



# Union Lutheran Church

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## 11th Sunday after Pentecost

August 13, 2023

Homecoming

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: *Guide Me Ever, Great Jehovah* (Costello)

### GATHERING

- \* Brief Order for Confession & Forgiveness LBW p. 56
- \* Processional Hymn: *Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer* LBW# 343
- \* Greeting & Kyrie LBW p. 57-58
- \* Hymn of Praise (*"This is the Feast..."*) LBW p. 60-61
- \* Salutation LBW p. 62
- \* Prayer of the Day

### WORD

Children's Message

Judy Boyd

Old Testament Lesson: Job 38:4-18

<sup>4</sup>“Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth? Tell me, if you have understanding. <sup>5</sup>Who determined its measurements — surely you know! Or who stretched the line upon it? <sup>6</sup>On what were its bases sunk, or who laid its cornerstone, <sup>7</sup>when the morning stars sang together and all the sons of God shouted for joy? <sup>8</sup>Or who shut in the sea with doors when it burst out from the womb, <sup>9</sup>when I made clouds its garment and thick darkness its swaddling band, <sup>10</sup>and prescribed limits for it and set bars and doors, <sup>11</sup>and said, ‘Thus far shall you come, and no farther, and here shall your proud waves be stayed?’ <sup>12</sup>Have you commanded the morning since your days began, and caused the dawn to know its place, <sup>13</sup>that it might take hold of the skirts of the earth, and the wicked be shaken out of it? <sup>14</sup>It is changed like clay under the seal, and its features stand out like a garment. <sup>15</sup>From the wicked their light is

withheld, and their uplifted arm is broken. <sup>16</sup>Have you entered into the springs of the sea, or walked in the recesses of the deep? <sup>17</sup>Have the gates of death been revealed to you, or have you seen the gates of deep darkness? <sup>18</sup>Have you comprehended the expanse of the earth? Declare, if you know all this.”

L Here ends the reading.

Psalmody: *For the Beauty of the Earth* (arr, Childers)

Belles & Beaus

New Testament Lesson: Romans 10:5-17

<sup>5</sup>Moses writes about the righteousness that is based on the law, that the person who does the commandments shall live by them. <sup>6</sup>But the righteousness based on faith says, “Do not say in your heart, ‘Who will ascend into heaven?’” (that is, to bring Christ down) <sup>7</sup>“or ‘Who will descend into the abyss?’” (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). <sup>8</sup>But what does it say? “The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart” (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); <sup>9</sup>because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. <sup>10</sup>For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved. <sup>11</sup>For the Scripture says, “Everyone who believes in him will not be put to shame.” <sup>12</sup>For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; for the same Lord is Lord of all, bestowing his riches on all who call on him. <sup>13</sup>For “everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.” <sup>14</sup>How then will they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching? <sup>15</sup>And how are they to preach unless they are sent? As it is written, “How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news!” <sup>16</sup>But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Isaiah says, “LORD, who has believed what he has heard from us?” <sup>17</sup>So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ.

L Here ends the reading.

\* Gospel Acclamation (*“Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go...”*)

LBW p. 62

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the 14th chapter.

**C Glory to you, O Lord.**

\* Holy Gospel: Matthew 14:22-33

<sup>22</sup>Immediately {Jesus} made the disciples get into the boat and go before him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. <sup>23</sup>And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up on the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, <sup>24</sup>but the boat by this time was a long way from the land, beaten by the waves, for the wind was against them. <sup>25</sup>And in the fourth watch of the night he came to them, walking on the sea. <sup>26</sup>But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, and said, “It is a ghost!” and they cried out in fear. <sup>27</sup>But immediately Jesus spoke to them, saying, “Take heart; it is I. Do not be afraid.” <sup>28</sup>And Peter answered him, “Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water.” <sup>29</sup>He said, “Come.” So Peter got out of the boat and walked on the water and came to

Jesus. <sup>30</sup>But when he saw the wind, he was afraid, and beginning to sink he cried out, “Lord, save me.” <sup>31</sup>Jesus immediately reached out his hand and took hold of him, saying to him, “O you of little faith, why did you doubt?” <sup>32</sup>And when they got into the boat, the wind ceased. <sup>33</sup>And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, “Truly you are the Son of God.”

