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LBW - Lutheran Book of Worship
WOV - With One Voice
CH - Celebration Hymnal

**16th Sunday of Pentecost
September 24, 2017**

Pastor: Solveig A.H. Zamzow
Lay Reader: Barb Backhaus

Guest Organist: Jeremias Zamzow
Acolyte: Gracie Urbatsch

Prelude
Brief Order for Confession and ForgivenessLBW p. 77
Entrance Hymn: *O Creator, God of Glory*

Verse 1- O Creator, God of glory, we behold your guiding hand.
Working marvels in the heavens, shaping life upon the land.
While we live among the splendor, may we learn to see the signs
Of creation dying rising, as the gift of your design.

Verse 2- O Redeemer, now among us, here in speech, in bread and wine.
At the table spread before us, touch each heart, renew each mind.
From a cross you brought salvation, love and healing from the tomb.
Grant us grace to see you truly, faith and hope to lead us home.

Verse 3- Holy Spirit, ever watching, ever waiting, never still,
Blowing gentle breath up on us, waking us to know your will.
With the light that shines around us, with the light that glows within,
You, the font of human freedom, keep us safely from all sin.

Verse 4- People gathered and empowered, giving thanks and praise on high,
Raise in song their countless voices, stand united in their cry:
Send us forth to spread the message! Send us forth to spread the news!
For our mission as your servants, is to rise and follow you.

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Text: The Rev. Dr. Ralph F. Smith, 1950-1994

Greeting & KyrieLBW p. 78
Hymn of Praise: *This is the Feast*LBW p. 81

Prayer of the Day: Lord God, you call us to work in your vineyard and leave no one standing idle. Set us to our tasks in the work of your kingdom, and help us to order our lives by your wisdom; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Choir Anthems: *God's Son Has Made Me Free, The Way of the Cross Leads Home*

First Lesson: Jonah 3:10-4:11

Piano-Organ duet: Donna Schilling and Charlotte Cole- *"Ode to Joy"*- Ludwig van Beethoven

Psalm: 145:1-8

Second Lesson: Philippians 1:21-30

Verse: *Alleluia...* and Gospel AcclamationLBW p. 83

Gospel: Matthew 20:1-16

Hymn: *Give to Our God Immortal Praise*.....LBW # 520

Sermon: *It's 5 o'clock Somewhere*

Hymn: *There's a Wideness in God's Mercy*.....LBW # 290

Nicene Creed.....LBW p. 84

Prayer of the Church

Sharing of the Peace

The Collection of the Offering

Offering Response: *Let the Vineyards*LBW p. 86

Prayer: *Merciful Father...*LBW p. 87

The Great ThanksgivingLBW p. 88

The Sanctus (Holy, Holy, Holy)LBW p. 89

The Words of InstitutionLBW p. 89

The Lord's PrayerLBW p. 91

The Agnus Dei (Lamb of God)LBW p. 92

Note: We will commune via Intinction today. Please form ONE line as you approach the altar and return on the SIDE AISLE to your seat. Thank you.

Note to our guests: As your church's tradition and your conscience may allow, we welcome all who are baptized in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit and who believe in the real presence of Christ in, with and under the bread and wine to participate in the celebration of Holy Communion.

The Distribution

- We Come to the Hungry Feast*.....WOV # 766
- Grains of Wheat*.....WOV # 708
- Thine the Amen*.....WOV # 801
- I am the Bread of Life*.....WOV # 702

The Post-Communion Canticle: *Thank the Lord*.....LBW p. 92

The Post-Communion PrayerLBW p. 94

Choir Anthem: *Choral Benediction*

The Benediction and AmenLBW p. 97

Announcements

Closing Hymn: *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*.....LBW # 543

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Welcome to worship at Emmanuel Lutheran Church! We praise God for this day and the opportunity to hear His Word and share in His Supper. Today we also celebrate with our Pastor the 25th Anniversary of her Ordination. You are invited to join us in the Fellowship Hall for conversation and a luncheon following the worship service. As we leave today, let us walk into the world, living as disciples of the Lord, carrying in word and deed the message of the One who called us out of darkness into the splendor of His own light.

