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**6th Sunday of Easter**

May 5, 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: *Beach Spring* (Kosche)

**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.**

# What Wondrous Love Is This

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G Dm C Am C Dm F Em Dm

1 What won-drous love is this, O my soul, O my soul! What  
 2 When I was sink-ing down, sink-ing down, sink-ing down, When  
 3 To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing; To  
 4 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on; And

Am Am7 F Em Dm Dm7 G Am Am7 Dm G

won-drous love is this, O my soul! What won-drous love is this That  
 I was sink-ing down, sink-ing down, When I was sink-ing down Be -  
 God and to the Lamb I will sing; To God and to the Lamb, Who  
 when from death I'm free, I'll sing on; And when from death I'm free, I'll

Am Bbmaj7 C Dm G Dm C F Em

caused the Lord of bliss To bear the dread-ful curse for my  
 neath God's righ-teous frown, Christ laid a-side his crown for my  
 is the great I Am, While mil-lions join the theme, I will  
 sing his love for me, And through e-ter-ni-ty I'll sing

Dm G Em Dm Am Am7 F Em Dm

soul, for my soul, To bear the dread-ful curse for my soul?  
 soul, for my soul, Christ laid a-side his crown for my soul.  
 sing, I will sing, While mil-lions join the theme, I will sing.  
 on, I'll sing on; And through e-ter-ni-ty I'll sing on.

\* 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, all good things can come from you alone; generously consider then our humble prayers. Inspire us to consider what is true, and direct us to accomplish what is right; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. He lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

**WORD**

New Testament Lesson: Acts 10:34-48

<sup>34</sup>Peter opened his mouth and said: “Truly I understand that God shows no partiality, <sup>35</sup>but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. <sup>36</sup>As for the word that he sent to Israel, preaching good news of peace through Jesus Christ (he is Lord of all), <sup>37</sup>you yourselves know what happened throughout all Judea, beginning from Galilee after the baptism that John proclaimed: <sup>38</sup>how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power. He went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. <sup>39</sup>And we are witnesses of all that he did both in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree, <sup>40</sup>but God raised him on the third day and made him to appear, <sup>41</sup>not to all the people but to us who had been chosen by God as witnesses, who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. <sup>42</sup>And he commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one appointed by God to be judge of the living and the dead. <sup>43</sup>To him all the prophets bear witness that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.” <sup>44</sup>While Peter was still saying these things, the Holy Spirit fell on all who heard the word. <sup>45</sup>And the believers from among the circumcised who had come with Peter were amazed, because the gift of the Holy Spirit was poured out even on the Gentiles. <sup>46</sup>For they were hearing them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter declared, <sup>47</sup>“Can anyone withhold water for baptizing these people, who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?” <sup>48</sup>And he commanded them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they asked him to remain for some days.

L Here ends the reading.

Psalm 98 *read responsively*

L <sup>1</sup>Oh sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvelous things! His right hand and his holy arm have worked salvation for him.

C <sup>2</sup>**The Lord has made known his salvation; he has revealed his righteousness in the sight of the nations.**

L <sup>3</sup>He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel. All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

C <sup>4</sup>**Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth; break forth into joyous song and sing praises!**

L <sup>5</sup>Sing praises to the Lord with the lyre, with the lyre and the sound of melody!

**C** **6With trumpets and the sound of the horn make a joyful noise before the King, the Lord!**

L <sup>7</sup>Let the sea roar, and all that fills it; the world and those who dwell in it!

**C** **8Let the rivers clap their hands; let the hills sing for joy together**

L <sup>9</sup>before the Lord, for he comes to judge the earth. He will judge the world with righteousness, and the peoples with equity.

New Testament Lesson: 1 John 5:1-8

<sup>1</sup>Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the Father loves whoever has been born of him. <sup>2</sup>By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. <sup>3</sup>For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome. <sup>4</sup>For everyone who has been born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world — our faith. <sup>5</sup>Who is it that overcomes the world except the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God? <sup>6</sup>This is he who came by water and blood — Jesus Christ; not by the water only but by the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one who testifies, because the Spirit is the truth. <sup>7</sup>For there are three that testify: <sup>8</sup>the Spirit and the water and the blood; and these three agree.

