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The Holy Trinity & Confirmation Sunday

June 4, 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

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Welcome & Announcements

Prelude: *Praise Ye the Triune God* (arr. Hughes)

GATHERING

- * Brief Order for Confession & Forgiveness LBW p. 56
- * Processional HYMN: *Holy, Holy, Holy* LBW# 165
- * 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 and everlasting God, you have given us grace to make the confession of a true faith. We acknowledge your glorious eternal Trinity, and we adore the unity of your majestic work. Defend us by this faith from all adversity and opposition to your way; 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 & Blessing of the Graduates

Old Testament Lesson: Genesis 1:1-2:4a *Congregation is invited to open their Bibles and follow along or simply listen.*

^{1:1}In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. ²The earth was without form and void, and darkness was over the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters. ³And God said, “Let there be light,” and there was light...*Congregation is invited to open their Bibles and follow along or simply listen.*

^{2:1}Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all the host of them. ²And on the seventh day God finished his work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all his work that he had done. ³So God blessed the seventh day and made it holy, because on it God rested from all his work that he had done in creation. ^{4a}These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created ...

R Here ends the reading.

Psalm omitted today.

Second Lesson: Acts 2:14a, 22-36

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

²²“Men of Israel, hear these words: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with mighty works and wonders and signs that God did through him in your midst, as you yourselves know — ²³this Jesus, delivered up according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of lawless men. ²⁴God raised him up, loosing the pangs of death, because it was not possible for him to be held by it. ²⁵For David says concerning him, ‘I saw the Lord always before me, for he is at my right hand that I may not be shaken; ²⁶therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced; my flesh also will dwell in hope. ²⁷For you will not abandon my soul to Hades, or let your Holy One see corruption. ²⁸You have made known to me the paths of life; you will make me full of gladness with your presence.’ ²⁹Brothers, I may say to you with confidence about the patriarch David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. ³⁰Being therefore a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would set one of his descendants on his throne, ³¹he foresaw and spoke about the resurrection of the Christ, that he was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh see corruption. ³²This Jesus God raised up, and of that we all are witnesses. ³³Being therefore exalted at the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, he has poured out this that you yourselves are seeing and hearing. ³⁴For David did not ascend into the heavens, but he himself says, ‘The LORD said to my Lord, “Sit at my right hand, ³⁵until I make your enemies your footstool.”’ ³⁶Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified.”

R Here ends the reading.

* Gospel Acclamation

LBW p. 63

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the 28th chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

* Holy Gospel: Matthew 28:16-20

¹⁶The eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. ¹⁷And when they saw him they worshiped him, but some doubted. ¹⁸And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹Go therefore and make disciples of all nations,

baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,
20teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am
with you always, to the end of the age.”

P The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sermon: *I Believe* Pastor Heidi Punt, Bailey Wilhelm, & Lucas Wilhelm

* HYMN: *O Jesus, I Have Promised* LBW# 503

* Affirmation of Baptism LBW p. 198-201

* Sharing of the Peace LBW p. 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 June, the Benevolence Teaching Moment is on the Water Missions International. Please prayerfully consider giving to the Benevolence Fund.*

Anthem: *Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound* (Newton)

Beginner Bells (B'n B)

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

* Recessional HYMN: *Holy God, We Praise Your Name* LBW# 535

* 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: *Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty* (arr. Livingston)

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

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Sunday School Opening will be held in the Old Pine Center (small Fellowship Hall) for the next several weeks.

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*The **ALTAR FLOWERS** are given to the glory of God in memory of Evelyn Myers Kluttz and Yvonne Myers Pickler by Jennifer and Scott Curlee.*

*The **VASE FLOWER** on the piano is given to the glory of God in honor of Bailey and Lucas on their Confirmation Day and in honor of Ethan and Ellie on the 6 year anniversary of their Confirmation (6/4/2017) by Lucinda Fraley.*

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Tuesday, June 6, at 6:30 p.m. and Wednesday, June 7, at 10:30 a.m. for the last of the **Why Pray** series, the discussion will focus on spiritual warfare. Even if you have not attended the series, all are invited to join in fellowship and studying God’s Word!

