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6th Sunday after Pentecost

July 9, 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

P=Pastor, C=Congregation, L=Lay Reader

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Welcome & Announcements

Dedication of New Chapel

Prelude: *Beautiful Savior* (arr. by Rohrbacher)

GATHERING

- * Brief Order for Confession & Forgiveness LBW p. 56
- * HYMN: *He Leadeth Me: Oh, Blessed Thought!* LBW# 501
- * 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: Zechariah 9:9-12

⁹Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold, your king is coming to you; righteous and having salvation is he, humble and mounted on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey. ¹⁰I will cut off the chariot from Ephraim and the war horse from Jerusalem; and the battle bow shall be cut off, and he shall speak peace to the nations; his rule shall be from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth. ¹¹As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you, I will set your prisoners free

from the waterless pit. ¹²Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope; today I declare that I will restore to you double.

L Here ends the reading.

Psalm 145:1-15 *read responsively*

L ¹I will exalt you, O God my King,
and bless your name forever and ever.

C ²**Every day will I bless you
and praise your Name forever and ever.**

L ³Great is the LORD and greatly to be praised;
there is no end to his greatness.

C ⁴**One generation shall praise your works to another
and shall declare your power.**

L ⁵I will ponder the glorious splendor of your majesty
and all your marvelous works.

C ⁶**They shall speak of the might of your wondrous acts,
and I will tell of your greatness.**

L ⁷They shall publish the remembrance of your great goodness;
they shall sing of your righteous deeds.

C ⁸**The LORD is gracious and full of compassion,
slow to anger and of great kindness.**

L ⁹The LORD is loving to everyone
and his compassion is over all his works.

C ¹⁰**All your works praise you, O LORD,
and your faithful servants bless you.**

L ¹¹They make known the glory of your kingdom
and speak of your power;

C ¹²**That the peoples may know of your power
and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.**

L ¹³Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom;
your dominion endures throughout all ages.

C ¹⁴**The LORD is faithful in all his words
and merciful in all his deeds.**

L ¹⁵The LORD upholds all those who fall;
he lifts up those who are bowed down.

New Testament Lesson: Romans 7:14-25a

¹⁴We know that the law is spiritual, but I am of the flesh, sold under sin. ¹⁵For I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. ¹⁶Now if I do what I do not want, I agree with the law, that it is good. ¹⁷So now it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells within me.

¹⁸For I know that nothing good dwells in me, that is, in my flesh. For I have the desire to do what is right, but not the ability to carry it out. ¹⁹For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I keep on doing. ²⁰Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells within me. ²¹So I find it to be a law that when I want to do right, evil lies close at

hand. ²²For I delight in the law of God, in my inner being, ²³but I see in my members another law waging war against the law of my mind and making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. ²⁴Wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from this body of death? ^{25a}Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord! ...

L 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 11th chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

* Holy Gospel: Matthew 11:25-30

²⁵Jesus declared, “I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that you have hidden these things from the wise and understanding and revealed them to little children; ²⁶yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. ²⁷All things have been handed over to me by my Father, and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. ²⁸Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. ²⁹Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon: *The Answer to Exhaustion and Anxiety*

Pastor Heidi Punt

* HYMN: *Day by Day*

WOV# 746

* 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 Gerald Bame Scholarship Fund. During the month of July, the Benevolence Teaching Moment is on India Transformed. Please prayerfully consider giving to the Benevolence Fund.*

Organ Offertory: *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling* (arr. by Pool)

MEAL

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

LBW# 410

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

* Offertory Prayer

LBW p. 67

* 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.

- * Blessing LBW p. 72
- * 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.

- * Post-Communion Prayer LBW p. 74

SENDING

- * Benediction LBW p. 74
- * HYMN: *Jesus Shall Reign* LBW# 530

* 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: *He Leadeth Me* (Callahan)

The ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God in memory of Elaine Honbarrier from Frank and Dawn Merrell.

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

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*

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 **Worships Assistants Ministers (WAM)** gathering in the Old Pine Center today following worship.

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

3:00 p.m. Day Camp Leaders planning

Deadline to RSVP for Lay Ministers Retreat.

This Weeks' Activities:

Tuesday, July 11

6:30 p.m. 90 Days (small Fellowship Hall)

Wednesday, July 12

10:30 a.m. 90 Days (small Fellowship Hall)

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

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

7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir (new members welcomed!)

No Belles & Beaus rehearsal this week.

