

Welcome

14th Sunday after Pentecost

August 29, 2021

10:30 a.m. Worship & Holy Communion



UNION LUTHERAN CHURCH

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

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KYRIE (Mark 10:47)

Have mer - cy on us, Lord; make sin and shame de - part. Re -
new us with your sav - ing pow'r; cre - ate in us new hearts!

HYMN OF PRAISE (Luke 2:14; John 1:29; Revelation 5:12-13; 19:5-9) IS OMITTED THIS WEEK.

SALUTATION (2 Timothy 4:22)

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

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray. O Lord, mercifully continue to purify and defend your Church. Since she cannot stand firmly without your power, govern her always by your grace; 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

We read scripture from the Old Testament, Apostolic Letters and the Gospels because faith comes from hearing. (Romans 10:17)

FIRST LESSON: Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9

¹{Moses said,} ‘Now, O Israel, listen to the statutes and the rules that I am teaching you, and do them, that you may live, and go in and take possession of the land that the Lord, the God of your fathers, is giving you. ²You shall not add to the word that I command you, nor take from it, that you may keep the commandments of the Lord your God that I command you.

⁶Keep them and do them, for that will be your wisdom and your understanding in the sight of the peoples, who, when they hear all these statutes, will say, ‘Surely this great nation is a wise and understanding people.’ ⁷For what great nation is there that has a god so near to it as the Lord our God is to us, whenever we call upon him? ⁸And what great nation is there, that has statutes and rules so righteous as all this law that I set before you today? ⁹Only take care, and keep your soul diligently, lest you forget the things that your eyes have seen, and lest they depart from your heart all the days of your life. Make

them known to your children and your children's children ...".

Lay Reader The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God!

PSALM 119:129-136 *sung in unison*

¹²⁹Your de- | crees are wonderful;*
therefore I obey them with | all my heart.
¹³⁰When your word goes forth | it gives light;*
it gives understanding | to the simple.
¹³¹I open my | mouth and pant;*
I long for | your commandments.
¹³²Turn to | me in mercy,*
as you always do to those who | love your name.
¹³³Steady my footsteps | in your word;*
let no iniquity have dominion | over me.
¹³⁴Rescue me from those | who oppress me,*
and I will keep | your commandments.
¹³⁵Let your countenance shine up- | on your servant*
and teach | me your statutes.
¹³⁶My eyes shed | streams of tears,*
because people do not | keep your law.

SECOND LESSON: Ephesians 6:10-20

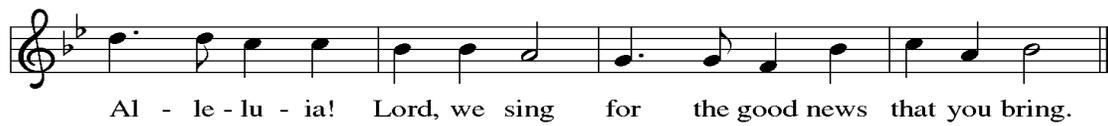
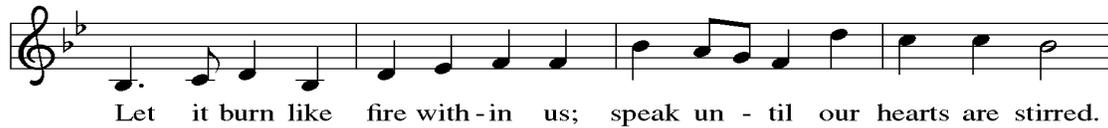
¹⁰Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might. ¹¹Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil. ¹²For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. ¹³Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm. ¹⁴Stand therefore, having fastened on the belt of truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness, ¹⁵and, as shoes for your feet, having put on the readiness given by the gospel of peace. ¹⁶In all circumstances take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming darts of the evil one; ¹⁷and take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God, ¹⁸praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication. To that end, keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints, ¹⁹and also for me, that words may be given to me in opening my mouth boldly to proclaim the mystery of the gospel, ²⁰for which I am an ambassador in chains, that I may declare it boldly, as I ought to speak.

Lay Reader The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God!

Please stand as you are able.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (John 6:68)



P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark the 7th chapter.

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

GOSPEL: Mark 7:14-23

¹⁴{Jesus} called the people to him again and said to them, “Hear me, all of you, and understand: ¹⁵There is nothing outside a person that by going into him can defile him, but the things that come out of a person are what defile him.” ¹⁷And when he had entered the house and left the people, his disciples asked him about the parable. ¹⁸And he said to them, “Then are you also without understanding? Do you not see that whatever goes into a person from outside cannot defile him, ¹⁹since it enters not his heart but his stomach, and is expelled?” (Thus he declared all foods clean.) ²⁰And he said, “What comes out of a person is what defiles him. ²¹For from within, out of the heart of man, come evil thoughts, sexual immorality, theft, murder, adultery, ²²coveting, wickedness, deceit, sensuality, envy, slander, pride, foolishness. ²³All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person.”

