers

Flowers are given to the glory of God by Rupert Schweinhagen's family in honor of his birthday.

Baptism

God's blessings to Rohan James, son of Andy & Abby Knepley who is being baptized this morning. Rohan's sponsors are Joe & Molly Knepley and Lucas & Samantha Bauer.

Coffee Hour

All are invited to attend our coffee hour after worship. Our hosts today are the choir altos & basses. Next week's hosts are the choir sopranos & tenors.

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.

Emanubells Needs You!

If you have ever wondered what it would be like to ring bells, now is your chance. Emanubells is in need of at least 2 ringers. They practice on Wednesday nights at 5:30 and play at late service the first Sunday of the month and at early on the second Sunday of the month. If you are interested, Please contact Bill Panning at 419-966-6216. It's a lot of fun! It's mostly smoke and mirrors!

Lutheran World Relief

On the Caring Corner table there are instructions for the different LWR kits (Personal Care, Baby, Fabric, School). We are also in need of drawstring backpacks to include with the School kits, and those instructions are on the Caring Corner table as well. Please return the finished kits to the Caring Corner table by October 1, 2018. If you have questions, please contact Betty Mowery 419-966-9027.

Thursday night worship

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

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

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

Statistics

8/9 (43)

8/12 (66) communed (63)

Simply Giving 8/10-8/15: \$490 Gen Fd; \$120 Bldg Fd

This Week

Monday	Noon	Newsletter deadline
	7:00 p.m.	Church Council
Wednesday	5:00 p.m.	Soul Food
	6:00 p.m.	WELCA Exec. Board
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 - Karri Ashbaugh

Sound Board - Maxine Eickhoff

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!

Thank You!!!

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

Needed: Sunday School Teachers!

Teachers, I believe, are the most responsible and important members of society because their efforts affect the fate of the earth. -Helen Caldicott, author and peace activist. 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 willing to help out with this important job!!

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.

Message from Transition Team

The Synod has requested our parish's transition team to obtain input from the congregation concerning the pastoral search. The transition's team feels it is important for **ALL** members to complete the survey. Please return the survey to the church office, offering plate or mail by September 16th. Thank you, Ron Wiechers, Lenny Sonnenberg, Dave Schwab, Shelly Storch and Barb Hoffman.

Endowment Fund

Emanuel's Endowment Fund was created in October 2009 for the purpose of providing for mission work beyond the operational budget of the church. It was initially funded with a bequest of \$55,000 from a member of Emanuel who passed away, and has since grown to about \$70,000 by way of additional donations.

Emanuel's constitution stipulates that distributions from the Endowment Fund are not permitted until the balance reaches \$100,000. Because Emanuel's building debt is now paid off, the Endowment Fund Committee and Church Council feel this is an excellent time to focus our efforts on increasing our Endowment Fund balance. We encourage members to consider donations or bequests to gradually reach our goal of \$100,000 so that we may use these funds to further the mission work of the church.

This effort will begin with a door offering on Sept. 9, 2018. The Endowment Fund Committee also recommends that any members of Emanuel who are also Thrivent Financial members consider directing their Thrivent Choice dollars to Emanuel which will be split between the Endowment Fund and the Building Fund.

If you have questions about the Endowment Fund please contact one of the Committee members: Gary Bostelman, Dennis Ehlers, Laura Ellis-Kruse, Julie MtCastle, or Ron Wiechers.