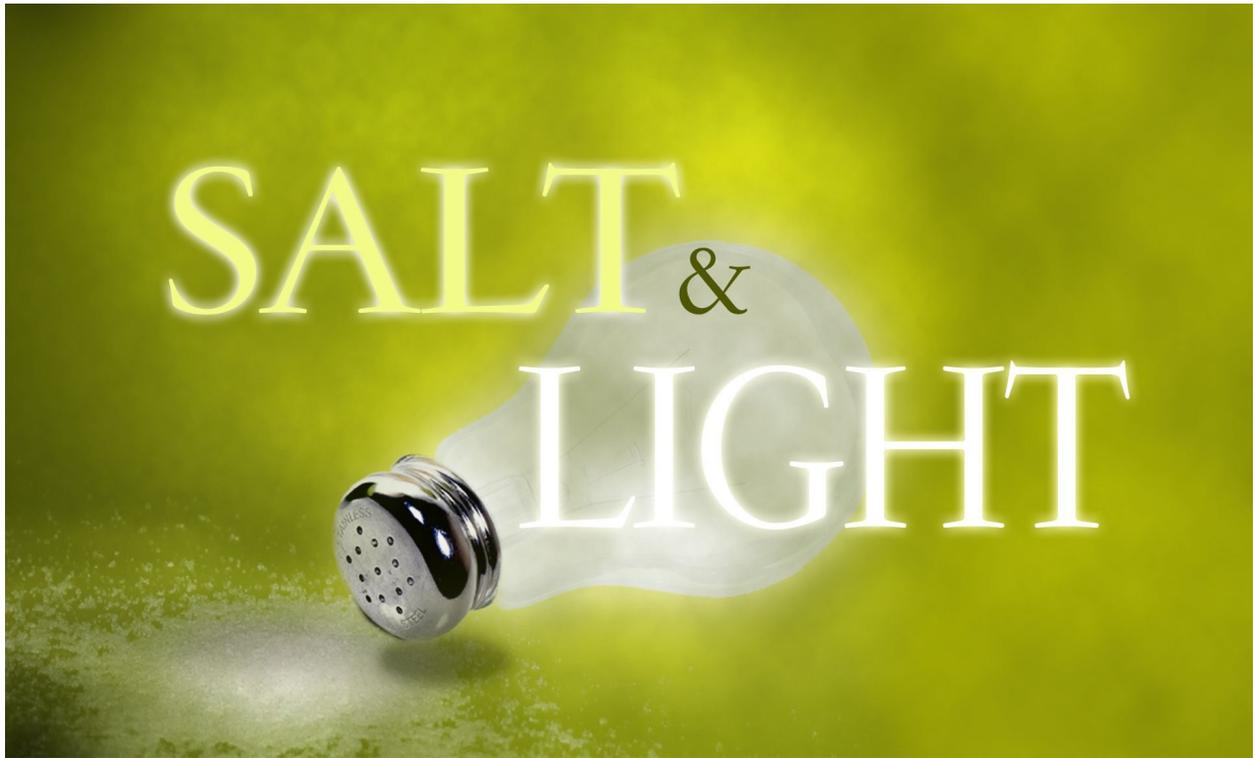


Welcome

Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany

February 9, 2020



UNION LUTHERAN CHURCH

4770 Bringle Ferry Road, Salisbury, NC 28146
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9:30 a.m. Sunday School ~ 10:30 a.m. Worship

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*A congregation of the North American Lutheran Church
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ORDER OF SERVICE - SETTING ONE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

We Walk By Faith - WOV 675

arr. Floeter

Please stand as you are able.

BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND 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 If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

P Most merciful God,

C **we confess that we are in bondage 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 Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called 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**

HYMN

Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

LBW 559

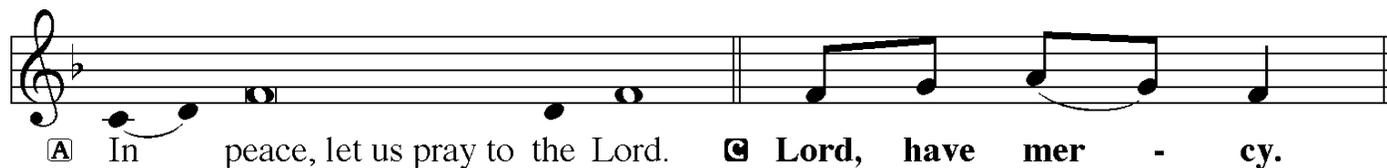
APOSTOLIC GREETING

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

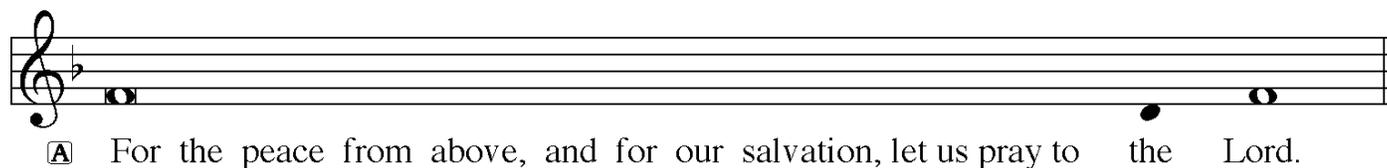
C **And also with you.**

LBW = Lutheran Book of Worship (green book)
WOV = With One Voice (blue book)

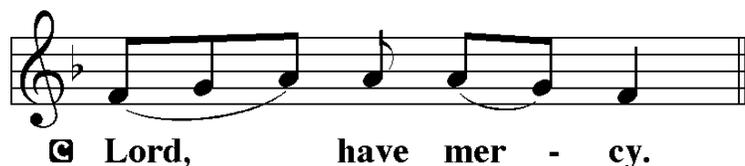
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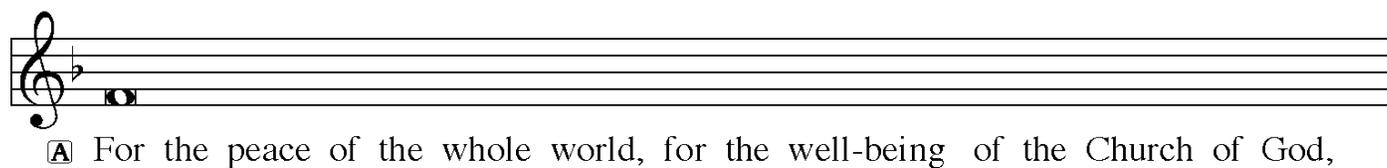
A In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **C** Lord, have mer - cy.



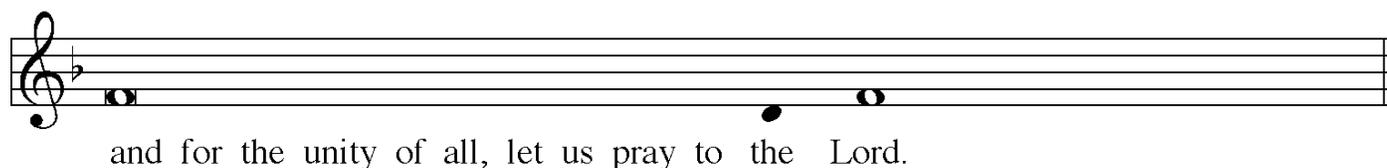
A For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



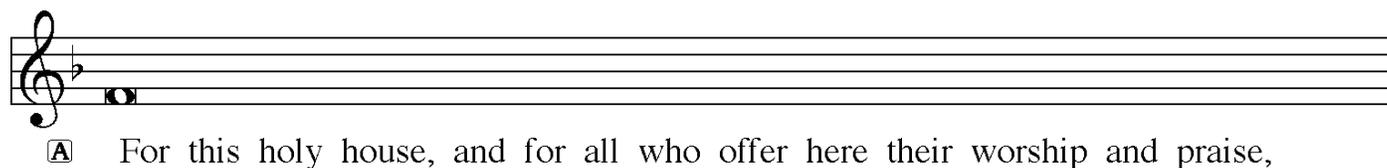
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



