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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 *Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory*

CONFESSION *(you may remain seated)*

A Veterans describe military service as short bursts of sheer terror separated by long stretches of boredom. Life can be like that. We get caught up in realities bigger than ourselves and certain moments bring ecstatic meaning or profound emptiness. We know evil lurks around us and within us. From our baptismal birth until this very moment, we experience ourselves as both sinner and saint. By the movement of the Holy Spirit, we keep coming back to God. Today we pray as military veterans and citizens of America, returning to God, our Savior, for forgiveness and renewal.

C Forgive us, Jesus, for our struggle for justice that sometimes escalates to conflict before calmer heads prevail. Forgive us for prejudice and pride that condemns whole peoples without restraining the fewer enemies that really must be stopped.

A God forgives us through his crucified and risen Son. Open our eyes and unstop our ears, to see and hear many new ways for peace to prevail before conflict.

C Forgive us, Jesus, sending our young adults, family, friends, and fellow Americans into harm’s way without always first counting the cost of continuing to support them once sent to serve.

A God forgives us through his crucified and risen Son. Help us recognize the wounds from wars we have fought that bruise the soul, hurt the mind, and disfigure the body. Help us resolve such debts by the strength of your love. Fill us with willingness and courage to share your love with those who sacrificed for our freedom.

C Forgive us, Jesus, for celebrating our veterans, but not caring for their wounds, both mental and physical. Show us how to receive them, reach them, renew them, and recover them by your love that never ends for all of us.

A God does forgive us through his crucified and risen Son. He hears our moans and groans, our prayers and petitions through the Holy Spirit, who interprets and intercedes for us. Veterans and sinners alike are renewed as saints in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

THE STAR-SPANGLED BANNER (please stand)
(trumpeters: Tom Jenny, Mike Kruse, Dave Schwab)

THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
(Sunday School children and congregation)

THE PLEDGE TO THE BIBLE
(recited by Sunday School children)

HYMN *Armed Forces Hymn*

Veterans, please stand as we sing the verse for your branch of the service.
Family members of veterans (living or deceased) may also stand.

Army Lord, for your soldiers now we pray,
Be thou their shield by night and day.
Defend, protect in peace and war,
and grant them grace forevermore.
Our loved ones we commit to Thee,
God bless our Army family.

Marines Eternal Father grant we pray,
To all Marines both night and day,
The courage, honor, strength, and skill,
Their land to serve, thy law fulfill;
Be Thou their shield forevermore
From ev'ry peril to the Corps.

Navy Eternal Father strong to save,
Whose arm hath bound the restless wave,
Who bidd'st the mighty ocean deep,
Its own appointed limits keep.
O hear us as we cry to thee,
for those in peril on the sea.

Air Force Lord, guard and guide the men who fly,
Through the great spaces of the sky.
Be with them always in the air,
In dark'ning storms and sunlight fair.
O hear us as we lift our prayer,
for those in peril in the air.

Coast Guard Eternal Father, Lord of Hosts,
Watch o'er the men who guard our coasts.
Protect them from the raging seas,
And give them light and life and peace,
Grant them from thy great throne above,
The shield and shelter of thy love.

PRAYER

A Almighty and everlasting God, whose providence guides your people in diligent service, bless the officers and enlisted women and men of the Army, Navy, Marines, Air Force, and Coast Guard as they perform the duties of their calling. Relying upon your guidance, may they courageously defend our nation from every foe, and may they promote justice, honor, and unity. Give all of us not only true love of country, but also true love of you and an understanding of your love for all people. Enable us all to be a means of fostering mutual respect and understanding among the peoples of the world; through Jesus Christ, your Son and our Lord.

C Amen.

