

Union Lutheran Church

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14th Sunday after Pentecost

September 11, 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: *The Lord's My Shepherd* (Harris)

GATHERING

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| * Brief Order for Confession & Forgiveness | LBW p. 77 |
| * HYMN: <i>The King of Love My Shepherd Is</i> | LBW# 456 |
| * 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 and Installation of Sunday School Teachers

First Lesson: Ezekiel 34:11-24

¹¹“For thus says the LORD God: Behold, I, I myself will search for my sheep and will seek them out. ¹²As a shepherd seeks out his flock when he is among his sheep that have been scattered, so will I seek out my sheep, and I will rescue them from all places where they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. ¹³And I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land. And I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the ravines, and in all the inhabited places of the country. ¹⁴I will feed them with good pasture, and on the mountain heights of Israel shall be their grazing land. There they shall lie down in good grazing land, and on rich pasture they shall feed on the mountains of Israel. ¹⁵I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I myself will make them lie down, declares the LORD God. ¹⁶I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, and the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them in justice. ¹⁷As for you, my flock, thus says the LORD God: Behold, I judge between sheep and sheep, between rams and male goats. ¹⁸Is it not enough for you to

feed on the good pasture, that you must tread down with your feet the rest of your pasture; and to drink of clear water, that you must muddy the rest of the water with your feet? ¹⁹And must my sheep eat what you have trodden with your feet, and drink what you have muddied with your feet? ²⁰Therefore, thus says the LORD God to them: Behold, I, I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. ²¹Because you push with side and shoulder, and thrust at all the weak with your horns, till you have scattered them abroad, ²²I will rescue my flock; they shall no longer be a prey. And I will judge between sheep and sheep. ²³And I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. ²⁴And I, the LORD, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them. I am the LORD; I have spoken.”

Psalm 119:169-176 *read responsively*

¹⁶⁹Let my cry come before you, O LORD;
give me understanding, according to your word.

¹⁷⁰**Let my supplication come before you;
deliver me, according to your promise.**

¹⁷¹My lips shall pour forth your praise,
when you teach me your statutes.

¹⁷²**My tongue shall sing of your promise,
for all your commandments are righteous.**

¹⁷³Let your hand be ready to help me,
for I have chosen your commandments.

¹⁷⁴**I long for your salvation, O LORD,
and your law is my delight.**

¹⁷⁵Let me live, and I will praise you,
and let your judgments help me.

¹⁷⁶**I have gone astray like a sheep that is lost;
search for your servant, for I do not forget your commandments.**

Second Lesson: 1 Timothy 1:[5-11] 12-17

[⁵The aim of our charge is love that issues from a pure heart and a good conscience and a sincere faith. ⁶Certain persons, by swerving from these, have wandered away into vain discussion, ⁷desiring to be teachers of the law, without understanding either what they are saying or the things about which they make confident assertions. ⁸Now we know that the law is good, if one uses it lawfully, ⁹understanding this, that the law is not laid down for the just but for the lawless and disobedient, for the ungodly and sinners, for the unholy and profane, for those who strike their fathers and mothers, for murderers, ¹⁰the sexually immoral, men who practice homosexuality, enslavers, liars, perjurers, and whatever else is contrary to sound doctrine, ¹¹in accordance with the gospel of the glory of the blessed God with which I have been entrusted.] ¹²I thank him who has given me strength, Christ Jesus our Lord, because he judged me faithful, appointing me to his service, ¹³though formerly I was a blasphemer, persecutor, and insolent opponent. But I received mercy

because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief, ¹⁴and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. ¹⁵The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am the foremost. ¹⁶But I received mercy for this reason, that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display his perfect patience as an example to those who were to believe in him for eternal life. ¹⁷To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

* Gospel Acclamation LBW p. 83

* Holy Gospel: Luke 15:1-10

¹The tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near to hear {Jesus}. ²And the Pharisees and the scribes grumbled, saying, “This man receives sinners and eats with them.” ³So he told them this parable: ⁴“What man of you, having a hundred sheep, if he has lost one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the open country, and go after the one that is lost, until he finds it? ⁵And when he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders, rejoicing. ⁶And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and his neighbors, saying to them, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.’ ⁷Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance. ⁸Or what woman, having ten silver coins, if she loses one coin, does not light a lamp and sweep the house and seek diligently until she finds it? ⁹And when she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.’ ¹⁰Just so, I tell you, there is joy before the angels of God over one sinner who repents.”

Sermon: *A Heart for Just the I* Pastor Heidi Punt

* HYMN: *Savior, Like A Shepherd Lead Us* (Tune: Bradbury) LBW# 481

* 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.

Organ Offertory: *The Peace of Christ* (Burkhardt)

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.

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

SENDING

* Benediction LBW p. 95

* HYMN: *Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling* WOV# 734

* 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: *Celebrate Life* (Smith)

Lessons for September 18: Amos 8:4-7; Psalm 113; 1 Timothy 2:1-15; Luke 16:1-15

*Men's Ministry of the Carolinas Mission Region is sponsoring a Men's Retreat on Friday, Sept. 23 - Sunday, Sept. 25. The Retreat will begin with dinner on Friday and end on Sunday morning around 11 AM. The theme of the Retreat is "What God Does When Men Pray." The retreat will be held at Laurel Ridge Camp, 124 Pendry Dr., Laurel Springs, NC 28644. The cost of the Retreat is \$75 (includes materials and all meals). This Retreat is open to all men in the Carolinas Mission Region. **Reservations** must be made by **Wednesday, September 14**, to Bruce Zander (bzander5@att.net) or 704.747.3066.*

Those Serving in September

Guest Organist: Nancy Sloop

Acolytes: Jordan and Mallory 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

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

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Union News

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 (Judy Boyd, Lisa Graczyk, Vicki Hunter, Elbert Kluttz, Deena Lanning, Sonya Leazer, Janie Lesley, Frank Merrell, Dwight Miller, Jill Miller, Felisaty Morgan, Lisa Morgan, Sonya Mulkey, Cathy Painter, Pastor Heidi Punt, and Miranda Thompson)

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)

The Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God in memory of Mr. and Mrs. Calvin L. Kesler by their descendants.

This Weeks' Activities:

Tuesday, Sept. 13	5:30 p.m. Executive Committee
	6:30 p.m. 90 Days Revelation Bible Study
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	6:00 p.m. Confirmands and Parents meeting
Friday, Sept. 16	4:00 p.m. CMD Youth Retreat leaving Union

Next Sunday's Activities (September 18):

9:15 a.m. Kids Choir (Preschool-5th grade)

9:35 a.m. Sunday School Children & Youth
Handmade ~ Genesis 1:26-2:25

Adult Sunday School Class: Jacob Called Israel ~ Genesis 32:22-32

9:35 a.m. New Members Class

10:30 a.m. Worship & Holy Communion

12 noon Cauble Family Reunion with both Fellowship Halls reserved

2:00 p.m. Church Council

CMD Youth Retreat participants return

Deadline for October articles.

Linda Kesler has reserved the Altar Flowers for Sunday, September 18.

Monthly Mission Incentive: Travel Size Shaving Cream cans for VA

CLW Convocation (Oct. 15) In-Kind donations for Community Care Clinic in Salisbury: Food Lion & gas gift cards, small brown paper bags, individual alcohol pads, square gauze pads, sandwich and snack Ziploc bags
(Please place items on pew across from church office)

Financial Information

Offering received Sunday, August 28	\$3,031
Offering received Sunday, September 4	\$3,352.55
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), 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), Nigerian Christians, 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