

Union Lutheran Church

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17th Sunday after Pentecost/Stewardship Series #1

Empowered by Grace: Empowered to Know Your Purpose

October 2, 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

Temple Talk

Prelude: *Lord Jesus Christ, Be Present Now* (Busarow)

GATHERING

- * Brief Order for Confession & Forgiveness LBW p. 77
- * HYMN: *Lord Jesus Christ, Be Present Now* LBW# 253
- * Greeting LBW p. 78

*Psalm 138:1-8 (*This week the Psalm is in place of the Kyrie and Hymn of Praise.*)
Please read responsively

¹ I give you thanks, O LORD, with my whole heart; before the gods I sing your praise;

² **I bow down toward your holy temple and give thanks to your name
for your steadfast love and your faithfulness, for you have exalted
your name and your word above everything.**

³ On the day I called, you answered me; you increased my strength of soul.

⁴ **All the kings of the earth shall praise you,**

O LORD, for they have heard the words of your mouth.

⁵ They shall sing of the ways of the LORD, for great is the glory of the LORD.

⁶ **For though the LORD is high, he regards the lowly,
but the haughty he perceives from far away.**

⁷ Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you preserve me against the wrath of my enemies; you stretch out your hand, and your right hand delivers me.

⁸ **The LORD will fulfill his purpose for me; your steadfast love,
O LORD, endures forever. Do not forsake the work of your hands.**

* Salutation

LBW p. 82

* Prayer of the Day

Dear gracious Father, we pray that, through your Word and through your Sacraments, you would enter our lives. Touch our hearts and our minds so that we would draw nearer to you. Lord, keep us in that faith through all of life into life everlasting. Help us, Lord, to discover and fulfill the purpose that you have for each one of us. **Amen.**

WORD

Children's Message

Old Testament Lesson: Jeremiah 1:4-10

⁴ Now the word of the LORD came to me saying, ⁵ "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations." ⁶ Then I said, "Ah, Lord GOD! Truly I do not know how to speak, for I am only a boy." ⁷ But the LORD said to me, "Do not say, 'I am only a boy,' for you shall go to all to whom I send you, and you shall speak whatever I command you. ⁸ Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you to deliver you, says the LORD." ⁹ Then the LORD put out his hand and touched my mouth, and the LORD said to me, "Now I have put my words in your mouth. ¹⁰ See, today I appoint you over nations and over kingdoms, to pluck up and to pull down, to destroy and to overthrow, to build and to plant."

Epistle Lesson: 1 Corinthians 10:23-33

²³ "All things are permitted," but not all things are beneficial. "All things are permitted," but not all things build up. ²⁴ Do not seek your own advantage but that of the other. ²⁵ Eat whatever is sold in the meat market without raising any question on the ground of conscience, ²⁶ for "the earth and its fullness are the Lord's." ²⁷ If an unbeliever invites you to a meal and you are disposed to go, eat whatever is set before you without raising any question on the ground of conscience. ²⁸ But if someone says to you, "This has been offered in sacrifice," then do not eat it, out of consideration for the one who informed you and for the sake of conscience—²⁹ I mean the other's conscience, not your own. For why should my freedom be subject to the judgment of someone else's conscience? ³⁰ If I partake with thankfulness, why should I be denounced because of that for which I give thanks? ³¹ So, whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do everything for the glory of God. ³² Give no offense to Jews or to Greeks or to the church of God, ³³ just as I try to please everyone in everything I do, not seeking my own advantage but that of many, so that they may be saved.

* Gospel Acclamation

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* Holy Gospel: Matthew 13:1-20

¹ That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. ² Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. ³ And he told them many things in parables, saying: "Listen! A sower went out to sow. ⁴ And as he sowed, some seeds fell on a path, and the birds came and ate them up. ⁵ Other seeds fell on

rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. ⁶ But when the sun rose, they were scorched, and since they had no root, they withered away. ⁷ Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. ⁸ Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. ⁹ If you have ears, hear!” ¹⁰ Then the disciples came and asked him, “Why do you speak to them in parables?” ¹¹ He answered, “To you it has been given to know the secrets of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it has not been given. ¹² For to those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance, but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. ¹³ The reason I speak to them in parables is that ‘seeing they do not perceive, and hearing they do not listen, nor do they understand.’ ¹⁴ With them indeed is fulfilled the prophecy of Isaiah that says: ‘You will indeed listen but never understand, and you will indeed look but never perceive. ¹⁵ For this people’s heart has grown dull, and their ears are hard of hearing, and they have shut their eyes, so that they might not look with their eyes, and hear with their ears and understand with their heart and turn—and I would heal them.’ ¹⁶ “But blessed are your eyes, for they see, and your ears, for they hear. ¹⁷ Truly I tell you, many prophets and righteous people longed to see what you see but did not see it and to hear what you hear but did not hear it. ¹⁸ “Hear, then, the parable of the sower. ¹⁹ When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. ²⁰ As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy,...

