



# Union Lutheran Church

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## 12th Sunday after Pentecost

August 20, 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:

### GATHERING

- \* Brief Order for Confession & Forgiveness LBW p. 56
- \* Hymn: *Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing* LBW# 559
- \* Greeting (*Kyrie is omitted during Pentecost*) LBW p. 57
- \* Hymn of Praise (*"Glory to God..."*) LBW p. 58-59
- \* Salutation LBW p. 62
- \* Prayer of the Day

### WORD

Children's Message

Old Testament Lesson: Isaiah 56:1, 6-8

<sup>1</sup>Thus says the LORD: "Keep justice, and do righteousness, for soon my salvation will come, and my righteousness be revealed."

<sup>6</sup>And the foreigners who join themselves to the LORD, to minister to him, to love the name of the LORD, and to be his servants, everyone who keeps the Sabbath and does not profane it, and holds fast my covenant — <sup>7</sup>these I will bring to my holy mountain, and make them joyful in my house of prayer; their burnt offerings and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar; for my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples." <sup>8</sup>The LORD God, who gathers the outcasts of Israel, declares, "I will gather yet others to him besides those already gathered."

L Here ends the reading.

Psalms 67 *read responsively*

L <sup>1</sup>May God be merciful to us and bless us,  
show us the light of his countenance and come to us.

C **<sup>2</sup>Let your ways be known upon earth,  
your saving health among all nations.**

L <sup>3</sup>Let the peoples praise you, O God;  
let all the peoples praise you.

C **<sup>4</sup>Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,  
for you judge the peoples with equity  
and guide all the nations upon earth.**

L <sup>5</sup>Let the peoples praise you, O God;  
let all the peoples praise you.

C **<sup>6</sup>The earth has brought forth her increase;  
may God, our own God, give us his blessing.**

L <sup>7</sup>May God give us his blessing,  
and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe of him.

New Testament Lesson: Romans 11:1-2a, 13-15, 28-32

<sup>1</sup>I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! For I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. <sup>2a</sup>God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew. ...

<sup>13</sup>Now I am speaking to you Gentiles. Inasmuch then as I am an apostle to the Gentiles, I magnify my ministry <sup>14</sup>in order somehow to make my fellow Jews jealous, and thus save some of them. <sup>15</sup>For if their rejection means the reconciliation of the world, what will their acceptance mean but life from the dead?

<sup>28</sup>As regards the gospel, they are enemies for your sake. But as regards election, they are beloved for the sake of their forefathers. <sup>29</sup>For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. <sup>30</sup>For just as you were at one time disobedient to God but now have received mercy because of their disobedience, <sup>31</sup>so they too have now been disobedient in order that by the mercy shown to you they also may now receive mercy. <sup>32</sup>For God has consigned all to disobedience, that he may have mercy on all.

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 15th chapter.

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

\* Holy Gospel: Matthew 15:21-28

<sup>21</sup>Jesus went away from {Gennesaret} and withdrew to the district of Tyre and Sidon. <sup>22</sup>And behold, a Canaanite woman from that region came out and was crying, "Have mercy on me, O Lord, Son of David; my daughter is severely oppressed by a demon." <sup>23</sup>But he did not answer her a word. And his disciples came and begged him, saying, "Send her away, for she is crying out after us." <sup>24</sup>He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." <sup>25</sup>But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." <sup>26</sup>And

he answered, “It is not right to take the children’s bread and throw it to the dogs.”<sup>27</sup>She said, “Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters’ table.”<sup>28</sup>Then Jesus answered her, “O woman, great is your faith! Be it done for you as you desire.” And her daughter was healed instantly.

**P** The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sermon: *A Mother’s Plea*

Pastor Heidi Punt

\* Hymn: *Go, My Children, with My Blessing*

WOV# 721

\* 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 Building & Repair 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:**

### 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

\* Hymn: *Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service*

LBW# 423

\* 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:

Altar Flowers...

