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5th Sunday of Easter

April 28, 2024

10:30 a.m. Worship & Holy Communion

*(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: *Love Divine, all Loves Excelling* (Manz)

GATHERING

* Invocation

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

C **Amen.**

* Confession and Forgiveness

P Christ is risen!

C **He is risen indeed! Alleluia.**

P Blessed are those who call on the strong name of the risen Lord! As we gather in the victorious name of Christ, let us open our hearts to him and confess the ways in which we have failed to follow his will, and the ways in which we simply neglected our calling as his disciples.

(Silence for self-reflection and examination)

P Lord of heaven and earth, of the living and of the dead,

C **We come before you confessing our sins, asking for your gracious mercy. By our human nature we are sinful and unclean; we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed. By your lovingkindness, we implore you to grant us forgiveness and restore us to your salvation, that we might live holy lives here and now, and be with you in the final resurrection. Amen.**

P Through the gift of the Holy Spirit, God declares to all who believe and confess their sins, that we are forgiven and restored to a right relationship through Jesus Christ. We have been redeemed and renewed by Christ, our Passover Lamb. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, ✠ and of the Holy Spirit, let us walk in newness of life, following our Lord Jesus in holy obedience.

C **Amen.**

143 Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds

1 Now all the vault of heav'n re-sounds In praise of love that
 2 E - ter - nal is the gift he brings, There - fore our heart with
 3 Oh, fill us, Lord, with daunt-less love; Set heart and will on
 4 A - dor - ing prais - es now we bring And with the heav'n - ly

still a - bounds: "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"
 rap - ture sings: "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"
 things a - bove That we con - quer through your tri - umph;
 bless - ed sing: "Christ has tri - umphed! Al - le - lu - ia!"

Sing, choirs of an - gels, loud and clear! Re - peat their song
 Now still he comes to give us life And by his pres -
 Grant grace suf - fi - cient for life's day That by our lives
 Be to the Fa - ther, and our Lord, To Spir - it blest,

of glo - ry here: "Christ has tri - umphed! Christ has tri - umphed!"
 ence stills all strife. Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!
 we tru - ly say: Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!
 most ho - ly God, All the glo - ry, nev - er end - ing!

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

* Greeting

P Christ is Risen!

C **He is risen, indeed! Alleluia!**

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God who went to the cross for our sake; the love of the Father who put an end to the power of death through the resurrection of Christ; and the promised Holy Spirit who gathers us together, be with you all.

C **And also with you.**

* Kyrie

LBW p. 57

A In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

A For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

A For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C **Amen**

Hymn of Praise (*This is the Feast*)

LBW p. 60-61

C **This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

I **Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,
whose blood set us free to be people of God.**

C **This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

II **Power, riches, wisdom, and strength,
and honor, blessing, and glory are his.**

C **This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

I **Sing with all the people of God,
and join in the hymn of all creation:**

**Blessing, honor, glory, and might
be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.**

C **This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

II **For the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia.**

C **This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

* Salutation

LBW p. 62

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

* Prayer of the Day

P Let us pray, O God, you make the minds of the faithful to be of one will. Grant that your people would love what you command and desire what you promise, that, among the manifold changes of this world, our hearts may be fixed where true joys are to be found; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

WORD

New Testament Lesson: Acts 8:26-40

²⁶An angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Rise and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." This is a desert place. ²⁷And he rose and went. And there was an Ethiopian, a eunuch, a court official of Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, who was in charge of all her treasure. He had come to Jerusalem to worship ²⁸and was returning, seated in his chariot, and he was reading the prophet Isaiah. ²⁹And the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over and join this chariot." ³⁰So Philip ran to him and heard him reading Isaiah the prophet and asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?" ³¹And he said, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited Philip to come up and sit with him. ³²Now the passage of the Scripture that he was reading was this: "Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter and like a lamb before its shearer is silent, so he opens not his mouth. ³³In his humiliation justice was denied him. Who can describe his generation? For his life is taken away from the earth." ³⁴And the eunuch said to Philip, "About whom, I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?" ³⁵Then Philip opened his mouth, and beginning with this Scripture he told him the good news about Jesus. ³⁶And as they were going along the road they came to some water, and the eunuch said, "See, here is water! What prevents me from being baptized?" ³⁸And he commanded the chariot to stop, and they both went down into the water, Philip and the eunuch, and he baptized him. ³⁹And when they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord carried Philip away, and the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. ⁴⁰But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he passed through he preached the gospel to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

L Here ends the reading.

Psalm 150 *sung in unison*

During Easter we will be using Psalm Tone 3 found on page 291.

¹Hallelujah! Praise God in his | holy temple;* praise him in the firmament | of his power.

²Praise him for his | mighty acts;* praise him for his ex- | cellent greatness.