Thursday, July 13

10:00 a.m. Good Timers (see article)

Friday, July 14

10:30 a.m. Lay Ministers Retreat (see article)

Sunday, July 16

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

9:30 a.m. Summer Sunday School

The Beginning of Our Story ~ Genesis 3:1-15

I am fearfully and wonderfully made. (Psalm 139:14)

Adult Sunday School Class:

The Sower and the Seed ~ Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

10:30 a.m. Worship & Holy Communion

Isaiah 55:10-13, Psalm 65:1-8 Romans 8:12-17, Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

Sermon: *Bloom Where You're Planted*

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

1:30 p.m. Executive Committee

2:00 p.m. Church Council

4:00 p.m. Day Camp Orientation (not too late to register or volunteer)

Mark & Vicki Hunter have reserved the Altar Flowers for July 16.

Those Serving in July

Acolytes: Bailey and Lucas Wilhelm

Altar Guild: Angie Poole and Vivian Sprinkle

Communion Assistants:

Janice Goodman, Frank Merrell, and Vivian Sprinkle

Lay Readers Lucinda Fraley, Ethan, Ellie, Bailey and Lucas Wilhelm

Ushers: Phil Cauble, Larry Barringer, Ali Davis, and Frank Merrell

Offering Counters: Tara Davis, Cathy Painter, and Ron Vellines

If you are unable to serve on a Sunday scheduled, please find 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!

This past April, the youth challenged the **Good Timers** to lead the worship service on Sunday, July 30. The group accepted the challenge.

On **Thursday, July 13**, at **10:00 a.m.** the group will finalize planning for the July 30 service.

Everyone is invited for a time of fellowship, fun, and history program.

Following the program the group will eat lunch at Queso Salsa Mexican in Spencer.

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Please remember to keep Mary Hutchens in your thoughts and prayers as she witnesses to the people of Slovakia from July 13-31.

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How do we learn to care for and walk alongside others who are in need – whether the community of faith or the extended community? Some people seem to have natural gifts, others just need a little coaching and leading of the Holy Spirit.

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 in discernment 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 & food.

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Day Camp

Sunday, July 16-Friday, July 21, 2023

Union Lutheran Church

Sponsored by: S. O. U. L. (Salem, Organ, Union Lutheran)

We need **YOUR** help to make this event a success. Needed are volunteers both Adult and Middle & High School Youth.

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.

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

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

Following the Day Camp the Middle/High School Group and Volunteers will meet to plan for the next day.

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.

Cost is **\$50 per camper** with a **maximum** registration of **\$100 per family**. **Scholarships are available.**

Registration form is included in the July *Messenger* (page 18) and available in the Narthex.

Volunteers sign up list is available on the front pew in the Sanctuary with form located in the Narthex or included in the July *Messenger* (page 19).

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Needed donations for Day Camp (serving around **50** people for **5** days):
Chips, Cookies, Fruit Snacks, Peanuts, Trail Mix...anything sweet or salty.
Fresh fruit is always appreciated.

*Please turn in the donations to the **Kitchen** and **label** for Day Camp.*

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90 Days Participants will meet only on Tuesday, July 18, at 6:30 p.m. in the large Fellowship Hall due to Day Camp.

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Finance Committee will meet **Thursday, July 20**, at **6:00 p.m.** to discuss the church finances.

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Sunday, July 23

9:30 a.m. Summer Sunday School

God's Plan for Abraham ~ Genesis 12:1-8, 22:1-14

How precious is Your steadfast love, O God. (Psalm 36:7)

Adult Sunday School Class:

Weeds Among the Wheat ~ Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

10:30 a.m. Worship & Holy Communion

Isaiah 44:6-8, Psalm 119:57-64, Romans 8:18-27, Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

Sermon: *Faith and Familiarity*

Deadline for August Messenger articles.

Altar Flowers are open for reservations for Sunday, July 23.

Our Love and Sympathy is extended to the Family of William Peyton Agner on his death.

Correction: *Our Love and Sympathy is extended to James & Jean Kluttz and Family on the death of their grandson, **Garin Kluttz.***

PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER...

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

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, Nickie Hedrick (Cathy Painter’s friend & co-worker), 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 (7/2)</i>	41
<i>Worship & Holy Communion (7/2)</i>	105
<i>Current Offering received (7/2)</i>	\$4,432.00
<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 community during the month of July by providing snacks for the Union Firefighters.

Donate something easy to grab and go for their calls.

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

Everyone is invited to participate!

PART ONE: A Simple Explanation of the Church Service

Welcome to Church! *As you participate in the church service, we’ve provided this small guide to help you understand more of what is happening, why it is happening, and some of the special language used in church. May the Lord bless your worship this day!*



(A Simple Explanation of the Church Service, Concordia Publishing House, page 1)