

Welcome FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

March 31, 2019



Union Lutheran Church
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Worship 10:30 a.m. Sunday School 9:30 a.m.

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Christ Centered - Mission Driven - Traditionally Grounded - Congregationally Focused*

ORDER OF SERVICE—Setting One

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Kay Morgan

PRELUDE

Et In Terra Pax - arr. Johnson

Musical Guests

Crossfire—The Youth Choir from Central Methodist Church, Shelby, NC
under the direction of Mr. Danny Buckner, Accompanist, Sherry Thomas

Please stand

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

C **Amen.**

Lenten Confession of Sins:

P Out of God's great love and mercy, God formed us from dust and breathed into us the breath of life. Yet, we do not always reflect the love and mercy of the one who created us. Let us approach the throne of grace and confess our sins.

(Moments of silence for personal confession.)

C **Merciful Savior, we confess to you, and to one another, that we fall far short of being all that you created us to be. We have not loved you with our whole hearts, preferring instead to pursue our own way, erect idols of our own making do not surrender our will to yours. We have not loved our neighbors. In fact, very often our neighbors are invisible to us. We are too preoccupied, too busy, too self-important to notice those who are different, lowly, needy or on the margins. Too often we cling to bitterness and anger, and grasp tightly to the hurts of yesterday rather than entrusting them to your healing and forgiving grace. Forgive us, Lord. Grant us the desire and the faith to let go, putting all our days -- past, present and future -- in your safe and capable hands. For the sake of Christ our Lord, we pray. Amen.**

(Assurance of pardon and absolution.)

HYMN

Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling

WOV 734

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

A In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **C** Lord, have mer - cy.

A For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mer - cy.

A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,

and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mer - cy.

A For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,

let us pray to the Lord. **C** Lord, have mer - cy.

A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra-cious Lord. **C** A - men

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray.

Almighty God, grant that we, who for our evil deeds worthily deserve to be punished, by the comfort of your grace, may mercifully be relieved; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever

C **Amen.**

Please be seated

CHILDREN'S SERMON

FIRST LESSON Isaiah 12:1-6

1 You will say in that day: "I will give thanks to you, O Lord, for though you were angry with me, your anger turned away, that you might comfort me. 2 "Behold, God is my salvation; I will trust, and will not be afraid; for the Lord God is my strength and my song, and he has become my salvation." 3 With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation. 4 And you will say in that day: "Give thanks to the Lord, call upon his name, make known his deeds among the peoples, proclaim that his name is exalted. 5 "Sing praises to the Lord, for he has done gloriously; let this be made known in all the earth. 6 Shout, and sing for joy, O inhabitant of Zion, for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel."

L The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 32 (Read in unison)

- 1 Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven,*
and whose sin is put away!
- 2 Happy are they to whom the Lord im-putes no guilt,*
and in whose spirit there is no guile!
- 3 While I held my tongue, my bones withered away,*
because of my groaning all day long.
- 4 For your hand was heavy upon me day and night;*
my moisture was dried up as in the heat of summer.
- 5 Then I acknowledged my sin to you,*
and did not conceal my guilt.
- 6 I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord."*
Then you forgave me the guilt of my sin.

- 7 Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in time of trouble;*
when the great waters overflow, they shall not reach them.
- 8 You are my hiding place; you preserve me from trouble;*
you surround me with shouts of deliverance.
- 9 "I will instruct you and teach you in the way that you should go;*
I will guide you with my eye.
- 10 Do not be like horse or mule, which have no understanding;*
who must be fitted with bit and bridle, or else they will not stay near you."
- 11 Great are the tribulations of the wicked;*
but mercy embraces those who trust in the Lord.
- 12 Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in the Lord;*
shout for joy, all who are true of heart.

SECOND LESSON 2 Corinthians 5:16-21

16From now on, therefore, we regard no one according to the flesh. Even though we once regarded Christ according to the flesh, we regard him thus no longer. 17Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. 18All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation; 19that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. 20Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. 21For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

L The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand

VERSE



Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for he is gra - cious and
mer - ci - ful, slow to an - ger, and a - bound - ing in
stead - fast love, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 15th chapter.

