

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 28, 2023

Day of Pentecost

Setting 3

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: God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of ✠ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

C: **Amen**

*GATHERING SONG

O Day Full of Grace

ELW 627

*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, see insert)

WORD

READINGS (See Insert)

FIRST LESSON: Acts 2:1-21

A: The word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 104:24-34, 35b (*read responsively*)

SECOND LESSON: 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13

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? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John the 20th chapter

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

***GOSPEL READING: John 20:19-23**

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

MESSAGE

Deacon Deborah Johnson

***HYMN OF THE DAY**

Come, Gracious Spirit, Heavenly Dove

ELW 404

***STATEMENT OF FAITH (Nicene Creed)** (*read in unison*)

We believe in one God, the Father, the almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen

.PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION *(See insert)*

MEAL

OFFERING

***OFFERING SONG** *Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful* **ELW 182**

***OFFERING PRAYER**

***GREAT THANKSGIVING** **144**

***WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

***THE LORD'S PRAYER** **145**

DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

(All are welcome at the table of God. Please stand a safe distance apart as you come forward for communion. Discard your empty cup in the waste can as you return to your seat)

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS *Lamb of God* **ELW 146**

***POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

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 *Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling* **ELW 582**

***DISMISSAL**

A: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

***POSTLUDE**

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

Serving Today, May 28, 2023

Minister: Deacon Deborah Johnson **Lay Assistant:** Ruie Jones

Serving Next Sunday, June 4, 2023

Lay Leader: Ruie Jones

Lay Reader: Bea Isenhour

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: Deborah Johnson to lead us in worship today.

ALTAR FLOWERS: given by Adrian & Ruie Jones in honor of the birthdays of their sons, Wesley (5/24) and Daniel (5/28)

THE 2023 FLOWER CHART is posted on the bulletin board in the hall. We are only receiving fresh flowers 2 times per month so your donation of altar flowers will cover 2 consecutive Sundays. The cost for two Sundays is \$50. Next open dates are June 4, 11, 18, 25.

On **MEMORIAL DAY** we remember those who died in active service of our country. We honor them with thankfulness for their service and prayer for our military families, our troops, and our nation. Since 1969 the day has been set aside by presidential proclamation as a day of prayer for peace.

PRAYER CONCERNS

MEMBERS WITH SPECIAL CONCERNS: Ralph Adcock, Mary Lou Huffman, Shirley Shannon, Bob Raby, Glenn Davis, Bill & Farrell Gibbs, Kathy Whisnant, Sue Heavner.

HOMEBOUND MEMBERS: Candyce Webb, Kenneth Webb.

FRIENDS AND FAMILY: Billie Detter, Charley Coulter, Denise Little, Katherine Jones, Brian Childers, Glenda Martin, Terry Jenkins, Michael Fox (Farrell Gibbs’ grandson), Judy Houser, Lesa Fox, Dan Drinkard, Diane Futrelle, Gay Apple, Cort Hollar, all public safety personnel and military personnel.

PRAYERS OF PEACE: People of Ukraine & Russia

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