

# Union Lutheran Church

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## 20<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost/Stewardship Series #4

*Empowered by Grace: Empowered to Give*

October 23, 2022

10:30 a.m. Worship & Holy Communion

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*(Please stand when indicated by \*)*

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

Welcome & Announcements

Temple Talk

Prelude: *Before you Lord, we Bow* (Culli)

### GATHERING

- \* Brief Order for Confession & Forgiveness LBW p. 77
- \* HYMN: *Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus* LBW# 389
- \* Greeting (*Kyrie is omitted during the season of Pentecost.*) LBW p. 78
- \* Hymn of Praise (*"Glory to God..."*) LBW p. 79-80
- \* Salutation LBW p. 82
- \*Prayer of the Day

Heavenly Father, thank you for your generosity toward us, demonstrated especially by the gift of your Son, Jesus. Grant us loving and thankful hearts so we might give freely to you through our church. Bless us as we learn what it means to be empowered by grace to give faithfully and generously. In Jesus' name we pray. **Amen.**

### WORD

Children's Message

Old Testament Lesson: Ecclesiastes 5:1-10

<sup>1</sup>Guard your steps when you go to the house of God; to draw near to listen is better than the sacrifice offered by fools, for they do not know how to keep from doing evil. <sup>2</sup>Never be rash with your mouth nor let your heart be quick to utter a word before God, for God is in heaven and you upon earth; therefore let your words be few. <sup>3</sup>For dreams come with many cares, and a fool's voice with many words. <sup>4</sup>When you make a vow to God, do not delay fulfilling it,

for he has no pleasure in fools. Fulfill what you vow. <sup>5</sup> It is better that you should not vow than that you should vow and not fulfill it. <sup>6</sup> Do not let your mouth lead you into sin, and do not say before the messenger that it was a mistake; why should God be angry at your words and destroy the work of your hands? <sup>7</sup> With many dreams come vanities and a multitude of words, but fear God. <sup>8</sup> If you see in a province the oppression of the poor and the violation of justice and right, do not be amazed at the matter, for the high official is watched by a higher, and there are yet higher ones over them. <sup>9</sup> But all things considered, this is an advantage for a land: a king for a plowed field. <sup>10</sup> The lover of money will not be satisfied with money, nor the lover of wealth with gain. This also is vanity.

Epistle Lesson: Ephesians 5:1-14

<sup>1</sup> Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children, <sup>2</sup> and walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God. <sup>3</sup> But sexual immorality and impurity of any kind or greed must not even be mentioned among you, as is proper among saints. <sup>4</sup> Entirely out of place is obscene, silly, and vulgar talk; but instead, let there be thanksgiving. <sup>5</sup> Be sure of this, that no sexually immoral or impure person or one who is greedy (that is, an idolater) has any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and of God. <sup>6</sup> Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these things the wrath of God comes on those who are disobedient. <sup>7</sup> Therefore do not be associated with them, <sup>8</sup> for once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light. Walk as children of light, <sup>9</sup> for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true. <sup>10</sup> Try to find out what is pleasing to the Lord. <sup>11</sup> Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness; rather, expose them. <sup>12</sup> For it is shameful even to mention what such people do secretly, <sup>13</sup> but everything exposed by the light becomes visible, <sup>14</sup> for everything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says, “Sleeper, awake! Rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.”

\* Gospel Acclamation

LBW p. 83

\* Holy Gospel: Matthew 6:19-24

<sup>19</sup> “Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal, <sup>20</sup> but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal. <sup>21</sup> For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. <sup>22</sup> “The eye is the lamp of the body. So if your eye is healthy, your whole body will be full of light, <sup>23</sup> but if your eye is unhealthy, your whole body will be full of darkness. If, then, the light in you is darkness, how great is the darkness! <sup>24</sup> “No one can serve two masters, for a slave will either hate the one and love the other or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth.

Sermon: *Empowered to Give*

Pastor Heidi Punt

\* HYMN: *God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending* LBW# 408  
(Alternate Melody: *Beach Spring*)

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

Anthem: All Good Gifts Cometh from the Lord (Sleeth)

### 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: *Before You, Lord, We Bow* LBW# 401

\* 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: *Before you Lord, we Bow* (Hopson)

Lesson for Next Week (October 30, Reformation Sunday, Stewardship Sunday, and New Member): Revelation 14:6-7; Psalm 46; Romans 3:18-28; John 8:31-36 – Theme: *Always Do Your Best*

*Please prayerfully consider how you can participate in the ministry of Union in 2023 by filling out the Intent of Giving Form & 2023 Time & Talent Form. Please return next Sunday, October 30, and place in the offering plates.*

## **Current Fund Financial Information**

Offering received Sunday, October 16, was not available at the time of printing. Information will be included in next week's bulletin.

