



Union Lutheran Church

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9th Sunday after Pentecost

July 30, 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, A=Assistant, C=Congregation, L=Lay Reader

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Welcome & Announcements

Prelude: *God of Grace and God of Glory* (Manz)

GATHERING

- * Brief Order for Confession & Forgiveness LBW p. 56
- * HYMN: *God of Grace and God of Glory* LBW# 415
- * 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: Deuteronomy 7:6-9

⁶{Moses said to the Israelites,} "For you are a people holy to the LORD your God. The LORD your God has chosen you to be a people for his treasured possession, out of all the peoples who are on the face of the earth. ⁷It was not because you were more in number than any other people that the LORD set his love on you and chose you, for you were the fewest of all peoples, ⁸but it is because the LORD loves you and is keeping the oath that he swore to your fathers, that the LORD has brought you out with a mighty hand and redeemed you from the house of slavery, from the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt. ⁹Know therefore that the LORD your God is God, the faithful God who keeps

covenant and steadfast love with those who love him and keep his commandments, to a thousand generations”

L Here ends the reading.

Psalm 125 *sung in unison*

¹Those who trust in the LORD are | like Mount Zion,*
which cannot be moved, but stands | fast forever.

²The hills stand a- | bout Jerusalem;* so does the LORD stand round
about his people, from this time forth for- | evermore.

³The scepter of the wicked shall not hold sway over the land
allotted | to the just,* so that the just shall not put their | hands to evil.

⁴Show your goodness, O LORD, to those | who are good*
and to those who are | true of heart.

⁵As for those who turn aside to crooked ways, the LORD will lead them away
with the | evildoers;* but peace be | upon Israel.

New Testament Lesson: Romans 8:28-39

²⁸We know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose. ²⁹For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers. ³⁰And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified. ³¹What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? ³²He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things? ³³Who shall bring any charge against God’s elect? It is God who justifies. ³⁴Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died — more than that, who was raised — who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us. ³⁵Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? ³⁶As it is written, “For your sake we are being killed all the day long; we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered.” ³⁷No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. ³⁸For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, ³⁹nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus 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.

L The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the 13th chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

* Holy Gospel: Matthew 13:44-52

⁴⁴{Jesus said to the disciples,} “The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and covered up. Then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. ⁴⁵Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls, ⁴⁶who, on finding one pearl of great value, went and sold all that he had and bought it. ⁴⁷Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and gathered fish of every kind. ⁴⁸When it was full, men drew it ashore and sat down and sorted the good into containers but threw away the bad. ⁴⁹So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous ⁵⁰and throw them into the fiery furnace. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. ⁵¹Have you understood all these things?” They said to him, “Yes.” ⁵²And he said to them, “Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like a master of a house, who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.”

L The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Homily

Deena Lanning

* HYMN: *Be Thou My Vision*

WOV# 776

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

Anthem: *Brethren, We Have Met to Worship* (Currie)

Good Timers

MEAL

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

LBW# 410

C **We give thee but thine own, What'er 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: *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*

LBW# 526

* Sending

A 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.

A Union Lutheran Church you are sent!

C Amen, amen, amen

Postlude: *Immortal, Invisible* (Beals)

The Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God and giving Him thanks for the blessings of Linda Hill Cauble and Brenda Hill Cauble as we celebrate their birthday.

Those Serving in July

Acolytes: Bailey and Lucas Wilhelm

Altar Guild: Patsy Lyerly, Angie Poole, and Vivian Sprinkle

Assistant & Children's Message: Judy Boyd ~ **Homily:** Deena Lanning

Old Testament: Doris Shepherd ~ **New Testament:** Ruth Goodman

Communion Assistants: Patsy Lyerly, Frank Merrell, and Vivian Sprinkle

Ushers: John Kesler, Jack Lanning, Frank Merrell, and Richard Shue

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

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

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Union News

Sunday, July 30

9:30 a.m. Summer Sunday School

The Passover Lamb ~ Exodus 12:1-13, 29-42

You shall be My treasured possession. (Exodus 19:5)

Adult Sunday School Class: Finding & Gathering ~ Matthew 13:44-52

9:30 a.m. Good Timers preparations for service in the Sanctuary

10:30 a.m. Worship & Holy Communion

Good Timers are leading the worship service!

