



Union Lutheran Church

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21st Sunday after Pentecost

October 22, 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: *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name* (Cherwien)

GATHERING

* Brief Order for Confession & Forgiveness

LBW p. 56

1. *The minister leads the congregation in the invocation. The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

P In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen**

P Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C **Amen**

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Kneel/Stand

2. *Silence for reflection and self-examination.*

P Most merciful God,

C **we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen**

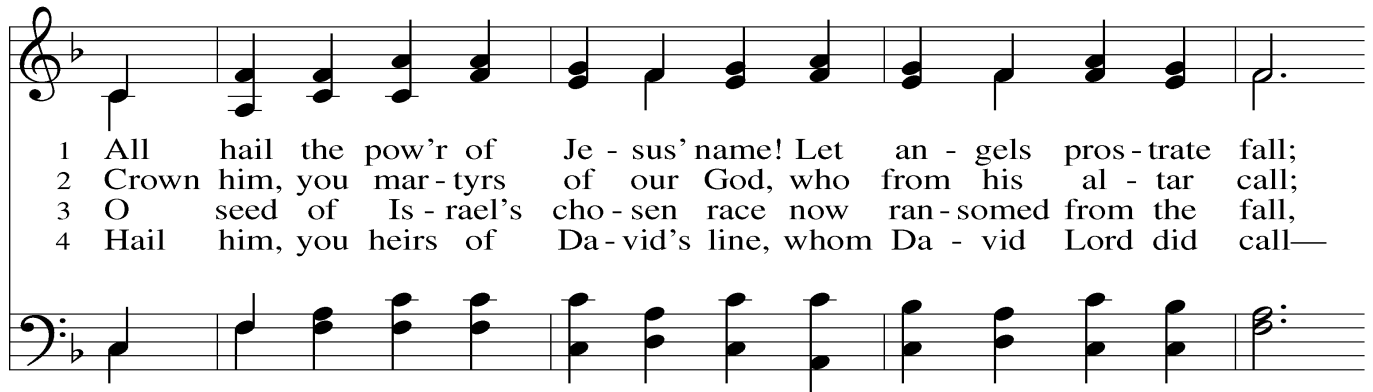
3. *The minister stands and addresses the congregation.*

P Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

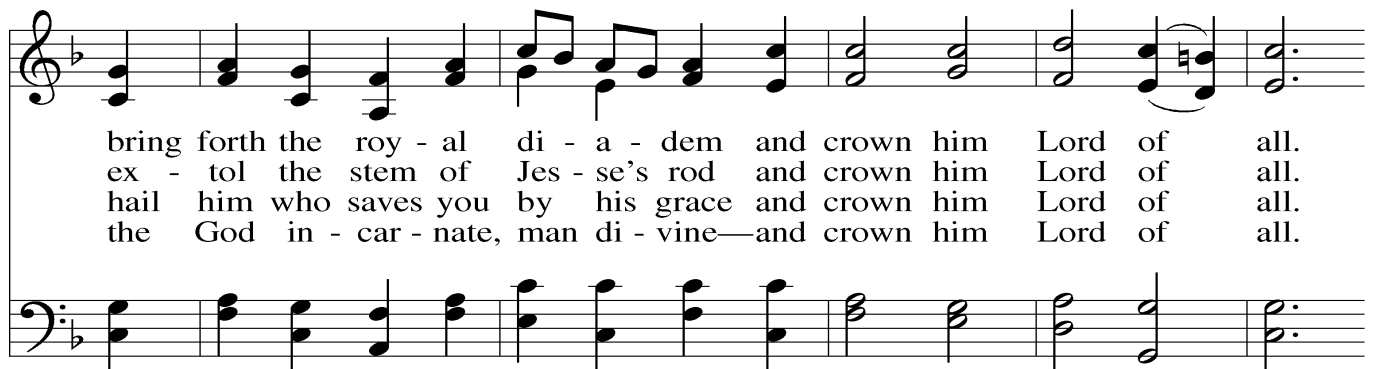
* Hymn: *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name*

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All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!



