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7th Sunday after Pentecost

July 7, 2024

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

250th Anniversary Recognition

Prelude: *Be Thou My Vision* (Culli)

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

* Invocation LBW p. 56

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

C Amen

* Brief Order of Confession & Forgiveness LBW p. 56

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.

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

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.

C Amen

* Hymn: *Be Thou My Vision*

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Be Thou My Vision

1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;
2 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true word;
3 Rich - es I heed not, nor vain, emp - ty praise,
4 Light of my soul, af - ter vic - to - ry won,

naught be all else to me, save that thou art:
I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord.
thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways:
may I reach heav - en's joys, O heav - en's Sun!

thou my best thought . . . by day and by night,
Thou my soul's shel - ter, thou my high tower,
thou, and thou on - ly, first in my heart,
Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,

wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.
raise thou me heav'n - ward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.
great God of heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.
still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

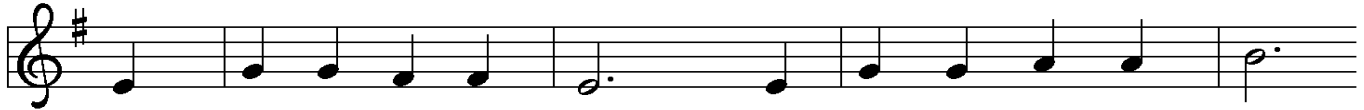
* Greeting

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.**

* Kyrie



1 Have mer - cy on us, Lord, and hear our sol - emn prayer.

2 Have mer - cy on us, Christ, and wash a - way our sin.

3 Have mer - cy on us, Lord; make sin and shame de - part.



We come to hear your liv - ing word; it saves us from de - spair.

Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may be - gin.

Re - new us with your sav - ing pow'r; cre - ate in us new hearts!

Hymn of Praise is omitted this week.

* 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 never undermine your purpose, as you perfectly provide for all that you create. Remove from our way all that is harmful and give us what will profit that we may share in your invincible 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

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

First Reading: Ezekiel 2:1-5

L A reading from Ezekiel

¹{The Lord GOD} said to me, “Son of man, stand on your feet, and I will speak with you.”

²And as he spoke to me, the Spirit entered into me and set me on my feet, and I heard him speaking to me. ³And he said to me, “Son of man, I send you to the people of Israel, to nations of rebels, who have rebelled against me. They and their fathers have transgressed

against me to this very day. ⁴The descendants also are impudent and stubborn: I send you to them, and you shall say to them, ‘Thus says the Lord GOD.’ ⁵And whether they hear or refuse to hear (for they are a rebellious house) they will know that a prophet has been among them.”

L Word of God, word of life.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 123 *Read responsively*

L ¹To you I lift up my eyes, O you who are enthroned in the heavens!

C ²**Behold, as the eyes of servants look to the hand of their master, as the eyes of a maidservant to the hand of her mistress, so our eyes look to the Lord our God, till he has mercy upon us.**

L ³Have mercy upon us, O Lord, have mercy upon us, for we have had more than enough of contempt.

C ⁴**Our soul has had more than enough of the scorn of those who are at ease, of the contempt of the proud.**

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 12:1-10

L A reading from 2 Corinthians

¹I must go on boasting. Though there is nothing to be gained by it, I will go on to visions and revelations of the Lord. ²I know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven — whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows. ³And I know that this man was caught up into paradise — whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows — ⁴and he heard things that cannot be told, which man may not utter. ⁵On behalf of this man I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses — ⁶though if I should wish to boast, I would not be a fool, for I would be speaking the truth; but I refrain from it, so that no one may think more of me than he sees in me or hears from me. ⁷So to keep me from becoming conceited because of the surpassing greatness of the revelations, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to harass me, to keep me from becoming conceited. ⁸Three times I pleaded with the Lord about this, that it should leave me. ⁹But he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.” Therefore I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me. ¹⁰For the sake of Christ, then, I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities. For when I am weak, then I am strong.

L The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Children’s Message

* Gospel Acclamation



L The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark.

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

* Holy Gospel: Mark 6:1-13

¹{Jesus} went away from there and came to his hometown, and his disciples followed him. ²And on the Sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astonished, saying, “Where did this man get these things? What is the wisdom given to him? How are such mighty works done by his hands? ³Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon? And are not his sisters here with us?” And they took offense at him. ⁴And Jesus said to them, “A prophet is not without honor, except in his hometown and among his relatives and in his own household.” ⁵And he could do no mighty work there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and healed them. ⁶And he marveled because of their unbelief. And he went about among the villages teaching. ⁷And he called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. ⁸He charged them to take nothing for their journey except a staff — no bread, no bag, no money in their belts — ⁹but to wear sandals and not put on two tunics. ¹⁰And he said to them, “Whenever you enter a house, stay there until you depart from there. ¹¹And if any place will not receive you and they will not listen to you, when you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them.” ¹²So they went out and proclaimed that people should repent. ¹³And they cast out many demons and anointed with oil many who were sick and healed them.

