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**LBW-Lutheran Book of Worship    WOV-With One Voice**

**\* Please stand as you are able**

## RALLY DAY

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

### INSTALLATION OF SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS

### RINGING OF THE BELL

**PRELUDE**    *Jesus in the Morning*    -Choir

### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

**P** Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, the strength of our ancestors, the host of this meal, the builder of the city that is to come.

**C Amen.**

**P** If we have died with Christ, we will also live with Christ. Let us confess our sin to the one who is faithful.

God our helper,

**C we confess the many ways we have failed to live as your disciples. We have not finished what we began. We have feasted with friends but ignored strangers. We have been captivated by our possessions. Lift our burdens, gracious God. Refresh our hearts and forgive our sin. Raise us to the new life you have chosen for us in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

**P** There is rejoicing in heaven when sinners repent. Put your trust in these promises: God will never leave you or forsake you. You who were lost have been found. For the sake of Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Rejoice with the angels at this good news.

**C Amen.**

**HYMN**    *Jesus Loves Me*

Jesus loves me! This I know, for the Bible tells me so;

Little ones to him belong; they are weak, but he is strong.

*Refrain:* Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!

Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.

Jesus loves me! He who died, heaven's gates to open wide;

He will wash away my sin, let his little child come in. *Refrain:*

Jesus loves me! He will stay close beside me all the way;

If I love him, when I die, he will take me home on high. *Refrain:*

### 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** Direct us, O Lord God, in all our doings with your continual help, that in all our works, begun, continued, and ended in you, we may glorify your holy name; and finally, by your mercy, bring us to everlasting life, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C Amen.**

### FIRST READING: Deuteronomy 30:15-20

<sup>15</sup>See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, death and adversity. <sup>16</sup>If you obey the commandments of the LORD your God that I am commanding you

today, by loving the LORD your God, walking in his ways, and observing his commandments, decrees, and ordinances, then you shall live and become numerous, and the LORD

your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to possess.  
<sup>17</sup>But if your heart turns away and you do not hear, but are led astray to bow down to other gods and serve them, <sup>18</sup>I declare to you today that you shall perish; you shall not live long in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess. <sup>19</sup>I call heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have set before you life and death, blessings

and curses. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, <sup>20</sup>loving the LORD your God, obeying him, and holding fast to him; for that means life to you and length of days, so that you may live in the land that the LORD swore to give to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.

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

### PSALM 1

Choir sings verses; Congregation sings refrain



The one is blest who, fearing God, walks not where sinners meet,  
Who does not stand with wicked ones, and shuns the scorners' seat.

How blest the one who in God's law finds goodness and delight,  
And meditates upon that law with gladness day and night.

That one is nourished like a tree set by the river's side;  
Its leaf is green, its fruit is sure; the works of such abide.

The wicked, like the driven chaff, are swept from off the land;  
They shall not gather with the just, nor at the judgment stand.

The Lord will guard the righteous well, their way to God is known;  
The way of sinners, far from God, shall surely be o'erthrown.

*Refrain:*

*Refrain:*

*Refrain:*

*Refrain:*

*Refrain:*

### SECOND READING: Philemon 1-21

<sup>1</sup>Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother,

To Philemon our dear friend and co-worker, <sup>2</sup>to Apphia our sister, to Archippus our fellow soldier, and to the church in your house:

<sup>3</sup>Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

<sup>4</sup>When I remember you in my prayers, I always thank my God <sup>5</sup>because I hear of your love for all the saints and your faith toward the Lord Jesus. <sup>6</sup>I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective when you perceive all the good that we may do for Christ. <sup>7</sup>I have indeed received much joy and encouragement from your love, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you, my brother.

<sup>8</sup>For this reason, though I am bold enough in Christ to command you to do your duty, <sup>9</sup>yet I would rather appeal to you on the basis of love—and I, Paul, do this as an old man, and now also as a prisoner of Christ Jesus. <sup>10</sup>I am appealing to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I have become during my imprisonment. <sup>11</sup>Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful both to you and to me. <sup>12</sup>I am

sending him, that is, my own heart, back to you. <sup>13</sup>I wanted to keep him with me, so that he might be of service to me in your place during my imprisonment for the gospel; <sup>14</sup>but I preferred to do nothing without your consent, in order that your good deed might be voluntary and not something forced. <sup>15</sup>Perhaps this is the reason he was separated from you for a while, so that you might have him back forever, <sup>16</sup>no longer as a slave but more than a slave, a beloved brother—especially to me but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord.

