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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 *Fantasy on "Rock of Ages"*

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, who calls us beloved children, who gather us into one flock, who guides us into all truth.

C Amen

P Let us confess our sins, trusting that God will forgive us and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Faithful and just God,

C we confess that we are captive to doubt and fear, bound by the ways that lead to death. We have not loved our sisters and brothers as you have first loved us. Forgive us, God of mercy. Let your Holy Spirit work in us to change our lives and make us new, that we may know the abundant life given in Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. Amen.

P In this is love, not that we loved God but that God loved us and sent the Son to atone for our sins. In the name of Jesus Christ, I announce to you that your sins are forgiven. Let the perfect love of God cast our fear, fill you with joy, and inspire you to live for others.

C Amen.

HYMN WOV # 801 *Thine the Amen, Thine the Praise*

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, form the minds of your faithful people into your one will. Make us love what you command and desire what you promise, that, amid all the changes of this world, our hearts may be fixed where true joy is found, your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

FIRST LESSON: Acts 16:16-34

¹⁶One day, as we were going to the place of prayer, we met a slave-girl who had a spirit of divination and brought her owners a great deal of money by fortune-telling. ¹⁷While she followed Paul and us, she would cry out, "These men are slaves of the Most High God, who proclaim to you a way of salvation." ¹⁸She kept doing this for many days. But Paul, very much annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, "I order you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her." And it came out that very hour.

¹⁹But when her owners saw that their hope of making money was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the marketplace before the authorities. ²⁰When they had brought them before the

magistrates, they said, "These men are disturbing our city; they are Jews ²¹and are advocating customs that are not lawful for us as Romans to adopt or observe." ²²The crowd joined in attacking them, and the magistrates had them stripped of their clothing and ordered them to be beaten with rods. ²³After they had given them a severe flogging, they threw them into prison and ordered the jailer to keep them securely. ²⁴Following these instructions, he put them in the innermost cell and fastened their feet in the stocks.

²⁵About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them. ²⁶Suddenly there was an earthquake, so violent that the

foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone's chains were unfastened. ²⁷When the jailer woke up and saw the prison doors wide open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, since he supposed that the prisoners had escaped. ²⁸But Paul shouted in a loud voice, "Do not harm yourself, for we are all here." ²⁹The jailer called for lights, and rushing in, he fell down trembling before Paul and Silas. ³⁰Then he brought them outside and said, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" ³¹They answered, "Believe

on the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household." ³²They spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house. ³³At the same hour of the night he took them and washed their wounds; then he and his entire family were baptized without delay. ³⁴He brought them up into the house and set food before them; and he and his entire household rejoiced that he had become a believer in God.

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

PSALM 97

¹The LORD reigns; let the ¹ earth rejoice;
let the multitude of the ¹ isles be glad.

²**Clouds and darkness surround the LORD,
righteousness and justice are the foundations ¹ of God's throne.**

³Fire goes before the LORD,
burning up enemies on ¹ every side.

⁴**Lightnings light ¹ up the world;
the earth ¹ sees and trembles.**

⁵The mountains ¹ melt like wax
before the Lord of ¹ all the earth.

⁶**The heavens declare your righteousness, O LORD,
and all the peoples ¹ see your glory.**

⁷Confounded be all who worship carved images and delight ¹ in false gods!
Bow down before the LORD, ¹ all you gods.

⁸**Zion hears and is glad, and the cities of Judah rejoice,
because of your judgments, O LORD.**

⁹For you are the LORD, most high over ¹ all the earth;
you are exalted far above all gods.

¹⁰**You who love the ¹ LORD, hate evil!
God guards the lives of the saints
and rescues them from the hand ¹ of the wicked.**

¹¹Light dawns ¹ for the righteous,
and joy for the honest of heart.

¹²**Rejoice in the ¹ LORD, you righteous,
and give thanks to God's ¹ holy name.**

SECOND LESSON: Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21

¹²See, I am coming soon; my reward is with me, to repay according to everyone's work. ¹³I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end."

¹⁴Blessed are those who wash their robes, so that they will have the right to the tree of life and may enter the city by the gates. ¹⁶It is I, Jesus, who sent my angel to you with this testimony for the churches. I am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star."