Thank you so much to the following ladies for volunteering their time at the Share Shoppe in Northwood: Nicole Cole, Doris Ralph, Clarice Bartz, Charlotte Cole, Linda Koschmeder and Pastor Zamzow. There is still time to join the group! Just visit with Nicole.

Thank you to our guest organist, **Jeremias Zamzow**, our guest choir director, **Merlin Bartz, Donna Schilling and Charlotte Cole** and all **the choir members** for the special music today.

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God by the Zamzow family.

WELCA Church Bazaar is on Saturday, September 30th from 8:30-11am at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Manly. There will be baked goods, crafts, garden goodies and more.

Our wooden front door will be refurbished by Wunderlich Woodworking of Mason City. The door will be removed the week of September 25th and the opening will be covered appropriately. Please use only the glass door entry or one of the side doors during that time. It should take about two weeks for the door to be returned. If you have questions, please speak to a member of the Property Committee. Thank you!

Living a Chocolate Life

Ladies, the day is almost here: we are getting ready to Live a Chocolate Life!

Living a Chocolate Life is our new Women's Bible study that warmly invites all to savor God's rich and endless supply of grace in Christ. Whether you're sampling bitter nuggets of pain to sweet morsels of joy, this study reminds you that the Holy Spirit fills us with sweet faith in our Savior—and it is only He who can truly satisfy.

Aside from studying, we will eat chocolate, learn about chocolate, share chocolate recipes and do 'all things chocolate' like only chocolate lovers can do. If you don't like chocolate (really?) we will find something else for you to munch on. If you have not yet gotten your study book, please see Sharon Hulshizer and for the sweet price of only \$7.00 you are able to obtain one. Our study days for the rest of the year are THIS Tuesdays, September 26th, as well as October 24th and November 28th. We will meet twice, at 10 am and at 7 pm. Please choose the time that works best for you. If you would like, for our meeting on Tuesday, bring along your favorite chocolate recipe or chocolate item... Hershey's kisses? ... scrumptious European chocolate bars? ... Death by Chocolate dessert? ... chocolate-covered nuts? ... coffee and tea will be on the table. Sweet chocolate dreams until we meet!

This Week at Emmanuel September 25 – October 1		
Monday, September 25	6:30 pm	Youth and Education Meeting
Tuesday, September 26	10:00 am	ENALCW Bible Study
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Wednesday, September 27	4:15 pm	Confirmation Class
	7:00 pm	Choir
Thursday, September 28	9:30 am	Bible Study
Friday, September 29	2:00 pm	Pastor at Good Sam's
Sunday, September 10	9:30 am	Worship
	10:30 am	Fellowship
	10:40 am	Sunday School

Sunday Offering for September 17, 2017		Attendance: 110
Current- \$ 3,607	Benevolence- \$ 35	Building- \$ 160
Food Bank- \$ 70		Sunday School- \$ 26.83

Dear friends in Christ

Thank you for joining me and one another in giving praise to God in Christ for His steadfast love, the merciful guidance of His church, and the promise of Resurrection that is ours. To come together in worship, to hear God's Word and taste His divine goodness is our most important and life-giving task this day. Worship is at the center of who we are as people of God. I am truly humbled to have shared in the Word and Sacrament ministry of Christ's church for twenty-five years and I am still amazed at the gracious yet serious, and sometimes overwhelming charge of living as "servant of Christ and steward of the mysteries of God". It has been a time of joy, privilege, pain, frustration, hard work and, above all, thanksgiving.