1 All hail the pow'r of Je - sus' name! Let an - gels pros - trate fall;
2 Crown him, you mar - tyrs of our God, who from his al - tar call;
3 O seed of Is - rael's cho - sen race now ran - somed from the fall,
4 Hail him, you heirs of Da - vid's line, whom Da - vid Lord did call—



bring forth the roy - al di - a - dem and crown him Lord of all.
ex - tol the stem of Jes - se's rod and crown him Lord of all.
hail him who saves you by his grace and crown him Lord of all.
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5 Sinners, whose love can ne'er forget
the wormwood and the gall,
go spread your trophies at his feet
and crown him Lord of all.

6 Let ev'ry kindred, ev'ry tribe
on this terrestrial ball
to him all majesty ascribe
and crown him Lord of all.

7 Oh, that with yonder sacred throng
we at his feet may fall!
We'll join the everlasting song
and crown him Lord of all.

* Greeting (*Kyrie is omitted this week.*)

LBW p. 57

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C **And also with you.**

* Hymn of Praise ("*Glory to God....*")

LBW p. 58-59

P Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.

C **Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father:**

We worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God:

You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

You are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,

you alone are the Most High,

Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen

* Salutation

LBW p. 62

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you**

* Prayer of the Day

P O God, our refuge and strength, since you yourself are the author of our devotion, graciously consider the devout prayers of your Church. May those things which we ask in faith effectively follow by your grace; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

WORD

Old Testament Lesson: Exodus 18:18-24

¹⁸ You and the people with you will certainly wear yourselves out, for the thing is too heavy for you. You are not able to do it alone. ¹⁹ Now obey my voice; I will give you advice, and God be with you! You shall represent the people before God and bring their cases to God, ²⁰ and you shall warn them about the statutes and the laws, and make them know the way in which they must walk and what they must do. ²¹ Moreover, look for able men from all the people, men who fear God, who are trustworthy and hate a bribe, and place such men over the people as chiefs of thousands, of hundreds, of fifties, and of tens. ²² And let them judge the people at all times. Every great matter they shall bring to you, but any small matter they shall decide themselves. So it will be easier for you, and they will bear the burden with you. ²³ If you do this, God will direct you, you will be able to endure, and all this people also will go to their place in peace." ²⁴ So Moses listened to the voice of his father-in-law and did all that he had said.

L Here ends the reading.

New Testament Lesson: 1 John 2:1-6

¹My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. ²He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world. ³And by this we know that we have come to know him, if we keep his commandments. ⁴Whoever says “I know him” but does not keep his commandments is a liar, and the truth is not in him, ⁵but whoever keeps his word, in him truly the love of God is perfected. By this we may know that we are in him: ⁶whoever says he abides in him ought to walk in the same way in which he walked.

L Here ends the reading.

Music: *Jesus Is My Lord* (Merrell)

Kids Choir

Children’s Message and Blessing of Communion Kits

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

LBW p. 62

C Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia, alleluia.

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the 8th chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

* Holy Gospel: Matthew 8:18-22

¹⁸Now when Jesus saw a crowd around him, he gave orders to go over to the other side. ¹⁹And a scribe came up and said to him, “Teacher, I will follow you wherever you go.” ²⁰And Jesus said to him, “Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head.” ²¹Another of the disciples said to him, “Lord, let me first go and bury my father.” ²²And Jesus said to him, “Follow me, and leave the dead to bury their own dead.”

