

Welcome

4th Sunday after Epiphany

January 31, 2021

10:30 a.m. Parking Lot Worship

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9:30 a.m. Sunday School (please remember to practice social distancing)

10:30 a.m. Parking Lot Worship

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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Pastorale

Robert Lau

BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

The minister leads the congregation in the invocation. The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

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.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

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**

The minister stands and addresses the congregation.

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**

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Shine, Jesus, Shine

Refrain

Shine, Je - sus, shine, fill this land with the Fa - ther's glo - ry;

A E D A Bm B7 E

Detailed description: This system contains the first line of the refrain. It features a vocal line in treble clef with a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#) and a 4/4 time signature. The lyrics are "Shine, Je - sus, shine, fill this land with the Fa - ther's glo - ry;". Below the vocal line is a piano accompaniment consisting of two staves (treble and bass clefs). Chord symbols A, E, D, A, Bm, B7, and E are placed above the piano staff. The piano part includes a steady bass line and chords that support the melody.

blaze, Spir - it, blaze, set our hearts on fire.

A E D A Bm G E

Detailed description: This system contains the second line of the refrain. The vocal line continues with the lyrics "blaze, Spir - it, blaze, set our hearts on fire.". The piano accompaniment continues with the same chord structure: A, E, D, A, Bm, G, and E. The bass line and chords provide harmonic support for the vocal melody.

Flow, riv - er, flow, flood the na - tions with grace and mer - cy;

A E D A Bm B7 E

Detailed description: This system contains the third line of the refrain. The vocal line continues with the lyrics "Flow, riv - er, flow, flood the na - tions with grace and mer - cy;". The piano accompaniment continues with the same chord structure: A, E, D, A, Bm, B7, and E. The bass line and chords provide harmonic support for the vocal melody.

To stanzas | End

send forth your Word, Lord, and let there be light!

A E D A Bm E7 A D E D A

1 Lord, the light of your love is shin - ing, in the midst of the
 2 As we gaze on your king - ly bright-ness, so our fac - es dis -

A D A E A D

dark - ness, shin - ing; Je - sus, light of the world, shine up - on us,
 play your like - ness, ev - er chang - ing from glo - ry to glo - ry,

A E D E7 C#m F#m

set us free by the truth you now bring us.
mir - rored here, may our lives tell your sto - ry.

D E⁷ C#m F#m

Refrain

Shine on me, shine on me:
Shine on me, shine on me:

G Esus E G Esus E

GREETING

The minister greets the congregation.

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.**

KYRIE is omitted during Epiphany.

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 Let us pray. O God, you know the perilous choices we are prone to make that fall short of your desire for human faithfulness and obedience. Without you, our fragile nature cannot survive. Support us with your Word of truth, that we may grow in faith in the midst of our trials. Grant this, we pray, through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen

FIRST LESSON: Deuteronomy 18:15-20

¹⁵“The Lord your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among you, from your brothers — it is to him you shall listen — ¹⁶just as you desired of the Lord your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly, when you said, ‘Let me not hear again the voice of the Lord my God or see this great fire any more, lest I die.’ ¹⁷And the Lord said to me, ‘They are right in what they have spoken. ¹⁸I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their brothers. And I will put my words in his mouth, and he shall speak to them all that I command him. ¹⁹And whoever will not listen to my words that he shall speak in my name, I myself will require it of him. ²⁰But the prophet who presumes to speak a word in my name that I have not commanded him to speak, or who speaks in the name of other gods, that same prophet shall die.’”

Lay Reader Here ends the reading.

PSALM 111 (*spoken in unison*)

¹Hallelujah! I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart,
in the assembly of the upright, in the congregation.

²Great are the deeds of the Lord!

They are studied by all who delight in them.

³His work is full of majesty and splendor,
and his righteousness endures forever.

⁴He makes his marvelous works to be remembered;
the Lord is gracious and full of compassion.

⁵He gives food to those who fear him;
he is ever mindful of his covenant.

⁶He has shown his people the power of his works
in giving them the lands of the nations.

