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P - Pastor ♦ C - Congregation ♦ A - Assisting Minister
LBW-Lutheran Book of Worship ♦ WOV-With One Voice
* **Please stand as you are able**

PRELUDE

RINGING OF THE BELL

WELCOME

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, the God of manna, the God of miracles, the God of mercy.

C Amen.

P Drawn to Christ and seeking God's abundance, let us confess our sin.

God, our provider,

C help us. It is hard to believe there is enough to share. We question your ways when they differ from the ways of the world in which we live. We turn to our own understanding rather than trusting in you. We take offense at your teachings and your ways. Turn us again to you. Where else can we turn? Share with us the words of eternal life and feed us for life in the world. Amen.

P Beloved people of God: in Jesus, the manna from heaven, you are fed and nourished. By Jesus, the worker of miracles, there is always more than enough. Through Jesus, the bread of life, you are shown God's mercy: you are forgiven and loved into abundant life.

C Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Gracious God, you have placed within the hearts of all your children a longing for your word and a hunger for your truth. Grant that we may know your Son to be the true bread of heaven and share this bread with all the world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

GATHERING HYMN *Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty*

FIRST READING: 2 Kings 4:42-44

⁴²A man came from Baal-shalishah, bringing food from the first fruits to [Elisha,] the man of God: twenty loaves of barley and fresh ears of grain in his sack. Elisha said, "Give it to the people and let them eat." ⁴³But his servant said, "How can I set this before a hundred people?" So he repeated, "Give it to the people and let

them eat, for thus says the LORD, 'They shall eat and have some left.' " ⁴⁴He set it before them, they ate, and had some left, according to the word of the LORD.

A The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM 145:10-18

¹⁰All your works shall praise | you, O LORD,
and your faithful | ones shall bless you.

¹¹**They shall tell of the glory | of your kingdom
and speak | of your power,**

¹²that all people may know | of your power
and the glorious splendor | of your kingdom.

¹³**Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom; your dominion endures throughout all ages.
You, LORD, are faithful in all your words, and loving in | all your works.**

¹⁴The Lord upholds all | those who fall
and lifts up those who | are bowed down.

¹⁵**The eyes of all wait upon | you, O LORD,
and you give them their food | in due season.**

¹⁶You open | wide your hand
and satisfy the desire of every | living thing.

¹⁷**You are righteous in | all your ways
and loving in | all your works.**

¹⁸You are near to all who | call upon you,
to all who call upon you faithfully.

SECOND READING: Ephesians 3:14-21

¹⁴For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, ¹⁵from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name. ¹⁶I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit, ¹⁷and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. ¹⁸I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, ¹⁹and to know the love of

Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

²⁰Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, ²¹to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

A The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

* GOSPEL: John 6:1-21 *(please stand as you are able)*

¹Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias. ²A large crowd kept following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick. ³Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples. ⁴Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near. ⁵When he looked up and saw a large crowd coming toward him, Jesus said to Philip, "Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?" ⁶He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do. ⁷Philip answered him, "Six months' wages would not buy enough bread for

each of them to get a little." ⁸One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him, ⁹"There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?" ¹⁰Jesus said, "Make the people sit down." Now there was a great deal of grass in the place; so they sat down, about five thousand in all. ¹¹Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted. ¹²When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, "Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may

be lost.”¹³ So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets.¹⁴ When the people saw the sign that he had done, they began to say, “This is indeed the prophet who is to come into the world.”

¹⁵ When Jesus realized that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, he withdrew again to the mountain by himself.

¹⁶ When evening came, his disciples went down to the sea, ¹⁷ got into a boat, and started across the sea to Capernaum. It

was now dark, and Jesus had not yet come to them.¹⁸ The sea became rough because a strong wind was blowing.¹⁹ When they had rowed about three or four miles, they saw Jesus walking on the sea and coming near the boat, and they were terrified.²⁰ But he said to them, “It is I; do not be afraid.”

²¹ Then they wanted to take him into the boat, and immediately the boat reached the land toward which they were going.

P The Gospel of our Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY LBW # 235 *Break Now the Bread of Life*

* **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.

