

HOLY WEEK



PALM SUNDAY, APRIL 5

As Holy Week begins on Palm Sunday we are drawn into the dramatic turn of events of the last days of Jesus' life. On Sunday he is welcomed into Jerusalem with shouts of joy and roaring "hosannas." By the end of the week he will be betrayed, arrested, and abandoned by Passover pilgrims and his closest friends. Things turn quickly from a parade to a death sentence which is carried out on a cross between two thieves.

Journey with us through Holy Week at Union Lutheran Church. We will begin with having palms available to drive by the church and place at the cross outside on Palm Sunday. The service will be available through One Call Now (see page 3), online, and on Facebook.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

This year beginning on Monday afternoon, we will have the opportunity to drive to each Station of the Cross for meditation and prayer. Every station resembles the journey Christ took from Gethesemane to Golgatha. This can be a moving experience for individuals and families. Please plan to prayerfully participate in this very personal walk with Jesus. A booklet will be available before the first station to guide you.





MAUNDY THURSDAY, APRIL 9

Maundy Thursday recalls Jesus' last supper with his disciples where he institutes what the church knows as the Sacrament of Holy Communion. As a sign of his servant-love, Jesus washed his disciples' feet and gave them a new commandment, that they should love one another as he has loved them. We see ourselves in the disciples, who will abandon their Lord in various ways as Jesus makes his way to the cross.

The service at 6:30 p.m. will be available through One Call Now, see page 3, online and on Facebook.



GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 10

This holy day recalls the last hours of Jesus' life as the suffering servant is nailed to the cross, fulfilling his mission as the sacrificial Lamb of God. The sinless One takes on humanity's sin as he is betrayed by his closest companions, arrested and sentenced to a shameful death, even as Pontius Pilate finds no fault in him. We see ourselves in the angry crowd and lament our own denial of our Lord.

The service at 6:30 p.m. will be available through One Call Now, see page 3, online and on Facebook.

EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 12

The resurrection of our Lord ushers in a new reality for those who believe: a new life in Christ. God, who shows no partiality, offers salvation and forgiveness to all who believe. Our confession of faith in the resurrection of Christ is a commitment to a deeper walk with God: one characterized by worship, prayer, and an intentional living out of Jesus' kingdom principles. This Good News is something we have no choice but to respond to.

The service at 10:30 a.m. will be available through One Call Now (see article below), online and on Facebook.



How to Participate in the Worship Service without a Computer!

Due to coronavirus with the Federal and Statewide regulations many people have begun to feel isolated. Especially those who do not have a computer. We at Union have come up with a solution. The solution is called One Call Now. All you have to do is call this number 978-990-5236 and plug in this code 293473# and you can hear the service(s) during the times scheduled.

If you have any questions or would like more information please contact the church office, Pastor Heidi, or a Council Member.

How You Can Continue to Participate at Union Lutheran Church during the Coronavirus?

Worship Services and Bible Studies are available on our website and church's Facebook page. More services will be available soon.

We also have added the **One Call Now** opportunity for those who do not have a computer to listen live to the service. Please see **page 3** for more information.

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)?

Every Tuesday and Thursday, Pastor Heidi is offering a **Bible Study** on *Encouragement: The Key to Caring*. You can follow along on the church's website or Facebook.

Prayer Vigils will continue be held each Friday with Tara Davis (704) 637-9334, Coordinating . You can schedule a time between 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. to come and pray at Union online or contact Tara to schedule. *A change has been made that there will be only one person at a time at the church. This individual will pray at the cross in the parking lot.*

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

How to financially give? **Online** (<http://ulcsalisbury.org>) or **mail** are ways to continue to give to the ministry of Union.

In lieu of the spread of the virus in our community on Tuesday, March 24, the Church Council decided to suspend all 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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