

Welcome

Day of Pentecost

May 31, 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

Come, Gracious Spirit, Heavenly Dove

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Come, gracious Spirit, heav'nly dove,
With light and comfort from above.
Come, be our guardian and our guide;
O'er ev'ry thought and step preside.

The light of truth to us display
And make us know and choose your way;
Plant holy fear in ev'ry heart,
That we from God may ne'er depart.

Lead us to Christ, the living way,
Nor let us from his pastures stray;
Lead us to holiness, the road
That we must take to dwell with God.

Lead us to heav'n, that we may share
Fullness of joy forever there;
Lead us to our eternal rest,
To be with God forever blest.

APOSTOLIC GREETING

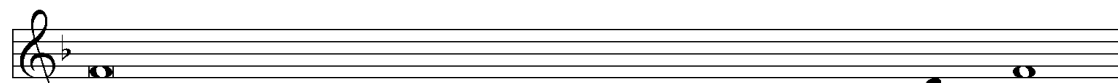
P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of
the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C **And also with you.**


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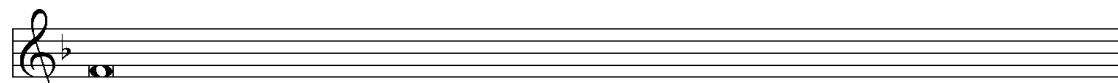
A In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **C** **Lord, have mer - cy.**



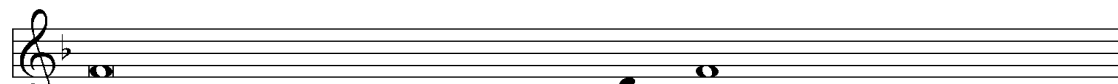
A For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



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

A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. **B** A - men

HYMN OF PRAISE

B This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. **I** Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was

slain, whose blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.

B This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. **II** Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and

strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.

C This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu - ia,
 al-le-lu-ia, al-le - lu - ia. **□** Sing with all the peo-ple of God, and
 join in the hymn of all cre-a - tion: Bless-ing, hon-or, glo-ry, and
 might be to God and the Lamb for-ev-er. A - men.
C This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu - ia,
 al-le-lu-ia, al-le - lu - ia. **□** For the Lamb who was
 slain has be-gun his reign. Al-le-lu - ia.
C This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.
 Al-le-lu - ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le - lu - ia.

THE SALUTATION

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P O God, you taught the hearts of your faithful people by sending to them the light of your Holy Spirit. Grant us, by the same Spirit, to have a right judgment in all things, and evermore to rejoice in his holy comfort; 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

We are excited to have our Confirmands sharing with us from their first session on The Creed.

FIRST LESSON: Numbers 11:24-30

²⁴Moses went out and told the people the words of the Lord. And he gathered seventy men of the elders of the people and placed them around the tent. ²⁵Then the Lord came down in the cloud and spoke to him, and took some of the Spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders. And as soon as the Spirit rested on them, they prophesied. But they did not continue doing it. ²⁶Now two men remained in the camp, one named Eldad, and the other named Medad, and the Spirit rested on them. They were among those registered, but they had not gone out to the tent, and so they prophesied in the camp. ²⁷And a young man ran and told Moses, "Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp." ²⁸And Joshua the son of Nun, the assistant of Moses from his youth, said, "My lord Moses, stop them." ²⁹But Moses said to him, "Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the Lord's people were prophets, that the Lord would put his Spirit on them!" ³⁰And Moses and the elders of Israel returned to the camp.

Here ends the reading.

PSALM 25:1-15 (spoken in unison)

¹To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul; my God, I put my trust in you;
let me not be humiliated, nor let my enemies triumph over me.
²Let none who look to you be put to shame;
let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes.
³Show me your ways, O Lord,
and teach me your paths.
⁴Lead me in your truth and teach me,
for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all the day long.
⁵Remember, O Lord, your compassion and love,
for they are from everlasting.
⁶Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions;
remember me according to your love and for the sake of your goodness, O Lord.
⁷Gracious and upright is the Lord;
therefore he teaches sinners in his way.

⁸He guides the humble in doing right
and teaches his way to the lowly.
⁹All the paths of the Lord are love and faithfulness
to those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.
¹⁰For your name's sake, O Lord,
forgive my sin, for it is great.
¹¹Who are they who fear the Lord?
he will teach them the way that they should choose.
¹²They shall dwell in prosperity,
and their offspring shall inherit the land.
¹³The Lord is a friend to those who fear him
and will show them his covenant.
¹⁴My eyes are ever looking to the Lord,
for he shall pluck my feet out of the net.
¹⁵Turn to me and have pity on me,
for I am left alone and in misery.

