Uni+y Evangelical Lutheran Church

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

Sunday, August 11, 2019 Ninth 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:** 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

Great is Thy Faithfulness

ELW 733

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

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

WORD

READINGS (See Insert) FIRST LESSON: Genesis 15:1-6 A: The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God. **C**: **PSALM: 33:12-22** (read responsively) SECOND LESSON: Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16 The word of the Lord. A: **C**: Thanks be to God. ***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** Alleluia The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke the 12th chapter P:

C: Glory to you, Oh Lord.

*GOSPEL READING: Luke 12:32-40

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

MESSAGE "Faithful or Fearful?"

*HYMN OF THE DAY

Blessed Assurance

ELW 638

Dr. David Keck, Sr.

***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)

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Our Father, who art in heaven, hollowed 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

What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine

ELW 774

*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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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 - Dr. David Keck, Sr. as our worship leader for today.

ALTAR FLOWERS TODAY are given by the people of Unity

FLOWERS NEXT SUNDAY: OPEN

PLEASE SIGNUP FOR ALTAR FLOWERS-Next available dates are August 18, Sept.22 & 29

You are invited to join Unity's Vice-Pastor, Russell Makant, for a Wednesday night class based on a DVD series entitled "How Do Lutherans Interpret the Bible". The class will meet 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm on July 17, 24, 31, and August 7, 14, 21 & 28 at St. Luke's Lutheran on Springs Road

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: 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.

SERVING TODAY, August 11		SERVING NEXT SUNDAY, August 18	
Presiding Minister:	Dr. David Keck, Sr.	Presiding Minister:	Judy Lewis Drysdale
Organist:	Frances Whitener	Organist:	Frances Whitener
Reader/Assisting Min	nister: Tinita Stoker	Reader/Assisting Minister	: Bea Isenhour
Ushers:	Richard Huffman/Ralph Adcock	Ushers: Richard	d Huffman/Ralph Adcock
Counters:	Bea Isenhour/Elaine Huffman	Counters: Bea	Isenhour/Elaine Huffman
Altar /Narthex Care:	Tinita Stoker	Altar /Narthex Care:	Tinita Stoker
Property Contact:	Adrian Jones	Property Contact:	Adrian Jones