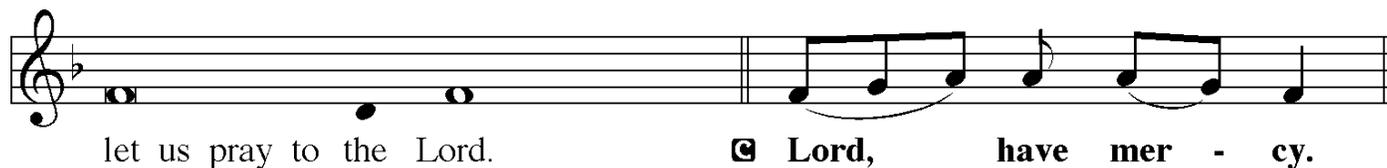
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



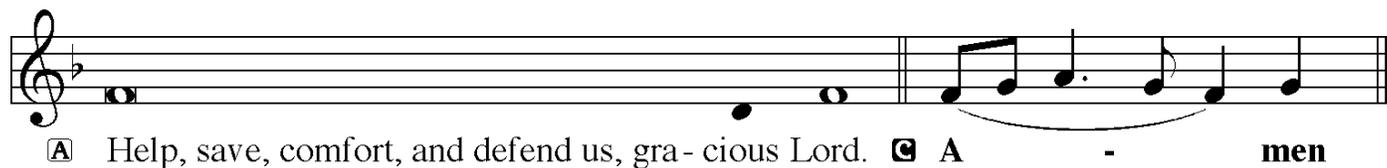
C Lord, have mer - cy.



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

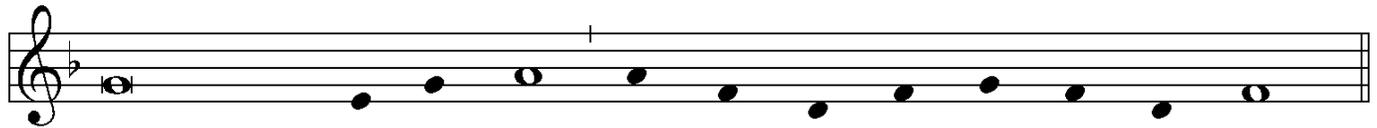


let us pray to the Lord. **C** Lord, have mer - cy.



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

HYMN OF PRAISE



A Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his peo - ple on earth.



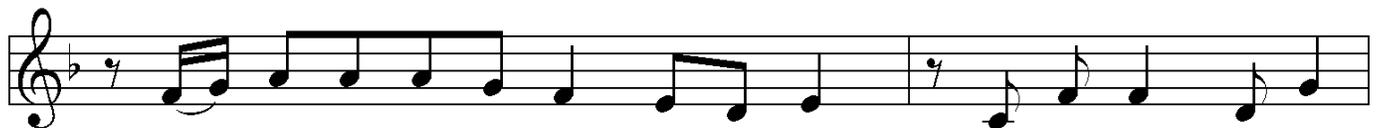
B Lord God, heav - en - ly king, al - might - y God and Fa - ther:



We wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo-ry.



Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God:



You take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.



You are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther; re - ceive our prayer.



For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,



you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,



in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men

THE SALUTATION

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray, Stand watch over your family, O Lord, that we who depend entirely on your heavenly grace may always be protected in the mighty fortress of your love; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen**

Please be seated.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

FIRST LESSON: Isaiah 58:3-9a

³“Why have we fasted, and you see it not? Why have we humbled ourselves, and you take no knowledge of it?’ Behold, in the day of your fast you seek your own pleasure, and oppress all your workers. ⁴Behold, you fast only to quarrel and to fight and to hit with a wicked fist. Fasting like yours this day will not make your voice to be heard on high. ⁵Is such the fast that I choose, a day for a person to humble himself? Is it to bow down his head like a reed, and to spread sackcloth and ashes under him? Will you call this a fast, and a day acceptable to the Lord? ⁶Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of wickedness, to undo the straps of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke? ⁷Is it not to share your bread with the hungry and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover him, and not to hide yourself from your own flesh? ⁸Then shall your light break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up speedily; your righteousness shall go before you; the glory of the Lord shall be your rear guard. ⁹Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer; you shall cry, and he will say, ‘Here I am.’”

Hear ends the reading.

