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20th Sunday after Pentecost

October 6, 2024

10:30 a.m. Worship & Holy Communion

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: *Isaiah in a Vision Did of Old* (Luther)

GATHERING

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

* Invocation (Matthew 28:19) 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 (1 John 1:8-9) 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

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

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

Blest Be the Tie That Binds

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1 Blest be the tie that binds Our hearts in
 2 Be - fore our Fa - ther's throne We pour our
 3 We share our mu - tual woes, Our mu - tual
 4 From sor - row, toil, and pain, And sin - we

Chris - tian love; The u - ni - ty of
 ar - dent prayers; Our fears, - our hopes, our
 bur - dens bear, And of - ten for each
 shall be free; And per - fect love and

heart and mind Is like to that a - bove.
 aims are one, Our com - forts and our cares.
 oth - er flows The sym - pa - thiz - ing tear.
 friend - ship reign Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

Text: John Fawcett, 1740-1817, alt.
 Tune: Johann G. Nageli, 1713-1836, adapt.

* Apostolic Greeting (*Romans 1:7*)

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 (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

A 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

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

* Prayer of the Day

P Let us pray. Generously pardon and give peace to your faithful people, O Lord, that being cleansed from every sin, we may be free and glad to serve; 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: Genesis 2:18-25

¹⁸The Lord God said, “It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper fit for him.” ¹⁹Now out of the ground the Lord God had formed every beast of the field and every bird of the heavens and brought them to the man to see what he would call them. And whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name. ²⁰The man gave names to all livestock and to the birds of the heavens and to every beast of the field. But for Adam there was not found a helper fit for him. ²¹So the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and while he slept took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. ²²And the rib that the Lord God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. ²³Then the man said, “This at last is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; she shall

be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man.” ²⁴Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and they shall become one flesh. ²⁵And the man and his wife were both naked and were not ashamed.

L Here ends the reading.

Psalm 128 *The Psalm of the Day is sung in unison.*

**¹Happy are they all who | fear the Lord,*
and who follow | in his ways!**

**²You shall eat the fruit | of your labor;*
happiness and prosperity | shall be yours.**

**³Your wife shall be like a fruitful vine with- | in your house,*
your children like olive shoots round | about your table.**

**⁴The man who | fears the Lord *
shall thus in- | deed be blessed.**

**⁵The Lord bless | you from Zion,*
and may you see the prosperity of Jerusalem all the days | of your life.**

**⁶May you live to see your | children’s children;*
may peace be | upon Israel.**

New Testament Lesson: Hebrews 2:1-18

¹Therefore we must pay much closer attention to what we have heard, lest we drift away from it. ²For since the message declared by angels proved to be reliable, and every transgression or disobedience received a just retribution, ³how shall we escape if we neglect such a great salvation? It was declared at first by the Lord, and it was attested to us by those who heard, ⁴while God also bore witness by signs and wonders and various miracles and by gifts of the Holy Spirit distributed according to his will. ⁵For it was not to angels that God subjected the world to come, of which we are speaking. ⁶It has been testified somewhere, “What is man, that you are mindful of him, or the son of man, that you care for him? ⁷You made him for a little while lower than the angels; you have crowned him with glory and honor, ⁸putting everything in subjection under his feet.” Now in putting everything in subjection to him, he left nothing outside his control. At present, we do not yet see everything in subjection to him. ⁹But we see him who for a little while was made lower than the angels, namely Jesus, crowned with glory and honor because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone. ¹⁰For it was fitting that he, for whom and by whom all things exist, in bringing many sons to glory, should make the founder of their salvation perfect through suffering. ¹¹For he who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one source. That is why he is not ashamed to call them brothers, ¹²saying, “I will tell of your name to my brothers; in the midst of the congregation I will sing your praise.” ¹³And again, “I will put my trust in him.” And again, “Behold, I and the children God has given me.” ¹⁴Since therefore the children share in flesh and blood, he himself likewise partook of the same things, that through death he might destroy the one who has

the power of death, that is, the devil, ¹⁵and deliver all those who through fear of death were subject to lifelong slavery. ¹⁶For surely it is not angels that he helps, but he helps the offspring of Abraham. ¹⁷Therefore he had to be made like his brothers in every respect, so that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people. ¹⁸For because he himself has suffered when tempted, he is able to help those who are being tempted.

L Here ends the reading.