P The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Please be seated.

SERMON

Pastor Heidi Punt

Please stand as you are able.

SONG

Ancient Words

1. Holy words long preserved
For our walk in this world
They resound with God's own heart
Oh, let the Ancient words impart

2. Words of Life, words of Hope
Give us strength, help us cope
In this world, where e'er we roam
Ancient words will guide us Home

Chorus: Ancient words ever true
Changing me, and changing you
We have come with open hearts
Oh, let the ancient words impart

3. Holy words of our Faith
Handed down to this age
Came to us through sacrifice
Oh, heed the faithful words of Christ

4. Holy words long preserved
For our walk in this world
They resound with God's own heart
Oh, let the ancient words impart

Chorus: Ancient words ever true
Changing me, and changing you
We have come with open hearts
Oh, let the ancient words impart

Repeat Chorus 3 times and conclude with...

We have come with open hearts
Oh, let the ancient words impart

APOSTLES' CREED (Romans 10:9-10)

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 was 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

**Or, He descended to the dead.*

THE PRAYERS (1 Timothy 2:1-4)

P Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

After each portion of the prayers:

P Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

The prayers conclude:

P Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen

THE PEACE (John 20:19)

In an attempt to be vigilant and responsible, please use Hand Sanitizers provided at each entrance. Please refrain from shaking hands and reserve a little space between one another. Nods, elbows, or gentle pat on the shoulders, etc., are welcome!

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you.

Please be seated.

PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS (Psalm 116:12-13, 17-19)

The Offering is received as the Lord's Table is prepared. All loose offering will go towards the Mission Church or Special. If you wish to contribute to Benevolence, please mark your envelope accordingly. For the month of August, Haiti Global Worker is the focused Benevolence, if you wish for your giving to go there please specify accordingly.

ANTHEM

Chancel Choir

For the Beauty of the Earth (Donnalynn Grunewald)

Please stand as you are able.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

P Let us pray.

C Merciful God, as grains of wheat scattered upon the hills were gathered together to become one bread, so let your church be gathered together from the ends of the earth into your kingdom, for yours is the glory through Jesus Christ, now and forever. Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING (2 Timothy 4:22)

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 that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS (Isaiah 6:3 and Matthew 21:9)



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,



heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. 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, ho - san - na in the high - est.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION (Matthew 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24; Luke 22:19-20; 1 Corinthians 11:23-26)

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.

C **Amen**

THE LORD'S PRAYER (Matthew 6:9-13)

P Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

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.

COMMUNION (Mark 14:23)

As the minister gives the bread and wine, and says these words to each communicant:

The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you.

The communicant may say: Amen

At Union Lutheran Church the Sacrament of Holy Communion is celebrated each Sunday. All baptized Christians who believe in the real presence of Christ in the Lord's Supper are invited to commune. All who do not commune are invited to come forward to receive a blessing. Please follow the directions of the Ushers.

AGNUS DEI (John 1:29)



1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.
e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

HYMN

This Is My Father's World

LBW #554

Please stand as you are able.

After all have returned to their places, the minister may say these or similar words.

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

C **Amen**

PRAYER

The following or a similar post-communion prayer is said.

P Let us pray. We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

C **Amen**

BENEDICTION (Numbers 6:22-27)

The minister blesses the congregation, using this or another appropriate blessing.

P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and +give you peace.

C **Amen**

HYMN

Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven

LBW #549

THE SENDING (Matthew 28:19)

The minister may dismiss the congregation.

P You have been nurtured in Word and Sacrament now go therefore and make disciples of all nations

C **Baptizing them in them in the name of the Father, Son and of the Holy Spirit.**

P Union Lutheran Church you are sent!

C **Amen, amen, amen**

POSTLUDE

Next Week's Readings (September 5):

Isaiah 35:4-7a; Psalm 146; James 2:1-10, 14-18; Mark 7:[24-30] 31-37

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Carolinas Youth Retreat

Friday, September 10-Sunday, September 12

Depart at 4:00 p.m. on Friday from the church and return after Sunday worship.

