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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 *God of Grace and God of Glory* -Bill and Angela, bells

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 # 401 *Before You, Lord, We Bow*

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.

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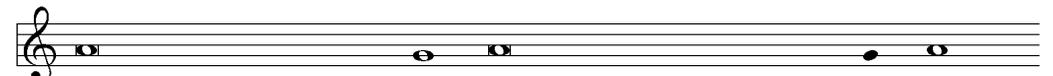
A In peace, let us pray to the Lord. C Lord, have mer - cy.



A For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal-vation, let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



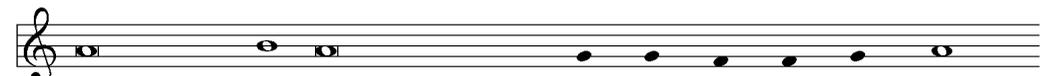
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



and for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



A For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. C Lord, have mer - cy.



A Help, save, comfort, and de-fend us, gra-cious Lord. C A - men

HYMN OF PRAISE



A Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to his peo-ple on earth.



B Lord God, heav-en-ly king, al-might-y God and Fa-ther:



We wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo-ry.



Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God:



You take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



You are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther; re-ceive our prayer.



For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,



you a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it,



in the glo-ry of God the Fa-ther. A-men

SALUTATION



P The Lord be with you.

B And al- so with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Almighty God, you sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your church. Open our hearts to the riches of your grace, that we may be ready to receive you wherever you appear, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

FIRST READING: Genesis 15:1-6

¹After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." ²But Abram said, "O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" ³And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." ⁴But the word of the LORD came to him, "This

man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir." ⁵He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." ⁶And he believed the LORD; and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness.

A The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM 33:12-22

¹²Happy is the nation whose God ¹is the LORD!

Happy the people chosen to ¹be God's heritage!

¹³The LORD looks ¹down from heaven, and sees all ¹humankind.

¹⁴God sits firmly enthroned and watches all who dwell ¹on the earth.

¹⁵God fashions ¹all their hearts and observes ¹all their deeds.

¹⁶A king is not saved by the size ^l of the army,
nor are warriors rescued by ^l their great strength.

¹⁷**The horse gives vain ^l hope for victory;
despite its great strength it ^l cannot save.**

¹⁸Truly, your eye is upon those who fear ^l you, O LORD,
upon those who wait for your ^l steadfast love,

¹⁹**to deliver their ^l lives from death,
and to keep them alive in ^l time of famine.**

²⁰**Our innermost being waits for ^l you, O LORD,
our helper ^l and our shield.**

²¹**Surely, our heart rejoices in you,
for in your holy name we ^l put our trust.**

²²**Let your lovingkindness, O LORD, ^l be upon us,
even as we place our ^l hope in you.**

SECOND READING: Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

¹Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. ²Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. ³By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.

⁸By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. ⁹By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. ¹⁰For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and

builder is God. ¹¹By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old—and Sarah herself was barren—because he considered himself faithful who had promised.

¹²Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, "as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore."

¹³All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, ¹⁴for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. ¹⁵If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had

opportunity to return. ¹⁶But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for

them.

A The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

*** GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**  *(please stand as you are able)*

Thanks to God whose word was written in the Bible's sacred page,
Record of the revelation showing God in ev'ry age.

God has spoken, God has spoken; praise him for his open word.

*** GOSPEL: Luke 12:32-40** *(please stand as you are able)*

[Jesus said:] ³²"Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom.

³³Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys.

³⁴For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

³⁵Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; ³⁶be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks.

³⁷Blessed are those slaves whom the

master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. ³⁸If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves.

³⁹But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. ⁴⁰You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour."

P The Gospel of our Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

HYMN LBW # 518 *Beautiful Savior*

SERMON

HYMN LBW # 554 *This is My Father's World*

*** 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

Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus -Bill and Angela, bells

OFFERTORY  *(you may remain seated)*

O Christ, create new hearts in us, that beat in time with yours,
that, joined by faith with your great heart, become love's open doors.
We are your body, risen Christ; our hearts, our hands we yield
that through our life and ministry your love may be revealed.