³Praise him with the blast | of the ram's horn;* praise him with | lyre and harp.

⁴Praise him with tim- | brel and dance;* praise him with | strings and pipe.

⁵Praise him with re- | sounding cymbals;* praise him with loud | clanging cymbals.

⁶Let everything | that has breath* praise the LORD. | Hallelujah!

Epistle lesson: 1 John 4:1-21

¹Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, for many false prophets have gone out into the world. ²By this you know the Spirit of God: every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God, ³and every spirit that does not confess Jesus is not from God. This is the spirit of the antichrist, which you heard was coming and now is in the world already. ⁴Little children, you are from God and have overcome them, for he who is in you is greater than he who is in the world. ⁵They are from the world; therefore they speak from the world, and the world listens to them. ⁶We are from God. Whoever knows God listens to us; whoever is not from God does not listen to us. By this we know the Spirit of truth and the spirit of error. ⁷Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God. ⁸Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love. ⁹In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him. ¹⁰In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. ¹¹Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. ¹²No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God abides in us and his love is perfected in us. ¹³By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. ¹⁴And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent his Son to be the Savior of the world. ¹⁵Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God. ¹⁶So we have come to know and to believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and whoever abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him. ¹⁷By this is love perfected with us, so that we may have confidence for the day of judgment, because as he is so also are we in this world. ¹⁸There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear. For fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not been perfected in love. ¹⁹We love because he first loved us. ²⁰If anyone says, "I love God," and hates his brother, he is a liar; for he who does not love his brother whom he has seen cannot love God whom he has not seen. ²¹And this commandment we have from him: whoever loves God must also love his brother.

L Here ends the reading.

Children's Message

* 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. John the 15th chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

* Holy Gospel: John 15:1-8

¹{Jesus said,} “I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. ²Every branch in me that does not bear fruit he takes away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes, that it may bear more fruit. ³Already you are clean because of the word that I have spoken to you. ⁴Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me. ⁵I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing. ⁶If anyone does not abide in me he is thrown away like a branch and withers; and the branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. ⁷If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. ⁸By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples.”

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon: *The Power of Love*

Pastor Heidi Punt

Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love 765

Refrain F C⁷

Je - su, Je - su, fill us with your love, show

F Gm C⁷ F

us how to serve the neigh-bors we have from you.

F Dm Gm C

1 Kneels at the feet of his friends, si - lent - ly wash - es their
2 Neigh-bors are wealth-y and poor, var - ied in col - or and
3 These are the ones we will serve, these are the ones we will
4 Kneel at the feet of our friends, si - lent - ly wash - ing their

F Dm Dm⁷ Gm C⁷ F *Refrain*

feet, mas - ter who pours out him - self for them.
race, neigh-bors are near - by and far a - way.
love; all these are neigh-bors to us and you.
feet: this is the way we will live with you.

* Apostles' Creed

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**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,*

* Prayers of the Church

LBW p. 65

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

After each portion of the prayers:

A Lord, in your mercy,

C 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 April, the Benevolence Teaching Moment is on Food the Poor. Please prayerfully consider giving to the Benevolence Fund.

Anthem: I Am the Vine (Weber)

Chancel Choir

MEAL

* Offering (*Let the vineyard 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.

* Offering Prayer

P Let us pray. Generous God, you have given us treasures too numerable to count. Grant us faith to be generous with all that you have first given us: our time, our resources, and our possessions. May we boldly trust that your providence, presence, and care are a never-ending reality in our lives.

C Amen.

* The 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*)

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.

P Blessed are you, Lord of heaven and earth.
In mercy for our fallen world you gave your only Son,
that all those who believe in him
should not perish, but have eternal life.

We give thanks to you
for the salvation you have prepared for us through Jesus Christ.
Send now your Holy Spirit into our hearts,
that we may receive our Lord with a living faith
as he comes to us in his holy supper.

C **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

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.

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**

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, 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 and sing his praise;*)

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

P Gracious God, you have fed us at this holy meal with the bread of life and the cup of salvation. We praise you for the glorious resurrection of Christ which is a sign of your great love for your people. You have forgiven us through this sacrament and restored us to new and everlasting life.