Sermon: *Know Your Purpose*

Pastor Heidi Punt

* HYMN: *Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound*

LBW# 448

* 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 Social Ministry Fund. During the month of October, the Benevolence Teaching Moment is on Lutheran Services Carolinas. Please prayerfully consider giving to the Benevolence Fund.*

Anthem: *The Sower and the Seed* (Hutson)

Mary Hutchins, soloist

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. 92-93

SENDING

* Benediction LBW p. 94

* HYMN: *O Master, Let Me Walk with You* LBW# 492

* 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: *Amazing Grace* (Whitson)

Lessons for Next Week (October 9, Stewardship Series #2: *Empowered to Serve*): Exodus 36:1-7; 1 John 4:7-12; Matthew 20:20-28

Financial Information

Offering received Sunday, September 18 \$2,905.50

Offering received Sunday, September 25 \$5,947.70

Weekly offering needed to meet our Ministry Support plan \$5,556.00

The ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God in honor of Micah Nguyen on his 17th birthday, October 6th, and Brad Huffman's birthday, October 13th, by Pete, Nikki, Sam Nguyen and Jan Huffman.

Those Serving in October

Temple Talk: Don Davis

Acolytes: Tyler Goodman and Adam Thompson

Altar Guild: Mary Hutchens, Patsy Lyerly, and Vivian Sprinkle

Communion Assistants:

Kevin Huffman, Elbert Kluttz, Frank Merrell, and Vivian Sprinkle

Lay Readers: Ashley, Abbey, and Morgan Deaton

Ushers:

Phil and Linda Cauble, Mike and Brenda Cauble, and Frank Merrell

Offering Counters: Jennifer Curlee, Doris Shepherd, and Wayne Vellines

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

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Union News

Sunday's Activities (October 2):

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

9:35 a.m. Sunday School

Children & Youth: A Laughable Promise ~ Genesis 18:1-15; 21:1-7

Adult Sunday School Class: The Birth of Moses ~ Exodus 2:1-10

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. Worship Practice for Youth

5:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. Union & Salem Middle/High School Youth

Bonfire at Kenny Jones, 1020 Jones Road, Mt. Ulla, NC 28125

This Weeks' Activities:

Monday, Oct. 3

6:00 p.m. Finance Committee

Wednesday, Oct. 5

2:00 p.m. Chapel Time at Autumn Care (hymn sing)

6:30 p.m. Confirmation

6:30 p.m. Belles & Beaus

7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir

Tuesday, October 4-Thursday, October 6, Pastor Heidi Punt will be out of the office at a Pastors' Conference.

Next Sunday's Activities (October 9):

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

9:35 a.m. Sunday School

Children & Youth: A Merciful Substitute ~ Genesis 22:1-19

Adult Sunday School Class:

Song of Moses ~ Deuteronomy 32:3-6, 10-14, 18

10:30 a.m. Worship & Holy Communion

10:30 a.m. Pulpit Exchange with Rev. Todd Cook, Millers Lutheran Church

2:00 p.m. Mission Team & Social Ministry

3:00 p.m. Little Lutherans (5th grade and younger)

First Communion Instruction

Janet Overcash has reserved the Altar Flowers for Sunday, October 9

Monthly Mission Incentive:

CLW Convocation (Oct. 15) In-Kind Gifts 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)

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 – Arnold Cauble, Rachel Earnhardt, Jean Kluttz, Frances Norris, Billy Waller, and Michael Walton

Sick/Surgery/Recovery - Kathleen Agner, Bill Broadway, Mike Cauble, Lynn Coughenour, Ashley Deaton, Linda Hartley, Steve Hutchens, Tommy and Joan Kerns, James Kluttz, Pat Kluttz, Nancy Kesler, John Knight, Eric Miller, Donnie Miller, Dwight Miller, Harold Miller, Dusty Morgan, Gladys Morgan, Jesse Morgan, Sr., Kay Morgan, William Page, Doug Peeler, 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), 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, Bobby Lippard (friend of Union), 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), James and Mary Trexler (sister of Brenda, Linda Cauble and Margaret Lyerly), Brinley Rose Upchurch, Kim Walton (friend of Lucinda Fraley), Union Fire Department #76, Haiti (gangs), Nigerian Christians, and those affected by natural or political disasters.

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

NUGGET #7: PART THREE: LORD'S PRAYER

“But deliver us from evil.” (The Seventh Petition)

***What does this mean?** We pray in this petition, as in a summary, that our heavenly Father would deliver us from every type of evil—whether it affects our bodies or souls, property or reputation—and at last, when our hour of death comes, would grant us a blessed end to our earthly lives, and graciously take us from this world of sorrow to himself in heaven.*



(Martin Luther's Small Catechism 2010 Edition Sola Publishing-Pocket Version, page 21)