

Welcome

15th Sunday after Pentecost

September 5, 2021

10:30 a.m. Worship & Holy Communion



UNION LUTHERAN CHURCH

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

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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

RECOGNITION OF 90 DAYS BIBLE STUDY PARTICIPANTS

PRELUDE

Meditation

Hartsell

The Altar Candles are lit at this time during the Prelude.

The minister leads the congregation in the invocation.

Please stand as able.

P In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. (Matt. 28:19)

C **Amen**

BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C **Amen**

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. (1 John 1:8-9)

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

P Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. Most merciful God,

we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

The minister stands and addresses the congregation.

P In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

(John 20:22-23)

C **Amen**

HYMN

All People That on Earth Do Dwell

LBW #245

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 (Mark 10:47) IS OMITTED THIS WEEK.

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

Tune: Hymn to Joy

3. Holy One we now acclaim you; Lord alone, to you we call;
Holy One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all:
Jesus Christ, with God the Spirit, in the Father's splendor bright.
For the peace that we inherit, glory be to God on high!

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, always lead and follow us with your grace, that we may be still more intent on doing good. 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

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

FIRST LESSON: Isaiah 35:4-7a

⁴Say to those who have an anxious heart, "Be strong; fear not! Behold, your God will come with vengeance, with the recompense of God. He will come and save you." ⁵Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; ⁶then shall the lame man leap like a deer, and the tongue of the mute sing for joy. For waters break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; ^{7a}the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water

- Lay Reader The word of the Lord.
C **Thanks be to God!**

PSALM 146 *spoken in unison*

- ¹Hallelujah! Praise the Lord, O my soul!
I will praise the Lord as long as I live;
I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.
²Put not your trust in rulers, nor in any child of earth,
for there is no help in them.
³When they breathe their last, they return to earth,
and in that day their thoughts perish.
⁴Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help!
whose hope is in the Lord their God;

⁵Who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them;
 who keeps his promise forever;
⁶Who gives justice to those who are oppressed,
 and food to those who hunger.
⁷The Lord sets the prisoners free; the Lord opens the eyes of the blind;
 the Lord lifts up those who are bowed down;
⁸The Lord loves the righteous; the Lord cares for the stranger;
 he sustains the orphan and widow, but frustrates the way of the wicked.
⁹The Lord shall reign forever,
 your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. Hallelujah!

SECOND LESSON: James 2:1-10, 14-18

¹My brothers, show no partiality as you hold the faith in our Lord Jesus Christ, the Lord of glory. ²For if a man wearing a gold ring and fine clothing comes into your assembly, and a poor man in shabby clothing also comes in, ³and if you pay attention to the one who wears the fine clothing and say, “You sit here in a good place,” while you say to the poor man, “You stand over there,” or, “Sit down at my feet,” ⁴have you not then made distinctions among yourselves and become judges with evil thoughts? ⁵Listen, my beloved brothers, has not God chosen those who are poor in the world to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom, which he has promised to those who love him? ⁶But you have dishonored the poor man. Are not the rich the ones who oppress you, and the ones who drag you into court? ⁷Are they not the ones who blaspheme the honorable name by which you were called? ⁸If you really fulfill the royal law according to the Scripture, “You shall love your neighbor as yourself,” you are doing well. ⁹But if you show partiality, you are committing sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. ¹⁰For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become guilty of all of it.

¹⁴What good is it, my brothers, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can that faith save him? ¹⁵If a brother or sister is poorly clothed and lacking in daily food, ¹⁶and one of you says to them, “Go in peace, be warmed and filled,” without giving them the things needed for the body, what good is that? ¹⁷So also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead. ¹⁸But someone will say, “You have faith and I have works.” Show me your faith apart from your works, and I will show you my faith by my works.

Lay Reader The word of the Lord.
C **Thanks be to God!**

Please stand as you are able.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (John 6:68)



Al - le-lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav - ing word.



Let it burn like fire with-in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

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

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

GOSPEL: Mark 7:[24-30] 31-37

[²⁴{Jesus} arose and went away to the region of Tyre and Sidon. And he entered a house and did not want anyone to know, yet he could not be hidden. ²⁵But immediately a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit heard of him and came and fell down at his feet. ²⁶Now the woman was a Gentile, a Syrophenician by birth. And she begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. ²⁷And he said to her, "Let the children be fed first, for it is not right to take the children's bread and throw it to the dogs." ²⁸But she answered him, "Yes, Lord; yet even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs." ²⁹And he said to her, "For this statement you may go your way; the demon has left your daughter." ³⁰And she went home and found the child lying in bed and the demon gone.] ³¹Then he returned from the region of Tyre and went through Sidon to the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. ³²And they brought to him a man who was deaf and had a speech impediment, and they begged him to lay his hand on him. ³³And taking him aside from the crowd privately, he put his fingers into his ears, and after spitting touched his tongue. ³⁴And looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, "Ephphatha," that is, "Be opened." ³⁵And his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. ³⁶And Jesus charged them to tell no one. But the more he charged them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. ³⁷And they were astonished beyond measure, saying, "He has done all things well. He even makes the deaf hear and the mute speak."

