

Union Lutheran Church

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13th Sunday after Pentecost

September 4, 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: *Lift High the Cross* (Busarow)

GATHERING

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| * Brief Order for Confession & Forgiveness | LBW p. 77 |
| * HYMN: <i>Lift High the Cross</i> | LBW# 377 |
| * 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: Deuteronomy 30:15-20

¹⁵“See, I have set before you today life and good, death and evil. ¹⁶If you obey the commandments of the LORD your God that I command you today, by loving the LORD your God, by walking in his ways, and by keeping his commandments and his statutes and his rules, then you shall live and multiply, and the LORD your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to take possession of it. ¹⁷But if your heart turns away, and you will not hear, but are drawn away to worship other gods and serve them, ¹⁸I declare to you today, that you shall surely perish. You shall not live long in the land that you are going over the Jordan to enter and possess. ¹⁹I call heaven and earth to witness against you today, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and curse. Therefore choose life, that you and your offspring may live, ²⁰loving the LORD your God, obeying his voice and holding fast to him, for he is your life and length of days, that you may dwell in the land that the LORD swore to your fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give them.”

Psalm 1 *sung in unison*

- ¹Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel | of the wicked,*
nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats | of the scornful!
- ²Their delight is in the law | of the LORD,*
and they meditate on his law | day and night.
- ³They are like trees planted by streams of water, bearing fruit in due season,
with leaves that | do not wither;*
everything they | do shall prosper.
- ⁴It is not so | with the wicked;*
they are like chaff which the wind | blows away.
- ⁵Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when | judgment comes,*
nor the sinner in the council | of the righteous.
- ⁶For the LORD knows the way | of the righteous,*
but the way of the wick- | ed is doomed.

Second Lesson: Philemon 1-21

¹Paul, a prisoner for Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother, To Philemon our beloved fellow worker ²and Apphia our sister and Archippus our fellow soldier, and the church in your house: ³Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. ⁴I thank my God always when I remember you in my prayers, ⁵because I hear of your love and of the faith that you have toward the Lord Jesus and for all the saints, ⁶and I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective for the full knowledge of every good thing that is in us for the sake of Christ. ⁷For I have derived much joy and comfort from your love, my brother, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you. ⁸Accordingly, though I am bold enough in Christ to command you to do what is required, ⁹yet for love's sake I prefer to appeal to you — I, Paul, an old man and now a prisoner also for Christ Jesus — ¹⁰I appeal to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I became in my imprisonment. ¹¹(Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful to you and to me.) ¹²I am sending him back to you, sending my very heart. ¹³I would have been glad to keep him with me, in order that he might serve me on your behalf during my imprisonment for the gospel, ¹⁴but I preferred to do nothing without your consent in order that your goodness might not be by compulsion but of your own accord. ¹⁵For this perhaps is why he was parted from you for a while, that you might have him back forever, ¹⁶no longer as a bondservant but more than a bondservant, as a beloved brother — especially to me, but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord. ¹⁷So if you consider me your partner, receive him as you would receive me. ¹⁸If he has wronged you at all, or owes you anything, charge that to my account. ¹⁹I, Paul, write this with my own hand: I will repay it — to say nothing of your owing me even your own self. ²⁰Yes, brother, I want some benefit from you in the Lord. Refresh my heart in Christ. ²¹Confident of your obedience, I write to you, knowing that you will do even more than I say.

* Gospel Acclamation

LBW p. 83

* Holy Gospel: Luke 14:25-35

²⁵Great crowds accompanied {Jesus}, and he turned and said to them, ²⁶“If anyone comes to me and does not hate his own father and mother and wife and children and brothers and sisters, yes, and even his own life, he cannot be my disciple. ²⁷Whoever does not bear his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple. ²⁸For which of you, desiring to build a tower, does not first sit down and count the cost, whether he has enough to complete it? ²⁹Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it begin to mock him, ³⁰saying, ‘This man began to build and was not able to finish.’ ³¹Or what king, going out to encounter another king in war, will not sit down first and deliberate whether he is able with ten thousand to meet him who comes against him with twenty thousand? ³²And if not, while the other is yet a great way off, he sends a delegation and asks for terms of peace. ³³So therefore, any one of you who does not renounce all that he has cannot be my disciple. ³⁴Salt is good, but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? ³⁵It is of no use either for the soil or for the manure pile. It is thrown away. He who has ears to hear, let him hear.”

