

Welcome

3rd Sunday of Easter

April 26, 2020



UNION LUTHERAN CHURCH

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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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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

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 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.

C **Amen**

HYMN

Thine Is the Glory

LBW 145

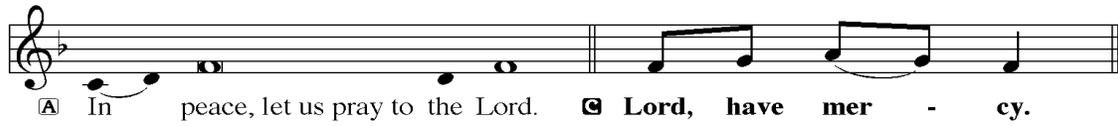
APOSTOLIC GREETING

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

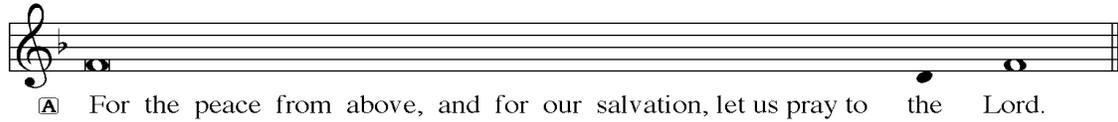
C **And also with you.**

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WOV = With One Voice (blue book)

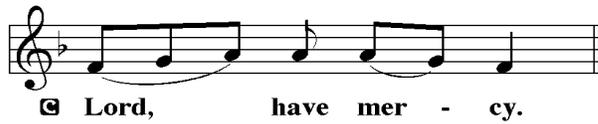
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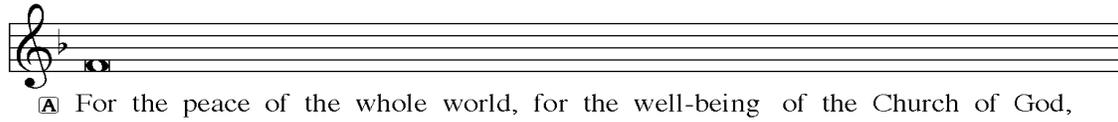
A In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **C** Lord, have mer - cy.



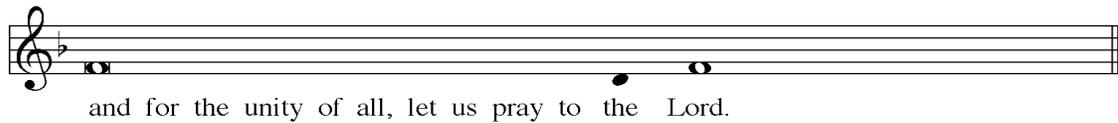
A For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



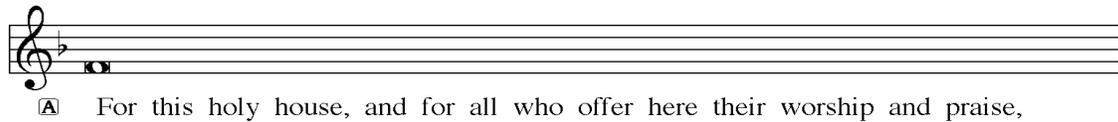
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



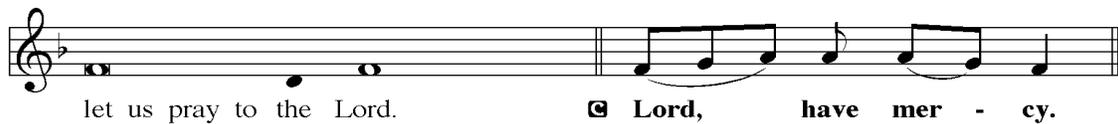
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



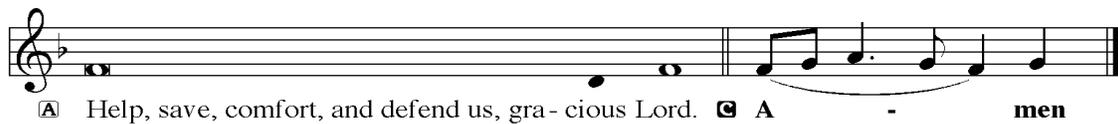
C Lord, have mer - cy.



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 O God, by the humiliation of your Son, you raised up this fallen world. Teach us whom you have rescued from endless death to have the fullness of eternal joy, through the same Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. For he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen**

Please be seated.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

FIRST LESSON: Acts 2:14a, 36-41

^{14a}Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them:

³⁶“Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified.” ³⁷Now when they heard this they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, “Brothers, what shall we do?” ³⁸And Peter said to them, “Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. ³⁹For the promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to himself.” ⁴⁰And with many other words he bore witness and continued to exhort them, saying, “Save yourselves from this crooked generation.” ⁴¹So those who received his word were baptized, and there were added that day about three thousand souls.

Here ends the reading.

