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4th Sunday after Pentecost

June 25, 2023

10:30 a.m. Worship

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

L=Lay Reader, S=Seminarian, C=Congregation

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Welcome & Announcements

Prelude: *If You But Suffer God to Guide You* (Costello)

GATHERING

* Brief Order for Confession & Forgiveness LBW p. 56

* HYMN: *If You But Trust in God to Guide You* LBW# 453

* 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.**

* Salutation LBW p. 62

* Prayer of the Day

WORD

Children's Message

Old Testament Lesson: Jeremiah 20:7-13

⁷O LORD, you have deceived me, and I was deceived; you are stronger than I, and you have prevailed. I have become a laughingstock all the day; everyone mocks me. ⁸For whenever I speak, I cry out, I shout, "Violence and destruction!" For the word of the LORD has become for me a reproach and derision all day long. ⁹If I say, "I will not mention him, or speak any more in his name," there is in my heart as it were a burning fire shut up in my bones, and I am weary with holding it in, and I cannot. ¹⁰For I hear many whispering. Terror is on every side! "Denounce him! Let us denounce him!" say all my close friends, watching for my fall. "Perhaps he will be deceived; then we can

overcome him and take our revenge on him.”¹¹But the LORD is with me as a dread warrior; therefore my persecutors will stumble; they will not overcome me. They will be greatly shamed, for they will not succeed. Their eternal dishonor will never be forgotten.¹²O LORD of hosts, who tests the righteous, who sees the heart and the mind, let me see your vengeance upon them, for to you have I committed my cause.¹³Sing to the LORD; praise the LORD! For he has delivered the life of the needy from the hand of evildoers.

R Here ends the reading.

Psalm 91:1-16 (*read responsively*)

L ¹He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High,
abides under the shadow of the Almighty.

C **²He shall say to the LORD, “You are my refuge and my stronghold,
my God in whom I put my trust.”**

L ³He shall deliver you from the snare of the hunter
and from the deadly pestilence.

C **⁴He shall cover you with his pinions, and you shall find refuge
under his wings; his faithfulness shall be a shield and buckler.**

L ⁵You shall not be afraid of any terror by night,
nor of the arrow that flies by day;

C **⁶Of the plague that stalks in the darkness,
nor of the sickness that lays waste at mid day.**

L ⁷A thousand shall fall at your side and ten thousand at your right hand,
but it shall not come near you.

C **⁸Your eyes have only to behold
to see the reward of the wicked.**

L ⁹Because you have made the LORD your refuge,
and the Most High your habitation,

C **¹⁰There shall no evil happen to you,
neither shall any plague come near your dwelling.**

L ¹¹For he shall give his angels charge over you,
to keep you in all your ways.

C **¹²They shall bear you in their hands,
lest you dash your foot against a stone.**

L ¹³You shall tread upon the lion and adder;
you shall trample the young lion and the serpent under your feet.

C **¹⁴Because he is bound to me in love, therefore will I deliver him;
I will protect him, because he knows my name.**

L ¹⁵He shall call upon me, and I will answer him;
I am with him in trouble; I will rescue him and bring him to honor.

C **¹⁶With long life will I satisfy him,
and show him my salvation.**

New Testament Lesson: Romans 6:12-23

¹²Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, to make you obey its passions. ¹³Do not present your members to sin as instruments for

unrighteousness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and your members to God as instruments for righteousness. ¹⁴For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace. ¹⁵What then? Are we to sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! ¹⁶Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? ¹⁷But thanks be to God, that you who were once slaves of sin have become obedient from the heart to the standard of teaching to which you were committed, ¹⁸and, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness. ¹⁹I am speaking in human terms, because of your natural limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and to lawlessness leading to more lawlessness, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness leading to sanctification. ²⁰For when you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. ²¹But what fruit were you getting at that time from the things of which you are now ashamed? For the end of those things is death. ²²But now that you have been set free from sin and have become slaves of God, the fruit you get leads to sanctification and its end, eternal life. ²³For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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.**

S The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the 10th chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

