

Unity Evangelical Lutheran Church

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

Sunday, May 12, 2019
Fourth Sunday of Easter
Service of the Word

GATHERING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

***CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS**

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

C: **Amen.**

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: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

P: Most merciful God,

C: **we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

P: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God 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**

***GATHERING SONG**

Crown Him with Many Crowns

ELW 855

***APOSTOLIC GREETING**

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**

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***CANTICLE OF PRAISE**

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***PRAYER OF THE DAY** (*in unison, see insert*)

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

WORD

READINGS (*See Insert*)

FIRST LESSON: Acts 9:36-43

A: The word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM: 23 (*read responsively*)

SECOND LESSON: Revelation 7:9-17

A: The word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:**

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

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

C: **Glory to you, Oh Lord.**

***GOSPEL READING: John 10:22-30**

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

MESSAGE

George Simmons

***HYMN OF THE DAY**

The King of Love My Shepherd Is

ELW 502

***THE 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

OFFERING

OFFERING SONG *Salvation Belongs to Our God* 219

*THANKSGIVING FOR THE WORD 220

*THE LORD'S PRAYER *(in unison)* 221

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed by 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

*BLESSING

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

C: Amen.

*SENDING SONG *Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us* ELW 789

*DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Share the good news.

C: Thanks be to God.

*POSTLUDE

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

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Worship 10:30am

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 please speak to one of the Ushers.

WELCOME George Simmons as our supply preacher for today.

ALTAR FLOWERS TODAY are given to the glory of God by the people of Unity

ALTAR FLOWERS NEXT SUNDAY: OPEN

(Next available dates for altar flowers are June 9,16 & 30)

PRAYER CONCERNS

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

HOMEBOUND MEMBERS: Dave Shannon, Candyce Webb, Kenneth Webb, Bette Killian.

FRIENDS AND FAMILY: Tony Cruz, Lucy Jones, Terry Jenkins, Michael Fox (Farrell Gibbs’ grandson) 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.

Offering and Attendance for May 5, 2019

Attendance: 26 Offering: \$2034.00

SERVING TODAY, May 12

Presiding Minister: George Simmons
Organist: Frances Whitener(pre-recorded)
Reader/Assisting Minister: Adrian Jones
Ushers: Harold Shook/Steve Isenhour
Counters: Elaine Huffman/Bea Isenhour
Altar /Narthex Care: Tinita Stoker
Property Contact: Harold Shook

SERVING NEXT SUNDAY, May 19

Presiding Minister: Richard Schroeder
Organist: Frances Whitener(pre-recorded)
Reader/Assisting Minister: Tinita Stoker
Ushers: Harold Shook/Steve Isenhour
Counters: Elaine Huffman/Bea Isenhour
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