C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

1 The tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near to hear {Jesus}. 2 And the Pharisees and the scribes grumbled, saying, "This man receives sinners and eats with them." 3 So he told them this parable: 11... "There was a man who had two sons. 12And the younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of property that is coming to me.' And he divided his property between them. 13Not many days later, the younger son gathered all he had and took a journey into a far country, and there he squandered his property in reckless living. 14And when he had spent everything, a severe famine arose in that country, and he began to be in need. 15So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him into his fields to feed pigs. 16And he was longing to be fed with the pods that the pigs ate, and no one gave him anything. 17"But when he came to himself, he said, 'How many of my father's hired servants have more than enough bread, but I perish here with hunger! 18I will arise and go to my father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. 19I am no longer worthy to be called your son. Treat me as one of your hired servants." 20And he arose and came to his father. But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and felt compassion, and ran and embraced him and kissed him. 21And the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' 22But the father said to his servants, 'Bring quickly the best robe, and put it on him, and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet. 23And bring the fattened calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate. 24For this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found.' And they began to celebrate. 25Now his older son was in the field, and as he came and drew near to the house, he heard music and dancing. 26And he called one of the servants and asked what these things meant. 27And he said to him, 'Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fattened calf, because he has received him back safe and sound.' 28But he was angry and refused to go in. His father came out and entreated him, 29but he answered his father, 'Look, these many years I have served you, and I never disobeyed your command, yet you never gave me a young goat, that I might celebrate with my friends. 30But when this son of yours came, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fattened calf for him!' 31And he said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. 32It was fitting to celebrate and be glad, for this your brother was dead, and is alive; he was lost, and is found.'"

P The Gospel of our Lord.

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

Please be seated

SERMON

Pastor Tom Corbell

THE APOSTLES' CREED

A God has made us his people through our Baptism into Christ. Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

C **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 is 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 of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen**

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

P Let us pray for the Church, the world, and for all people according to their needs.

Following each petition: **A:** Lord, in your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

P Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C **Amen.**

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **And also with you.**

ANTHEM

One Thing Remains (Your Love Never Fails) - arr. Rouse

Crossfire

Please stand
OFFERTORY

☞ What shall I ren-der to the Lord for all his ben-e-fits to me? I will
 of-fer the sac-ri-fice of thanks-giv-ing and will call on the name of the Lord.
 I will take the cup of sal - va - tion and will call on the name of the Lord.
 I will pay my vows to the Lord now in the pres-ence of all his peo-ple,
 in the courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Je - ru - sa - lem.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

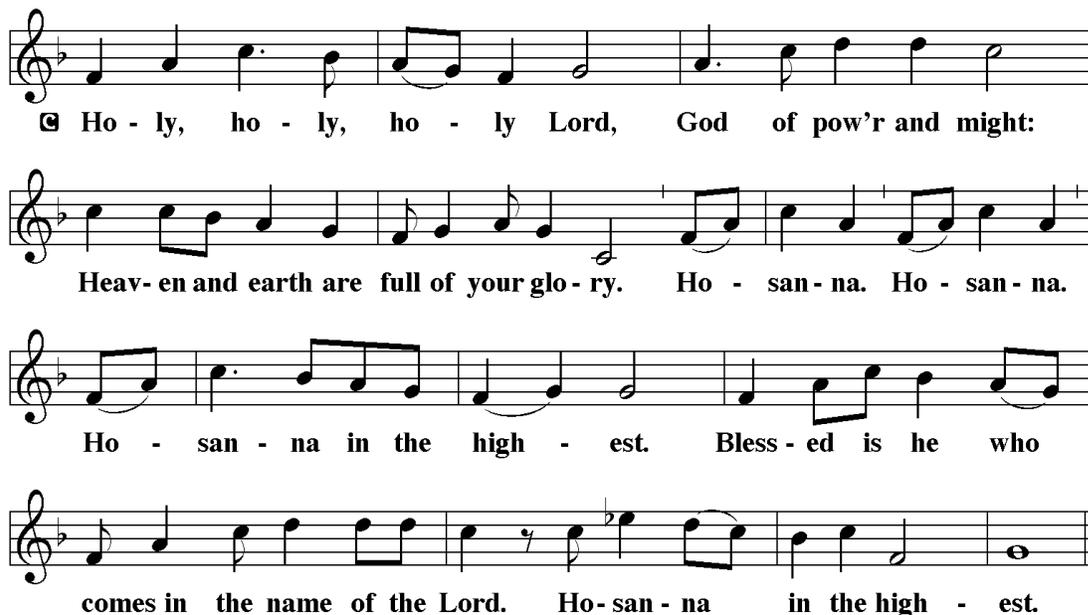
A Let us pray. Merciful Father,
C we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us—our selves, our time,
 and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him
 who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