* Holy Gospel: Matthew 10:5a, 21-33

^{5a}These twelve {disciples} Jesus sent out, instructing them,

²¹"Brother will deliver brother over to death, and the father his child, and children will rise against parents and have them put to death, ²²and you will be hated by all for my name's sake. But the one who endures to the end will be saved. ²³When they persecute you in one town, flee to the next, for truly, I say to you, you will not have gone through all the towns of Israel before the Son of Man comes. ²⁴A disciple is not above his teacher, nor a servant above his master. ²⁵It is enough for the disciple to be like his teacher, and the servant like his master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household. ²⁶So have no fear of them, for nothing is covered that will not be revealed, or hidden that will not be known. ²⁷What I tell you in the dark, say in the light, and what you hear whispered, proclaim on the housetops. ²⁸And do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather fear him who can destroy both soul and

body in hell. ²⁹Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? And not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. ³⁰But even the hairs of your head are all numbered. ³¹Fear not, therefore; you are of more value than many sparrows. ³²So everyone who acknowledges me before men, I also will acknowledge before my Father who is in heaven, ³³but whoever denies me before men, I also will deny before my Father who is in heaven.”

S The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Message: Christ *for you!*

Cody Carpenter, Seminarian

* HYMN: *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*

LBW# 229

* Apostles' Creed

LBW p. 65

Offering *All loose offering will go towards the Youth Missions/Retreats Fund. During the month of June, the Benevolence Teaching Moment is on the Water Missions International. Please prayerfully consider giving to the Benevolence Fund.*

Organ Offertory: *Rise O Children* (Rinck)

* 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.**

* Prayers of the Church & Lord’s Prayer

LBW p. 75-76

SENDING

* Benediction

LBW p. 76

* HYMN: *Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty*

LBW# 250

* Sending

S You have been nurtured in Word now go therefore and make disciples of all nations

C **Baptizing them in the name of the Father, Son and of the Holy Spirit.**

S Union Lutheran Church you are sent!

C **Amen, amen, amen**

Postlude: *Rise O Children of Salvation* (Callahan)

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

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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!



Union News

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

*The ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God
in celebration of Uncle John Cauble's 96th birthday on June 23.*

This Weeks' Activities:

Wednesday, June 28 No Choirs rehearsals this week.

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

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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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

Seminarian: Cody Carpenter

We welcome Cody Carpenter joining us today!

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

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 enclosed with the July *Messenger* or available from the Narthex.

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

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 Tuesday, July 4, in observance of the Holiday.

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Sunday, July 9

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

9:30 a.m. Sunday School

Children: The Rescuing Queen ~ Esther 2:15-23; 3:12-13; 4:12-17; 7

Adult Sunday School Class: The Kingdom Has Come Upon You
Matthew 12:22-32

10:30 a.m. Worship & Holy Communion

Zechariah 9:9-12, Psalm 145:1-14, Romans 7:14-25a, Matthew 11:25-30

Sermon: *The Answer to Exhaustion and Anxiety*

12 noon Worship Assistants Ministers (WAM)

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

Altar Flowers are open for reservations on Sunday, July 9.

Deadline to RSVP for Lay Ministers Retreat.

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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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“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 MINISTERS 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, snacks (Cheryl Kluttz & Judy Boyd coordinating), games, closing, and pick up. Interested? Contact Pastor Heidi or the church office!

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 camper with a maximum registration of \$100 per family. **Scholarships are available.**

Registration form is available in the Narthex.

Volunteers sign up list is available on the front pew in the Sanctuary with form located in the Narthex.

Our Love and Sympathy is extended to France Norris on the death of her sister-in-law, Ann Meacham.

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, 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 (6/18)</i>	39
<i>Worship & Holy Communion (6/18)</i>	105
<i>Current Offering received (6/18)</i>	\$3,978.00
<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 Conclusion

What does God declare concerning all these commandments?

He says: “I the Lord your God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children to the third and fourth generation of those who hate me, but showing steadfast love to thousands of those who love me and keep my commandments.” (Exodus 20:5b-6)

