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5th Sunday of Easter

May 7, 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: *Christ is Made the Sure Foundation* (Cherwein)

GATHERING

- * Brief Order for Confession & Forgiveness LBW p. 56
- * HYMN: *You Are the Way* LBW# 464
- * 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, you make the minds of the faithful to be of one will. Grant that your people would love what you command and desire what you promise, that, among the manifold changes of this world, our hearts may be fixed where true joys are to be found; 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 Anthem: *God made the Earth so Green* (Greene) Kids Choir

Children's Message

New Testament Lesson: Acts 6:1-9; 7:2a, 51-60

¹Now in these days when the disciples were increasing in number, a complaint by the Hellenists arose against the Hebrews because their widows were being neglected in the daily distribution. ²And the twelve summoned the full number of the disciples and said, "It is not right that we should give up preaching the word of God to serve tables. ³Therefore, brothers, pick out from among you seven men of good repute, full of the Spirit and of wisdom, whom we will appoint to this duty. ⁴But we will devote ourselves to prayer and to the

ministry of the word.”⁵ And what they said pleased the whole gathering, and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, and Philip, and Prochorus, and Nicanor, and Timon, and Parmenas, and Nicolaus, a proselyte of Antioch.⁶ These they set before the apostles, and they prayed and laid their hands on them.⁷ And the word of God continued to increase, and the number of the disciples multiplied greatly in Jerusalem, and a great many of the priests became obedient to the faith.⁸ And Stephen, full of grace and power, was doing great wonders and signs among the people.⁹ Then some of those who belonged to the synagogue of the Freedmen (as it was called), and of the Cyrenians, and of the Alexandrians, and of those from Cilicia and Asia, rose up and disputed with Stephen.

^{2a} And Stephen said:

⁵¹“You stiff-necked people, uncircumcised in heart and ears, you always resist the Holy Spirit. As your fathers did, so do you.⁵² Which of the prophets did your fathers not persecute? And they killed those who announced beforehand the coming of the Righteous One, whom you have now betrayed and murdered,⁵³ you who received the law as delivered by angels and did not keep it.”⁵⁴ Now when they heard these things they were enraged, and they ground their teeth at him.⁵⁵ But he, full of the Holy Spirit, gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at the right hand of God.⁵⁶ And he said, “Behold, I see the heavens opened, and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God.”⁵⁷ But they cried out with a loud voice and stopped their ears and rushed together at him.⁵⁸ Then they cast him out of the city and stoned him. And the witnesses laid down their garments at the feet of a young man named Saul.⁵⁹ And as they were stoning Stephen, he called out, “Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.”⁶⁰ And falling to his knees he cried out with a loud voice, “Lord, do not hold this sin against them.” And when he had said this, he fell asleep.

R Here ends the reading.

Psalm 146 (*sung in unison*)

¹Hallelujah! Praise the LORD, | O my soul!*

I will praise the LORD as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God while I | have my being.

²Put not your trust in rulers, nor in any | child of earth,*
for there is no | help in them.

³When they breathe their last, they re- | turn to earth,*
and in that day | their thoughts perish.

⁴Happy are they who have the God of Jacob | for their help!*
whose hope is in the | LORD their God;

⁵Who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that | is in them;*
who keeps his prom- | ise forever;

⁶Who gives justice to those who | are oppressed,*
and food to | those who hunger.

⁷The LORD sets the prisoners free; the LORD opens the eyes | of the blind;*

the LORD lifts up those who | are bowed down;

⁸The LORD loves the righteous; the LORD cares | for the stranger;*

he sustains the orphan and widow, but frustrates the way | of the wicked.

⁹The LORD shall | reign forever,*

your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. | Hallelujah!

New Testament Lesson: 1 Peter 2:2-10

²Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up into salvation — ³if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good. ⁴As you come to him, a living stone rejected by men but in the sight of God chosen and precious, ⁵you yourselves like living stones are being built up as a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. ⁶For it stands in Scripture: “Behold, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious, and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.” ⁷So the honor is for you who believe, but for those who do not believe, “The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone,” ⁸and “A stone of stumbling, and a rock of offense.” They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do. ⁹But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. ¹⁰Once you were not a people, but now you are God’s people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

R Here ends the reading.