CHILDREN'S SERMON -Tom Jenny

“Faith of Our Fathers: Celebrating Our American Heritage”

Cantata Readers: Jamie Bostelman and Denise Etzler

My Country 'Tis of Thee ★ *This Is My Country, America* -Choir

Reading

This Land is Your Land ★ *I'm a Yankee Doodle Dandy* -Choir

Reading

God of Strength and God of Power ★ *O God, Our Help in Ages Past* -Choir

Reading

Hear Our Prayer -Choir

-in the middle of the song, the choir will lead
the congregation in speaking the Lord's Prayer

God of Our Fathers -Choir

Reading

Doxology ★ *His Abundant Blessings* -Choir

-the choir will lead the congregation in singing:

Praise God, from whom all blessing flow.
Praise Him, all creatures here below.
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host.
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Reading

No Greater Love -Choir

Faith of Our Fathers -Choir

Reading

This Is My Country, America -Choir

*** 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 *America the Beautiful* -Rainbow Ringers

OFFERTORY

As you, Lord, have lived for others, so may we for others live.
Freely have your gifts been granted; freely may your servants give.
Yours the gold and yours the silver, yours the wealth of land and sea.
We but stewards of your bounty Held in solemn trust will be.

PRAYERS

A On this day, we remember those who have served in our Armed Forces.
Prince of peace, even as we pray for an end to war,

C We give thanks for our soldiers' courage, for their love of country, and for their work to bring peace to our world.

A Healer of all, bind up the wounds of all who have served.

C Show us how to comfort those who are hurting.

A Merciful God, all suffer the cost of war.

C We remember widows and widowers, orphans, and all those separated from those they love.

A We pray, gracious God, that swords will be turned into plowshares and that peace will reign. We give thanks for all who have served. Shield from danger those who bravely protect us.

C With them, may we glory not in war, but in your love and righteousness. Strengthen us to be your peacemakers in the world. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

BENEDICTION

A Go now, as the Spirit of God has called you; be a people of grace.

C Amen.

A Be a people of truth.

C Amen.

A Be a people who pursue peace.

C Amen.

A Be a people who forgive.

C Amen.

A Be a people who love.

C Amen.

A Be a people who pray.

C Amen.

A May God lead you and guide you.

C Amen.

GOD BLESS AMERICA

(trumpeters: Tom Jenny, Mike Kruse, Dave Schwab, Seth Tonjes)

POSTLUDE *Declaration*



Altar Flowers

Flowers are given to the glory of God by Janice Rohrs in loving memory of Vern and our 70th wedding anniversary.

Flower Chart

The new flower chart for 2019 is hanging in the narthex. Pick your special day and sign up early! If you pick a day and there is not enough room, please leave a note in the church office with your information.

We pray for people having birthdays this week ... Rodney Dachenhaus, Nanette Schwab, Gary Bostelman, Kathleen Ward, Kaitlin Cordes, Terry Walther, Eloise Dierker, Gary Ritchey, Roger Borstelman, Pastor Jim Castello, Nathan Cordes, Karl Wiechers.

Newsletter

The deadline for the December newsletter is noon TOMORROW!!! *(Please note that this is a week earlier than usual.)* Are your meetings on the calendar??

Presentation of Bibles

Parents of second graders, please note: we will have a presentation of Bibles for all second graders **next Sunday**, November 18, at **9:00 a.m. service**. PLEASE make every effort to have your youngster here for this!

Thanksgiving

Emanuel is honored to host the Community Thanksgiving service this year on Wednesday, November 21, at 7 p.m. Refreshments will be served immediately following the service. Mark your calendars and don't miss this special service! Give thanks with a grateful heart!

Caring Corner for November - Christmas Cheer

** Canned/non-perishable food items for Christmas Cheer of Henry County **
Please check expiration dates and NO microwavable items! Think complete meals.

Toledo Symphony String Quartet

First Presbyterian Church, 303 West Washington St., Napoleon, will be hosting the Toledo Symphony String Quartet today November 11, at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$10 Adults and \$5 Students.

Salvation Army red kettles at Walmart

There is a sign-up sheet posted by the secretary's office for volunteering to ring the bells on Thursday, November 29. There are 2-hour shifts for each of the two doors. This is a great opportunity for high school students that need community service. Start your Advent Season by preparing to help others! All monies in these kettles supports the great work of Salvation Army in Henry County. Dress for the weather!

Statistics

11/1 (24) 11/4 (149) communed (132) Simply Giving 11/1 - 11/8 : \$1090 Gen Fd; \$225 Bldg Fd; \$25 Good Sam; \$25 World Hunger.