<sup>17</sup>So if you consider me your partner, welcome him as you would welcome me. <sup>18</sup>If he has wronged you in any way, or owes you anything, charge that to my account. <sup>19</sup>I, Paul, am writing this with my own hand: I will repay it. I say nothing about your owing me even your own self. <sup>20</sup>Yes, brother, let me have this benefit from you in the Lord! Refresh my heart in Christ. <sup>21</sup>Confident of your obedience, I am writing to you, knowing that you will do even more than I say.

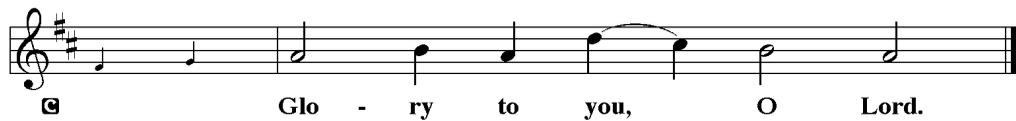
- A The Word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?  
You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

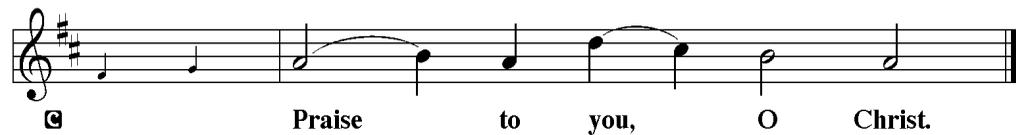
### \* GOSPEL: Luke 14:25-33 *(please stand as you are able)*



Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

<sup>25</sup>Now large crowds were traveling with [Jesus;] and he turned and said to them, <sup>26</sup>Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. <sup>27</sup>Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. <sup>28</sup>For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? <sup>29</sup>Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish,

all who see it will begin to ridicule him, <sup>30</sup>saying, 'This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.' <sup>31</sup>Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? <sup>32</sup>If he cannot, then, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. <sup>33</sup>So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions.



Praise to you, O Christ.

## CHILDREN'S SERMON/BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

Kids, please bring your backpacks/lunch bags with you when you come forward!

### HYMN *Jesus Loves the Little Children*

Jesus loves the little children, all the children of the world.  
Red and yellow, black and white, they are precious in his sight.  
Jesus loves the little children of the world.

Jesus loves the little children, all the children of the world.  
Ev'ry child in ev'ry land, Jesus holds them in his hand.  
Jesus loves the little children of the world.

### SERMON

#### HYMN *Kum-Ba-Yah* *(means "Come by here") (you may remain seated)*

Kum ba yah, my Lord, Kum ba yah! Kum ba yah, my Lord, Kum ba yah!  
Kum ba yah, my Lord, Kum ba yah! O Lord, Kum ba yah!

Someone's crying, Lord.....  
Someone's singing, Lord.....  
Someone's praying, Lord.....

#### \* NICENE CREED *(please stand as you are able)*

**C We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven; by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen**

**PRAYERS** *(you may remain seated)*

A Sustained and nurtured by our generous God, we gather as one to pray for the church, the world, and all of God's creation.

*A brief silence.*

A Turn our hearts, O God. Make us attentive to your call to take up the cross-shaped way of life, and to share your good news with a world in need. Lord, in your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

A Turn our hearts toward life in all its infinite varieties. We pray especially for all vanishing and endangered creatures who struggle to find a home in this world. Open our eyes to the value of our interconnected relationships within your natural world. Lord, in your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

A Turn our hearts toward all who yearn for calm and fairness. Where there is violence and conflict, grant peace. Where there is disparity, grant justice. Where there is hatred and fear, grant compassion and empathy. Lord, in your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

A Turn our hearts toward all who suffer in body, mind, or spirit. We pray for those in bondage to sin, addiction, poverty, physical slavery or human trafficking, and those incarcerated or detained. For those in any need we pray. Lord, in your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

A Turn our hearts toward the ministries of our congregations that feed the hungry, share with the needy, advocate for the silenced, and work for your justice. Embolden our hearts to labor without fear. Lord, in your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

A Turn our hearts toward your eternal reign. We give thanks for our sisters and brothers who have died, trusting the promise of life forever with you. Marked by the cross of Christ, inspire us by their examples to live in faith. Lord, in your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

P Assured by your promise to hear us, we lay our prayers before your throne of grace; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C Amen.**

