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10th Sunday after Pentecost

August 6, 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

Prelude: *O Living Bread from Heaven* (Callahan)

GATHERING

- * Brief Order for Confession & Forgiveness LBW p. 56
- * HYMN: *O Living Bread from Heaven* LBW# 197
- * 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: Isaiah 55:1-5

¹"Come, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and he who has no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. ²Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy? Listen diligently to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. ³Incline your ear, and come to me; hear, that your soul may live; and I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. ⁴Behold, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. ⁵Behold, you shall call a nation that you do not know, and a nation that did not know you shall run to

you, because of the LORD your God, and of the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you.”

L Here ends the reading.

Psalm 136:1-9, 23-26 *read responsively*

L ¹Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, for his mercy endures forever.

C **²Give thanks to the God of gods, for his mercy endures forever.**

L ³Give thanks to the LORD of lords, for his mercy endures forever.

C **⁴Who only does great wonders, for his mercy endures forever;**

L ⁵Who by wisdom made the heavens, for his mercy endures forever;

C **⁶Who spread out the earth upon the waters,
for his mercy endures forever;**

L ⁷Who created great lights, for his mercy endures forever;

C **⁸The sun to rule the day, for his mercy endures forever;**

L ⁹The moon and the stars to govern the night,
for his mercy endures forever.

C **²³Who remembered us in our low estate,
for his mercy endures forever;**

L ²⁴And delivered us from our enemies, for his mercy endures forever;

C **²⁵Who gives food to all creatures, for his mercy endures forever.**

L ²⁶Give thanks to the God of heaven, for his mercy endures forever.

New Testament Lesson: Romans 9:1-13

¹I am speaking the truth in Christ — I am not lying; my conscience bears me witness in the Holy Spirit — ²that I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. ³For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my brothers, my kinsmen according to the flesh. ⁴They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises. ⁵To them belong the patriarchs, and from their race, according to the flesh, is the Christ, who is God over all, blessed forever. Amen. ⁶But it is not as though the word of God has failed. For not all who are descended from Israel belong to Israel, ⁷and not all are children of Abraham because they are his offspring, but “Through Isaac shall your offspring be named.” ⁸This means that it is not the children of the flesh who are the children of God, but the children of the promise are counted as offspring. ⁹For this is what the promise said: “About this time next year I will return, and Sarah shall have a son.” ¹⁰And not only so, but also when Rebekah had conceived children by one man, our forefather Isaac, ¹¹though they were not yet born and had done nothing either good or bad — in order that God’s purpose of election might continue, not because of works but because of him who calls — ¹²she was told, “The older will serve the younger.” ¹³As it is written, “Jacob I loved, but Esau I hated.”

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 14th chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

* Holy Gospel: Matthew 14:13-21

¹³When Jesus heard {of John the Baptist's death}, he withdrew from there in a boat to a desolate place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. ¹⁴When he went ashore he saw a great crowd, and he had compassion on them and healed their sick. ¹⁵Now when it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a desolate place, and the day is now over; send the crowds away to go into the villages and buy food for themselves." ¹⁶But Jesus said, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat." ¹⁷They said to him, "We have only five loaves here and two fish." ¹⁸And he said, "Bring them here to me." ¹⁹Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass, and taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven and said a blessing. Then he broke the loaves and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. ²⁰And they all ate and were satisfied. And they took up twelve baskets full of the broken pieces left over. ²¹And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon: *Feeding the Five Thousand*

Pastor Heidi Punt

* HYMN: *Now We Join in Celebration*

LBW# 203

* 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 Social Ministry Fund. During the month of August, the Benevolence Teaching Moment is on East Rowan Bible Teachers, NALS Seminary & Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary. Please prayerfully consider giving to the Benevolence Fund.*

Anthem: *Communion Prayer (Pote)*

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.

* 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: *Take My Life, that I May Be* LBW# 406

* 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: *Take My Life and Let It Be* (Sedio)

Called Congregational Meeting

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

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Union News

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*

We thank God for each of our 2022-2023 Sunday School program volunteers! You have shared yourself and your love for God with our children, youth and adults. YOU are a gift to ULC.

