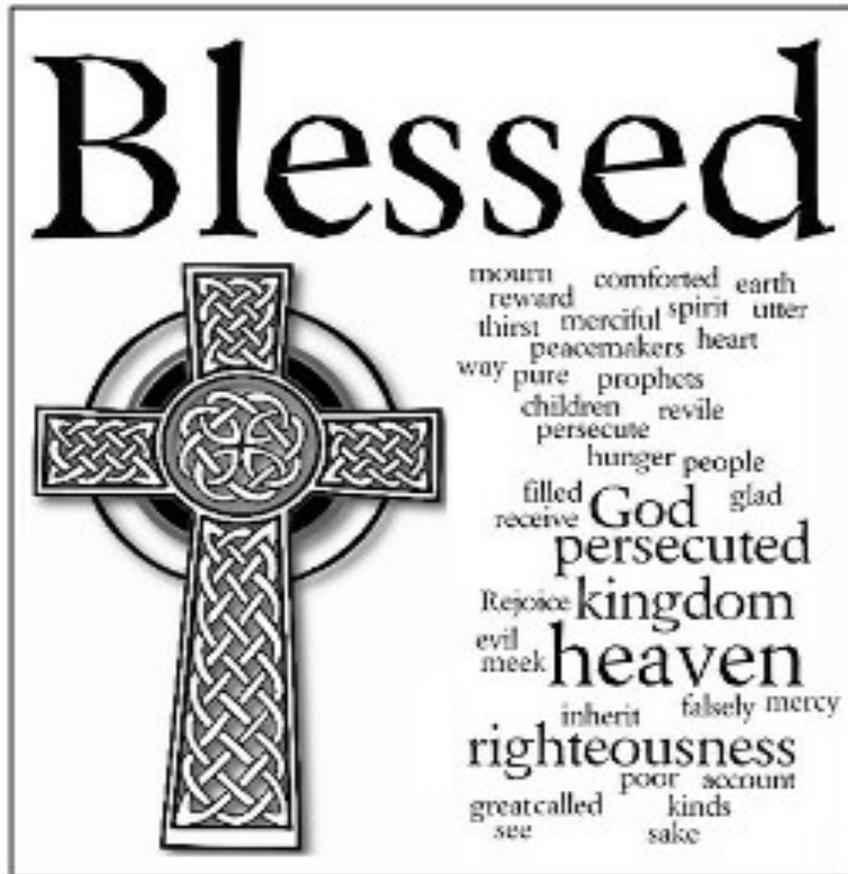


Welcome

Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany

February 2, 2020



UNION LUTHERAN CHURCH

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9:30 a.m. Sunday School ~ 10:30 a.m. Worship

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Christ Centered - Mission Driven - Traditionally Grounded - Congregationally Focused*

ORDER OF SERVICE - SETTING ONE
WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS
PRIMARY PASTORAL CANDIDATE VOTE

PRELUDE On Eagle's Wings (WOV 779) -arr. Hobby

Please stand as you are able.

CALL TO WORSHIP

P We are the people of God,

C **Marked by water,**

P Claimed by the Spirit,

C **Precious and honored in God's sight.**

P We are the body of Christ,

C **Gathered around the table,**

P Fed by the Bread of Life,

C **Filled with the cup of joy,**

P Strengthened for the new year.

C **We are the community of faith,**

P Following God's star,

C **Bringing our gifts, seeing the Holy in the ordinary,
and being made new as we travel new roads.**

CONFESSION OF SINS

P In these moments of silence bring your personal sins and burdens before the Lord. As a family in Christ we confess together:

C **God of eternal hope, you place a light into every darkness and a star in every sky, and yet we prefer to walk in the darkness of despair and worry. We cover over the light of possibility with a flurry of worry. We walk bent over with care and concern and miss the reach of the stars. We fear the worst and distrust the best. We forge ahead on our own, not noticing your outstretched hand. We forget that there is never a moment that you are not with us, that your Son was called Immanuel, which means "God with us." You bring a candle of hope, the light of peace, the radiance of joy. Shine your light on our path and walk with us through all our valleys with the sun at our backs. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

(Pastor pronounces absolution and forgiveness of sins.)

HYMN

Shine, Jesus Shine

WOV 651

APOSTOLIC 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

A In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **C** Lord, have mer - cy.

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

C Lord, have mer - cy.

A 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.