Deuteronomy 7:6-9, Psalm 125:1-5, Romans 8:28-39, Matthew 13:44-52

Judy Boyd has reserved the small fellowship hall following worship.

Following lunch, Middle & High School Youth and their Families will have a swim party at Genevieve Baker's (2550 Faith Road, 28146)

This Weeks' Activities:

Monday, July 31	10:00 a.m. Committal Service at National Cemetery of Donnie Miller
Tuesday, August 1	6:30 p.m. 90 Days (large Fellowship Hall)
Wednesday, August 2	10:30 a.m. 90 Days (large Fellowship Hall) 4:30 p.m. 250 Anniversary Committee 6:30 p.m. Belles & Beaus 7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir
Thursday, August 3	4:30 p.m. Online Haiti Pastors Bible Study
Saturday, August 6	7:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Sherry Earnhardt has reserved the small fellowship hall

Sunday, August 6

9:30 a.m. Summer Sunday School

Slaying the Giant ~ 1 Samuel 17:4-18, 38-51

Remember the Lord, who is great and awesome. (Nehemiah 4:14)

Adult Sunday School Class: Inheriting the Kingdom ~ Galatians 5:13-26

10:30 a.m. Worship & Holy Communion

Isaiah 55:1-5, Psalm 136:1-9, 23-26, Romans 9:1-13, Matthew 14:13-21

Sermon: *Feeding the Five Thousand*

10:30 a.m. Recognition of 2022-2023 Sunday School Teachers & Officers

Called Congregational meeting following worship

4:00 p.m. Belles & Beaus ~ **5:00 p.m.** Chancel Choir

Matt & Jill Miller have reserved the Altar Flowers for Sunday, August 6.

Congregational Meeting will be held **Sunday, August 6**; to the congregation as a recommendation from the Council to vote to accept the contract as written before it is signed, sealed and delivered to Carolina Quarries Inc. This will be a YES/NO vote and no other motions or items will be discussed. Your attendance is appreciated.

90 Days Spiritual Fitness will continue during the month of August on Tuesday evenings at 6:30 p.m. and Wednesday mornings at 10:30 a.m. Food will be provided.

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August Choirs Schedule

Sunday, August 6

4:00 p.m. Belles & Beaus ~ 5:00 p.m. Chancel Choir

Wednesdays, August 16 & 23

No Choirs rehearsals

Wednesday, August 30

6:30 p.m. Belles & Beaus ~ 7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir

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BIENNIAL MISSION CONVOCATION

Monday, August 7-Friday, August 11, the NALC will hold its **BIENNIAL MISSION CONVOCATION** in Oklahoma City, OK.

This year’s NALC Lutheran Week completes a six-year focus on the Holy Trinity, concluding now with the theme, *Missio Dei*.

Praying this year’s Mission Convocation will indeed be a mission-oriented and mission-driven gathering! ‘

ULC Delegates: Pastor Heidi Punt and Mary Hutchens with Frank Merrell, alternate.

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Women’s Gathering

*Thank you, Frances Norris, for hosting the **Mary & Martha Circle** at her home (2412 Wedgewood Dr., Salisbury, NC 28146) on **Tuesday, August 8, at 2:00 p.m.** All women are invited!*

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Good Timers

Thursday, August 10, at 10:00 a.m. in the small Fellowship Hall

How does Miss NC 1934 connect with Union Lutheran Church? To find out join the **Good Timers** on **Thursday, August 10, at 10:00 a.m.** in the **Old Pine Center** for the first part of a two part series.

Thank you to Steven Arey for facilitating this fascinating program.

The group will eat lunch at Lakeview Restaurant following the program.

