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Fifth Sunday after Pentecost † July 2, 2023

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 *My Life Flows on in Endless Song* -Choir

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 # 623 - Red *Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me*

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 O God, you direct our lives by your grace, and your words of justice and mercy reshape the world. Mold us into a people who welcome your word and serve one another, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 28:5-9

⁵The prophet Jeremiah spoke to the prophet Hananiah in the presence of the priests and all the people who were standing in the house of the Lord, ⁶and the prophet Jeremiah said, "Amen! May the Lord do so; may the Lord fulfill the words that you have prophesied and bring back to this place from Babylon the vessels of the house of the Lord and all the exiles. ⁷"But listen now to this word that I speak in your hearing and in the hearing of all the people.

⁸The prophets who preceded you and me from ancient times prophesied war, famine, and pestilence against many countries and great realms. ⁹As for the prophet who prophesies peace, when the word of that prophet comes true, then it will be known that the Lord has truly sent the prophet."

A The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM 89:1-4, 15-18

¹Your love, O LORD, forever ¹ will I sing;

from age to age my mouth will proclaim your faithfulness.

²**For I am persuaded that your steadfast love is established forever; you have set your faithfulness firmly ¹ in the heavens.**

³I have made a covenant with my ¹ chosen one;

I have sworn an oath to David my servant:

⁴**I will establish your ¹ line forever, and preserve your throne for all ¹ generations.' "**

¹⁵Happy are the people who know the ¹ festal shout!

They walk, O LORD, in the light ¹ of your presence.

¹⁶**They rejoice daily^l in your name;
they are jubilant^l in your righteousness.**

¹⁷For you are the glory^l of their strength,
and by your favor our might^l is exalted.

¹⁸**Truly, our shield belongs^l to the LORD;
our king to the Holy^l One of Israel.**

SECOND READING: Romans 6:12-23

¹²Do not let sin reign in your mortal bodies, so that you obey their desires. ¹³No longer present any parts of your body to sin as instruments of unrighteousness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and present your bodies to God as instruments of righteousness. ¹⁴For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace. ¹⁵What then? Should we sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! ¹⁶Do you not know that, if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? ¹⁷But thanks be to God that you who were slaves of sin have become obedient from the heart to the form of teaching to which you were entrusted ¹⁸and that you, having been set free from sin, have become enslaved to

righteousness. ¹⁹I am speaking in human terms because of your limitations. For just as you once presented the parts of your body as slaves to impurity and lawlessness, leading to even more lawlessness, so now present your bodies as slaves to righteousness, leading to sanctification.

²⁰When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. ²¹So what fruit did you then gain from the things of which you now are ashamed? The end of those things is death. ²²But now that you have been freed from sin and enslaved to God, the fruit you have leads to sanctification, and the end is eternal life.

²³For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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 10:40-42**

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said to the twelve: ⁴⁰“Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. ⁴¹Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet’s reward, and whoever welcomes a righteous

person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous, ⁴²and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple—truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward.”

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY *Build a Longer Table*

Build a longer table, not a higher wall,
feeding those who hunger, making room for all.
Feasting together, stranger turns to friend,
Christ breaks walls to pieces; false divisions end.

Build a safer refuge, not a larger jail;
where the weak find shelter, mercy will not fail.
For any place where justice is denied,
Christ will breach the jail wall, freeing all inside.

Build a broader doorway, not a longer fence.
Love protects all people, sparing no expense.
When we embrace compassion more than fear,
Christ tears down our fences: all are welcome here.

When we lived as exiles, refugees abroad,
Christ became our doorway to the reign of God.
So must our tables welcome those who roam.
None can be excluded; all must find a home.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SPECIAL MUSIC *Love the Lord* by Ray D. Hatton -Choir

* **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 We pray for the church. For wisdom to heed the voices of prophets in our midst who cast a vision of God's promised future. For courage to welcome people whom society rejects. For resolve to serve all in need. God, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A We pray for creation. For all rivers, lakes, oceans, and streams. For lands experiencing scorching heat, drought, or wildfires. For conservation organizations and environmental activists. For scientists working on clean energy solutions. God, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A We pray for this nation and all nations. For presidents, governors, and legislators. For judges, juries, district attorneys, and public defenders. For military personnel. For those who are incarcerated. Guide us in ways of freedom that promote the common good. God, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A We pray for those in need. For exiles, immigrants, refugees, and those seeking asylum. For victims of harassment, torture, or abuse. For those who are ill especially those on our hearts and minds.. For any near death and for all who grieve. God, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A We pray for children. For their safety at home and in childcare settings. For their flourishing at summer programs and camps. For the many people who care for them including parents and grandparents; childcare workers and teachers; coaches, counselors, and mentors; pediatricians and psychologists. God, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A We give thanks for all the saints and prophets who have received the free gift of God, which is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord. May their lives of humble service inspire us in faith. 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 # 638 - Red *Blessed Assurance*

POSTLUDE *Fugue in C Major Jig Fugue* by Dietrich Buxtehude -Choir

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Altar Flowers

Flowers are given to the glory of God by Alexandria & Ethan Jones in honor of their 1st wedding anniversary.

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

Year of Gratitude: This week we give thanks for Education Board. Sunday School, Confirmation, Vacation Bible School and more! Education board ensures that our learners of all ages have opportunities to learn and grow in faith. They plan activities like Rally Day, graduation celebration, and end of Sunday School parties, too. Thank you for helping us grow in faith!

Caring Corner for July and August - we would like to highlight the LWR kits we annually put together. Lutheran World Relief collects these kits and sends them to communities/countries that need them. Fabric kits supply fabric and supplies needed for individuals to sew clothing for themselves and others. Personal care kits provide items needed for personal hygiene. School kits provide needed school supplies.

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!

This Week

Tuesday, July 4		Offices Closed for Fourth of July
Wednesday, July 5	1:30-3pm	Open Office Hours at Pocket Park or Coffee Shop
	4-5pm	Puzzles & People
	5pm	Soul Food Café
Thursday, July 6	9:30am	Bible Study
	7pm	Worship
Sunday, July 9	9am	Worship with Communion in person or online

Pictorial Pictures Update

As we have not seen all available appointments being used for pictorial pictures, we are winding down our scheduled appointments. Ann has taken some beautiful family pictures at the fairgrounds, the river, the church and Bloomfield House. If you haven't participated in this generous opportunity by Ann, you are truly missing out. If you want your picture taken in July, after the holiday, please contact Ann directly at 419.966.2210. ALL pictures MUST be completed by September 1, 2023 so that the directory can be completed and printed. Thank you for your cooperation! Phyl Kloos