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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 *You Are Holy* -Pastor Janine

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 # 697 - Red *Just a Closer Walk with Thee*

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 This is the Feast of victory for our God. Alleluia.

C Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God. Power, riches, wisdom, and strength, and honor, blessing, and glory are his, This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia. Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation: Blessing, honor, glory, and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen. This is the feast of victory for our God, for the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia. Alleluia.

SALUTATION

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P You are great, O God, and greatly to be praised. You have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless until they rest in you. Grant that we may believe in you, call upon you, know you, and serve you, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

FIRST READING: Zechariah 9:9-12

⁹Rejoice greatly, O daughter Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter Jerusalem! See, your king comes to you; triumphant and victorious is he, humble and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

¹⁰The king will cut off the chariot from Ephraim and the war horse from Jerusalem; and the battle bow shall be cut off, and the king shall command peace to the nations; his dominion shall be from sea

to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth. ¹¹As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you, I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit.

¹²Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope; today I declare that I will restore to you double.

A The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM 145:8-14

⁸The LORD is gracious and full ^l of compassion, slow to anger and abounding in ^l steadfast love.

⁹**LORD, you are ^l good to all, and your compassion is over ^l all your works.**

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

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

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

¹³**Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom; your dominion endures through out all ages.**

You, LORD, are faithful in all your words, and loving in ^l all your works.

¹⁴The Lord upholds all ¹ those who fall
and lifts up those who ¹ are bowed down.

SECOND READING: Romans 7:15-25a

¹⁵I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. ¹⁶Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good. ¹⁷But in fact it is no longer I who do it but sin that dwells within me. ¹⁸For I know that the good does not dwell within me, that is, in my flesh. For the desire to do the good lies close at hand, but not the ability. ¹⁹For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do. ²⁰Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I who do it but sin that dwells within me. ²¹So I find it to be a law

that, when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand. ²²For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, ²³but I see in my physical body another law at war with the law of my mind, making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my body.

²⁴Wretched person that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death?

²⁵aThanks be to God through Jesus Christ 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 11:16-19, 25-30**

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus spoke to the crowd saying: ¹⁶“To what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to one another, ¹⁷‘We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we wailed, and you did not mourn.’ ¹⁸“For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, ‘He has a demon’; ¹⁹the Son-of-Man came eating and drinking, and they say, ‘Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!’ Yet Wisdom is vindicated by her deeds.” ²⁵At that time Jesus said, “I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the

intelligent and have revealed them to infants; ²⁶yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. ²⁷All things have been handed over to me by my Father, and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal the Father. ²⁸“Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. ²⁹Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY *Come to Me, O Weary Traveler*

Come to me, O weary traveler, come to me with your distress,
come to me you heavy burdened, come to me and find your rest.

Do not fear, my yoke is easy, do not fear, my burden's light;
do not fear the path before you; do not run from me in fright.

Take my yoke and leave your troubles; take my yoke and come with me.
Take my yoke, I am beside you; take and learn humility.

Rest in me, O weary traveler, rest in me and do not fear.
Rest in me, my heart is gentle, rest and cast away your care.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

* **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 be seated)*

A Confident that God receives our joys and concerns, let us offer our prayers for the church, those in need, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

A God of the covenant, you call ministers to proclaim your gospel of grace throughout the world. Inspire pastors, deacons, church musicians, and all ministers of your word as they carry out your work. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A God of all creation, you reveal your goodness through all you have made: rivers and seas, plants and animals, and endangered species. Prosper the work of conservation organizations, botanical gardens, zoos, and wildlife sanctuaries. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A God of the nations, you desire that all the peoples of the world live in peace. Guide government leaders at all levels—national, state/province, and local—to work for justice, mercy, and reconciliation. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A God of compassion, you bring healing to those who are sick, consolation to those who are grieving, and well-being to those who are distraught. Send skilled caregivers to all in need especially those on our hearts and minds, and make your presence known among all who suffer. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A God of rejoicing, you have brought us together this day to worship around word and sacrament. Encourage children in their learning and growing, and watch over those who are absent today. Lead us all to places of renewal and refreshment. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A God of all faithfulness, through the witness of the faithful departed you reveal love in action. Embolden us by their example to build up the beloved community in all the contexts we encounter. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

P Into your hands, O God, we commend all for whom we pray, in the name of the one who reconciled all creation to himself, Jesus Christ our Savior.

C Amen.

PEACE

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

P The Lord be with you. **C And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts. **C We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P It is indeed right and salutary...

Holy, holy, holy Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might: Heav'n and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who come in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

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

COMMUNION HYMN ELW # 471 - Red *Let Us Break Bread Together*

* **BLESSING** *(please stand as you are able)*

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C Amen.

*** POST COMMUNION CANTICLE**

Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev'ryone what he has done. Let ev'ryone who seeks the Lord rejoice and proudly bear his name. He recalls his promises and leads his people forth in joy with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia. Alleluia.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P We thank you, generous God, for the refreshment we have received at your banquet table. Send us now to spread your generosity into all the world, through the one who is our dearest treasure, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

BENEDICTION

DISMISSAL

P Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

SENDING HYMN ELW # 790 - Red *Day by Day*

POSTLUDE *Fugue in G Minor* by Johann Sebastian Bach

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Altar Flowers

Flowers are given to the glory of God by Ed & Tiffany Biederstedt in loving memory of Jeanne Gebers; and by Tom & Beth Jenny in honor of their 52nd 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, Dezarea Harshman, 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 (Bass, Tenor). Please plan to stay after worship as we gather for some refreshments and fellowship downstairs in the Fellowship Hall. Next week's hosts: Soul Food.

Year of Gratitude: This week we give thanks for Worship and Doctrine. Scheduling volunteers, planning fun worship opportunities, and giving feedback are three of the main goals of the worship and doctrine team. We have a lot of fun exploring new worshipping opportunities and leaning into some of our favorite traditions. Thank you worship and doctrine for your leadership!

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

Monday, July 10	9am	Mutual Relations Meeting
Wednesday, July 12	1:30-3pm	Open Office Hours at Pocket Park or Coffee Shop
Thursday, July 13	9:30am	Bible Study
	7pm	Worship
Sunday, July 16	9am	Worship 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