



## Union Lutheran Church

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### 4th Sunday of Easter

April 30, 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: *My Shepherd Will Supply My Needs* (Kerr)

#### GATHERING

- \* Brief Order for Confession & Forgiveness LBW p. 56
- \* HYMN: *Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us* (Bradbury) LBW# 481
- \* 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 Almighty God, you show those in error the light of your truth that they may return into the way of righteousness. Grant to all that are admitted into fellowship with Christ the power to avoid all things that are contrary to the faith and to follow you according to the will of 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

New Testament Lesson: Acts 2:42-47

<sup>42</sup>{The believers} devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. <sup>43</sup>And awe came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. <sup>44</sup>And all who believed were together and had all things in common. <sup>45</sup>And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need. <sup>46</sup>And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad

and generous hearts, <sup>47</sup>praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.

R Here ends the reading.

New Testament Lesson: 1 Peter 2:19-25

<sup>19</sup>For this is a gracious thing, when, mindful of God, one endures sorrows while suffering unjustly. <sup>20</sup>For what credit is it if, when you sin and are beaten for it, you endure? But if when you do good and suffer for it you endure, this is a gracious thing in the sight of God. <sup>21</sup>For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you might follow in his steps. <sup>22</sup>He committed no sin, neither was deceit found in his mouth. <sup>23</sup>When he was reviled, he did not revile in return; when he suffered, he did not threaten, but continued entrusting himself to him who judges justly. <sup>24</sup>He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed. <sup>25</sup>For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

R Here ends the reading.

\* Gospel Acclamation

LBW p. 63

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John the 10<sup>th</sup> chapter.

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

\* Holy Gospel: John 10:1-10

<sup>1</sup>{Jesus said to the Jews,} “Truly, truly, I say to you, he who does not enter the sheepfold by the door but climbs in by another way, that man is a thief and a robber. <sup>2</sup>But he who enters by the door is the shepherd of the sheep. <sup>3</sup>To him the gatekeeper opens. The sheep hear his voice, and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. <sup>4</sup>When he has brought out all his own, he goes before them, and the sheep follow him, for they know his voice. <sup>5</sup>A stranger they will not follow, but they will flee from him, for they do not know the voice of strangers.” <sup>6</sup>This figure of speech Jesus used with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them. <sup>7</sup>So Jesus again said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep. <sup>8</sup>All who came before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them. <sup>9</sup>I am the door. If anyone enters by me, he will be saved and will go in and out and find pasture. <sup>10</sup>The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.”

P The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sermon & Skit: *Following the Shepherd*

Pastor Heidi Punt

Psalm 23 (*chanted responsively*)

L <sup>1</sup>The LORD is my shepherd;  
I shall not be in want.

**C <sup>2</sup>He makes me lie down in green pastures  
and leads me beside still waters.**

- L <sup>3</sup>He revives my soul  
and guides me along right pathways for his name's sake.
- C <sup>4</sup>**Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.**
- L <sup>5</sup>You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me;  
you have anointed my head with oil, and my cup is running over.
- C <sup>6</sup>**Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.**

\* 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 Special 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: *Feed My Lambs* (Sleeth) Youth

### MEAL

\* Offertory ("*Let the Vineyards...*") LBW p. 66-67

\* Great Thanksgiving & Sanctus LBW p. 68-69

\* Words of Institution LBW p. 69

\* Lord's Prayer LBW p. 71

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: *The Lord's My Shepherd* LBW# 451

\* 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: *The Lord's My Shepherd* (Culli)

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

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## Those Serving Today

Acolytes: Caylea Cline & Harlem Jones

Readers: Adam Thompson, Caylea Cline & Bailey Wilhelm

Communion Assistants: Caylea Cline, Abbey Deaton & Bailey Wilhelm

Message: Dusty Morgan, Jr.

Ushers: Lucas Wilhelm & Addison Queen

Connector: Vicki Hunter

Offering Counters: Tara Davis, Cathy Painter & Ron Vellines

### Fresh Eyes Survey

As a part of the upcoming Fresh Eyes, we need YOUR participation. An online survey has been set up to learn some of the congregation's preferences. The survey is completely anonymous. It can be accessed using the following link or scanning the QR Code on your camera phone, tablet, etc.: <https://forms.gle/7Efmr7EihTgVpakW8>



We ask each adult to complete the survey, not just the family unit. So that we can compile the results, the deadline to complete the survey is **May 15**.

For those who do not have internet access or are uncomfortable with online surveys, paper copies are available upon request.

