

# Welcome

**4th Sunday of Easter**

May 3, 2020



## UNION LUTHERAN CHURCH

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9:30 a.m. Sunday School ~ 10:30 a.m. Worship

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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

*The King of Love My Shepherd Is*

LBW 456

The King of love my shepherd is, Whose goodness faileth never;  
I nothing lack if I am his, And he is mine forever.

Where streams of living water flow, My ransomed soul he leadeth  
And, where the verdant pastures grow, With food celestial feedeth.

Perverse and foolish oft I strayed, But yet in love he sought me,  
And on his shoulder gently laid, And home, rejoicing, brought me.

In death's dark vale I fear no ill, With thee, dear Lord, beside me,  
Thy rod and staff my comfort still; Thy cross before to guide me.

Thou spreadest a table in my sight; Thine unction grace bestoweth;  
And, oh, what transport of delight, From thy pure chalice floweth!

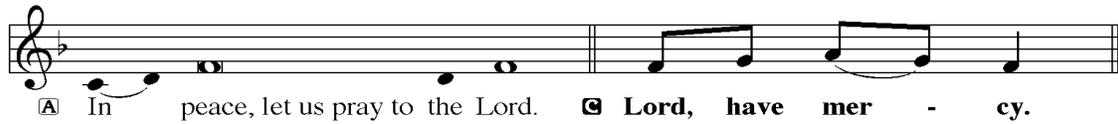
And so, through all the length of days, Thy goodness faileth never.  
Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise, Within thy house forever.

APOSTOLIC GREETING

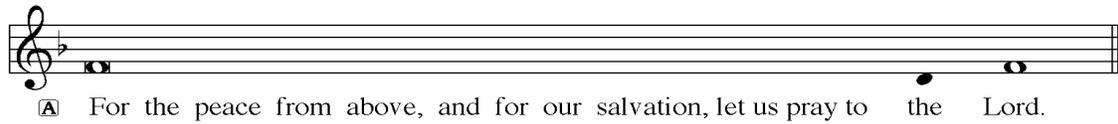
P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of  
the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C **And also with you.**

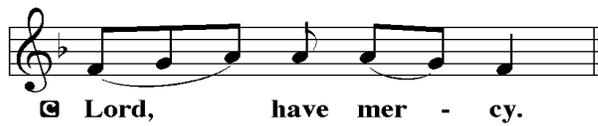
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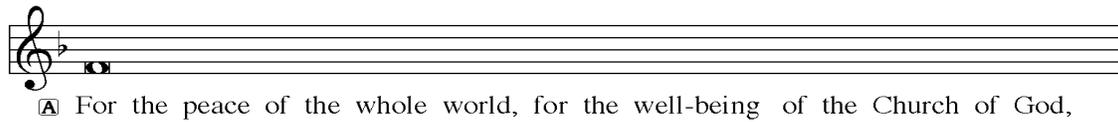
**A** In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **C** Lord, have mer - cy.



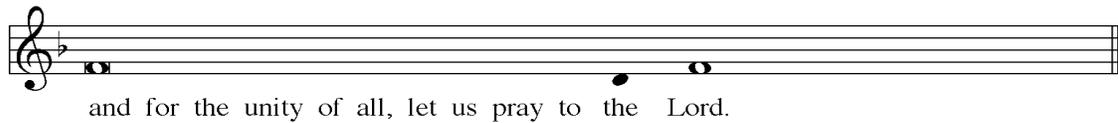
**A** For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



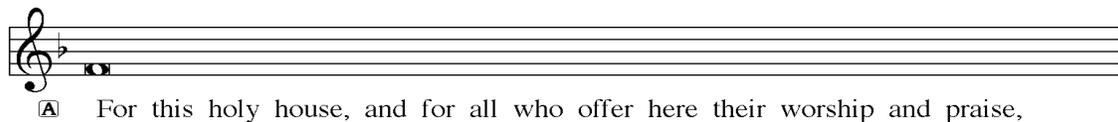
**A** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