¹⁷The Spirit and the bride say,
"Come."

And let everyone who hears say,
"Come."

And let everyone who is thirsty come.

Let anyone who wishes take the water of life as a gift."

²⁰The one who testifies to these things says, "Surely I am coming soon." Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!

²¹The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all the saints. Amen.

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

* GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (please stand as you are able)

O Lord, send forth your Spirit To seize our wayward mind;
For still, in this world's fashion, We hunger for a sign.
For you, O Lord, have made us That, not by signs or bread,
But only by your Gospel Can human souls be fed.

* GOSPEL: John 17:20-26 (please stand as you are able)

[Jesus prayed:] ²⁰"I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, ²¹that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that

the world may believe that you have sent me. ²²The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, ²³I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me. ²⁴Father, I desire that those also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory, which you have given me because you loved me

before the foundation of the world. ²⁵Righteous Father, the world does not know you, but I know you; and these know that you have sent me. ²⁶I made your name known to them, and I will make it known, so that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them."

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

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SPECIAL MUSIC *Song of Dedication* -Karri Ashbaugh

**BAPTISM OF Elowen Elizabeth Patrick, Lincoln James Horn,
Nico Marco Caponi**

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 **Elowen Elizabeth Patrick, Lincoln James Horn, Nico Marco Caponi** to receive the Sacrament of Holy Baptism.

P In Christian love you have presented these children for Holy Baptism. You should, therefore, faithfully bring them to the services of God's house, and teach them the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments. As they grows in years, you should place in their hands the Holy Scriptures and provide

for them instruction in the Christian faith, that, living in the covenant of their Baptism and in communion with the Church, they may lead godly lives 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 those who are here baptized may be given new life. Wash away the sin of those who are cleansed by this water and bring them forth as inheritors 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 **Elowen Elizabeth Patrick, Lincoln James Horn, Nico Marco Caponi**, Is baptized 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 **Elowen, Lincoln** and **Nico**: 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 **Elowen, Lincoln, Nico**, 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 **Victoria** and **Ethan**; **Amanda** and **Christopher**; **Tiffany** and **Marco**. 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 sister and brothers members 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 fellow members of the body of Christ, children of the same heavenly Father, and workers with us in the kingdom of God.

HYMN WOV #770 *Borning Cry*

SERMON

HYMN LBW # 197 *O Living Bread from Heaven*

PRAYERS *(you may remain seated)*

A Trusting God's promise of new life, we pray for the renewal of the church, the world, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

A Bless diversity in worship and ministry across all nations and cultures. Unite us in Christ and keep us faithful in our calling to show your love to the world. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A Pour out over all the earth the water of life as a gift. Wash the wounds of creation and restore all living things to wholeness. Protect ocean habitats, river ecosystems, and wetlands. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A Give a spirit of collaboration to leaders of the nations, so that all people know safety, security, and dignity. Heal victims of torture and liberate those who are wrongfully imprisoned or detained. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A Come quickly to the aid of your people. Give wisdom and the gift of calm to military, prison, hospital, and hospice chaplains who stand as signs of your abiding presence. Refresh all who thirst for love, hope, or healing. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A Let your word fill our hearts and our homes. Bless all who teach us the faith: pastors and deacons, Sunday school and confirmation teachers, public theologians, mentors, curriculum writers, and publishers. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A Hold all the saints in the grace of the Lord Jesus. Sustain weary souls with the promise that the morning star is coming soon to lead us into light. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

P We commend these and all our prayers to you, O God. Come near to us with your saving help, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.

C Amen.

*** PEACE**

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you.

TITHES AND OFFERINGS *You Say* -Mackenzie Piercefield

I keep fighting voices in my mind that say I'm not enough,

Every single lie that tells me I will never measure up.

Am I more than just the sum of every high and every low?

Remind me once again just who I am, because I need to know. *Refrain:*

You say I am loved when I can't feel a thing.

You say I am strong when I think I am weak.

You say I am held when I am falling short.

When I don't belong, oh, you say that I am yours,

And I believe, oh I believe, what you say of me, I believe.