SECOND LESSON: Acts 2:1-21

¹When the day of Pentecost arrived, {the disciples} were all together in one place. ²And suddenly there came from heaven a sound like a mighty rushing wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. ³And divided tongues as of fire appeared to them and rested on each one of them. ⁴And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance. ⁵Now there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men from every nation under heaven. ⁶And at this sound the multitude came together, and they were bewildered, because each one was hearing them speak in his own language. ⁷And they were amazed and astonished, saying, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?" ⁸And how is it that we hear, each of us in his own native language? ⁹Parthians and Medes and Elamites and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, ¹¹both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabians — we hear them telling in our own tongues the mighty works of God." ¹²And all were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" ¹³But others mocking said, "They are filled with new wine." ¹⁴But Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them: "Men of Judea and all who dwell in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and give ear to my words. ¹⁵For these people are not drunk, as you suppose, since it is only the third hour of the day. ¹⁶But this is what was uttered through the prophet Joel: ¹⁷'And in the last days it shall be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams; ¹⁸even on my male servants and female servants in those days I will pour out my Spirit, and they shall prophesy. ¹⁹And I will show wonders in the heavens above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and vapor

of smoke; ²⁰the sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the day of the Lord comes, the great and magnificent day. ²¹And it shall come to pass that everyone who calls upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.”

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 7th chapter.

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

GOSPEL: John 7:37-39

³⁷On the last day of the feast, the great day, Jesus stood up and cried out, “If anyone thirsts, let him come to me and drink. ³⁸Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, ‘Out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.’” ³⁹Now this he said about the Spirit, whom those who believed in him were to receive, for as yet the Spirit had not been given, because Jesus was not yet glorified.

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

Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart

LBW 486

Spirit of God, descend upon my heart;
Wean it from earth, through all its pulses move;
Stoop to my weakness, strength to me impart,
And make me love you as I ought to love.

I ask no dream, no prophet ecstasies,
No sudden rending of the veil of clay,
No angel visitant, no op'ning skies:
But take the dimness of my soul away.

Have you not bid me love you, God and King;
All, all your own, soul, heart, and strength, and mind?
I see you cross; there teach my heart to cling.
Oh, let me seek you and, oh, let me find!

Teach me to love you as your angels love,
One holy passion filling all my frame:
The baptism of the heav'n descended dove,
My heart an altar, and your love the flame.

NICENE CREED

**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**

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.**

SPECIAL MUSIC

OFFERTORY

☒ Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our
 cup of bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the
 seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life.
 Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u - nite them with the
 prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your
 pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

P Let us pray. Merciful Father,
 C we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us-ourselves,
 our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for
 the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

☐ The Lord be with you. ☑ And al - so with you.

☐ Lift up your hearts. ☑ We lift them to the Lord.

☐ Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

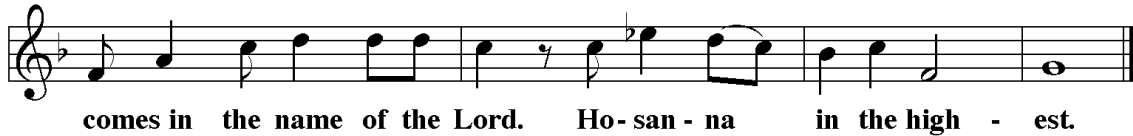
☑ It is right to give him thanks and praise.

P It is indeed right and salutary....we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

☑ Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:

Heav- en and earth are full of your glo- ry. Ho - san- na. Ho - san- na.

Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who



WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

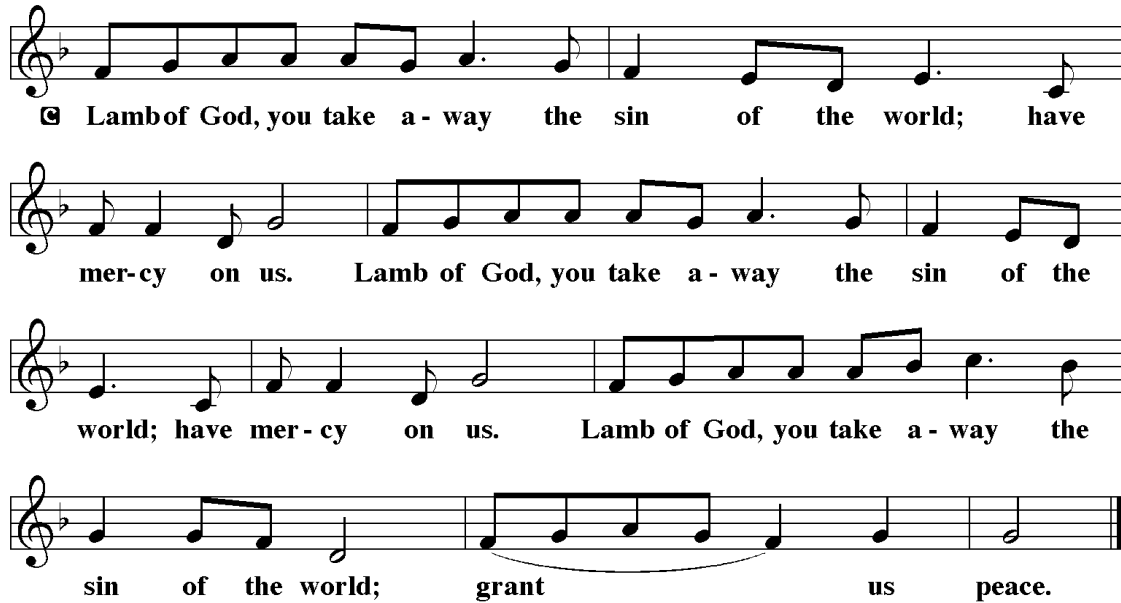
C **Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen**

Please be seated.

DISTRIBUTION

All who are baptized and believe Christ is truly present within the elements of the bread and wine are welcome to God's table.

LAMB OF GOD



☞ Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

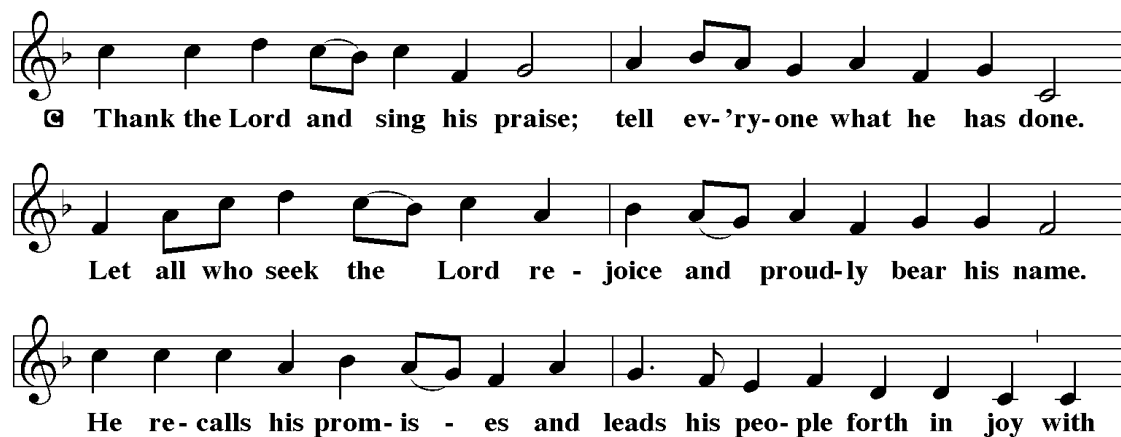
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POST COMMUNION BLESSING

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C Amen

POST COMMUNION CANTICLE



☞ Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev-'ry-one what he has done.
Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and proud-ly bear his name.
He re - calls his prom - is - es and leads his peo - ple forth in joy with



P Let us pray. We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life; and we pray that in your mercy you would strengthen us, through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

C **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

Go, My Children, with My Blessing

WOV 721

“Go, my children, with my blessing, never alone.
 Waking, sleeping, I am with you, you are my own.
 In my love’s baptismal river I have made you mine forever.
 Go, my children, with my blessing, you are me own.”

“Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure.
 Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.
 Here you heard my dear Son’s story, here you touched him, saw his glory.
 Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure.”

“Go, my children, fed and nourished, closer to me.
 Grow in love and love by serving, joyful and free.
 Here my Spirit’s power filled you, here my tender comfort stilled you.
 Go, my children, fed and nourished, closer to me.”

