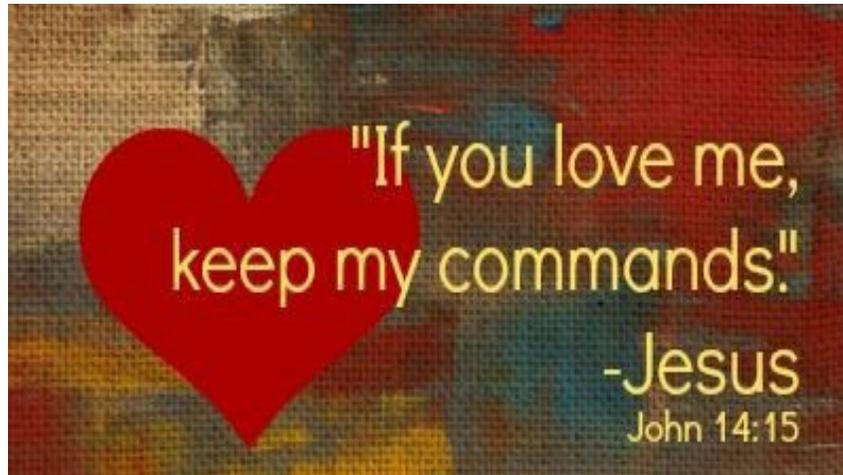


# Welcome

6th Sunday of Easter

May 17, 2020



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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

*Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing*

LBW 363

Christ is alive! Let Christians sing. His cross stands empty to the sky.  
Let streets and homes with praises ring. In death his love shall never die.

Chris is alive! No longer bound To distant years in Palestine,  
He comes to claim the here and now And conquer ev'ry place and time.

Not throned afar, remotely high, Untouched, unmoved by human pains,  
But daily, in the midst of life, Our Savior with the Father reigns.

In ev'ry insult, rift, and war, Where color, scorn, or wealth divide,  
He suffers still, yet loves the more, And lives, though ever crucified.

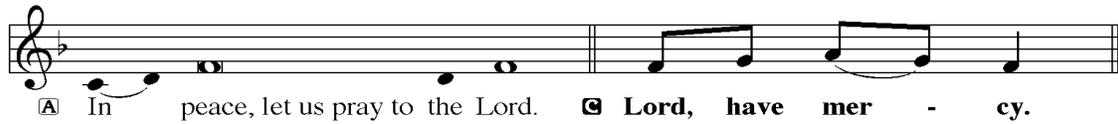
Christ is alive! Ascended Lord - He rules the world his Father made,  
Till, in the end, his love adored Shall be to all on earth displayed.

APOSTOLIC GREETING

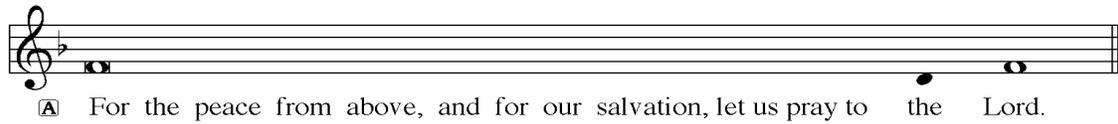
P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of  
the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C **And also with you.**

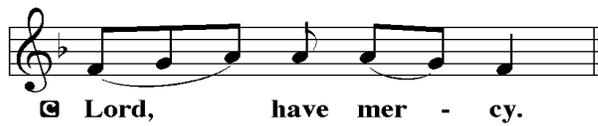
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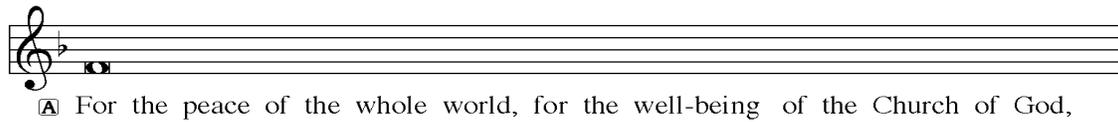
**A** In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **C** Lord, have mer - cy.



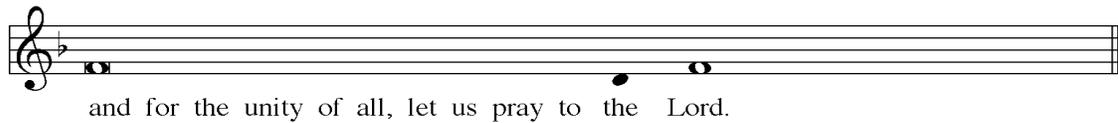
**A** For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