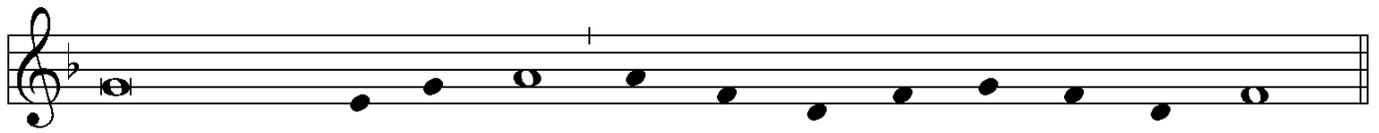
C Lord, have mer - cy.

A For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,

let us pray to the Lord. **C** Lord, have mer - cy.

A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. **C** A - men

HYMN OF PRAISE



A Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his peo - ple on earth.



B Lord God, heav - en - ly king, al - might - y God and Fa - ther:



We wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.



Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God:



You take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.



You are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther; re - ceive our prayer.



For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,



you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,



in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men

THE SALUTATION

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray, O God, you know the perilous choices we are prone to make that fall short of your desire for human faithfulness and obedience. Without you, our fragile nature cannot survive. Support us with your Word of truth, that we may grow in faith in the midst of our trials. Grant this, we pray, through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen**

Please be seated.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

FIRST LESSON: Micah 6:1-8

¹Hear what the Lord says: Arise, plead your case before the mountains, and let the hills hear your voice. ²Hear, you mountains, the indictment of the Lord, and you enduring foundations of the earth, for the Lord has an indictment against his people, and he will contend with Israel. ³“O my people, what have I done to you? How have I wearied you? Answer me! ⁴For I brought you up from the land of Egypt and redeemed you from the house of slavery, and I sent before you Moses, Aaron, and Miriam. ⁵O my people, remember what Balak king of Moab devised, and what Balaam the son of Beor answered him, and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal, that you may know the righteous acts of the Lord.” ⁶“With what shall I come before the Lord, and bow myself before God on high? Shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with calves a year old? ⁷Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousands of rivers of oil? Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?” ⁸He has told you, O man, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

Hear ends the reading.

Psalm 15 (read in unison)

¹Lord, who may dwell in your tabernacle?*

who may abide upon your holy hill?

²Whoever leads a blameless life and does what is right,*

who speaks the truth from his heart.

³There is no guile upon his tongue; he does no evil to his friend;*
 he does not heap contempt up on his neighbor.
⁴In his sight the wicked is rejected,*
 but he honors those who fear the Lord.
⁵He has sworn to do no wrong*
 and does not take back his word.
⁶He does not give his money in hope of gain,*
 nor does he take a bribe against the innocent.
⁷Whoever does these things*
 shall never be overthrown.

SECOND LESSON: 1 Corinthians 1:18-31

¹⁸For the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. ¹⁹For it is written, "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart." ²⁰Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? ²¹For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, it pleased God through the folly of what we preach to save those who believe. ²²For Jews demand signs and Greeks seek wisdom, ²³but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles, ²⁴but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. ²⁵For the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men. ²⁶For consider your calling, brothers: not many of you were wise according to worldly standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. ²⁷But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; ²⁸God chose what is low and despised in the world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are, ²⁹so that no human being might boast in the presence of God. ³⁰And because of him you are in Christ Jesus, who became to us wisdom from God, righteousness and sanctification and redemption, ³¹so that, as it is written, "Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord."

Here ends the reading.

Please stand as you are able.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
 words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the 5th chapter.

C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

GOSPEL: Matthew 5:1-12

¹Seeing the crowds, {Jesus} went up on the mountain, and when he sat down, his disciples came to him. ²And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying: ³Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. ⁴Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted. ⁵Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth. ⁶Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied. ⁷Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy. ⁸Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God. ⁹Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God. ¹⁰Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. ¹¹Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. ¹²Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Please be seated.

SERMON

Rev. Tom Corbell

HYMN OF THE DAY

Give Me Jesus

WOV 777

Please stand as you are able.

THE APOSTLES' CREED

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 OF THE CHURCH

THE PEACE

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **And also with you.**

Please be seated.

