

**At the Crossroads**  
**A Series of Services for Lent**  
Union Lutheran Church (NALC)  
March 24, 2019  
Guest Pastor: Rev. Dawn W. Rister

***Declaration***

Hymn *In the Cross of Christ I Glory* LBW 104

P In the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit.

**C Amen.**

P Have no fear, nor be troubled, but in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy,

**C Always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect.**

P But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you.

**C And you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.**

P For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit.

**C Therefore we give glory to God who raised him up and gave us the promise of salvation. Amen.**

Confession and Absolution

P Jesus sent us as his witnesses to proclaim his Gospel in all that we do and say.

**C Lord, we confess that we are often tongue-tied and silent when we should speak; we are often bound up in ourselves when we should act in your name. Forgive us, Lord, for our reluctance to proclaim the Good News that we treasure. Forgive our selfish clinging to what we need for ourselves and our unwillingness to offer your gifts freely to those around us. Forgive our empty**

**promises, our silent passing by, our blindness to others, Lord. Equip and empower us. Send us mightily into your world. Fill us so full of your gracious love and forgiveness in Jesus that we cannot but shout his name and overflow with his gifts of grace.**

P I have the honor and privilege, by the grace of God, of announcing to you the entire forgiveness of your sins. In Jesus Christ, you are forgiven and free—free to share the steadfast love of God with all.

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 6:1-8

Hymn *Here I Am Lord.....Send Me* WOV 752

Epistle Reading: Acts 2:22-28

Gospel Reading: Luke 22:54-62

Children's Message

Sermon

Pastor Dawn Rister

A Time of Silence for Reflection

Hymn *As Jesus Faced the Council*

Apostles Creed

God has made us his people through Baptism into Christ.

Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,**

**Creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.**

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit**

**and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under**

**Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried.**

**He descended into hell. On the third day he rose**

**again. He ascended into heaven, and seated at**

**the right hand of the Father. He will come again to**

**judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church,**

**the communion saints, the forgiveness of sins, the**

**resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.**

**Amen.**

Offering designated for the Battered Women's Shelter

Prayers

P Let us bring our prayers and petitions to God, who hears and answers the pleas of our hearts. We pray for this

world and for our own nation. Lord, send your Spirit into our nation and this pain-filled world. Be with those who are suffering because of violence, terrorism, war and hunger. Strengthen those in need and give them courage to face the evil that surrounds them. Make us agents of healing in this hurting world. In your mercy,

**C Hear us, Lord.**

P We pray for your church in this place and throughout the world. Send faithful pastors, teachers and leaders, so that they might clearly proclaim your Word and shepherd your people.

In your mercy,

**C Hear us, Lord.**

P Be with us we pray, by the power of your Spirit. Fill us with your presence so that we might be about the task that Jesus sent us to accomplish, that we might proclaim in word and deed the Good News of God's salvation in Jesus. Help us to go into all the world teaching all nations what Jesus has taught us. Make us more confident of his promise to be with us to the end of the age. In your mercy,

**C Hear us, Lord.**

P We also pray for the sick, the suffering, the grieving and the lonely, especially those we name in our hearts. We commit them to your loving care. Heal, help and comfort them according to your will. In your mercy,

**C Hear us, Lord.**

P These and all other petitions and requests we bring before you in the name of Jesus. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

The Benediction

Hymn Now the Day is Over LBW 280

Lenten Services:

**April 7**

**6:00 PM** Theme of *Obedience*

**Holy Week**

**April 14**

**Palm/Passion Sunday**

**April 18**

**7:00 PM Maundy Thursday**

**April 19**

**7:00 PM Good Friday Tenebrae Service**

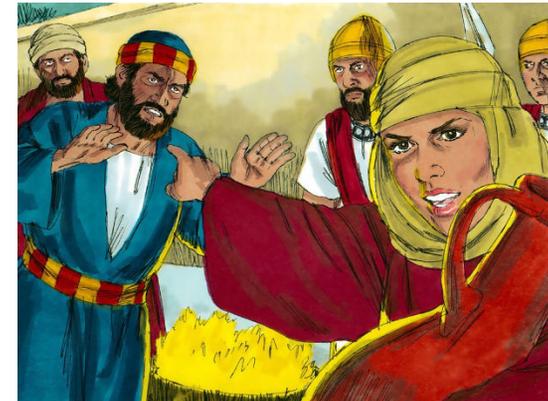
**April 21**

**7:00 AM Early Easter Worship**

**8:00 AM Congregational Breakfast**

**10:30 AM Festival Resurrection Service**

Union Lutheran Church  
Salisbury, North  
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## Music for Lenten Evening Service – March 24, 2019

### In the Cross of Christ, I Glory

In the cross of Christ, I glory, Tow'ring o'er the wrecks of time;  
All the light of sacred story Gathers round its head sublime.

When the woes of life o'ertake me, Hopes deceive, and fears annoy,  
Never shall the cross forsake me, Lo! It glows with peace and joy.

When the sun of bliss is beaming Light and love upon my way,  
From the cross the radiance streaming Adds more luster to the day.

Bane and blessing, pain and pleasure, By the cross are sanctified;  
Peace is there that knows no measure, Joys that through all time abide.

### As Jesus Faced the Council by Carolyn Winfrey (Sung to the tune of LBW 107 Beneath the Cross of Jesus)

As Jesus faced the council, the accusations flew, Till someone turned and said to him, "Now tell us,  
who are you? Are you the Christ, God's chosen one?" He answered them: "I am —  
And soon the Son of Man will reign in power, at God's right hand."

Nearby, out in the courtyard, next to the fire's warm glow, The Rock named Peter sat, afraid,  
not sure where he should go. He longed for news about the Lord, and so he stayed close by,  
But when they asked him who he was, he chose to tell a lie.

A servant said, "You're with him! I saw you two before." Yet once and twice and still again,  
the Rock denied his Lord. He said, "I do not understand!" He firmly answered, "No!" He claimed,  
"I do not know that man," and then the rooster crowed.

O Christ, we are like Peter, for we deny you, too. Concerned for what the world might say, we do not  
live for you. May we (like Peter later on) have courage to proclaim: "We're bound to Christ. He is  
our Lord! We'll follow in his name!"

### Now The Day Is Over (LBW 280)

1 Now the day is over, Night is drawing nigh, Shadows of the evening Steal across the sky.

2 Jesus, give the weary Calm and sweet repose; With Thy tend'rest blessing May our eyelids close.

3 Grant to little children Visions bright of Thee; Guard the sailors tossing On the deep blue sea.

4 Comfort ev'ry sufferer Watching late in pain; Those who plan some evil From their sin restrain.

5 When the morning wakens, Then may I arise Pure, and fresh, and sinless In Thy holy eyes.