Psalm 116:1-14 (sung in unison)

- ¹I love the Lord, because he has heard the voice of my | supplication,
because he has inclined his ear to me whenever I | called upon him.
- ²The cords of death entangled me; the grip of the grave took | hold of me;
I came to | grief and sorrow.
- ³Then I called upon the name | of the Lord:
“O Lord, I pray you, | save my life.”
- ⁴Gracious is the | Lord and righteous;
our God is full | of compassion.
- ⁵The Lord watches | over the innocent;
I was brought very low, | and he helped me.
- ⁶Turn again to your rest, | O my soul,
for the Lord has treat- | ed you well.
- ⁷For you have rescued my | life from death,
my eyes from tears, and my | feet from stumbling.
- ⁸I will walk in the presence | of the Lord
in the land | of the living.
- ⁹I believed, even when I said, “I have been brought | very low.”
In my distress I said, “No one | can be trusted.”
- ¹⁰How shall I re- | pay the Lord
for all the good things he has | done for me?
- ¹¹I will lift up the cup | of salvation
and call upon the name | of the Lord.
- ¹²I will fulfill my vows | to the Lord
in the presence of | all his people.
- ¹³Precious in the sight | of the Lord
is the death | of his servants.
- ¹⁴O Lord, I | am your servant;
I am your servant and the child of your handmaid;
you have freed me | from my bonds.

SECOND LESSON: 1 Peter 1:17-25

¹⁷If you call on him as Father who judges impartially according to each one's deeds, conduct yourselves with fear throughout the time of your exile, ¹⁸knowing that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, ¹⁹but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot. ²⁰He was foreknown before the foundation of the world but was made manifest in the last times for the sake of you ²¹who through him are believers in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God. ²²Having purified your souls by your obedience to the truth for a sincere brotherly love, love one another earnestly from a pure heart, ²³since you have been born again, not of perishable seed but of imperishable, through the living and abiding word of God; ²⁴for "All flesh is like grass and all its glory like the flower of grass. The grass withers, and the flower falls, ²⁵but the word of the Lord remains forever." And this word is the good news that was preached to you.

Here ends the reading.

Please stand as you are able.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



C 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. Luke the 24th chapter.

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

GOSPEL: Luke 24:13-35

¹³That very day two of {Jesus' followers} were going to a village named Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, ¹⁴and they were talking with each other about all these things that had happened. ¹⁵While they were talking and discussing together, Jesus himself drew near and went with them. ¹⁶But their eyes were kept from recognizing

him. ¹⁷And he said to them, “What is this conversation that you are holding with each other as you walk?” And they stood still, looking sad. ¹⁸Then one of them, named Cleopas, answered him, “Are you the only visitor to Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?” ¹⁹And he said to them, “What things?” And they said to him, “Concerning Jesus of Nazareth, a man who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, ²⁰and how our chief priests and rulers delivered him up to be condemned to death, and crucified him. ²¹But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things happened. ²²Moreover, some women of our company amazed us. They were at the tomb early in the morning, ²³and when they did not find his body, they came back saying that they had even seen a vision of angels, who said that he was alive. ²⁴Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but him they did not see.” ²⁵And he said to them, “O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken! ²⁶Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory?” ²⁷And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning himself. ²⁸So they drew near to the village to which they were going. He acted as if he were going farther, ²⁹but they urged him strongly, saying, “Stay with us, for it is toward evening and the day is now far spent.” So he went in to stay with them. ³⁰When he was at table with them, he took the bread and blessed and broke it and gave it to them. ³¹And their eyes were opened, and they recognized him. And he vanished from their sight. ³²They said to each other, “Did not our hearts burn within us while he talked to us on the road, while he opened to us the Scriptures?” ³³And they rose that same hour and returned to Jerusalem. And they found the eleven and those who were with them gathered together, ³⁴saying, “The Lord has risen indeed, and has appeared to Simon!” ³⁵Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he was known to them in the breaking of the bread.

P The Gospel of the Lord
C **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Please be seated.

SERMON

Pastor Heidi Punt

Please stand as you are able.

HYMN OF THE DAY

Christ is Alive! Let Christians Sing

LBW 363

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**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven;
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen**

SPECIAL MUSIC

OFFERTORY



☪ Create in me a clean heart, O God, and re-new a right spir -
it with-in me. Cast me not a-way from your pres-ence, and take
not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re-store to me the
joy of your sal-va - tion, and up-hold me with your free Spir - it.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

P Let us pray. Blessed are you,

C **O Lord our God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts. With them we offer ourselves to your service and dedicate our lives to the care and redemption of all that you have made, for the sake of him who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

P Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

After each portion of the prayers:

P Lord, in your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

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**

BLESSING

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

Hallelujah! Jesus Lives!

LBW 147

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

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

Sick/Surgery/Recovery - Genevieve Baker, Bill Broadway, Rev. Tom Corbell, Kiki Deaton, Glenn Eagle, Ruth Goodman, Bob Goodwin, Linda Hartley, Tommy Kerns, Teresa Kesler, Pat Kluttz, Eric Miller, Donnie Miller, Harold Miller, Dusty Morgan, Grace Morgan, Ruth Myers, Karen Plyler, Rev. Dawn Rister, 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), Jim Byrd, 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), 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!

