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P - Pastor ♦ C - Congregation ♦ A - Assisting Minister

LBW-Lutheran Book of Worship-Green ♦ **WOV**-With One Voice-Blue

ELW-Evangelical Lutheran Worship-Red

*** Please stand as you are able**

RINGING OF THE BELL

WELCOME

PRELUDE *Nocturne in E Minor Op. 72, No. 1* by Frédéric Chopin -Brad Shearer

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, who greets us in this and every season, whose word never fails, whose promise is sure.

C Amen.

P Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of our neighbors.
Merciful God,

C we confess that we have sinned. We have hurt our community. We have squandered your blessings. We have hoarded your bounty. In the name of Jesus, forgive us and grant us your mercy.

P Righteous God,

C we confess that we have sinned. We have failed to be honest. We have lacked the courage to speak. We have spoken falsely. In the name of Jesus, forgive us and grant us your mercy.

P God is a cup of cold water when we thirst. God offers boundless grace when we fail. Claim the gift of God's mercy: you are freed and forgiven in the name of Jesus Christ.

C Amen.

GATHERING HYMN ELW # 883 - Red *All People That on Earth Do Dwell*

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.

KYRIE

P In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

P For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

P For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

P For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

P Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C Amen

HYMN OF PRAISE

P Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.

C Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father: We worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God: You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. You are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen

SALUTATION

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P God of compassion, you have opened the way for us and brought us to yourself. Pour your love into our hearts, that, overflowing with joy, we may freely share the blessings of your realm and faithfully proclaim the good news of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

FIRST READING: Exodus 19:2-8a

²The Israelites had journeyed from Rephidim, entered the wilderness of Sinai, and camped in the wilderness; Israel camped there in front of the mountain.

³Then Moses went up to God; the Lord called to him from the mountain, "Thus you shall say to the house of Jacob and tell the Israelites: ⁴'You have seen what I did to the Egyptians and how I bore you on eagles' wings and brought you to myself. ⁵Now, therefore, if you obey my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my treasured possession out of all the peoples. Indeed,

the whole earth is mine, ⁶but you shall be for me a priestly kingdom and a holy nation.' These are the words that you shall speak to the Israelites." ⁷So Moses went, summoned the elders of the people, and set before them all these words that the Lord had commanded him. ⁸The people all answered as one, "Everything that the Lord has spoken we will do."

A The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM 100

¹Make a joyful noise to the LORD, ¹ all you lands!

²Serve the LORD with gladness; come into God's presence ¹ with a song.

³**Know that the LORD is God, our maker to whom ¹ we belong; we are God's people and the sheep ¹ of God's pasture.**

⁴Enter the gates of the LORD with thanksgiving and the ¹ courts with praise; give thanks and bless God's ¹ holy name.

⁵**Good indeed is the LORD, whose steadfast love is ¹ everlasting, whose faithfulness endures from ¹ age to age.**

SECOND READING: Romans 5:1-8

¹Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, ²through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand, and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. ³And not only that, but we also boast in our afflictions, knowing that affliction produces endurance, ⁴and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, ⁵and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy

Spirit that has been given to us. ⁶For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. ⁸But it is proof of God's own love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us.

A The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

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

Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.

* **GOSPEL: Matthew 9:35—10:14**

Glory to you, O Lord.

³⁵Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the dominion of heaven and curing every disease and every sickness. ³⁶When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. ³⁷Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; ³⁸therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers for the harvesting."

^{10:1}Then Jesus summoned his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to cure every disease and every sickness.

²These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon, also known as Peter, and his brother Andrew; James son of Zebedee and his brother John; ³Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James son of Alphaeus and Thaddaeus; ⁴Simon the Cananaean and

Judas Iscariot, the one who betrayed him.

⁵These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: "Do not take a road leading to gentiles, and do not enter a Samaritan town, ⁶but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. ⁷As you go, proclaim the good news, 'The dominion of heaven has come near.' ⁸Cure the sick; raise the dead; cleanse those with a skin disease; cast out demons. You received without payment; give without payment. ⁹Take no gold, or silver, or copper in your belts, ¹⁰no bag for your journey, or two tunics, or sandals, or a staff, for laborers deserve their food. ¹¹Whatever town or village you enter, find out who in it is worthy, and stay there until you leave. ¹²As you enter the house, greet it. ¹³If the house is worthy, let your peace come upon it, but if it is not worthy, let your peace return to you. ¹⁴If anyone will not welcome you or listen to your words, shake off the dust from your feet as you leave that house or town. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY ELW # 579 - Red *Lord, You Give the Great Commission*

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SPECIAL MUSIC *That's What Makes a Hero* -VBS Children

*** 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 Trusting in God's abundant mercy, let us offer our prayers for a world in need.

