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## Eighth Sunday after Pentecost † August 4, 2019

LBW-Lutheran Book of Worship    WOV-With One Voice

\* Please stand as you are able

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

### RINGING OF THE BELL

### PRELUDE

### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

**C Amen.**

P Seeking reconciliation with God and neighbor, let us remember the gift of baptism and confess our sin.

God of mercy,

**C we confess that we have sinned against you, against one another, and against the earth entrusted to our care. We are worried and distracted by many things, and we fail to love you above all else. We store up treasures for ourselves and turn away from our neighbors in need. Forgive us, that we may live in the freedom of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

P When we were laid low by sin and guilt, God made us alive together with Christ, forgiving us all our trespasses by taking our sins to the cross. For freedom Christ has set us free: Rejoice in this good news!

**C Amen.**

## HYMN LBW # 543    *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*

### 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 Benevolent God, you are the source, the guide, and the goal of our lives. Teach us to love what is worth loving, to reject what is offensive to you, and to treasure what is precious in your sight, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C Amen.**

### FIRST READING: Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-23

<sup>2</sup>Vanity of vanities, says the Teacher, vanity of vanities! All is vanity.

<sup>12</sup>I, the Teacher, when king over Israel in Jerusalem, <sup>13</sup>applied my mind to seek and to search out by wisdom all that is done under heaven; it is an unhappy business that God has given to human beings to be busy with. <sup>14</sup>I saw all the deeds that are done under the sun; and see, all is vanity and a chasing after wind.

<sup>2:18</sup>I hated all my toil in which I had toiled under the sun, seeing that I must leave it to those who come after me <sup>19</sup>—and who knows whether they will be wise or foolish? Yet they will be master of all for which I toiled

and used my wisdom under the sun. This also is vanity. <sup>20</sup>So I turned and gave my heart up to despair concerning all the toil of my labors under the sun, <sup>21</sup>because sometimes one who has toiled with wisdom and knowledge and skill must leave all to be enjoyed by another who did not toil for it. This also is vanity and a great evil. <sup>22</sup>What do mortals get from all the toil and strain with which they toil under the sun? <sup>23</sup>For all their days are full of pain, and their work is a vexation; even at night their minds do not rest. This also is vanity.

A The Word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM 49:1-12**

<sup>1</sup>Hear this, <sup>1</sup>all you peoples;  
 give ear, all you who dwell <sup>1</sup>in the world,  
<sup>2</sup>**you of high degree and low,  
 rich and <sup>1</sup>poor together.**  
<sup>3</sup>My mouth shall <sup>1</sup>speak of wisdom,  
 and my heart shall meditate on <sup>1</sup>understanding.  
<sup>4</sup>**I will incline my ear <sup>1</sup>to a proverb  
 and set forth my riddle upon the harp.**  
<sup>5</sup>Why should I be afraid in <sup>1</sup>evil days,  
 when the wickedness of those at my <sup>1</sup>heels surrounds me,  
<sup>6</sup>**the wickedness of those who trust in <sup>1</sup>their own prowess,  
 and boast of <sup>1</sup>their great riches?**  
<sup>7</sup>One can never redeem another,  
 or give to God the ransom for another's life;  
<sup>8</sup>**for the ransom of a life <sup>1</sup>is so great  
 that there would never be enough to pay it,**  
<sup>9</sup>in order to live forever and ever  
 and never <sup>1</sup>see the grave.  
<sup>10</sup>**For we see that the wise die also;  
 like the dull and stupid they perish  
 and leave their wealth to those who come <sup>1</sup>after them.**  
<sup>11</sup>Their graves shall be their homes forever,  
 their dwelling places from generation to <sup>1</sup>generation,  
 though they had named lands after themselves.  
<sup>12</sup>**Even though honored, they cannot <sup>1</sup>live forever;  
 they are like the <sup>1</sup>beasts that perish.**

**SECOND READING: Colossians 3:1-11**

<sup>1</sup>So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. <sup>2</sup>Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, <sup>3</sup>for you

have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. <sup>4</sup>When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory. <sup>5</sup>Put to death, therefore, whatever in you is earthly:

fornication, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed (which is idolatry). <sup>6</sup>On account of these the wrath of God is coming on those who are disobedient. <sup>7</sup>These are the ways you also once followed, when you were living that life. <sup>8</sup>But now you must get rid of all such things—anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive language from your mouth. <sup>9</sup>Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have stripped off the old self with its

**\* GOSPEL: Luke 12:13-21** *(please stand as you are able)*

<sup>13</sup>Someone in the crowd said to [Jesus,] "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me." <sup>14</sup>But he said to him, "Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?" <sup>15</sup>And he said to them, "Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions." <sup>16</sup>Then he told them a parable: "The land of a rich man produced abundantly. <sup>17</sup>And he thought to himself, 'What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?' <sup>18</sup>Then he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns

**CHILDREN'S SERMON**

**HYMN LBW # 327** *Rock of Ages*

practices <sup>10</sup>and have clothed yourselves with the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge according to the image of its creator. <sup>11</sup>In that renewal there is no longer Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave and free; but Christ is all and in all!