**\* PEACE**

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C And also with you.**

**TITHES AND OFFERINGS** *Lullaby Prayer* -Choir

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

Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of  
bless-ing. Gath-er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be  
fed with the bread of life. Gath-er the hopes and dreams of all; u -  
nite them with the prayers we of - fer. Grace our ta - ble with your  
pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

## OFFERING PRAYER

A God our provider, we bring nothing into this world and we can take nothing out of it. Accept the gifts you have first given us, which we bring to your table, and with them the offering of our lives. Nourish us now with the life that really is life, revealed to us in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

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

*Just a Closer Walk With Thee* -Choir

## 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 God of blessing, at this table we have seen you face to face, and in the gift of Christ's body and blood, our hearts have been refreshed. Send us now to shine with your goodness and bear witness to the one we have received: Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

## BENEDICTION

## HYMN *Peace Like a River*

I've got peace like a river; I've got peace like a river,  
I've got peace like a river in my soul;  
I've got peace like a river; I've got peace like a river,  
I've got peace like a river in my soul!

I've got love like an ocean.....

I've got joy like a fountain.....

I've got peace like a river; I've got love like an ocean;  
I've got joy like a fountain in my soul;  
I've got peace like a river; I've got love like an ocean;  
I've got joy like a fountain in my soul!

## DISMISSAL

A Go in peace. Live in love as Christ loved us.

C **Thanks be to God.**

## POSTLUDE *Partita on "Blessed Name"*

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## *Jesus Loves Me*

Anna and Susan Warner lived on Constitution Island on the Hudson, right across from the Military Academy at West Point. Due to the family's financial woes, the girls began to write poems and stories for publication. They wrote a novel entitled *Say and Seal* which became a best-seller. The book contained the poem "Jesus Loves Me," and when hymnwriter William Bradbury read the words, he composed a child-like tune to go along with them. For forty years, Susan and Anna taught Bible classes for cadets at West Point, and both were buried with full military honors. They are the only civilians buried in the military cemetery at West Point, and their home is maintained by West Point as a museum.

### **Altar Flowers**

Flowers are given to the glory of God by Brian & Dea Plummer in honor of their wedding anniversary; and by Gary & Jamie Bostelman in honor of their wedding anniversary.

### **Acolyte Training**

There will be acolyte training for the 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, and 7<sup>th</sup> graders Sunday, September 15<sup>th</sup>, during the Sunday School hour. Please meet in the sanctuary near the overflow. We ask that at least one parent attend the meeting with the students.

**We pray for people having birthdays this week ...** Mike Mohring, Nate Frey, Dena Graham, Barb Kenning, Ryan Kohout, Calista Bost, Donna Daman, Kamden DeWit, Kelda Heitkamp, Alicyn Hopkins, Trisha Good, Preston Speaks, Cheryl Daman, Paula Heuer. **and wedding anniversaries ...** Brian & Dea Plummer, Bill & Sharon Panning, Jay & Lori Latta. **and for all the military...**

### **Thursday evening services**

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

**Ruth Circle** will **NOT** be meeting on September 9<sup>th</sup>.

### **Sunday School**

A note for parents: Sunday School children will be ringing bells and singing a song during worship on Sunday, September 29. Please meet in the basement at 8:45 a.m. As this will be the first Sunday of autumn, we invite all the children to wear fall colors!

### **After School Club**

After School Club will be starting on Wednesday, October 2. Children in pre-kindergarten through fifth grade will ride a bus from school to church every Wednesday for snacks, crafts, Bible stories, games, singing and ringing. Permission forms are available at both entrances.

### **Statistics**

8/29 (28)      9/1 (88)

Simply Giving 9/3 : \$1090 Gen Fd; \$220 Bldg Fd

### **Caring Corner for September**

We at Emanuel will be collecting diapers and pull-ups to be distributed at "Together We Can Make A Difference Initiatives" in recognition of Diaper Awareness Week. September 23-29, 2019.

### **Call Committee update**

The Call Committee interviewed another candidate in late August and feels that this individual would be an excellent fit for Emanuel. We have a second interview scheduled with this candidate in late September, exact date still to be determined. As with the candidate we interviewed in early July, we were the first congregation to interview this individual and both have other interviews scheduled. We are basically in a holding pattern with both of these candidates until they complete the interviews which they feel are necessary to allow them to make a decision. As we all know, there is more demand for pastors than there is supply. So it is understandable that all candidates who are seeking a call will "test the waters" to make sure they are doing what is best for them and their families. We remain patient, and know that the Holy Spirit will guide us to an end result that is pleasing to our Lord, to our new pastor (whomever that may be) and to our Emanuel congregation. We ask for your continued prayers.