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 Lord God, bless and send your church out from each place of worship to be a
light to the nations. Wherever we set out in faith, equip us to share our hope in
Jesus Christ. Lord, in your mercy,
C hear our prayer.
A Bless and protect your creation, raising up stewards and innovators to
nourish and sustain natural wonders too many to number. Protect bees and
butterflies, and send sun and rain where they are needed. Lord, in your mercy,
C hear our prayer.

A Bless and govern the nations, uniting all humankind in seeking justice and
peace. Fashion our hearts and guide our deeds in love. Lord, in your mercy,
C hear our prayer.
A Bless and comfort those in need, providing shelter to those without homes,
food for those who hunger, companionship to those who are lonely, and health to
the sick. Be their help and their shield. Lord, in your mercy,
C hear our prayer.
A Bless and sustain those wanting but unable to bear children, those in the
adoption process, and children longing for parents. Welcome in love those who
seek homes in a new community or country, and give us eyes to see and hearts
to respond to the needs of our newest neighbors. Lord, in your mercy,
C hear our prayer.
A Keep in your care the faithful loved ones who have died in Christ, until we join
them in the everlasting city, whose architect and builder is God. Lord, in your
mercy,
C hear our prayer.
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 WOV # 742 *Come, We That Love the Lord*

POSTLUDE *Fanfare of Praise*



Fair Sunday

It's "Fair Sunday!" Many of the musical selections today contain the words "fair, fairest, fairer, and fanfare." Can you find them all?

This is My Father's World

The words to this hymn were written by Maltbie Babcock in the late 1800s. Maltbie was successful in everything he tried as he was an outstanding athlete, expert swimmer, orchestra director, musician, artist and fisherman. God called him to the ministry, and his first parish was in Lockport, New York. Telling his secretary, "I'm going out to see my Father's world," he would run or hike a couple miles into the countryside where he would lose himself in nature. During his ministry in Lockport he wrote a sixteen stanza poem, each verse beginning with the words, "This is my Father's world."

Florence Nightingale (died: August 13, 1910)

When Florence Nightingale decided to be a nurse, her family was horrified. In the early 1800s nursing was done by people with no training and no other way to earn a living. However, Florence trained in Germany with a Lutheran order of deaconesses. She returned home to England and worked there for hospital reform. She led a group of thirty-eight nurses to serve in the Crimean War, where the conditions were horrible. After the war, she returned to London as a hero and continued her work for hospital reform.

The church commemorates this woman and gives thanks for all who practice the arts of healing.

Altar Flowers

Flowers are given to the glory of God by Shirlee Mires-Fejes in loving memory of Phil Mires; and in honor of Karen Rohrs birthday from her family.

Communion Services for August

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 3rd - 5th 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 ... Diana Dennie, Adam DeWit, Evelyn Ruby, Laci Dachenhaus, Benson Schwab, Wendi Weirauch, Toby Borstelman, Kim Dickmann, Carol Dille, Rupert Schweinhagen, Callie Dennie.
and wedding anniversaries ... and for all the military...

Summer Coffee Hour

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

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.

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.

Choir Party

Ron & Jeannie Wiechers will be hosting the back-to-choir party on Wednesday, August 28 at 6:30 p.m. Meat will be provided, choir members bring a potluck dish and your spouse/friend/children. The schedule for the rest of the year is ready and we will rehearse a few numbers.

Statistics

8/1 (50) 8/4 (82)

Offerings: \$15,488 (\$10,565 Bldg Fd; \$10 Endow Fd; \$200 Together We Can)

Simply Giving 8/1-8/5: \$1090 Gen Fd; \$220 Bldg Fd

This Week

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| Monday | 9:00 a.m. | Ruth Circle |
| | 7:30 p.m. | Naomi Circle |
| Wednesday | 5:00 p.m. | Soul Food |
| Thursday | 9:00 a.m. | Bible Study |
| | 7:00 p.m. | Worship |
| Sunday | 9:00 a.m. | Worship with Holy Communion |

Serving Today

Officiating - Matthew Van Gilder

Worship & Music Coordinator & Organist - Angela Tonjes

Bell Choir Director - Bill Panning

Lay Assistant - Betty Mowery

Sound Board - Ed Biederstedt

Acolytes - Derek Miller & Avary Miller

Ushers - Paul Mowery, Lori Sharpe, Jeff Sharpe, Lee Weirauch

Altar Guild - Lori Sharpe & Julie Kohout

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!!!