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

and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. <sup>19</sup>And I will say to my soul, 'Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.' <sup>20</sup>But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' <sup>21</sup>So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God."

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

## SERMON

### HYMN LBW # 409 *Praise and Thanksgiving*

\* **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

**OFFERTORY**  *(you may remain seated)*

We give thee but thine own, What - e'er the gift may be;  
All that we have is thine alone, A trust, O Lord, from thee.

May we thy bounties thus As stewards true receive,  
And gladly, as thou bless - est us, To thee our first - fruits give.

Hearts still are bruised and dead, And homes are bare and cold,  
And lambs for whom the Shepherd bled Are straying from the fold.

To comfort and to bless, To find a balm for woe,  
To tend those lost in loneliness, Is angels' work below.

The captive to release, The lost to God to bring,  
To teach the way of life and peace— It is a Christlike thing.

And we believe thy word, Though dim our faith may be:  
Whate'er we do for thine, O Lord, We do it unto thee.

## PRAYERS *(you may remain seated)*

A Treasuring your promise to hear us when we call, we pray for the church, those in need, and all of your creation.

*A brief silence.*

A Your people struggle with the weariness and toil of living in a broken world. Work through your church to restore justice and mercy, and send rest and comfort to all who are bowed down. Trusting in God, our abundant provider, let us pray.

**C Have mercy, O God.**

A Your creation longs for generous care. Give growth to the fields, strength to farmers, ranchers, and laborers who toil in summer's heat, and wisdom to us to respect earth's bounty. Trusting in God, our loving creator, let us pray.

**C Have mercy, O God.**

A Your world reflects your image in billions of unique ways. Touch every life—low and high, rich and poor—and sway every heart toward your merciful will. Trusting in God, our Sovereign, let us pray.

**C Have mercy, O God.**

A Your people in this congregation praise you and pray for your almighty help. Comfort those who suffer from anxiety, depression, or stress. Provide for those in need. Trusting in God, our purpose and goal, let us pray.

**C Have mercy, O God.**

A Your communities near and far lack basic resources. Supply work, food, and health care for all who are in need. Bring relief to those who are overworked. Trusting in God, our help, let us pray.

**C Have mercy, O God.**

A Your saints who have died now rest in your merciful care. Comfort us in faith and love as we continue our labor on earth. Trusting in God, who gives life to the dead, let us pray.

**C Have mercy, O God.**

P All these things and more we ask in the name of our risen Lord, Jesus Christ, by the power of your Holy Spirit.

**C Amen.**

**\* 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**

**BENEDICTION**

**HYMN LBW # 565** *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

**POSTLUDE**

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**Altar Flowers**

Flowers are given to the glory of God by Maggi Mohler in loving memory of John Mohler; and by Mary, Tara, Molly & Kenzie in loving memory of Jeff Eickhoff.

**Communion Services for August**

Due to not being able to get Ministers, we will be having communion on Sunday, August 18 and Thursday, August 22.

**Our Sunday School is in need of a teacher** (every other month) for the 3<sup>rd</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> grades for this upcoming year. Please give your sincere and prayerful consideration to serving our youth. Please contact Amanda Dilbone at 419-377-0754 or Joleen Brubaker at 419-966-3529.

**We pray for people having birthdays this week ...** Carolyn Gerken, Eric Schwab, Jeff Mires, Holly Mohring, Brian Plummer, John Casteel, Taryn Conklin, Rita Michael, Ross Sanholtz, Peggy Snyder, Tate Rhodes, Kelli Good, Don Hill, Hannah Plummer, Karen Rohrs. **and wedding anniversaries ...** Larry & Karri Ashbaugh, Christopher & Jennifer Jenny. **and for all the military...**

**Summer Coffee Hour**

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

**Thursday evening services**

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

**Caring Corner for July - August — World Relief**

The Caring Corner will be collecting items to help complete kits for 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 instruction 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. If you are unsure about making a finished kit, there will be a weekly updated list of items needed to complete kits.

