

Union Evangelical Lutheran Church
May 30, 2021

*Before I formed you in the womb I knew you.
Before you were born, I set you apart.*
-Jeremiah 1:5

“Our Mission is to follow Jesus and serve as He would.”

Welcome

Prelude – Come, Thou Almighty King...arr. Lloyd Larson ©2012 Lorenz Publishing Co., a div. Of The Lorenz Corporation

Call to Worship

Gracious God, we know that you are our potter.

You made us.

You redeemed us.

You re-created us in Christ to be your masterpiece.

How we thank you, dear Lord,

for not giving up on us when we are less than you intend.

Thank you for your patience and mercy.

Thank you for continuing to shape us even when we resist your work.

Help us to live each moment of each day for you and your purposes.

May we acknowledge you as our potter,

not only through our words, but also through our works.

By your Spirit, help us to do the good things

you have planned for us so long ago.

All praise be to you, O God, Sovereign Lord, our potter. **Amen.**

Prayer of the Day

God of love, Open our eyes to see the vulnerable in our midst and open our hearts to serve them in their needs. Deepen our trust in your promises and fill us with compassion even in the midst of despair. Fill us with delight in you, God of love and compassion. Amen.

Spirit of fire, your holy presence burns bright within this world. Spread your spirit throughout our communities, so that our hearts may burn with love and hope. Amen.

Hymn – Come, Thou Almighty King (ELW No. 408, vss. 1,2,3,4) Public Domain

Come, Thou Almighty King

1 Come, thou al - might - y King, help us thy name to sing;
 2 Come, thou in - car - nate Word, mer - ci - ful, might - y Lord;
 3 Come, ho - ly Com - fort - er, thy sa - cred wit - ness bear
 4 To thee, great One in Three, e - ter - nal prais - es be

help us to praise; Fa - ther all - glo - ri - ous, o'er all vic -
 our prayer at - tend. Come and thy peo - ple bless, and give thy
 in this glad hour! Thou who al - might - y art, rule now in
 hence ev - er - more! Thy sov - 'reign maj - es - ty may we in

to - ri - ous, come and reign o - ver us, An - cient of Days.
 word suc - cess, and let thy righ - teous - ness on us de - scend.
 ev - 'ry heart, nev - er from us de - part, Spir - it of pow'r.
 glo - ry see, and to e - ter - ni - ty love and a - dore.

Confession

Dear God, we have known you since the time
you led our ancestors from bondage to freedom.
We have found no fault in your promise.
Yet we wander from the path that you have set and
put our faith in other “gods”
which lead us away from justice, compassion and hospitality.
We forsake your blessing.

Forgive our faithlessness and our arrogance.

**Restore us to right relationship with you
and all those in our midst.**

*Before I formed you in the womb I knew you,
before you were born I set you apart;
Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you and will rescue you, declares
the Lord. (Jeremiah 1:5,8)*

God is merciful and slow to anger.

God seeks the lost and extends the invitation again and again.

God welcomes us when we turn to God.

Friends, believe the Good News of the Gospel,

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. **Amen**

Reading - Luke 4:16-21

Narrative Reading - Jeremiah 1:1-10; 7:1-11

Children's Message

The Call of Jeremiah

⁴ The word of the Lord came to me, saying,

⁵ “Before I formed you in the womb I knew^[a] you,
before you were born I set you apart;
I appointed you as a prophet to the nations.”

⁶ “Alas, Sovereign Lord,” I said, “I do not know how to speak; I am too young.”

⁷ But the Lord said to me, “Do not say, ‘I am too young.’ You must go to everyone I send you to and say whatever I command you. ⁸ Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you and will rescue you,” declares the Lord.

⁹ Then the Lord reached out his hand and touched my mouth and said to me, “I have put my words in your mouth. ¹⁰ See, today I appoint you over nations and kingdoms to uproot and tear down, to destroy and overthrow, to build and to plant.”

Sermon – Rev. Gordon A. Camp

Apostle’s 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 power of 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

Empowering God, you gave the church the abiding presence of your Holy Spirit. Look upon your church today and hear our petitions.

A brief silence.

We pray for the church in its many and varied forms; let our witness be full of delight in God's promises. Hear us, O God. Your mercy is great.

We pray for the waters; let the healing power of God undo the harm we have committed, that this fundamental element be preserved for all. Hear us, O God. Your mercy is great.

We pray for the nations; let peace and justice be known throughout the world and God's light shine upon all. Hear us, O God. Your mercy is great.