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



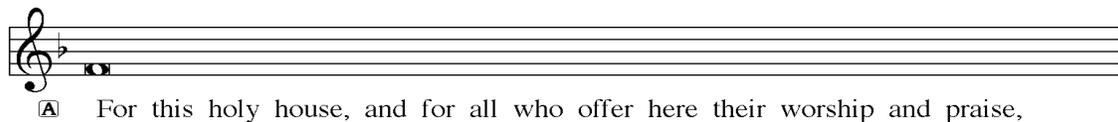
**A** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



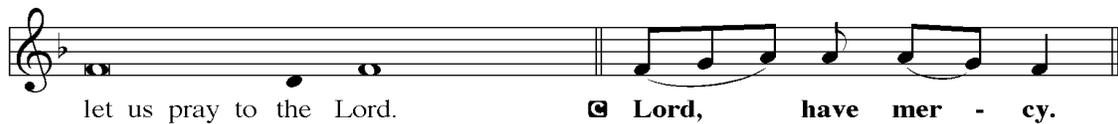
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



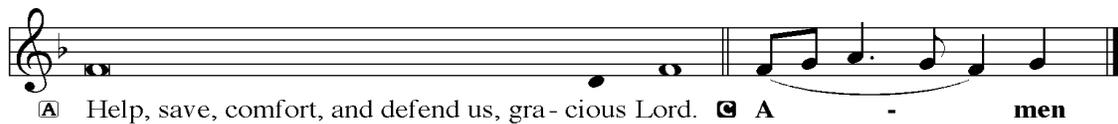
**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



**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, all good things can come from you alone; generously consider then our humble prayers. Inspire us to consider what is true, and direct us to accomplish what is right; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. 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 17:16-31**

<sup>16</sup>Now while Paul was waiting for {Silas and Timothy} at Athens, his spirit was provoked within him as he saw that the city was full of idols. <sup>17</sup>So he reasoned in the synagogue with the Jews and the devout persons, and in the marketplace every day with those who happened to be there. <sup>18</sup>Some of the Epicurean and Stoic philosophers also conversed with him. And some said, "What does this babbler wish to say?" Others said, "He seems to be a preacher of foreign divinities" — because he was preaching Jesus and the resurrection. <sup>19</sup>And they took him and brought him to the Areopagus, saying, "May we know what this new teaching is that you are presenting? <sup>20</sup>For you bring some strange things to our ears. We wish to know therefore what these things mean." <sup>21</sup>Now all the Athenians and the foreigners who lived there would spend their time in nothing except telling or hearing something new. <sup>22</sup>So Paul, standing in the midst of the Areopagus, said: "Men of Athens, I perceive that in every way you are very religious. <sup>23</sup>For as I passed along and observed the objects of your worship, I found also an altar with this inscription: 'To the unknown god.' What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. <sup>24</sup>The God who made the world and everything in it, being Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in temples made by man, <sup>25</sup>nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mankind life and breath and everything. <sup>26</sup>And he made from one man every nation of mankind to live on all the face of the earth, having determined allotted periods and the boundaries of their dwelling place, <sup>27</sup>that they should seek God, and perhaps feel their way toward him and find him. Yet he is actually not far from each one of us, <sup>28</sup>for 'In him we live and move and have our being'; as even some of your own poets have said, 'For we are indeed his offspring.' <sup>29</sup>Being then God's offspring, we ought not to think that the divine being is like gold or silver or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of man.

<sup>30</sup>The times of ignorance God overlooked, but now he commands all people everywhere to repent, <sup>31</sup>because he has fixed a day on which he will judge the world in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed; and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.”

Here ends the reading.

**PSALM 66:7-18** (spoken in unison)

- <sup>7</sup>Bless our God, you peoples;  
make the voice of his praise to be heard;
- <sup>8</sup>Who holds our souls in life,  
and will not allow our feet to slip.
- <sup>9</sup>For you, O God, have proved us;  
you have tried us just as silver is tried.
- <sup>10</sup>You brought us into the snare;  
you laid heavy burdens upon our backs.
- <sup>11</sup>You let enemies ride over our heads; we went through fire and water;  
but you brought us out into a place of refreshment.
- <sup>12</sup>I will enter your house with burnt offerings and will pay you my vows,  
which I promised with my lips and spoke with my mouth when I was in trouble.
- <sup>13</sup>I will offer you sacrifices of fat beasts with the smoke of rams;  
I will give you oxen and goats.
- <sup>14</sup>Come and listen, all you who fear God,  
and I will tell you what he has done for me.
- <sup>15</sup>I called out to him with my mouth,  
and his praise was on my tongue.
- <sup>16</sup>If I had found evil in my heart,  
the Lord would not have heard me;
- <sup>17</sup>But in truth God has heard me;  
he has attended to the voice of my prayer.
- <sup>18</sup>Blessed be God, who has not rejected my prayer,  
nor withheld his love from me.