Sermon	<i>The Cost of Discipleship</i>	Pastor Heidi Punt
* HYMN: <i>Spread, Oh, Spread, Almighty Word</i>		LBW #379
* 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 Youth Missions 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: <i>In Thee is Gladness</i> (Gastoldi-Nelson)	Chancel Choir
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MEAL

* Offertory (“ <i>Let the Vineyards...</i> ”)	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.

* Post-Communion Canticle (“ <i>Thank the Lord...</i> ”) & Prayer	LBW p. 72-74
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SENDING

* Benediction	LBW p. 95
* HYMN: <i>Earth and All Stars!</i>	LBW# 558
* 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: *Earth and All Stars* (Manz)

Lessons for September 11: Ezekiel 34:11-24; Psalm 119:169-176; 1 Timothy
1:[5-11] 12-17; Luke 15:1-10

Those Serving in September

Acolytes: Jordan and Mallorty Eagle

Altar Guild: Deena Lanning and Vivian Sprinkle

Communion Assistants: Tara Davis, Kevin Huffman, and Doris Shepherd

Lay Readers: Doris Shepherd and Robyn Arey

Ushers: Mike Cauble, Phil Cauble (HU), Elbert Kluttz, Wade Leazer, and Ronald Vellines

Offering Counters: Mary Elizabeth Earnhardt, Sonya Mulkey, and Vivian Sprinkle

NUGGET #5: PART THREE: LORD'S PRAYER

*“And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass
against us.”* (The Fifth Petition)

What does this mean? We pray in this petition that our heavenly
Father would not hold our sins against us and deny our prayers because
of them. We know we have not earned, nor do we deserve, those things
for which we pray.

(Martin Luther's Small Catechism 2010 Edition Sola Publishing-Pocket Version, page 20)



**2022-2023 Sunday School Year begins on Sunday, September 11, at 9:30
a.m. with an Open House for all ages!**

Please register children and youth. Form is in the Narthex.

New Members Class will be held during **Sunday School (9:35 a.m.)** on
September 11, 18, & 25. To enroll or if you have questions, please contact
the church office or Pastor Heidi.

*Registration for Middle and High School Youth to sign up to attend the
CMD Youth Retreat in Laurel Ridge from September 16-18 is available on
the front pew of the Sanctuary. For more information, see September
Messenger or contact Pastor Heidi.*

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

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Union News

Sunday's Activities (September 4):

9:35 a.m. Sunday School Children & Youth
Sunday School Staff Meeting

Adult Sunday School Class: The Call of Abram ~ Genesis 12:1-5, 7; 15:1-7

10:30 a.m. Worship & Holy Communion

Following worship the **Union Women** will eat a bag lunch and begin their meeting at **12:30 p.m.** An offering will be collected.

4:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m. Union & Salem Middle/High School Youth
at Phil Cauble's for a Pool Party

A personal mailing is available for members in the Narthex to pick up.

*The **Altar Flowers** are given to the glory of God.*

Pastor Heidi Punt will be out of the office Tuesday, September 6-Friday, September 9, however, she will be available in case of an emergency.

This Weeks' Activities:

Monday, Sept. 5 Church Office is closed in observance of Labor Day.

Tuesday, Sept. 6 6:30 p.m. 90 Days Revelation Bible Study

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6:30 p.m. Belles & Beaus

7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir

Thursday, Sept. 8 10:00 a.m. Good Timers

Program: Bingo and lunch at Cagney's

Saturday, Sept. 10 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Youth Car Wash & BBQ
Fundraiser

Bring your car to our  Car Wash . We promise a gentle clean that won't damage your paint job, but so thoroughly your car will look almost new! While you're waiting enjoy, with purchase, Lexington BBQ! All proceeds will go towards the Youth Retreat and Sunday School Funds.

Next Sunday's Activities (September 11):

9:35a.m. Sunday School Open House

Adult Sunday School Class: God Chooses the Younger Twin
Genesis 25:19b-34

9:35 a.m. New Members Class

10:30 a.m. Worship & Holy Communion

10:30 a.m. Sunday School Teachers Installation

12 noon Kesler Family Reunion in the Dutch Meeting Hall

2:00 p.m. Finance Committee

4:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m. Little Lutherans (5th grade and younger)

Kesler Family has reserved the Altar Flowers for Sunday, September 11.

Monthly Mission Incentive: Travel Size Shaving Cream cans for VA

Financial Information

Offering received Sunday, August 28, will be printed next week.

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, Jesse Morgan, Sr., Kay Morgan, William Page, Sylvia Peeler, 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), 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