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

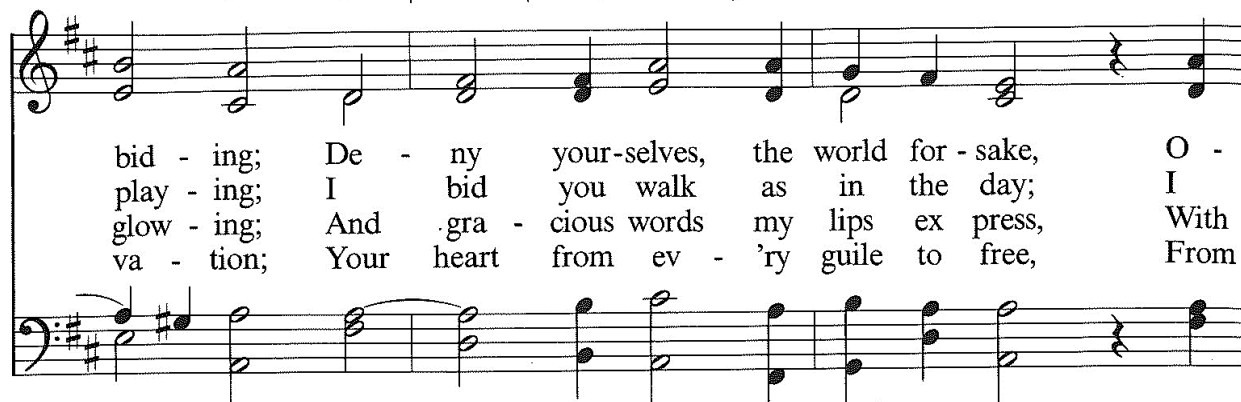
Sermon: *Come and Follow*

Pastor Heidi Punt

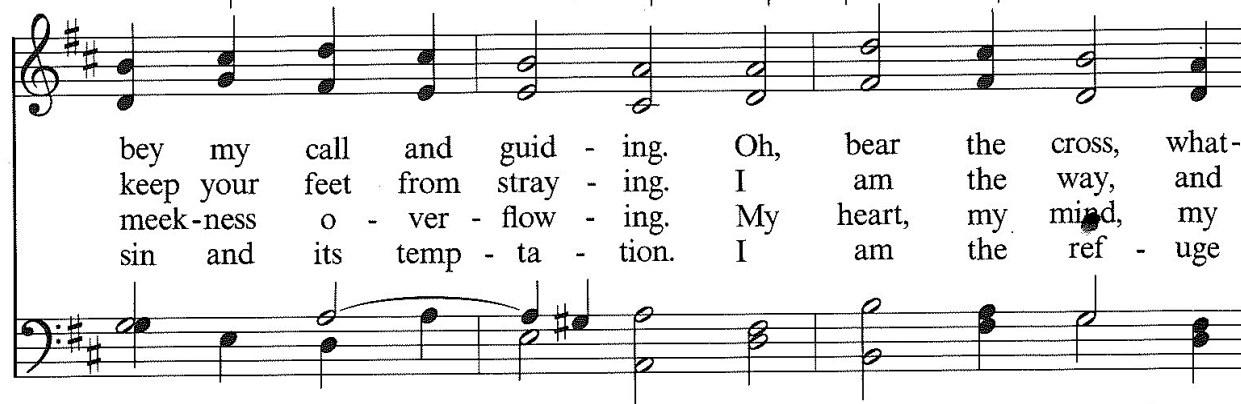
455 "Come, Follow Me," the Savior Spake



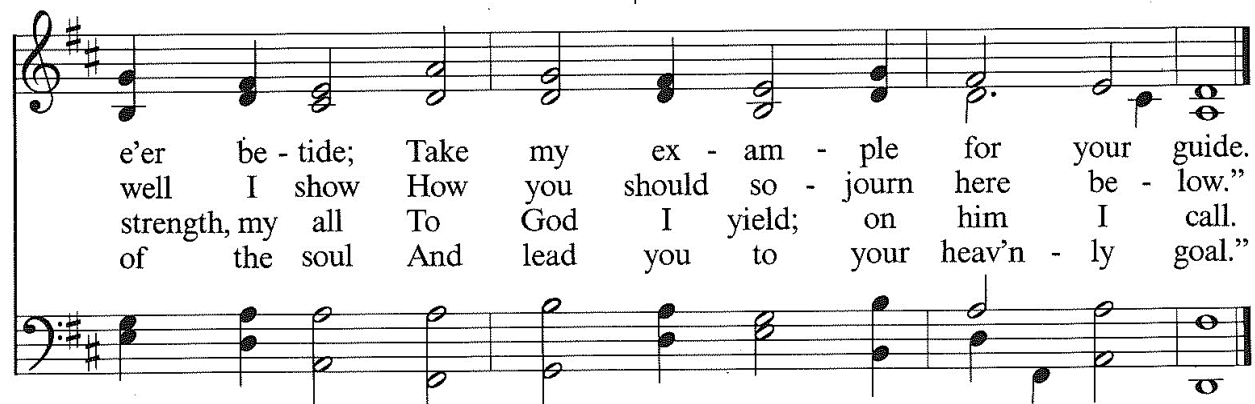
1 "Come, fol - low me," the Sav - ior spake, "All in my way a -
 2 "I am the light; I light the way, A god - ly life dis -
 3 My heart a - bounds in low - li - ness; My soul with love is
 4 "I teach you how to shun and flee What harms your soul's sal -



bid - ing; De - ny your - selves, the world for - sake, O -
 play - ing; I bid you walk as in the day; I
 glow - ing; And gra - cious words my lips ex press, With
 va - tion; Your heart from ev - 'ry guile to free, From



bey my call and guid - ing. Oh, bear the cross, what -
 keep your feet from stray - ing. I am the way, and
 meek - ness o - ver - flow - ing. My heart, my mind, my
 sin and its temp - ta - tion. I am the ref - uge



e'er be - tide; Take my ex - am - ple for your guide.
 well I show How you should so - journ here be - low."
 strength, my all To God I yield; on him I call.
 of the soul And lead you to your heav'n - ly goal."

