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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Gathering

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS (ELW p. 94)

In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

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

Most merciful God, 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.**

Words of Forgiveness

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. **Amen.**

GATHERING SONG

Praise and Thanksgiving - ELW #689

Praise and thanksgiving, God, we would offer for all things living, you have made good: harvest of sown fields, fruits of the orchard, hay from the mown fields, blossom and wood.

God, bless the labor we bring to serve you, that with our neighbor we may be fed. Sowing or tilling, we would work with you, harvesting, milling for daily bread.

Father, providing food for your children, by Wisdom's guiding teach us to share one with another, so that, rejoicing with us, all others may know your care.

Then will your blessing reach ev'ry people, freely confessing your gracious hand. Where you are reigning, no one will hunger; your love sustaining showers the land.

GREETING (ELW p. 184)

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 (ELW p. 184)

Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way, Kyrie eleison, ev'ry day.

For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the unity of all; for this holy house, for all who worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord **Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way, Kyrie eleison, ev'ry day.**

That we may live out your impassioned response to the hungry and the poor; that we may live out truth and justice and grace, let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord **Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way, Kyrie eleison, ev'ry day.**

For peace in our hearts, for peace in our homes, for friends and family; for life and for love, for our work and our play, let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord **Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way, Kyrie eleison, ev'ry day.**

For your Spirit to guide; that you center our lives in the water and the Word; that you nourish our souls with your body and blood, let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord **Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way, Kyrie eleison, ev'ry day.**

PSALM: Psalm 145:8-9, 14-21

A reading from Psalm 145; please read responsively.

⁸The LORD is gracious and full of compassion, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. ⁹LORD, you are good to all, and your compassion is over all your works.

¹⁴The Lord upholds all those who fall and lifts up those who are bowed down. ¹⁵The eyes of all wait upon you, O LORD, and you give them their food in due season.

¹⁶You open wide your hand and satisfy the desire of every living thing. ¹⁷You are righteous in all your ways and loving in all your works.

¹⁸You are near to all who call upon you, to all who call upon you faithfully. ¹⁹You fulfill the desire of those who fear you; you hear their cry and save them.

²⁰You watch over all those who love you, but all the wicked you shall destroy. ²¹My mouth shall speak the praise of the LORD; let all flesh bless God's holy name forever and ever.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. Glorious God, your generosity waters the world with goodness, and you cover creation with abundance. Awaken in us a hunger for the food that satisfies both body and spirit, and with this food fill all the starving world; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Word

FIRST READING: Isaiah 55:1-5

In our first reading, God invites Israel to a great feast at which both food and drink are free. God also promises to make an everlasting covenant with all peoples, with promises that previously had been limited to Israel. As David was a witness to the nations, these nations shall now acknowledge the ways in which God has glorified Israel. A reading from Isaiah.

¹Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you that have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. ²Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. ³Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live. I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. ⁴See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. ⁵See, you shall call nations that you do not know, and nations that do not know you shall run to you, because of the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you. The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING: Romans 9:1-5

In our second reading, a new section in Paul's letter begins in which he will deal with the place of Israel in God's saving plan. He opens by highlighting how Israel's heritage and legacy include being God's children, having God's covenants, being given God's law, participating in worship of God, and receiving divine promises. A reading from Romans.

¹I am speaking the truth in Christ—I am not lying; my conscience confirms it by the Holy Spirit—²I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. ³For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my own people, my kindred according to the flesh. ⁴They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises; ⁵to them belong the patriarchs, and from them, according to the flesh, comes the Messiah, who is over all, God blessed forever. Amen. Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (ELW p. 188)

Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia. Alleluia, alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia, alleluia.

GOSPEL: Matthew 14:13-21

The holy gospel according to Matthew. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

¹³Now when Jesus heard [about the beheading of John the Baptist], he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. ¹⁴When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. ¹⁵When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, “This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves.” ¹⁶Jesus said to them, “They need not go away; you give them something to eat.” ¹⁷They replied, “We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish.” ¹⁸And he said, “Bring them here to me.” ¹⁹Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. ²⁰And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. ²¹And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children. The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

Break Now the Bread of Life - ELW #515

Break now the bread of life, dear Lord, to me, as once you broke the loaves beside the sea. Beyond the sacred page I seek you, Lord; my spirit waits for you, O living Word.

Bless your own word of truth, dear Lord, to me, as when you blessed the bread by Galilee. Then shall all bondage cease, all fetters fall; and I shall find my peace, my All-in-All!