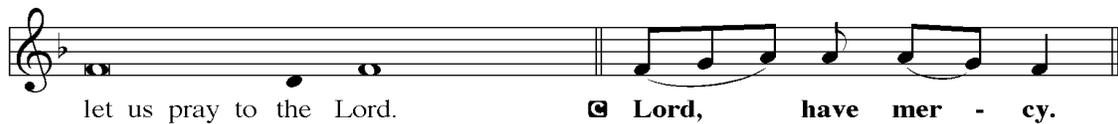
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



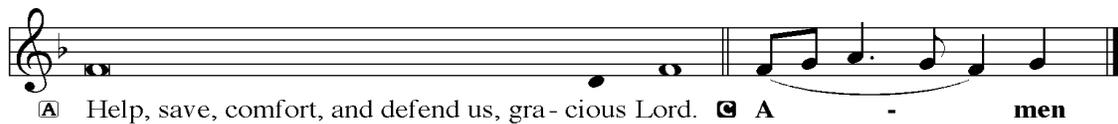
**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



**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 Almighty God, you show those in error the light of your truth that they may return into the way of righteousness. Grant to all that are admitted into fellowship with Christ the power to avoid all things that are contrary to the faith and to follow you according to the will of 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 MESSAGE

### FIRST LESSON: Acts 2:42-47

<sup>42</sup>{The believers} devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. <sup>43</sup>And awe came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. <sup>44</sup>And all who believed were together and had all things in common. <sup>45</sup>And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need. <sup>46</sup>And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts, <sup>47</sup>praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.

Here ends the reading.

### PSALM 23 (read in unison)

<sup>1</sup>The Lord is my shepherd;

I shall not be in want.

<sup>2</sup>He makes me lie down in green pastures

and leads me beside still waters.

<sup>3</sup>He revives my soul

and guides me along right pathways for his name's sake.

<sup>4</sup>Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil;

for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

<sup>5</sup>You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me;

you have anointed my head with oil, and my cup is running over.

<sup>6</sup>Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,

and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

## SECOND LESSON: 1 Peter 2:19-25

<sup>19</sup>For this is a gracious thing, when, mindful of God, one endures sorrows while suffering unjustly. <sup>20</sup>For what credit is it if, when you sin and are beaten for it, you endure? But if when you do good and suffer for it you endure, this is a gracious thing in the sight of God. <sup>21</sup>For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you might follow in his steps. <sup>22</sup>He committed no sin, neither was deceit found in his mouth. <sup>23</sup>When he was reviled, he did not revile in return; when he suffered, he did not threaten, but continued entrusting himself to him who judges justly. <sup>24</sup>He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed. <sup>25</sup>For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

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. John the 10th chapter.

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

### GOSPEL: John 10:1-10

<sup>1</sup>{Jesus said to the Jews,} “Truly, truly, I say to you, he who does not enter the sheepfold by the door but climbs in by another way, that man is a thief and a robber. <sup>2</sup>But he who enters by the door is the shepherd of the sheep. <sup>3</sup>To him the gatekeeper opens. The sheep hear his voice, and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. <sup>4</sup>When he has brought out all his own, he goes before them, and the sheep follow him, for they know his voice. <sup>5</sup>A stranger they will not follow, but they will flee from him, for they do not know the voice of strangers.” <sup>6</sup>This figure of speech Jesus used with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them. <sup>7</sup>So Jesus again said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep. <sup>8</sup>All who came before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them. <sup>9</sup>I am the door. If anyone enters by me, he will be saved and will go in and out and find pasture. <sup>10</sup>The thief comes

only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.”

**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      *Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us*      LBW 481

Savior, like a shepherd lead us; Much we need your tender care.  
In your pleasant pastures feed us, For our use your fold prepare.  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, You have bought us; we are yours.  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, You have bought us; we are yours.

We are yours; in love befriend us, Be the guardian of our way;  
Keep your flock, from sin defend us, Seek us when we go astray.  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, Hear us children when we pray.  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, Hear us children when we pray.

You have promised to receive us, Poor and sinful though we be;  
You have mercy to relieve us, Grace to cleanse, and pow'r to free.  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, Early let us turn to you.  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, Early let us turn to you.

