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Reformation & Confirmation Sunday

October 27, 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: *Toccata and Fugue in D Minor BWV 565* (Bach)

GATHERING

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

Please turn to face the cross.

* 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*)

P Lord God, heavenly Father, you did not spare your only Son, but gave him up for us all to be our Savior, and along with him you have graciously given us all things. We thank you for your precious, saving gospel, and we pray that you would help us to believe in the name of our Savior faithfully and steadfastly, for he alone is our righteousness and wisdom, our comfort and peace, so that we may stand on the day of his appearing; through Jesus Christ, your dear Son, our Lord.

C Amen

Source: Collect for Reformation, found in *Allgemeines evangelisches Gesang- und Gebetbuch zum Kirchen und Hausgebrauch*, Hamburg, 1846, p. 694.

* Processional Hymn: *Built on a Rock* (stanzas 1-3)

LBW# 365

As the Acolytes, Crucifer, Pastor and Choir process in, please turn to follow the cross.

365

Built on a Rock

1 Built on a rock the Church shall stand, E - ven when stee - ples are
2 Not in our tem - ples made with hands God, the Al - might - y, is
3 We are God's house of liv - ing stones, Built for his own hab - i -
4 Yet in this house, an earth - ly frame, Je - sus the chil - dren is

fall - ing; Crum - bled have spires in ev - 'ry land, Bells still are
dwell - ing; High in the heav'ns his tem - ple stands, All earth - ly
ta - tion; He fills our hearts, his hum - ble thrones, Grant - ing us
bless - ing; Hith - er we come to praise his name, Faith in our

chim-ing and call - ing— Call - ing the young and old to rest, Call - ing the
 tem - ples ex - cel - ling. Yet he who dwells in heav'n a - bove Deigns to a -
 life and sal - va - tion. Were two or three to seek his face, He in their
 Sav - ior con - fess - ing. Je - sus to us his Spir - it sent, Mak - ing with

 souls of those dis - tressed, Long - ing for life ev - er - last - ing.
 bide with us in love, Mak - ing our bod - ies his tem - ple.
 midst would show his grace, Bless - ings up - on them be - stow - ing.
 us his cov - e - nant, Grant - ing his chil - dren the king - dom.

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* 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**)

LBW p. 57-58

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 (**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. Grant us, O Lord, to live this day in gladness and peace, without stumbling and without stain, that reaching the evening victorious over all temptation, we may praise you, the eternal God, for you govern all things and are praised now and forever.

C **Amen**

Mozarabic Breviary, Lauds, Advent 1, Bright, Ancient Collects, in Common Service Book of the Lutheran Church, 1919

WORD

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

New Testament Lesson: Revelation 14:6-7

The first lesson is from the 14th chapter of Revelation.

⁶I saw another angel flying directly overhead, with an eternal gospel to proclaim to those who dwell on earth, to every nation and tribe and language and people. ⁷And he said with a loud voice, "Fear God and give him glory, because the hour of his judgment has come, and worship him who made heaven and earth, the sea and the springs of water."

L Here ends the reading.

Psalm 46 *Read Responsively*

L ¹God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

C ²**Therefore we will not fear though the earth gives way, though the mountains be moved into the heart of the sea,**

L ³though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble at its swelling.

C ⁴**There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High.**

L ⁵God is in the midst of her; she shall not be moved; God will help her when morning dawns.

C ⁶**The nations rage, the kingdoms totter; he utters his voice, the earth melts.**

L ⁷The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.

C ⁸**Come, behold the works of the Lord, how he has brought desolations on the earth.**

L ⁹He makes wars cease to the end of the earth; he breaks the bow and shatters the spear; he burns the chariots with fire.

C ¹⁰**“Be still, and know that I am God. I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth!”**

L ¹¹The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.

New Testament Lesson: Romans 3:19-28

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

¹⁹Now we know that whatever the law says it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be stopped, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. ²⁰For by works of the law no human being will be justified in his sight, since through the law comes knowledge of sin. ²¹But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it — ²²the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction: ²³for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, ²⁴and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, ²⁵whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God’s righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins. ²⁶It was to show his righteousness at the present time, so that he might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus. ²⁷Then what becomes of our boasting? It is excluded. By what kind of law? By a law of works? No, but by the law of faith. ²⁸For we hold that one is justified by faith apart from works of the law.

L Here ends the reading.

Children’s Message *Children are invited to come forward for the Children’s Message.*

During the noisy offering (NALC Disaster Relief), the congregation is invited to sing Jesus Loves Me.

