

Unity Evangelical Lutheran Church

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

Sunday, September 1, 2019
Twelfth Sunday after 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: 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

Gather Us In

ELW 532

*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**

This is the Feast

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

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

WORD

READINGS (See Insert)

FIRST LESSON: Proverbs 25:6-7

A: The word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM: 112 (*read responsively*)

SECOND LESSON: Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16

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. Luke the 14th chapter

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

***GOSPEL READING: Luke 14:1, 7-14**

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

MESSAGE

George Simmons

***HYMN OF THE DAY**

All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly

ELW 461

***STATEMENT OF FAITH (Apostles' Creed)** (*read 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, and 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)

MEAL

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

*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)*

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 *As We Gather at Your Table* **ELW 522**

*DISMISSAL

A: Go in peace. Share the good news.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

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

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Sunday School 9:30am

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.

WELCOME, George Simmons as our supply pastor today

ALTAR FLOWERS TODAY are given by Ralph Adcock.

ALTAR FLOWERS NEXT SUNDAY: Joy Burns

NEXT AVAILABLE DATES FOR ALTAR FLOWERS: September 22 & 29

JOINT SERVICE: Unity & House of Mercy will have a joint worship service & meal on September 29th. Details are being finalized and will be announced in upcoming bulletins!

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: Donna Watson, Lucy Jones, Terry Jenkins, Michael Fox (Farrell Gibbs’ grandson), Edith Michael, 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.

SERVING TODAY, September 1st

Presiding Minister: George Simmons
Organist: (pre-recorded) Frances Whitener
Reader/Assisting Minister: Tinita Stoker
Ushers: Maurice Huffman/Bob Raby
Counters: Maurice Huffman/Adrian Jones
Altar /Narthex Care: Ruie Jones
Property Contact: Adrian Jones

SERVING NEXT SUNDAY, September 8th

Presiding Minister: Judy Lewis Drysdale
Organist: (pre-recorded) Frances Whitener
Reader/Assisting Minister: Bea Isenhour
Ushers: Maurice Huffman/Bob Raby
Counters: Maurice Huffman/Adrian Jones
Altar /Narthex Care: Ruie Jones
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