L The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Message: *Different Perspectives*

Pete Nguyen

We All Are One in Mission

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1 We all are one in mis - sion; we all are one in call,
2 We all are called to ser - vice, to wit - ness in God's name.
3 Now let us be u - nit - ed, and let our song be heard.

our var - ied gifts u - nit - ed by Christ, the Lord of all.
Our min - is - tries are dif - f'rent; our pur - pose is the same:
Now let us be a ves - sel for God's re - deem - ing Word.

A sin - gle great com - mis - sion com - pels us from a - bove
to touch the lives of oth - ers with God's sur - pris - ing grace,
We all are one in mis - sion; we all are one in call,

to plan and work to - geth - er that all may know Christ's love.
so ev - 'ry folk and na - tion may feel God's warm em - brace.
our var - ied gifts u - nit - ed by Christ, the Lord of all.

* Creed *Apostles' Creed*

LBW p. 65

**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 Social Ministry Fund. During the month of July, the Benevolence Teaching Moment is on Spiritual Orphans Network. Please prayerfully consider giving to the Benevolence Fund.

Anthem: *Come Christians, Join to Sing* (Perry)

Chancel Choir

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

* Offertory *Let the vineyard*

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 *Merciful Father*

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

* The Great Thanksgiving

LBW p. 68-71

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

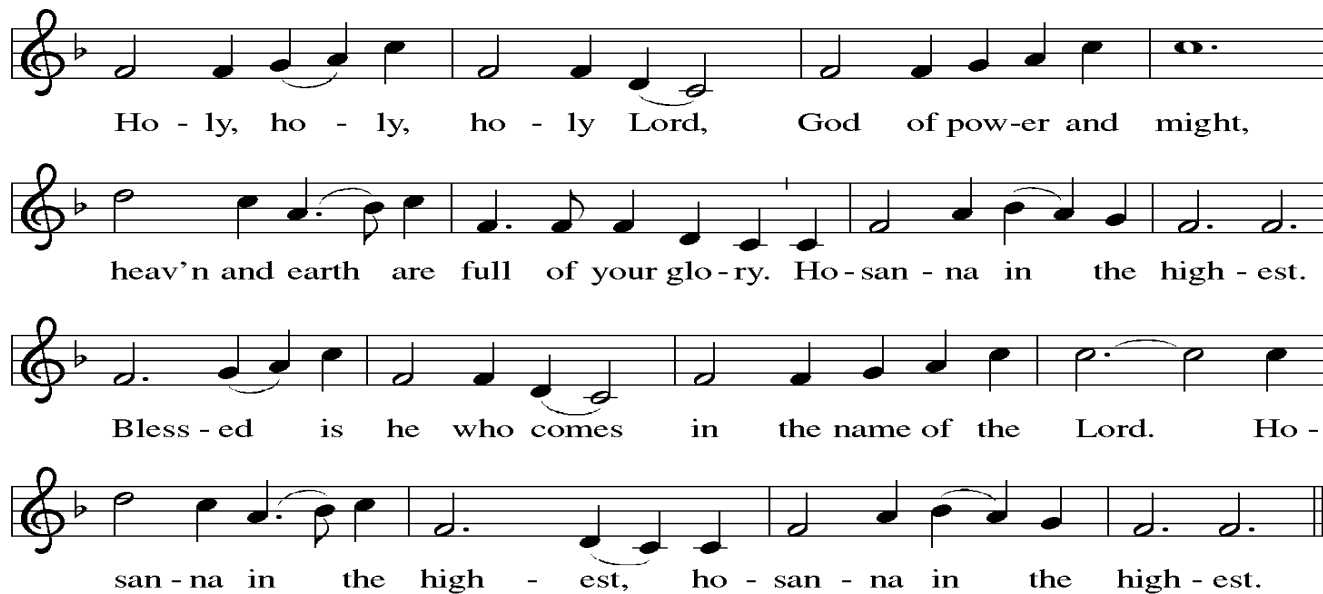
C We lift them to the Lord.

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*



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,
heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

* Words of Institution (32)

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.

* 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**

Agnus Dei *Lamb of God*



1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;

you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.
e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

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 *We give you thanks*

LBW p. 74

P Let us pray. We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life; and we pray that in your mercy you would strengthen us through this gift, in faith toward you and fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.
C Amen

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

* Benediction *The Lord bless you*

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.

