

Union Lutheran Church

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11th Sunday after Pentecost

August 21, 2022

10:30 a.m. Worship & Holy Communion

*(Please stand when indicated by *)*

Lutheran Book of Worship (LBW) green hymnal
With One Voice (WOV) blue hymnal

Welcome & Announcements

Prelude: *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty* (Westenkuehler)

GATHERING

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| * Brief Order for Confession & Forgiveness | LBW p. 77 |
| * HYMN: Praise to the Lord, the Almighty | LBW# 543 |
| * Greeting (<i>Kyrie is omitted during the season of Pentecost.</i>) | LBW p. 78 |
| * Hymn of Praise (“ <i>Glory to God...</i> ”) | LBW p. 79-80 |
| * Salutation & Prayer of the Day | LBW p. 82 |

WORD

Children’s Message

First Lesson: Isaiah 66:18-23

¹⁸“For I know their works and their thoughts, and the time is coming to gather all nations and tongues. And they shall come and shall see my glory, ¹⁹and I will set a sign among them. And from them I will send survivors to the nations, to Tarshish, Pul, and Lud, who draw the bow, to Tubal and Javan, to the coastlands far away, that have not heard my fame or seen my glory. And they shall declare my glory among the nations. ²⁰And they shall bring all your brothers from all the nations as an offering to the LORD, on horses and in chariots and in litters and on mules and on dromedaries, to my holy mountain Jerusalem, says the LORD, just as the Israelites bring their grain offering in a clean vessel to the house of the LORD. ²¹And some of them also I will take for priests and for Levites, says the LORD. ²²For as the new heavens and the new earth that I make shall remain before me, says the LORD, so shall your offspring and your name remain. ²³From new moon to new moon, and from Sabbath to Sabbath, all flesh shall come to worship before me, declares the LORD.”

Psalm 50:1-15 *sung in unison*

- ¹The LORD, the God of | gods, has spoken;*
 he has called the earth from the rising of the sun | to its setting.
- ²Out of Zion, perfect | in its beauty,*
 God reveals him- | self in glory.
- ³Our God will come and will | not keep silence;*
 before him there is a consuming flame, and
 round about him a | raging storm.
- ⁴He calls the heavens and the earth | from above*
 to witness the judgment | of his people.
- ⁵“Gather before me my | loyal followers,*
 those who have made a covenant with me and sealed | it with sacrifice.”
- ⁶Let the heavens declare the rightness | of his cause;*
 for God him- | self is judge.
- ⁷Hear, O my people, and I will speak: “O Israel, I will bear wit- | ness against
 you;* for I am | God, your God.
- ⁸I do not accuse you because | of your sacrifices;*
 your offerings are al- | ways before me.
- ⁹I will take no bull calf | from your stalls,*
 nor he-goats out | of your pens;
- ¹⁰For all the beasts of the for- | est are mine,*
 the herds in their thousands up- | on the hills.
- ¹¹I know every bird | in the sky,*
 and the creatures of the fields are | in my sight.
- ¹²If I were hungry, I | would not tell you,*
 for the whole world is mine and all | that is in it.
- ¹³Do you think I eat the | flesh of bulls,*
 or drink the | blood of goats?
- ¹⁴Offer to God a sacrifice | of thanksgiving*
 and make good your vows to | the Most High.
- ¹⁵Call upon me in the | day of trouble;*
 I will deliver you, and you shall | honor me.”

SECOND LESSON: Hebrews 12:4-24 [25-29]

⁴In your struggle against sin you have not yet resisted to the point of shedding your blood. ⁵And have you forgotten the exhortation that addresses you as sons? “My son, do not regard lightly the discipline of the Lord, nor be weary when reproved by him. ⁶For the Lord disciplines the one he loves, and chastises every son whom he receives.” ⁷It is for discipline that you have to endure. God is treating you as sons. For what son is there whom his father does not discipline? ⁸If you are left without discipline, in which all have participated, then you are illegitimate children and not sons. ⁹Besides this, we have had earthly fathers who disciplined us and we respected them. Shall we not much more be subject to the Father of spirits and live? ¹⁰For they disciplined us for a short time as it seemed best to them, but he disciplines us for our good, that we may share his holiness. ¹¹For the moment all discipline