Early let us seek your favor, Early let us do your will;  
Blessed Lord and only Savior, With your love our spirits fill.  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, You have loved us, love us still.  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, You have loved us, love us still.

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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

HYMN

*Father, I Adore You*

Father I adore You.  
Lay my life before You.  
How I love You.

Jesus I adore You.  
Lay my life before You.  
How I love You.

Spirit I adore You.  
Lay my life before You.  
How I love You.

OFFERTORY



Cre-ate 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

*All People That on Earth Do Dwell*

LBW 245

All people that on earth do dwell,  
Sing to the Lord with cheerful voice;  
Him serve with mirth, his praise forth tell;  
Come ye before him and rejoice.

Know that the Lord is God indeed;  
Without our aid he did us make.  
We are his folk, he doth us feed,  
And for his sheep he doth us take.

Oh, enter then his gates with praise;  
Approach with joy his courts unto;  
Praise, laud, and bless his name always,  
For it is seemly so to do.

For why? The Lord our God is good:  
His mercy is forever sure;  
His truth at all times firmly stood,  
And shall from age to age endure.

To Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,  
The God whom heav'n and earth adore,  
From us and from the angel host  
Be praise and glory evermore.

P Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

**Lessons for Next Week, May 10:**

Acts 6:1-9; 7:2a, 51-60; Psalm 146; 1 Peter 2:2-10; John 14:1-14

Lutheran Book of Worship (LBW) Setting I (pages 56-76)

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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** - 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!*

### Love Offering during May

During the month of May, a love offering will be collected during the offering to assist with Dusty Morgan's medical expenses. Please make checks payable to **Union Lutheran Church** including on the memo line: **Love Offering**.

# What's Happening at Union...

## **TODAY'S ACTIVITIES (MAY 3):**

No Sunday School ~ Drive-In Church Service at 10:30 a.m.

Small Group (Faith at Home during May) at 2:00 p.m.

Yadkin Valley Youth Zoom meeting at 5:00 p.m.

*The flowers today are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Mr. and Mrs. Allen Merrell by Franklin and Dawn Merrell.*

## **THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES:**

Tues., May 5 The two Lutheran Women's Groups will not meet in May due to COVID-19

1:00 p.m. Bible Study on Encouragement: The Key to Caring  
via Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/ulcsalisbury>)

5:00 p.m. Small Group (Faith at Home) on Zoom

Wed., May 6 No Choirs or Boy Scouts

10:00 a.m. Small Group (Faith at Home) on Zoom

6:00 p.m. Confirmation Class on Zoom

7:00 p.m. Finance Committee at the church utilizing social distancing

Thurs., May 7 1:00 p.m. Bible Study on Encouragement: The Key to Caring  
via Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/ulcsalisbury>)

2:00 p.m. National Day of Prayer Meditation/Prayer

## **NEXT SUNDAY'S ACTIVITIES (MAY 10):**

Mother's Day

No Sunday School ~ Drive-In Church Service at 10:30 a.m.

Recognition of Mothers at 10:30 a.m.

Small Group (Faith at Home during May) at 2:00 p.m.

Quest Youth Zoom meeting at 5:00 p.m.

## **DRIVE-IN CHURCH SERVICES**

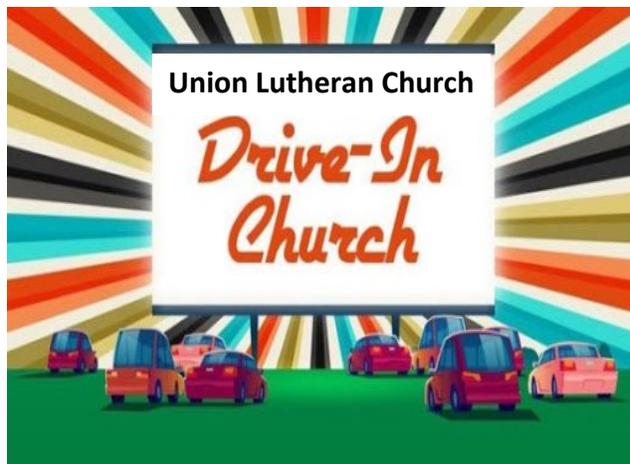
*Sundays, May 3-May 31, at 10:30 a.m.*

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

*Please come as you are, park a respectable distance away from the next car, and roll down your window to hear the service on the steps.*

