



## Union Lutheran Church

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### 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Lent

February 26, 2023

10:30 a.m. Worship & Holy Communion

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We welcome children to be a part of worship. A nursery is also provided for those attending to the needs of infants and small children.

*(Please stand when indicated by \*)*

Lutheran Book of Worship (LBW) green hymnal

With One Voice (WOV) blue hymnal

Welcome & Announcements

Prelude: *I Want Jesus to Walk with Me* (Kerr)

#### GATHERING

- \* Brief Order for Confession & Forgiveness LBW p. 77
- \* HYMN: *O Lord, throughout These Forty Days* LBW# 99
- \* Greeting & Kyrie (*Hymn of Praise is omitted during Lent.*) LBW p. 78-79
- \* Salutation LBW p. 82
- \* Prayer of the Day

P O Lord God, you would have us put no trust in anything we do. Mercifully grant that by your power we may be defended against all adversity; through your Son, Jesus Christ, 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: Genesis 3:1-21

<sup>1</sup>Now the serpent was more crafty than any other beast of the field that the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God actually say, 'You shall not eat of any tree in the garden?'" <sup>2</sup>And the woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden, <sup>3</sup>but God said, 'You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the midst of the garden, neither shall you touch it, lest you die.'" <sup>4</sup>But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not surely die. <sup>5</sup>For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." <sup>6</sup>So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave

some to her husband who was with her, and he ate. <sup>7</sup>Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked. And they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves loincloths. <sup>8</sup>And they heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God among the trees of the garden. <sup>9</sup>But the Lord God called to the man and said to him, “Where are you?” <sup>10</sup>And he said, “I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked, and I hid myself.” <sup>11</sup>He said, “Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten of the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?” <sup>12</sup>The man said, “The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit of the tree, and I ate.” <sup>13</sup>Then the Lord God said to the woman, “What is this that you have done?” The woman said, “The serpent deceived me, and I ate.” <sup>14</sup>The Lord God said to the serpent, “Because you have done this, cursed are you above all livestock and above all beasts of the field; on your belly you shall go, and dust you shall eat all the days of your life. <sup>15</sup>I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring; he shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel.” <sup>16</sup>To the woman he said, “I will surely multiply your pain in childbearing; in pain you shall bring forth children. Your desire shall be contrary to your husband, but he shall rule over you.” <sup>17</sup>And to Adam he said, “Because you have listened to the voice of your wife and have eaten of the tree of which I commanded you, ‘You shall not eat of it,’ cursed is the ground because of you; in pain you shall eat of it all the days of your life; <sup>18</sup>thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you; and you shall eat the plants of the field. <sup>19</sup>By the sweat of your face you shall eat bread, till you return to the ground, for out of it you were taken; for you are dust, and to dust you shall return.” <sup>20</sup>The man called his wife’s name Eve, because she was the mother of all living. <sup>21</sup>And the Lord God made for Adam and for his wife garments of skins and clothed them.

Reader                      Here ends the reading.

Psalm 32:1-7 *read responsively*

L <sup>1</sup>Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven,  
and whose sin is put away!

C <sup>2</sup>**Happy are they to whom the LORD imputes no guilt,  
and in whose spirit there is no guile!**

L <sup>3</sup>While I held my tongue, my bones withered away,  
because of my groaning all day long.

C <sup>4</sup>**For your hand was heavy upon me day and night;  
my moisture was dried up as in the heat of summer.**

L <sup>5</sup>Then I acknowledged my sin to you,  
and did not conceal my guilt.

C <sup>6</sup>**I said, “I will confess my transgressions [to the LORD].”  
Then you forgave me the guilt of my sin.**

L <sup>7</sup>Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in time of trouble;  
when the great waters overflow, they shall not reach them.

