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3rd Sunday of Easter

April 23, 2023

10:30 a.m. Worship & Holy Communion

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: *This Joyful Eastertide* (Lachenauer)

GATHERING

- * Brief Order for Confession & Forgiveness LBW p. 56
- * HYMN: *I Know that My Redeemer Lives!* LBW# 352
- * Greeting & Kyrie LBW p. 57-58
- * Hymn of Praise (*"Worthy is Christ..."*) LBW p. 60-62
- * Salutation LBW p. 62
- * Prayer of the Day

P O God, by the humiliation of your Son, you raised up this fallen world. Teach us whom you have rescued from endless death to have the fullness of eternal joy, through the same Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. For he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

WORD

Children's Message

New Testament Lesson: Acts 2:14a, 36-41

^{14a}Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them:

³⁶"Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified." ³⁷Now when they heard this they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, "Brothers, what shall we do?" ³⁸And Peter said to them, "Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. ³⁹For the promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to himself." ⁴⁰And with many other words he bore

witness and continued to exhort them, saying, “Save yourselves from this crooked generation.” ⁴¹So those who received his word were baptized, and there were added that day about three thousand souls.

R Here ends the reading.

Psalm 116:1-14 (*sung in unison*)

¹I love the LORD, because he has heard the voice of my | supplication,*
because he has inclined his ear to me whenever I | called upon him.

²The cords of death entangled me; the grip of the grave took | hold of me; *
I came to | grief and sorrow.

³Then I called upon the name | of the LORD: *
“O LORD, I pray you, | save my life.”

⁴Gracious is the | LORD and righteous; *
our God is full | of compassion.

⁵The LORD watches | over the innocent; *
I was brought very low, | and he helped me.

⁶Turn again to your rest, | O my soul, *
for the LORD has treat- | ed you well.

⁷For you have rescued my | life from death, *
my eyes from tears, and my | feet from stumbling.

⁸I will walk in the presence | of the LORD *
in the land | of the living.

⁹I believed, even when I said, “I have been brought | very low.” *
In my distress I said, “No one | can be trusted.”

¹⁰How shall I re- | pay the LORD *
for all the good things he has | done for me?

¹¹I will lift up the cup | of salvation *
and call upon the name | of the LORD.

¹²I will fulfill my vows | to the LORD *
in the presence of | all his people.

¹³Precious in the sight | of the LORD *
is the death | of his servants.

¹⁴O LORD, I | am your servant; *
I am your servant and the child of your handmaid;
you have freed me | from my bonds.

New Testament Lesson: 1 Peter 1:17-25

¹⁷If you call on him as Father who judges impartially according to each one’s deeds, conduct yourselves with fear throughout the time of your exile, ¹⁸knowing that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, ¹⁹but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot. ²⁰He was foreknown before the foundation of the world but was made manifest in the last times for the sake of you ²¹who through him are believers in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God. ²²Having purified your souls by your obedience to the truth for a

sincere brotherly love, love one another earnestly from a pure heart, ²³since you have been born again, not of perishable seed but of imperishable, through the living and abiding word of God; ²⁴for “All flesh is like grass and all its glory like the flower of grass. The grass withers, and the flower falls, ²⁵but the word of the Lord remains forever.” And this word is the good news that was preached to you.

R Here ends the reading.

* Gospel Acclamation

LBW p. 63

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke the 24th chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

* Holy Gospel: Luke 24:13-35

¹³That very day two of {Jesus’ followers} were going to a village named Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, ¹⁴and they were talking with each other about all these things that had happened. ¹⁵While they were talking and discussing together, Jesus himself drew near and went with them. ¹⁶But their eyes were kept from recognizing him. ¹⁷And he said to them, “What is this conversation that you are holding with each other as you walk?” And they stood still, looking sad. ¹⁸Then one of them, named Cleopas, answered him, “Are you the only visitor to Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?” ¹⁹And he said to them, “What things?” And they said to him, “Concerning Jesus of Nazareth, a man who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, ²⁰and how our chief priests and rulers delivered him up to be condemned to death, and crucified him. ²¹But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things happened. ²²Moreover, some women of our company amazed us. They were at the tomb early in the morning, ²³and when they did not find his body, they came back saying that they had even seen a vision of angels, who said that he was alive. ²⁴Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but him they did not see.” ²⁵And he said to them, “O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken! ²⁶Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory?” ²⁷And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning himself. ²⁸So they drew near to the village to which they were going. He acted as if he were going farther, ²⁹but they urged him strongly, saying, “Stay with us, for it is toward evening and the day is now far spent.” So he went in to stay with them. ³⁰When he was at table with them, he took the bread and blessed and broke it and gave it to them. ³¹And their eyes were opened, and they recognized him. And he vanished from their sight. ³²They said to each other, “Did not our hearts burn within us while he talked to us on the road, while he opened to us the Scriptures?” ³³And they rose that same hour and returned to Jerusalem. And they found the eleven and those who were with them gathered together, ³⁴saying, “The Lord has risen indeed, and has appeared to Simon!” ³⁵Then