P The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Please be seated.

SERMON
Why so private?

Pastor Heidi Punt

Please stand as you are able.

HYMN

Thy Holy Wings

WOV #741

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 Social Ministry Fund. During the month of September a love offering will be offered to assist those whose items were stolen from the trailer. If you wish for your giving to go there please specify accordingly.

ANTHEM

Chancel Choir

Why We Sing (Greg Gilpin)

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

Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling

WOV #734

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

Go, My Children, with My Blessing

WOV #721

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 12)
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Isaiah 50:4-10; Psalm 116:1-9; James 3:1-12; Mark 9:14-29

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

Good Timers

Thursday, September 9, at 10:00 a.m.

*Fun is in store for our next meeting on September 9. The program will be a **TASTING PARTY**. Each person attending is asked to bring a favorite dish of their family. It can be as simple as a particular sandwich, a certain dessert, some type of salad – it doesn't matter what it is. You don't have to bring 8 or 9 pies, or 3 cakes - just bring enough for possibly 15 or so people to TASTE.*

Also bring with you the recipe, and any helpful "hints" you may use while cooking, or better yet, some little hint that may have been passed down to you from your mom or grandmother.

Each person, if they so wish, will be given the opportunity to share a story about their dish and why it is special. The recipes and hints will be collected and typed up and given to each person (hopefully) at the October meeting.

Plan to join us as we "taste" and enjoy the food prepared by the good cooks of Union.

If you need help with a dish, please contact Dawn Merrell, and she will be glad to assist you in any way she can. See you on September 9.

Lutheran Book of Worship (LBW) green hymnal
With One Voice (WOV) blue hymnal
Evangelical Lutheran Worship
Setting 10 (pages 203-209)

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Confirmation

CONFIRMATION BEGINS...

*Parents and Confirmands meeting
Wednesday, September 8, at 6:00 p.m.*

We are beginning preparations for one of the most important steps in your Christian journey, the Rite of Confirmation!

A parents and confirmands meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 8, at 6:00 p.m. The meeting will focus on expectations and schedule.

Confirmation is a 2-year discipleship endeavor that meets every Wednesday, during the school year, from 6:00-7:30 p.m. Students enter Confirmation at the start of their 7th grade year through their 8th grade year (or older). Confirmation provides a learning environment for students to explore what it means to be a Christian, ask deep questions of themselves, God, and church leaders, and prepares them ultimately to make a public confession of faith in Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord.

The class focuses on the Bible and Christian faith like the Ten Commandments, Lord's Prayer, and Apostles' Creed as well as shared Martin Luther's Small Catechism.

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.

Carolinas Youth Retreat

September 10-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.

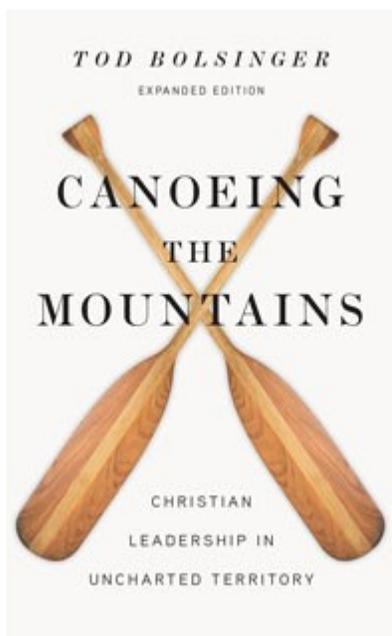


Concluding our Summer Sunday School Series... Splish Splash Family Day

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!



CANOEING THE MOUNTAINS

Beginning Soon!

Tuesday, September 21 and Wednesday, September 22
Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m. or Wednesdays at 10:00 a.m.

Do you ever feel that you are leading in uncharted territory? Pastor and consultant Tod Bolsinger draws on decades of expertise guiding churches and organizations in this expanded practical leadership resource, offering illuminating insights and practical tools to help you reimagine what effective ministry looks like in our rapidly changing world.

If you're going to scale the mountains of ministry, you need to leave behind canoes and find new navigational tools.

All are encouraged to attend the Canoeing the Mountains Study beginning on September 21 at 6:30 p.m. and September 22 at 10:00 a.m.

Those Serving in September

Acolytes: Felisay and Dusty Morgan, Jr.

Altar Guild: Robyn Arey and Jan Huffman

Communion Assistants:

Kevin Huffman, Elbert Kluttz, and Felisaty Morgan

Lay Readers: Dusty Morgan Sr. Family

Ushers: Phil Cauble (HU), Ken Clifton, Don Davis, and John Kesler

Offering Counting Team: Mary Elizabeth Earnhardt,
Sonya Mulkey, and Vivian Sprinkle

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WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

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

10:30 a.m. Worship & Holy Communion

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