seems painful rather than pleasant, but later it yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it. ¹²Therefore lift your drooping hands and strengthen your weak knees, ¹³and make straight paths for your feet, so that what is lame may not be put out of joint but rather be healed. ¹⁴Strive for peace with everyone, and for the holiness without which no one will see the Lord. ¹⁵See to it that no one fails to obtain the grace of God; that no “root of bitterness” springs up and causes trouble, and by it many become defiled; ¹⁶that no one is sexually immoral or unholy like Esau, who sold his birthright for a single meal. ¹⁷For you know that afterward, when he desired to inherit the blessing, he was rejected, for he found no chance to repent, though he sought it with tears. ¹⁸For you have not come to what may be touched, a blazing fire and darkness and gloom and a tempest ¹⁹and the sound of a trumpet and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that no further messages be spoken to them. ²⁰For they could not endure the order that was given, “If even a beast touches the mountain, it shall be stoned.” ²¹Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, “I tremble with fear.” ²²But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, ²³and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God, the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, ²⁴and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel. [²⁵See that you do not refuse him who is speaking. For if they did not escape when they refused him who warned them on earth, much less will we escape if we reject him who warns from heaven. ²⁶At that time his voice shook the earth, but now he has promised, “Yet once more I will shake not only the earth but also the heavens.” ²⁷This phrase, “Yet once more,” indicates the removal of things that are shaken — that is, things that have been made — in order that the things that cannot be shaken may remain. ²⁸Therefore let us be grateful for receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, and thus let us offer to God acceptable worship, with reverence and awe, ²⁹for our God is a consuming fire.]

* Gospel Acclamation

LBW p. 83

* Holy Gospel: Luke 13:22-30

²²{Jesus} went on his way through towns and villages, teaching and journeying toward Jerusalem. ²³And someone said to him, “Lord, will those who are saved be few?” And he said to them, ²⁴“Strive to enter through the narrow door. For many, I tell you, will seek to enter and will not be able. ²⁵When once the master of the house has risen and shut the door, and you begin to stand outside and to knock at the door, saying, ‘Lord, open to us,’ then he will answer you, ‘I do not know where you come from.’ ²⁶Then you will begin to say, ‘We ate and drank in your presence, and you taught in our streets.’ ²⁷But he will say, ‘I tell you, I do not know where you come from. Depart from me, all you workers of evil!’ ²⁸In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth, when you see Abraham and Isaac and Jacob and all the

prophets in the kingdom of God but you yourselves cast out. ²⁹And people will come from east and west, and from north and south, and recline at table in the kingdom of God. ³⁰And behold, some are last who will be first, and some are first who will be last.”

Sermon *Will I Be Saved?* Pastor Heidi Punt

* HYMN: *Alleluia! Sing to Jesus* (verses 1-4 only)

* Apostles’ Creed LBW p. 85

* Prayers of the Church & Sharing of the Peace LBW p. 85-86

Offering *The Offering is received as the Lord’s Table is prepared. All loose offering will go towards the Building & Repair Fund. During the month of August, the Benevolence Teaching Moment is on East Rowan Bible Teachers, NALC Seminary, and Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary. Please prayerfully consider giving to the Benevolence Fund.*

Anthem: *Lord God, We Worship Thee* (Bach)

MEAL

* Offertory (“*Let the Vineyards...*”) LBW p. 86-87

* Great Thanksgiving & Sanctus LBW p. 88-89

* Words of Institution & Lord’s Prayer LBW p. 89, 91

Lamb of God & Distribution of Communion LBW p. 92

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. For those who prefer individually sealed units please indicate. Gluten Free wafers and grape juice are also available upon request. Please fill out a communion card located in the pew and hand to the Usher while following their directions to receive Holy Communion or a blessing.

COMMUNION HYMN: *O Bread of Life from Heaven* LBW# 222

* Post-Communion Canticle (“*Thank the Lord...*”) & Prayer LBW p. 72-74

SENDING

* Benediction LBW p. 95

* HYMN: *Glories of Your Name Are Spoken* LBW# 358

* Sending

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

C **Baptizing 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: *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty* (Cherwein)

Please swiftly move to the Dutch Meeting Hall following the Postlude for the Called Congregational Meeting.

Lessons for August 28: Proverbs 25:2-10; Psalm 131; Hebrews 13:1-17; Luke 14:1-14

Lutheran Book of Worship Setting 2 (pages 77-97)

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Union News

Sunday's Activities (August 21):

9:35 a.m. Intergenerational Summer Sunday School ~ Mark 4:30-34

Adult Sunday School Class: The River of Life ~ Revelation 22:1-9

10:30 a.m. Worship & Holy Communion

Please swiftly move to the Dutch Meeting Hall following the Postlude for the Called Congregational Meeting. The purpose of the meeting is to vote on pursuing possible sale (pending congregational vote and direction) of the Eller Property on Walton Road (67 acres) to Polycor with the congregation retaining ownership of 75 acres. Only active confirmed members who have communed and contributed of record for **2021-2022** are eligible to vote.

12 noon Ribelin Family Reunion in the Old Pine Center

2:00 p.m. Church Council

4:00 p.m. Christian Ed, Sunday School, Youth & Family

Deadline for September newsletter articles and scrub brushes.