“I am Lord will bless and keep you, and give you peace.
 I the Lord will smile upon you, and give you peace.
 I the Lord will be your Father, Savior, Comforter, and Brother.
 Go, my children, I will keep you, and give you peace.”

P Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

Lessons for Next Week, June 7:

Genesis 1:1-2:4a; Psalm 8; Acts 2:14a, 22-36; Matthew 28:16-20

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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, Kiki Deaton, Glenn Eagle, Ruth Goodman, Bob Goodwin, Linda Hartley, Tommy Kerns, Nancy Kesler, Teresa Kesler, Elbert Kluttz, Pat Kluttz, Eric Miller, Donnie Miller, Harold Miller, Dusty Morgan, Grace Morgan, Ruth Myers, Karen Plyler, Rev. Heidi Punt, 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), Vanna Calloway (friend of Kat Clifton), Donna Collins (friend of Sharon Leazer), 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), Dusty Morgan Family (Dusty, Sr., Lisa, Felisaty, and Dusty, Jr.), Hong Nguyen (Pete Nguyen's mother), John Oddie, Jr. (brother of Ruby Leazer and Ruth Myers), 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...

SUNDAY'S ACTIVITIES (MAY 31):

Pentecost Sunday

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

Drive-In Church Service celebrating Holy Communion at 10:30 a.m.

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

The flowers today are given to the Glory of God!

THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES:

Tues., June 2

No Lutheran Women's Groups

Wed., June 3

No Choirs

Fri., June 5

No Game Night

NEXT SUNDAY'S ACTIVITIES (JUNE 7):

Holy Trinity Sunday

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

Worship and celebrating Holy Communion at 10:30 a.m. (see insert)

(Please note liturgy is changing to WOV Setting 5)

For the **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 month of June, 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.

Those Serving in June

Acolyte: Tyler Goodman

*Altar Guild, Communion Assistants and
Lay Readers: Jennifer Curlee
and Cathy Painter*

*Ushers: Larry Barringer, Phil Cauble
(HU), LA Earnhardt, Wade Leazer,
and Donnie Miller*

Following Worship, Union Lutheran Church on **Sunday, June 14**, will celebrate being back in person to church with a meal in the Dutch Meeting Hall. The menu is: BBQ Chicken, Baked Beans, Slaw, and Potato Salad. Tea will be provided. Please bring desserts!

Please contact the church office (704) 636-5092 if you will be attending so those preparing the food will know how many to prepare for. Thank you!

A donation basket will be available to offset the cost of the food.

In-Person Church Services and Meetings at Union Lutheran Church

We are excited to be gathering together in the Sanctuary for worship.

Please pay attention to the following information:

1. Maintain your social distance.
 - Every other pew will be marked off and left unoccupied.
 - If not from the same household, sit on opposite sides of the pew
2. Masks are encouraged but not required
3. Do not gather or congregate in small spaces
4. Try not to use the restrooms or water fountains
5. Offering plates will not be passed around
 - A basket will be placed in the Narthex
 - Will not be collected during worship
 - Consider giving online or with direct deposit. Visit our church website (<https://ulcsalisbury.org/give-online/>) or call the church office at 704-636-5092 for more information
6. Holy Communion will be served
 - Those preparing and setting up will entire, wearing gloves and masks
 - Those serving will sanitize and wear masks
 - Individual cups will be provided and the wine will be poured from the common cup
 - The wafers will be served with a small sanitized utensil
 - Individually wrapped cups and wafers will also be available and placed near the Baptism font.
7. After every worship service
 - All door handles, stairway rails, bathrooms, and other high-touch surfaces will be thoroughly cleaned with CDC-approved disinfectants.
8. Hand Sanitizer
 - Will be placed at strategic points throughout the Sanctuary and will be routinely monitored for refilling
9. Temperature
 - Measure your temperature at home
 - Stay home if you are not feeling well
 - Let us pray for you

We look forward to small groups gathering again too. We merely ask that you please let the office know so that we can sanitize the space before and after use. Also to adhere to the applicable guidelines as suggested above.

Please note that all spaces should not be filled over their 50% capacity at a time.

If you are not able to or do not feel comfortable worshipping in person yet, you can:

1. Worship in your vehicle and turn your radio channel to 98.1FM and listen to the service
2. Worship online by visiting our webpage (<https://ulcsalisbury.org/worship/>)
3. Connect with us on facebook live (<https://facebook.com/ulcsalisbury>)