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Those Serving in June

Guest Organist: Nancy Sloop

We are grateful for Nancy Sloop filling in for Dawn Merrell today.
Thank you for sharing your musical talents with us!

Crucifer & Offering Assistant: Micah Nguyen

Acolytes & Confirmands: Bailey Wilhelm & Lucas Wilhelm

Altar Guild: Jan Huffman & Nikki Nguyen

Communion Assistants: Jan & Brad Huffman & Nikki Nguyen

Lay Readers: Vicki Hunter & Sharon Leazer

Ushers: Phil Cauble, Don & Tara Davis & Addison Queen,

Offering Counters:

Mary Elizabeth Earnhardt, Sonya Mulkey & Vivian Sprinkle

If you are unable to serve on a Sunday scheduled, please find a replacement and contact the church office by the Wednesday before with the name.

In the weekly bulletin & news, names are listed of those serving because it’s a gentle reminder and helps connect names and faces!

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Sign up for the **Spiritual Fitness** reading the Egermeier’s Bible Story Book in **90 Days**. Brochures are located in the Narthex or from the church office. Deadline to register is Sunday, July 2.

Union News

The Holy Trinity & Rite of Confirmation Sunday, June 4

9:30 a.m. Sunday School

Children: Enduring Exile ~ 2 Kings 17:6-20, 24-29

Adult Sunday School Class: God Reigns ~ Isaiah 52:7-11

10:30 a.m. Worship & Holy Communion with Rite of Confirmation

Lessons for June 4: Genesis 1:1-2:4a; Psalm 8;

Acts 2:14a, 22-36; Matthew 28:16-20

We welcome Bailey Wilhelm & Lucas Wilhelm as active confirmed members as they affirm their baptisms today.

Recognition of High School, Tech, & College Graduates

Beginner Bells (B'n B) sharing their musical talents
with us during Worship.

Confirmands Reception will follow in the Dutch Meeting Hall.

3:00 p.m. Surprise 50th Ordination Party for Rev. Tom Corbell,
Holy Trinity, Gastonia

4:00 p.m. Joy Mission Church dedication service, Lexington, SC

Time TBA Union & Salem Middle/High School Youth road trip

This Weeks' Activities:

Tuesday, June 6

6:30 p.m. Why Pray Bible Study (see bulletin)

Wednesday, June 7

10:30 a.m. Why Pray Bible Study (see bulletin)

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

4:30 p.m. Bible Study with Haiti Pastors

6:30 p.m. Belles & Beaus

7:15 p.m. Chancel Choir

Thursday, June 8

10:00 a.m. Good Timers

Friday, June 9

10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Fresh Eyes Summit Tour

6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m. Fresh Eyes Summit

for Church Leaders (Council, Committee
Chairs, & Organizations Team Leaders)

Saturday, June 10

8:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Fresh Eyes Summit

for Congregation

Sunday, June 11

9:30 a.m. Sunday School

Children: The Praying King ~ 2 Kings 18:1-13, 28-35; 19:14-20, 32-37

Adult Sunday School Class: God's Kingdom of Peace ~ Isaiah 65:17-25

10:30 a.m. Worship & Holy Communion

Hosea 5:15-6:6; Psalm 119:65-72; Romans 4:13-25; Matthew 9:9-13

10:30 a.m. Recognition of Gerald Bame Scholarship Recipient

4:00 p.m. Little Lutherans (5th grade and younger)

Sunday, June 11 (continued)

Appreciation & Focus Dinner deadline to RSVP.

Dawn Merrell has reserved the Altar Flowers for June 11.

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Fresh Eyes Summit

Thursday, June 8 Pastor Wendel arrives. NALC will make travel, hotel, and transport arrangements.

Friday, June 9 10:00 a.m.-12 noon, tour of church building and property, driving tour of local ministry context, including pastor and congregation and one or two members familiar with history of the congregation, neighborhood, community, etc., looking with “Fresh Eyes” at context and community.

Friday, June 9 6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m. Leaders (Church Council, Committee Chairs, & Organizations Leaders) will meet with Pastor Wendel for a simple meal, then review pre-work, discussing current reality, asking, “What have you learned? What was a surprise? What pre-conceived ideas were supported or dispelled?”