### *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.*

*Friday, June 9, the congregation meets from 6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m. with Pastor Wendel for supper and 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!*

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## Union News

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### 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*

**2:00 p.m.** Organist/Music Director Call Committee

**2:45 p.m.** Fresh Eyes Preparations Team

*The Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Mr. and Mrs. Allen Merrell, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Merrell, and Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Brady by Franklin and Dawn Merrell*

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### This Weeks' Activities:

Tuesday, May 2	6:30 p.m. Why Pray Bible Study (no meal provided)
Wednesday, May 3	10:30 a.m. Why Pray Bible Study (no meal provided)
	2:00 p.m. Chapel Time at Autumn Care
	4:30 p.m. Bible Study with Haiti Pastors
	6:30 p.m. Confirmation
	6:30 p.m. Belles & Beaus
	7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir
Thursday, May 4	National Day of Prayer
Fri., May 5-Sat. May 6	Carolinas Mission Region Convocation
	Pastor Heidi Punt & Frank Merrell, Delegates
	Mary Hutchens, Alternate

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### Next Sunday's Activities, May 7:

**9:15 a.m.** Kids Choir (preparation for singing during worship)

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

Children & Youth: A Whirlwind Ascent ~ 2 Kings 2:1-15

Adult Sunday School Class:

The Day of Pentecost ~ Acts 2:1-8, 14-24, 37-40

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

Acts 6:1-9; 7:2a, 51-60; Psalm 146; 1 Peter 2:2-10; John 14:1-14

Sermon: *Martyrs of Faith*

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

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

*Dawn Merrell has reserved the Altar Flowers for May 7.*

## **Upcoming Events:**

### **Good Timers**

**Thursday, May 11, at 10:00 a.m.** in the Old Pine Center

Everyone is invited to the Good Timers meeting on **Thursday, May 11, at 10:00 a.m.** in the Old Pine Center. Lori Cinquemani, VP Manager of State Employees Credit Union in Granite Quarry, will be sharing on how to detect and avoid becoming victims of scams, ID theft, and phishing.

After the program the group will eat **lunch** at **Mike Cauble's** for a **fish fry** instead of going to Lakeview restaurant.

### **Sunday, May 14, Mother's Day**

Mothers will be recognized during the worship service.

### **Ascension Services at Dunn's Mountain**

1740 Dunn's Mountain Road, Salisbury (28146)

#### **Tuesday, May 16, at 5:30 p.m.**

bag supper and drink followed by service at 6:30 p.m.

#### **Wednesday, May 17, at 10:30 a.m.**

Ascension Service followed by bag lunch and drink.

**Thursday, May 18, Finance Committee at 6:00 p.m.**

### **Sunday, May 21**

**1:30 p.m.** Confirmands presentation to Council

**Thursday, May 25, Property, Cemetery, & Columbarium at 6:30 p.m.**

### **Pictorial Directory Make Up Photo Sessions**

Saturday, May 27, & Sunday, May 28

Please sign up on sheets located in the Narthex.

### **Pentecost Sunday, May 28**

Deadline for list of High School, Tech, & College graduates

### **Holy Trinity Sunday, June 4**

Confirmation Sunday

Caylea Cline, Mallory Eagle, Bailey Wilhelm, & Lucas Wilhelm

Recognition of High School, Tech, & College Graduates

Recognition of Gerald Bame Scholarship Recipients

**Thursday, June 8, Worship & Music Committee at 6:00 p.m.**

### **Fresh Eyes Summit**

Friday, June 9-Sunday, June 11

## **Intergenerational Domestic Mission Trip in June**

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.

Interested or to want to participate, please contact Pastor Heidi or the church office.

### *Day Camp*

*Sunday, July 16-Friday, July 21, 2023*

*Union Lutheran Church*

*Sponsored by: Union, Salem, & Organ Lutheran Church*

*We need YOUR help to make this event a success. Needed are volunteers both Adult and Middle & High School Youth. Areas to volunteer: registration (Union is coordinating), opening, music (Dawn Merrell coordinating), crafts, snack (Janie Lesley coordinating), games, closing, and pick up. Interested, talk with Pastor Heidi or contact the church office!*

*Orientation begins on **Sunday, July 16**, at **4:00 p.m.** with campers and parents meeting the volunteers and pastors, enjoy a meal together, and learn about the upcoming week.*

*Day Camp begins at **8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.** Monday, July 17-Thursday, July 20.*

*On **Thursday, July 20**, Day Camp begins at **8:30 a.m.** however, at **11:30 a.m. Water Games** begins! Campers are requested to please bring a set of dry clothes and a towel. Due to insurance purposes, we cannot assist children in changing clothes.*

***Friday, July 21**, at **12 noon** a closing program will be held for family and friends as well as enjoying lunch and an ice cream social.*

*This year campers and volunteers will have t-shirts. Please mark shirt size on the registration form.*

*Campers will participate in interactive singing, crafts, engaging Bible study, games, and more fun!*

*Cost is \$50 per camp with a maximum registration of \$100 per family.*

***Scholarships are available.***

*Registration is available from the church office for campers and volunteers.*

## 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), Tim Shue (Larry & Karen Barringer’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

### *Stewardship Update*

<i>Sunday School (4/23)</i>	40
<i>Worship &amp; Holy Communion (4/23)</i>	102
<i>Current Offering received (4/23)</i>	\$6,350.60
<i>2023 Weekly offering needed to meet our Ministry Support plan</i>	\$6,482.37

### **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 Third Commandment:** *Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy.*

**What does this mean?** *We should fear and love God so that we do not despise his Word and the preaching of it, but acknowledge it as holy, and gladly hear and learn it.*



(Martin Luther’s Small Catechism 2010 Edition Sola Publishing-Pocket Version, page 7)