* Hymn: *Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus*

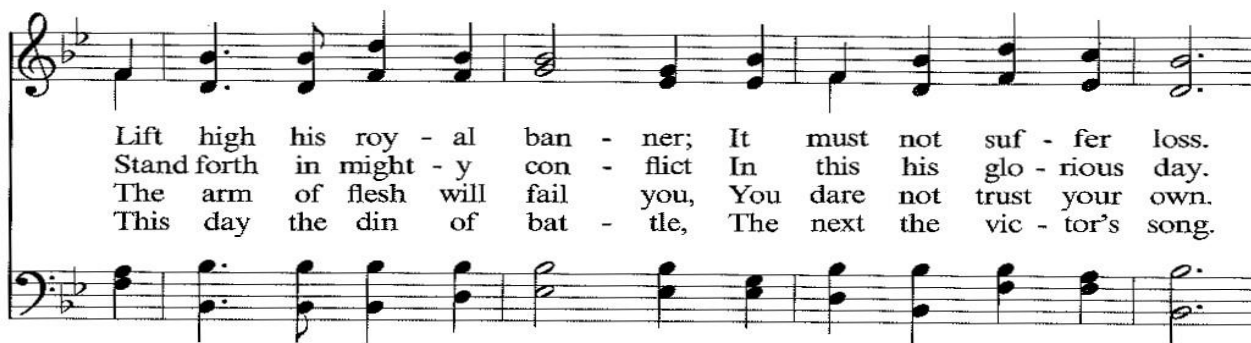
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Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus

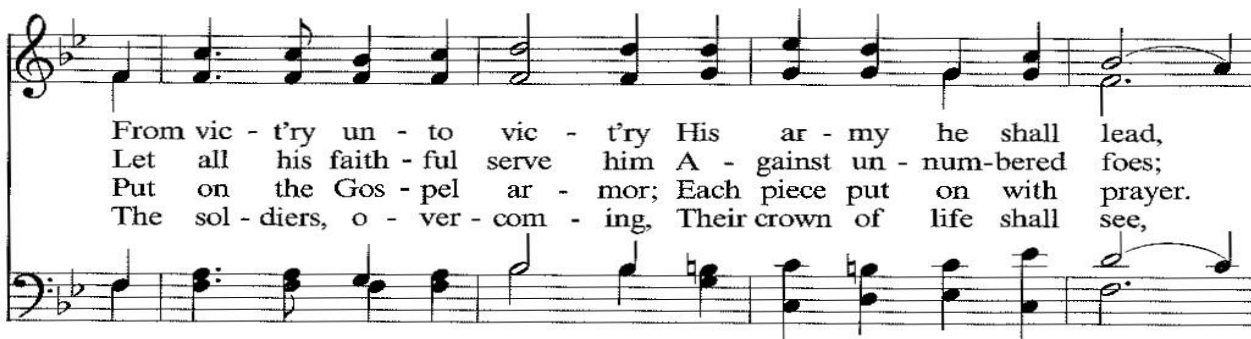
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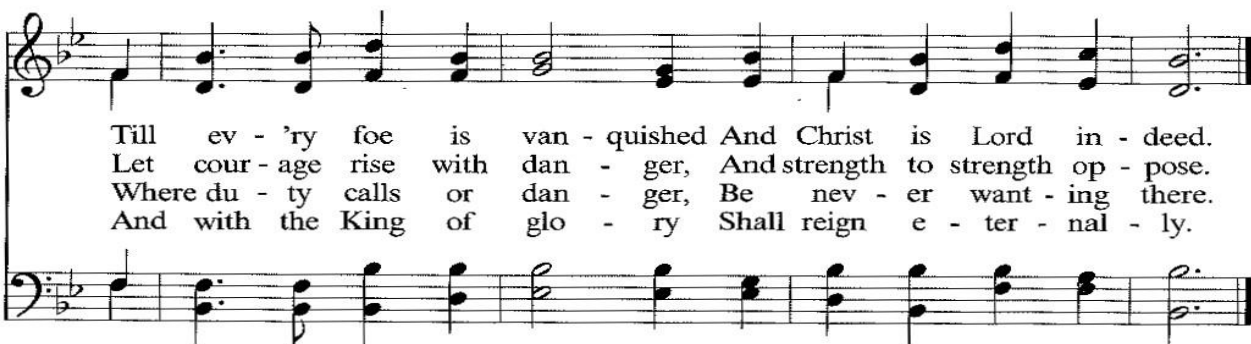
1 Stand up, stand up for Je - sus, As sol - diers of the cross,
 2 Stand up, stand up for Je - sus; The trum - pet call o - bey;
 3 Stand up, stand up for Je - sus, Stand in his strength a - lone;
 4 Stand up, stand up for Je - sus, The strife will not be long;



Lift high his roy - al ban - ner; It must not suf - fer loss.
 Stand forth in might - y con - flict In this his glo - rious day.
 The arm of flesh will fail you, You dare not trust your own.
 This day the din of bat - tle, The next the vic - tor's song.



