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3rd Sunday after Pentecost

June 18, 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: *What a Friend We Have in Jesus* (Hobby)

GATHERING

- * Brief Order for Confession & Forgiveness LBW p. 56
- * HYMN: *What a Friend We Have in Jesus* LBW# 439
- * Greeting (*Kyrie is omitted during Pentecost*) LBW p. 57
- * Hymn of Praise (*"All Glory Be to God" stanza 1...*) LBW# 166

**C All glory be to God on high, And thanks to him forever!
Whatever Satan's host may try, God foils their dark endeavor.
He bends his ear to ev'ry call, And offers peace, goodwill to all,
And calms the troubled spirit. Amen.**

- * Salutation LBW p. 62
- * Prayer of the Day

WORD

Children's Message & Blessings of the Fathers

Old Testament Lesson: Exodus 19:2-8

²{The people of Israel} set out from Rephidim and came into the wilderness of Sinai, and they encamped in the wilderness. There Israel encamped before the mountain, ³while Moses went up to God. The LORD called to him out of the mountain, saying, "Thus you shall say to the house of Jacob, and tell the people of Israel: ⁴You yourselves have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and how I bore you on eagles' wings and brought you to myself. ⁵Now therefore, if you will indeed obey my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my treasured possession among all peoples, for all the earth is mine; ⁶and you shall be to me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.' These are the words that you shall speak to the people of Israel." ⁷So Moses came and called the elders of the people and set before them all these words that the LORD had commanded him. ⁸All the people answered together and said, "All that the

LORD has spoken we will do.” And Moses reported the words of the people to the LORD.

R Here ends the reading.

Psalm 100 (*sung in unison*)

- ¹ Be joyful in the LORD, | all you lands;*
serve the LORD with gladness and come before his presence | with a song.
² Know this: The LORD him- | self is God;* he himself has made us,
and we are his; we are his people and the sheep | of his pasture.
³ Enter his gates with thanksgiving; go into his | courts with praise;*
give thanks to him and call up- | on his Name.
⁴ For the LORD is good; his mercy is | everlasting;*
and his faithfulness endures from | age to age.

New Testament Lesson: Romans 5:6-15

⁶For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly.
⁷For one will scarcely die for a righteous person — though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die — ⁸but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. ⁹Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God. ¹⁰For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life. ¹¹More than that, we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation. ¹²Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because all sinned — ¹³for sin indeed was in the world before the law was given, but sin is not counted where there is no law. ¹⁴Yet 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. ¹⁵But 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.

R Here ends the reading.

* Gospel Acclamation (“*Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word*” stanza 1...) LBW# 230

C Lord, keep us steadfast in your Word; Curb those who by deceit or sword Would wrest the kingdom from your Son And bring to nought all he has done.

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the 9th chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

* Holy Gospel: Matthew 9:35-10:20

³⁵Jesus went throughout all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every affliction. ³⁶When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. ³⁷Then he said to his disciples, “The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; ³⁸therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest.”

¹And he called to him his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal every disease and every affliction.

²The names of the twelve apostles are these: first, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother; James the son of Zebedee, and John his brother;

³Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James the son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; ⁴Simon the Zealot, and Judas Iscariot, who betrayed him. ⁵These twelve Jesus sent out, instructing them, “Go nowhere among the Gentiles and enter no town of the Samaritans, ⁶but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. ⁷And proclaim as you go, saying, ‘The kingdom of heaven is at hand.’ ⁸Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse lepers, cast out demons. You received without paying; give without pay.” ⁹“Acquire no gold or silver or copper for your belts, ¹⁰no bag for your journey, or two tunics or sandals or a staff, for the laborer deserves his food. ¹¹And whatever town or village you enter, find out who is worthy in it and stay there until you depart. ¹²As you enter the house, greet it. ¹³And if the house is worthy, let your peace come upon it, but if it is not worthy, let your peace return to you. ¹⁴And if anyone will not receive you or listen to your words, shake off the dust from your feet when you leave that house or town. ¹⁵Truly, I say to you, it will be more bearable on the day of judgment for the land of Sodom and Gomorrah than for that town. ¹⁶Behold, I am sending you out as sheep in the midst of wolves, so be wise as serpents and innocent as doves. ¹⁷Beware of men, for they will deliver you over to courts and flog you in their synagogues, ¹⁸and you will be dragged before governors and kings for my sake, to bear witness before them and the Gentiles. ¹⁹When they deliver you over, do not be anxious how you are to speak or what you are to say, for what you are to say will be given to you in that hour. ²⁰For it is not you who speak, but the Spirit of your Father speaking through you.”