We pray for struggling with the demon of addiction; let us be agents of God's grace and freedom. Hear us, O God. Your mercy is great.

We pray for those dealing with disease of any sort; let God's healing power shower down upon them. Hear us, O God. Your mercy is great.

We pray for this congregation; let us be faithful witnesses to the power of God's promises. Hear us, O God. Your mercy is great.

We pray for the dearly departed; let their example deepen our life together and trust in God's eternal activity. Hear us, O God. Your mercy is great.

Grant that, gathered and directed by your Spirit, we may confess Christ as Lord and combine our diverse gifts with a singular passion to continue his mission in this world until we join in your eternal praise. Amen.

Special Music - Isaiah 6...Todd Agnew Audrey Marsteller and Brian Bucks Music: Todd Agnew ©2005 Ardent/Koala Music (ASCAP); Lyrics: Holy Bible, NIV®, ©1973, 1978, 1984 by International Bible Society®

I saw the Lord seated on a throne, high and exalted, and the train of His robe filled the temple. Above Him were angels with six mighty wings; with two they'd cover their faces, with two they'd cover their feet, and with two they'd fly and sing, "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord Almighty, and the whole earth is full of His glory. He's glorious." I said, "Woe to me, I am ruined, for I am unclean, and so are all my kind. But my eyes have seen the King, the Lord Almighty. And an angel flew to me and he had fire in His hand. And He put it to my lips and God took away my sin.

Communion –

Let us lift up our hearts.

It is indeed right to give you our thanks and praise, O God,
for you have taken us by the hand,
and offered yourself to us in a sacred covenant.

You are the creator of all things;
you knew the earth and its inhabitants before their birth.
You led a suffering people from slavery to freedom,
and offered to be their God
if they would be your people.

Though we broke our vows to you and pursued evil,
in gracious love you offered us a new covenant
embodied in your Son, Jesus,
who was made perfect on the path of obedience,
even in the face of suffering.

Lifted up on a cross to die,
he has drawn all people to himself;
and raised from the dead,
he has become the source of eternal salvation
for all who live in obedience
to the new law you have written on our hearts.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our
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. **Amen**

Lord's Prayer

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.

Hymn – Shout to the Lord Word and Music: Darlene Zschech, ©1993 Wondrous Worship

*My Jesus, my Savior, Lord, there is none like You;
All of my days, I want to raise
The wonders of Your mighty love.
My comfort, my shelter, tower of refuge and strength;
Let ev'ry breathe, all that I am,
Never cease to worship You.*

*Shout to the Lord, all the earth, let us sing.
Power and majesty, praise to the King.
Mountains bow down and the seas will roar
At the sound of Your name.*

*I sing for joy at the work of Your hands,
Forever I'll love You,
Forever I'll stand,
Nothing compares to the promise I have in You.
(Repeat)*

Benediction

May the Lord God, who creates all things for a reason,
shape you like clay for his purpose.

May Jesus Christ turn you into servants and disciples.

May the Fire of the Holy Spirit, turn darkness into a light,
to guide you to the people and places that need you. Amen

Dismissal:

Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude - Send Me Out...Steve Fee Praise Band Words and Music: Steve Fee, ©sixsteps Songs
Worship Together Music Jesus, Lord of my salvation, Savior of my soul; Send me out to the world to make You known. Jesus, King of ev'ry nation, this world's only hope. I wanna be Your hands and feet, I wanna be Your voice ev'ry time I speak. I wanna run to the ones in need in the name of Jesus. I wanna give my life away, all for Your kingdom's sake. Shine a light in the darkest place in the name of Jesus. Carry to the broken hearted mercy You have shown. To the ones in need of rescue, lead me, I will go. Here am I, I will go. Send me out to make you known. There is hope for ev'ry soul.

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Parking Lot Worship – Please turn station to **97.3 FM** to hear the worship service from your car.

Lil Pantry – Thank you for all your support for ULC's Little Pantry. We are very grateful for the donations. We are asking that you place your donations inside the church during church hours, so that our dedicated team can check expiration dates and ensure that our supplies are being used in a timely manner.

You are welcome to join our Union Lutheran Family - All are welcome no matter if you are coming from a Lutheran background or another faith tradition. *We are so excited for the opportunity to have you join our ministries.* Becoming a part of our family is simple. Just contact Pastor Camp or the Church Office at [610-767-6884](tel:610-767-6884) or office@ulclv.org. Let us welcome you during one of our upcoming worship services.