This Week

Monday	9:00 a.m.	Ruth Circle
	Noon	Newsletter deadline
	7:30 p.m.	Naomi Circle
Wednesday	3:15 p.m.	After School Club
	5:00 p.m.	Soul Food
	5:30 p.m.	Emanubells
	5:30 p.m.	6 th Grade Catechism
	6:30 p.m.	Choir
	6:30 p.m.	8 th Grade Catechism
	7:30 p.m.	Living Spirit
Thursday	9:00 a.m.	Bible Study
	7:00 p.m.	Worship with Holy Communion

Serving Today

Worship & Music Coordinator & Organist - Angela Tonjes
Bell Choir Director - Bill Panning
Lay Assistant - Ron Meyers
Sound Board - Jeff Sharpe
Acolytes - Derek Miller & Avary Miller
Ushers - Paul Mowery, Casey Callaway, Lori Sharpe, Ken Lange
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!

Advent Candle Lighting

We are in need of congregation members to light candles on the Advent wreath and read the litany and prayer on the first 4 Sundays in December. If you or your family would like to do this, let Angela know by November 25th.

Solo Flight

Friday, November 16 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. Sock Hop with Dick Beck, will be performing for your listening enjoyment. All singles are welcome!!

Emergency Contact Form

Sunday School Parents, if you have not already please fill out a Sunday School form for your child. We need this for emergencies but also for the Christmas Program. Copies of the forms will be located downstairs in the nursery. Once you fill it out you can leave it on the nursery table.

A Veterans Day prayer

God of all nations, you are our Strength and Shield. We give you thanks today for the devotion and courage of all those who have offered military service for this country ...

We ask today that you would lift up by your Spirit those who are now at war; encourage and heal those in hospitals or mending their wounds at home; guard those in any need or trouble; hold safely in your hands all military families and bring the returning troops to joyful reunion and tranquil life at home. Give to us, your people, grateful hearts and a united will to honor these men and women and hold them always in our love and our prayers until your world is perfected in peace and all wars cease. Through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

—Rev. Dr. Jennifer Phillips

We honor our veterans

On Veterans Day we honor men and women who have served and sacrificed in one of America’s armed services. The holiday is also meant to highlight America’s quest for world peace and our nation’s desire for justice and freedom throughout the world — our nation’s higher goals.

Veterans Day is actually rooted in Armistice Day. On November 11, 1918, America and her allies met with German leaders to sign a truce ending World War I. In 1919, President Woodrow Wilson decided that our nation should remember with gratitude the end of that war and honor those who served in the military. He called the holiday, Armistice Day. Armistice means “truce.”

In his proclamation the president wrote that Armistice Day was an “opportunity ... given to America to show her sympathy with peace and justice in the councils of the nations.”

The name Armistice Day was kept until 1954 when Congress changed the name to Veterans Day honoring veterans of every era. President Eisenhower called on all citizens to observe the day remembering the sacrifices of veterans and “the task of promoting an enduring peace.”



O beautiful for heroes proved

Newscaster Tom Brokaw went to the beaches of Normandy in June 2004 to honor the thousands of soldiers who invaded France 60 years ago. Part of his report included an interview with a survivor of the invasion, an old veteran named Harold Baumgarten. He had been with 29 other soldiers who jumped from a landing craft to rush onto the beach while bullets peppered them incessantly. Only two of the group of 30 men survived the day. Baumgarten himself was wounded in his jaw and had to wait a day before he could be treated. Altogether on that one day some 4,900 soldiers died.

Harold Baumgarten was only 19, but such an experience made him a serious young man who, thanking God that he had survived, vowed to make his life count for something. He decided to become a physician and to dedicate himself to serve anyone who came to him, particularly veterans.

Dr. Baumgarten kept his fees low so that those with smaller incomes would feel comfortable seeking his care. In his mind, he was serving on behalf of his fellow soldiers who had died.

Thinking of the good Dr. Baumgarten has done in life, one wonders what positive contributions the many American men and women who died in the service could have made had they survived.

Katherine Lee Bates, who penned "America the Beautiful" (1904), was surely thinking about such veterans when she wrote the third stanza:

O beautiful for heroes proved
In liberating strife.
Who more than self the country loved
And mercy more than life!
America! America!
May God thy gold refine
Till all success be nobleness
And every gain divine!