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**23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

November 5, 2023

10:30 a.m. Worship

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

L=Liturgist, C=Congregation, LR=Lay Reader

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Welcome & Announcements

Prelude: *God Himself Is Present* (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.*

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

C **Amen**

L 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**

L 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.

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

L 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.*

L In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for you, and for his sake God forgives you all your sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ he gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit.

C Amen

\* Hymn: *God Himself Is Present*

LBW# 249

## God Himself Is Present

1 God him-self is pres-ent; let us now a-dore him and with awe ap-  
2 God him-self is pres-ent; hear the harps re-sound-ing; see the hosts the  
3 Light of light e-ter-nal, all things pen-e-trat-ing, for your rays our  
4 Come, ce-les-tial Be-ing, make our hearts your dwell-ing, ev-'ry car-nal

pear be-fore him! God is in his tem-ple; all with-in keep si-lence,  
throne sur-round-ing! "Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly!" Hear the hymn as-cend-ing,  
soul is wait-ing. As the ten-der flow-ers, will-ing-ly un-fold-ing,  
thought dis-pel-ling. By your Ho-ly Spir-it sanc-ti-fy us tru-ly,

pros-trate lie with deep-est rev-'rence. Him a-lone God we own,  
songs of saints and an-gels blend-ing. Bow your ear to us here:  
to the sun their fac-es hold-ing: e-ven so would we do,  
teach-ing us to love you on-ly. Where we go here be-low,

him, our God and Sav-ior; praise his name for-ev-er!  
hear, O Christ, the prais-es that your church now rais-es.  
light from you ob-tain-ing, strength to serve you gain-ing.  
let us bow be-fore you and in truth a-dore you.

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

LBW p. 57

L 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

L 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

L The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

\* Prayer of the Day

L Stir up, O Lord, the wills of your faithful people to see more eagerly the help you offer, that, at the last, they may enjoy the fruit of salvation; through our Lord, Jesus Christ.

C **Amen**

## WORD

Old Testament Lesson: Isaiah 5:1-7

Let me sing for my beloved my love song concerning his vineyard: My beloved had a vineyard on a very fertile hill. <sup>2</sup>He dug it and cleared it of stones, and planted it with choice vines; he built a watchtower in the midst of it, and hewed out a wine vat in it; and he looked for it to yield grapes, but it yielded wild grapes. <sup>3</sup>And now, O inhabitants of Jerusalem and men of Judah, judge between me and my vineyard. <sup>4</sup>What more was there to do for my vineyard, that I have not done in it? When I looked for it to yield grapes, why did it yield wild grapes? <sup>5</sup>And now I will tell you what I will do to my vineyard. I will remove its hedge, and it shall be devoured; I will break down its wall, and it shall be trampled down. <sup>6</sup>I will make it a waste; it shall not be pruned or hoed, and briars and thorns shall grow up; I will also command the clouds that they rain no rain upon it. <sup>7</sup>For the vineyard of the LORD of hosts is the house of Israel, and the men of Judah are his pleasant planting; and he looked for justice, but behold, bloodshed; for righteousness, but behold, an outcry!

LR Here ends the reading.

Psalm 118:19-24 *read responsively*

LR <sup>19</sup> Open to me the gates of righteousness,  
that I may enter through them and give thanks to the LORD.

C <sup>20</sup> **This is the gate of the LORD;  
the righteous shall enter through it.**

LR <sup>21</sup> I thank you that you have answered me  
and have become my salvation.

C <sup>22</sup> **The stone that the builders rejected  
has become the cornerstone.**

LR <sup>23</sup> This is the LORD's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.

C <sup>24</sup> **This is the day that the LORD has made;  
let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

New Testament Lesson: Philippians 3:12-21

<sup>12</sup> Not that I have already obtained this or am already perfect, but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. <sup>13</sup> Brothers, I do not consider that I have made it my own. But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, <sup>14</sup> I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus. <sup>15</sup> Let those of us who are mature think this way, and if in anything you think otherwise, God will reveal that also to you. <sup>16</sup> Only let us hold true to what we have attained. <sup>17</sup> Brothers, join in imitating me, and keep your eyes on those who walk according to the example you have in us. <sup>18</sup> For many, of whom I have often told you and now tell you even with tears, walk as enemies of the cross of Christ. <sup>19</sup> Their end is destruction, their god is their belly, and they glory in their shame, with minds set on earthly things. <sup>20</sup> But our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>21</sup> who will transform our lowly body to be like his glorious body, by the power that enables him even to subject all things to himself.