Kids Choir Anthem: *God's with Me Every Day*

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.**

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark the 10th chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

* Holy Gospel: Mark 10:2-16

²Pharisees came up and in order to test {Jesus} asked, "Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?" ³He answered them, "What did Moses command you?" ⁴They said, "Moses allowed a man to write a certificate of divorce and to send her away." ⁵And Jesus said to them, "Because of your hardness of heart he wrote you this commandment. ⁶But from the beginning of creation, 'God made them male and female.' ⁷Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife, ⁸and the two shall become one flesh.' So they are no longer two but one flesh. ⁹What therefore God has joined together, let not man separate." ¹⁰And in the house the disciples asked him again about this matter. ¹¹And he said to them, "Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her, ¹²and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery." ¹³And they were bringing children to him that he might touch them, and the disciples rebuked them. ¹⁴But when Jesus saw it, he was indignant and said to them, "Let the children come to me; do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God. ¹⁵Truly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child shall not enter it." ¹⁶And he took them in his arms and blessed them, laying his hands on them.

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon: *More than a Rib*

Pastor Carl Haynes

* Hymn of the Day

The choir will sing through the hymn one time, and then the congregation is asked to join in as the hymn is repeated.

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Isaiah in a Vision Did of Old

I - sa - iah in a vi - sion did of old The Lord of hosts

en-throned on high be - hold: His splen-did train was wide out-spread un - til

Its stream-ing glo - ry did the tem - ple fill. A - bove his throne the

shin-ing ser - a - phim With six - fold wings did rev-'rence un - to

Hymn continued on the next page

him: With two each ser - aph hid his glo - rious face, And two a -

bout his feet did in - ter - lace, And with the oth - er two he soared on

high; And one un - to an - oth - er thus did cry: "Ho -

ly, Ho -

Hymn continued on the next page

ly, Ho - ly is the Lord of hosts!
 His glo - ry fill - eth all the earth!" The beams and lin - tels
 at their cry - ing shook, And all the house was filled with bil - lowing smoke.

Text: Martin Luther, 1483-1546; tr. Martin H. Franzmann, 1907-1976
 Tune: Martin Luther, 1483-1546

* Creed (**Romans 10:9-10**)

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 (1 Timothy 2:1-4)

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 (John 20:19)

LBW p. 66

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **And also with you.**

Offering (Malachi 3:10)

The Offering is received as the Lord's Table is prepared.

All loose offering will go towards the Social Ministry Fund.

The monthly benevolence will go towards Rowan Helping Ministries.

Anthem: *We Gather At Your Table Lord* (Ehret)

Chancel Choir

MEAL

God invites us to His table.

* Offertory (Psalm 116:12-13, 17-19)

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

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 (2 Timothy 4:22)

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 (Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9; Revelation 4:8-11)

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 (32)

LBW p. 69

(Matthew 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24; Luke 22:19-20; 1 Corinthians 11:23-26)

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 (Matthew 6:9-13; Luke 11:2-4)

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**

Those who are assisting with Holy Communion are asked to come forward at this time.

Agnus Dei (John 1:29)

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.**

Distribution of Communion (Mark 14:23)

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.

Holy Communion or Blessing will be celebrated at two communion stations.

Please fill out the communion card in the pew and hand to the Usher as you follow their directions to the communion stations.

Gluten Free wafers and grape juice are also available upon request.

* Blessing (1 Thessalonians 5:23)

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 (Luke 2:29-32)

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

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 (Numbers 6:24-26)

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

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On Our Way Rejoicing

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

Christ our Lord has con - quered; Van-quished is the foe.
Un - to God the Sav - ior Thank-ful hearts we bring;

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

Hymn is continued on the next page

Who, if we be faith - ful, Can our hope de - stroy?
 On our way re - joic - ing Now and ev - er - more.

Refrain

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

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

Text: John S. B. Monsell, 1811-1875, alt.
 Tune: Frances R. Havergal, 1836-1879

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

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: *On Our Way Rejoicing* (Cassler)

The ALTAR FLOWER is given to the Glory of God in memory of my parents Murray and Ruby Goodman and my brother Kent Goodman and in honor of all my children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren by Janet Overcash.

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Those Serving in October

Guest Pastor: Pastor Carl Haynes

We welcome Pastor Carl Haynes to worship today as our 250th Anniversary Guest Pastor!

Acolytes: Jesse Morgan, Jr. and Adam Thompson

Altar Guild: Sonya Mulkey and Janet Overcash

Communion Assistants: Tara Davis, Frank Merrell, and Sonya Mulkey

Lay Readers: Tara Davis, Frank Merrell and Doris Shepherd

Ushers: Phil Cauble, Addison Queen and Ron Vellines

Offering Counters: Tara Davis, Cathy Painter and Ron Vellines

Attendance

September 29	31	Sunday School
September 29	98	Worship & Holy Communion

During the period of September 16-30, Union Lutheran Church received revenue totaling \$5,632.00. During this same period, the church incurred expenses in the amount of \$(7,795.59). The result of this two-week period is a revenue deficit of (\$2,163.59). Additionally, \$42,430.46 was paid mid-September for the work completed to date, on the restoration of the educational building.

