



# Union Lutheran Church

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## 15th Sunday after Pentecost

September 10, 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: *Softly and Tenderly* (Albrecht)

### GATHERING

- \* Brief Order for Confession & Forgiveness LBW p. 56
- \* Hymn: *Holy God, We Praise Your Name* LBW# 535
- \* 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: Ezekiel 33:7-9

<sup>7</sup>"So you, son of man, I have made a watchman for the house of Israel. Whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. <sup>8</sup>If I say to the wicked, O wicked one, you shall surely die, and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from his way, that wicked person shall die in his iniquity, but his blood I will require at your hand. <sup>9</sup>But if you warn the wicked to turn from his way, and he does not turn from his way, that person shall die in his iniquity, but you will have delivered your soul."

L Here ends the reading.

Psalm 32:1-6\* *sung in unison*

<sup>1</sup>Happy are they whose transgressions | are forgiven,\*  
and whose sin is | put away!

<sup>2</sup>Happy are they to whom the LORD im- | putes no guilt,\*  
and in whose spirit there | is no guile!

<sup>3</sup>While I held my tongue, my bones with- | ered away,\*

because of my groaning | all day long.

<sup>4</sup>For your hand was heavy upon me | day and night; \*  
my moisture was dried up as in the | heat of summer.

<sup>5</sup>Then I acknowledged my | sin to you, \*  
and did not con- | ceal my guilt.

<sup>6</sup>I said, "I will confess my transgressions | to the LORD." \*  
Then you forgave me the guilt | of my sin.

New Testament Lesson: Romans 13:1-10

<sup>1</sup>Let every person be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and those that exist have been instituted by God.

<sup>2</sup>Therefore whoever resists the authorities resists what God has appointed, and those who resist will incur judgment. <sup>3</sup>For rulers are not a terror to good conduct, but to bad. Would you have no fear of the one who is in authority?

Then do what is good, and you will receive his approval, <sup>4</sup>for he is God's servant for your good. But if you do wrong, be afraid, for he does not bear the sword in vain. For he is the servant of God, an avenger who carries out God's wrath on the wrongdoer. <sup>5</sup>Therefore one must be in subjection, not only to avoid God's wrath but also for the sake of conscience.

<sup>6</sup>For because of this you also pay taxes, for the authorities are ministers of God, attending to this very thing. <sup>7</sup>Pay to all what is owed to them: taxes to whom taxes are owed, revenue to whom revenue is owed, respect to whom respect is owed, honor to whom honor is owed.

<sup>8</sup>Owe no one anything, except to love each other, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. <sup>9</sup>For the commandments, "You shall not commit adultery, You shall not murder, You shall not steal, You shall not covet," and any other commandment, are summed up in this word:

"You shall love your neighbor as yourself." <sup>10</sup>Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfilling of the law.

L Here ends the reading.

Children's Message

\* Gospel Acclamation (*Rejoice in the Lord, Always sung as a round*)

**C Rejoice in the Lord always Again I say rejoice**  
**Rejoice in the Lord always Again I say rejoice**  
**Rejoice rejoice Again I say rejoice**  
**Rejoice rejoice Again I say rejoice**

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the 18th chapter.

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

\* Holy Gospel: Matthew 18:1-20

<sup>1</sup>At that time the disciples came to Jesus, saying, "Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?" <sup>2</sup>And calling to him a child, he put him in the midst of them <sup>3</sup>and said, "Truly, I say to you, unless you turn and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. <sup>4</sup>Whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven. <sup>5</sup>Whoever receives one such child in my name receives me, <sup>6</sup>but whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him to have a great

millstone fastened around his neck and to be drowned in the depth of the sea. <sup>7</sup>Woe to the world for temptations to sin! For it is necessary that temptations come, but woe to the one by whom the temptation comes! <sup>8</sup>And if your hand or your foot causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away. It is better for you to enter life crippled or lame than with two hands or two feet to be thrown into the eternal fire. <sup>9</sup>And if your eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away. It is better for you to enter life with one eye than with two eyes to be thrown into the hell of fire. <sup>10</sup>See that you do not despise one of these little ones. For I tell you that in heaven their angels always see the face of my Father who is in heaven. <sup>12</sup>What do you think? If a man has a hundred sheep, and one of them has gone astray, does he not leave the ninety-nine on the mountains and go in search of the one that went astray? <sup>13</sup>And if he finds it, truly, I say to you, he rejoices over it more than over the ninety-nine that never went astray. <sup>14</sup>So it is not the will of my Father who is in heaven that one of these little ones should perish. <sup>15</sup>If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault, between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have gained your brother. <sup>16</sup>But if he does not listen, take one or two others along with you, that every charge may be established by the evidence of two or three witnesses. <sup>17</sup>If he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church. And if he refuses to listen even to the church, let him be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. <sup>18</sup>Truly, I say to you, whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven. <sup>19</sup>Again I say to you, if two of you agree on earth about anything they ask, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven. <sup>20</sup>For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them.”

