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18th Sunday after Pentecost

September 22, 2024

10:30 a.m. Worship

Union Lutheran Church (ULC) welcomes you as you join us in worship this morning. Please fill out the communion/visitor card so that we can be made aware of your presence. If you have questions or are interested in the ministries and life of ULC, please see the pastor, contact the Church Office, or scan the QR code.

We welcome children to be a part of worship. A nursery is also provided for those attending to the needs of infants and small children.

*(Please stand when indicated by *)*

Lutheran Book of Worship (LBW) green hymnal

With One Voice (WOV) blue hymnal

P=Pastor, C=Congregation, L=Lay Reader

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Welcome & Announcements

Prelude: *Children of the Heavenly Father* (Busarow)

GATHERING

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

* Invocation (**Matthew 28:19**) LBW p. 56

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

C **Amen**

* Brief Order of Confession & Forgiveness (**1 John 1:8-9**) LBW p. 56

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.

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

* Absolution (John 20:22-23) LBW p. 56

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

O Master, Let Me Walk with You

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1 O Mas - ter, let me walk with you In low - ly
 2 Help me the slow of heart to move By some clear,
 3 Teach me your pa - tience; share with me A clos - er,
 4 In hope that sends a shin - ing ray Far down the

paths of ser - vice true; Tell me your se - cret;
 win - ning word of love; Teach me the way - ward
 dear - er com - pa - ny, In work that keeps faith
 fu - ture's broad - 'ning way, In peace that on - ly

help me bear The strain of toil, the fret of care.
 feet to stay, And guide them in the home - ward way.
 sweet and strong, In trust that tri - umphs o - ver wrong,
 you can give; With you, O Mas - ter, let me live.

* Apostolic Greeting (*Romans 1:7*)

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.**

Kyrie (Mark 10:47) is omitted this week.

* Hymn of Praise (*Luke 2:14; John 1:29; Revelation 5:12-13; 19:5-9*)

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 (*2 Timothy 4:22*)

LBW p. 62

L The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

* Prayer of the Day

L Let us pray. Direct our hearts, O Lord, by your merciful reign, because without your help it is impossible to please you. Grant this, we pray, 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.

Old Testament Lesson: Jeremiah 11:18-20

The first lesson is from the 11th chapter of Jeremiah.

¹⁸The Lord made it known to me and I knew; then you showed me their deeds. ¹⁹But I was like a gentle lamb led to the slaughter. I did not know it was against me they devised schemes, saying, "Let us destroy the tree with its fruit, let us cut him off from the land of the living, that his name be remembered no more." ²⁰But, O Lord of hosts, who judges righteously, who tests the heart and the mind, let me see your vengeance upon them, for to you have I committed my cause.

L Here ends the reading.

Psalm 54 *The Psalm of the Day is sung in unison.*

¹Save me, O God, | by your Name;*

in your might, de- | fend my cause.

²Hear my | prayer, O God;*

give ear to the words | of my mouth.

³For the arrogant have risen up against me, and the ruthless have | sought my life,*

those who have no re- | gard for God.

⁴Behold, God | is my helper;*

it is the Lord who sus- | tains my life.

⁵Render evil to those who | spy on me;*

in your faithful- | ness, destroy them.

⁶I will offer you a | freewill sacrifice*

and praise your name, O Lord, for | it is good.

⁷For you have rescued me from | every trouble,*

and my eye has seen the ruin | of my foes.

New Testament Lesson: James 3:13-4:10

The second lesson is from the 3rd chapter of James.

¹³Who is wise and understanding among you? By his good conduct let him show his works in the meekness of wisdom. ¹⁴But if you have bitter jealousy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not boast and be false to the truth. ¹⁵This is not the wisdom that comes down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, demonic. ¹⁶For where jealousy and selfish ambition exist, there will be disorder and every vile practice. ¹⁷But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, open to reason, full of mercy and good fruits, impartial and sincere. ¹⁸And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace.

^{4:1}What causes quarrels and what causes fights among you? Is it not this, that your passions are at war within you? ²You desire and do not have, so you murder. You covet and cannot obtain, so you fight and quarrel. You do not have, because you do not ask. ³You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, to spend it on your passions. ⁴You adulterous people! Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God? Therefore whoever wishes to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God. ⁵Or do you suppose it is to no purpose that the Scripture says, “He yearns jealously over the spirit that he has made to dwell in us”? ⁶But he gives more grace. Therefore it says, “God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble.” ⁷Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. ⁸Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded. ⁹Be wretched and mourn and weep. Let your laughter be turned to mourning and your joy to gloom. ¹⁰Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will exalt you.

L Here ends the reading.

Children's Message

Children are invited to come forward for the Children's Message.