I started this journey in August of 1987 with Greek classes at Wartburg Theological Seminary in Dubuque, IA. One year later I began a two-year Internship at Tri-Lutheran Parish, west of Dubuque. This part-time plan turned into a full-time endeavor after six weeks. For the remainder of my time in Dyersville, Earlville and Epworth I served as 'pastor' while also taking several classes at Seminary. There never was enough time to 'think' – everything simply had to be 'done'. I loved the mix of two mission congregations and one well established faith community...together we struggled, laughed often and grew in faith. By the time I bid my good-bye to begin three months of Clinical Pastoral Training in Phoenix, AZ, my internal and external sense of Call to ministry was solidified. I graduated in May of 1991 and shortly thereafter began my beloved "Supply Pastor" time at Calamus Lutheran Parish. Together the two congregations and I took on the Bishop's dare to 'make it or break it'. Of course, by the grace of God, we made it! What joy it is to see the Parish remain a beacon of light!

September 27th, 1992 was Ordination day at St. John's Lutheran Church in St. Donatus, IA – a community that still holds a special place in the heart of our entire family. Michael's parish made me 'their daughter' and celebrated this milestone with me as one of their own. A few days later I started my first Call among and with the people of St. John's Lutheran Church in Bellevue, IA. I could not have hoped for a better place to make mistakes, rejoice in mutual accomplishments and see my family embraced by an entire community alongside the beautiful Mississippi.

Leaving Bellevue brought many nights of tears. But when God calls we follow. God knew that serving Saint Andrew Lutheran Church, a large suburban congregation in the land called 'Cheese', (Wausau, WI) was the right setting for me to mature in personal ways and to experience an entirely different ministry 'style' with a large and competent staff. What a privilege it was to be part of Saint Andrew's diverse mission - with the added pleasure of having a large, beautiful office that faced Rib Mountain!

The experiences of those years in Bellevue and Wausau gave me important tools to continue my work for an entire decade at St. John's Lutheran Church in Little Suamico, WI. And what a decade it was! My heart runs over with gratitude when I think of the countless opportunities we were given to share God's call to discipleship...most pastors can only dream of the things I got to see and do in that dear corner of East-Central Wisconsin, my "Swamp" (it really was!). The Christ-centered friendships we formed still make my heart sing. And yet, God's mercies never come to an end! God's plan unfolded and there was Emmanuel Lutheran Church, my dear, beloved 'Cathedral in a Corn Field'. What a great joy it is to serve as your Pastor on this wind-swept prairie. Thank you for living with my idiosyncrasies and for letting me share in your lives. You are very special to me. I am grateful that God has brought us together to share in God's mission in the Grafton area and I am honored to observe this Anniversary day in your midst.

Aside from parish ministry I have been involved in the education and evaluation of pastors quite literally from the day of my Ordination: as synodical 'recruiter', as Internship Supervisor and for ten years as member and chair of a Candidacy Committee. These days I am busy 'vetting clergy' who desire to join our national church body.

There are countless individuals who have made my journey possible, joyous, challenging and fruitful: my home-town pastor, my professors at Seminary, colleagues, the members of the congregations I was blessed to serve, and, of course, my beloved family and friends. Many of them are now resting from their labors in the Church Triumphant but their memory is burned into my heart and their faithfulness continues to inspire me.

A word to my dear family: I love you very, very much. Surely, I have way too often neglected you for the sake of my Calling and I am likewise sure that such will not change tomorrow – yet, neither will my love for you. I simply thank God for you as there are not enough words to express my gratitude for your support, sacrifice, understanding, love, forgiveness, advice, wisdom, kindness, and our challenging variances of thought that have formed and shaped my life.

The one word from my Ordination service that has clearly stayed with me was the admonition never to 'give illusory hope'. I have tried hard only to proclaim the hope we have in Christ; albeit I am painfully aware that I have failed profoundly on many occasions. Yet, that is where I place my own hope: in the One who came to forgive my sins and without whose Death and Resurrection I would remain in my misery. Therefore, finally and foremost, I give thanks to my living Lord, Jesus, the Christ of God, the Alpha and Omega, the Great Shepherd of us all, who has called me to serve His church.

Glory be to God alone! -Pastor Solveig A. H. Zamzow