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 10:23-31

²³Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, “How difficult it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!” ²⁴And the disciples were amazed at his words. But Jesus said to them again, “Children, how difficult it is to enter the kingdom of God! ²⁵It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich person to enter the kingdom of God.” ²⁶And they were exceedingly astonished, and said to him, “Then who can be saved?” ²⁷Jesus looked at them and said, “With man it is impossible, but not with God. For all things are possible with God.” ²⁸Peter began to say to him, “See, we have left everything and followed you.” ²⁹Jesus said, “Truly, I say to you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or lands, for my sake and for the

gospel, ³⁰who will not receive a hundredfold now in this time, houses and brothers and sisters and mothers and children and lands, with persecutions, and in the age to come eternal life. ³¹But many who are first will be last, and the last first.”

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

Sermon

Pastor Heidi Punt

* Hymn of the Day: *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*

LBW# 229

Chancel Choir only on stanza 3: The choir will sing using Martin Luther's original arrangement. Also during the 3rd stanza the Confirmands and New Member will gather at the baptismal font.

229 A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

1 A might - y for - tress is our God, A sword and shield vic -
 2 No strength of ours can match his might! We would be lost, re -
 3 Though hordes of dev - ils fill the land All threat-'ning to de -
 4 God's Word for - ev - er shall a - bide, No thanks to foes, who

to - rious; He breaks the cruel op - pres - sor's rod And
 ject - ed. But now a cham - pion comes to fight, Whom
 vour us, We trem - ble not, un - moved we stand; They
 fear it; For God him - self fights by our side With

wins sal - va - tion glo - rious. The old sa - tan - ic foe
 God him - self e - lect - ed. You ask who this may be?
 can - not o - ver - pow'r us. Let this world's ty - rant rage;
 weap - ons of the Spir - it. Were they to take our house,

Has sworn to work us woe! With craft and dread-ful might
 The Lord of hosts is he! Christ Je - sus, might - y Lord,
 In bat - tle we'll en - gage! His might is doomed to fail;
 Goods, hon - or, child, or spouse, Though life be wrenched a - way,

He arms him - self to fight. On earth he has no e - qual.
 God's on - ly Son, a - dored. He holds the field vic - to - rious.
 God's judg - ment must pre - vail! One lit - tle word sub - dues him.
 They can - not win the day. The King - dom's ours for - ev - er!

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Affirmation of Faith & New Member Reception

LBW p. 198-201

Confirmation marks the completion of the congregation's program of confirmation ministry, a period of instruction in the Christian faith as confessed in the teachings of the Lutheran Church. Those who have completed this program were made members of the Church in Baptism. Confirmation includes a public profession of the faith into which the candidates were baptized, thus underscoring God's action in their Baptism.

A representative of the congregation presents the candidates to the minister:

A These persons have been instructed in the Christian faith and desire to make public affirmation of their Baptism: Caylea Cline and Mallory Eagle.

P 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.

Christians from other denominations become members of the Lutheran Church through reception into the local congregation. In Baptism they were made Christians; now they become members of the Lutheran Church.

A Vuthy Niles has come to us from *another church*, and desired to make public affirmation of her Baptism.

P Vuthy, we rejoice to receive you, member of the one holy catholic and apostolic Church, into our fellowship in the Gospel.

The minister addresses those who have been presented.

P 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 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,*

THE PRAYERS are said.

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, and 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, and 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 *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

FOR CONFIRMATION ONLY

The presiding minister lays both hands on the head of each person:

P Father in heaven, for Jesus' sake, stir up in Caylea and Mallory the gift of your Holy
Spirit; confirm *her* faith, guide *her* life, empower *her* in *her* serving, give *her* patience
in suffering, and bring *her* to everlasting life.

Each person answers: "Amen."

*They stand. The presiding minister exchanges the peace with each of them. They exchange the peace with
one another and other members of the congregation:*

* Sharing of the Peace (John 20:19)

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you.

All return to their places. The service continues with the Offering.

Offering (Malachi 3:10)

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

All loose offering will go towards the Youth Missions & Retreats Fund.

The monthly benevolence will go towards Rowan Helping Ministries.

Anthem: You Called Me (Lindh)

Chancel Choir

You called me, Father, by my name
When I had still no say:
Today you call me to confirm.
The vows my parents made.
You give me freedom to believe;
Today I made my choice:
And to the worship of the Church
I add my learning voice.
Within the circle of the faith,
As member of your cast,
I take my place with all the saints
Of future, present, past.
In all the tensions of my life,
Between my faith and doubt,
Let your great Spirit give me hope,
Sustain me, lead me out.
So help me in my unbelief
And let my life be true:
Feet firmly planted on the earth,
My sights set high on you.