Following the Children's Message, the children are asked to sit with their families.

* Gospel Acclamation (John 6:68)

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 9th chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

* Holy Gospel: Mark 9:30-37

³⁰{Jesus and his disciples} went on from there and passed through Galilee. And he did not want anyone to know, ³¹for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, "The Son of Man is going to be delivered into the hands of men, and they will kill him. And when he is killed, after three days he will rise." ³²But they did not understand the saying, and were afraid to ask him. ³³And they came to Capernaum. And when he was in the house he asked them, "What were you discussing on the way?" ³⁴But they kept silent, for on the way they had argued with one another about who was the greatest. ³⁵And he sat down and called the twelve. And he said to them, "If anyone would be first, he must be last of all and servant of all." ³⁶And he took a child and put him in the midst of them, and taking him in his arms, he said to them, ³⁷"Whoever receives one such child in my name receives me, and whoever receives me, receives not me but him who sent me."

L The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

Message

Melanie Corn

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Praise and Thanksgiving

1 Praise and thanks-giv - ing, Fa - ther, we of - fer For all things
 2 Bless, Lord, the la - bor We bring to serve you, That with our
 3 Fa - ther, pro - vid - ing Food for your chil - dren, By your wise
 4 Then will your bless - ing Reach ev - 'ry peo - ple, Free - ly con -

liv - ing, Cre - at - ed good: Har - vest of sown fields, Fruits of the
 neigh - bor We may be fed. Sow - ing or till - ing, We would work
 guid - ing Teach us to share One with an - oth - er, So that, re -
 fess - ing Your gra - cious hand. Where all o - bey you, No one will

or - chard, Hay from the mown fields, Blossom and wood.
 with you, Har - vest - ing, mill - ing For dai - ly bread.
 joic - ing With us, all oth - ers May know your care.
 hun - ger; In your love's sway you Nour - ish the land.

**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 (Malachi 3:10)

All loose offering will go towards the Youth Missions/Retreats Fund. During the month of September, the congregation is invited to collect supplies needed for Faith Charter Academy and North Rowan High School. Please place donation on the front pew in the Sanctuary or prayerfully consider giving financially.

Anthem: *A Psalm of Praise* (Hopson)

Chancel Choir

* Offertory (Psalm 51:10-12)

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.**

* Prayers of the Church (1 Timothy 2:1-4)

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

Bless and sustain the witness of your church throughout the world. Keep us steadfast in your Word and empower us throughout the work of your Holy Spirit to be bold witnesses through our words and deeds.

Lord in your mercy ... **C hear our prayer.**

As farmers gather their crops from the fields, bless them with bountiful harvests that all might share in the goodness and abundance of the earth.

Lord in your mercy ... **C hear our prayer.**

We pray for students, teachers, administrators and support staff in schools around the world. May they discover in their time of study an appreciation of the many ways in which our lives and those of our neighbors, local and global, are interconnected. Help students to discover a sense of purpose in life and delight in the many intricacies of your creation.

Lord in your mercy ... **C hear our prayer.**

Bring peace of mind and heart, and wholeness and healing of body and spirit, to all who suffer from any illness or distress. [We pray particularly for ...] Grant them a sense of your constant presence through those who care for them.

Lord in your mercy ... **C hear our prayer.**

The prayers conclude:

L 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 Lord's Prayer (*Matthew 6:9-13; Luke 11:2-4*)

LBW p. 76

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

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**

SENDING

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

* Benediction (*Numbers 6:24-26*)

LBW p. 76

L The Lord bless you and keep you.

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

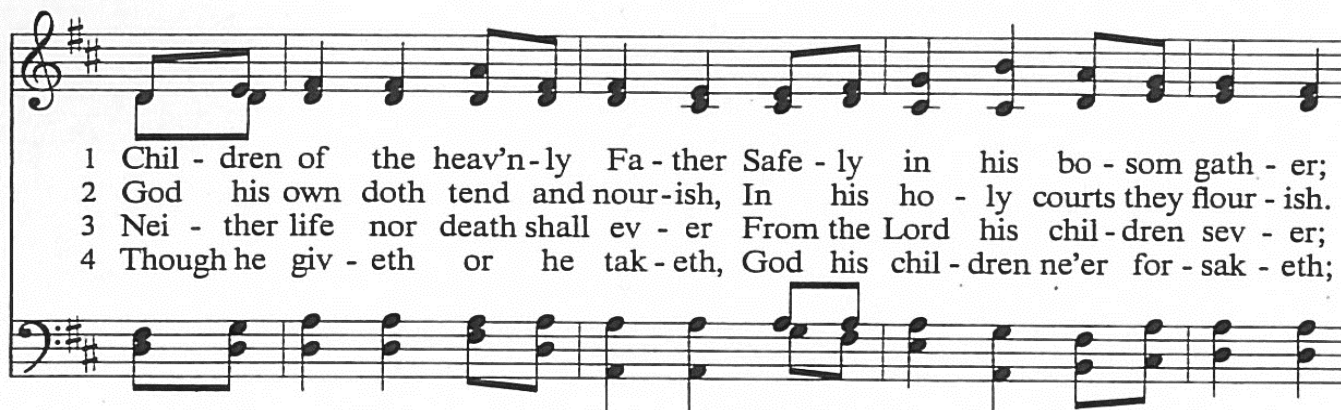
The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace.