Lessons for Next Week, May 3:

Acts 2:42-47; Psalm 23; 1 Peter 2:19-25; John 10:1-10

What's Happening at Union...

PLEASE NOTE: **May Newsletter articles deadline is today, Sunday, April 26**, to the church office. Please drop by your article to the office or email it to Genevieve Baker, ULC Staff Support, (office@ulcsalisbury.org).

*Confirmation Classes have resumed and will continue to meet on **Wednesday evenings at 6:00 p.m.** on Zoom with Pastor Heidi through May 27.*

*Gerald Bame Scholarship applications are due to Doris Page by **today, Sunday, April 26.***

Our **Quest Youth** will continue to meet on Zoom at **5:00 p.m. on Sunday afternoons**. If you have any questions or need online access please contact Lisa Davis.

GIVING

*"Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver."
2 Corinthians 9.7 ESV*

*During this period of online church services, it is important to keep up with spiritual disciplines like Bible reading, prayer, and giving. Tithes and offerings may be given **Online** (<https://ulcsalisbury.org/give-online/>). You may also **mail checks** payable to **Union Lutheran Church to 4770 Bringle Ferry Road, Salisbury, NC 28146**. Thank you for your faithfulness in all these areas!*



How to Participate in the Worship Service without a Computer!

Due to coronavirus with the Federal and Statewide regulations many people especially those without computers are feeling isolated. Unfortunately our phone call in service did not work out as expected. However, we do have some good news. Our worship services are recorded on Dvds.

If you are interested in a Worship Service dvd, please contact Thad Mulkey (704) 431-6514.

THOSE SERVING IN MAY

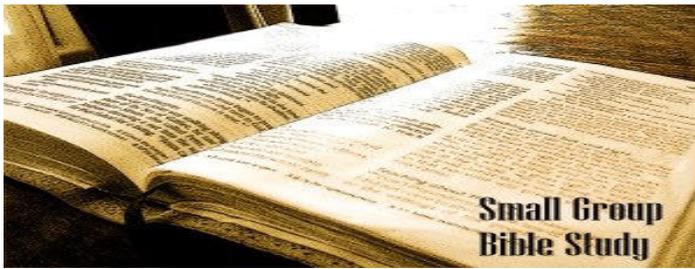
Tina Brown (Organist); Jan Huffman, Sonya Mulkey, Brad Huffman (Vocalists); Dusty Morgan (Sound-System); Lisa Morgan (Recording & Facebook); Felisaty Morgan (Reading); Dusty Morgan, Jr. (Acolyte); Phil Cauble (set up furnishings); Deena Lanning and Robyn Arey (Altar Guild)

ONLINE OPPORTUNITIES

Union Lutheran Church has begun using Facebook Live and Youtube to provide multiple opportunities to connect during the week. These include:

- **Sunday Worship Services** <https://ulcsalisbury.org/worship/>)
- **Sunday Bulletins** <https://ulcsalisbury.org/weekly-worship-bulletins/>
- **Tuesday and Thursday, Bible Study on Encouragement: The Key to Caring** on the church's website <https://ulcsalisbury.org/> or Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/ulcsalisbury> around 1:00 p.m.
- **EVENING DEVOTIONS** with Pastor Heidi and Pastor Dieter on Facebook Live, every weekday at **7 pm**.

More upcoming opportunities will begin in May. Look on the back for more information.



Faith at Home! During the Month of May

Due to COVID 19 we are finding ourselves living life and faith out in a different way. But what does this mean? A 4 week series, facilitating concretely. Biblically Based conversations and Real Life Stuff.

Time slots: Sundays at 2 pm
 Tuesdays at 5 pm
 Wednesdays at 10 am

Sign up online or contact Kat Clifton (704) 633-2248.

Session will be done via Zoom.



PASTOR HEIDI WANTS TO MEET YOU: Due to the COVID-19 we have not been able to gather at Worship and other ministry events. Would you please email a picture of you; your family; tell a little about yourself; and email Pastor Heidi (pastor@ulcsalisbury.org)?

In lieu of the spread of the virus in our community on Tuesday, March 24, the Church Council decided to suspend all in person church activities until further notice.

If you need assistance during this challenging time, please do not hesitate to contact Rev. Heidi Punt or the Church Council. Their contact information is as follows:

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DRIVE-IN CHURCH SERVICES

Sundays, May 3-May 31, 2020 at 10:30 a.m.

All are invited to participate in the worship service during Union Lutheran Church's Drive-In Church Service. The Drive-In will be held during the month of May on Sunday mornings at 10:30 a.m.

Members are asked to come as you are, please park a respectable distance away from the next car, and roll down your window to hear the service.

Please note, on Sunday, May 31, Holy Communion will be celebrated.

Worship services will be continued to be recorded on Dvds and available upon request.



DROP OFF FOOD (canned goods) to help those in need. We have a shopping cart set up outside the church office.

