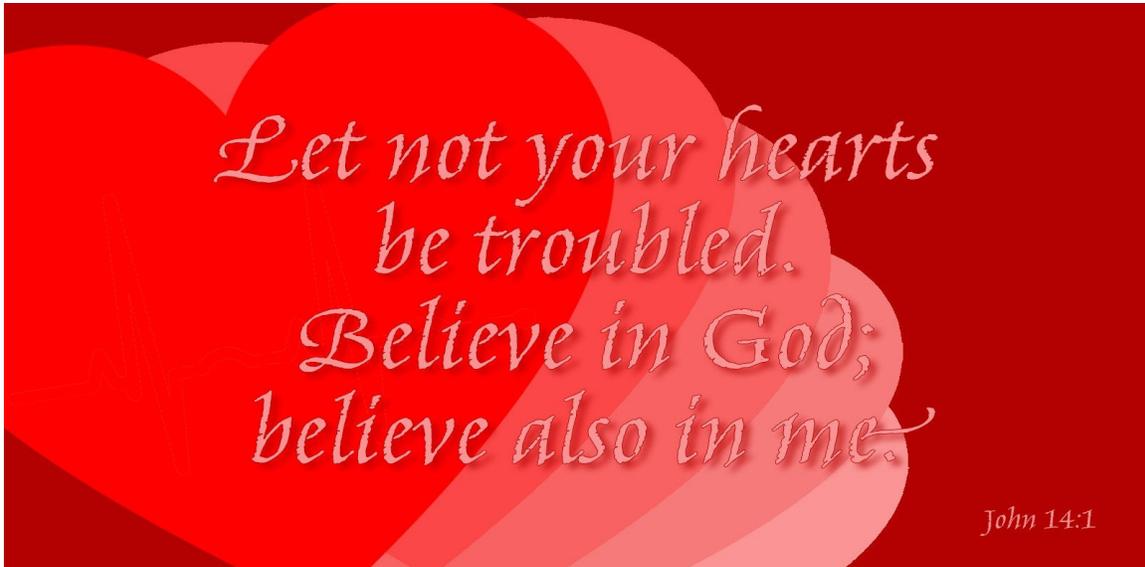


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5th Sunday of Easter

May 10, 2020



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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

RECOGNITION OF MOTHERS

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

Hallelujah! Jesus Lives!

LBW 147

Hallelujah! Jesus lives! He is now the Living One;
From the gloomy halls of death Christ, the conqueror, has gone,
Bright forerunner to the skies Of his people, yet to rise.

Jesus lives! Why do you weep? Why that sad and mournful sigh?
He who died our brother here Lives our brother still on high,
Lives forever to bestow Blessings on his Church below.

Jesus lives! And thus, my soul, Life eternal waits for you;
Joined to him, your living head, Where he is, you shall be too;
With the Lord, at his right hand, As a victor you shall stand.

Jesus lives! Let all rejoice. Praise him, ransomed of the earth.
Praise him in a nobler song, Cherubim and heav'nly birth.
Praise the victor king, whose sway Sin and death and hell obey.

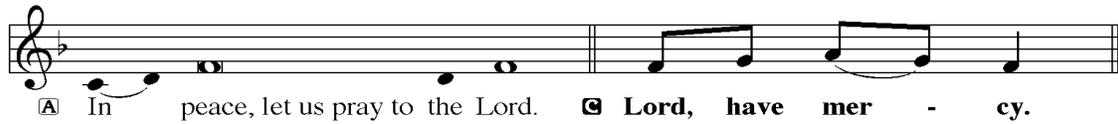
Hallelujah! Angels, sing! Join with us in hymns of praise.
Let your chorus swell the strain Which our feebler voices raise:
Glory to our God above And on earth his peace and love!