You are the bread of life, dear Lord, to me, your holy word the truth that rescues me. Give me to eat and live with you above; teach me to love your truth, for you are love.

APOSTLES' CREED (ELW p. 189)

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

PEACE (ELW p. 189)

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

Meal

GREAT THANKSGIVING (ELW p. 190)

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.** Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

PREFACE (ELW p. 190)

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy...that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY (ELW p. 190)

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory, full of your glory. Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION (ELW p. 190)

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me. Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

LORD'S PRAYER (ELW p. 191)

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us. **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.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION AND RECOGNITION OF FIRST COMMUNION

Today this community of faith rejoices with the following *people* who have received instruction and in sharing the meal of holy communion: *Remmi Bodnar, Karson Hansen, Meggy Hetletved, Levi Lundgren, Caleb McDonald, Ryland Peterson, Christian Tollefson, Jacob Tollefson, Billy Reinhardt*

Presentation of Bibles

In the sacrament of holy baptism, we are welcomed into the body of Christ and sent to share in the mission of God. In the sacrament of holy communion, God unites us in Jesus Christ and nourishes us for that mission. Living among God's faithful people, we are strengthened by God's word and this holy supper to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed, to serve all people, following the example of Jesus, and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth.

Let us welcome *these sisters and brothers* in Christ to holy communion. **Welcome to the Lord's table. We thank God for you. We pray that you will find joy and strength in this meal, until we feast forever at God's heavenly banquet.**

Communion at the railing. Communion students will be invited to commune first, served by pastor(s); they will then commune their parents. Following them, the rest of the congregation will be ushered forward (prep ushers and assistants).

Friends of Jesus, come to the table. Receive nourishment for your journey.

COMMUNION SONG (*Lamb of God*, ELW p. 191)

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace, Lamb of God.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN

All Who Are Thirsty - ULW #85

All Who are thirsty, all who are weak, come to the fountain. Dip your heart in the stream of life. Let the pain and the sorrow be washed away in the waves of His mercy as deep cries out to deep. We Sing Come, Lord Jesus, come. Come, Lord Jesus, come. Come, Lord Jesus, come. Come, Lord Jesus, come.

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you in your faith, and give you peace.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

God of the welcome table, in this meal we have feasted on your goodness and have been united by your presence among us. Empower us to go forth sustained by these gifts so that we may share your neighborly love with all, through Jesus Christ, the giver of abundant life. Amen.

Sending

BLESSING

As you leave this place remember that you do not go alone. God is close at hand: hearing the cry of all who call on God's name, honoring those who honor God, listening to their prayers and coming to their aid. So go from here with joy and confidence, to love and serve God and one another.

SENDING SONG

Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness - ELW #843

Praise the One who breaks the darkness with a liberating light; praise the One who frees the pris'ners, turning blindness into sight. Praise the One who preached the gospel, healing ev'ry dread disease, calming storms and feeding thousands with the very bread of peace.

Praise the One who blessed the children with a strong yet gentle word; praise the One who drove out demons with a piercing, two-edged sword. Praise the One who brings cool water to the desert's burning sand; from this well comes living water quenching thirst in ev'ry land.

Praise the one true love incarnate: Christ, who suffered in our place; Jesus died and rose for many that we may know God by grace. Let us sing for joy and gladness, seeing what our God has done. Praise the one redeeming glory; praise the One who makes us one.

DISMISSAL (ELW p. 192)

Go in peace. Christ is with you. **Thanks be to God.**

Ministry & Mission Information

Annual Outdoor Worship

Thank you for joining us for our annual outdoor worship. It was great to be able to sing! A special thank you to Steve Hart for the use of his outdoor speakers. Although we were unable to host our annual picnic, we look forward to resuming that tradition next year.

Prayer Concerns

Kerlange Aristide in Haiti, her husband Armstrong and baby Zeke, Lois Jones (Val Olson's sister, cancer) & Marie Peterson.

First Communion

Today we recognize fourth grade students who participated in communion instruction and will be taking part in the Lord's Supper. We celebrate with:

Remmi Bodnar Karson Hansen Levi Lundgren Meggy Hetletved
Ryland Peterson Caleb McDonald Billy Reinhardt Christian & Jacob Tollefson

August All-Synod Worship

As part of our virtual Synod Assembly, all churches in our synod are invited to take part in all-synod online worship, Sunday, August 16. We will not have in-person worship at ULC that Sunday.