P The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sermon: *We All Need a Little Compassion*

Pastor Heidi Punt

* HYMN: *I Was There to Hear Your Borning Cry*

WOV# 770

Commissioning of 2023 Missionaries to Kentucky

* Apostles' Creed

LBW p. 65

* 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 Building & Repair 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: *Come and Find the Quiet Center* (Krentz-Organ) Chancel Choir

MEAL

* Offertory (“*We Give Thee but Thine Own*” stanza 1)

LBW# 410

C **We give thee but thine own, Whate’er the gift may be; All that we have is thine alone, A trust, O Lord, from thee.**

* Great Thanksgiving

LBW p. 68

* Sanctus (*"Holy, Holy, Holy" stanza 1*)

LBW# 165

C Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty! Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee. Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty! God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

* Words of Institution

LBW p. 69

* Lord's Prayer

LBW p. 71

Lamb of God (*"O Christ, Thou Lamb of God"*)

LBW# 103

C O Christ, thou Lamb of God That takest away the sin of the world, Have mercy upon us! O Christ, thou Lamb of God That takest away the sin of the world, Have mercy upon us! O Christ, thou Lamb of God That takest away the sin of the world, Grant us thy peace! Amen

Distribution of Communion

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 (*"Sent Forth by God's Blessing" stanza 1*) LBW# 221

C Sent forth by God's blessing, Our true faith confessing, The people of God from his dwelling take leave. The supper is ended. Oh, now be extended The fruits of this service in all who believe. The seed of his teaching, Receptive souls reaching, Shall blossom in action for God and for all. His grace did invite us, His love shall unite us To work for God's kingdom and answer his call.

SENDING

* Benediction

LBW p. 74

* HYMN: *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!*

LBW# 328

* 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: *All Hail The Power of Jesus' Name* (Cherwein)

Called Congregational Meeting

The Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God and in honor of all Fathers, Miranda & Derrick Thompson's wedding anniversary on June 28, and in honor of Sonya Leazer's birthday on July 10 by Ruby Leazer.

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

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Union News

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]

Sermon: *We All Need a Little Compassion*

10:30 a.m. Called Congregational Meeting

Hymn Liturgy begins ~ Recognition of Fathers

Deadline for July Messenger articles

This Weeks' Activities:

Intergenerational Domestic Mission Trip

June 19-23, 2023 in Hazard, Kentucky

Monday, June 19, All ULC Missionaries are to meet at Union at **6:00 a.m.** The group will bond with their teammates while also meeting practical needs by helping neighbors with home repair projects.

Missionaries: Caylea Cline, Lucinda Fraley, Ethan, Ellie, Bailey, and Lucas Wilhelm, Brad Huffman, Dusty Morgan, Jr., Pete and Micah Nguyen, Pastor Heidi Punt, and Adam Thompson

No Choirs rehearsals this week.

Pastor Heidi Punt's Mission Trip to Puerto Rico is from Saturday, June 24-Friday, June 30.

Sunday, June 25

8:30 a.m.-9:30 a.m. Produce Market

9:30 a.m. Sunday School

Children: A Fiery Marvel ~ Daniel 3

Adult Sunday School Class: Renewal in God's Love ~ Zephaniah 3:14-20

10:30 a.m. Worship

Jeremiah 20:7-13; Psalm 91:1-16; Romans 6:12-23; Matthew 10:5a, 21-33

Message: *Christ for you!*

12 noon-1:00 p.m. Produce Market

Linda Kesler (Tim) has reserved the Altar Flowers for Sunday, June 25.

Calling all gardeners! Please help raise funds for Union's youth ministry by dropping off excess produce at the front lawn table(s) beginning on **Sunday, June 25-Sunday, July 16**. Produce is to be dropped off by 8:30 a.m.

Produce Market is open to the congregation and community **from 8:30 a.m.-9:30 a.m.** and **following worship**. A donation basket will be available.

Those Serving in June

Acolytes: Micah & Sam Nguyen

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!