LR Here ends the reading.

Children's Message

\* Gospel Acclamation (*"Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go..."*) LBW p. 63

C **Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?  
You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia, alleluia.**

L The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark the 12<sup>th</sup> chapter.

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

\* Holy Gospel: Mark 12:1-12

And he began to speak to them in parables. “A man planted a vineyard and put a fence around it and dug a pit for the winepress and built a tower, and leased it to tenants and went into another country. <sup>2</sup> When the season came, he sent a servant to the tenants to get from them some of the fruit of the vineyard. <sup>3</sup> And they took him and beat him and sent him away empty-handed. <sup>4</sup> Again he sent to them another servant, and they struck him on the head and treated him shamefully. <sup>5</sup> And he sent another, and him they killed. And so with many others: some they beat, and some they killed. <sup>6</sup> He had still one other, a beloved son. Finally he sent him to them, saying, ‘They will respect my son.’ <sup>7</sup> But those tenants said to one another, ‘This is the heir. Come, let us kill him, and the inheritance will be ours.’ <sup>8</sup> And they took him and killed him and threw him out of the vineyard. <sup>9</sup> What will the owner of the vineyard do? He will come and destroy the tenants and give the vineyard to others. <sup>10</sup> Have you not read this Scripture: “‘The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; <sup>11</sup> this was the Lord's doing, and it is marvelous in our eyes’?” <sup>12</sup> And they were seeking to arrest him but feared the people, for they perceived that he had told the parable against them. So they left him and went away.

L The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Message: *Faithful Follower or Terrible Tenant*

Keith Thrasher

# Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation

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1 Christ is made the sure foun - da - tion, Christ, our head and  
2 To this tem - ple, where we call you, come, O Lord of  
3 Grant, we pray, to all your faith - ful all the gifts they  
4 Praise and hon - or to the Fa - ther, praise and hon - or

cor - ner - stone, cho - sen of the Lord and pre - cious,  
hosts, and stay; come with all your lov - ing - kind - ness,  
ask to gain; what they gain from you, for - ev - er  
to the Son, praise and hon - or to the Spir - it,

bind - ing all the Church in one; ho - ly Zi - on's  
hear your peo - ple as they pray; and your full - est  
with the bless - ed to re - tain; and here - af - ter  
ev - er three and ev - er one: one in might and

help for - ev - er and our con - fi - dence a - lone.  
ben - e - dic - tion shed with - in these walls to - day.  
in your glo - ry ev - er - more with you to reign.  
one in glo - ry while un - end - ing a - ges run!

\* Apostles' Creed

LBW p. 65

L 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,*

### Offering

*All loose offering will go towards the Social Ministry Fund. During the month of November, the Benevolence Teaching Moment is on Congo Mission International. Please prayerfully consider giving to the Benevolence Fund.*

Anthem: *Sing to the Lord, Rejoice!* (Telemann)

Chancel Choir

\* Offertory (*"Create in me a clean heart..."*)

LBW p. 75

**C Create in me a clean heart, O God,  
and renew a right spirit within me.**

**Cast me not away from your presence,  
and take not your Holy Spirit from me.**

**Restore to me the joy of your salvation,  
and uphold me with your free Spirit.**

\* Prayer of the Church

LBW p. 76

L Let us pray. O Lord our God, you have commanded the light to shine out of darkness, and you have again brought us to your house of prayer to praise your goodness and ask for your gifts. Accept now in your endless mercy the sacrifice of our worship and thanksgiving, and grant us those requests which will be wholesome for us. Make us to be children of the light and of the day and heirs of your everlasting inheritance. Remember, O Lord, according to the multitude of your mercies, your whole Church, all who join with us in prayer, all our sisters and brothers wherever they may be in your vast kingdom who stand in need of your help and comfort. Pour out upon them the riches of your mercy, so that we, redeemed in soul and body and steadfast in faith, may ever praise your wonderful and holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and always through all ages of ages.

