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3rd Sunday after Epiphany

January 22, 2023

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: *I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light* (Burkhardt)

During Epiphany, the Acolytes will process in symbolizing the light of Christ.

GATHERING

- * Brief Order for Confession & Forgiveness WOV p.10-11
- * HYMN: *I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light* WOV# 649
- * Greeting WOV. p. 28
- * Kyrie & Hymn of Praise WOV p.28-30
- * Prayer of the Day

P Almighty and eternal God, graciously look down on our weakness. Reach out to us with your majestic right hand, and satisfy us with his glory. We ask through the same Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **C Amen.**

WORD

Children's Message

Old Testament Lesson: Isaiah 9:1-4

¹But there will be no gloom for her who was in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he has made glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations. ²The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shone. ³You have multiplied the nation; you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as they are glad when they divide the spoil. ⁴For the yoke of his burden, and the staff for his shoulder, the rod of his oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian.

Reader The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Psalm 27:1-9 *sung responsively (Congregation (bold) and Choir (not bolded))*

Choir ¹The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom then | shall I fear?*
the LORD is the strength of my life; of whom then shall I | be afraid?

C ²**When evildoers came upon me to eat | up my flesh,***
it was they, my foes and my adversaries, who stum- | bled and fell.

Choir ³Though an army should en- | camp against me,*
yet my heart shall not | be afraid;

C ⁴**And though war should rise | up against me,***
yet will I put my | trust in him.

Choir ⁵One thing have I asked of the LORD; one | thing I seek;*
that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days | of my life;

C ⁶**To behold the fair beauty | of the LORD***
and to seek him | in his temple.

Choir ⁷For in the day of trouble he shall keep me safe | in his shelter;*
he shall hide me in the secrecy of his dwelling and set me high up- |
on a rock.

C ⁸**Even now he lifts | up my head***
above my enemies | round about me.

Choir ⁹Therefore I will offer in his dwelling an oblation with sounds |
of great gladness;* I will sing and make music | to the LORD.

Epistle Lesson: 1 Corinthians 1:10-18

¹⁰I appeal to you, brothers, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree, and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same judgment. ¹¹For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there is quarreling among you, my brothers. ¹²What I mean is that each one of you says, "I follow Paul," or "I follow Apollos," or "I follow Cephas," or "I follow Christ." ¹³Is Christ divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? ¹⁴I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, ¹⁵so that no one may say that you were baptized in my name. ¹⁶(I did baptize also the household of Stephanas. Beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else.) ¹⁷For Christ did not send me to baptize but to preach the gospel, and not with words of eloquent wisdom, lest the cross of Christ be emptied of its power. ¹⁸For the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

Reader The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

* Gospel Acclamation

WOV p.31

* Holy Gospel: Matthew 4:12-25

¹²When {Jesus} heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew into Galilee.

¹³And leaving Nazareth he went and lived in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, ¹⁴so that what was spoken by the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: ¹⁵"The land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, the

way of the sea, beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles — ¹⁶the people dwelling in darkness have seen a great light, and for those dwelling in the region and shadow of death, on them a light has dawned.” ¹⁷From that time Jesus began to preach, saying, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.” ¹⁸While walking by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon (who is called Peter) and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea, for they were fishermen. ¹⁹And he said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men.” ²⁰Immediately they left their nets and followed him. ²¹And going on from there he saw two other brothers, James the son of Zebedee and John his brother, in the boat with Zebedee their father, mending their nets, and he called them. ²²Immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him. ²³And he went throughout all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every affliction among the people. ²⁴So his fame spread throughout all Syria, and they brought him all the sick, those afflicted with various diseases and pains, those oppressed by demons, those having seizures, and paralytics, and he healed them. ²⁵And great crowds followed him from Galilee and the Decapolis, and from Jerusalem and Judea, and from beyond the Jordan.

Sermon: *United in Christ* (Corinthians Sermon Series 2) Pastor Heidi Punt

* HYMN: *We Are Marching in the Light of God* WOV# 650

* Apostles' Creed WOV p. 33

* Prayer of the Church & Sharing of the Peace WOV p. 34

Offering *The Offering is received as the Lord's Table is prepared. All loose offering will go towards the Youth Missions & Retreats Fund. During the month of January, the Benevolence Teaching Moment is on Rowan Helping Ministries. Please prayerfully consider giving to the Benevolence Fund.*

Anthem: *A Song of Light and Mirth* (Lovelace) Chancel Choir

MEAL

* Offertory (“*Let the Vineyards...*”) & Offertory Prayer WOV p. 35

* Great Thanksgiving & Sanctus WOV p. 36

* Words of Institution WOV p. 37

* Lord's Prayer WOV p. 39

Lamb of God & Distribution of Communion WOV p. 39

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 (“*Thankful hearts...*”) WOV p. 40

* Post-Communion Prayer WOV p. 41

SENDING

* Blessing WOV p. 41

* HYMN: *Rise, Shine, You People!*

LBW# 393

* 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: *We are Marching in the light of God* (Dinda)

During Epiphany, the Acolytes will recess out symbolizing Christ going out into the world.

Meet your 2023 Executive Committee!