Carolinas Youth Retreat for Grades 6th-12th

Theme: Plans for Peace, Hope, Future Jeremiah 29:11

Location: St. Christopher Camp and Conference Center

Cost is \$120 per participant and includes lodging in cabin bunks, Saturday meals, and Sunday breakfast, and T-shirt. The church will pay \$60. (More scholarships are available.)

Worship on the beach, engaging Bible study, interest groups, campfire, games, and friends!

Contact Melanie Corn for more information (mcorn@stplchapin.com) or Pastor Heidi Punt. The church office has copies of the Church Registration Form.



CPR/AED TRAINING

Saturday, September 11, at 9:00 a.m.

On Saturday, September 11, Dusty Morgan will be providing a training on CPR/AED Training. If you are interested in participating please contact Dusty or the church office by Sunday, September 5.



Concluding our Summer Sunday School Series...

Splish Splash Family Day

Sunday, September 19, from 5:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.

Bring your family for this Fun and Free water themed event featuring: great food, super fun outdoor games, and awesome families and friends.

Come join us and don't Forget Your Towel!

Those Serving in August

Acolytes: Ellie, Ethan, Bailey and Lucas Wilhelm

Altar Guild: Jennifer Curlee and Cathy Painter

Communion Assistants: Jennifer Curlee and Cathy Painter

Lay Readers: Jennifer and Scott Curlee

Ushers: Larry Barringer, Phil Cauble (HU), and Wade Leazer

Offering Counting Team: Tara Davis, Cathy Painter, and Ronald Vellines

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OFFICE HOURS: 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Monday-Friday

WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

9:30 a.m. Sunday School (please remember to practice social distancing)

10:30 a.m. Worship & Holy Communion

CHURCH STAFF

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Union News...

SUNDAY'S ACTIVITIES (AUGUST 29):

9:00 a.m. Prayer and Fasting in the Chapel

9:30 a.m. Sunday School for all ages

Theme: God is with us through the waters of Baptism
A new character will show up each Sunday at 9:30 a.m.

Drew Wise Adult Sunday School Class:

An Eternal Hope - Romans 7:14-26; 2 Corinthians 4:16-5:10

10:30 a.m. Worship & Holy Communion

12 noon Reservation of Dutch Meeting Hall

September Messenger is available to pick up from the Narthex today.

The **ALTAR FLOWERS** are given to the glory of God in honor of my children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren from Janet Overcash.

THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES:

Tues., August 31	6:30 p.m. Bible in 90 Days Potluck Supper and Open House (see newsletter article)
Wed., September 1	10:00 a.m. Bible in 90 Days Potluck Supper and Open House (see newsletter article)
	5:30 p.m. Finance Committee
	6:30 p.m. Belles and Beaus
	7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir
Fri., September 3	5:30 p.m. Game Night

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Drew Wise Adult Sunday School Class:

Praise With Music - Exodus 14:1-15:21

10:30 a.m. Worship & Holy Communion

10:30 a.m. Bible in 90 Days Completion and Participation Certificates

Deadline for signing up for CPR/AED Training.

Please sign up to reserve the Altar Flowers for Sunday, September 5.

Red, White, and Carolina Blue ULC T-Shirts with the new logo are available in different sizes from the hallway to the Dutch Meeting Hall for \$13 per t-shirt. First come first serve basis and while supplies last.

Please make checks payable to Union Lutheran Church and mark T-shirts on the memo line, on the offering envelope, and place in the offering plate.

CALENDAR AT A GLANCE

Monday, September 6, Labor Day

The church office will be closed in observance of the holiday.

Tuesday, September 7

New: 5:30 p.m. Worship & Music Committee

Wednesday, September 8

New: 2:00 p.m. Lay Ministers

New: 6:00 p.m. Confirmands and Parents Meeting

6:30 p.m. Belles and Beaus

7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir

Thursday, September 9

10:00 a.m. Good Timers (Program: Tasting Party)

New: 5:30 p.m. Social Ministry Committee

New: 6:30 p.m. Sunday School Teachers meeting

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Please contact Dusty if you will be attending the class by Sunday, September 5.

Sunday, September 12

9:00 a.m. Prayer and Fasting in the Chapel

9:30 a.m. Sunday School for all ages

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Drew Wise Adult Sunday School Class:

Praise in Dance - 2 Samuel 6:1-5, 12-19

Sunday, September 12 (continued)

10:30 a.m. Worship & Holy Communion

New: Kesler Family Reunion has been cancelled for Sunday, September 12.

Deena Lanning has reserved the Altar Flowers for September 12.