P The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sermon

Rev. Dr. Nathan Yoder

\* Hymn: *The Church's One Foundation*

LBW# 369

\* Dedication of new Robes

\* 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 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: *Rejoice with Heart and Voice* (Lovelace)

Chancel Choir

*Rejoice with heart and voice in God, the Three in One, in whom this work of faith was gloriously begun. And now, at last the desert passed, our hopes renewed we travel on. How well our founders planned! What vigor! What restraint! Granite and sandstone blend like toughness in a Saint. How firm their faith in life and death: Or did they also tire and faint? The world they knew is gone: Only their church survives, to point the way to heav'n, and redirect our lives. A new world claims new skills, new aims, and Christ-like love and seeks and saves. Today within these walls, we offer praise and prayer; And from each other learn how much in Christ we share: And strive to prove by how we live where there is need, his Church is there. Lord, send us out in peace, committed, and yet free, to serve your Kingdom's cause with patient loyalty: Believing still, thru good and ill, God shapes the world that is to be, that is to be. (Text by Fred Pratt Green)*

#### MEAL

\* Offertory (“*Let the Vineyards be fruitful Lord...*”)

LBW p. 66

\* Offertory Prayer

LBW p. 67

\* Great Thanksgiving

LBW p. 68

\* Sanctus (“*Holy, Holy, Holy Lord...*”)

LBW p. 69

\* Words of Institution

LBW p. 69

\* Lord's Prayer

LBW p. 71

Lamb of God (“*Lamb of God, you take away...*”)

LBW p. 72

#### 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 (“*Thank the Lord...*”) LBW p. 72-73  
\* Post-Communion Prayer LBW p. 74

SENDING

- \* Benediction LBW p. 74  
\* Recessional Hymn: *Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee* LBW# 551  
\* 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: *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee* (Costello)

*The Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God and in honor of my mom, Ruby Leazer on her 85<sup>th</sup> birthday, August 17, by Sharon Leazer.*

**Those Serving in August**

**Guest Pastor:** Rev. Dr. Nathan Yoder

*We welcome Rev. Dr. Nathan Yoder and his Family to worship today!*

**Acolytes:** Dusty Morgan Jr. and Micah Nguyen

**Crucifer:** Adam Thompson

**Altar Guild:** Deena Lanning and Karen Morgan

**Children’s Message:** Judy Boyd

**Communion Assistants:** Deena Lanning, Frank Merrell and Karen Morgan

**Lay Readers:** Deena Lanning, Frank Merrell and Karen Morgan

**Psalmody Congregational Leader:** Ashley Deaton

**Instrumentalists:** Brad Huffman, Trumpet; Lucas and Bailey Wilhelm, Percussionists; Dusty Morgan, Timpani; Ashley File, Flautist

**Ushers:** Phil Cauble, Caylea Cline, Jennifer and Scott Curlee

**Offering Counters:** Jennifer Curlee, Doris Shepherd, and Wayne Vellines

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

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# Union News

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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 Robes

Returning to LBW Setting 1 liturgical setting

Covered Dish Lunch following worship in the large fellowship hall.

*(You are invited to lunch even if you forgot to bring something!)*

**4:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m.** Little Lutherans (5<sup>th</sup> grade and younger)

**Please note:** *Social Ministry Committee will not meet today.*

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### This Weeks' Activities:

Tuesday, August 15

5:30 p.m. Executive Committee

6:30 p.m. 90 Days in large fellowship hall  
(supper provided)

Wednesday, August 16

10:30 a.m. 90 Days in large fellowship hall  
(lunch provided)

4:30 p.m. Haiti Pastors Bible Study online  
No Choirs rehearsals this week.

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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*

**12 noon** Ribelin Family Reunion (small fellowship hall)

**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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**Sunday, August 27**

**9:30 a.m.** Summer Sunday School

Jesus Preaches the Kingdom of Heaven

Matthew 4:3-11; Luke 4:31-44

*Let the heavens praise Your wonders, O Lord. (Psalm 89:5)*

Adult Sunday School Class

God's Kingdom Will Be All in All

1 Corinthians 15:20-28

**10:30 a.m.** Worship & Holy Communion

Isaiah 51:1-6, Psalm 138:1-7, Romans 11:33-12:8, Matthew 16:13-20

Sermon: *Who Do People Say Jesus Is?*

**3:00 p.m.** Raleigh Ringers Concert in Albemarle

Tickets cost: \$25 Adults and \$10 children

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

*Altar Flowers are open for reservations.*

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**Sub-Budget Finance Committee** will meet **Thursday, August 31 at 6:00 p.m.** in preparation of **2024 Ministry Support Plan.**

If your committee or organization would like to be budgeted in the 2024 Ministry Support Plan please contact Amanda Cauble prior to the August 31 meeting.