APOSTOLIC GREETING

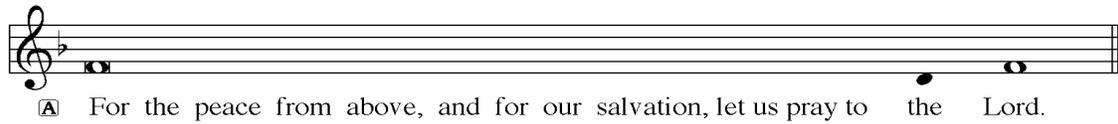
P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of
the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C **And also with you.**

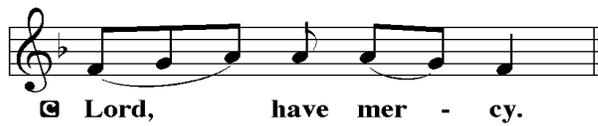
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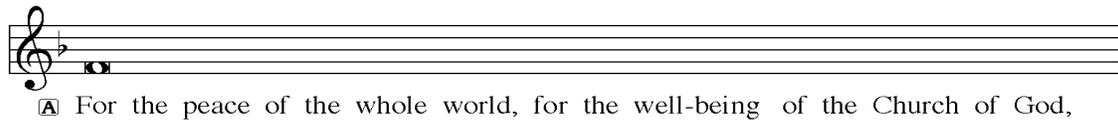
A In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **C** Lord, have mer - cy.



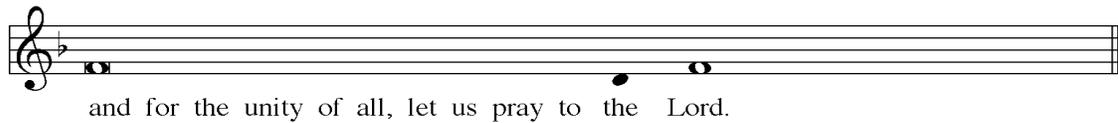
A For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



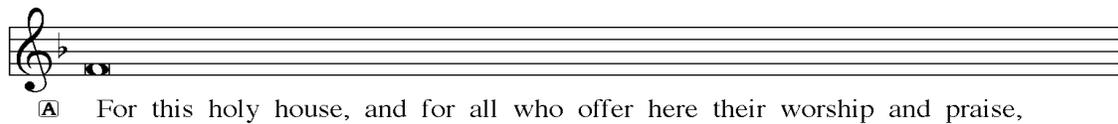
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



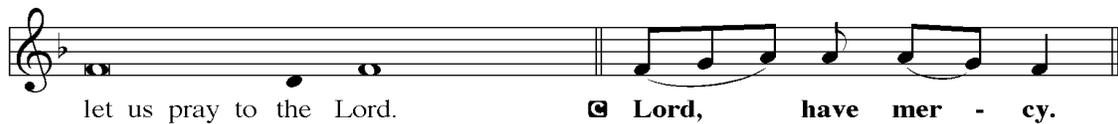
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



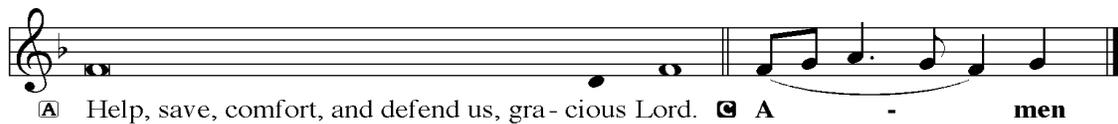
C Lord, have mer - cy.



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 O God, you make the minds of the faithful to be of one will. Grant that your people would love what you command and desire what you promise, that, among the manifold changes of this world, our hearts may be fixed where true joys are to be found; 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 MESSAGE