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

*The **ALTAR FLOWERS** are given to the Glory of God in honor and appreciation of Reverend Heidi Punt by the Congregational Church Council.*

### **Those Serving in October**

**Temple Talk:** Frank Merrell

**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



*Mark your calendars now!!! On **Sunday, October 30**, following worship our **Youth** will sponsor a **Carry Out or Dine In BBQ Fundraiser** in the large Fellowship Hall.*

*The menu consists of Lexington BBQ plates with slaw, beans, and a roll for **\$10** per plate donation.*

*For those dining in, tea or water will be served with your meal.*

*All proceeds will go towards Youth Missions & Camps.*

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

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## Union News

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### **Sunday's Activities (October 23):**

#### **Clergy Appreciation Sunday**

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

**9:35 a.m.** Sunday School

Children & Youth: Twin Troubles ~ Genesis 25:19-34; 27:1-45

Adult Sunday School Class: Who Is King? ~ 1 Samuel 8:4-7; 10:17-24

**10:30 a.m.** Worship & Holy Communion

**2:00 p.m.** Youth Skit & Worship Practice

**4:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m.** Luther League (Middle/High School Youth)  
at Holy Trinity, Troutman

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### **This Weeks' Activities:**

Tuesday, Oct. 25

6:30 p.m. Empowered by Grace

Wednesday, Oct. 26

10:30 a.m. Empowered by Grace

6:30 p.m. Confirmation

6:30 p.m. Belles & Beaus

7:30 p.m. Youth Skit & Worship Practice

7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir

Friday, Oct. 28

6:00 p.m.-9:30 p.m. Trunk or Treat

Sunday, Oct 3

11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Dine In or Take Out Youth  
BBQ Fundraiser (All proceeds will go towards the  
Youth Missions & Camps.)

*Genevieve Baker, ULC Staff Support, will be out of the office from Friday, October 21-Friday, October 28. During her absence, the church office will be open during regular business hours.*

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### **Next Sunday's Activities (Reformation Sunday, October 30):**

**Stewardship Sunday, New Member Received, First Communion**

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

**9:35 a.m.** Sunday School

Children & Youth: A Family Grows ~ Genesis 29:1-30

Adult Sunday School Class:

David Anointed as King ~ 1 Samuel 16:1-13

**10:30 a.m.** Worship & Holy Communion

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*Cathy Painther has reserved the Altar Flowers for October 30.*

## 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, Genevieve Baker, 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

### ***PART FOUR: Holy Baptism ~ The Promise of Baptism***

*What gifts or benefits does Baptism bring? It brings about forgiveness of sins, delivers from death and the devil, and gives everlasting salvation to all who believe, as the Word and promise of God declare.*



*(Martin Luther's Small Catechism 2010 Edition Sola Publishing-Pocket Version, page 23)*

**PASTOR**  
*Appreciation*

*Word and a heart for His flock, you give of yourself and you stand on the Rock. We appreciate You!*

*Dear Pastor Heidi,*

*In infinite wisdom the Lord surely knew that we would need a Pastor as faithful as you. A love of God's*

*Union Lutheran Church, Salisbury*

TRUNKS, TREATS & MORE!  
**TRUNK  
OR TREAT**



The entire community is invited on **Friday, October 28, at 6:00 p.m.** for **Union Lutheran Church's Trunk or Treat.**

On Friday, October 28, our parking lot will be turned into the **BEST PLACE** to Trick or Treat in Salisbury!

Come on by and walk from car to car to get great candy (pre-packaged treat bags due to COVID-19), hotdogs (while they last!), car

trunks decorated for the holiday and just all around good, safe fun!

The event is **FREE!**

Volunteers are needed to prepare trunks and for the event!

Contact Person: Dusty Morgan, Sr.

*Following the Trunk or Treat event on Friday, October 28, come out and participate in the Youth's **Dine In or Take Out BBQ Fundraiser on Saturday, October 29, from 11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.** BBQ is from Lexington so you know it'll be excellent!*

*Proceeds will go towards Youth Missions & Camps.*



Next Sunday, October 30, we welcome into our Church Family, Mark Hunter, husband of Vicki Hunter, by Affirmation of Faith.

*Avery Cline and Corbin Kesler will be receiving Holy Communion for their first-time next Sunday, October 30. Their families are invited to commune with them.*

*Jesse Morgan, Jr. and Dalton Thompson will be remembering their First Communion anniversary.*

# Christmas Bazaar

**Christmas Bazaar, Chili Cook Off, & Silent Auction**  
Saturday, November 5, in the Dutch Meeting Hall  
2:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m. Christmas Bazaar & Silent Auction  
5:30 p.m. Chili Cook Off & Silent Auction

Mark **YOUR** calendars now! **Saturday, November 5**, the Long Range Committee is kicking off November with a **Christmas Bazaar, Chili Cook Off, & Silent Auction!**

Beginning at **2:00 p.m.** come by the Dutch Meeting Hall and see what the Bazaar & Silent Auction has to offer you in purchasing gifts for Christmas!

Gently used Christmas items or gifts are needed for the Bazaar & Silent Auction. Theme Christmas Baskets are welcome! **Please donate and place items** in the **large Fellowship Hall**. Any questions, please contact Kay Morgan at (704) 798-0213.

Chili and Dessert chefs we need you to come out and present your food for inspection. To vote all that is required is to come ready to sample many a chili and select your favorite by placing money in the jar in front of your favorite chili! Hotdogs will be available.

Please **deliver all desserts** between 10:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m. on November 4 or between 9:00 a.m.-12 noon on November 5.

If you can participate by providing chili and/or desserts, please contact Brad Huffman (704) 798-2528

Proceeds to benefit the Youth Fund and Narthex Project. *(With Dan Nicholas Park cancelling the Autumn Jubilee, the youth did not receive their annual financial donation.)*



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