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 15:9-17

<sup>9</sup>{Jesus said,} “As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Abide in my love. <sup>10</sup>If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. <sup>11</sup>These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full. <sup>12</sup>This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. <sup>13</sup>Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends. <sup>14</sup>You are my friends if you do what I command you. <sup>15</sup>No longer do I call you servants, for the servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all that I have heard from my Father I have made known to you. <sup>16</sup>You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name, he may give it to you. <sup>17</sup>These things I command you, so that you will love one another.”

P The Gospel of the Lord.  
C Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon: *Love Changes Everything*

Pastor Heidi Punt

\* Hymn: *I Bind unto Myself Today*

LBW# 188

*The hymn will begin with the Chancel Choir singing stanza 1.*

*The Congregation is invited to sing stanza 1 following the Chancel Choir. (Only stanza 1 will be sung.)*

## I Bind unto Myself Today

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1 I bind un - to my - self to - day The strong name

The first line of musical notation for the hymn. It consists of a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff. The treble staff contains the melody with lyrics underneath. The bass staff contains a harmonic accompaniment. The key signature has one flat (B-flat), and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are: "1 I bind un - to my - self to - day The strong name".

of the Trin - i - ty By in - vo - ca - tion

The second line of musical notation. It continues the melody and accompaniment from the first line. The lyrics are: "of the Trin - i - ty By in - vo - ca - tion".

of the same, The Three in One and One in Three.

The third line of musical notation, which concludes the hymn. The lyrics are: "of the same, The Three in One and One in Three."

P These persons have been instructed in the Christian faith and desire to make public affirmation of their Baptism.

Dear friends, we rejoice that you now desire to make public profession of your faith and assume greater responsibility in the life of our Christian community and its mission in the world.

Brothers and sisters in Christ: In Holy Baptism our Lord Jesus Christ received you and made you members of his Church. In the community of God's people, you have learned from his Word God's loving purpose for you and all creation. You have been [nourished at his holy table and] called to be witnesses to the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Now, therefore, I ask you and the congregation to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the Church, the faith in which we baptize.

Do you renounce all the forces of evil, the devil, and all his empty promises?

R I do.

P Do you believe in God the Father?

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

P Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

C **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.**

P Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

C **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,*

A Let us pray for those who are affirming their Baptism, and for all the baptized everywhere:  
That they may be redeemed from all evil and rescued from the way of sin and death: Lord,  
in your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

A That the Holy Spirit may open their hearts to your grace and truth: Lord, in your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

A That they may be kept in the faith and communion of your holy Church: Lord, in your  
mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

A That they may be sent into the world in witness to your love: Lord, in your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

A That they may be brought to the fullness of your peace and glory: Lord, in your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

*Other prayers may be added.*

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**

*The minister addresses those making affirmation.*

P You have made public profession of your faith. Do you intend to continue in the covenant  
God made with you in Holy Baptism:  
to live among God's faithful people,  
to hear his Word and share in his supper,  
to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed,  
to serve all people, following the example of our Lord Jesus,  
and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

*Each person answers in turn.*

R I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.

P Let us pray.

*Those making affirmation kneel. A brief silence is kept so that prayer may be made for them.*

P Gracious Lord, through water and the Spirit you have made these *men and women* your own. You forgave them all their sins and brought them to newness of life. Continue to strengthen them with the Holy Spirit, and daily increase in them your gifts of grace: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.

C **Amen**

\* 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 Social Ministry Fund. During the month of May, the Benevolence Teaching Moment is on Lutheran Services Carolinas. Please prayerfully consider giving to the Benevolence Fund.*

Anthem: *For the Joy of Music* (Sleeth)

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.**

\* Words of Institution (33)

LBW p. 70

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.

\* The 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

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, 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.**

## Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service

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F B<sup>b</sup> Am<sup>7</sup> Dm F B<sup>b</sup> F

1 Lord, whose love in hum-ble ser - vice Bore the weight of hu-man need,  
 2 Still your chil-dren wan-der home - less; Still the hun-gry cry for bread;  
 3 As we wor-ship, grant us vi - sion, Till your love's re - veal-ing light

F B<sup>b</sup> Am<sup>7</sup> Dm F B<sup>b</sup> F

Who up - on the cross, for - sak - en, Worked your mer-cy's per - fect deed:  
 Still the cap - tives long for free - dom; Still in grief we mourn our dead.  
 In its height and depth and great - ness Dawns up - on our quick-ened sight,