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Church Workday

*In preparation for Homecoming, a **Church Workday** has been scheduled for **Saturday, August 12, at 9:00 a.m.** We need **YOUR help!!***

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Homecoming 2023!

Homecoming 2023 at Union Lutheran Church will be **Sunday, August 13, at 10:30 a.m.** Union Lutheran Church will be celebrating its 249th anniversary! During the service we will be dedicating our new choir robes.

We are excited to have Rev. Dr. Nathan Yoder as our guest pastor!

A covered dish lunch will follow worship in the large Fellowship Hall. Chicken, Beverages, and paper products will be provided. **The congregation is requested to bring your favorite meat, sides, and desserts to share.**

Following lunch the Middle & High School Youth and parents are encouraged to assist in cleanup.

Invite family, friends and former members now to be with us for this special occasion on Sunday, August 13. This is a wonderful time to renew old relationships, update what is going on in the lives of others that have been special to us, and to form new relationships. Plan now to be a part of our Homecoming!

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Sunday, August 13

Homecoming

9:30 a.m. Summer Sunday School

Delivered from the Lions ~ Daniel 6:1-23

You are the God who works wonders. (Psalm 77:14)

Adult Sunday School Class:

The Nature of the Kingdom ~ Romans 14:10-23

10:30 a.m. Worship & Holy Communion with Rev. Dr. Nathan Yoder

Job 38:4-18, Psalm 18:1-16, Romans 10:5-17, Matthew 14:22-33

10:30 a.m. Dedication of new Choir Robes

Returning to LBW Setting 1 liturgical setting

Covered Dish Lunch following worship in the large fellowship hall.

2:00 p.m. Social Ministry Committee

4:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m. Little Lutherans (5th grade and younger)

Sharon Leazer has reserved the Altar Flowers for Sunday, August 13.

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*Executive Committee will meet in Pastor Heidi's office on **Tuesday, August 15, at 5:30 p.m.** to prepare for the Church Council meeting on Sunday, August 20.*

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Sunday, August 20

9:30 a.m. Summer Sunday School

Jesus is Baptized into God's Plan ~ Matthew 3:13-17

But you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. (1 Corinthians 6:11)

Adult Sunday School Class: Judgment in the Kingdom

1 Corinthians 4:1-6, 17-21

10:30 a.m. Worship & Holy Communion

Isaiah 56:1, 6-8, Psalm 67:1-7, Romans 11:1-2a, 13-15, 28-32, Matthew

15:21-28 Sermon: *A Mother's Plea*

2:00 p.m. Church Council

Deadline for September articles.

Altar Flowers are open for reservations

Our Love and Sympathy is extended to the Family of Donnie L. Miller on his death, July 21, 2023.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER...

Nursing Home Residents – Brenda Mahaley, Pat Miller, Ruth Monroe & 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 – Braxton (grandson of the Blue Waters Roseman Family), Evonne Batten, Nancy Ballew (Kat Clifton’s mother), Pr. Cassie Boehringer and her husband, Derek, have a young daughter who is Judson Merrell’s associate at St. Peter’s Lexington, SC (NALC), Pr. George Bradshaw (Junior Morgan’s Pastor Friend), Bill Broadway, Glenn Eagle, Earleene Goodman (Tommy Goodman’s mother), Nickie Hedrick (Cathy Painter’s friend & co-worker), Pat Kluttz, Glenn & Betty Sue Lowder, Della Morgan (Pam Vellines’ mother), 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 (7/23)</i>	34
<i>Worship & Holy Communion (7/23)</i>	90
<i>Current Offering received (7/23)</i>	\$3,872.00
<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 months of July and August 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 THREE: What is the Divine Service? (Part 2)

*The **Divine Service** uses two distinct elements to create a framework for our worship. Those parts of liturgy that do not change each week are called the **Ordinary** because they are ordinarily present each week. The **Ordinary** reflects the changeless and timeless texts of the liturgy, some used continuously for more than 1,500 years.*