OFFERING

ANTHEM

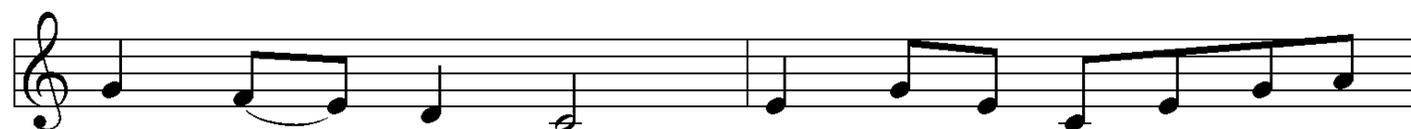
Chancel Choir

Please stand as you are able.

OFFERTORY



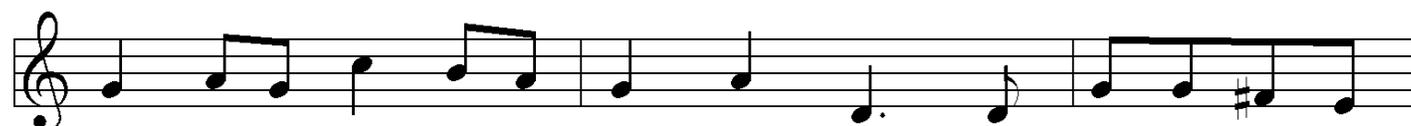
☩ Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our



cup of bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the



seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life.



Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u - nite them with the



prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your



pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

P Let us pray. Merciful Father,
C we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us-ourselves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

P The Lord be with you. **C** And al - so 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 him thanks and praise.

P It is indeed right and salutary....we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:

Heav-en and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho - san - na. Ho - san - na.

Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who

comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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**

Please be seated.

DISTRIBUTION

All who are baptized and believe Christ is truly present within the elements of the bread and wine are welcome to God's table. Today we receive the sacrament by way of "intinction." After receiving the wafer, dip it into the wine. Grape juice is provided for anyone who is not able to receive the wine.

LAMB OF GOD

☐ Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

The image shows four staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like. The lyrics are printed below the notes. A square symbol in the first line indicates a specific instruction. A slur is placed under the notes for 'grant us peace' in the fourth line.

HYMN DURING COMMUNION

The King of Love My Shepherd Is LBW 456

Please stand as you are able.

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

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

C **Amen**

POST COMMUNION CANTICLE



C Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev-'ry-one what he has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and proud-ly bear his name.



He re - calls his prom - is - es and leads his peo - ple forth in joy with



shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

P Let us pray

Pour out upon us the spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of those whom you have fed with one heavenly food; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen

BLESSING

P Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

C Amen

HYMN

Lift High the Cross

LBW 377

P Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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Today's Activities (February 2):

9:15 a.m. Confirmation ~ 9:30 a.m. Sunday School

10:30 a.m. Worship & Holy Communion

The congregation will meet following worship with the purpose of voting on the Congregational Council's recommendation to call Rev. Heidi Punt to be the Pastor of Union Evangelical Lutheran Church.

After the vote the congregation is invited to attend a meal in the Dutch Meeting Hall honoring Pastor Corbell.

Today is the deadline to turn in all committee reports, etc. Please turn in to Lynn Coughenour (unionlutheranwomen@gmail.com), Jennifer Curlee (jenkat1974@yahoo.com), or leave in the church office for their attention. They have graciously volunteered to organize the information for the church office.

*The **ALTAR FLOWERS** are given to the Glory of God in honor of Pastor Tom Corbell in appreciation for his faithful leadership as our Interim Pastor at Union by Janet Overcash; Kevin, Brad, and Jan Huffman; and Thad and Sonya Mulkey.*

This Week's Activities:

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| Mon. Feb 3 | 6:00 p.m. Worship & Music Committee |
| Tues. Feb. 4 | 2:00 p.m. Mary & Martha Group (Union Women)
6:30 p.m. Anna Petrea Group (Union Women)
6:30 p.m. Stewardship/Long Range Planning |
| Wed. Feb. 5 | 7:00 p.m. Scouts |
| Thurs. Feb 6 | 10:00 a.m. Good Timers |
| Fri. Feb 7 | 5:00 p.m. Game Night |
| Sat. Feb 8 | 8:30 a.m.-12 noon Church Council Retreat
(Dutch Meeting Hall) |

Next Sunday's Activities (February 9):

9:30 a.m. Sunday School ~ 10:30 a.m. Worship & Holy Communion

Lessons for Next Week:

Isaiah 58:3-9a, Psalm 112:1-9, 1 Corinthians 2:1-12(13-16),
Matthew 5:13-20

During the month of February the loose offering will be given to the Social Ministry Fund (2/2), Gerald Bame Scholarship Fund (2/9), Building and Repair Fund (2/16), and Lutheridge Scholarship Fund (2/23).