Tuesday, September 14

New: 6:30 p.m. Great Commission Team

Wednesday, September 15

6:00 p.m. Confirmation Class

6:30 p.m. Belles and Beaus

7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir

Thursday, September 16

5:30 p.m. Executive Committee

Friday, September 17 5:30 p.m. Game Night

Sunday, September 19

9:00 a.m. Prayer and Fasting in the Chapel

9:30 a.m. Sunday School for all ages

Drew Wise Adult Sunday School Class:

Praise By Expecting and Following - Mark 10:46-52; Luke 18:35-43

10:30 a.m. Worship & Holy Communion

12 noon Cauble Family Reunion in the Old Pine Center and Dutch Meeting Hall

2:00 p.m. Church Council

5:00 p.m. Splish Splash Family Day

Cauble Family has reserved the Altar Flowers for Sunday, September 19.

October Messenger articles deadline is Sunday, September 19.

Tuesday, September 21

New: 6:30 p.m. Canoeing the Mountains

Wednesday, September 22

New: 10:00 a.m. Canoeing the Mountains

6:00 p.m. Confirmation

6:30 p.m. Belles and Beaus

7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir

For more information regarding activities and events, please contact the church office.

Please note dates/times are subject to change.

August Benevolence Focus ~ Haiti Global Worker

My heart aches as updates from our faithful SMI Pastors and Campus workers, following the recent earthquake. Several have relatives who have died, others missing, and others have lost their homes. "Lord please breathe your Spirit into the hearts of your servants in Haiti."

Your giving to SMI will go towards helping our brothers and sisters in Christ.

Pr. Heidi Punt, NALC Haiti Global Worker

PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER...

Nursing Home Residents - Nancy Kesler, Brenda Mahaley, Pat & Wayne Miller, Ruth Monroe, and Jane Peeler, (Autumn Care), Jean Ray (Brookdale), and Betty Denker (Trinity Oaks, Apt. 123B)

Homebound Members - Rachel Earnhardt, Jean Kluttz, Grace Morgan, Frances Norris, Zarah Plyler, Billy Waller, and Michael Walton

Sick/Surgery/Recovery - Kathleen Agner, Genevieve Baker, Bill Broadway, Jimmie Cagle (sister of Pat Kluttz), Martha Eller (friend of Pat Kluttz), Linda Hartley, Steve Hutchens, Tommy Kerns, Pat Kluttz, John Knight, Margaret Lyerly, Eric Miller, Donnie Miller, Harold Miller, Dusty Morgan, Gladys Morgan, Grace Morgan, Ruth Myers, William Page, Karen Plyler, Rev. Dawn Rister, Patti Vallandingham, and Effie Vellines

Continual Prayer - Nancy Ballew (mother of Kat Clifton), Evonne Batten (mother of Lisa Morgan), Yvette Bates (coworker of Karen Barringer), Vanna Calloway (friend of Kat Clifton), Arnold Cauble, Ophelia Curlee (sister-in-law of Grace Morgan), Karen DeMunbrun (niece of Grace Morgan), Janet Dunning (sister of Doris Shepherd), June Fraley, Emily Jones (sister of Jimmy Plyler), Amy Lowder Harrison, and Jesse Morgan, Jr., Teresa Kesler, Glenn and Betty Sue Lowder, David Mitchell (friend of Pete Nguyen), Della Morgan (mother of Pam Vellines), Dusty Morgan Family (Dusty, Sr., Lisa, Felisaty, and Dusty, Jr.), Hong Nguyen (mother of Pete Nguyen), Steven and Malynnda Peeler, Union Fire Department #76, Wayne Vellines, and those by natural or political disasters.

Bible in 90 Days Participants: Evonne Batten, Judy Boyd, Scott and Jennifer Curlee, Tara Davis, Mary Elizabeth Earnhardt, Brad and Jan Huffman, John and Susan Knight, Jared Knight, Jack and Deena Lanning, Betty Sue Lowder, Felisaty Morgan, Lisa Morgan, Gladys Morgan, Grace Morgan, Kay Morgan, Cathy Painter, Debbie Rinehart, Sylvia Peeler, and Doris Shepherd

Remember in Prayer List Note: We strive to list the prayer requests and names correctly. Please let us know if a correction is needed or you would like a name added/or returned to the list. If there is a name that can be removed, please contact the church office with that information as well. In an effort to keep the list current, we will update/remove prayer requests on a monthly basis, with the exception of known prolonged/ongoing issues. Thank you!

Please let us know...church staff are not automatically made aware of you or your family members and loved ones who are in the hospital, Hospice, a nursing home or shut-ins at home. This means we cannot minister to them without you letting us know. Please contact the church office (704) 636-5092 to keep us informed.