5 Then let us follow Christ, our Lord,
 And take the cross appointed,
 And, firmly clinging to his Word,

In suffering be undaunted.
 For those who bear the battle's strain
 The crown of heav'nly life obtain.

P Let us profess our faith by speaking the words of the Apostles' Creed.

**C I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

He descended into hell.*

On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven,

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the holy catholic Church,**

the communion of saints,

the forgiveness of sins,

the resurrection of the body,

and the life everlasting. Amen

* *Or*, He descended to the dead.

***Or*, the holy Christian Church,

* Prayer of the Church & Sharing of the Peace

LBW p. 65-66

P Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

For Christian Community

God of love, you gather us together by the power of the Holy Spirit into Christian community. Give us the willingness to work together for the sake of the Gospel, hearing your voice guiding us in all we do as we serve the world you love. Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

For Seeking the Light

As daylight diminishes and the night's darkness lengthens, keep us ever mindful of the light we have in Christ. Move us to seek the wisdom of your word, which is the light unto our paths. Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

For Local Ministries

Holy God, you have given us all good gifts and have equipped us to serve our neighbors in your name. Give us the creativity, inspiration, and resources to accomplish the mission set before us. Help us to discern where we are needed and also where we are not needed. Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

For the Promise of Eternal Life

Lord Jesus, you prepare a place for us even in the presence of our last enemy, death itself. We thank you for leading safely home all those who listened to your voice in this earthly life

[especially ...]. Keep us close to your side and lead us to that place where we shall dwell with you and all the redeemed and feast at your heavenly table forever. Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

The prayers conclude:

P Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C **Amen**

* Sharing of the Peace

LBW p. 66

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **And also with you.**

Offering The Offering is received as the Lord's Table is prepared. All loose offering will go towards the Youth Missions/Retreats Fund. During the month of October, the Benevolence Teaching Moment is on Lutheran Services Carolinas. Please prayerfully consider giving to the Benevolence Fund.

Anthem: *No Hands but Ours* (Williams)

Chancel Choir

MEAL

* Offertory ("*Let the Vineyards be fruitful Lord...*")

LBW p. 66

C **Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord,
and fill to the brim our cup of blessing.
Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown,
that we may be fed with the bread of life.
Gather the hopes and the dreams of all;
unite them with the prayers we offer now.
Grace our table with your presence, and give us
a foretaste of the feast to come.**

* Offertory Prayer

LBW p. 67

A Let us pray. Merciful Father,

C **we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us--our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

* Great Thanksgiving

LBW p. 68

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

C **We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give him thanks and praise.

P It is indeed right and salutary . . . (*Here the minister continues with the preface appropriate to the day or season, concluding:*) we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

* Sanctus (*"Holy, Holy, Holy Lord..."*)

LBW p. 69

**C Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might:
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

* Words of Institution

LBW p. 69

P In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

* Lord's Prayer

LBW p. 71

**C Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,**

on earth as it is in heaven.

**Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen**

Lamb of God (*"Lamb of God, you take away..."*)

LBW p. 72

**C Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.**

Distribution of Communion

All are welcome to receive the Lord's Body and Blood who are baptized and believe that Jesus Christ, crucified and risen, is truly present in, with and under the form of bread and wine for the forgiveness of sins, life and salvation. 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

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C **Amen**

* Post-Communion Canticle (*"Thank the Lord..."*)

LBW p. 72-73

C **Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev'ryone what he has done.**

Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and proudly bear his name.

He recalls his promises and leads his people forth in joy

with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia. Alleluia.

* Post-Communion Prayer

LBW p. 74

A Let us pray. Pour out upon us the spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of those whom you have fed with one heavenly food; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C **Amen**

SENDING

* Benediction

LBW p. 74

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.