C **Amen**

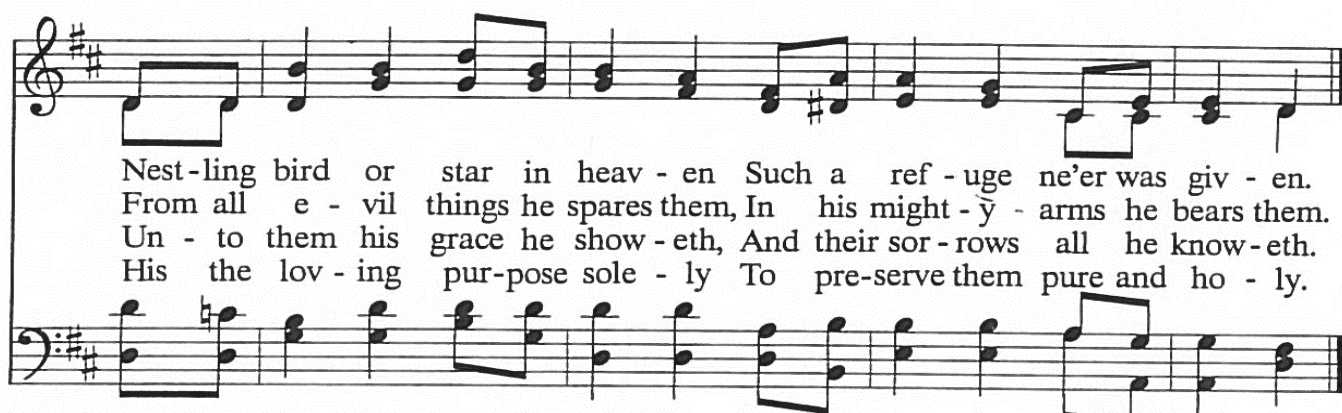
* Hymn

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Children of the Heavenly Father



1 Chil - dren of the heav'n-ly Fa - ther Safe - ly in his bo - som gath - er;
2 God his own doth tend and nour-ish, In his ho - ly courts they flour - ish.
3 Nei - ther life nor death shall ev - er From the Lord his chil - dren sev - er;
4 Though he giv - eth or he tak - eth, God his chil - dren ne'er for - sak - eth;



Nest-ling bird or star in heav - en Such a ref - uge ne'er was giv - en.
From all e - vil things he spares them, In his might - y - arms he bears them.
Un - to them his grace he show - eth, And their sor - rows all he know - eth.
His the lov - ing pur - pose sole - ly To pre - serve them pure and ho - ly.

* Blessing & Dismissal (**Matthew 28:19**)

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: *Praise and Thanksgiving* (Callahan)

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Those Serving in September

Guest Speaker: Melanie Corn, NALC

We welcome Melanie Corn as our Guest Speaker today!

Pastor Heidi Punt is at a Mission Event serving as an NALC Global Worker.

Acolytes, Altar Guild, Lay Readers:

Jennifer Curlee and Scott Curlee

Altar Guild, Lay Reader: Cathy Painter

Ushers: Steve Arey, Phil Cauble, Frank Merrell and Noah Trexler

Offering Counters: Patsy Lyerly, Sonya Mulkey and Vivian Sprinkle

Attendance

September 15	49	Sunday School
September 15	105	Worship & Holy Communion

Part 3: Lord’s Prayer



The Introduction

Our Father, who art in heaven.

What does this mean? *God encourages us to believe that he is truly our Father, and that we are truly his children, so that we may boldly and confidently pray to him, just as beloved children speak to their dear father.*

(Martin Luther’s Small Catechism ~ Sola Publishing 2010 Edition Pocket Version page 17)

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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**)



During the period of September 1st - 15th, 2024, Union Lutheran Church received revenue totaling \$15,625.19. During this same period, the church incurred expenses in the amount of \$(13,499.72).

The result of this two-week period is a positive revenue of \$2,125.47.