OUR LOVE and SYMPATHY is extended to the Family of Jake Cauble on his death, August 12, in their time of grief.

The **Altar Flowers** are given to the glory of God and with respect to our elders from Linda Kesler.

This Weeks' Activities:

Tuesday, Aug. 23

12 noon Finance

6:30 p.m. 90 Days Revelation Bible Study

Wednesday, Aug. 24

10:30 a.m. 90 Days Revelation Bible Study

6:30 pm. Belles & Beaus

7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir

Thursday, Aug. 25

6:00 p.m. Worship & Music

Saturday, Aug 27

10:0 a.m.-12 noon NALC Disaster Stuff the Trunk

Next Sunday's Activities (August 28):

9:35 a.m. Intergenerational Summer Sunday School

Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

Adult Sunday School Class: A Welcoming Invitation ~ Revelation:8-21

10:30 a.m. Worship & Holy Communion

4:00 p.m. Luther League (Middle/High School) at Concordia

Altar Flowers are open for reservation on Sunday, August 28.

Monthly Mission Incentive: Scrub Brushes for the NALC Disaster Relief.

Our goal is to collect 300 by **Sunday, August 21!**

Volunteers are needed on August 27th to help assemble the buckets at Salem Lutheran Church, Salisbury.

As of July 25, Pastor Heidi Punt's new address is: 207 Mr. Henry Road, Mocksville, NC 27028

Financial Information

Offering received Sunday, August 14 \$3,217
Weekly offering needed to meet our Ministry Support plan \$5,556

PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER...

Nursing Home Residents - Brenda Mahaley, Pat & Wayne Miller, and Ruth Monroe (Autumn Care), Jean Ray (Brookdale), and Jane Shuping (Trinity Oaks)

Homebound Members - Rachel Earnhardt, Jean Kluttz, Frances Norris, Billy Waller, and Michael Walton

Sick/Surgery/Recovery - Kathleen Agner, Bill Broadway, Mike Cauble, Phil Cauble, Lynn Coughenour, Ashley Deaton, Linda Hartley, Steve Hutchens, Tommy and Joan Kerns, Pat Kluttz, Nancy Kesler, John Knight, Sharon Leazer, Margaret Lyerly, Eric Miller, Donnie Miller, Dwight Miller, Harold Miller, Dusty Morgan, Gladys Morgan, Kay Morgan, William Page, Wyatt Thompson, Effie Vellines, Wayne and Pam Vellines

Continual Prayer - Nancy Ballew (mother of Kat Clifton), Nancy Barringer (cousin of Larry Barringer), Evonne Batten (mother of Lisa Morgan), Shonna Black (daughter of Jack and Deena Lanning), Jack Bowman (friend of Frank and Dawn Merrell), Gary Brown (friend of Karen Barringer), Vanna Calloway (friend of Kat Clifton), Arnold Cauble, Janet Dunning (sister of Doris Shepherd), June Fraley, Pastor Gross (NALC Pastor in Ukraine with Russian invasion), Drew Harrington (granddaughter of Mary Elizabeth Earnhardt), Amy Lowder Harrison and Jesse Morgan, Jr., Terry Holt (friend of Frank and Dawn Merrell), Emily Jones (sister of Jimmy Plyler), Teresa Kesler, Glenn and Betty Sue Lowder, Patsy Lyerly and Family, Joe and Sylvia McDaniel, David Mitchell (friend of Pete Nguyen), Della Morgan (mother of Pam Vellines), Dusty Morgan, Sr. Family (Dusty, Sr., Lisa, Felisaty, and Dusty, Jr.), Hong Nguyen (mother of Pete Nguyen), Marvin Nunn, Sally Simmerson (friend of Lucinda Fraley), Hailey Swanson (granddaughter of Janie Lesley), Mary Trexler (sister of Brenda and Linda Cauble and Margaret Lyerly), Brinley Rose Upchurch, Kim Walton (friend of Lucinda Fraley), Union Fire Department #76, Haiti (recent earthquakes), Pastors Noutilla and Kalonji (Congo mission trip), and those affected by natural or political disasters.

Confirmation Students: Mallory Eagle, Harlem Jones, Makenzie Poole, Emme Poole, Bailey Wilhelm, and Lucas Wilhelm

90 Days Revelation Bible Study Participants: Genevieve Baker, Evonne Batten, Wendy Campbell, Jennifer and Scott Curlee, Tara and Don Davis, Mary Elizabeth Earnhardt, Brad and Jan Huffman, Mary and Steve Hutchens, John and Susan Knight, Betty Sue Lowder, Gladys Morgan, Lisa Morgan, Kay Morgan, Sonya Mulkey, Cathy Painter, Debbie Rinehart, Doris Shepherd, Janie and Ron Vellines