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4th Sunday after Epiphany

January 29, 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: *Be Thou My Vision* (Culli)

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

GATHERING

- * Brief Order for Confession & Forgiveness WOV p.10-11
- * HYMN: *Rise Up, O Saints of God!* LBW# 383
- * Greeting WOV. p. 28
- * Kyrie & Hymn of Praise WOV p.28-30
- * Prayer of the Day

P O God, you know the perilous choices we are prone to make that fall short of your desire for human faithfulness and obedience. Without you, our fragile nature cannot survive. Support us with your Word of truth, that we may grow in faith in the midst of our trials. Grant this, we pray, through 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: Micah 6:1-8

¹Hear what the LORD says: Arise, plead your case before the mountains, and let the hills hear your voice. ²Hear, you mountains, the indictment of the LORD, and you enduring foundations of the earth, for the LORD has an indictment against his people, and he will contend with Israel. ³"O my people, what have I done to you? How have I wearied you? Answer me! ⁴For I brought you up from the land of Egypt and redeemed you from the house of slavery, and I sent before you Moses, Aaron, and Miriam. ⁵O my people, remember what Balak king of Moab devised, and what Balaam the son of Beor answered him, and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal, that you may know the righteous acts of the

LORD.”⁶“With what shall I come before the LORD, and bow myself before God on high? Shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with calves a year old?⁷ Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousands of rivers of oil? Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?”⁸ He has told you, O man, what is good; and what does the LORD require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

Reader The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Psalm 15 *spoken responsively*

L ¹LORD, who may dwell in your tabernacle?
 who may abide upon your holy hill?

**C ²Whoever leads a blameless life and does what is right,
 who speaks the truth from his heart.**

L ³There is no guile upon his tongue; he does no evil to his friend;
 he does not heap contempt upon his neighbor.

**C ⁴In his sight the wicked is rejected,
 but he honors those who fear the LORD.**

L ⁵He has sworn to do no wrong
 and does not take back his word.

**C ⁶He does not give his money in hope of gain,
 nor does he take a bribe against the innocent.**

L ⁷Whoever does these things
 shall never be overthrown.

Epistle Lesson: 1 Corinthians 1:18-31

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. ¹⁹For it is written, “I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.” ²⁰Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? ²¹For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, it pleased God through the folly of what we preach to save those who believe. ²²For Jews demand signs and Greeks seek wisdom, ²³but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles, ²⁴but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. ²⁵For the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men. ²⁶For consider your calling, brothers: not many of you were wise according to worldly standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. ²⁷But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; ²⁸God chose what is low and despised in the world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are, ²⁹so that no human being might boast in the presence of God. ³⁰And because of him you are in Christ Jesus, who became to us wisdom from God, righteousness and

sanctification and redemption,³¹ so that, as it is written, “Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.”

Reader The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

* Gospel Acclamation

WOV p.31

* Holy Gospel: Matthew 5:1-12

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the 5th chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

¹Seeing the crowds, {Jesus} went up on the mountain, and when he sat down, his disciples came to him. ²And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying: ³Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. ⁴Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted. ⁵Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth. ⁶Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied. ⁷Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy. ⁸Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God. ⁹Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God. ¹⁰Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. ¹¹Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. ¹²Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon: *Fools for Christ* (Corinthians Sermon Series 3)

Pastor Heidi Punt

* HYMN: *Be Thou My Vision*

WOV# 776

* 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 Special 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 for Epiphany* (Neswick)

Jan Huffman, soloist, & 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

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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

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SENDING

* *Benediction Blessing* (Sleeth)

Youth

* HYMN: *Blest Are They*

WOV# 764

* 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: *Festal Song* (Callahan)

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

*The **ALTAR FLOWERS** are given to the glory of God in memory of June and Sylvia Fraley by Mitzi Patton, Jackie Beck, Lucinda Fraley, and Melanie Walker.*

Current Fund Financial Information:

Corrected Offering received Sunday, January 15 \$2,670.00

Offering received Sunday, January 22 \$3,436.00

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: Micah Nguyen, Bailey and Lucas Wilhelm

Lay Readers: Caylea Cline and Dusty Morgan, Jr.

Ushers: Phil Cauble, Frank Merrell, Micah Nguyen, and Bailey Wilhelm

Offering Counters: Tara Davis, Cathy Painter, 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 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

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")

New: 12 noon Gerald Bame Scholarship Team meeting

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

Offering Envelopes & Yearend statements for Adults, Youth, and Children are available to pick up from the front pew in family alphabetical order. Please assist the church office by delivering family and friends offering envelopes and yearend statements to them to cut down on cost of mailing.