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**Sunday, September 3**

**9:30 a.m.** Summer Sunday School

God's Plan of Salvation Completed ~ Luke 23:26, 32-46

*"If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." (1 John 1:9)*

Adult Sunday School Class

Jesus Confronts Hypocrisy ~ 1 Samuel 15:1-23; Luke 11:37-44

**10:30 a.m.** Worship & Holy Communion

Jeremiah 15:15-21; Psalm 26; Romans 12:9-21; Matthew 16:21-28

Sermon: *A Cross-less Gospel*

**2:45 p.m.-3:30 p.m.** Beginner Bells

**4:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m.** Union & Salem Middle/High School Youth

*Altar Flowers are open for reservations.*

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*The Church Office is closed for Labor Day on Monday, September 4.*

**Carolinas Mission Region**  
**5th grade and Younger +their Families**

September 8-10, 2023

Designed for parents or grandparents and their children up to 5th grade.

Cost is **\$250 per family** and covers lodging in hotel-style rooms, meals on Saturday, breakfast on Sunday, and one t-shirt per participant.

Starts at 7:00 p.m. on Friday and ends by 12 noon on Sunday.

Family devotions and activities with Sunday worship on the mountain!

Bible study time for parents while children do an age appropriate Bible activity with our trained college age counselors.

Fun time together outside: hiking, fishing, canoeing, and enjoying God's beautiful creation!

Please contact the church office to register or sign up on front pew.

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*Please return Day Camp signs to the church for use next year. Thank you!*

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**Carolinas Youth Retreat**

"Rooted and Grounded in Love"

September 8-10, 2023

Laurel Ridge Camp, Laurel Springs, NC

Friday night at 8:00 p.m.-Sunday morning worship for Grades 6 and up

Cost is **\$100 per participant** and includes lodging in cabin bunks, Saturday meals, Sunday breakfast, and t-shirt.

Worship in the mountains, engaging Bible study, fishing, canoeing, campfires, games, and friends!

Please contact Pastor Heidi or the church office for more information or to register.

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**Carolinas Mission Region**

**1st Annual Men's Retreat**

September 22-24, 2023

*Join us for our first annual Men's Retreat! This will be wonderful time of faith and fellowship. The theme will be, "Living Faith," by Brack East.*

*The cost is \$125. Reservations and a \$25 deposit are due by August 31.*

*Please contact Bruce Zander if you have any questions: bzander5@att.net.*

*The church office has the registration form for those interested in attending.*

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**Carolinas Lutheran Women's Fall Convocation** will be held on **Saturday, September 23, at 9:00 a.m.** at **Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, Troutman.**

Interested? Contact the church office.

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**Registration form for 2023-2024 Sunday School Classes for K-12<sup>th</sup> 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 (8/6)</i>	36
<i>Worship &amp; Holy Communion (8/6)</i>	106
<i>Current Offering received (8/6)</i>	\$3,826.60
<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 in the Service Projects closet in the small fellowship hall.

Everyone is invited to participate!

### **Section 1: Preparation**

*The **Preparation** has not always been part of the Divine Service. **Confession** and **Absolution** have always been seen as preparation for those who desire to participate in Holy Communion. The **Preparation** may be omitted entirely when we celebrate Holy Baptism immediately after the Hymn of Invocation.*







Union Lutheran Church has witnessed global pandemics, wars, and other historic events. Next year, Union will meet a huge milestone by celebrating 250 years of service in Rowan County and the world!

We need YOUR help to make our celebration a success!

What's needed: (Please include your name.)

- Items to display (pictures, newspaper articles, etc.)
- Share your favorite Bible verse and what it means to you
- How has Union touched your life?
- Share feedback with the committee on ideas to implement

Please turn in items and information to a member of the committee.

As the celebration approaches participation will be greatly appreciated. Can we call on you?

Thank you in advance!

250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee

Kay Morgan and Dusty Morgan, Sr., Co-Chairs, Frank Merrell,  
Susan Knight, Tara Davis, Elbert Kluttz, and Pastor Heidi Punt