Epistle Lesson: Romans 5:12-19

<sup>12</sup>Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because all sinned — <sup>13</sup>for sin indeed was in the world before the law was given, but sin is not counted where there is no law. <sup>14</sup>Yet death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sinning was not like the transgression of Adam, who was a type of the one who was to come. <sup>15</sup>But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if many died through one man's trespass, much more have the grace of God and the free gift by the grace of that one man Jesus Christ abounded for many. <sup>16</sup>And the free gift is not like the result of that one man's sin. For the judgment following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brought justification. <sup>17</sup>For if, because of one man's trespass, death reigned through that one man, much more will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man Jesus Christ. <sup>18</sup>Therefore, as one trespass led to condemnation for all men, so one act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all men. <sup>19</sup>For as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.

Reader                    Here ends the reading.

\* Lenten Verse (“Return to the Lord...”)

LBW p. 83

\* Holy Gospel: Matthew 4:1-11

P            The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the 4<sup>th</sup> chapter.

C            **Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup>Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. <sup>2</sup>And after fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry. <sup>3</sup>And the tempter came and said to him, “If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread.” <sup>4</sup>But he answered, “It is written, ‘Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.’” <sup>5</sup>Then the devil took him to the holy city and set him on the pinnacle of the temple <sup>6</sup>and said to him, “If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down, for it is written, ‘He will command his angels concerning you,’ and ‘On their hands they will bear you up, lest you strike your foot against a stone.’” <sup>7</sup>Jesus said to him, “Again it is written, ‘You shall not put the Lord your God to the test.’” <sup>8</sup>Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. <sup>9</sup>And he said to him, “All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me.” <sup>10</sup>Then Jesus said to him, “Be gone, Satan! For it is written, ‘You shall worship the Lord your God and him only shall you serve.’” <sup>11</sup>Then the devil left him, and behold, angels came and were ministering to him.

P            The Gospel of the Lord.

C            **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon: *Temptations!*

Pastor Heidi Punt

\* HYMN: *I Want Jesus to Walk with Me*

WOV# 660

- \* Nicene Creed LBW p. 84
- \* Prayer 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 Mission/Retreat Fund. During the month of February, the Benevolence Teaching Moment is on the Battered Women's Shelter. Please prayerfully consider giving to the Benevolence Fund.*

Anthem: *Jesus Walked this Lonesome Valley* (Hopson) Chancel Choir

### MEAL

- \* Offertory ("What shall I render...") & Offertory Prayer LBW p. 87
- \* Great Thanksgiving & Sanctus LBW p. 88-89
- \* Words of Institution LBW p. 89
- \* Lord's Prayer LBW p. 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 ("Lord, now you let your servant...") LBW p. 93
- \* Post-Communion Prayer LBW p. 94

### SENDING

- \* Benediction LBW p. 95
- \* HYMN: *Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus* LBW# 487
- \* 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: *O Lord Throughout These Forty Days* (Sedio)

### Stewardship Update

<i>Sunday School Attendance (2/19)</i>	32
<i>Worship &amp; Holy Communion Attendance (2/19)</i>	77
<i>Current Fund Offering received (2/19)</i>	\$2,597.00
<i>Ash Wednesday (10:30 a.m.) Attendance (2/22)</i>	11
<i>Ash Wednesday (6:30 p.m.) Attendance (2/22)</i>	55
<i>2023 Weekly offering needed to meet our Ministry Support plan</i>	\$6,482.37

Lutheran Book of Worship Setting 2 (p. 77-97)

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# Union News

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## Sunday's Activities, February 26:

**9:15 a.m.** Kids Choir

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

**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")

**4:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m.** Luther League Middle/High School Youth at Organ

*During the season of Lent, branches will be used in place of Altar Flowers.*

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## This Weeks' Activities:

Tuesday, Feb. 28                    5:45 p.m. meal provided in the large Fellowship Hall

