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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

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS *(you may remain seated)*

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, who shines in glory, clothes us in compassion, and bears gifts of mercy for all.

C Amen.

P Let us confess our sins with confidence in God's promise of forgiveness. God, wonderful counselor,

C we confess that we have turned from your gifts and chosen our own way. We have not made room for you in our hearts or in our world. We have lived in fear; we have not welcomed the stranger; we desire gifts that will not endure. Forgive us our sins, known and unknown, and open us to receive the peace of Jesus dwelling in and among us. Amen.

P God's lovingkindness has appeared to us in Christ our Savior. We are saved, not by anything we have done, but by God's mercy poured out on us richly. In the name of Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Through the Spirit living in you, God give you faith to trust Jesus, who is Love born for you, now and always.

C Amen.

HYMN LBW # 71 *Angels We Have Heard on High*

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 Shine into our hearts the light of your wisdom, O God, and open our minds to the knowledge of your word, that in all things we may think and act according to your good will and may live continually in the light of your Son, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC *"Gloria"* -Bell Choir

FIRST LESSON: 1 Samuel 2:18-20, 26

¹⁸Samuel was ministering before the LORD, a boy wearing a linen ephod.

¹⁹His mother used to make for him a little robe and take it to him each year, when she went up with her husband to offer the yearly sacrifice.

²⁰Then Eli would bless Elkanah and his wife, and say, "May the LORD repay you with children by this

woman for the gift that she made to the LORD"; and then they would return to their home.

²⁶Now the boy Samuel continued to grow both in stature and in favor with the LORD and with the people.

A The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM 148

¹Hallelujah! Praise the LORD | from the heavens; praise God | in the heights.

²**Praise the LORD, | all you angels; sing praise, all you | hosts of heaven.**

³Praise the LORD, | sun and moon; sing praise, all you | shining stars.

⁴**Praise the LORD, heaven of heavens, and you waters above the heavens.**

⁵Let them praise the name | of the LORD, who commanded, and they | were created,

⁶who made them stand fast forever and ever,
giving them a law that shall not | pass away.
⁷Praise the LORD | from the earth,
you sea monsters | and all deeps;
⁸fire and hail, | snow and fog,
tempestuous wind, doing God's will;
⁹mountains | and all hills,
fruit trees | and all cedars;
¹⁰wild beasts | and all cattle,
creeping things and | flying birds;
¹¹sovereigns of the earth | and all peoples,
princes and all rulers | of the world;
¹²young | men and maidens,
old and | young together.
¹³Let them praise the name | of the LORD,
whose name only is exalted, whose splendor is over | earth and heaven.
¹⁴The LORD has raised up strength for the people
and praise for all | faithful servants,
the children of Israel, a people who are near the LORD. | Hallelujah!

SECOND LESSON: Colossians 3:12-17

¹²As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. ¹³Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. ¹⁴Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. ¹⁵And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be

thankful. ¹⁶Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. ¹⁷And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

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

* **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** *(please stand as you are able)*
Why lies he in such mean estate where ox and ass are feeding?
Good Christian, fear; for sinners here the silent Word is pleading.
This, this is God's Good News, the word come down from heaven.
Oh, listen, hear, and sing: Glad tidings now are given!

* **GOSPEL: Luke 2:41-52**

⁴¹Now every year [Jesus'] parents went to Jerusalem for the festival of the Passover. ⁴²And when he was twelve years old, they went up as usual for the festival. ⁴³When the festival was ended and they started to return, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it. ⁴⁴Assuming that he was in the group of travelers, they went a day's journey. Then they started to look for him among their relatives and friends. ⁴⁵When they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem to search for him. ⁴⁶After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. ⁴⁷And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding

and his answers. ⁴⁸When his parents saw him they were astonished; and his mother said to him, "Child, why have you treated us like this? Look, your father and I have been searching for you in great anxiety." ⁴⁹He said to them, "Why were you searching for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" ⁵⁰But they did not understand what he said to them. ⁵¹Then he went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them. His mother treasured all these things in her heart. ⁵²And Jesus increased in wisdom and in years, and in divine and human favor.

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

CHILDREN'S SERMON

HYMN LBW # 62 *The Bells of Christmas*

SERMON

HYMN LBW # 55 *Good Christian Friends, Rejoice* *(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 *Go Tell It on the Mountain* -Bell Choir

OFFERTORY

So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh; Come peasant, king, to own him.
The King of kings salvation brings; Let loving hearts en-throne him.
Raise, raise the song on high, The virgin sings her lullaby;
Joy, joy, for Christ is born, The babe, the son of Mary!

THE PRAYERS *(you may remain seated)*

A Dwelling in the presence of God with us, let us boldly pray for the church, the world, and all in any need.

A brief silence.