Each Sunday morning children, youth, and adults gathered in the Chapel for Sunday School Opening with song, fun, and faith!

Preschool – 1st Grade

They have prayed, played, and focused on knowing God!!

Thank you: Miranda Thompson, Lisa Graczyk, and Sharon Leazer

2nd Grade-5th Grade

They have shared Bible stories, gave of themselves by growing in knowledge and faith,!

Thank you: Judy Boyd and Lisa Morgan

6th-12th Grade

They have dug deep in God's Word by journeying together in sharing their faith!

Thank you: Janie Lesley and Sonya Leazer

Rabbit Hole Class

They have laughed, prayed, and gone down the Rabbit Hole in discussing God's Word and how it relates to every day life!

Thank you: Vicki Hunter, Cathy Kluttz Painther, and Pastor Heidi Punt

Drew Wise Sunday School Class

They have fellowshiped, prayed, and seeked a deeper connection to God's Word and each other!

Thank you: Elbert Kluttz, Deena Lanning, Frank Merrell, and Dwight Miller

Sunday School Superintendent

Thank you: Sonya Mulkey

Called Congregational meeting following worship

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

Deadline to contact Jan Huffman for tickets for Raleigh Ringers Concert on Sunday, August 27, in Albemarle. Tickets cost: \$25 Adults and \$10 children

The group will leave the church parking lot at 1:30 p.m. to the concert.

*The **Altar Flowers** are given to the glory of God in honor of Owen Miller's 1st birthday on August 1 by Matt, Jill, & Hudson Miller.*

This Weeks' Activities:

- Tuesday, August 8 2:00 p.m. Mary & Martha Circle at Frances Norris
(2412 Wedgewood Dr., Salisbury, NC 28146)
6:30 p.m. 90 Days in large Fellowship Hall
(Both groups together due to the NALC
Convocation. Supper will be provided.)
- Wednesday, August 9 Choirs will not rehearse this week.
- Thursday, August 10 10:00 a.m. Good Timers
Part 1 with lunch at Lakeview Restaurant
- Saturday, August 12 9:00 a.m. church workday
- NALC Convocation "God the Father" in Oklahoma City, OK from Monday,
August 7-Friday, August 11. Please keep Pastor Heidi Punt, Mary Hutchens,
Frank & Dawn Merrell in your thoughts and prayers.

Those Serving in August

Acolytes: Dusty Morgan Jr. & Jesse Morgan

Altar Guild: Deena Lanning & Karen Morgan

Communion Assistants: Deena Lanning, Frank Merrell & Karen Morgan

Lay Readers: Deena Lanning, Frank Merrell & Karen Morgan

Ushers: Phil Cauble, Caylea Cline, Jennifer & Scott Curlee

Offering Counters: Jennifer Curlee, Doris Shepherd, & Wayne Vellines

*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!*

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!

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.*

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

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*Our Middle & High School Youth will have a **Lock-in** with the youth of St. Jacob's, SC, beginning on **Friday, August 26, at 1:30 p.m.***

On Sunday, August 27, the St. Jacob's Lutheran Church Ringers & the Beginner Bells will share their musical talents with us during the anthem!

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Please return Day Camp signs to the church for use next year. Thank you!
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Registration form for 2023-2024 Sunday School Classes for K-12th grade is located in the Narthex or from the church office. Each year this information is filled out to assist with safety and record keeping.

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 & 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 (7/30)</i>	30
<i>Worship & Holy Communion (7/30)</i>	94
<i>Current Offering received (7/30)</i>	\$2,327.00
<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!

What is the Divine Service? (Part 3)

The Divine Service uses two distinct elements to create a framework for our worship.

*The second element consists of the changeable texts, known as the **Propers**. The **Propers** follow the seasons of the **Church Year** and the associated Scripture readings. The **Propers** carry the message or theme for the day, often taken from the Gospel reading.*

(A Simple Explanation of the Church Service, Concordia Publishing House, page 3)