⁷The works of his hands are faithfulness and justice;
all his commandments are sure.

⁸They stand fast forever and ever,
because they are done in truth and equity.

⁹He sent redemption to his people; he commanded his covenant forever;
holy and awesome is his Name.

¹⁰The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom;
those who act accordingly have a good understanding;
his praise endures forever.

SECOND LESSON: 1 Corinthians 8:1-13

¹Concerning food offered to idols: we know that “all of us possess knowledge.” This “knowledge” puffs up, but love builds up. ²If anyone imagines that he knows something, he does not yet know as he ought to know. ³But if anyone loves God, he is known by God. ⁴Therefore, as to the eating of food offered to idols, we know that “an idol has no real existence,” and that “there is no God but one.” ⁵For although there may be so-called gods in heaven or on earth — as indeed there are many “gods” and many “lords” — ⁶yet for us there is one God, the Father, from whom are all things and for whom we exist, and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things and through whom we exist. ⁷However, not all possess this knowledge. But some, through former association with idols, eat food as really offered to an idol, and their conscience, being weak, is defiled. ⁸Food will not commend us to God. We are no worse off if we do not eat, and no better off if we do. ⁹But take care that this right of yours does not somehow become a stumbling block to the weak. ¹⁰For if anyone sees you who have knowledge eating in an idol’s temple, will he not be encouraged, if his conscience is weak, to eat food offered to idols? ¹¹And so by your knowledge this weak person is destroyed, the brother for whom Christ died. ¹²Thus, sinning against your brothers and wounding their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ. ¹³Therefore, if food makes my brother stumble, I will never eat meat, lest I make my brother stumble.

Lay Reader Here ends the reading.

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. Mark the 1st chapter.

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

GOSPEL: Mark 1:21-28

²¹{Jesus, Simon, Andrew, James and John} went into Capernaum, and immediately on the Sabbath {Jesus} entered the synagogue and was teaching. ²²And they were astonished at his teaching, for he taught them as one who had authority, and not as the scribes. ²³And immediately there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit. And he cried out, ²⁴“What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are — the Holy One of God.” ²⁵But Jesus rebuked him, saying, “Be silent, and come out of him!” ²⁶And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying out with a loud voice, came out of him. ²⁷And they were all amazed, so that

they questioned among themselves, saying, "What is this? A new teaching with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him." ²⁸ And at once his fame spread everywhere throughout all the surrounding region of Galilee.

P The Gospel of the Lord.
C Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON TOPIC

Pastor Heidi Punt

Demons are Real and so is Our Lord, Jesus Christ!

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All Glory, Laud, and Honor

Refrain

All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or To you, re - deem - er, king,

To whom the lips of chil - dren Made sweet ho - san - nas ring.

1 You are the king of Is - rael And Da - vid's roy - al Son,
2 The com - pa - ny of an - gels Are prais - ing you on high;
3 The mul - ti - tude of pil - grims With palms be - fore you went.
4 To you, be - fore your Pas - sion, They sang their hymns of praise.

Hymn continued on page 8

Refrain

Now in the Lord's name com - ing, Our King and Bless - ed One.
 Cre - a - tion and all mor - tals In cho - rus make re - ply.
 Our praise and prayer and an - thems Be - fore you we pre - sent.
 To you, now high ex - alt - ed, Our mel - o - dy we raise.

APOSTLES' CREED

**C I believe in God, the Father almighty,
 creator of heaven and earth.
 I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
 He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
 and born of the virgin Mary.
 He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
 was crucified, died, and was buried.
 He descended into hell.*
 On the third day he rose again.
 He ascended into heaven,
 and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
 He will come again to judge the living and the dead.
 I believe in the Holy Spirit,
 the holy catholic Church,
 the communion of saints,
 the forgiveness of sins,
 the resurrection of the body,
 and the life everlasting. Amen**

THE PRAYERS

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 prayers conclude:

P Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C **Amen**

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

The minister blesses the congregation, using this or another appropriate 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