☞ The Lord be with you. **☞** And al - so 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 him thanks and praise.

P It is indeed right and salutary . . . we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:
Heav- en and earth are full of your glo- ry. Ho - san - na. Ho - san - na.
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho- san - na in the high - est.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread,
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.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

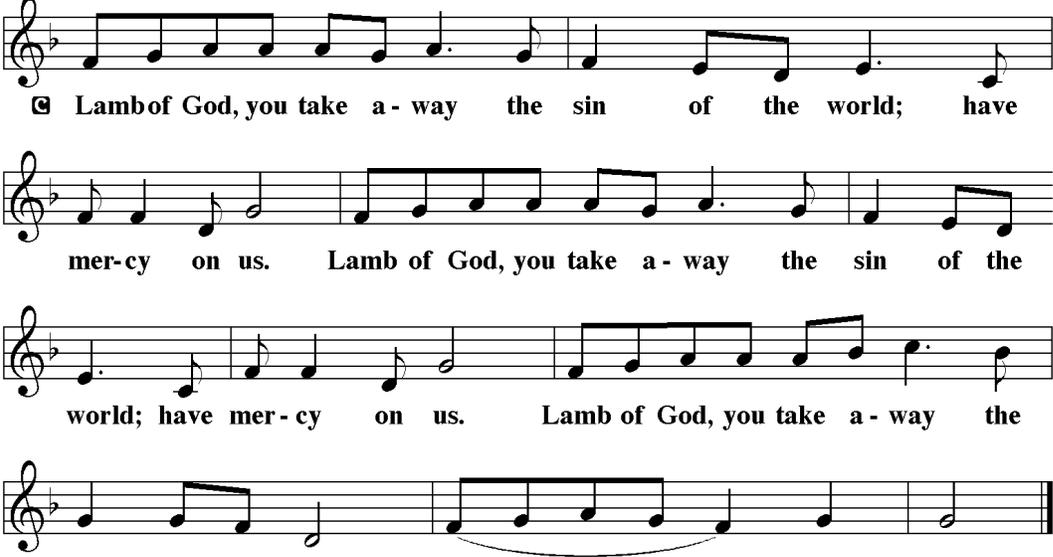
P Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray;

Please be seated

DISTRIBUTION

All who are baptized and believe Christ is truly present within the elements of the bread and wine are welcome to God's table. Today we receive the sacrament by way of "intinction." After receiving the wafer, dip it into the wine. Grape juice is provided for anyone who is not able to receive the wine.