C **Amen**

Now Thank We All Our God

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1 Now thank we all our God With hearts and hands and
2 Oh, may this boun - teous God Through all our life be
3 All praise and thanks to God The Fa - ther now be

voic - es, Who won-drous things has done, In whom his world re -
near us, With ev - er joy - ful hearts And bless - ed peace to
giv - en, The Son, and him who reigns With them in high - est

joic - es; Who, from our moth - ers' arms, Has blest us on our
cheer us, And keep us in his grace, And guide us when per -
heav - en, The one e - ter - nal God, Whom earth and heav'n a -

way With count-less gifts of love, And still is ours to - day.
plexed, And free us from all harm In this world and the next.
dore; For thus it was, is now, And shall be ev - er - more.

* 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: *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name* (Krouse)

The ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God in honor of Faye Kesler and in loving memory of Bob Kesler by Linda Kesler and Aaron Butler.

Stewardship Update

<i>Sunday School (10/15)</i>	32
<i>Worship & Holy Communion (10/15)</i>	88
<i>Current Fund Offering (10/15)</i>	\$4,615.00
<i>2023 Weekly offering needed to meet our Ministry Support plan</i>	\$6,482.37

Those Serving in October

Acolytes: Morgan Deaton, Dusty Morgan Jr. & Adam Thompson

Altar Guild: Sonya Mulkey & Janet Overcash

Communion Assistants: Kevin Huffman, Sonya Mulkey & Doris Shepherd

Lay Readers: Ashley & Morgan Deaton, Doris Shepherd

Ushers: Phil Cauble, Matt Miller, Addison Queen & Ron Vellines

Offering Counters: Tara Davis, Cathy Painter & Ron 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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Tuesdays, October 24-November 28

6:30 p.m. Faith Formation (small fellowship hall)

Wednesdays, October 25-November 29

10:30 a.m. Faith Formation (small fellowship hall)

In order to encourage you to be more intentional in living out the Great Commission, ULC will be engaging in a Faith Formation experience. An important part of this engaging is everyone in learning how to have discipling conversations with others in ways that are faithful and natural. Faith Formation however, is about more than simply learning techniques or offering conversation starters. Though we can teach someone how to proclaim the Good News of Jesus, we cannot implant the desire to share the Gospel with Others. Only the Holy Spirit can do that. For this reason, the study is intended to be an experience rather than a course. Yes, it will engage the mind in sound learning but the ultimate goals are to change hearts and implant a deep desire to live out the Great Commission in our personal and congregational lives.

*The entire community is invited on **Friday, October 27**, at **6:00 p.m.** for **Union Lutheran Church's Trunk or Treat**. On Friday, October 27, our parking lot will be turned into the **BEST PLACE to Trick or Treat in Salisbury!** Come on by and walk from car to car to get great candy, hotdogs (while they last!), car trunks decorated for the holiday and just all around good, safe fun! The event is **FREE!** Volunteers are needed to prepare trunks and for the event! Contact Person: **Dusty Morgan, Sr.***

Pastor Heidi Punt will travel to South Africa on Saturday, November 4, and return home on November 18.

While Pastor Heidi is out of the country Rev. Dr. Jarrod Lanning, Lay Ministers, and church office will be available to assist with any concerns that arise.

Section 2: Service of the Word ~ Collect of the Day

*The **Collect of the Day** "collects" in a concise and beautiful manner the Gospel message for the day. Most of these prayers have been in continuous use in the Church for more than 1,500 years. In the **Collect of the Day**, we join with the great body of believers, the communion of saints, and with the generations yet to come. The congregation makes the **collect** its own with its "Amen."*



(A Simple Explanation of the Church Service, Concordia Publishing House, page 11)

Union News

Sunday, October 22

9:15 a.m. Kids Choir (5th grade and younger)

9:35 a.m. Sunday School

The Pointing Prophet ~ Matthew 3; John 1:29-34

Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world! John 1:29

Adult Sunday School Class:

Spirit and Flesh ~ Ephesians 1:3-14, Galatians 3:1-18

10:30 a.m. Worship & Holy Communion

Exodus 18:18-24, 1 John 2:1-6, Matthew 8:18-22, Sermon: *Come and Follow*

2:30 p.m. Union & Salem Youth

4:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m. Luther League for at Organ Lutheran Church

Middle & High School Youth are asked to please pick up the NALC Continental Youth form from Pastor Heidi.