FIRST LESSON: Acts 6:1-9; 7:2a, 51-60

¹Now in these days when the disciples were increasing in number, a complaint by the Hellenists arose against the Hebrews because their widows were being neglected in the daily distribution. ²And the twelve summoned the full number of the disciples and said, "It is not right that we should give up preaching the word of God to serve tables. ³Therefore, brothers, pick out from among you seven men of good repute, full of the Spirit and of wisdom, whom we will appoint to this duty. ⁴But we will devote ourselves to prayer and to the ministry of the word." ⁵And what they said pleased the whole gathering, and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, and Philip, and Prochorus, and Nicanor, and Timon, and Parmenas, and Nicolaus, a proselyte of Antioch. ⁶These they set before the apostles, and they prayed and laid their hands on them. ⁷And the word of God continued to increase, and the number of the disciples multiplied greatly in Jerusalem, and a great many of the priests became obedient to the faith. ⁸And Stephen, full of grace and power, was doing great wonders and signs among the people. ⁹Then some of those who belonged to the synagogue of the Freedmen (as it was called), and of the Cyrenians, and of the Alexandrians, and of those from Cilicia and Asia, rose up and disputed with Stephen.

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^{2a} And Stephen said:

⁵¹“You stiff-necked people, uncircumcised in heart and ears, you always resist the Holy Spirit. As your fathers did, so do you. ⁵²Which of the prophets did your fathers not persecute? And they killed those who announced beforehand the coming of the Righteous One, whom you have now betrayed and murdered, ⁵³you who received the law as delivered by angels and did not keep it.” ⁵⁴Now when they heard these things they were enraged, and they ground their teeth at him. ⁵⁵But he, full of the Holy Spirit, gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. ⁵⁶And he said, “Behold, I see the heavens opened, and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God.” ⁵⁷But they cried out with a loud voice and stopped their ears and rushed together at him. ⁵⁸Then they cast him out of the city and stoned him. And the witnesses laid down their garments at the feet of a young man named Saul. ⁵⁹And as they were stoning Stephen, he called out, “Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.” ⁶⁰And falling to his knees he cried out with a loud voice, “Lord, do not hold this sin against them.” And when he had said this, he fell asleep.

Here ends the reading.

PSALM 146 (spoken in unison)

¹Hallelujah! Praise the Lord, O my soul!

I will praise the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God
while I have my being.

²Put not your trust in rulers, nor in any child of earth,
for there is no help in them.

³When they breathe their last, they return to earth,
and in that day their thoughts perish.

⁴Happy are they who have the God of Jacob or their help!
whose hope is in the Lord their God;

⁵Who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them;
who keeps his promise forever;

⁶Who gives justice to those who are oppressed,
and food to those who hunger.

⁷The Lord sets the prisoners free; the Lord opens the eyes of the blind;
the Lord lifts up those who are bowed down;

⁸The Lord loves the righteous; the Lord cares for the stranger;
he sustains the orphan and widow, but frustrates the way of the wicked.

⁹The Lord shall reign forever,
your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. Hallelujah!

SECOND LESSON: 1 Peter 2:2-10

²Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up into salvation — ³if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good. ⁴As you come to him, a living stone rejected by men but in the sight of God chosen and precious, ⁵you yourselves like living stones are being built up as a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. ⁶For it stands in Scripture: “Behold, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious, and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.” ⁷So the honor is for you who believe, but for those who do not believe, “The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone,” ⁸and “A stone of stumbling, and a rock of offense.” They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do. ⁹But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. ¹⁰Once you were not a people, but now you are God’s people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

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 14th chapter.

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

GOSEPL: John 14:1-14

¹{Jesus said,} “Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. ²In my Father’s house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? ³And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also. ⁴And you know the way to where I am going.” ⁵Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” ⁶Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. ⁷If you had known me, you would have known my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.” ⁸Philip said to him, “Lord, show us the Father, and it is enough for us.” ⁹Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you so long, and you still do not know me, Philip? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? ¹⁰Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own authority, but the Father who dwells in me does his works. ¹¹Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, or else believe on account of the works themselves. ¹²Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes in me will also do the works that I do; and greater works than these will he do, because I am going to the Father. ¹³Whatever you ask in my name, this I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. ¹⁴If you ask me anything in my name, I will do it.”

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

You Are the Way

LBW 464

You are the way; through you alone Can we the Father find;
In you, O Christ, has God revealed His heart, his will, his mind!