C **Amen**

\* Lord's Prayer

LBW p. 76

L Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

C **Our Father in heaven,**

**hallowed be your name,**

**your kingdom come,**

**your will be done,**

**on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread.**

**Forgive us our sins**

**as we forgive those who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial**

**and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,**

**now and forever. Amen**

SENDING

\* Benediction

LBW p. 76

L 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**



# On Our Way Rejoicing

1 On our way re - joic - ing glad - ly let us go.  
2 Un - to God the Fa - ther joy - ful songs we sing;

Christ our Lord has con - quered; van - quished is the foe.  
un - to God the Sav - ior thank - ful hearts we bring;

Christ with - out, our safe - ty; Christ with - in, our joy;  
un - to God the Spir - it bow we and a - dore,

who, if we be faith - ful, can our hope de - stroy?  
on our way re - joic - ing now and ev - er - more.

*Refrain*

On our way re - joic - ing; as we for - ward move,

hear - ken to our prais - es, O blest God of love!

\* Sending

L You have been nurtured in Word now go therefore and make disciples of all nations

C **Baptizing them in the name of the Father, Son and of the Holy Spirit.**

L Union Lutheran Church you are sent!

C **Amen, amen, amen**



Postlude: *Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation* (Cherwien)

*The ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God and in honor of Derrick Thompson (October 9) and Sharon Leazer (November 7) on their birthdays by Ruby Leazer.*

**Those Serving in November**

**Guest:** Keith Thrasher

*We welcome Keith Thrasher to worship today!*

**Liturgist:** Pete Nguyen

**Acolytes:** Robyn Arey, Jordan & Mallory Eagle

**Altar Guild:** Robyn Arey & Mary Hutchens

**Lay Readers Nov. 5, 19 & 26 (10:30 a.m.):**

Robyn Arey, Mary Elizabeth Earnhardt & Vicki Hunter

**Children's Message:** Genevieve Baker

**Ushers Nov. 5, 19 & 26 (10:30 a.m.):**

Phil Cauble, Elbert Kluttz, Ali Davis & Don Davis

**Offering Counters:**

Mary Elizabeth Earnhardt, Sonya Mulkey & Vivian Sprinkle

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

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*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.*

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## Union News

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### **Sunday, November 5**

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

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

The Born-Again Truth ~ John 3:1-21

*For God so loved the world, that He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.*

Adult Sunday School Class:

Freedom from Expectations ~ Acts 15:1-21, 17:22-34

**10:30 a.m.** Worship with Keith Thrasher, Guest

Isaiah 5:1-7, Psalm 118:19-24, Philippians 3:12-21, Mark 12:1-12

Sermon: *Faithful Follower or Terrible Tenant*

*The Middle & High School Youth will head to St. Peter's, Lexington, SC following lunch to participate in the Luther Games and defend their title!*

**Please note:** Christian Ed, Sunday School & Youth meeting has been postponed till a later date.

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### **This Weeks' Activities:**

Wednesday, November 8

6:30 p.m. Belles & Beaus

7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir

Thursday, November 9

10:00 a.m. Good Timers

Please bring a written description of a

Thanksgiving tradition and/or recipes

Lunch: Lakeview restaurant

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### **Sunday, November 12**

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

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

Living Water ~ John 4:1-42

*Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life. (John 3:36)*

Adult Sunday School Class: Freedom to Love

Matthew 22:33-40, Romans 13:8-10, 1 Corinthians 13:8-13

**10:30 a.m.** Worship with our Youth Leading

Jeremiah 1:4-9, Ephesians 3:14-20, Matthew 15:22-33

*Recognition of our Veterans*

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

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

*Debbie Rinehart has reserved the Altar Flowers for Sunday, November 12.*

The following list has been compiled and will be provided with the bulletin next Sunday, November 12, in honor of our Veterans.

Please contact the church with any additions or corrections by Wednesday, November 8, to be included in the bulletin. Thank you!