**Installation Announcement**

We are pleased to announce that on Thursday, August 15<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30 p.m. The Reverend Elizabeth A. Westphal will be installed as Pastor of St. John Lutheran Church, Marblehead, Ohio and St. Paul Lutheran Church, Lakeside-Marblehead, Ohio. The service will be at: St. Paul Lutheran, 541 S. Church Rd., Lakeside-Marblehead, Ohio 43440. We invite you to be present for this special service. There will be a dessert reception immediately following the service. We know that you will remember this ministry in your prayers. If you cannot attend, we suggest that a letter be sent to the pastor at 280 Hancock St. Tiffin, OH 44883-3114, or email at [pastorbeth64@gmail.com](mailto:pastorbeth64@gmail.com)

**Do you have old t-shirts that you don't know what to do with?** Maybe the kids (or you!) Have outgrown them? Together We Can Make A Difference Initiative needs LOTS of t-shirts to make cloth totes out of. They can have holes or stains on them - it does not matter! If you have some to donate, please get them to Kelli Burkhardt, Denise Etzler, or drop them off at the church office.

### **Statistics**

7/25 (51)      7/28 (92)

Offerings: \$4560 (\$100 Bell Choir; \$20 Good Sam)

Simply Giving 7/29: \$65 Gen Fd; \$20 Bldg Fd

### **This Week**

Wednesday	5:00 p.m.	Soul Food
Thursday	9:00 a.m.	Bible Study
	7:00 p.m.	Worship
Saturday	10-4 p.m.	Private Party

### **Serving Today**

Officiating - Tom Jenny

Worship & Music Coordinator & Organist - Angela Tonjes

Guest Organist - Ruth Labie

Bell Choir Director - Bill Panning

Lay Assistant - Betty Mowery

Sound Board - Jeff Sharpe

Acolytes - Adara Hildebrandt & Rudi Dachenhaus

Ushers - Paul Mowery, Lori Sharpe, Lee Weirauch,

Altar Guild - Lori Sharpe & Julie Kohout

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 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."

### **HOW DO YOUR QUILTS AND KITS GET WHERE NEEDED?**

by Guest blogger Ling Guo as posted at

<https://www.womenoftheelca.org/blog/post/quilts-kits-travel>

Elsie Stromberg, a refugee during World War II, recalls receiving a school kit that made it possible for her to attend school. She now makes quilts and kits for today's refugees. Elsie said it pains her to see violence disrupting the lives of so many people. For her, education is a priority – "If you educate people, you hopefully decrease the violence in the world."

Everyone has her own motivation for making quilts and kits. Loretta has made quilts & kits since the mid-1960s and hopes her lovingly created items will be blessings to recipients because it's "a blessing to be able to share."

Volunteering for Lutheran World Relief's (LWR) Quilts & Kits Ministry is a way for people to get involved –through thrifty shopping for supplies and collecting sheets to sewing, packing kits and helping with shipping costs.

Your quilts and kits serve people worldwide and inspire staff and volunteers at LWR's warehouses in Minnesota and Maryland. Loretta and Beth are veterans: They have seen countless shipments accounted for and shipped in their 40-plus years at the Maryland warehouse.

It takes about a month from the time the items arrive at warehouses to when they are processed, repacked and ready for shipment. LWR staff work with partners overseas to determine what items are most needed. Once the kits are prepared for shipment, it takes up to two months to arrive at their destination by ocean freight.

LWR partners in other countries help clear the items through customs, transfer them to a safe storage for distribution and sort them according to local needs. These steps ensure your gifts arrive safely to their destination in a way that respects the dignity of the recipient.

In the highlands of Peru, your quilts and kits improve dairy farmers' standard of living and enable them to sell their cheese in regional and national markets.

Families typically spend 30 to 40 percent of their incomes to send kids to school with uniforms and the proper supplies. Your school kits help families save for other necessities.

In rural areas, medical clinics are far and few between. By receiving baby care kits and quilts, families are encouraged to make the long treks to clinics where women receive care and training.

With the LWR Kit Tracker, you can follow the journey of your gifts as they make their way around the world.

Lingrong Guo (??? in Chinese) is the 2016-2017 Lutheran Volunteer Corps program assistant for Lutheran World Relief's external relations department. Read her story here. To read this story in its entirety, visit LWR here. Photos and videos from LWR.

SHARE

**Lutheran Social Services of Northwestern Ohio** is seeking a qualified professional to take responsibility for providing behavior health services part-time in our Archbold location. This position requires a person who has attained their LISW or LPCC credential, and is highly motivated to cultivate relationships with other community providers for referrals. Ideal candidates will have experience working with a varied client population. Candidates holding a Master's Degree and LISW or LPCC, and Supervisory designation along with a minimum 2 years of experience is preferred, also holding a current OH license, reliable transportation and valid Ohio driver's license. For consideration, please submit resume and salary requirements to Human Resources via email at: [lsshr@lssnwo.org](mailto:lsshr@lssnwo.org) Lutheran Social Services is an Equal Opportunity Employer.