From vic - t'ry un - to vic - t'ry His ar - my he shall lead,
 Let all his faith - ful serve him A - gainst un - num - bered foes;
 Put on the Gos - pel ar - mor; Each piece put on with prayer.
 The sol - diers, o - ver - com - ing, Their crown of life shall see,



Till ev - 'ry foe is van - quished And Christ is Lord in - deed.
 Let cour - age rise with dan - ger, And strength to strength op - pose.
 Where du - ty calls or dan - ger, Be nev - er want - ing there.
 And with the King of glo - ry Shall reign e - ter - nal - ly.

* Blessing & Dismissal

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: *Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus* (Hobson)

Note that as of June 2-Homecoming (August 11) we will only have one altar flower arrangement and no candelabra. This echoes some of our 250th Celebration traditions!

Those Serving in July

Guest Speaker: Pete Nguyen

Thank you to Pete Nguyen for sharing the Word with us today!

Acolytes: Bailey Wilhelm and Lucas Wilhelm

Altar Guild: Robyn Arey, Genevieve Baker and Mary Hutchens

Communion Assistants:

Robyn Arey, Genevieve Baker, Lucinda Fraley and Mary Hutchens

Lay Readers: Robyn Arey, Genevieve Baker and Lucinda Fraley

Ushers: Steven Arey, Elbert Kluttz, Frank Merrell, and Bailey Wilhelm

Offering Counters: Tara Davis, Cathy Painter and Ron Vellines

The **ALTAR FLOWER** is given to the Glory of God.

During the period of June 16th - 30th, 2024, Union Lutheran Church received contributions totaling **\$9,267.00**. During this same period, the church incurred expenses in the amount of **(\$4,489.40)**. The result of this two-week period is a positive revenue of **\$2,450.27**.

Upon reviewing June 1-15 report, the Treasurer included Sunday School expenses totaling **(\$381.11)**. The corrected report total for June 1-15 is **(\$1,572.53)**.

John Knight, Union Lutheran Church Treasurer

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Union News

Sunday, July 7

9:30 a.m. Sunday School

The Defeat of the Dragon ~ Revelation 12:7-12

The great dragon was thrown down, that ancient serpent, who is called the devil and Satan, the deceiver of the whole world. (Revelation 12:9)

Drew Wise Adult Sunday School

Ceaseless Love ~ Psalm 30; Lamentations 3:16-24; Jeremiah 52:1-13

10:30 a.m. Worship & Holy Communion

Ezekiel 2:1-5; Psalm 123; 2 Corinthians 12:1-10; Mark 6:1-13

*As we approach our 250th Anniversary Celebration, we invite you to celebrate the 4th of July during the worship service today with **men** wearing **hats** (not baseball caps) and **women** wearing **bonnets/hats**. We may even have a guest visitor or two from the 1700s to make an appearance!*

12 noon Patriotic Celebration

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

4:00 p.m. Union Youth & Families Pool & Grill Party

(G Baker's, 2550 Faith Road, Salisbury 28146)

This Week's Activities:

Tuesday, July 9

2:00 p.m. Mary & Martha Circle at ULC

Susan Knight, Program; Judy Boyd; Hostess

6:30 p.m. 90 Days

Wednesday, July 10

6:30 p.m. Belles & Beaus

7:30 p.m. Homecoming & Chancel Choir

Thursday, July 11

10:00 a.m. Good Timers

Program: Kay Morgan

Lunch: Lakeview Restaurant

Friday, July 12

9:00 a.m. Union Women's Workday

Sunday, July 14

8:45 a.m. Breakfast in the large fellowship hall

9:30 a.m. Sunday School

Resurrection Day ~ Revelation 20:11-21:4; Matthew 19:31-40

And another book was opened, which is the book of life. (Revelation 20:12b)

Sunday, July 14 *Continued*

Drew Wise Adult Sunday School Class
Continual Proclamation ~ Ephesians 3:1-13; Psalm 71:12-21

10:30 a.m. Worship & Holy Communion
Amos 7:7-15; Psalm 85:[1-7] 8-13; Ephesians 1:3-14; Mark 6:14-29

10:30 a.m. Rev. Dr. Jarrod Lanning, 250th Anniversary Guest Pastor

4:00 p.m. Little Lutherans (5th Grade and younger)

Altar Flowers are open for reservations.