Psalm 112:1-9 (sung in unison)

¹Hallelujah! Happy are they who | fear the Lord*
and have great delight in | his commandments!
²Their descendants will be mighty | in the land;*
the generation of the upright | will be blessed.
³Wealth and riches will be | in their house,*
and their righteousness will | last forever.
⁴Light shines in the darkness | for the upright;*
the righteous are merciful and full | of compassion.

⁵It is good for them to be gener- | ous in lending*
and to manage their af- | fairs with justice.
⁶For they will nev- | er be shaken;*
the righteous will be kept in everlast- | ing remembrance.
⁷They will not be afraid of any | evil rumors;*
their heart is right; they put their trust | in the Lord.
⁸Their heart is established and | will not shrink,*
until they see their desire up- | on their enemies.
⁹They have given freely | to the poor,*
and their righteousness stands fast forever;
they will hold up their | head with honor.

SECOND LESSON: 1 Corinthians 2:1-12 [13-16]

¹I, when I came to you, brothers, did not come proclaiming to you the testimony of God with lofty speech or wisdom. ²For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and him crucified. ³And I was with you in weakness and in fear and much trembling, ⁴and my speech and my message were not in plausible words of wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power, ⁵so that your faith might not rest in the wisdom of men but in the power of God. ⁶Yet among the mature we do impart wisdom, although it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to pass away. ⁷But we impart a secret and hidden wisdom of God, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. ⁸None of the rulers of this age understood this, for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. ⁹But, as it is written, “What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the heart of man imagined, what God has prepared for those who love him” — ¹⁰these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit. For the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. ¹¹For who knows a person’s thoughts except the spirit of that person, which is in him? So also no one comprehends the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God. ¹²Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might understand the things freely given us by God. [¹³And we impart this in words not taught by human wisdom but taught by the Spirit, interpreting spiritual truths to those who are spiritual. ¹⁴The natural person does not accept the things of the Spirit of God, for they are folly to him, and he is not able to understand them because they are spiritually discerned. ¹⁵The spiritual person judges all things, but is himself to be judged by no one. ¹⁶“For who has understood the mind of the Lord so as to instruct him?” But we have the mind of Christ.]

Here ends the reading.

Please stand as you are able.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the 5th chapter.

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

GOSPEL: Matthew 5:13-20

¹³{Jesus said,} “You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything except to be thrown out and trampled under people’s feet. ¹⁴You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. ¹⁵Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. ¹⁶In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven. ¹⁷Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them. ¹⁸For truly, I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not an iota, not a dot, will pass from the Law until all is accomplished. ¹⁹Therefore whoever relaxes one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. ²⁰For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.”

P The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Please be seated.

SERMON

Rev. David Hefner

HYMN OF THE DAY *I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light*

WOV 649

THE APOSTLES' CREED

**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

THE PEACE

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.
C **And also with you.**

Please be seated.

OFFERING

SPECIAL MUSIC

We Gather Together

arr. Renfrow

Please stand as you are able.

OFFERTORY



Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our
cup of bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the
seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life.
Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u - nite them with the
prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your
pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

P Let us pray. Merciful Father,
C we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us-ourselves, 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.

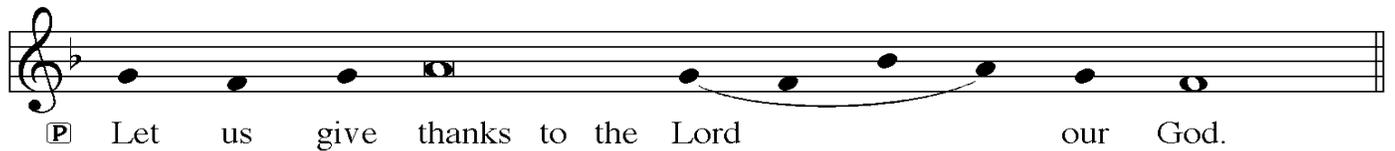
THE GREAT THANKSGIVING



P The Lord be with you. **C** And also with you.



P Lift up your hearts. **C** We lift them to the Lord.