November Messenger Articles deadline to the church office.

Deadline to turn in supplies for Flood Buckets.

This Weeks' Activities:

Tuesday, Oct. 24	6:30 p.m. Faith Formation (small fellowship hall)
Wednesday, Oct. 25	10:30 a.m. Faith Formation (small fellowship hall) 6:30 p.m. Belles & Beaus 7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir
Thursday, Oct. 26	7:30 p.m. Trunk or Treat setup
Friday, Oct. 27	6:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m. Trunk or Treat
Saturday, Oct. 28	10:30 a.m. NALC Disaster Flood Buckets assembly at Holy Trinity, Troutman

Pastor Heidi Punt will be out of the office this week.

No Confirmation Class this week.

Reformation Sunday, October 29

9:15 a.m. Kids Choir (5th grade and younger)

9:35 a.m. Sunday School

A Temple Cleansing ~ John 2:13-22

Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly. Colossians 3:16

Adult Sunday School Class:

Freedom as an Heir ~ Genesis 12:1-9, Galatians 3:19-4:7

10:30 a.m. Worship & Holy Communion

Genesis 1:26-31, Psalm 46:1-11, Romans 3:19-28, Matthew 28:18-20

Sermon: *Go!*

We are excited to have some of the Appalachian State University Brass members joining us for worship next Sunday, October 29.

Reformation Sunday, October 29 (continued)

Time change: 5:00 p.m. Union & Salem Youth at Pastor Heidi's Cabin
(207 Mr. Henry Road, Mocsksville, NC 27028)

Kay Morgan has reserved the Altar Flowers for Reformation Sunday, October 29.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER...

Nursing Home Residents – Brenda Mahaley, Ruth Monroe, Jean Ray & Jay Rusher (Autumn Care)

Homebound Members – Sarah Bame, Arnold Cauble, Tom Cole, Kiki Deaton, Rachel Earnhardt, Pete Honbarrier, Glenn Honeycutt, Jr., Tommy & Joan Kerns, Teresa Kesler, James & Jean Kluttz, Pat Kluttz, Glenn Lowder, Frances Norris, William Page, Rev. TC & Mary Plexico, Macky Swicegood, Effie Vellines, Billy Waller & Michael Walton

Sick/Surgery/Recovery – Brenda Cauble, John Knight, Sharon Moore, Doris Page, Doug Peeler, Sylvia Peeler & Wayne Vellines

Continual Prayer – Braxton (grandson of the Blue Waters Roseman Family), Jim Baker (Genevieve Baker's uncle), 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), Amy Harrison & Jesse Morgan, Jr., Nickie Hedrick (Cathy Painther's friend & co-worker), Terry Holt (Frank & Dawn Merrell's friend), David Mitchell (Pete Nguyen's friend), Della Morgan (Pam Vellines' mother), Nguyen Duc Nguyen (Pete Nguyen's father), Tim Shue (Larry & Karen Barringer's friend), Susan and Ben Smith (Cathy Painther's sister and brother in law), Scotty "Smiley" Trexler (Pete Nguyen's co-worker), Union Fire Department #76, Global Missions (Congo, Slovakia, and Haiti), & those affected by natural or political disasters

Confirmands: Caylea Cline, Mallory Eagle, Landon Kesler, and Noah Trexler

In October, how can you serve? Two opportunities...

1) The **Sunday School Department** invites the congregation to serve the VA in Salisbury. Items needed are personal care, clothes, snacks, and puzzle books, etc. Please see the list around the church for more specific details and place donations in the Service Project Supply Closet in the small fellowship hall. Questions, ask Judy Boyd or the church office.

2) The Social Ministry Committee invites the congregation in October to donate items to replenish **FLOOD BUCKETS** for the **Disaster Response** at Holy Trinity, Troutman, on Saturday, October 28, at 10:30 a.m. **Flood Buckets items** needed: five-gallon bucket with lid, 1 jug bleach (1/2 gal. or smaller), 2 large trash bags (Contractor 3 mil), 1 roll paper towels, 2 rags, Comet or scouring cleanser, Pine Sol or liquid cleaner, scrub brush, gloves: 1 pair each, size L preferred • rubber (reusable, i.e. Platex, dishwashing type) • leather • cotton.

Deadline to turn in the supplies for the Disaster Response is today, Sunday, October 22.