PRAYERS *(you may be seated)*

A Rooted in Christ and sustained by the Spirit, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

A We pray for the church. Bless the ministries of our neighboring congregations. Empower churches throughout the world and encourage missionaries who accompany global neighbors. Kindle in us a spirit of collaboration, that all people may know your loving works. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A We pray for creation. Send rain to lands experiencing drought and come to the aid of those enduring sweltering heat. Nurture wheat and barley crops grown for the nourishment of your people and conserve aquatic habitats and fish populations. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A We pray for those who govern. Cast out arrogance, selfishness, and corruption and instruct those who lead to practice compassion and humility. Inspire them with a vision of the common good and a commitment to ensure that all who hunger are fed. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A We pray for those bowed down by heavy burdens: those who are unemployed or underemployed, those unable to find affordable housing, and those without health insurance. Console those who grieve and hear the cries of those who call to you for healing especially we remember those on our hearts and minds. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A We pray for this assembly. Deepen our resolve to use what we have to serve those in need. When we worry that we do not have enough resources for ministry, assure us of your abundance. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A We give thanks for those who have died. As you sustained them through all their days, so dwell in our hearts, that we may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

P We lift these and all our prayers to you, O God, confident in the promise of your saving love; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen.

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

Our Father, which 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 debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for Thine is the Kingdom and the Power and the Glory, forever. Amen.

BENEDICTION

DISMISSAL

P Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

SENDING HYMN LBW # 415 *God of Grace and God of Glory*

POSTLUDE

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Altar Flowers

Flowers are given to the glory of God by Dave & Nanette Schwab in loving memory of Art & Denelda Rohrs.

Rosebud

The rosebud this morning announces the birth of Tate William Meyer to Seth & Abby Meyer on Monday, July 19. Proud Grandparents Bill & Sharon Panning and Great Grandparents Ed & Betty Panning.

This week please hold in prayer: Mary Lou Zwiebel, Rick Ford, Juanita Clausen, Randy Gerken, Sue Kruse, for all those on our hearts and minds, and for peace in our nation and the whole world.

JOIN US in reading the New Testament in chronological order in 2021! This week's readings are:

July 25: Acts 17:10-15
July 26: Acts 17:16-34
July 27: Acts 18:1-17
July 28: Acts 18:18-23

July 29: Acts 18:24-28
July 30: Acts 19:1-10
July 31: Acts 19:11-20

Thursday evening services

Our Thursday evening service begins at 7 pm. Tell your friends.

HELP!! Please consider volunteering as Readers – Ushers – Camera Operators – Sound Board Operators. 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 Joe Kohout or Laura Ellis-Kruse to volunteer. **WE NEED YOUR HELP!!**

CARING CORNER: For July and August, we would like to continue to highlight the various food pantries in Henry County. As many of us know, children are home from school and food budgets are tight. It can be very difficult for some families to keep their children fed. We suggest easy shelf-stable items such as:

Peanut Butter	Jelly	Pudding/Jell-o Cups
Macaroni & Cheese	Pasta	Spaghetti Sauce
Soup	Canned Meats (Tuna, Chicken, etc.)	
Granola Bars	Canned Fruit and Vegetables	

Northwestern Ohio Community Action Commission presents:

The Summer Foods Program

THIS PROGRAM PROVIDES FREE LUNCHESES AND FUN TO CHILDREN
AGES 1-18 (UP TO AGE 21 WITH A DISABILITY)

Christ United Methodist Church

1255 Glenwood Avenue, Napoleon, Ohio

JUNE 9TH TO JULY 29TH – LUNCH SERVED 11:45-12:30

THERE WILL BE NO LUNCHESES SERVED ON JULY 5TH

ALL KIDS & TEENS EAT FREE; NO INCOME OR ID REQUIREMENTS;
NO REGISTRATION REQUIRED

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RELAY FOR LIFE OF HENRY COUNTY - August 28, 2021 - Henry Co. Fairgrounds
Luminaria Ceremony begins at dusk. There are Luminaria order forms at both entrances. If you want to donate to Team Julie in memory of Julie Mires or to others. Complete and return the form with \$10 per Luminaria to the church office or contact Lori Sharpe 419-966-1240.