AGNUS DEI



☞ Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

HYMNS DURING HOLY COMMUNION

WOV 710 One Bread, One Body

WOV 660 I Want Jesus to Walk with Me

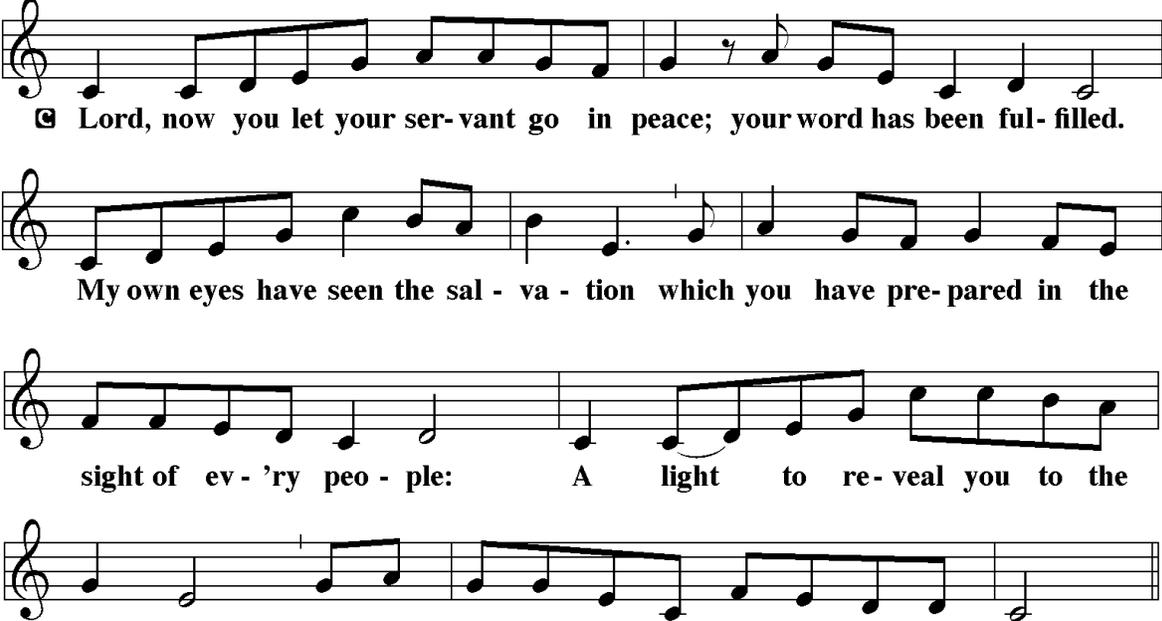
Please stand

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C **Amen.**

POST COMMUNION CANTICLE



☞ Lord, now you let your ser- vant go in peace; your word has been ful- filled.
My own eyes have seen the sal - va - tion which you have pre- pared in the
sight of ev - 'ry peo - ple: A light to re- veal you to the
na - tions and the glo - ry of your peo - ple Is - ra - el.

Glo- ry to the Fa- ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho- ly Spir - it,
 as it was in the be- gin - ning, is now, and will be for- ev- er. A - men

- A Let us pray.
- C **Pour out upon us the spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of those whom you have fed with one heavenly food; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

BENEDICTION

- P The Lord bless you and keep you.
 The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
 The Lord look upon you with favor and † give you peace.
- C **Amen.**

HYMN Amazing Grace LBW 448

*(Last Verse) When we've been there ten thousand years,
 Bright shining as the sun.
 We've no less days to sing God's praise
 Than when we'd first begun.*

SENDING

- A Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
- C **Thanks be to God.**

*Please be seated for **Postlude***

POSTLUDE Shut De Do - arr. Gilpin Crossfire

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Lessons for Next Week:

Isaiah 43:16-21; Psalm 126; Philippians 3:[4b-7] 8-14; Luke 20:9-20

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Nursing Home Residents - Brenda Mahaley, Jane Peeler, Zarah Plyler, Pat and Wayne Miller, Ruth Monroe (Autumn Care), Bob Wilhelm (The Meadows of Rockwell), Ed & Betty Denker (Trinity Oaks, Apt. 123B), and Horace Cross (Genesis).

Homebound Members - Ray Chambers, Bill and Mary Brady, Rachel Earnhardt, Billy Waller, Michael Walton, Betty Goodwin, Frances Norris, and Jean Kluttz.