**SECOND LESSON: 1 Peter 3:13-22**

<sup>13</sup>Now who is there to harm you if you are zealous for what is good? <sup>14</sup>But even if you should suffer for righteousness' sake, you will be blessed. Have no fear of them, nor be troubled, <sup>15</sup>but in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect, <sup>16</sup>having a good conscience, so that, when you are slandered, those who revile your good behavior in Christ may be put to shame. <sup>17</sup>For it is better to suffer for doing good, if that should be God's will, than for doing evil. <sup>18</sup>For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit, <sup>19</sup>in which he went and proclaimed to the spirits in prison, <sup>20</sup>because they formerly did not obey, when God's patience waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was being prepared, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were brought safely through water. <sup>21</sup>Baptism, which corresponds to this, now saves you, not as a removal of dirt from the body but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, <sup>22</sup>who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers having been subjected to him.

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.**

**GOSPEL: John 14:15-21**

<sup>15</sup>{Jesus said,} “If you love me, you will keep my commandments. <sup>16</sup>And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever, <sup>17</sup>even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, for he dwells with you and will be in you. <sup>18</sup>I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. <sup>19</sup>Yet a little while and the world will see me no more, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live. <sup>20</sup>In that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. <sup>21</sup>Whoever has my commandments and keeps them, he it is who loves me. And he who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and manifest myself to him.”

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      *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

LBW 315

Love divine, all loves excelling, Joy of heav'n, to earth come down!  
Fix in us thy humble dwelling, All the faithful mercies crown.  
Jesus, thou art all compassion, Pure, unbounded love thou art;  
Visit us with thy salvation, Enter ev'ry trembling heart.

Breathe, oh, breathe thy loving Spirit, Into ev'ry troubled breast;  
Let us all in thee inherit; Let us find thy promised rest.  
Take away the love of sinning; Alpha and Omega be;  
End of faith, as its beginning, Set our hearts at liberty.

Come, Almighty, to deliver; Let us all thy life receive;  
Suddenly return, and never, Nevermore thy temples leave.  
Thee we would be always blessing, Serve thee as thy hosts above,  
Pray, and praise thee without ceasing, Glory in thy perfect love.

Finish then thy new creation, Pure and spotless let us be;  
Let us see thy great salvation, Perfectly restored in thee!  
Changed from glory into glory, Till in heav'n we take our place,  
Till we cast our crowns before thee, Lost in wonder, love, and praise!

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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.**

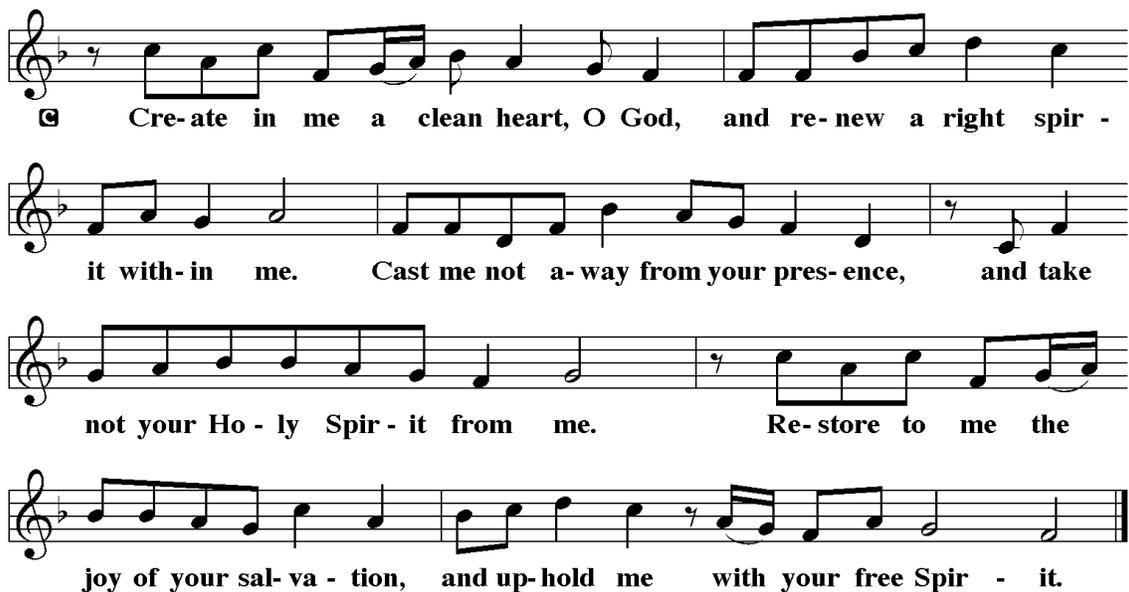
**We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins.**