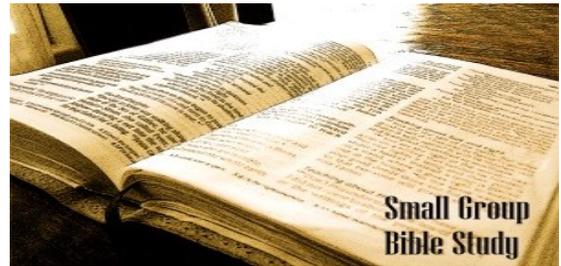
*Please note, on Sunday, May 31, Holy Communion will be celebrated.*

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



### **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)



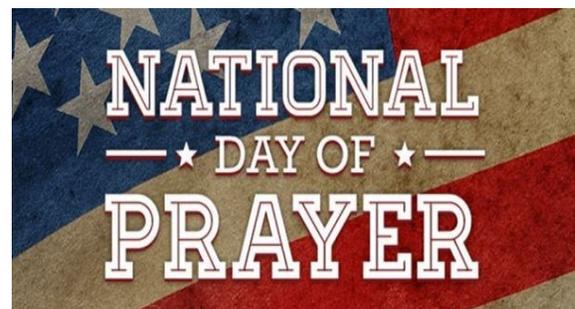
### **Faith at Home! During the Month of May**

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 on the church website (<https://ulcsalisbury.org>) or contact Kat Clifton (704) 633-2248.

Session will be done via Zoom.



### **NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER**

*Thursday, May 7*

*Pastor Heidi will be offering on Facebook at 2:00 p.m. on May 7 an opportunity for meditation and devotion (<https://www.facebook.com/ulcsalisbury>).*

## **MOTHER'S DAY**

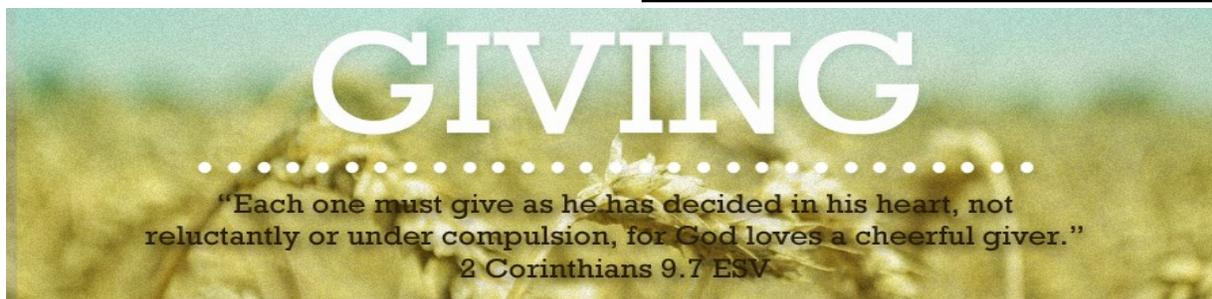
*Sunday, May 10*

*This month is special for many reasons but one in particular is that it is the month in which we pay special tribute to our mothers. In 1914, President Woodrow Wilson established that the second Sunday in May would be set aside to honor motherhood. The Bible commands us to honor [our] fathers and mothers" all the time, but Mother's Day gives us a special opportunity to express how much we appreciate and love our mothers.*

The **Worship & Music Committee** will meet on **Tuesday, May 12, at 6:00 p.m.** by online video or telephone platform. More information will be made available soon.

**Executive Committee** will meet **Thursday, May 14, at 5:30 p.m.** before Sunday's Church Council meeting to prepare the agenda.

**Church Council** will meet on **Sunday, May 17, at 4:00 p.m.** by video platform. The Council will discuss upcoming church business. More information will be made available soon.



*During this period of COVID-19, 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 **drop off, place in Sundays' offering basket, or mail checks payable to Union Lutheran Church to 4770 Bringle Ferry Road, Salisbury, NC 28146.** Thank you for your faithfulness in all these areas!*

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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