**P** The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sermon: *Rejoice in the Lord*

Pastor Heidi Punt

\* Hymn: *In Christ There Is No East or West*

LBW# 359

\* 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 September, the Benevolence Teaching Moment is on Lutheran Military Veterans & Families Ministries. Please prayerfully consider giving to the Benevolence Fund.*

Anthem: *Canon of Praise (Sleeth)*

Chancel Choir

### 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: *Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling*

WOV# 734

\* 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: *Holy God We Praise Your Name* (Callahan)

*The Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God and in memory of Mr. and Mrs. Calvin L. Kesler by their descendants.*

\* — Some psalms within the Book of Common Prayer psalter, which the Sola lectionary uses, are numbered differently than the psalms in the psalter of the English Standard Version Bible, on which the lectionary calendar is based. To account for this difference, today's psalm reading ends at verse 6 (the ESV reading will end at verse 7).

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# Union News

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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.

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## This Weeks' Activities:

Tuesday, Sept. 12      2:00 p.m. Mary & Martha Circle at Union

6:30 p.m. 90 Days (food provided)

Wednesday, Sept. 13      10:30 a.m. 90 Days (food provided)

6:30 p.m. Confirmation Class

No Wednesday Choirs rehearsals this week.

Thursday, Sept. 14      10:00 a.m. Good Timers

11:30 a.m. Haiti Pastors Bible Study online

**Please note:** Worship & Music Committee has been rescheduled to meet Thursday, September 28, at 6:00 p.m.

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## Sunday, September 17

**9:30 a.m.** Sunday School Open House

Adult Sunday School Class

Jesus Glorifies God ~Psalm 119:113-128, John 7:14-24

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

Genesis 50:15-21, Psalm 103:1-12, Romans 14:1-12, Matthew 18:21-35

Sermon: *Bless the Lord, O My Soul*

**10:30 a.m.** Installation of Sunday School Teachers & Officers

**12 noon** Cauble Family Reunion (both fellowship halls)

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

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

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

*Deadline for October articles.*

*The Cauble Family has reserved the Altar Flowers for Sunday, September 17.*

**Those Serving in September**

**Altar Guild, Acolytes, Lay Readers, Communion Assistants:**

Jennifer & Scott Curlee

**Altar Guild, Lay Reader, Communion Assistant:** Cathy Painter

**Guitarists:** Paul Baker & Pastor Heidi Punt

**Ushers:**

Phil Cauble (HU), Larry Barringer, Morgan Deaton & Adam Thompson

**Offering Counters:**

Mary Elizabeth Earnhardt, Sonya Mulkey, & Vivian Sprinkle

*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!*

The Sunday School Teachers and Education Team of Union Lutheran Church invites everyone to a **Sunday School Open House** on **Sunday, September 17**, at **9:30 am** to meet their teachers, discover their classrooms, and review curriculum.

**Classes will take place every week before Sunday worship at 9:35 a.m.**

Join us for our fun **Open House** on **September 17 at 9:30 a.m.**

2023-2024 Sunday School Teachers & Officers will be installed during the worship service on September 17.

We need YOUR help to teach, train, and equip our children, youth, and adults! Contact Pastor Heidi or Sonya Mulkey for more information.

*Registration form for 2023-2024 Sunday School Classes for Pre-school-12<sup>th</sup> grade is located in the Narthex, from the church office, or enclosed in the September Messenger. Each year this information is filled out to assist with safety and record keeping.*

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**Finance Committee will meet Monday, September 18, at 6:00 p.m.**

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*Property, Cemetery, & Columbarium Committee will meet Thursday, September 21, at 6:30 p.m.*

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Join us for our **first annual Men's Carolinas Mission Region Retreat** from **September 22-24!** 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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*The Carolinas Lutheran Women (CLW) Council invites you to our 13th Annual Convocation on Saturday, September 23, at Holy Trinity Lutheran*

Church, 225 Morgan Street, Troutman (28166). Registration begins at 9:30 a.m. followed by the Convocation at 10:00 a.m.