**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

*Come, We That Love the Lord*

WOV 742

Come, we that love the Lord, and let our joys be known;  
Join in a song with sweet accord,  
Join in a song with sweet accord  
And thus surround the throne,  
And thus surround the throne. (Refrain)

Let those refuse to sing who never knew our God;  
But children of the heav'nly King,  
But children of the heav'nly King  
May speak their joys abroad,  
May speak their joys abroad. (Refrain)

The hill of Zion yields a thousand sacred sweets  
Before we reach the heav'nly fields,  
Before we reach the heav'nly fields,  
Or walk the golden streets,  
Or walk the golden streets. (Refrain)

Then let our songs abound, and ev'ry tear be dry;  
We're marching through Emmanuel's ground,  
We're marching through Emmanuel's ground,  
To fairer worlds on high,  
To fairer worlds on high. (Refrain)

**Refrain:**

We're marching to Zion, beautiful, beautiful Zion;  
We're marching upward to Zion, the beautiful city of God.

P Go in peace. Serve the Lord.  
C **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

**Lessons for Next Week, May 24:**

Acts 1:12-26; Psalm 68:1-10; 1 Peter 4:12-19, 5:6-11; John 17:1-11

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*OUR LOVE and SYMPATHY is extended to Ruth Goodman on the death of her sister, Carolyn McCoy.*

**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, Elbert Kluttz, 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 17):**

- Children and Youth Sunday School Zoom at 9:30 a.m.
- 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.

*The flowers today are given to the Glory of God and in honor of Faye Kesler' 90th birthday celebration by the Family.*

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

- Mon., May 18-Fri., May 22 Devotions with Pastor Heidi and Pastor Dieter Punt via Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/ulcsalisbury>).
- Tues., May 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 20 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 21 1:00 p.m. Bible Study on Encouragement: The Key to Caring via Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/ulcsalisbury>)  
2:00 p.m. Ascension Day Meditation/Devotion via Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/ulcsalisbury>)

## **NEXT SUNDAY'S ACTIVITIES (MAY 24):**

- Children and Youth Sunday School Zoom at 9:30 a.m.
- Drive-In Church Service at 10:30 a.m.
- Gerald Bame Scholarship Presentation during the Worship Service.
- June Newsletter articles deadline to the church office.
- Deadline to contact the church office regarding Graduations (see page 2).
- Small Group (Faith at Home during May) at 2:00 p.m.
- Drive By congratulating our Graduates at 3:00 p.m.
- Quest Youth Zoom meeting at 5:00 p.m.

*OUR LOVE and SYMPATHY is extended to Ruth Goodman on the death of her sister, Carolyn McCoy.*

*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*



**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>).

**GRADUATION** is an exciting milestone! Union Lutheran would like to recognize our graduating seniors, high school or college, in our next newsletter. Please submit, as soon as possible, a brief write up about the graduate (name, school graduated from, degree earned and future plans) and either drop off at the church office, mail to the church, or email at [office@ulcsalisbury.org](mailto:office@ulcsalisbury.org). **Deadline for June newsletter articles is Sunday, May 24.**

## **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.*

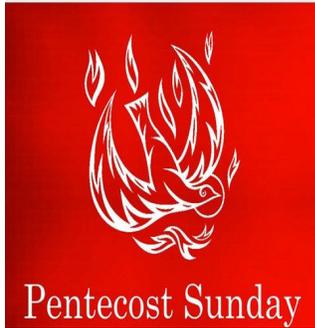
*Remember: Raise the flag with honor and respect!*

*Information is from the Old Farmers Almanac*

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

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!

**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!!



## PENTECOST SUNDAY, MAY 31

In many Christian churches, Pentecost Sunday is celebrated to recognize the gift of the Holy Spirit, realizing that God's very life, breath and energy live in believers. During this service, John 20:19-23 may be the core of the message about our risen Savior supernaturally appearing to the fear-laden disciples. Their fear gave way to joy when the Lord showed them His hands and side. He assured them peace and repeated the command given in Matthew 28:19-20, saying, "As the Father has sent me, I am sending you." Then He breathed on them, and they received the Holy Spirit (John 20:21-23).

The celebration of Pentecost Sunday reminds us of the reality that we all have the unifying Spirit that was poured out upon the first-century church in Acts 2:1-4. It is a reminder that we are co-heirs with Christ, to suffer with Him that we may also be glorified with Him; that the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good (1 Corinthians 12:7); that we are all baptized by one Spirit into one body (1 Corinthians 12:13); and that the Spirit which raised Jesus from the dead lives inside believers (Romans 8:9-11). This gift of the Holy Spirit that was promised and given to all believers on the first Pentecost is promised for you and your children and for all who are far off whom the Lord our God will call (Acts 2:39).

We will be celebrating Holy Communion during the worship service on May 31.

### ***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.



### ***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)*