### **Caring Corner - WELCA Mission Kits**

If anyone would like to still contribute to the Baby and School kits that are being made for WELCA, we need monetary contributions in order to purchase items to complete kits. Please make a note on your offering envelope that it is for the WELCA Caring Corner and the money will be used to purchase items to complete kits.

Thank you for all you have generously given. We should be able to make 50 school kits and 5+ baby kits with a lot more baby items to carry over into 2020 for kits. I will let you know how many we have exactly when we package them to ship. -Betty Mowery

### **Thank You!!!**

Thank you to all who have been donating extra food and their garden goodies to "Soul Food". It is very much appreciated.

### **Redhead Run 5K**

5<sup>th</sup> Annual Kevin R. Schwiebert Memorial Fund, Redhead Run 5K. Saturday, September 21<sup>st</sup>, 9:00 a.m. (Registration begins at 8:00 a.m) Start/Finish at St. Peter Lutheran Church, K980 County Road 17D, Florida, Register online at [www.RunSignUp.com](http://www.RunSignUp.com) and search for Redhead Run 5K or contact Jen Schwiebert at [kjschwiebert@gmail.com](mailto:kjschwiebert@gmail.com) or 419-777-5356 EVERYONE IS WELCOME!

### **This Week**

Monday	7:30 p.m.	Naomi Circle
Wednesday	5:00 p.m.	Soul Food
	6:30 p.m.	Choir
	7:30 p.m.	Living Spirit
Thursday	9:00 a.m.	Bible Study
	7:00 p.m.	Worship

### **Serving Today**

Officiating - Pastor James Dumke  
Worship & Music Coordinator & Organist - Angela Tonjes  
Bell Choir Director - Bill Panning  
Lay Assistant - Laura Ellis-Kruse  
Sound Board - Shelly Storch  
Acolytes - Sophia Good & Avary Miller  
Ushers - Ken Lange, Alan Storch, Dave Schwab, Steve Kloos  
Altar Guild - Beth Jenny & Joleen Brubaker  
Prayer Chain Co-ordinator - Phyllis Kloos (419-260-6582) or  
[phyllis\\_kloos@yahoo.com](mailto: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."

### **Soulful Stirrings from "Soul Food"**

"Soul Food" is a ministry of this congregation. It's not just a meal on Wednesday evenings; it's a time of fellowship. It's not just supper for strangers; it's an outreach. It's not just a "duty"; it's a joy! "Soul Food" is NOT only a "community" meal; it's a gathering together to nourish bodies and souls. Join us! Get acquainted with someone you might not know! And help is needed with all that goes into these weekly meals. Helping hands are *always* welcomed, and you don't have to commit to every week; simply come when you can and help as you are able! We usually get together at 3 p.m. to start "prepping"; the "head cook" for the week determines the menu and usually shops accordingly, but there are still ways you can help. Dishpan hands are ALWAYS in need, We serve from 5 to 6 p.m. if available, take-outs are allowed only after 6 p.m. Concentrating on healthier foods, we'd like to have fewer desserts and MORE fresh fruit!! Salads and fresh vegetables are also welcomed every week. With vacations, work schedules, health issues, family needs, etc., our "crew" is fairly "skeletal" lately, and we welcome YOUR involvement! There is plenty of food, fun, fellowship, and we share prayer concerns each week. Come feed your body *and* your soul!

### **Dartball Schedules**

Are on the bulletin board next to the church office.

## **The Smile of God**

A wealthy Texas businessman told a pastor this story about his childhood. He said that when he was a little tot, he saw the sun shining through the old roof on the porch where his mother was standing. He asked his mother what the light spot on the floor was. His mother knew that it was sunlight, but decided to relate the sunny spot to God. "That," she answered, "is God smiling down on us." The boy walked over to stand in the light. "What are you doing?" the mother asked.

"I'm standing in God's smile," he joyfully replied.

The little boy grew up, went into business, gained success, but drifted away from God.

After his mother died, he had the task of selling the old home and dealing with all of his mother's possessions. One day he was in her attic looking around, when he noticed a pair of children's shoes. He picked them up and discovered a folded piece of paper inside one of them. When he unfolded the paper, he saw these words written in his mother's handwriting: "These are the shoes my little boy wore the day he stood in God's smile."

That was the day the man was challenged to change his pattern of living. Tears welling up in his eyes, the man told the minister that the experience prompted him to begin getting right with God.