F C Dm C Dm B<sup>b</sup>maj<sup>7</sup>

We, your ser-vants, bring the wor - ship Not of voice a - lone, but heart;  
 As you, Lord, in deep com-pas - sion Healed the sick and freed the soul,  
 Mak-ing known the needs and bur - dens Your com-pas - sion bids us bear,

C Dm B<sup>b</sup> F Gm<sup>7</sup> Am Gm<sup>7</sup> F

Con-se - crat - ing to your pur - pose Ev - 'ry gift which you im - part.  
 By your Spir - it send your pow - er To our world to make it whole.  
 Stir-ring us to ar - dent ser - vice, Your a - bun - dant life to share.

\* 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: *What Wondrous Love is This* (Sheet)

*The **ALTAR FLOWERS** are given to the glory of God and in honor of Adam B. Thompson on his 17<sup>th</sup> birthday (May 5<sup>th</sup>) and for Wade Leazer (May 13<sup>th</sup>) given by Sharon Leazer.*

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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 May**

**Acolytes:** Adam Thompson and Noah Trexler

**Altar Guild:** Patsy Lyerly, Angie Poole and Vivian Sprinkle

**Communion Assistants:** Patsy Lyerly, Frank Merrell and Vivian Sprinkle

**Communion Assistant substitute:** Tara Davis

**Lay Readers:** Patsy Lyerly and Doris Shepherd

**Ushers:** Phil Cauble, Elbert Kluttz, Micah Nguyen and Ron Vellines

**Offering Counters:** Jennifer Curlee, Ali Davis and Doris Shepherd

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## Union News

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### 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 today 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

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### This Weeks' Activities:

Tuesday, May 7

**6:30 p.m.** Ascension Service at Dunn's Mountain Park  
1740 Dunn's Mountain Road (28146)  
Transportation Van from Parking Lot  
Bring a bag meal and drink

Wednesday, May 8

**10:30 a.m.** Ascension Service at Dunn's Mountain Park  
Transportation Van from Parking Lot  
Bring a bag meal and drink

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

**6:30 p.m.** Confirmation Class

**7:00 p.m.** Chancel Choir

Thursday, May 9

**10:00 a.m.** Good Timers in Old Pine Center

Program: Sheriff Travis Allen

Lunch: Lakeview Restaurant

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**Sunday, May 12**

**Mother's Day**

**8:00 a.m.** Worship led by the Youth in large fellowship hall

**8:45 a.m.** Mother's Day Breakfast and  
Reception of our 250th Anniversary Guest Pastor, Rev. David Nuotilla

**9:15 a.m.** Kids Choir (5th grade and younger) will rehearse in the Sanctuary

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

Paul Escapes Damascus ~ Acts 9:10-31; Romans 12:1-2

*Jesus' disciples took Paul by night and let him down through an opening in the wall, lowering him in a basket. (Acts 9:25)*

Drew Wise Adult Sunday School Class

Counted as Righteous ~ Genesis 15:1-6; Romans 4

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

Acts 1:12-26; Psalm 1:1-6; 1 John 5:9-15; John 17:11b-19

**10:30 a.m.** Rev. David Nuotilla, 250th Anniversary Guest Pastor

*Recognition of oldest Mother and mother with the youngest child.*

*Dawn Merrell has reserved the Altar Flowers for Sunday, May 12.*

*No Youth Choir in observance of Mother's Day*

***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 a new air conditioning unit.

**Graduating Class of 2024**

On **Sunday, June 2**, is a very special day in our congregation as we will recognize and give thanks to God for various members of the **Class of 2024** who are part of our church or our church's extended family during worship.

If you are or are a family member of a high school or college/tech graduate (whether or not you will be able to make it Sunday, June 2), please contact the church office with your graduate's full name, school from which they are graduating, and what the next steps are in life (enrolling in another school or degree program, headed to the workforce, or whatever may be next) along with a headshot. So that we can be sure to have plenty of time to prepare, **PLEASE HAVE THIS INFORMATION TO US by Sunday, May 19.**

## Stewardship Statistics

April 28	45	Sunday School
April 28	96	Worship & Holy Communion

## PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER...

*Our Love and Sympathy is extended to Pete Nguyen and Family on the death of his mother, Hong Thi Dang Nguyen.*

**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

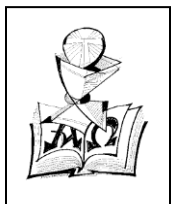
**Confirmands:** Caylea Cline, Mallory Eagle, Landon Kesler, and Noah Trexler

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

## Part 1: The Ten Commandments

The Second Commandment: *You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain (for the Lord will not hold guiltless those who take his name in vain.)*

What does this mean? We should fear and love God so that we do not use his name superstitiously or to curse, swear, lie or deceive, but call upon him in every time of need, and worship him with prayer, praise, and thanksgiving.



