



# Union Lutheran Church

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## 13th Sunday after Pentecost

August 27, 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: *Built on a Rock* (Childs-Hobby)

### GATHERING

- \* Brief Order for Confession & Forgiveness LBW p. 56
- \* Hymn: *My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less* LBW# 293
- \* Greeting (*Kyrie is omitted this week.*) LBW p. 57
- \* Hymn of Praise (*"Glory to God..."*) LBW p. 58-59
- \* Salutation LBW p. 62
- \* Prayer of the Day

### WORD

Old Testament Lesson: Isaiah 51:1-6

<sup>1</sup>“Listen to me, you who pursue righteousness, you who seek the LORD: look to the rock from which you were hewn, and to the quarry from which you were dug. <sup>2</sup>Look to Abraham your father and to Sarah who bore you; for he was but one when I called him, that I might bless him and multiply him. <sup>3</sup>For the LORD comforts Zion; he comforts all her waste places and makes her wilderness like Eden, her desert like the garden of the LORD; joy and gladness will be found in her, thanksgiving and the voice of song. <sup>4</sup>Give attention to me, my people, and give ear to me, my nation; for a law will go out from me, and I will set my justice for a light to the peoples. <sup>5</sup>My righteousness draws near, my salvation has gone out, and my arms will judge the peoples; the coastlands hope for me, and for my arm they wait. <sup>6</sup>Lift up your eyes to the heavens, and look at the earth beneath; for the heavens vanish like smoke, the earth will wear out like a garment, and they who dwell in it will die in like

manner; but my salvation will be forever, and my righteousness will never be dismayed.”

L Here ends the reading.

Psalm 138 *sung in unison*

<sup>1</sup>I will give thanks to you, O LORD, with | my whole heart;\*  
before the gods I will | sing your praise.

<sup>2</sup>I will bow down toward your holy temple and | praise your Name,\*  
because of your | love and faithfulness;

<sup>3</sup>For you have glori- | fied your name\* and your word a- | bove all things.

<sup>4</sup>When I called, you | answered me;\* you increased my | strength within me.

<sup>5</sup>All the kings of the earth will praise | you, O LORD,\*  
when they have heard the words | of your mouth.

<sup>6</sup>They will sing of the ways | of the LORD,\*  
that great is the glory | of the LORD.

<sup>7</sup>Though the LORD be high, he cares | for the lowly;\*  
he perceives the haughty | from afar.

<sup>8</sup>Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you | keep me safe;\*  
you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies;  
your right hand | shall save me.

<sup>9</sup>The LORD will make good his pur- | pose for me;\*  
O LORD, your love endures forever;  
do not abandon the works | of your hands.

New Testament Lesson: Romans 11:33-12:8

<sup>33</sup>Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways! <sup>34</sup>“For who has known the mind of the Lord, or who has been his counselor?” <sup>35</sup>“Or who has given a gift to him that he might be repaid?” <sup>36</sup>For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be glory forever. Amen.

<sup>1</sup>I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. <sup>2</sup>Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect. <sup>3</sup>For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. <sup>4</sup>For as in one body we have many members, and the members do not all have the same function, <sup>5</sup>so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another. <sup>6</sup>Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, in proportion to our faith; <sup>7</sup>if service, in our serving; the one who teaches, in his teaching; <sup>8</sup>the one who exhorts, in his exhortation; the one who contributes, in generosity; the one who leads, with zeal; the one who does acts of mercy, with cheerfulness.

L Here ends the reading.

## Children's Message

\* Gospel Acclamation ("Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go...") LBW p. 62

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the 16th chapter.

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

\* Holy Gospel: Matthew 16:13-20

<sup>13</sup>When Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" <sup>14</sup>And they said, "Some say John the Baptist, others say Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." <sup>15</sup>He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" <sup>16</sup>Simon Peter replied, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." <sup>17</sup>And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father who is in heaven. <sup>18</sup>And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. <sup>19</sup>I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven." <sup>20</sup>Then he strictly charged the disciples to tell no one that he was the Christ.

P The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sermon: *Who do People say Jesus Is?*

Pastor Heidi Punt

\* Hymn: *Built on a Rock*

LBW# 365

\* 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 Youth Retreats/Missions 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: *All Creatures of Our God and King* (arr. Lamb)

St. Jacob's Lutheran Church Ringers & Beginner Bells

## 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: *Faith of Our Fathers* LBW# 500
- \* 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: *My Hope is Built on Nothing Less* (Gabielsen)

*The ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the glory of God and in honor on my children, Melissa A. Arey and David L. Arey, Jr., by Debbie Rinhehart.*

**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 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.

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## This Weeks' Activities:

Tuesday, August 29 6:30 p.m. 90 Days in the large fellowship hall  
(food provided)

Wednesday, August 30 10:30 a.m. 90 Days in the large fellowship hall  
(food provided)  
6:30 p.m. Belles & Beaus  
7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir

Thursday, August 31 11:00 a.m. Haiti Pastors Online Bible Study  
6:00 p.m. Sub-Budget Committee

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*

We are excited to have Sam Nguyen sharing his musical talents with us during the worship service.

**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.*

## 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, Ashley Deaton, Duane Eagle, Nancy Kesler, Joan Kerns, John Knight, Sharon Moore, William & Doris Page, Doug Peeler, Sylvia Peeler, Effie Vellines, Wayne Vellines & Pat Wiles

**Continual Prayer** – Braxton (grandson of the Blue Waters Roseman Family), Evonne Batten, Nancy Ballew (Kat Clifton’s mother), 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 (8/20)</i>	40
<i>Worship &amp; Holy Communion (8/20)</i>	97
<i>Current Offering received (8/20)</i>	\$4,887.00
<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: Confession...the act by which one admits or confesses sin and the guilt of sin.***

*In the Confession, we are saying “Amen” or “Yes, yes, this is true” to God’s righteous judgment against our sin. In the Divine Service, the Lord is present with us and ready to give us His mercy and grace.*



*“If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.” 1 John 1:8-9*

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