Faith and Education

We are making fall plans for both Sunday school and confirmation to resume this fall, with in-person or online formats. Much more will be known by our September newsletter, so please stay tuned for that and other updates between now and then!

Last Sunday, July 26

Not including those who tuned in online, 56 disciples were sent out from our in-person worship in God's name to make a difference and \$3,015 was given to support our ministry. Gifts given online through tithe.ly are included in the last Sunday of the month total.

Online Worship Needs

We're excited to share **we will be purchasing digital equipment and a camera** to improve access and quality for those worshiping from home. Initial funding will come from the church's dedicated music fund; one additional gift has already been given toward this project, more **gifts are welcome** (please write "camera fund" in the memo).

Resuming In-Person Worship

We thank Mike and Connie for continuing and increasing cleaning and sanitation at the church. For the time being:

- worship and activities will be limited to 75 people or less;
- pews are taped off for social distancing;
- we will refrain from handshakes and passing offering plates;
- we will not have congregational singing (**except when worshipping outdoors**), food or beverage at church;
- worship attendees will be encouraged but not required to wear face masks;
- the congregation will be ushered out following worship services;
- we will continue offering online worship opportunities on Facebook.

(Some of this is more for indoor services!)

Marriage

Congratulations to Shelly Messner & Dean Agnes on their wedding yesterday here at United.

Cloth Face Masks

Last month, Joanne Field donated a number of homemade cloth face masks which have been available to worshipers at church. We are now in need of additional cloth mask donations. Can you help?

Outdoor Concerts at PRBC

Come to PRBC to enjoy these free-will Sunday evening outdoor concerts! August 2, Rachel Kurtz and August 9, The Wood Picks. Please bring your own lawn chair. Concerts will also be streamed on Park River Bible Camp's Facebook page.

School Supplies

Deborah Circle is collecting school supplies and anyone can contribute. Items can be placed in the orange basket in the narthex. These supplies will be donated to the local schools.

Am I Called?

A discernment conversation by Zoom for high school students, Wednesdays at 11am. Session one, "Vocation—Am I Called?" (July 29). Session two, "Public Ministry in the ELCA—Pastors, Deacons, and More" (Aug.5). Session three, "How do I get there? College, Seminary and Other Things You Need to Know" (Aug.12).

There is no charge and students can attend one or more of the events on Zoom; register in advance at swmnsynod.formstack.com/forms/discernment.

Eastern North Dakota Synod News

The Eastern North Dakota Synod is currently seeking faithful candidates for the synod leadership positions below. See Pastor Karl for more information.

- Synod Secretary (4-year term)
- Youth Representative to the Synod Council (1-year term)
- A Layperson and Minister of Word and Sacrament to serve on the synod discipline committee (6 year term)

Today's Faith and Care Leaders

Reader: JoAnn Mueller
Ushers: Rick & Carolyn Crockett
Communion Assts: Carol Hart
Projectionist: Kaylee Lowery
Organists: Kathie Johnson & Lisa Schuler

Next Sunday's Leaders

Reader: Becky Tollefson
Ushers: Edwin Olson & Duane Olson
Projectionist: Danny Hart
Organists: Kathie Johnson & Lisa Schuler

The Week Ahead at ULC

Thursday: 1:30PM OCLC Communion
Friday: Wedding Rehearsal
Saturday: 5PM Kayce Larson &
Cody Schlittenhard wedding
Next Sunday: 10AM Worship
2:30PM Worship at OCLC



Welcome to United! We are glad you're here and we pray today's worship would be a blessing to you. Children are welcome here; we have a "quiet space" just in our fellowship area just out our sanctuary's south doors and a nursery with a speaker available to listen to the worship service. If you are looking for a church home or would like more information, please let Pastor Karl know.

In today's first reading God invites all who are hungry or thirsty to receive food and drink without cost. Jesus feeds the hungry multitude and reveals the abundance of God. At the eucharistic table we remember all who are hungry or poor in our world today. As we share the bread of life, we are sent forth to give ourselves away as bread for the hungry.

Name(s)		
Email	Phone	
Address		
City	State	Zip

- I/we received communion today (please indicate at least annually)
- I contributed my offering with Bill Pay through my bank
- Prayers requested/answered:
- I would like a Pastor to call regarding:

Today, I am a

- Member
- First Time Visitor
- Second Time Visitor
- Regular Visitor

Please send me information about membership in United Lutheran Church

I am a member of another church. Where?

What brought you to United today?