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

# Mark Your CALENDAR



On June 2, recipients of the **Gerald Bame Memorial Scholarship** will be recognized.

**Town Hall Gathering (Music Ministry)**  
Sunday, June 2, at 12 noon in Dutch Meeting Hall  
Light refreshments will be available.

**Union Youth Canoeing at High Rock Lake**  
Sunday, June 2, at 4:00 p.m.

**Pickled with Jesus**  
**Vacation Bible School** (free event)  
Tuesday, June 11-Thursday, June 13  
6:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m.



Everyone (all ages) is invited to participate in Union's **Pickled with Jesus** VBS Program in June.

The three days will consist of fun, games, activities, music and Bible studies. (Light meal will be provided.)

The group will learn how to jar pickles.

Registration form is available by insert, from the Narthex, or website.

Needed: Volunteers and store bought pickles

Contact Persons: Pastor Heidi or Jan Huffman

**Congregational Tubing Event**  
Saturday, June 15

*More information including cost will be coming soon for an afternoon trip of Tubing on Saturday, June 15.*

*We will enjoy a picnic together before meeting down at the river.*

*This event is available for everybody!*

*Contact Persons: Nikki Nguyen and Pastor Heidi*

**90 Days Spiritual Fitness in the Old Pine Center**  
**Sign up by: Sunday, June 9**

Beginning Tuesday, June 18, at 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, June 19, at 10:30 a.m.

This year, 90 Days will walk through the three letters of John: 1, 2, and 3rd John and other Epistles.

A sign up sheet for meals will be passed around on Tuesday, June 18, and Wednesday, June 19.

Cost is \$25.00 with scholarships available.

Registration form is available by insert, from the Narthex, or website.



# UPCOMING EVENTS

**NALC Youth Continental Gathering**  
**San Antonio, Texas**  
July 1-July 4, 2024

**ULC Representatives**  
Caylea Cline, Micah Nguyen,  
Pastor Heidi Punt, and Adam Thompson

## ***A Note from your Church Musician!***

*As we all know, in August Union will celebrate 250 years of proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus Christ. I have been working on the details of a festive service since January – a lot can be accomplished when you are relegated to a recliner for several weeks! I would like to enlarge the choir for this service. Please prayerfully consider committing six Wednesday nights to choir rehearsals. I promise to rehearse the Homecoming music **FIRST** in the rehearsal, and then you are free to leave if you so wish. If you would like to stay, then you are most welcome.*

*Since there will only be six rehearsals, you are asked to commit to all six, and not just one or two. If you have questions, or would like to see the music, I will be glad to speak with you.*

*The dates for these **rehearsals** are **July 3, 10, 17, 24, 31, and August 7.***

*Homecoming is August 11. Again, please prayerful consider this opportunity to serve the Lord on this very special occasion!*

*Dawn Merrell*



*In celebration of our Independence, Sunday, July 7, a short Patriotic Celebration will be held following the worship service at the flagpole by the playground.*

Rev. Dr. Jarrod Lanning  
250th Anniversary Guest Pastor  
Sunday, July 14, 2024

*Our Union Youth with Tim Eagle and the Property Committee will be installing showers in the Office Hallway Men and Women's bathrooms from Wednesday, July 17-Saturday, July 20.*

Summer Sunday School begins...  
Sunday, July 21, 2024 at 9:35 a.m.  
Theme: Hometown Nazareth! Walking through the streets of Nazareth.

Recognition of 2023-2024 Sunday School Teachers during worship.

**Volunteers** are needed for the **Day Camp** at Organ Lutheran Church. Union has been assigned to provide Games.

*Interested? Please contact Pastor Heidi for more information.*

*Registration form is available by insert, from the Narthex, or website.*