You are the truth; your Word alone True wisdom can impart;
You only can inform the mind And purify the heart.

You are the life; the rending tomb Proclaims your conqu'ring arm;
And those who put their trust in you Not death nor hell shall harm.

You are the way, the truth, the life; Grant us that way to know,
That truth to keep, that life to win, Whose joys eternal flow.

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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.

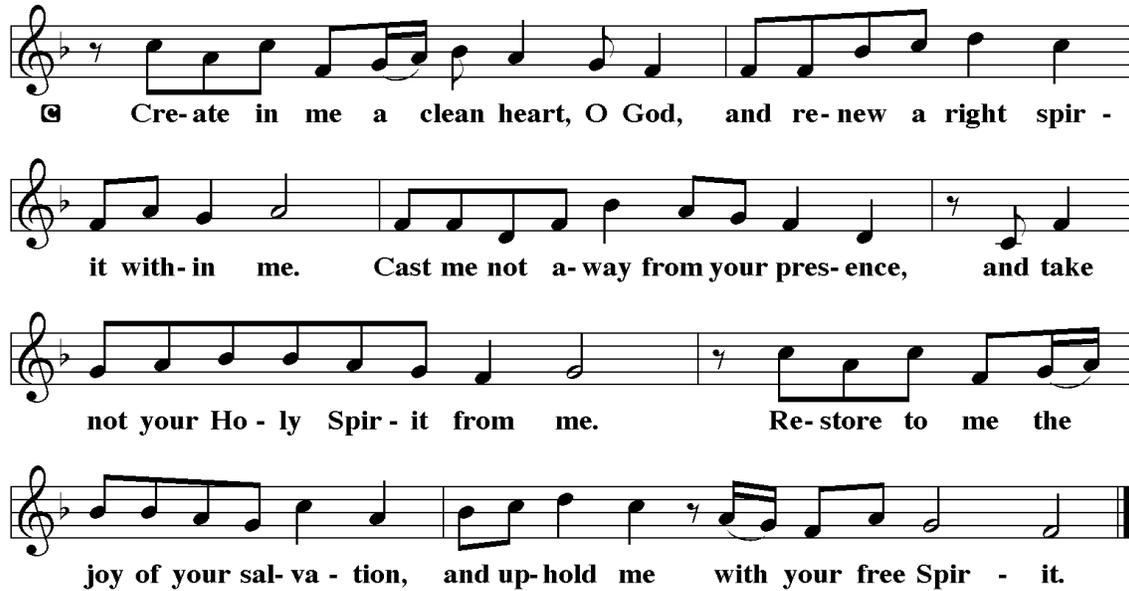
We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead,

and the life of the world to come. Amen

SPECIAL MUSIC

OFFERTORY



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

I Know that My Redeemer Lives!

LBW 352

I know that my Redeemer lives! What comfort this sweet sentence gives!
He lives, he lives, who once was dead; He lives, my ever-living head!

He lives triumphant from the grave; He lives eternally to save;
He lives exalted, throned above; He lives to rule his Church in love.

He lives, all glory to his name! He lives, my Savior, still the same;
What joy this blest assurance gives: I know that my Redeemer lives!

P Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

Lessons for Next Week, May 17:

Acts 17:16-31; Psalm 66:8-20; 1 Peter 3:13-22; John 14:15-21

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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, Vivian Sprinkle, 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!

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 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.

The flowers today are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Rev. and Mrs. Vernon A. Frick by Franklin and Dawn Merrell.

THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES:

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| Mon., May 11-Fri., May 15 | Devotions with Pastor Heidi and Pastor Dieter Punt via Facebook (https://www.facebook.com/ulcsalisbury). |
| Tues., May 12 | 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
6:00 p.m. Worship & Music Committee via telephone/online |
| Wed., May 13 | No Choirs or Boy Scouts
10:00 a.m. Small Group (Faith at Home) on Zoom
6:00 p.m. Confirmation Class on Zoom |
| Thurs., May 14 | No Good Timers this month due to COVID-19
1:00 p.m. Bible Study on Encouragement: The Key to Caring via Facebook (https://www.facebook.com/ulcsalisbury)
5:30 p.m. Executive Committee meeting |
| Fri., May 15 | No Game Night this week due to COVID-19 |

NEXT SUNDAY'S ACTIVITIES (MAY 17):

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

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

Church Council at 4:00 p.m.

