

Unity Evangelical Lutheran Church

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

Sunday, July 19, 2020
Seventh Sunday After Pentecost
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: God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace we have been saved. In the name of ✝ Jesus Christ, our sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen us with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in our hearts through faith.

C: **Amen**

*GATHERING SONG

My Hope is Built on Nothing Less

ELW 596

*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**

Glory to God

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

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

WORD

READINGS *(See Insert)*

FIRST LESSON: Isaiah 44:6-8

A: The word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM: 86:11-17 *(read responsively)*

SECOND LESSON: Romans 8:12-25

A: The word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Alleluia

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P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the 13th chapter

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

***GOSPEL READING: Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43**

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

MESSAGE

Video Sermon

***HYMN OF THE DAY**

O Holy Spirit, Root of Life

ELW 399

***THE APOSTLES' CREED** *(in unison)*

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 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.

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 *Sing to the Lord of Harvest* ELW 694

*DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

*POSTLUDE

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

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Worship 10:30am

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.

ALTAR FLOWERS given by Adrian & Ruie Jones in honor of their 37th wedding anniversary.

THE 2020 FLOWER CHART is posted on the bulletin board in the hall. Please sign up for Altar flowers. Next open dates are August 9,16,23,30

WORSHIP SERVICES THROUGH JULY: with the governor’s extension of phase 2 we will continue to hold services each Sunday at 10:30 following the guidelines suggested in Governor Cooper’s Phase 2 opening plan. Hand sanitizer will be available and you are encouraged to use it upon entering and leaving the church. It is mandated (strongly recommended) that you wear a face mask and sit 6 ft apart when in confined spaces with more than 10 people gathered. Masks are available for those who need one. Since Synod will not be assigning us supply pastors through July, we will have a video taped sermon and recorded music. We will be using Service of the Word and will not have communion. It is important that we don’t get out of the habit of attending church!

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: Summer Eckerd and family, Jewell Coulter, Louise Whitener, Wes Starnes, Brenda Caldwell, Lucy Jones, Terry Jenkins, Michael Fox (Farrell Gibbs’ grandson), Edith Michael, Judy Houser, Lesa Fox, Dan Drinkard, Diane Futrelle, Gay Apple, Cort Hollar, Nancy Lang, all public safety personnel and military personnel.

PRAYER OF GRIEF for family of Rachel Jones

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING: Unity’s Planting Hope Team, Gifts and graces of the Unity Lutheran Family.

Attendance and Offering for July 12, 2020

Attendance: 9 Offering: \$1055

Serving Today

Lay Minister: Ruie Jones

Reader: Tinita Stoker