The only thing that matters now is everything you think of me
In you I find my worth, in you I find my identity. *Refrain:*

Taking all I have, and now I'm laying it at your feet

You have every failure, God; you'll have every victory. *Refrain:*

OFFERTORY  *(you may remain seated)*

God, we know we cannot pay you, for your love in Christ your Son.

Gifts and tithes are just a thank you, ways to pass your blessings on.

We have learned that, in our sharing, we receive more than we give.

By your Spirit, make us daring, in this joyful way to live.

OFFERING PRAYER

A Risen One, as you broke bread with the disciples on the shore, meet us now in this meal. Nourish us to follow you, using our gifts to feed the hungry and tend the weary, and all for your love's sake.

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

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 Living God, you have greeted us in our brokenness and nourished us with the body of Christ, broken for us. Risen to new life with you, send us now to bear your healing love into the wounded world, in the name of our risen Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

BENEDICTION

CLOSING VERSE

Depart in peace to do God's will; walk ever in the light,
For Christ is with you evermore, to guide you day and night.

DISMISSAL

A You are the body of Christ raised up for the world.

Go in peace. Share the good news. Alleluia!

C Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

POSTLUDE *There's a Spirit in the Air*

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Altar Flowers

Flowers are given to the glory of God by Jack Robbins in loving memory of Wilma & Lester Robbins.

Thursday evening services

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

Baptisms

God's blessings to Elowen Elizabeth, daughter of Victoria Peper & Ethan Patrick who is being baptized this morning. Elowen's sponsors are Greg Peper and Amanda Horn. God's blessings to Lincoln James, son of Christopher & Amanda Horn who is being baptized this morning. Lincoln's sponsors are Carli Patrick and Richie Ashley. God's blessings to Nico Marco son of Marco & Tiffany Caponi who is being baptized this morning. Nico's sponsors are Amanda and Chris Horn.

We pray for people having birthdays this week ... Gabriel Hershberger, Michael Rex, Kurt Landversicht, Jack Robbins, Keith Ziegler, Lilith Castello-Dunn, Julie MtCastle, Patrick Rohrbaugh, Terry Lacy, Robert Hoffman, Gretchen VanDyke. **and wedding anniversaries ...** Thomas & Wendy Schroeder Sr., Christopher & Jamie Weirauch. **and for all the military...**

Pentecost

The festival of Pentecost is **Sunday, June 9**. This is the fiftieth day of Easter, and we celebrate the Holy Spirit as the power of God among us. There are images of wind and fire in the first lesson for this day. Some Christians consider Pentecost to be the birth of the Christian church. We encourage you to **WEAR RED**.

Summer Coffee Hour

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

Work Day

Please mark your calendars for this coming **Saturday, June 8**. We plan to do some "spring cleaning" at the church (both inside and outside) and could use your help!!! We will start at 9 a.m.

The Napoleon Community Vacation Bible School

Will be held June 9th - 13th at St. Paul United Methodist Church from 6-8 p.m. All 4 year olds thru 5th graders are invited. Registration forms are available at the church entrances or you can register online at crossroadsnapoleon.com.

Call Committee Update:

As mentioned in our previous update, the call committee had three potential candidates for our pastoral vacancy that we planned to interview in May. We interviewed two of these candidates. One is now in the process of accepting a call from another congregation (and therefore must be removed from consideration by Emanuel) and the other was not deemed by the call committee to be a good match for Emanuel. We did not have the opportunity to interview the third candidate as this individual began the process of accepting a call from another congregation prior to our scheduled interview. We have an interview with another candidate scheduled in June, and the synod indicates they will be sending us the profile of another candidate in the near future. We ask for your prayers and your patience. As always, please contact any call committee member with questions or comments you may have.

Caring Corner for June — House of Ruth

House of Ruth is a shelter for women, and sometimes their children, who are victims of domestic abuse and need a safe, protective place to stay. House of Ruth is always in need of personal care items for the residents. Many arrive at the shelter with literally “the clothes on their backs”. The shelter provides toiletries, food, laundry products, baby care items, and other essential needs. Below are the most needed and used items.