John Knight, ULC Treasurer

Part 3: Lord's Prayer



The Second Petition: *Thy kingdom come.*

What does this mean? *The kingdom of God comes indeed by itself, without our prayer, but we pray in this petition that it may also come to us.*

How is this done? *God's kingdom comes when our heavenly Father gives us his Holy Spirit, so that by his grace we believe his holy Word and live a godly life now and in eternity.*

(Martin Luther's Small Catechism ~ Sola Publishing 2010 Edition Pocket Version page 18)

The Union Women are sponsoring a **Coat Drive** from October 6-October 20.

Please place coats, jackets, sweaters, etc.,
in the basket provided in the small fellowship hall.

Union News

Greeting Team ~ We need YOU!!

The Mission Outreach Team is forming a Greeting Team to welcome visitors and we need YOUR help. What is needed? To be available in the Narthex by 10:00 a.m. on Sunday mornings, greet our visitors, hand out Welcome bags, etc.

Interested? Please contact Cheryl Kluttz for more information 704-754-7752.

Sunday, October 6

8:45 a.m. Light Breakfast with Greet & Meet

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

9:35 a.m. Sunday School

Joseph the Favored Son ~ Genesis 37:2-28; Matthew 5:21-22a

When his brothers saw that their father loved Joseph more than all his brothers, they hated him and could not speak peacefully to him. (Genesis 37:4)

Rabbit Hole Adult Sunday School Class (large fellowship hall)

Joseph the Favored Son

Drew Wise Adult Sunday School Class (small fellowship hall)

Prayers of Repentance and Confession ~ 2 Samuel 11; Psalm 51; 2 Corinthians 7:5-11

10:30 a.m. Worship & Holy Communion

Genesis 2:18-25; Psalm 128; Hebrews 2:1-18; Mark 10:2-16

Sermon: *More than a Rib*

10:30 a.m. Rev. Carl Haynes, 250th Anniversary Guest Pastor

12 noon-4:00 p.m. Autumn Jubilee at Dan Nicholas Park

4:00 p.m. Little Lutherans

Time change: 6:00 p.m. Blessing of Domestic Animals (parking lot)

This Week's Schedule:

Tuesday, Oct. 8 **2:00 p.m.** Mary & Martha Circle at ULC

6:15 p.m. Budget Team

Wednesday, Oct. 9 **6:30 p.m.** Catechism Confirmation

6:30 p.m. Belles & Beaus

7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir

Thursday, Oct. 10 **10:00 a.m.** Good Timers (small fellowship hall)

Guest: Katy Luther

Lunch: Lakeview Restaurant

6:30 p.m. *Make It Simple* Small Group Facilitators (2)

Sunday, October 13

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

9:35 a.m. Sunday School

Joseph Explains Dreams ~ Genesis 40:1-23; John 8:31-36

*They said to Joseph, "We have had dreams, and there is no one to interpret them."
(Genesis 40:8)*

Rabbit Hole Adult Sunday School Class

Joseph Explains Dreams

Drew Wise Adult Sunday School Class

A Plea for Deliverance ~ Psalm 22; Psalm 107:23-32; Daniel 3

10:30 a.m. Worship & Holy Communion

Micah Nguyen, Guest Speaker

Amos 5:6-7, 10-15; Psalm 90:12-17;

Hebrews 3:12-19; Mark 10:17-22

10:30 a.m. Belles & Beaus ringing during worship

4:30 p.m. Union & Salem Youth

Altar Flowers are open for reservations for Sunday, October 13.

New: *Christian Education Umbrella meeting has been rescheduled to meet Sunday, October 27, at 2:00 p.m.*

Please note: *Clergy Retreat for October 7-9 was cancelled. Also, Pastor Heidi Punt will be in the office this week.*

NALC Disaster Relief

Help is needed in collecting supplies for the NALC Disaster Relief. Please prayerfully consider donating items or giving financially.

To give financially, please make your check payable to Union Lutheran Church, memo line and front of offering envelope note: NALC Disaster Relief.