they told what had happened on the road, and how he was known to them in the breaking of the bread.

P The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sermon: *On the Road Again*

Pastor Heidi Punt

* HYMN: *Now We Join in Celebration*

LBW# 203

* Nicene Creed

LBW p. 64

* Prayer of the Church & Sharing of the Peace

LBW p. 65-66

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 April, the Benevolence Teaching Moment is on the NALC Disaster Response. Please prayerfully consider giving to the Benevolence Fund.*

Anthem: *Now the Day of Joy Has Come* (Hutson) Chancel Choir

MEAL

* Offertory (*"Let the Vineyards..."*)

LBW p. 66-67

* Great Thanksgiving & Sanctus

LBW p. 68-69

* Words of Institution

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* Lord's Prayer

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Lamb of God & Distribution of Communion

LBW p. 72

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. Gluten Free wafers and grape juice are also available upon request. Please fill out the communion card 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..."*)

LBW p. 72

SENDING

* Benediction

LBW p. 74

* HYMN: *This Joyful Eastertide*

LBW# 149

* 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: *This Joyful Eastertide* (Barr)

Lutheran Book of Worship Setting 1 (p. 56-76)

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Stewardship Update

<i>Sunday School (4/16)</i>	32
<i>Worship & Holy Communion (4/16)</i>	102
<i>Current Offering received (4/9)</i>	\$5,566.50
<i>Current Offering received (4/16)</i>	\$5,124.00
<i>2023 Weekly offering needed to meet our Ministry Support plan</i>	\$6,482.37

Union News

Sunday's Activities, April 23:

9:15 a.m. Kids Choir

9:35 a.m. Sunday School

Children & Youth: Provided for Prophet ~ 1 Kings 17

Adult Sunday School Class: Jesus Reinstates Peter ~ John 21:15-19

10:30 a.m. Worship & Holy Communion

Acts 2:14a, 36-41; Psalm 116:1-14; 1 Peter 1:17-25; Luke 24:13-35

Sermon: *On the Road Again*

2:00 p.m. Social Ministry

2:45 p.m. Youth Worship preparations

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

Deadline to turn in Gerald Bame Scholarship applications.

Deadline for Newsletter articles.

*The **ALTAR FLOWERS** are given to the glory of God and in honor of Sam Nguyen for his 11th birthday on April 25th by Pete, Nikki, Micah, Brad and Jan.*

This Weeks' Activities:

Tuesday, April 25 6:30 p.m. Why Pray Bible Study (no meal provided)

Wednesday, April 26 10:30 a.m. Why Pray Bible Study (no meal provided)

6:30 p.m. Confirmation

6:30 p.m. Belles & Beaus

7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir

Saturday, April 29 Klutz Family Reunion (large Fellowship Hall)

Phil Cauble, Facilities Manager, is out of the office this week.

Next Sunday's Activities, April 30:

9:15 a.m. Kids Choir

9:35 a.m. Sunday School

Children & Youth: Consuming Fire ~ 1 Kings 18:17-40

Adult Sunday School Class: Jesus Makes a Promise ~ Acts 1:1-11

10:30 a.m. Worship & Holy Communion

Acts 2:42-47; Psalm 23:1-6; 1 Peter 2:19-25; John 10:1-10

Sermon & Skit: *Following the Shepherd*

Next Sunday's Activities, April 30:

Dawn Merrell has reserved the Altar Flowers for April 30.