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

Dear Friends,

As I expected, I have finally received official word from the EEMN that we were not going to be able to complete our mission trip this year, however; the term canceled is not being used, but instead it is being postponed until 2021. The team was given the offer to withdraw or remain for the 2021 alternate time frame. Until that was decided, they did not want to make any further changes or plans. We have all agreed to continue as called, just at a new time.

This brings us to addressing the donations which so many have been generous in making in support of this mission. Anyone who wishes to receive a refund, please let me know and I will send you the form that you can submit to the EEMN asking for said refund. Otherwise, the funds will be maintained under my name in support of the trip in 2021. For whatever reason this is happening, know one understands but my commitment remains the same.

Thank you again for your willingness to support this opportunity whenever the timing is right.

Mary Hutchens

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.



Attention Good Timers: The Ingathering for the House of Hope and Pastor Siimon was supposed to have taken place at our April meeting. Of course, that didn't happen – and neither is our May meeting going to happen. Therefore, since we at this time don't know what June will bring, the Ingathering will be set for the July meeting. Please continue to collect your coins for the House of Hope. With the Coronavirus bringing everything to a standstill, donations are down, but payments still have to be made. If you cannot be at the July meeting, please give your collection to someone who will be in attendance so that all monies can be sent off at the same time. Thanks so much!!

The Worship & Music Committee will meet on Tuesday, May 12, at 6:00 p.m. by online video or telephone platform.

For the May & June Food Drive:

Please put together a meal in a bag: 1 box of pasta, 1 jar of pasta sauce, a can of green beans, an inspirational card, place in a clear bag and tie it up with a pretty bow.

Throughout the next two months Pastor Heidi Punt will place them on the front porch of our neighbors on Bringle Ferry Rd...adding that if they don't need it, to simply pass it on.

Why do we do this? Because we CARE.

Thank you for being stepping up and contributing to the food drive over the past month. Three families have been served so far.



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.



ASCENSION DAY is traditionally the 40th day after Easter Sunday, that commemorates Jesus Christ's ascension into heaven. The Bible says Jesus promised the disciples that they would soon receive the Holy Spirit, and asked them to remain in Jerusalem until the Holy Spirit came.

Pastor Heidi will be offering on Facebook at **2:00 p.m. on Thursday, May 21**, an opportunity for meditation and devotion (<https://www.facebook.com/ulcsalisbury>).

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)



*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!*

Memorial Day, May 25

This U.S. Federal Holiday is observed on the last Monday of May to honor the men and women who have died while serving in the military. In 2020, it will be observed on Monday, May 25.

What's the Difference between Memorial Day and Veterans Day?

On both Memorial Day and Veterans Day, it's customary to spend time remembering and honoring the countless veterans who have served the United States throughout the country's history. However, there is a distinction between the two holidays:

- Memorial Day commemorates the men and women who died while in the military service of their country, particularly those who died in battle or as a result of wounds sustained in battle. In other words, the purpose of Memorial Day is to memorialize the veterans who made the ultimate sacrifice for their country. We spend time remembering those who lost their lives and could not come home, reflecting on their service and why we have the luxury and freedom that we enjoy today. We might consider how we can support and safeguard their grieving families and loved ones who are left behind.
- Veterans Day is the day set aside to thank and honor ALL who served—in wartime or peacetime—regardless of whether they died or survived. Veterans Day is always observed officially on November 11, regardless of the day of the week on which it falls.

Remember: Raise the flag with honor and respect!

Information is from the Old Farmers Almanac

The Church Office will be closed on Monday, May 25, in observance of the Memorial Day Holiday.