C **Amen.**

SENDING

* Benediction

P Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God. Go now in the name of God the Father, the Son, ✚ and the Holy Spirit. (1 John 5:7)

C **Amen.**

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Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

1 Love di - vine, all loves ex - cel - ling, Joy of heav'n, to earth come
 2 Breathe, oh, breathe thy lov - ing Spir - it In - to ev - 'ry trou - bled
 3 Come, Al - might - y, to de - liv - er; Let us all thy life re -
 4 Fin - ish then thy new cre - a - tion, Pure and spot - less let us

down! Fix in us thy hum - ble dwell - ing, All thy faith - ful
 breast; Let us all in thee in - her - it; Let us find thy
 ceive; Sud - den - ly re - turn, and nev - er, Nev - er - more thy
 be; Let us see thy great sal - va - tion Per - fect - ly re -

mer - cies crown. Je - sus, thou art all com - pas - sion,
 prom - ised rest. Take a - way the love of sin - ning;
 tem - ples leave. Thee we would be al - ways bless - ing,
 stored in thee! Changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry,

Pure, un - bound - ed love thou art; Vis - it us with
 Al - pha and O - me - ga be; End of faith, as
 Serve thee as thy hosts a - bove, Pray, and praise thee
 Till in heav'n we take our place, Till we cast our

thy sal - va - tion, En - ter ev - 'ry trem - bling heart.
 its be - gin - ning, Set our hearts at lib - er - ty.
 with - out ceas - ing, Glo - ry in thy per - fect love.
 crowns be - fore thee, Lost in won - der, love, and praise!

* Blessing & Dismissal

L Union Lutheran Church you have been equipped and empowered by Word and Sacrament.
C **We will faithfully love God and love our neighbor.**

L Go now in peace. Christ is Risen!
C **He is risen, indeed! Alleluia!**

Postlude: *Now all the Vault of Heaven Resounds* (Callahan)

The ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Mr. and Mrs. Allen Merrell, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Brady, and Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Merrell by Franklin and Dawn Merrell.

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OUR MISSION: Christ Centered ~ Mission Driven~ Traditionally-Grounded~
Congregationally Focused (Matthew 28:18-20)

OUR 2024 VISION: “Love God and Love our Neighbor” (Mark 12:30-33)

OUR 2024 ACTION PLAN: “By feeding, clothing, visiting, helping...”
(Matthew 25:35-40)



Those Serving in April

Acolytes: Morgan Deaton and Dusty Morgan

Altar Guild: Sonya Mulkey and Janet Overcash

Communion Assistants: Janice Goodman, Vicki Hunter and Sonya Mulkey

Lay Readers: Morgan Deaton and Vicki Hunter

Ushers: Larry Barringer, Phil Cauble, Adam Thompspon and Ron Vellines

Offering Counters: Tara Davis, Cathy Painter, and Ron Vellines

Stewardship Statistics

April 21	37	Sunday School
April 21	97	Worship & Holy Communion

Union News

Sunday, April 28

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

9:35 a.m. Sunday School

Simon Tries to Buy the Spirit ~ Acts 8:9-25; Hebrews 3:7-14

Peter said to Simon: "May your silver perish with you, because you thought you could obtain the gift of God with money!" (Acts 8:18-19)

Drew Wise Adult Sunday School Class

Faith of a Canaanite ~ Psalm 61; Matthew 15:218-28

9:35 a.m. New Members Class in the Library

10:30 a.m. Worship & Holy Communion

Acts 8:26-40; Psalm 150; 1 John 4:1-21; John 15:1-8

Sermon: *The Power of Love*

A brief called meeting of the Worship & Music, Bell Ringers, and Church Council will be held following worship. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the handbells being refurbished.

Following worship, a **Congregational Town Hall Meeting** will be held in the large fellowship hall to update the congregation on the land sale. Light refreshments will be provided.

2:00 p.m. Christian Education Umbrella

(Good Timers, Gerald Bame Memorial Scholarship, Union Lutheran Church Scholarship, Little Lutherans, Sunday School, Union Youth, and Youth Council)

Council Point Persons:

Sharon Leazer and Frank Merrell

Pete Nguyen, Chair

Vivian Sprinkle, Vice Chair

Janie Lesley, Secretary

Jan Huffman, Treasurer

2:45 p.m.-3:30 p.m. Youth Choir

4:00 p.m. Luther League at Faith Lutheran Church, Faith

This Weeks' Activities:

Tuesday, April 30

6:30 p.m. Jonah Bible Study

Wednesday, May 1

Deadline to give financially towards Mary Hutchens trip

4:30 p.m. Haiti Pastors Bible Study online

6:30 p.m. Confirmation Class

7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir

Thursday, May 2

12:30 p.m. Prayer

Annual Carolinas Mission Region and Piedmont-East Mission District
Friday, May 3 - Saturday, May 4, 2024 at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, Little Mountain, SC
Theme: *Teach God's Word Day and Night*

The following were elected to serve as Union representatives for the Carolinas Mission Region & Piedmont-East District: Pastor Heidi Punt (delegate), Mary Hutchens (delegate), Janie Lesley (delegate), and Lucinda Fraley (alternate).