### **August 6 Congregational Meeting Results**

In response to the vote passed by the congregation on Sunday, June 18, 2023, the vote taken on Sunday, August 6, approved specifically the Option to Purchase presented by Carolina Quarries, Inc. to purchase 67+|- acres for \$700,000.00 including a non-refundable deposit in the amount of \$20,000.00.

The Council also asked approval be given by the congregation for the Council President and Council Vice President to sign the Option to Purchase on behalf of the congregation and the congregation Council and was granted.

### **Those Serving in August**

**Acolytes:** Dusty Morgan Jr. and Jesse Morgan

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

#### **Communion Assistants:**

Deena Lanning, Frank Merrell and Karen Morgan

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

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

**Offering Counters:** Jennifer Curlee, Doris Shepherd, and 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!*

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

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# Union News

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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)

**1:30 p.m.** Executive Committee

**2:00 p.m.** Church Council

**4:00 p.m.** Middle & High School Youth and Parents planning meeting

*Deadline for September articles.*

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## This Weeks' Activities:

- Tuesday, August 22 90 Days in the large fellowship hall (food provided)
- Wednesday, August 23 90 Days in the large fellowship hall (food provided)  
No choirs rehearse this week.
- Thursday, August 24 11:00 a.m. Haiti Pastors Online Bible Study  
5:30 p.m. Hospitality, Decorations, Kitchen
- Saturday, August 26 1:30 p.m. Middle & High School Youth Lock-in with  
St. Jacob's Lutheran Church, SC
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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.

*Debbie Rinehart has reserved the Altar Flowers for August 27.*

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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.

**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

*Sonya Leazer has reserved the Altar Flowers for September 3.*

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

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**90 Days** in the large Fellowship Hall (food will be provided)

Tuesdays, September 5, 12, 19 & 26 at 6:30 p.m.

Wednesdays, September 6, 13, 20 & 27 at 10:30 a.m.

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In September, Union will be providing **Chapel Time at Autumn Care** at **2:00 p.m.** on **Wednesday, September 6.**

All are invited to come join in on the fellowship, fun, and sharing God’s Word!

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**Choirs Rehearsals in September**

**Sunday, September 3 & 17**

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

**Wednesdays, September 6, 20 & 27**

6:30 p.m. Belles & Beaus (We need a bell player!)

7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir

**Wednesday, September 13**

No choirs rehearse

**Sunday, September 24**

9:15 a.m. Kids Choir (5<sup>th</sup> grade and younger)

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**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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**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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**Sunday, September 10**

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

Jesus Conquers Death ~ John 20:11-18

*“For God so loved the world, that He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.” (John 3:16)*

Adult Sunday School Class

Jesus Silences Critics ~ Hebrew 4:1-10; Luke 14:1-6

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

Ezekiel 33:7-9; Psalm 32:1-7; Romans 13:1-10; Matthew 18:1-20

Sermon: *Rejoice in the Lord*

**12 noon** Kesler Family Reunion in the large Fellowship Hall

Children, Youth, and Parents will be returning from their weekend retreat.

*Altar Flowers are open for reservations.*

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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.

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

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## 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, Effie Vellines, & 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), Union Fire Department #76, NALC Leadership, Global Missions (Congo, Slovakia, and Haiti), & those affected by natural or political disasters especially the people in Hawaii

**Confirmation Students:** Caylea Cline & Mallory Eagle

### *Stewardship Update*

<i>Sunday School (8/13)</i>	30
<i>Worship &amp; Holy Communion (8/13)</i>	132
<i>Current Offering received (8/13)</i>	\$4,225.00
<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 in the Service Projects closet in the small fellowship hall.

Everyone is invited to participate!

### **Section 1: Invocation...comes from the Latin for "call upon."**

The **Invocation** begins the Divine Service with the name of God. Invoking His name orders our worship, making it clear that this is His service to us, not our service or someone else's. The words of the **Invocation** remind us of our Baptism in the name of the triune God.



"In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit." Matthew 28:19

(A Simple Explanation of the Church Service, Concordia Publishing House, page 5)