Fresh Eyes Survey

As a part of the upcoming Fresh Eyes Initiative, we have been asked to survey the congregation to learn some of your preferences. The survey is an online survey and is completely anonymous. It can be accessed using the following link:



<https://forms.gle/7Efmr7EihTgVpakW8>

We ask each adult to complete the survey, not just the family unit. So that we can compile the results, we are asking that the survey be completed by May 15. For those who do not have internet access or are uncomfortable with online surveys, there are paper copies available by asking for it.

Fresh Eyes Summit

June 8-11

Thursday, June 8, Pastor Wendel arrives.

Friday, June 9, 10:00 a.m.-12 noon, tour of church building and property followed by 6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m. Congregational supper, review prework and current reality.

Saturday, June 10, 8:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Missional Capacity Assessment with a light breakfast refreshments and lunch provided.

Sunday, June 11, 10:30 a.m. worship together with Pr. Wendel preaching the sermon and sharing brief thoughts with the congregation regarding the summit.

Union will have the opportunity during the Fresh Eyes Summit to trust that the Lord will give us "fresh eyes" to receive new insight and understanding all aimed at new or renewed direction for mission and ministry as we seek to follow Jesus firmly and faithfully!

Day Camp 5 years old—5th Graders

Volunteers are needed!!

Mark your calendars now! Union, Salem, and Organ Lutheran Church will be hosting a **Day Camp** for our 5 year olds-5th Graders from July 16-July 21.

We need YOUR help to make this event a success.

Needed are volunteers both adult and middle and high school youth. Interested, talk with Pastor Heidi!

June Mission Trip

Coming Soon! Union Lutheran Church is excited to participate again in an Intergenerational Domestic Mission Trip, from June 19-23, in Hazard, Kentucky.

Encounter small-town hospitality and a unique culture. Once part of a booming coal-mining industry, Kentucky has experienced many hardships and fallen below the poverty line.

Build authentic relationships with locals and bond with your teammates while also meeting practical needs. Help neighbors with home repair projects and work alongside community leaders who are challenging children and youth to dream of a brighter future.

To participate, please contact Pastor Heidi.

To financially support Mary Hutchens on her Slovakia Trip from July 13-31, please either go online to Spiritual Orphans Network, mark your offering envelope, or mail check and the below coupon to SON.

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2023 SON Short Term Team Support Gift

YES! I want to participate in this ministry by supporting the following mission team member(s)

Please include this coupon to ensure proper distribution to individual team member(s). DO NOT write team member's name(s) on the check or in the memo line or SON will be unable to issue a receipt and the IRS will not grant deductibility in the event you are audited. Checks must be made payable to SON.

Mail to Spiritual Orphans Network, 8210 Louisiana Blvd NE, Suite B, Albuquerque, NM 87113

Supporter Name & Address: _____

Our Love and Sympathy is extended to David Arey, Jr., Melissa Arey and Family on the death of their father, David Arey, Sr.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER...

Nursing Home Residents - Brenda Mahaley, Pat Miller, and Ruth Monroe (Autumn Care)

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

Sick/Surgery/Recovery – Genevieve Baker, Nancy Kesler, John Knight, Vernon Overcash, William & Doris Page, Doug Peeler, Sylvia Peeler, Jean Ray (Asbury Health & Rehabilitation Center, Room 213 Dillworth Hallway, 3800 Shamrock Drive, Charlotte, NC 28215), & Wayne Vellines

Continual Prayer – Evonne Batten, Nancy Ballew (Kat Clifton’s mother), Pastor George Bradshaw (Junior Morgan’s Pastor Friend), Bill Broadway, 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), 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

How Can You Serve?

Sunday School Department invites the congregation to donate pennies during the month of April. Please drop off pennies in the jar located in the Narthex or in the Joy Sunday School Classroom.

PART NINE: Ten Commandments

The Second Commandment: *You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain (for the Lord will not hold guiltless those who take his name in vain).*

What does this mean? *We should fear and love God so that we do not use his name superstitiously or to curse, swear, lie, or deceive, but call upon him in every time of need, and worship him with prayer, praise, and thanksgiving.*

(Martin Luther’s Small Catechism 2010 Edition Sola Publishing-Pocket Version, page 6)



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!