* Gospel Acclamation

LBW p. 63

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John the 14th chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

* Holy Gospel: John 14:1-14

¹{Jesus said,} “Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. ²In my Father’s house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? ³And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also. ⁴And you know the way to where I am going.” ⁵Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” ⁶Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. ⁷If you had known me, you would have known my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.” ⁸Philip said to him, “Lord, show us the Father, and it is enough for us.” ⁹Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you so long, and you still do not know me, Philip? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? ¹⁰Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own authority, but the Father who dwells in me does his works. ¹¹Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, or else believe on account of the

works themselves. ¹²Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes in me will also do the works that I do; and greater works than these will he do, because I am going to the Father. ¹³Whatever you ask in my name, this I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. ¹⁴If you ask me anything in my name, I will do it.”

P The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sermon: *Martyrs of Faith*

Pastor Heidi Punt

* HYMN: *Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation*

WOV# 747

* 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 Social Ministry Fund. During the month of May, the Benevolence Teaching Moment is on the SMI Haiti. Please prayerfully consider giving to the Benevolence Fund.*

Anthem: *Who Was the Man* (Davis)

Chancel Choir

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: *He Is Arisen! Glorious Word!*

LBW# 138

* 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: *You Are the Way* (Ferguson)

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

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Union News

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

The Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Rev. and Mrs. V.A. Frick, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Frick, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Clamp, and Mr. and Mrs. N. W. Boozer by Franklin and Dawn Merrell.

This Weeks' Activities:

Tuesday, May 9 6:30 p.m. Why Pray Bible Study (no meal provided)

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

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

*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.*

Saturday, May 13 7:00 am.-2:00 p.m. large Fellowship Hall reserved

Next Sunday's Activities, May 14:

9:30 a.m. Sunday School

Children & Youth: Healing Waters ~ 2 Kings 2:1-15

Adult Sunday School Class: Jumping for Joy ~ Acts 3:1-11

10:30 a.m. Worship & Holy Communion

Acts 17:16-31; Psalm 66:8-20; 1 Peter 3:13-22; John 14:15-21

Sermon: *Tempted and Not Tested*

Recognition of Mothers

Ruby Leazer has reserved the Altar Flowers for May 14.

Those Serving in May

Acolytes: Abbey Deaton & Adam Thompson

Altar Guild: Sonya Mulkey & Janet Overcash

Communion Assistants: Mary Hutchens, Sonya Mulkey & Doris Shepherd

Lay Readers: Ashley Deaton & Mary Elizabeth Earnhardt

Ushers: Phil Cauble, Mike Cauble Elbert Kluttz & Ron Vellines

Offering Counters: Jennifer Curlee, Doris Shepherd, & Wayne Vellines

Fresh Eyes Survey



An online confidential survey has been set up to learn some of the congregation's preferences and can be accessed using the following link or scanning the QR Code on your camera phone, tablet, etc.: <https://forms.gle/7Efmr7EihTgVpakW8>

Each adult is asked to complete the survey, not just the family unit. To 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.

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

The Holy Trinity & Confirmation Sunday, June 4

On Sunday, June 4, Caylea Cline, Mallory Eagle, Bailey & Lucas Wilhelm will affirm their baptisms.

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 Schedule

Friday, June 9, 10:00 a.m.-12 noon Tour

Friday, June 9, 6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m. (supper provided)

Saturday, June 10, 8:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

(light breakfast refreshments & lunch provided)

Sunday, June 11, 10:30 a.m. Worship & Holy Communion

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

Held at: 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 Schedule: **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); Jean Ray (Brookdale)

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

Sick/Surgery/Recovery – Genevieve Baker, Larry Barringer, Nancy Kesler, John Knight, Vernon Overcash, William & Doris Page, Doug Peeler, Sylvia Peeler, & 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 (4/30)</i>	37
<i>Worship & Holy Communion (4/30)</i>	91
<i>Current Offering received (4/30)</i>	Current Offering was not available at the time of printing and will be included in next week’s information.
<i>2023 Weekly offering needed to meet our Ministry Support plan</i>	\$6,482.37

How Can You Serve?

The **Sunday School Classes** invites the congregation to serve the Battered Women’s Shelter during the month of May.

Please donate the following items: pantry items such as: canned goods, flour, sugar, etc., and kerig coffee as well as regular & decaf coffee (for coffee pots).

Please place donated items on the pew outside of the church office.

Everyone is invited to participate!

PART NINE: Ten Commandments

The Fourth Commandment: *Honor your father and mother, that your days may be long in the land which the Lord your God is giving you.*

What does this mean? *We should fear and love God so that we do not show contempt for our parents and others in authority, nor provoke them to anger, but respect, obey, serve, love, and honor them.*



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