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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

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.

WHEN PEACE LIKE A RIVER

SCRIPTURE READING: Amos 5:24

²⁴But let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

Prayer: Holy God, out of your great love for the world, your Word became flesh to live among us and to reconcile us to you and to one another. Rekindle among us the gift of your Spirit so that we seek to live in unity with all people, breaking down the walls that divide, ending the hostility among us, and proclaiming peace to those who are near and to those who are far away; through Christ Jesus, in whom we all have access in the one Spirit to you, both now and forever.

Amen.

HYMN ELW # 785 - Red *When Peace Like a River*

BE THOU MY VISION

SCRIPTURE READING: Jeremiah 9:23-24

²³Thus says the LORD: Do not let the wise boast in their wisdom, do not let the mighty boast in their might, do not let the wealthy boast in their wealth; ²⁴but let those who boast boast in this, that they understand and know me, that I am the LORD; I act with steadfast love, justice, and righteousness in the earth, for in these things I delight, says the LORD.

Prayer: O God, full of compassion, we commit and commend ourselves to you, in whom we live and move and have our being. Be the goal of our pilgrimage, and our rest by the way. Give us refuge from the turmoil of worldly distractions beneath the shadow of your wings. Let our hearts, so often a sea of restless waves, find peace in you, O God; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

HYMN ELW # 793 - Red *Be Thou My Vision*

AMAZING GRACE

SCRIPTURE READING: 1 Chronicles 17:16

¹⁶Then King David went in and sat before the LORD, and said, "Who am I, O Lord GOD, and what is my house, that you have brought me thus far?"

Prayer: Blessed are you, O Lord our God, maker of heaven and earth. From everlasting you are God, our dwelling place in all generations. You are the source of holy wisdom, and the fountain of all truth. We give thanks to you for the elders among us. We are graced by their wisdom and seasoning. We are touched by their knowledge and faith. Bless them, O God, as they are a blessing to us. Pour out your Spirit, that our elders may continue to dream dreams and testify to the Light of their salvation, Jesus Christ. May we find inspiration in their years of faithfulness. May we follow their example by serving you with steadfastness and singleness of heart; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

HYMN ELW # 779 - Red *Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound*

BORNING CRY

SCRIPTURE READING: Psalm 139:13-18

¹³For it was you who formed my inward parts;
you knit me together in my mother's womb.

¹⁴**I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.
Wonderful are your works; that I know very well.**

¹⁵My frame was not hidden from you, when I was being made in secret,
intricately woven in the depths of the earth.

¹⁶**Your eyes beheld my unformed substance. In your book were written
all the days that were formed for me, when none of them as yet existed.**

¹⁷How weighty to me are your thoughts, O God!
How vast is the sum of them!

¹⁸**I try to count them — they are more than the sand;
I come to the end — I am still with you.**

Prayer: Almighty God, with a mother's love and a father's care you have blessed us with the joy and responsibility of children. As we bring them up, give us gracious love, calm strength, and patient wisdom, that we may teach them to love whatever is just and true and good, following the example of Jesus Christ, our Savior.

Amen.

HYMN ELW # 732 - Red *Borning Cry*

LET ALL THINGS NOW LIVING

SCRIPTURE READING: Psalm 136:1-3

¹O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good,
for his steadfast love endures forever.

²**O give thanks to the God of gods,
for his steadfast love endures forever.**

³O give thanks to the LORD of lords,
for his steadfast love endures forever;

Prayer: God, creator of all living things, you fashioned a world in which lands and waterways, plants and animals, together meet the needs of all that you made. We pray that such vitality may flourish around the globe. Bless those who work the soil and who manage animals. Uphold their towns and villages. Nurture bees and other pollinators. Protect farmlands and ranches from drought and flood. Free children from forced labor in the fields. Grant an economy that can sustain those families who treasure a rural life. Teach us how to share with everyone the benefits of each harvest, and accept our gratitude for all sustenance you provide, in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

HYMN ELW # 881 - Red *Let All Things Now Living*

LORD, WHOSE LOVE IN HUMBLE SERVICE

SCRIPTURE READING: Matthew 25:31-45

³¹When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. ³²All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, ³³and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. ³⁴Then the king will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; ³⁵for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, ³⁶I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison

and you visited me.' ³⁷Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink?

³⁸And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? ³⁹And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?'

⁴⁰And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.' ⁴¹Then he will say to those at his left hand, 'You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels;

⁴²for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing

to drink, ⁴³I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.' ⁴⁴Then they also will answer, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry

or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?' ⁴⁵Then he will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.'

Prayer: Sovereign God, your Son Jesus lived within the structures of society even as he spoke truth to those in power and challenged systems of oppression. Empower us to be courageous disciples and responsible citizens. Grant that our life in the public realm be grounded in love for our neighbors, care for the most vulnerable in our midst, and respect for the common life we share, following the example of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

HYMN ELW # 712 - Red *Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service*

* **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.**

CANTICLE OF THE TURNING

SCRIPTURE READING: Luke 1:46-55

⁴⁶And Mary said, "My soul magnifies the Lord, ⁴⁷and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, ⁴⁸for he has looked with favor on the lowliness of his servant. Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed; ⁴⁹for the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name. ⁵⁰His mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation. ⁵¹He has shown strength with

his arm; he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts. ⁵²He has brought down the powerful from their thrones, and lifted up the lowly; ⁵³he has filled the hungry with good things, and sent the rich away empty. ⁵⁴He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy, ⁵⁵according to the promise he made to our ancestors, to Abraham and to his descendants forever."

BLESSING

DISMISSAL

P Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

SENDING HYMN ELW # 723 - Red *Canticle of the Turning*

POSTLUDE

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Altar Flowers

Flowers are given to the glory of God by the family of Jacob Plummer in honor of his birthday.

Memorial Service

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

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 Choir (Alto, Soprano). Please plan to stay after worship as we gather for some refreshments and fellowship in the overflow area. Next week's hosts: Sunday School Teachers.

Year of Gratitude: This week we give thanks for finance board. Each week the offering money needs to be picked up, counted, and reported. The finance committee is responsible for that as well as the formation of the budget. We are so grateful for your financial generosity that makes the finance board's job easier! Thank you finance!

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 | |

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!

Thank You – To the Emanuel families that helped and brought in food for the memorial luncheon for Karl Wiechers.

This Week

Monday, June 26	7pm	Finding Our Way OD Support Group
Wednesday, June 28	NO	Open Office Hours
Thursday, June 29	7pm	Worship
Sunday, July 2	9am	Worship in person or online

Take Me Out to the Ballgame!

Emanuel will join folks from around NW Ohio at the Toledo Mudhens game on Sunday August 20th for Faith and Family day. Pregame activities begin at 2pm with presentations from the team chaplain, some of the players, and a faith band. First pitch is at 4pm. Tickets are \$15 per person and for an additional \$8 you can get a hotdog, chips, and a drink. We are sitting on the 3rd base line. Please sign up and pay in the office by August 1st. Play ball!

DO YOU LIKE TO PLAN PARTIES? If so, please consider joining Emanuel's church council as co-chair of Congregational Life. An opening has occurred on this committee. The other co-chair is currently Denise Etzler. We plan all the parties, potlucks, Caring Corner, etc. for our congregation. We have a lot of fun so please consider joining us! See Denise if you have any questions!