Sunday, July 2 *Did you know that July 2 recalls the day when Mary travelled to visit Elizabeth, who was 6 months pregnant? (Luke 1:39-56)*

8:30 a.m.-9:30 a.m. Produce Market

9:30 a.m. Sunday School

Children: Abomination Nation ~ Ezekiel 8; 10:1-19; 36:22-28

Adult Sunday School Class: Peace to the Nations ~ Zechariah 9:9-13, 16-17

10:30 a.m. Worship & Holy Communion

Jeremiah 28:5-9; Psalm 119:153-160; Romans 7:1-13; Matthew 10:34-42

Sermon: *The Strife ain't Over...*

Following worship, we will gather at the flagpole for a short Patriotic Celebration.

12:30 p.m.-1:30 p.m. Produce Market

3:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.

Middle & High School Youth pool party at Phil Cauble's

Deadline to sign up for 90 Days

Doris Shepherd has reserved the Altar Flowers for Sunday, July 2.

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90 Days Reading through the Bible will begin on Tuesday, July 11, at 6:30 p.m. and Wednesday, July 12, at 10:30 a.m. (food provided)

Deadline to sign up is **Sunday, July 2.**

Brochures are in the Narthex to fill out.

Cost is **\$25** (scholarships available) plus the purchase of Egermeier's Bible Story Book. *15 new books have been ordered and are available for use.*

Those participating will read 312 stories that cover the Bible from Genesis to Revelation. You will sit spellbound as you read these stories and will return again and again to Egermeier's Bible as a trusted friend.

Beauty and simplicity of style invites your heart and mind to become an active part of life-never to be forgotten.

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The Church Office will be closed on Tuesday, July 4, in observance of the Holiday.

Worship Assistants Ministers (WAM)

Sunday, July 9, following worship

Persons who are mature in faith, comfortable in front of people, read out loud with clarity, are clothed with dignity and a calm presence, are cordially invited to attend the Worship Assistants Ministers (WAM) gathering in the Old Pine Center on Sunday, July 9.

These persons will be able to help with church services as assigned leadership portions appropriate for Lay Persons is marked "A" in our liturgical outline.

Do you sense God calling you to assist in ministry roles?

For more information or questions, please contact Pastor Heidi.

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LAY MINISTRY RETREAT

Union Lutheran Church

“How do we learn to care for others in the community – whether the community of faith or the extended community? Some people seem to have natural gifts, but most of us can learn to show caring and improve our caring skills...”

Join us for a **LAY MINISTRY RETREAT** on **Friday, July 14**. We will meet from **10:30 am –12:30 p.m.** at Union.

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 the church office by **Sunday, July 9**, if you intend to enjoy a morning of discernment and healthy fellowship.

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We are seeking individuals to facilitate **Summer Sunday School** giving regular Sunday School Teachers a well-deserved break.

Theme: Tree of Life for children, youth, & adults

Summer Sunday School begins on Sunday, July 16, at 9:30 a.m. and runs for 10 weeks.

Interested? Please contact Pastor Heidi or the church office.

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Day Camp

Sunday, July 16-Friday, July 21, 2023 at Union 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 (Cheryl Kluttz & Judy Boyd coordinating), games, closing, and pick up. Interested, talk with Pastor Heidi or contact the church office!

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

Scholarships are available.

Registration forms are available in the Narthex and Volunteer sign up form is available on the front pew in the Sanctuary.

Our Love and Sympathy is extended to James & Jean Kluttz on the death of their grandson, Garrin Kluttz.

Our Love and Sympathy is extended to Donnell Miller on the death of her brother, Danny Shepherd.

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 – Genevieve Baker, 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, 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, NALC Leadership, Pastor Kalonji and Pastor Nuottila (Congo), Haiti (gangs), & those affected by natural or political disasters

Confirmation Students: Caylea Cline & Mallory Eagle

Stewardship Update

<i>Sunday School (6/11)</i>	41
<i>Worship & Holy Communion (6/11)</i>	115
<i>Current Offering received (6/11)</i>	\$4,352.50
<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 Tenth Commandment: *You shall not covet your neighbor’s wife, his workers, or his livestock, anything that is your neighbor’s.*

What does this mean? *We should fear and love God so that we do not ruin our neighbors’ relationships with their husband or wife, workers, or livestock, or try to lure them away, but encourage them to remain and serve each other faithfully.*



(Martin Luther’s Small Catechism 2010 Edition Sola Publishing-Pocket Version, page 10)