Women we need YOUR help! The women of the church will be providing a display during Homecoming and would like to include pictures, written history, and other items regarding how the women have come together in the past 250 years and our prayer for the future! *Items will be collected during the month of July.*

Contact: Cathy Kluttz Painter, Union Women's President

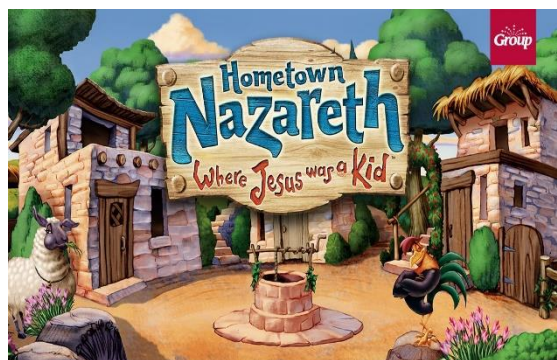
Old Timey Air-Conditioning is available in the pews for use. If you would like to take one home or share, please make a small donation (Label: Fans) in the white envelope provided in the pew and on your way out place the envelope in the wooden box located in the Narthex. Please do not place donation in the offering plate.

250th Anniversary T-Shirts

Cost: \$20 per t-shirt (Men & Women)

Order form and Collection of Money in the Narthex on Sundays
During the week Church Office will take orders and collect money.

Several members of the Anniversary Committee will be available for orders and to collect money. **Please do not** place money for the t-shirts through the offering. Thank you!



Hometown Nazareth, Where Jesus Was a Kid

Sundays, July 21-August 11, 2024

9:30 a.m.

Take everyone back to Hometown Nazareth, where Jesus was a kid. At this immersive Holy Land Adventure, participants will get the inside scoop from Jesus' mom and village Shopkeepers.

WE LOVE HOW: Participants will learn to stand up for their faith among people who doubt that a carpenter's son is really God's son.



ARMOR OF GOD DAY CAMP 2024

July 21, 2024 — July 26, 2024

1515 Organ Church Rd, Salisbury, NC 28146

Sponsored by: Union, Salem, and Organ Lutheran Church

Registration forms are available from the Narthex, Messenger Insert, and <https://vbspro.events/p/2c4238>

Sign up today for this event! You can register your kids or sign up to volunteer.

Orientation begins on Sunday, July 21, 2024 at 4:30pm with campers and parents meeting the volunteers and pastors, enjoy a meal together and learn about the upcoming week.

Day camp runs from 8:30am to 12:30pm Monday, July 22 through Thursday, July 25.

On Friday, July 26, Day Camp begins at 8:30am but we will have a closing program at noon for family and friends!

Campers will participate in interactive singing, crafts, engaging Bible study, games and much more!

Cost is \$50 per camper with a maximum registration of \$100 per family. Scholarships are available, please let your Pastor know if you are interested in the scholarship program.

Needed: Volunteers and Participants!!

Attendance		
June 30	38	Sunday School
June 30	96	Worship & Holy Communion

Part 1: The Ten Commandments – The Conclusion

What does God declare concerning all these commandments? *He says: "I the Lord your God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children to the third and fourth generation of those who hate me, but showing steadfast love to thousands of those who love me and keep my commandments."* (Exodus 20:5b-6)



(Martin Luther's Small Catechism ~ Sola Publishing 2010 Edition Pocket Version page 11)

PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER...

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

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

Sick/Surgery/Recovery – Brenda Cauble, Phil Cauble, Lynn Coughenour, Linda Hartley, Glenn Honeycutt, Jr., Steve Hutchens, Jean Kluttz, Pat Kluttz, John Knight, Kay Morgan, Patsy Sigmon, Wayne and Pam Vellines, Rindy Watkins, & Rev. Bob Young (son of the congregation)

Continual Prayer – Janaya Anderson (Youth Friend), 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), Mary Hutchens (Slovakia Mission Trip), Betty Sue Lowder, Dr. Sean Malone (Pam Vellines’ doctor), Chandra McCoy (In Africa on Mission Trip - Friend of Steve & Malynda Peeler), Fay Miller (friend of Pat Kluttz); Della Morgan (Pam Vellines’ mother), William & Doris Page, Ben Smith (Cathy Painter’s brother-in-law), Glen Wall (Frank & Dawn Merrell’s friend), Union Fire Department #76, Global Missions (Congo, Slovakia, and Haiti) & those affected by natural or political disasters

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)