6:30 p.m. Lenten Service

Isaiah of Babylon ~ Scripture: Isaiah 6:1-8

Wednesday, Mar. 1                10:30 a.m. Lenten Service ~ Isaiah of Babylon

12 noon lunch provided

12:30 p.m. Facebook Bible Study

2:00 p.m. Chapel Time at Autumn Care

6:30 p.m. Confirmation

6:30 p.m. Belles & Beaus

7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir

*Kindly join us for the wedding of **Felisaty Morgan and Tyler Hunt** on **Saturday, March 4, at 12 noon** at Union Lutheran Church. Reception to follow. Please RSVP: felisatyandtylerswedding@gmail.com*

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## Next Sunday's Activities, March 5:

**9:00 a.m.** Breakfast Time with Rev. Siimon Haamer, Spiritual Orphans Network

**9:15 a.m.** Kids Choir

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

Lessons for March 5: Genesis 12:1-9; Psalm 121;

Romans 4:1-8, 13-17; John 3:1-17

A **called Congregational Meeting** will be held on **Sunday, March 5**, following worship for the purpose of presentation of the summary of Appraisal of the Eller property and possible sale of a portion of this property.

Following the congregational meeting the **Church Council** will meet briefly reviewing the 2023 church yearbook.

**2:00 p.m.** Christian Education, Sunday School, Youth & Family

**2:45 p.m.-3:30 p.m.** Beginners Bells (B 'n B)

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

*Deadline to RSVP for Lay Ministry Retreat*

*During the season of Lent, branches will be used in place of Altar Flowers.*

## PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER...

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

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

**Sick/Surgery/Recovery** – Nancy Kesler, John Knight, Doug Peeler, Sylvia Peeler, Jean Ray, Vernon Overcash, & Debbie Rinehart

**Continual Prayer** – Paul & Nancy Baker (Genevieve Baker's parents), Evonne Batten, Nancy Ballew (Kat Clifton's mother), Pastor George Bradshaw (Pineridge Baptist Church), Bill Broadway, Janet Dunning (Doris Shepherd's sister), Glenn Eagle, Tommy and Joan Kerns, Garrin Kluttz (Jean & James Kluttz grandson), Pat Kluttz, Glenn & Betty Sue Lowder, Della Morgan (Pam Vellines' mother), Dusty Morgan, Sr. Family (Dusty, Sr., Lisa, Felisaty, and Dusty, Jr.), Danny "Chocolate" Myers (Frank Merrell's friend), William Page, Effie Vellines, Union Fire Department #76, Haiti (gangs), Nigerian Christians, & those affected by natural or political disasters

**Confirmation Students:** Caylea Cline, Mallory Eagle, Bailey Wilhelm, & Lucas Wilhelm

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### *How Can You Serve?*

*The Good Timers & Sunday School are sponsoring a collection of food to assist **Rowan Helping Ministries Child Friendly Foods** (when children are out of school). Please donate: individual Mac 'n Cheese, Fruit Cups, granola bars, anything that a child can open and heat in the microwave by themselves.*

*Please place donations on the pew outside of the church office.*

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## **PART SEVEN: Holy Communion**

### **Preparation for Communion**

**When is a person worthy to receive the Sacrament?** Fasting and other outward disciplines are indeed good preparation, but people are truly worthy and well prepared who believe these words, "Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins." But those who do not believe these words or who doubt them are unworthy and unprepared, for the words "for you" require truly believing hearts.

(Martin Luther's Small Catechism 2010 Edition Sola Publishing-Pocket Version, page 30)



*More information will be coming soon on how we can connect with each other, our community, and our world!*

Join us for a **LAY MINISTRY RETREAT** on **Saturday, March 11<sup>th</sup>, 2023**. We will meet from **10 am** till noon and enjoy lunch together. **Border Concepts** in Lexington has graciously opened up their facility for us to use.

Coming to the retreat does not mean you commit to doing it, it simply means that you are seeking God's guidance and or offering support to your Lay Ministers.

**Please RSVP** church office or Tara Davis know by **Sunday, March 5<sup>th</sup>**, if you intend to enjoy a morning of discernment and healthy fellowship.