**Veterans** on records: Clyde Agner\*\*\*, Homer Agner\*\*\*, John Franklin Agner\*\*\*, Lewis Agner\*\*\*, Robert G. Agner\*\*\*, Vonnie Agner\*\*\*, Abraham Arey\*\*\*, John Calvin Bame\*\*\*, John E. Bame\*\*\*, Frank Bankett\*\*\*, George Barringer, Sr.\*\*\*, John W. Barringer, Jr.\*\*\*, Wilbert Boger\*\*\*, Carl Brady\*\*\*, Bill Broadway\*\*, Charles Cauble\*\*, Jenna Cauble\*, John F. Cauble, Sr.\*\*, Mark Cauble\*\*, Raymond Cauble\*\*\*, Rev. Scott Cauble\*\*, Paul Coughenour\*\*, Edwin Denker\*\*\*, Glenn F. Eagle\*\*, Benjamin Earnhardt\*\*\*, Brantley Earnhardt Jr.\*\*, Clifford Earnhardt, Jr.\*\*\*, Council Earnhardt\*\*\*, Dietz Earnhardt\*\*\*, James Earnhardt\*\*\*, Edward Efird\*\*\*, Samuel Eller\*\*\*, Caitlin Freeman\*, Charles Frick\*\*, Rev. Vernon Frick\*\*\*, J.L. Hoffner\*\*\*, Robert Hoffner\*\*\*, Charles Huffman\*\*\*, Mark Hunter\*\*, Steve Hutchens\*\*, Thomas Kerns\*\*, Bill Kesler\*\*\*, Carl Kesler\*\*\*, Clinton Kesler\*\*\*, John Kesler\*\*, Marvin Kesler\*\*\*, Melvin Kesler\*\*\*, Robert "Bob" Kesler\*\*\*, J.L. Ketchie\*\*\*, Adam Kluttz\*\*, Elbert Kluttz\*\*, Everette Kluttz\*\*\*, Henry Kluttz\*\*\*, Jesse Kluttz\*\*\*, Samuel Kluttz\*\*\*, William Kluttz\*\*\*, John Knight\*\*, Jack Lanning\*\*, Jerry Lambert\*\*, Wade Leazer\*\*, William Leonard\*\*\*, Rev. Aaron Lippard\*\*\*, Glenn Lowder\*\*, Robert Lyerly\*\*\*, Tex Lyerly\*\*\*, Wilbert Lyerly\*\*, Arnold Mahaley\*\*\*, Dietz Mahaley\*\*\*, Howard Martin\*\*\*, A Duran Merrell\*\*, Allen Merrell\*\*\*, Harry S. Merrell\*\*\*, Lanny Merrell\*\*, Thomas Merrell\*\*\*, Lloyd Miller\*\*, Fred Monroe\*\*\*, Clyde Morgan\*\*\*, Eddie Morgan\*\*, Lanny Morgan\*\*\*, Clemmie Norris\*\*\*, Marvin Nunn\*\*, Billy Oddie, William Page\*\*, Grant Peeler, Sr.\*\*\*, Paul Peeler\*\*\*, Vernon Plyler\*\*\*, Murphy Poole\*\*\*, Gerald Reid\*\*\*, Kenneth Rinehart\*\*\*, Robert Shamel\*\*\*, R.M. Shamel\*\*\*, Larry Shepherd\*\*\*, Tonya Shepherd-Darling\*\*, Jerry Taylor\*\*, George Lawson Troutman\*\*\*, Frederick Waller\*\*\*, Milas Walton\*\*\*, Richard Walton\*\*\*, Walter Ross Walton\*\*\*, Benjamin Wise\*\*\*, and James W. Vellines\*\*\*

Currently serving\*, served and alive\*\*, served and passed away\*\*\*

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**UPCOMING NOVEMBER EVENTS:**

**Tuesday, November 14**

**2:00 p.m.** Mary & Martha Circle at the church

Please bring fruit and useful items for our shut-ins Thanksgiving bowls

Contact: Deena Lanning

**Wednesday, November 15**

**6:30 p.m.** Belles & Beaus

**7:30 p.m.** Chancel Choir

**Thursday, November 16**

**6:30 p.m.** Property, Cemetery & Columbarium Committee

**Saturday, November 18**

**8:30 a.m.** The Great Rake

On **Saturday, November 18**, we're going to be a blessing to a few in our church body and community who could really use the extra hand. Families are welcome to join us too! This is a great opportunity to be the "hands and feet of Christ" in a practical way. We will meet at the church parking lot at **8:30 a.m.**, and load the vehicles, and try to be on the road to head over to the first house by 9:00 a.m. **What to Bring:** Rakes, Work Gloves, Warm Clothes, Leaf Blower, and any other yard equipment