Sunday, May 5

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

9:35 a.m. Sunday School

The Ethiopian Official ~ Acts 2:36-41, 8:26-40

Philip opened his mouth, and beginning with this Scripture he told [the soldier] the good news about Jesus. (Acts 8:35)

Drew Wise Adult Sunday School Class

Justified by Faith ~ John 3:1-8, 13-17; Romans 3:21-30

10:30 a.m. Worship & Holy Communion

Acts 10:34-48; Psalm 98:1-9; 1 John 5:1-8; John 15:9-17

Sermon: *Love Changes Everything*

We will welcome into our church family on Sunday, May 5, by Reaffirmation of Faith: Ron Chase, Andrea Eagle, and Debbie Cauble McPherson.

2:00 p.m. Finance Umbrella

(Audit, Endowment, Finance Committee, Franz Merrell Community Crisis, Long Range and Stewardship)

Council Point Persons:

Amanda Cauble, John Knight,
and Debbie Rinehart

Amanda Cauble, Chair
Mary Hutchens, Vice-Chair
Tara Davis, Secretary

2:45 p.m.-3:30 p.m. Youth Choir

4:00 p.m. Union & Salem Youth

Sharon Leazer has reserved the Altar Flowers for Sunday, May 5.

Please note: Bell choirs will resume when the bells are returned from being serviced in either May or June.

New: Following worship, Sunday, May 19, a **Brief Called Congregational Meeting** will be held for the purpose of approving the purchase/installation of new air conditioning unit.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER...

Nursing Home Residents – Brenda Mahaley, Ruth Monroe, Jean Ray & Jay Rusher (Autumn Care); Arnold Cauble (The Meadows); Frances Norris (Trinity Oaks)

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

Sick/Surgery/Recovery – Judy Boyd, Brenda Cauble, Phil Cauble, Glenn Honeycutt, Jr., Steve Hutchens, Jean Kluttz, John Knight, Wade Leazer, Sharon Moore, Kay Morgan, Marvin Nunn, Janet Overcash, Doris Page, Patsy Sigmon, Wayne and Pam Vellines & Rev. Bob Young (son of the congregation)

Continual Prayer –Janaya Anderson (Youth Friend), Jim Baker (Genevieve Baker's uncle), Shonna Lanning Black (Jack and Deena Lanning's daughter), Bill Broadway, Sharon Peeler Bullock (Sylvia Peeler's daughter), Michael Curlee (Scott Curlee's brother), Billy Hutchens (Steve Hutchens' brother), Pat Kluttz, Dr. Sean Malone (Pam Vellines' doctor), Fay Miller (friend of Pat Kluttz); Della Morgan (Pam Vellines' mother), Ben Smith (Cathy Painter's brother-in-law), Glen Wall (Frank & Dawn Merrell's friend), Pat Wiles (Genevieve Baker's friend), 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

We lift up in prayer Eireanna Miller and Moses Miller as they adjust to their new home in another state.

Part 1: The Commandments

The Introduction: *I am the Lord your God.*

The First Commandment: *You shall have no other gods before me.*

What does this mean? We should fear, love, and trust God above all things.

(Martin Luther's Small Catechism ~ Sola Publishing 2010 Edition ~ Pocket Version page 6)





Dear Family and Friends,

Once again, I am preparing to return to Slovakia with the Spiritual Orphans Network Mission Team. I am excited to participate in this program as I extend to also include Kindergarteners to the program.

Until joining this organization, I never realized how much I enjoy working with this age group. They are so loving and accepting.

Ever wanted to be a missionary or a part of helping share His love with others? This can be your opportunity to do so. How? Prayerfully consider praying for SON Mission Team and financially supporting.

Total cost for the trip is \$2,900 with airfare costing over \$1,600. The remainder of the funds cover meals, lodging and supplies. **Deadline to give financially is May 1.**

July will be here before we know it. By supporting me you are assisting us in spreading the Gospel!

I would like you to know more about the team. SONetwork, is an organization that started over 25 years ago as Eastern European Network following the fall of Communism and the Iron Curtain. Most of the people of in these countries have no history of the Gospel and what it means to know God loves them. New believers don't have grandparents or elders to answer questions on why we believe what we believe. This is the idea behind the new name of Spiritual Orphans Network. Some believe, but no one to turn to in discussing why they believe what they are learning. Please go online to read more about this organization.

By offering English Bible Camp to the younger generation, we open doors to allow discussion and friendship to the parents as well as teaching Bible stories and English with the help of local interpreters.

You may submit payment through Union's offering by marking checks (Mary Hutchens) or directly to Spiritual Orphan's Network with online giving to the link provided: <https://sonetwork.org/give/>

This ministry is much bigger than you and me alone and touches so many lives!

Thank you for prayerfully considering supporting me!

In Him,
Mary Hutchens



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