2020 Flower Calendar is located in the Narthex. Please consider placing flowers on the altar during 2020. When you sign the flower calendar, please notify the church office as well. Thank you.

Those Serving in February:

Acolytes: Ellie, Ethan, Bailey, and Lucas Wilhelm

Lay Readers: Pam Vellines ~ Ellie Wilhelm ~ Ethan Wilhelm

Communion Assistants:

Brad Huffman ~ Kevin Huffman ~ Elbert Kluttz

Ushers:

Larry Barringer ~ Phil Cauble (HU) ~ John Kesler ~ Wayne Vellines

**Jill Miller to use her Nursing Skills
in Helping to Establish a Medical Clinic in Mozambique**

In March, our team will travel to Mozambique to establish a medical clinic. We will medically assess 250 children who attend school at the mission and are blessed to participate in a feeding program where they receive a hot meal every day. For most of these children, this may be the only meal they have during the day. Part of our team will also host a Woman's Conference and attend several churches to minister.

The purpose of our trip is two-fold: to encourage and reach the people of Mozambique with the good news of Jesus Christ and to bring a renewed awareness and excitement for evangelistic to our local church and community. We will simply be doing what Jesus commanded us in the Great Commission of Matthew 28: 18-20.

Jill must raise \$1715 in order to be a part of this Medical Team. If you would like to support her please write a check to Union Lutheran and on the Memo line write Jill Miller.

We will then write one check to her sponsoring church: **Sunset Avenue Church of God**

Mark Your Calendars Now...

You don't want to miss out on our Annual Chili Cook Off and Dessert Auction Fundraiser on Saturday, February 15, at 5:00 p.m. in the Dutch Meeting Hall. All proceeds will go towards the Narthex and Expansion project.

For more information or questions please contact a member of the Long Range Planning Committee.

Ed Denker's Funeral Service will be held on **Friday, February 21**, at **10:30 a.m.** at **Trinity Oaks**. Pastor Woolly of St. John's Lutheran Church will be conducting the

PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER...

Nursing Home Residents - Pat Kluttz, Brenda Mahaley, Jane Peeler, Zarah Plyler, Pat & Wayne Miller, and Ruth Monroe, (Autumn Care), Bob Wilhelm (The Meadows-Rockwell), Jean Ray and Betty Herion (Brookdale), Betty Denker (Trinity Oaks, Apt. 123B).

Homebound Members - Gladys Morgan, Jean Kluttz, Ray Chambers, Mary Brady, Rachel Earnhardt, Billy Waller, Michael Walton, and Frances Norris.

Sick/Surgery/Recovery - Ronald Vellines, Kiki Deaton, Josh Eagle, Ruth Myers, Teresa Kesler, Linda Hartley, Bob Goodwin, Glenn Eagle, Donnie Miller, Pat Kluttz, Larry Shepherd, Harold Miller, Grace Morgan, Effie Vellines, Lynn Coughenour, Karen Plyler, Tommy Kerns, Eric Miller, and Bill Broadway.

Continual Prayer - Vonnie Agner, John Oddie, Jr. (brother of Ruby Leazer and Ruth Myers), Edna & John McCollough, (friends of Jennifer & Scott Curlee), Jamie Troutman (son of Joan Troutman), Shelia Mulkey, June Fraley, Tamara Honeycutt, Teresa Frank, (Pam Vellines cousin), Yvette Bates (coworker of Karen Barringer), Marie Gorapic, (sister of Linda Spencer), Vanna Calloway, (friend of Kat Clifton), Ophelia Curlee (sister-in-law of Grace Morgan), Karen DeMunbrun (Niece of Grace Morgan), Hong Nguyen (Pete Nguyen's mother), Justin West and David Mitchell (friends of Pete Nguyen), Robert Parker (brother of Jimmy Parker), Pat Miller, (friend of Jan Huffman), Della Morgan (mother of Pam Vellines), Nancy Ballew (mother of Kat Clifton), Donna Collins (friend of Sharon Leazer), Evonne Batten (mother of Lisa Morgan), Robert Cook (uncle of Lisa Morgan).