Dusty Morgan, Sr., President

Lisa Graczyk*, Vice President

Tara Davis, Secretary

Lucinda Fraley, Treasurer

Ali Davis, Assistant Treasurer

*(*As of March, Jennifer Curlee will fill Lisa's term)*

*The **ALTAR FLOWERS** are given to the glory of God and in honor of my amazing, blessing of a Mom, Cathy Kluttz Painther, for her 70th birthday (January 24), lovingly by Jennifer Painther Curlee.*

Current Fund Financial Information:

Offering received Sunday, January 15 \$4,166.00

Weekly offering needed to meet our Ministry Support plan \$6,482.37

Those Serving in January

Acolytes: Tyler Goodman and Adam Thompson

Altar Guild: Deena Lanning and Karen Morgan

Communion Assistants: Deena Lanning, Elbert Kluttz, and Karen Morgan

Lay Readers: Deena Lanning, Elbert Kluttz, and Karen Morgan

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

Offering Counters: Tara Davis, Cathy Painther, and Ron Vellines

OUR MISSION:

*Christ Centered ~ Mission Driven ~ Traditionally-Grounded ~
Congregationally Focused (Matthew 28:18-20)*

OUR VISION:

One Relationship at a Time

BE OUR GUEST

Can't wait to see what God can do!



SCAN ME

With One Voice Setting 5 (p. 28-41) ~ WOV Brief Order for Confession & Forgiveness (p. 10-11)

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Union News

Sunday's Activities, January 22:

9:15 a.m. Kids Choir (singing during worship on February 12)

9:35 a.m. Sunday School

Children & Youth: The Unlikely Ally ~ Joshua 2

Adult Sunday School Class: God Promises Light ~ Isaiah 58:6-10

10:30 a.m. Worship & Holy Communion

In addition to the monthly Benevolence focus, two opportunities are available to assist financially 1) noisy offering to purchase Bibles for the Carolinas Mission Region (CMR) retreat attendees (envelopes mark "Bibles") and 2) new choir robes (envelopes mark "robes")

Rescheduled: 12:30 p.m. Union Women's planning meeting

Time Change: 3:00 p.m. Youth Worship preparations

4:00 p.m. Luther League Middle & High School Youth at Union

Deadline for newsletter articles.

This Weeks' Activities:

Tuesday, Jan. 24

6:30 p.m. Bible Study

Lesson 3: Joy...That is Never Ending

Scripture: Philippians 3:1; 3:9; 3:10

Wednesday, Jan. 25

10:30 a.m. Bible Study Lesson 3

6:30 p.m. Confirmation

6:30 p.m. Belles & Beaus

7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir

Thursday, Jan. 26

5:45 p.m. Offering Counters

Next Sunday's Activities, January 29:

9:15 a.m. Kids Choir (singing during worship on February 12)

9:35 a.m. Sunday School

Children & Youth: The Downfall Wall ~ Joshua 5:13-6:27

Adult Sunday School Class: God Promises His Presence ~ Joel 2:21-27

10:30 a.m. Worship & Holy Communion

Lessons for January 29: Micah 6:1-8; Psalm 15; 1 Corinthians 1:18-31; Matthew 5:1-12 ~ Sermon Series focuses on Corinthians: *Fools for Christ*

New: 12 noon Ushers Training (lunch provided)

2:30 p.m. Social Ministry Committee & Mission Team

Altar Flowers are open for reservations for January 29, 2023

Union has signed up to donate two items for the **Carolinas Mission Region Event on February 25** at St. Peter's, Chapin and we need YOUR help to make this event a success by donating, transporting, and assisting with the kits.

Please **donate**, with goal of **200** in mind, **2.5 gallon plastic storage bags** and goal of **100 individually-packaged soft toothbrushes** (must be unopened). Please drop off items on the pew outside of the church office.

As of January 1, 2023, if you wish to continue to list a loved one on the prayers, please contact the church office since we are refreshing the list.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER...

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

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

Sick/Surgery/Recovery – Nancy Kesler, John Knight, Doug Peeler, Sylvia Peeler

Continual Prayer – Evonne Batten, Nancy Ballew (Kat Clifton’s mother), Bill Broadway, Janet Dunning (Doris Shepherd’s sister), Glenn Eagle, Tommy and Joan Kerns, Pat Kluttz, Glenn & Betty Sue Lowder, Della Morgan (Pam Vellines’ mother), Dusty Morgan, Sr. Family (Dusty, Sr., Lisa, Felisaty, and Dusty, Jr.), William Page, Ben Smith (Cathy Painter’s brother-in-law), Effie Vellines, Union Fire Department #76, Haiti (gangs), Nigerian Christians, and those affected by natural or political disasters

Confirmation Students: Caylea Cline, Mallory Eagle, Bailey Wilhelm, and Lucas Wilhelm

January’s Service Projects

All are invited to create cards for Union’s shut-ins and nursing home residents. Please drop off your cards near “Joy” Sunday School classroom.

Everyone is invited to donate knitting yarn for Sarah Bame. Please drop off yarn in the box located on the pew across from the church office.

2023 Offering Envelopes Update

Due to circumstances outside the control of the church office, 2023 Offering Envelopes will not be available until mid-January or early February.

If you received a physical offering envelope in 2022, the same number has been assigned for 2023.

In 2023, please bring an envelope from home (this will save cost of purchasing blank envelopes for close to 200 households for several weeks) or use the small envelope provided in the pew. Place your offering inside, seal, write your name, offering number (if known), and designate amounts to be distributed to current, benevolence, etc. on the outside.

PART SIX: Confession of Sin

What are such sins? Here examine yourself in the light of the Ten Commandments whether as father or mother, son or daughter, employer or employee, and consider whether you have been disobedient, unfaithful, lazy, angry, sexually unfaithful, or quarrelsome; whether you have injured anyone by word or deed; stolen, neglected, or wasted anything; or done any other evil.



(Martin Luther’s Small Catechism 2010 Edition Sola Publishing-Pocket Version, page 27)