A brief silence.

A For the church here and around the world, we pray. Seek out disciples and send them out with authority to proclaim good news, bring healing where there is pain, and counter the forces of evil. God, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A For the earth and all its creatures, we pray. Equip farmers, farm workers, and all who labor on the land to produce a harvest. Nourish crops with ample rainfall and abundant sunshine. Restore lands ruined by pollution or misuse. God, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A For those who govern, we pray. Empower those who seek peaceful solutions to conflict and embolden those who advocate for all who are oppressed. Work through systems of government to establish justice throughout the world. God, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A For those who suffer, we pray. Accompany those who feel helpless, alone, or abandoned. Embrace any who long for successful treatment for mental illness or freedom from addiction. Heal those who are sick especially those on our hearts and minds. God, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A For fathers and father figures, we pray. Console all who long to be fathers, children estranged from their fathers, anyone grieving the death of a father, and fathers who have lost a child. Draw near to all for whom this day stirs up difficult emotions. God, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A For all the saints, we give thanks. Receive into your eternal care all those who have died and fill us with hope that does not disappoint. God, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Receive our prayers and answer us, O God, in the name of Jesus Christ.

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

DISMISSAL

P Go in peace. Serve the Lord. C **Thanks be to God.**

SENDING HYMN ELW # 661 - Red *I Love to Tell the Story*

POSTLUDE

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Altar Flowers

Flowers are given to the glory of God by Carey & Brenda Plummer in honor of their wedding anniversary.

Memorial Service

The Celebration of Life of Karl Wiechers, who entered the Church triumphant on Friday, June 9th, will be held Thursday, June 22nd at Emanuel. Please keep his family and friends in your prayers.

Rosebud

The rosebud this morning announces the birth of Brooklyn Blake Ruffer on Monday, June 12th to proud parents Sarah & Blake Ruffer, big sisters Leah & Vivian, and Grandma Gayla Rohrs.

This week please hold in prayer: Mary Lou Zwiebel, Paul Long, Ed & Betty Panning, Garrick Walker, Ronald Hoops brother of Mary Lou Streicher, Lee Weirauch, Bob Lulfs, Nancy & Ken Lange, Terry Lacy, Matt Von Seggern, for all those on our hearts and minds, and for peace in our nation and the whole world.

Thursday Bible Study: Please join us weekly on Thursday at 9:30am in the adult Sunday school room.

Summer Coffee Hour

Thank you to our coffee hour hosts this morning, the Bell Choir. Please plan to stay after worship as we gather for some refreshments and fellowship downstairs in the Fellowship Hall. Next week's hosts: Choir (Alto, Soprano).

Year of Gratitude: This week we give thanks for property board. We have a big space to take care of at Emanuel. The property board, in conjunction with the custodian, works to ensure our building is safe and well cared for. They are responsible for things like snow removal, scheduling contractors, and determining with the rest of council the order for priorities for the building. Thank you property committee!

A Space to Grieve

Carol Castello and Pastor Janine invite those of you who are grieving to a time to check in, hear scripture, and share stories on June 20th at 10am in the Bible Study room (with lunch included) and at 7pm (with dinner provided beforehand at 6:30). You do not need to RSVP but please let us know if you plan to attend and have any dietary restrictions. As the Honduran proverb goes, "Grief shared is half grief. Joy shared is double joy." Let us hold some of your grief for you.

Devotionals

The new devotionals are available at both entrances. We have *Portals of Prayer* and *Christ in Our Home* in both regular and large print editions. They will be available in the mailbox by the back doors. Please help yourself to your favorite devotional book.

Just a Reminder: June 24th through 30th the **ENTIRE BASEMENT** will be **CLOSED** for waxing of floors in the fellowship hall, entryway and bathrooms. If you need access or have questions please contact Terri Sedam 419-591-6142. Thank you!

Caring Corner for June - We would like to highlight the various food pantries in Henry County. As many of us know, children will be home from school. Food budgets are tight. It can be very difficult for some families to keep their children fed. Please consider donating food items that will help alleviate these difficulties. We suggest easy shelf-stable items such as:

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

This Week

Monday, June 19	12pm	Newsletter deadline
	6:30pm	Church Council Meeting
Tuesday, June 20	10am	A Space to Grieve
	7pm	A Space to Grieve
Wednesday, June 21	1:30-3pm	Open Office Hours at Pocket Park or Coffee Shop
	4-5pm	Puzzles & People
	5pm	Soul Food Café
Thursday, June 22	9:30am	Bible Study
	7pm	Hymn Sing Worship with Communion
Sunday, June 25	9am	Hymn Sing Worship in person or online