Sick/Surgery/Recovery— Doris Page, Bob Goodwin, Glenn Eagle, Donnie Miller, Pat Kluttz, Steve Hutchens, Larry Shepherd, Harold Miller, Susan & John Knight, Grace Morgan, Effie Vellines, Jean Ray, Lynn Coughenour, Karen Plyler, Tommy Kerns, Eric Miller, Bill Broadway.

Continual Prayer - Pat Kluttz, Jane Stoner, (Grandmother of Noah Cauble), Marie Gorapic, (sister of Linda Spencer), Carol Cauble, (sister of Judy Walton), Marvin Nunn, Vanna Calloway, friend of Kat Clifton, Ophelia Curlee (sister-in-law of Grace Morgan), Karen DeMunbrun (Niece of Grace Morgan), Hong Nguyen (Pete Nguyen's mother), Justin West and David Mitchell (friends of Pete Nguyen), Austin Mowry, (friend of Karen Barringer), Robert Parker (brother of Jimmy Parker), Pat & J. C. Miller, Marvin Feezor, Ruth McSwaim, Mary Knapp, Suzanne Greene, Benny Myers (friends of Jan Huffman), Della Morgan (mother of Pam Vellines), Nancy Ballew (mother of Kat Clifton), Marc & Donna Collins (friends of Sharon Leazer), Evonne Batten (mother of Lisa Morgan), Robert Cook (uncle of Lisa Morgan).

ASSISTANTS SERVING THIS SUNDAY, March 31, 2019

Acolytes: Felisaty and Dusty Morgan Jr.

Lay Reader: The Dusty Morgan Family

Communion Assistants: Cathy Painter and Tara Davis

Ushers: Jimmy Parker (HU), Elbert Kluttz, Phill Cauble, Mike Cauble, Ronald Vellines

Loose Offering: Immanuel Lutheran Church—Sumter, SC

ASSISTANTS SERVING NEXT SUNDAY, April 7, 2019

Acolytes: Abbey and Morgan Deaton

Lay Reader: Patsy Lyerly or Deena Lanning

Communion Assistants: Doris Shepherd and Sonya Mulkey

Ushers: Phil Cauble (HU), Ken Clifton, John Kesler, L. A. Earnhardt, Bill Earnhardt, and Wade Leazer

WEEK'S EVENTS

- Sun. March 31, 2019 10:30 am Worship & Holy Communion with Guest Musicians from Central Methodist Church, Shelby, NC under the direction of Mr. Danny Buckner, Accompanist Sherry Thomas
4:00 pm Movie: The Pilgrim's Progress. We will watch movie for 1 hour, have our soup and sandwich supper, and then conclude movie.
- Mon. April 1, 2019 6:00 pm Worship and Music Committee
- Tues. April 2, 2019 2:00 pm Mary & Martha Group Union Women at Church
6:30 pm Anna Petrea Group at Cathy Painthers
- Wed. April 3, 2019 6:30 pm Belles & Beaus
7:00 pm Scouts
7:30 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal
- Thurs. April 4, 2019 6:30 pm Long Range/ Stewardship Committee
- Fri. April 5, 2019 5:00 pm Game Night
- Next Sun. April 7, 2019 9:15 am Confirmation
9:30 am Sunday School
10:30 am Worship & Holy Communion
2:00 pm Executive Meeting
3:00 pm Council Meeting
4:00 pm Youth Bells
5:00 pm Soup and Sandwiches
6:00 pm Lenten Worship

Scholarship Application



The Gerald Bame Scholarship applications are now available in the Narthex. Please note applicant must be an ACTIVE member of Union Lutheran Church. Students of any age going for post-secondary degrees, 4 yr. colleges, 2 yr. colleges, technical or trade schools are eligible and may qualify two times. Deadline for returning the forms is April 28, 2019.



EASTER HONOR/MEMORIAL FLOWERS



It is that time of the year again! We have pre-ordered 40 potted Tulips for Easter. Please complete and return the form below to Ruth Goodman by April 14, 2019. Cost will be \$8.00 each. (One form per Tulip - additional forms in the Narthex.)

In Memory of _____

In Honor of _____

Given by _____