Saturday, June 10 8:30 a.m. (provide coffee and refreshments) The **congregation** and Pastor Wendel participate in “Missional Capacity Assessment” process. Each major area and related questions are intended to be discussion starters. Provide lunch. After lunch, focus on strengths and assets to build upon, highlight challenges and hindrances to ministry. On the basis of pre-work, Missional Capacity Assessment and conversation, discuss, “Who is God calling us to be and what is God calling us to do now and into the future? What action steps are needed to move us into God’s intended future for our congregation.””

Saturday, June 10 Conclude no later than 3:00 p.m.

Sunday, June 11 10:30 a.m. We worship together and Pastor Wendel will preach the sermon and share brief thoughts with the congregation about the summit.

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The **Mary & Martha Circle** will meet for **Devotion Time** on **Tuesday, June 13, at 2:00 p.m.** The Women will enjoy fellowship and devotion hosted by Deena Lanning.

For more information, please contact Deena Lanning.

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Christian Education, Sunday School, & Volunteers are cordially invited to an **Appreciation & Focus Dinner** on **Tuesday, June 13, at 6:30 p.m.** in the **Old Pine Center.**

Please RSVP to the church office by Sunday, June 11.

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Friday, June 16, pick up drink orders.

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Property, Cemetery, & Columbarium Committee

Saturday, June 17

9:00 a.m. Workday at Union

5:30 p.m. Cook Out with Families at Phil Cauble's

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Sunday, June 18

Father's Day

9:30 a.m. Sunday School

Children: The Restoring King ~ 2 Kings 22

Adult Sunday School Class: God's Servant-King ~ Ezekiel 37:21-28

10:30 a.m. Worship & Holy Communion

Exodus 19:2-8; Psalm 100; Romans 5:6-15; Matthew 9:35-10:8 [9-20 }

10:30 a.m. Called Congregational Meeting

Hymn Liturgy begins

Recognition of Fathers.

Deadline for July Messenger articles.

Altar Flowers are open for reservations.

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Intergenerational Domestic Mission Trip

June 19-23, 2023 in Hazard, Kentucky

Union, Salem, & Organ Lutheran Church will build authentic relationships with locals in Hazard, Kentucky from June 19-June 23.

The group will bond with their 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.

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Volunteers are needed for **Day Camp** (July 16-21). Please prayerfully consider how you can participate!

Sign up sheet is located on the front pew in the Sanctuary.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER...

Nursing Home Residents – Brenda Mahaley, Pat Miller, Ruth Monroe, and Jean Ray (Autumn Care)

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

Sick/Surgery/Recovery – Larry Barringer, Nancy Kesler, Joan Kerns, John Knight, Sharon Moore, William & Doris Page, Doug Peeler, Sylvia Peeler, Dalton Thompson & Wayne Vellines

Continual Prayer – Evonne Batten, Nancy Ballew (Kat Clifton’s mother), Pastor George Bradshaw (Junior Morgan’s Pastor Friend), Bill Broadway, Glenn Eagle, Garrin Kluttz (Jean & James Kluttz grandson), Pat Kluttz, Glenn & Betty Sue Lowder, Della Morgan (Pam Vellines’ mother), Danny “Chocolate” Myers (Frank Merrell’s friend), Tim Shue (Larry & Karen Barringer’s Friend), Effie Vellines, Union Fire Department #76, Pastor Kalonji and Pastor Nuottila (Congo), 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 (5/28)</i>	32
<i>Worship & Holy Communion (5/28)</i>	83
<i>Current Offering received (5/28) will be listed in next week’s news.</i>	
<i>2023 Weekly offering needed to meet our Ministry Support plan</i>	\$6,482.37

How Can You Serve?

The **Sunday School Classes** invite the congregation to serve the Battered Women’s Shelter during the months of May & June.

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 Eighth Commandment: *You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.*

What does this mean? *We should fear and love God so that we do not betray, slander, lie, or gossip about our neighbors, but defend them, speak well of them, and put the most charitable construction on all that they do.*