This Weeks' Activities:

Wednesday, Feb. 1 6:30 p.m. Confirmation

6:30 p.m. Belles & Beaus

7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir

Philippians Bible Study will not meet this week. However, homework has been given to work on.

Pastor Heidi Punt is attending the NALC Pastors' Conference in San Antonio, TX, from Tuesday, January 31-Friday, February 3.

Next Sunday's Activities, February 5:

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

9:35 a.m. Sunday School

Children & Youth: The Palm Tree Judge ~ Judges 4

Adult Sunday School Class:

Résumé of Those Called ~ 1 Corinthians 1:18-31

10:30 a.m. Worship & Holy Communion

Lessons for February 5: Isaiah 58:3-9a; Psalm 112:1-9;

1 Corinthians 2:1-16; Matthew 5:13-20

Sermon Series focuses on Corinthians: *The Mind of Christ*

Rescheduled: 12 noon Ushers Training (lunch provided)

12:30 p.m. Union Women's Planning Meeting

3:00 p.m. Beginners Bells planning

4:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m. Union & Salem Middle/High School Youth at Salem

Altar Flowers are open for reservations for February 5.

OUR LOVE and **SYMPATHY** is extended to the Family of Junius “June” Wade Fraley on his death, January 21, in their time of grief.

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.

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 a goal of **200, 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.

PART SEVEN: Holy Communion

The Definition & Command of Communion

What is Holy Communion? *Communion is the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ under the bread and wine, given to us Christians to eat and drink, as it was instituted by Christ himself.*



(Martin Luther’s Small Catechism 2010 Edition Sola Publishing-Pocket Version, page 28)

February Calendar – dates/times subject to change

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
Revised as of 1-27-23 Old Pine Center Dutch Meeting Hall Youth Meetings Both Fellowship Halls			1 6:30 p.m. Confirmation 6:30 p.m. Belles & Beaus 7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> Pastors Conference in San Antonio, TX </div>	2	3	4
5 9:15 a.m. Kids Choir 9:35 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Worship & Holy Communion <i>Noisy Offering for CMD Bibles & Choir Robes</i> 12 noon Usher Training (lunch provided) 12:30 p.m. Union Women planning 3:00 p.m. Beginners Bells planning 4:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m. Union & Salem Middle/High School Youth at Salem	6	7 6:30 p.m. Bible Study	8 10:30 a.m. Bible Study 6:30 p.m. Confirmation 6:30 p.m. Belles & Beaus 7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir	9 10:00 a.m. Good Timers	10 Kay Morgan – decorations- large FH large FH <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> Ministry Discernment Retreat </div>	11 Kay Morgan (large FH) 2:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m. Wedding Shower for Felisaty Morgan
12 9:15 a.m. Kids Choir 9:35 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Worship & Holy Communion <i>Noisy Offering for CMD Bibles, Choir Robes, & Donation of Soup & Bowls</i> 4:00 p.m. Little Lutherans <i>Deadline for Minutes/Reports</i> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> Ministry Discernment Retreat </div>	13	14 Valentine's Day 5:30 p.m. Executive	15 2:00 p.m. Lay Ministers 6:30 p.m. Confirmation 6:30 p.m. Belles & Beaus 7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir	16 6:00 p.m. Finance	17	18
19 Transfiguration of Our Lord 9:15 a.m. Kids Choir 9:35 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Worship & Holy Communion <i>Noisy Offering for CMD Bibles & Choir Robes</i> 2:00 p.m. Church Council 3:00 p.m. First Beginners Bell rehearsal <i>Deadline for March articles</i>	20 President's Day	21 5:00 p.m. Shrove Tuesday and Burning of Palms	22 Ash Wednesday 10:30 a.m. service 6:30 p.m. Confirmation 6:30 p.m. service	23	24	25 11:00 a.m. CMR Mission Event (St. Peter's, Chapin, SC)
26 Lent 9:15 a.m. Kids Choir 9:35 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Worship & Holy Communion <i>Noisy Offering for CMD Bibles & Choir Robes</i> 4:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m. Congregational Bowling (Woodleaf Lanes)	27	28 5:45 meal 6:30 p.m. Lenten Service				