Deadline to register is September 2. Registration fee is \$10.00. Please make checks payable to Carolinas Lutheran Women. **Registration form** enclosed in **September Messenger** *handout* or from the church office.

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**Sunday, September 24**

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

*Christmas is just around the corner! We need YOU to help us bring the spirit of Christmas and the message of Christ to our church and community!*

**9:35 a.m.** Sunday School Open House

Adult Sunday School Class: Jesus Prevents Two Stonings

Matthew 7:1-5, John 8:1-11, 39-59

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

with Rev. Judson Merrell, Guest Pastor

Isaiah 55:6-9; Psalm 27:1-9; Philippians 1:12-14, 19-30; Matthew 20:1-16

**10:30 a.m.** Dedication of Advent Paraments

**Following worship on Sunday, September 24,**

Union will enjoy a Punch and Pound Cake Pounding under the trees, weather permitting. Everyone is invited to bring a pound cake or dessert to share! Don't forget to bring a lounge chair.

Please contact Tara Davis if you can furnish a pound cake or dessert.

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

**4:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m.** Dan Nicholas Park (\$5 donation)

Luther League Middle & High School Youth

*Dawn Merrell has reserved the Altar Flowers for Sunday, September 24.*

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**Worship & Music Committee** will meet **Thursday, September 28, at 6:00 p.m.**

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*Congratulations to Andrea Gardener and Timothy Eagle on their upcoming wedding celebration on Saturday, September 30.*

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**Autumn Jubilee at Dan Nicholas Park**

Save the date for October 7-8, 2023 for the 42nd Annual Autumn Jubilee at Dan Nicholas Park! Autumn Jubilee attracts more than 50,000 visitors from across Rowan County and the state. Held the first weekend in October, the Autumn Jubilee celebrates the season with family fun, food, and craft vendors.

Dan Nicholas Park will donate **\$1,000** to the **Union Youth Fund** for assisting with **parking**. Please contact Thad Mulkey or Dusty Morgan, Sr., if you can participate all day or for a few hours on **Saturday** from **9:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.** or **Sunday** from **12 noon-4:00 p.m.**

## 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, Brenda Cauble, 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), Terry Holt (Frank & Dawn Merrell's friend), Pat Kluttz, Glenn & Betty Sue Lowder, Della Morgan (Pam Vellines' mother), Tim Shue (Larry & Karen Barringer's friend), Union Fire Department #76, Global Missions (Congo, Slovakia, and Haiti), & those affected by natural or political disasters especially the people in Hawaii

### *Stewardship Update*

<i>Current Fund Offering (8/27)</i>	<i>\$2,743.00</i>
<i>Sunday School (9/3)</i>	<i>28</i>
<i>Worship &amp; Holy Communion (9/3)</i>	<i>96</i>
<i>Current Fund Offering (9/3)</i>	<i>\$5,350.00</i>
<i>2023 Weekly offering needed to meet our Ministry Support plan</i>	<i>\$6,482.37</i>

### **How Can You Serve in September?**

**Two** opportunities during the month of September to **serve** the community.

The **Sunday School Classes** invites the congregation to serve the W.G. (Bill) Hefner Salisbury Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center. Items needed: snacks, sugar, and cream for their three coffee shops. Please place items in the Service Project Supply Closet in the small fellowship hall.

The **Social Ministries Committee** invites the congregation to assist the Salvation Army by donating canned goods (popped lids is a plus), peanut butter, non-perishable foods, or money. *Please place items on the front pew of the Sanctuary.*

### **Section 2: Service of the Word**

*The purpose of the **Service of the Word** is to present Christ to the assembled congregation as the people prepare to meet Him in His Word and Sacraments.*

*The **Service of the Word** begins with an **Entrance Hymn**. This song marks the actual beginning of the **Divine Service** as the pastor approaches the **altar**. The **altar** is the center and symbol of the Lord's presence among His people. This is where the body and the blood of Jesus is distributed. While an Entrance Hymn or Psalm may be sung, the most common beginning is to sing the Introit.*





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# Come Join Us

Sunday School Open House  
We have a class for you!



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Union Lutheran Church has experienced 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 or email the church office.

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

*This will be an all-year-round celebration with former Pastors or Sons and Daughters from our congregation coming to lead worship with us about every other month.*

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