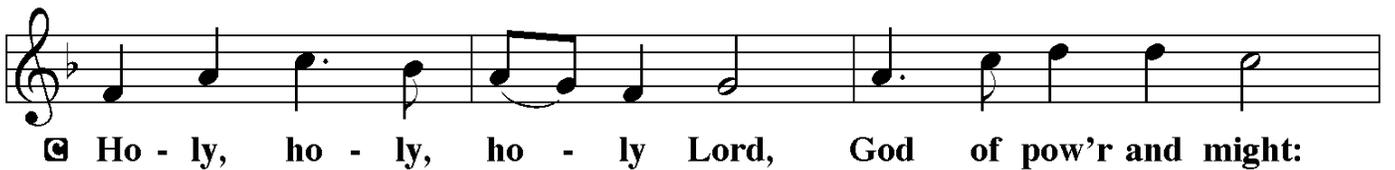


P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



C It is right to give him thanks and praise.

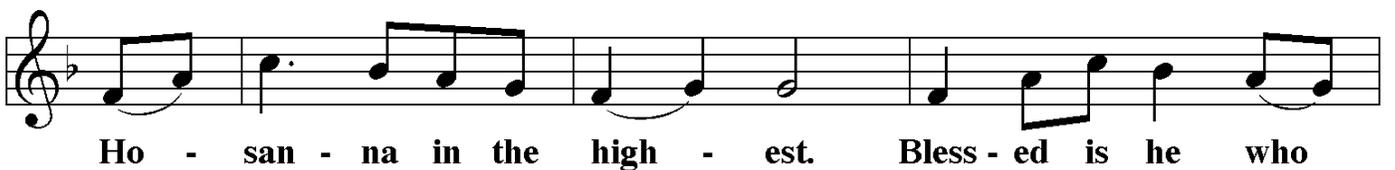
P It is indeed right and salutary....we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



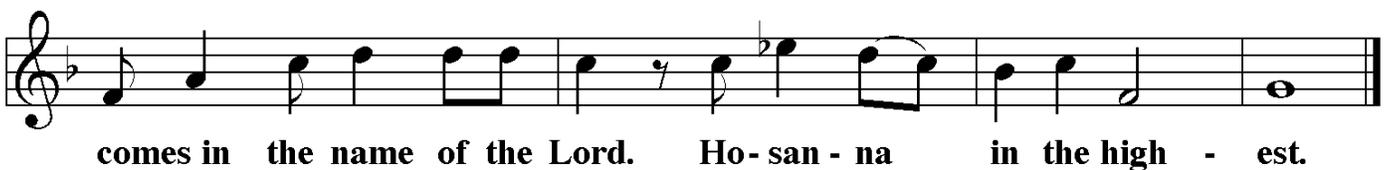
C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:



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, 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.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**C 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**

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.

LAMB OF GOD

C 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.

HYMN DURING COMMUNION *Jesus, the Very Thought of You* LBW 316

Please stand as you are able.

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



C Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev-'ry-one what he has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and proud-ly bear his name.



He re - calls his prom - is - es and leads his peo - ple forth in joy with



shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

P Let us pray

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.

C Amen

BLESSING

P Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

C Amen

HYMN

Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness

LBW 224

P Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER...

Nursing Home Residents - Brenda Mahaley, Jane Peeler, Zarah Plyler, Pat & Wayne Miller, and Ruth Monroe (Autumn Care), Bob Wilhelm (The Meadows-Rockwell), Jean Ray and Betty Herion (Brookdale), Betty Denker (Trinity Oaks, Apt. 123B)

Homebound Members - Mary Brady, Ray Chambers, Rachel Earnhardt, Jean Kluttz, Gladys Morgan, Frances Norris Billy Waller, and Michael Walton

Sick/Surgery/Recovery - Bill Broadway, Lynn Coughenour, Kiki Deaton, Glenn Eagle, Josh Eagle, Bob Goodwin, Linda Hartley, Tommy Kerns, Teressa Kesler, Pat Kluttz, Harold Miller, Eric Miller, Donnie Miller, Grace Morgan, Ruth Myers, Karen Plyler, Larry Shepherd, Effie Vellines, and Ronald Vellines