John Knight, ULC Treasurer

Union News

Sunday, September 22

9:15 a.m. Kids Choir (5th grade and under) in Choir Room

9:35 a.m. Sunday School

Jacob Tricks His Father ~ Genesis 27:1-36; Proverbs 12:20-22

Isaac said, "Are you really my son Esau?" Jacob answered, "I am." (Genesis 27:24)

New: Rabbit Hole Adult Sunday School Class (large fellowship hall)

New: Drew Wise Adult Sunday School Class (small fellowship hall)

Josiah Celebrates Passover ~ 2 Chronicles 34:1-35:19; 2 Kings 22-23

10:30 a.m. Worship only

Jeremiah 11:18-20; Psalm 54; James 3:13-4:10; Mark 9:30-37

1:00 p.m. Morgan Family Reunion (large fellowship hall)

2:30 p.m. Beginner Bells

4:00 p.m. Luther League (Organ Lutheran Church)

Deadline for October Messenger articles.

This Week's Schedule:

Tuesday, Sept. 24 **6:30 p.m.** *Make It Simple* Small Group Facilitators

Wednesday, Sept. 25 **6:30 p.m.** Catechism Confirmation

6:30 p.m. Belles & Beaus

7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir

Thursday, Sept. 26 **6:00 p.m.** Worship & Music Committee

Sunday, September 29

9:15 a.m. Kids Choir (5th grade and under) in Choir Room

9:35 a.m. Sunday School

Jacob Wrestles with God

Genesis 32:9-13, 22-30; Mark 14:32-36

Jacob was left alone; and a man wrestled with him until the breaking of the day.

(Genesis 32:24)

New: Rabbit Hole Adult Sunday School Class (large fellowship hall)

New: Drew Wise Adult Sunday School Class (small fellowship hall)

Moses and Miriam Lead in Praise

Psalm 104:1-9; Exodus 14:21-31; 15:1-21

10:30 a.m. Worship & Holy Communion

Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29; Psalm 104:27-35; James 5:[1-12] 13-20;
Mark 9:38-50

10:30 a.m. Recognition of 90 Days

Participants: Tara Davis, Lucinda Fraley, Brad and Jan Huffman, John and Susan Knight, Betty Sue Lowder, Lisa Morgan, Pete, Nikki, Micah, and Sam Nguyen, Cathy Painter, and Debbie Rinehart

2:00 p.m. Mission Outreach (large fellowship hall)

2:30 p.m. Beginner Bells

Altar Flowers are open for reservations.

September Service Project

In September the congregation is invited to collect supplies for Faith Charter Academy and North Rowan High School. Please place donations on the front pew in the Sanctuary.

Items needed at Faith Charter School: individually packaged snacks for Nurses Station (ex. Crackers, pretzels, etc.), tissues, wet wipes, band-aids, individually packaged snacks for Teacher Workroom, Boys & Girls Underwear sizes 5-8.

Items needed at North Rowan High School: Travel Health Kits (shampoo, deodorant, toothbrush, toothpaste, etc.)

43rd Annual Autumn Jubilee

Dan Nicholas

Saturday, October 5 & Sunday, October 6

Autumn Jubilee attracts more than 50,000 visitors from across Rowan County and the state. The Autumn Jubilee celebrates the season with family fun, food, and craft vendors.

*Dan Nicholas Park will donate \$1,000 to the **Union Youth Fund** for assisting with **parking**. Please contact Thad Mulkey or Dusty Morgan, Sr., if you can participate all day or for a few hours on **Saturday from 9:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.** or **Sunday from 12 noon-4:00 p.m.***

PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER...

Nursing Homes – Brenda Mahaley (Autumn Care Room 815), Ruth Monroe (Autumn Care Room 818), Jean Ray (Autumn Care Room 201) & Jay Rusher (Autumn Care), Pat Kluttz (Brookdale Room 56)

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

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

Continual Prayer –Addison Pardella-Barton (Debbie McPherson’s friend), Shonna Lanning Black (Jack and Deena Lanning’s daughter), Bill Broadway, Sharon Peeler Bullock (Sylvia Peeler’s daughter), Jill Brooks (Judy Boyd’s cousin), Michael Curlee (Scott Curlee’s brother), Billy Hutchens (Steve Hutchens’ brother), Darrell Johnson (Friend of The Punts), Betty Sue Lowder, Dr. Sean Malone (Pam Vellines’ doctor), Chandra McCoy (In Africa on Mission Trip - Friend of Steve & Malynda Peeler), Mary Catherine McCoy (Robin Huffman’s daughter-in-law), Merkins Family (Friends of The Punts), Jonathan Merrell (Frank Merrell’s cousin), Fay Miller (Pat Kluttz’s friend); Della Morgan (Pam Vellines’ mother), William & Doris Page, George Roof (Frank Merrell’s friend), 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

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