

Unity Evangelical Lutheran Church

*A community of disciples for Jesus Christ, dedicated to glorifying God
through worship, spiritual growth and service to others.*

The Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Sunday, November 11, 2018
Service of the Word

GATHERING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord, O my soul! I will praise the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God all my life long. Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob, who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them and who executes justice for the oppressed and gives food to the hungry. The Lord sets prisoners free and lifts up those who are bowed down. The Lord watches over the stranger and upholds the orphan and the widow. The Lord will reign forever. Praise the Lord!

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

Christ came into the world to save us from sin, once and for all. Because of his sacrifice for us, God waits in mercy to forgive. Let us confess our sin before God and one another.

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Forgive us, Lord, when we think too highly of ourselves and clamor after privilege and honor. Forgive us, Lord, when we cannot lift our gaze because we do not believe we have anything to give. You have given us the best gift of all: freedom from all that harms us and the way to abundant life. Have mercy on our foolishness and heal our lovesick hearts, that we may live faithfully for you. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

***DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS**

Sisters and brothers, the news is good and it is for you: in Jesus Christ, all our failings are washed away; our thirst for goodness is quenched. Remember your baptism and be glad!

Thanks be to God.

***GATHERING SONG**

As Saints of Old

ELW 695

***APOSTOLIC GREETING**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

***KYRIE**

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***CANTICLE OF PRAISE**

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***PRAYER OF THE DAY** (*in unison*)

O God, you show forth your almighty power chiefly by reaching out to us in mercy. Grant us the fullness of your grace, strengthen our trust in your promises, and bring all the world to share in the treasures that come through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

WORD

READINGS (See Insert)

1 Kings 17:8-16

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalms 146 (*read responsively*)

Hebrews 9:24-28

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:**

Alleluia

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Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia. Alleluia

The Holy Gospel according to Mark

Glory to you, Oh Lord.

***GOSPEL READING: Mark 12:39-44**

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you O Christ.

MESSAGE

Pastor Kate Crecelius

***HYMN OF THE DAY**

Take My Life, That I May Be

ELW 685

***STATEMENT OF FAITH** (Apostles' Creed)

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come 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.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION (*See insert*)

THANKSGIVING

INVITATION TO OFFERING

Jesus said: Those who wish to be great must become servants to all. With humility and hope let us offer the gifts of our lives to the Lord.

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| OFFERTORY | <i>Create in me a clean heart</i> | 186 |
| *CANTICLE OF THANKSGIVING | | 219 |
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| *THE LORD'S PRAYER | | 221 |

SENDING

***BLESSING**

May the abundant goodness of God, the generous mercy of Christ, and the sustaining power of the Spirit be with you today and every day until the coming of God's joyous reign.

Amen.

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| *SENDING SONG | <i>Oh Happy Day When We Shall Stand</i> | ELW 441 |
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***DISMISSAL**

Go out into the world with courage, trusting God to supply your every need.

Amen.

***POSTLUDE**

*Congregation Stands
Congregational Responses are **in bold**

Questions for Reflection

Where in your life do you doubt God's power to provide what you need?

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS. “**THIS IS THE DAY THE LORD HAS MADE...**” We will rejoice and be glad in it.” Thank you for choosing Unity as your place to worship this morning. If you would like more information concerning the ministries and outreach of Unity church in the community and in the world, please see Pastor Kate or call the church office.

ALTAR FLOWERS TODAY are given to the Glory of God by Shirley Shook in honor of Harold’s birthday on November 9th. Please sign up for Altar Flowers. The next available Sunday is November 18th.

THERE WILL BE A CONGREGATIONAL MEETING TODAY AT 2:00 p.m. with Bishop Tim Smith. Please make every effort to be there.

OUR SAVIOUR LUTHERAN CHURCH invites you to a Chili Supper on November 17 from 5:00-7:00 p.m. The cost will be \$7.00 for Chili with the fixings, cornbread drink and dessert. This is a fundraiser for their youth group.

PRAYER CONCERNS

MEMBERS WITH SPECIAL CONCERNS: James Burns, Tina Carpenter, Richard Huffman, Lora Childers, Glenn and Peggy Davis, Bill & Farrell Gibbs, Dave Shannon, Kathy Whisnant, Sue Heavner, Unity college students.

HOMEBOUND MEMBERS: Darrell Warren (Trinity Village), Dave Shannon, Candyce Webb, Kenneth Webb, Bette Killian.

FRIENDS AND FAMILY: Lesa Fox, Keith Sigmon, Lucy Jones, Jackston Brown, Reggie Helton, Michael Fox (Farrell Gibbs’ grandson) Terry Jenkins, Edith Michael, Janet Rhoney, Theda Reinhardt, Judy Houser, Lesa Fox, Dan Drinkard, Diane Futrelle, Gay Apple, Cort Hollar, Nancy Lang, Celeste White, Rachel Jones, all public safety personnel and military personnel.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING: Unity’s Planting Hope Team, Gifts and graces of the Unity Lutheran Family, Shared Ministry with Mt. Pisgah, ELCA.

Offering and Attendance for November 4, 2018

Attendance: 29

Offering - \$1,257.00

SERVING TODAY, NOVEMBER 11

Presiding Minister: Kate Crecelius
Reader/Assisting Minister: Bea Isenhour
Organist/Musician: Chuck Lindler
Ushers: Donna Huffman/Joy Burns
Counters: James Burns/Bea Isenhour
Altar /Narthex Care: Shirley Shannon/Tinita Stoker
Property Contact: Maurice Huffman

SERVING NEXT SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 18

Presiding Minister: Kate Crecelius
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Organist/Musician: Chuck Lindler
Ushers: Donna Huffman/Joy Burns
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