Continual Prayer - Vonnie Agner, Nancy Ballew (mother of Kat Clifton), Evonne Batten (mother of Lisa Morgan), Yvette Bates (coworker of Karen Barringer), Vanna Calloway (friend of Kat Clifton), Donna Collins (friend of Sharon Leazer), Robert Cook (uncle of Lisa Morgan), Ophelia Curlee (sister-in-law of Grace Morgan), Karen DeMunbrun (Niece of Grace Morgan), June Fraley, Teresa Frank (Pam Vellines cousin), Marie Gorapic (sister of Linda Spencer), Tamara Honeycutt, Edna & John McCollough (friends of Jennifer & Scott Curlee), Pat Miller (friend of Jan Huffman), Shelia Mulkey, Della Morgan (mother of Pam Vellines), Hong Nguyen (Pete Nguyen's mother), John Oddie, Jr. (brother of Ruby Leazer and Ruth Myers), Robert Parker (brother of Jimmy Parker), Jamie Troutman (son of Joan Troutman), Justin West and David Mitchell (friends of Pete Nguyen)

Remember in Prayer List Note: We strive to list the prayer requests and names correctly. Please let us know if a correction is needed or you would like a name added/or returned to the list. If there is a name that can be removed, please contact the church office with that information as well. In an effort to keep the list current, we will update/remove prayer requests on a monthly basis, with the exception of known prolonged/ongoing issues. Thank you!

During the month of February the loose offering will be given to the Social Ministry Fund (2/2), Gerald Bame Scholarship Fund (2/9), Building and Repair Fund (2/16), and Lutheridge Scholarship Fund (2/23).

*Ed Denker's Funeral Service will be held on **Friday, February 21**, at **10:30 a.m.** at **Trinity Oaks**. Pastor Woolly of St. John's Lutheran Church will be conducting the service.*

Jill Miller to use her Nursing Skills in Helping to Establish a Medical Clinic in Mozambique

Jill must raise \$1715 in order to be a part of this Medical Team in March. If you would like to support her please write a check to Union Lutheran and on the Memo line write Jill Miller.

We will then write one check to her sponsoring church: **Sunset Avenue Church of God**



The weekly *Messenger*

Today's Activities (February 9):

9:30 a.m. Sunday School ~ 10:30 a.m. Worship & Holy Communion

We welcome Pastor David Hefner, Supply Pastor, sharing the Word with us today!

This Week's Activities:

Wed. Feb. 12 7:00 p.m. Scouts
Thurs. Feb 13 10:00 a.m. Good Timers
Sat. Feb 15 Chili Cook Off and Dessert Auction Fundraiser
(see flyer on back page for more information)

Next Sunday's Activities (February 16):

9:30 a.m. Sunday School ~ 10:30 a.m. Worship & Holy Communion

The next two Sundays (February 16 and 23)

we welcome Pastor Harvey Blume, Supply Pastor, sharing the Word with us.

Lessons for Next Week:

Deuteronomy 30:15-20; Psalm 119:1-8; 1 Corinthians 3:1-9; Matthew 5:21-37

Those Serving in February:

Acolytes: Ellie, Ethan, Bailey, and Lucas Wilhelm

Lay Readers: Pam Vellines ~ Ellie Wilhelm ~ Ethan Wilhelm

Communion Assistants:

Brad Huffman ~ Kevin Huffman ~ Elbert Kluttz

Ushers:

Larry Barringer ~ Phil Cauble (HU) ~ John Kesler ~ Wayne Vellines

Dear Union Family,

This past Sunday was an unbelievable blessing for me. I cannot thank you enough for the beautiful expressions of love and appreciation for my work among you. Thank you for the monetary gift. Thank you even more for the privilege of being your pastor for two years.

Words cannot express how excited I am that you have called Pastor Heidi Punt to be your shepherd. I will continue to remember Union in my prayers as she begins her work among you.

God bless you and again my thanks and appreciation!

Pastor Tom

Join Us!

Union Lutheran Church

4770 Bringle Ferry Road Salisbury, NC

Saturday, February 15, 2020 5:00 - until

Food

Fellowship

Fun!



**Chili CookOff & Tasting
Silent Dessert Auction**

Proceeds to benefit the Narthex Accessibility & Expansion Project