Personal care items:

- Body wash
- Shower puffs
- Wash clothes/towels
- Hair brushes/combs
- Hair styling products

- Barretts/ponytail bands/headbands

Baby needs:

- Bath supplies
- Baby lotions/powders
- Diaper rash ointment

Cleaning supplies:

- Laundry soap
- Fabric softener
- Dish Soap
- Disinfectant spary/wipes

WELCA

The next general meeting for Women of the ELCA (WELCA) will be on Tuesday, June 4. It will begin at 6:30 p.m. and is a potluck. Ron Meyers will share information on his recent visit to Panama with Voluntary Ophthalmology Service to Humanity. Come for some good food and fellowship. All women of Emanuel are welcome. Bring a guest!

Chicken and Rib BBQ

Together We Can Make A Difference Initiatives is sponsoring a Chicken and Rib Barbecue tomorrow from 12 noon to 6 p.m. in our parking lot (please use the Scott Street entrance). For \$8 you may have either Chicken of Ribs with a bag of chips, applesauce, and a dinner role or meat only for \$6. ***In conjunction with the Blood Drive, we will be giving \$1 off each meal when you have donated blood.*** Tickets may be purchased ahead of time, but drive-thru’s are welcome. To reserve your dinners, call Kelli Burkhardt at 419-579-0199 or email togethernwoh@gmail.com. Chicken & Ribs prepared by Port-A-Pit BBQ from Edgerton, Ohio.

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, 2019. If you have questions, please contact Betty Mowery 419-966-9027.

Devotionals

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

Statistics

5/23 (37) 5/26 (148)
Offerings: \$3972 (\$150 Bldg Fd; \$15 Endow Fd)
Simply Giving 5/28: \$65 Gen Fd; \$20 Bldg Fd

This Week

Monday	12-6 p.m.	Blood Drive
	12-6 p.m.	Chicken & Rib Barbecue
Tuesday	12:30 p.m.	PERI
	6:30 p.m.	WELCA General Meeting & Potluck
Wednesday	5:00 p.m.	Soul Food
Thursday	9:00 a.m.	Bible Study
	7:00 p.m.	Worship
Saturday	9:00 a.m.	Work Day - Church Spring Cleaning

Serving Today

Officiating - Pastor Beth Westphal

Worship & Music Coordinator & Organist - Angela Tonjes

Bell Choir Director - Bill Panning

Lay Assistant - Joe Kohout

Sound Board - Jack Robbins

Acolytes - Sophia Good & Rudi Dachenhaus

Ushers - Casey Callaway, Julie Callaway, Ed Biederstedt, Tiffany Biederstedt

Altar Guild - Ami Allison & Andrea Hoffman

Prayer Chain Co-ordinator - Phyllis Kloos (419-260-6582) or
phyllis_kloos@yahoo.com

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 Ronnie Rohrs or Melinda Dachenhaus to volunteer. WE NEED YOU!!!

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. All are welcome to our service, as “it is better to have a child wiggle in church than to wiggle out of it.”

Blood Drive

The annual blood drive at Emanuel is on June 3rd from 12 p.m. to 6 p.m. in the basement/Fellowship Hall. Mark your calendars now! To make an appointment to donate, please register at redcrossblood.org or call the American Red Cross at 1-800-733-2767 now. Last year we collected 45 pints of blood and had 6 first time donors. Let's try and beat that goal this year!

Thanks in advance for all your help in this outreach program that Emanuel has participated in for 19 years. We have collected over 1000 units of blood in this time span! Maybe this is the year for you to donate your first unit?!

PS - Word is out that we have a Together We Can Make A Difference Chicken BBQ going on that day at Emanuel as well!

The living Word

Many know of teacher Annie Sullivan helping young Helen Keller break through barriers of blindness and deafness to discover language: how Sullivan placed one of Helen's hands under running water, spelling *water* in sign language over and over into the other. In Keller's words: “Suddenly I felt a misty consciousness as of something forgotten — a thrill of returning thought; and somehow the mystery of language was revealed to me. I knew that w-a-t-e-r meant the wonderful cool something that was flowing over my hand. That living word awakened my soul, gave it light, hope, joy, set it free.”

God's living Word, working through the waters of baptism, also awakens us — to a life of faith anchored in God's unconditional love. Baptism revives in us a “misty consciousness” that we are safe in God and reveals “the mystery of language” that is prayer. In baptism, as water washes over our bodies, the living Word gives us light, hope, joy and true freedom.