Memorial Day Worship – Please join us for a worship service in honor of Memorial Day, Monday, May 31, 2021. Worship begins at 9 am in the Union Cemetery by the monument. A virtual worship service will also be released at 9 am.

Book Club's - next book *The Four Winds* by Kristin Hannah. Discussion of this book will be on Monday, June 21 @ 7 pm via Zoom. Email Barb Mahoney at bjism2@ptd.net or call the church office to receive the Zoom invitation.

Texas, 1921. A time of abundance. The Great War is over, the bounty of the land is plentiful, and America is on the brink of a new and optimistic era. But for Elsa Wolcott, the future seems bleak until the night she meets Rafe Martinelli. With her reputation in ruin, there is only one respectable choice: marriage to a man she barely knows.

Texas, 1934. Millions are out of work and a drought has broken the Great Plains. Farmers are fighting to keep their land and their livelihoods as the crops are failing, the water is drying up, and dust threatens to bury them all. One of the darkest periods of the Great Depression, the Dust Bowl era, has arrived with a vengeance.

In this uncertain and dangerous time, Elsa must make an agonizing choice: fight for the land she loves or go west, to California, in search of a better life. The Four Winds is an indelible portrait of America and the American Dream, as seen through the eyes of one indomitable woman whose courage and sacrifice will come to define a generation.

ULC @ IronPigs – Please join us Friday, September 3, 2021 for a night at CocaCola Park to watch the Lehigh Valley IronPigs face off against the Syracuse Mets. This event is back again by popular demand. First pitch is thrown at 7:05 pm and there are fireworks that night! The Lehigh Valley IronPigs have a complete listing to addressing COVID while at the park. Please refer to their website for the specifics and search for [IronPigs Readiness Plan](#). Tickets are \$12 and there will be gift card raffle again this year. Please call or email the office to RSVP by July 26th.

Knoebels - Join the ULC Youth Group for a Day at Knoebel's Grove Saturday, July 17, 2021 from 12-9pm. FREE Parking! FREE Admission! FREE Pavillion! (We are in Pavillion Q.) Ride Tickets: 20% discount - \$20.00 book for \$18.00. Sales to begin soon through the church office at 610-767-6884 or Email office@ulclv.org. Tickets are good forever. Tickets are limited and will not be available at the park. Will have individual snacks and beverages available at the pavilion as well as masks, hand

sanitizer and First aid kit. Pack your lunch or eat in the park. Great variety of foods at great prices. You may leave your coolers, etc. at the pavilion. Join us at the pavilion Q at 5:00 – 5:15 pm for Evening Vespers. www.knoebels.com - 800-487-4386 - 391 Knoebels Blvd, Route 487, Elysburg, PA 17824. **Covid restrictions apply. Must wear face mask. Practice social distancing** You may purchase tickets to use at another time if you can't join us in July.



Marie Feinour, Aly Bucks, Judy Gifford, RuthAnn Rittle, Ed Rittle, Taylor and Bryan Brudnak and unborn baby boy, Dan Adams, Phil Artin, Barbara Spohn, Terry Hoffman, Ronald Bealer, Gary Wassum, Genevieve Tegtmeyer, Stacie Folk, Barbara Fung, Charles Kopcho, Karen Mack, Alex Rebuck, Chuck Allison, Dottie Bealer, Bailey Cummings, Barry Fink, Bob Frey, Abby Graham, Jake Hammond, Linda Houser, Melissa Ludwig, Lisa Navitsky, Paul and Cindy Twardzik

Please contact Pastor Camp to share prayer concerns.

- ✝ Jack Krisko, diagnosed with Lung Cancer
- ✝ Ron Bealer, medical issues
- ✝ We pray for the congregation of Holy Trinity, Catasauqua, - The Rev. Brian S. Riedy
- ✝ We pray for our homebound members, members of our congregation and community who struggle with employment, people affected by the natural disasters and our service people.

Report of May 23, 2021	
Weekly Offering	\$2,635
Future Building Maintenance Offering	\$210
9 am Outdoor Worship Attendance	148
Virtual Sunday Worship Attendance	53
Drive Thru Communion Attendance	3 people
Total Weekly Attendance	204

Today's Worship Participants	
Online Worship Reading	Roy Bottjer
Greeters for Parking Lot Worship	David Geiger Jane Borbe
Special Music Group	Praise Band, Brian Bucks, Audrey Marsteller

Full calendar of events can be found on our website:
<https://ulclv.org/calendar-2/>

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