**All Saints Sunday, November 19**

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

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

The Poolside Sign ~ John 5:1-7 ~ *Jesus Christ heals you.* Acts 9:34

Adult Sunday School Class:

Freedom from the World ~ Leviticus 25:8-17, Colossians 2:6-23

**10:30 a.m.** Worship & Holy Communion and *Remembering Our Saints*

Revelation 7:2-17, Psalm 149:1-9, 1 John 3:1-3, Matthew 5:1-12

Sermon: *The Story of Salvation...to be continued*

The Annual Meeting of the congregation of Union Lutheran Church will be held in the Sanctuary on Sunday, November 19, following worship.

The agenda will include: Adoption of the Proposed 2024 Ministry Support Plan, Election of four Council members for a three-year term, Election of Delegate and Alternate for the Carolinas Mission Region/Piedmont East (May 3-4, 2024), Election of Delegate and Alternate for the North American Lutheran Church online gathering (August 9, 2024), and any other business brought forward.

Per ULC Constitution, voting by proxy or absentee ballot is not permitted. Associate members are not eligible to vote.

Voting members are active confirmed members who have communed and contributed of record at least once in the current and preceding year.

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

**3:30 p.m.** Middle & High School Youth preparation for worship at 4:00 p.m.

**4:00 p.m.** Thanksgiving Service

Deadline to turn in NALC Continental Youth Gathering intent form.

Deadline for December Messenger articles.

*Sharon Leazer has reserved the Altar Flowers for Sunday, November 19.*

## **Faith Formation**

Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m. (November 21 & 28)

Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m. (November 22 & 29)

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. For this reason, the study is intended to be an experience rather than a course.

*Our Love and Sympathy is extended to Jack Lanning and Family on the death of his nephew, Shawn Kevin Linthicum.*

### **PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER...**

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

**Homebound/Shut-ins Members** – Sarah Bame, Arnold Cauble, Rachel Earnhardt, Tommy & Joan Kerns, Teresa Kesler, James & Jean Kluttz, Glenn Lowder, Frances Norris, William Page, Rev. TC & Mary Plexico, Macky Swicegood, Effie Vellines, Billy Waller & Michael Walton

**Sick/Surgery/Recovery** – Brenda Cauble, Glenn Eagle, Glenn Honeycutt, Jr., John Knight, Sharon Moore, Kay Morgan, Doris Page, Doug Peeler, Sylvia Peeler, Wayne Vellines & Pat Wiles

**Continual Prayer** – Jim Baker (Genevieve Baker's uncle), Evonne Batten, Nancy Ballew (Kat Clifton's mother), Pr. George Bradshaw (Junior Morgan's Pastor Friend), Bill Broadway, Earleene Goodman (Tommy Goodman's mother), Amy Harrison & Jesse Morgan, Jr., Nickie Hedrick (Cathy Painter's friend & co-worker), Terry Holt (Frank & Dawn Merrell's friend), Pat Kluttz, 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 Painter'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

## How Can You Serve in November?

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, contact Judy Boyd or the church office.

### **Section 2: Service of the Word ~ Scripture Readings**

The **Old Testament** reading teaches us about God's work in the Old Testament. There, we hear the prophecies of the Messiah who would come that all people might once again be brought back to God.

The **Gradual** is a portion of the **Psalm** or other Scripture passage that provides a response after the **Old Testament** reading.

(A Simple Explanation of the Church Service, Concordia Publishing House, page 12)



### **Stewardship Update**

<i>Sunday School (10/29)</i>	50
<i>Worship &amp; Holy Communion (10/29)</i>	92
<i>Current Fund Offering (10/29)</i>	\$3,993.00
<i>2023 Weekly offering needed to meet our Ministry Support plan</i>	\$6,482.37