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**

P Lord, I am not worthy to be a guest at your holy table, yet I have heard the sweet words of your invitation, and you have promised me forgiveness of my sins through your body and blood which I eat and drink in this sacrament. O dear Lord, I know that your divine Word and promise are true. I do not doubt them, and resting on them, I eat and drink with you. Let it be to me according to your Word.

C Amen

Attributed to Martin Luther, no German original found in *Die Gebete Luthers*, from *The Collection of Baron Bunsen*, p. 182 #3 Tr. Catherine Winkworth.

*** 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 one communion station.

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

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

* Blessing (1 Corinthians 11:26; 1 Thessalonians 5:23)

P May the precious body and blood of our Lord and Savior bless you.

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

P We thank you, almighty Lord God, that you have refreshed us through the body and blood of your dear Son. We pray that through this, you would make us prosper with strong faith toward you and with fervent love among us all, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen.

Source: Coburg Agende

Source of this version: Translated for *A Collection of Prayers*. German source: *Gebetbuch, enthaltend die sämtlichen Gebete und Seufzer Martin Luther's, ...Evangelischer Bücher-Verein, 1866, #597.*

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

* Recessional Hymn: *Built on a Rock* (stanzas 4-5)

LBW# 365

The Acolytes will lead the way out with light from the altar candles. The light represents Jesus as the Light of the World. As the light exits the building so do we as we spread the light of Jesus into the world.

During the recessional hymn please turn to follow the cross as it exits.

- 4 Yet in this house, an earthly frame,
Jesus the children is blessing;
hither we come to praise his name,
faith in our Savior confessing.
Jesus to us his Spirit sent,
making with us his covenant,
granting his children the kingdom.**
- 5 Through all the passing years, O Lord,
grant that, when church bells are ringing,
many may come to hear God's Word
where he this promise is bringing:
I know my own, my own know me;
you, not the world, my face shall see;
my peace I leave with you. Amen**

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* 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: *Built on a Rock* (Cherwein)

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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.

Those Serving in October

Sr. Acolytes: Bailey Wilhelm and Lucas Wilhelm

Jr. Acolyte: Jesse Morgan, Jr.

Crucifer: 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

Union News

The congregation is invited to join the Union Women in collecting gift cards and cash in honor of Nadia Punt, Pastor Heidi's daughter, upcoming wedding.

Cathy Kluttz Painter and Deena Lanning are collecting the monies (gift cards and cash).

Deadline: Sunday, November 3

Reformation & Confirmation Sunday, October 27

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

9:35 a.m. Sunday School

The Parting of the Red Sea ~ Exodus 14:6-31; 1 Corinthians 10:1-4

Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and the Lord drove the sea back by a strong east wind. (Exodus 14:21)

Rabbit Hole Adult Sunday School Class

The Parting of the Red Sea

Drew Wise Adult Sunday School Class

Trust in God Alone ~ Psalm 62; Jeremiah 17:5-11

10:30 a.m. Worship & Holy Communion

Revelation 14:6-7; Psalm 46; Romans 3:19-28; John 8:31-36

10:30 a.m. Confirmation of Caylea Cline and Mallory Eagle

We welcome Caylea Cline and Mallory Eagle as active confirmed members of Union Lutheran Church as they affirmed their Baptism during the worship service today.

10:30 a.m. Reception of New Member

We will welcome into our church family today by Reaffirmation of Faith: Vuthy Niles.

Following worship in the small fellowship hall everyone is invited to greet and meet our Confirmands and New Member!

Reformation & Confirmation Sunday, October 27 *continued*

2:00 p.m. Christian Education Umbrella

4:00 p.m. Luther League at Holy Trinity, Troutman

This Week's Schedule:

Tuesday, Oct. 29 **6:30 p.m.** *Make It Simple* Small Group
Following Jesus ~ Matthew 6:25-33

Wednesday, Oct. 30 **10:30 a.m.** *Make It Simple* Small Group
Following Jesus ~ Matthew 6:25-33

6:30 p.m. Catechism Confirmation

6:30 p.m. Belles & Beaus

7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir

Thursday, Oct. 31 **2:00 p.m.** *Make It Simple* Small Group
Following Jesus ~ Matthew 6:25-33

Saturday, Nov. 2 Snider Family Reunion (small fellowship hall)

Don't forget to turn your clocks back an hour before you go to bed on Saturday.