A God of wisdom, open our ears to hear your grace through the words and deeds of children. Inspire the youngest and oldest in our midst to learn from one another with humility and patience. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A God of creation, praise to you for hills and mountains, fruit trees and forests, animals wild and tame, sea monsters, birds, and reptiles. Spark delight in our hearts for all that you have made. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A God of hope, call us to peace and bind us together in perfect unity. Make wars to cease. Guide the leaders of the nations in your way of wisdom, compassion, and tolerance. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A God of healing, mend the broken hearts of those who suffer this day. Treasure everyone who struggles with addiction, loneliness, hunger, unemployment, mental illness, or sickness (*especially*). Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A God of life, draw us into the body of Christ and make us grow in faith and hope. Fill us with hearts of thanksgiving made visible in our words and actions for the sake of the whole world. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A God of delight, fill us with songs of praise and hope even in the midst of despair and death. Comfort the grieving. Strengthen our faith until the day we will be gathered around your throne singing in eternal praise. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

P Trusting in the presence of God by the power of the Holy Spirit, we commend all for whom we pray, dwelling in the light and hope of Christ, our Savior.

C Amen.

*** LORD'S PRAYER**  *(please stand as you are able)*

**Our Father in heaven, all praise to Your name!
Your kingdom among us, Your will done the same
By mortals and angels. Come, Lord, reign alone:
Oh, hear us and bless us from heaven's high throne.**

**The bread that we yearn for provide us each day;
As we forgive others, our sins take away;
In times of temptation, to lead us be near;
From evil deliver Your children most dear.**

**For Yours is the kingdom; o'er all things Your reign.
And Yours is the power; all things You maintain.
To You be the glory, resounding again
From all of creation forever! Amen.**

BENEDICTION

HYMN LBW # 39 *Joy to the World*

POSTLUDE

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Altar Flowers

Flowers are given to the glory of God by Steve & Phyllis Kloos in honor of their 45th wedding anniversary; and by Shirlee Mires-Fejes in loving memory of Phil, Nelson and Lisa.

We pray for people having birthdays this week ... Bob Ivancso, Laura Moser, Stephanie Nelson, Emma Rowland, William Moden, Ronnie Rohrs, Lori Burch, Andrea Van Gilder, Karl Yunker, Sean Slee, Jason Long, Eldon Nye. **and wedding anniversaries ...** John & Donna Norden. **and for all the military...**

Devotionals

Portals of Prayer and *Christ In Our Home* are available at both entrances. There are both regular and large print editions.

2019 Offering Envelopes

Have you picked up your offering envelopes? They are located in the hallway outside the church office.

Statistics

12/23 (177); 12/24 5 p.m. (126) communed (99) 10:30 p.m. (151) communed (131); 12/25 (37) communed (35)

12/16 - Offerings: \$9876 (\$7055 Bldg Fd; \$3 Sun Sch; \$20 After Sch; \$100 Soul Food; \$10 Bell Choir) 12/23 - Offerings: \$4813 (\$35 Bldg Fd; \$10 Endow Fd; \$50 Soul Food; \$10 Bell Choir) 12/24-25 - Offerings: \$2908 (\$100 Bell Choir) Simply Giving 12/ 21- 12/24: \$105 Gen Fd; \$20 Bldg Fd

This Week

Wednesday 5:00 p.m. Soul Food
Thursday 9:00 a.m. Bible Study

Serving Today

Officiating - Matt Van Gilder
Worship & Music Coordinator & Organist - Angela Tonjes
Guest Organist - Pat Mohring
Bell Choir Director - Bill Panning
Lay Assistant - Ronnie Rohrs
Sound Board - Jeff Sharpe
Acolytes - Preston Speaks & Ashton Delaney
Ushers - Dave Schwab, Alan Storch, Lenny Sonnenberg, Chris Peper
Altar Guild - Maxine Eickhoff & Phyllis Kloos
Prayer Chain Co-ordinator - Phyllis Kloos (419-260-6582) or
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Volunteers needed

Please consider volunteering as lay assistant, sound board operator, or usher for our worship services. You can sign up for one week or for a month. The sign up sheet is on the bulletin board in the narthex or talk to Betty Mowery or Ronnie Rohrs to volunteer. WE NEED YOU!!!

Congratulations!

God's blessings to Krista (Rohrs) & Todd Amstutz on the birth of Mitchell David on Monday, December 17, 9 pounds 5 ounce! He was welcomed home by sister Emma and brother Collin. Proud grandparents are Kurt & Karen Rohrs and great grandmother, Janice Rohrs.

End of year Reports — NOW DUE!!!! Thank you!

2018 Financial Statements

The year end financial statements will be printed January 8, 2019. We will start handing them out on Sunday, January 13. Thank you, Finance Board