Cleaning Flood Buckets

1 five-gallon bucket with lid; 1 jug bleach (1/2 gal. or smaller); 2 large trash bags (Contractor 3 mil); 1 roll paper towels; 2 rags; Comet or scouring cleanser; Pine Sol or liquid cleaner; scrub brush; gloves, 1 pair each, size L preferred • rubber (reusable, i.e. Platex, dishwashing type) • leather • cotton

Health Care Kit

(Pack in 2-gallon plastic storage bag or tote bag)

1 bath towel; 1 wash cloth (optional); 1 shampoo (2 if travel size); 1 bar of soap (2 if travel size); 1 toothbrush (individually sealed); 1 pack of floss (optional); 1 toothpaste (2 if travel size); 1 comb; 1 deodorant; 1 nail clippers (optional)

Miscellaneous Items:

- Gift cards: Walmart, Lowe's, Home Depot and Tractor Supply
- Water bottles
- Bibles
- Camping supplies: tents, tarps, camping chairs, blankets, quilts, pillows, sleeping bags, etc.
- Leaf and garden rakes, flat bottom shovels, brooms, dust pans, buckets, mops, and spades
- Disposable pull up diapers, baby or adult in assorted sizes; diaper rash ointment
- Baby formula, bottles, baby food, baby wipes
- Feminine hygiene items
- Any school supply item can be donated in bulk

Non-Perishables:

Any canned soup, spam, Vienna sausages, beans, veggies with pop up lids; crackers of any type; fruit cups; beanie weenies

If you have a Thrivent account and eligible to apply for Thrivent Action please go online or contact Thrivent Financial. Make sure to include the \$250 card is being used for Hurricane Helene 2024.

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 –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), Billy Hutchens (Steve Hutchens’ brother), Evelyn Hutchens (Steve Hutchens’ mother), 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), Pat Wiles (Genevieve Baker’s friend), Union Fire Department #76, Global Missions (Congo, Slovakia, and Haiti), especially for our NC neighbors affected by natural disasters & those affected by political disasters

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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)



Pastor Carl Haynes, 250th Anniversary Guest Pastor



Pastor Carl Haynes is a native of North Carolina. He grew up in Rowan County and attended South Rowan High School where he met his wife Kathy. They were married at Concordia Lutheran Church on June 19, 1977. A 1978 graduate of Catawba College, Carl attended Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary graduating in May of '82. He was ordained June 6, 1982. Pr. Carl has served two congregations: Our Saviour, Dallas from June 1982 until December 1991; and Christiana, Salisbury from January 1992 until June 2022.

Pastor Carl became a part of the North American Lutheran Church in December 2010. In May 2011 he was elected Dean of the Carolinas Mission District which encompassed South and North Carolina. He served two terms. Pastor Carl serves on the advisory board for Gordon Conwell Theological Seminary, and the Board of Advisors for the Lutheran Studies Program located there. He is currently serving as Dean of the Piedmont East Mission District of the Carolinas Mission Region.

Pastor Carl and his wife Kathy are retired and members of Concordia Lutheran Church in China Grove, NC. They have three daughters and two granddaughters. In his spare time, he enjoys spoiling his granddaughters, reading, woodworking, yard work and playing Bass Trombone in the Salisbury Swing Band.

Martin Luther's Hymns to be Highlighted in October

During the month of October, each Sunday we will be highlighting one of Martin Luther's hymns. 500 years ago when Luther was preaching, he was faced with a tremendous problem. The congregation did NOT participate in worship. Why? It wasn't in their native German language. Worshippers could come to church and greet each other in German, but once the service began, except for the sermon, everything was in LATIN. Imagine if you came to church next Sunday, and Pastor Heidi greeted you, and when the service began, she spoke Zulu. Luther set about to correct this in the church at Wittenberg. We all know he translated the New Testament to German, but he went further. He wrote hymns that the congregation could sing in their OWN language, and he selected words for the hymns that taught scripture.

Today we are singing LBW 528, Isaiah in a Vision Did of Old. Several things to remember. First, the hymn is plainsong, that is, there are no bar lines and measures and time signatures. Musical structure as we know it had not yet been designed. Secondly, sentence structure may seem awkward. That is because when words are translated from one language to another, sentences are difficult to construct while staying true to the meaning. Luther carefully chose the words to his hymns. This particular hymn was designed by Luther to be used after the consecration of the bread and before the blessing of the wine. It was to be used as the Sanctus, the "Holy, Holy, Holy, which we sing during the communion service.

*Luther published this in his *Deutsche Messe und ordnung Gottis diensts* (German Mass) in 1528, along with other parts of the liturgy. While the majority of Luther's hymns have been lost, this one survived. The first complete German Mass was held on October 29, 1525. As to the tune, he actually based it on an 11th century plainsong chant which was designed to be used only during Advent and Lent – altering the chant to make his words fit.*

Dawn Merrell, Interim Music Director & Organist