All Saints Sunday, November 3

Daylight Savings Time ends

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

9:30 a.m. *Make It Simple* Small Groups
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10:30 a.m. Worship & Holy Communion
Revelation 7:9-17; Psalm 149; 1 John 3:1-3; Matthew 6:25-33
Sermon Theme: Following Jesus: Now and Forever!
Make It Simple Stewardship Program

10:30 a.m. Remembrance of Members and Extended Family Members

12 noon Union Youth will leave following church to participate in the Luther Games

4:00 p.m. Little Lutherans

Altar Flowers are open for reservations on Sunday, November 3.

Attendance

October 20	37	Sunday School
October 20	92	Worship & Holy Communion

Martin Luther's Hymns to be Highlighted in October



On October 31, 1517 Martin Luther nailed his 95 thesis to the door of Wittenberg causing quite the stir among people when they arrived for service on All Saint's Day, November 1, 1517. Some two hundred years later, the great Lutheran composer J. S. Bach composed a piece entitled "Tocatta and Fugue in D minor, BWV 565." This piece basically had the same effect on people. It varied quite a bit from Bach's regular compositions. Music historians through the years have studied and analyzed the piece and many have come to the conclusion that the piece is Bach's musical interpretation of Luther's act. The piece begins with a statement phrase that is quite a shock and element of surprise to the listener. Within the piece there are sections that are "conversational," that is, the music sounds as if two people are talking with each other. Later in the Fugue the conversation becomes more and more involved until one lone "voice" seems to speak out and say "let's calm down and discuss this rationally." The Fugue ends with flourishes which almost mimic everyone getting in their last words and thoughts. While the final ending is proper according to composition rules, it still leaves the listener with wonder as to what is coming next.

Sadly to say, with Bach's death in 1750, his music went by the wayside as other composers such as Hayden, Beethoven and Mozart came to the forefront. Then in 1820 a 12 year old Jewish boy named Felix Mendelssohn received an original manuscript of one of Bach's works from his wealthy grandmother on his birthday. Mendelssohn became a prime promoter of Bach's music until his death in 1847 when once again Bach's music fell out of favor for up and coming composers such as Brahms, Chopin, and Wagner. Fast forward almost 100 years and a man by the name of Walt Disney produces a movie titled "Fantasia." The music chosen for the movie? Bach's Tocatta and Fugue in D Minor. Instead of the organ arrangement, the music was scored for orchestra. Once again, Bach's music came to the forefront. By this time colleges were graduating music majors with degrees in organ, and churches were no longer using reed, or pump organs and pianos and were installing pipe organs. With the history of the Tocatta and Fugue linked to Martin Luther, a Lutheran congregation with a pipe organ and a trained organist could fairly well count on hearing the Tocatta and Fugue on Reformation Sunday. Today the piece is fairly recognizable thanks to a Circuit City T.V. commercial. If you attend a Halloween event such as a Haunted House or Trail, you will probably hear the opening section of the Prelude.

"A Mighty Fortress" is truly a universal hymn. It can be found in most Christian hymnals in countries around the world. Based on Psalm 46, it possibly was written around 1529 at a meeting in Speyer, Germany, where German princes protested against the revocation of their liberties, which led to the term "Protestant." Consequently, the earliest publication date is of course 1529. There is some speculation it was printed in 1528, but no visible proof exists. The thought behind this date is that one of Luther's friends, Leonhard Kaiser was burned at

the stake in 1527, and the hymn was possibly Luther's response to this event. Yet, with no existing visible proof, that is speculation. At any rate, the hymn spread rapidly across Germany, and was even used daily by Luther himself, as well as armies before going into battle. To date, it has been translated into 200+ languages, and the tune has been incorporated by many composers in their various works, including J. S. Bach who used the tune as the basis for his Cantata, No. 219. As with most of Luther's hymns, the last line of the melody descends. This was Luther's way of reminding people that God's grace is always there for us, "coming down to us."

Part 3: Lord's Prayer



The Fifth Petition: *And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.*

What does this mean? *We pray in this petition that our heavenly Father would not hold our sins against us and deny our prayers because of them. We know we have not earned, nor do we deserve, those things for which we pray. But we ask that he would grant us all things through grace, even though we sin every day and deserve nothing but punishment. And so we, too, will heartily forgive, and gladly do good to those who sin against us.*

(Martin Luther's Small Catechism ~ Sola Publishing 2010 Edition Pocket Version page 20)

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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 – Bill Broadway, Floyd Carter, 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), 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)