Son of God, Eternal Savior

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1 Son of God, e - ter - nal Sav - ior, Source of life and truth and grace,
2 As you, Lord, have lived for oth - ers, So may we for oth - ers live.
3 Come, O Christ, and reign a - mong us, King of love and Prince of Peace;
4 Son of God, e - ter - nal Sav - ior, Source of life and truth and grace,

Word made flesh, whose birth a - mong us Hal - lows all our hu - man race,
Free - ly have your gifts been grant - ed; Free - ly may your ser - vants give.
Hush the storm of strife and pas - sion, Bid its cru - el dis - cords cease.
Word made flesh, whose birth a - mong us Hal - lows all our hu - man race:

Hymn continued on page 12

You our head, who, throned in glo - ry, For your own will ev - er plead:
 Yours the gold and yours the sil - ver, Yours the wealth of land and sea;
 By your pa - tient years of toil - ing, By your si - lent hours of pain,
 By your pray - ing, by your will - ing That your peo - ple should be one,

Fill us with your love and pit - y, Heal our wrongs, and help our need.
 We but stew - ards of your boun - ty Held in sol - emn trust will be.
 Quench our fe - vered thirst of plea - sure, Stem our self - ish greed of gain.
 Grant, oh, grant our hope's fru - i - tion: Here on earth your will be done.

THE SENDING

The minister may dismiss the congregation.

P Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

Next Week's Readings (February 7):
 Isaiah 40:21-31; Psalm 147:1-11; 1 Corinthians 9:16-27; Mark 1:29-39

Those Serving in January
Announcements and Lay Readers: Jennifer Curlee
Church Council Counter: Larry Barringer
Sound System: Thad Mulkey

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Union News...



SUNDAY'S ACTIVITIES (JANUARY 31):

10:30 a.m. Parking Lot Worship

*All those interested and participating are invited to a meeting following worship on **Sunday, January 31**, to discuss how to assist with worship services with the **Sound System and Technology** of Union Evangelical Lutheran Church.*

2021 Offering Envelopes are available to pick up in the Sanctuary. Please pick up offering envelopes of family members or friends that you plan to visit with.

From January 31-February 28, a love offering will be collected to assist with Glenn and Betty Sue Lowder's expenses following the death of their granddaughter. Please make checks payable to **Union Lutheran Church** including on the memo line: **Love Offering**.

***OUR LOVE and SYMPATHY** is extended to Steve Hutchens and Family on the death of his father, Billy Hutchens, in their time of grief. "Let not your hearts be troubled; believe in God, believe also in me" (John 14:1).*

***OUR LOVE and SYMPATHY** is extended to Glenn and Betty Sue Lowder, James and Amy Harrison, Jesse Morgan, Jr., and Family on the death of, Jenna, in their time of grief. "Let not your hearts be troubled; believe in God, believe also in me" (John 14:1).*

THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES:

- Tues., Feb. 2 6:30 p.m. Bible Course 101 (Acts) in Old Pine Center
- Wed., Feb. 3 10:00 a.m. Bible Course 101 (Acts) in Old Pine Center
- 5:15 p.m. Confirmation Class
- 6:00 p.m. Finance Committee
- Fri., Feb. 5 5:30 p.m. Friday Game Night

NEXT SUNDAY'S ACTIVITIES (FEBRUARY 7):

- 9:30 a.m. Sunday School (please practice social distancing)
- 10:30 a.m. Worship & Holy Communion in the Sanctuary
- 10:30 a.m. Blessing of NALC Disaster Relief Flood Buckets

*We are excited to announce that we will again be offering the Stations of the Cross this year during Holy Week, however we need **YOUR** help! 12 crosses are needed. If you are able to assist in building crosses, please contact Phil Cauble (704) 213-0646.*

Altar Flowers in February are open for reservations. Please sign up in the Narthex and contact the church office.

*February 7 Open
February 14 Sharon Leazer
February 21 Branches
February 28 Branches*

Bible Course 101 will continue to meet during the month of February on Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m. and Wednesdays at 10:00 a.m.

Confirmation Class will meet on Wednesdays, February 3 & 10 at 5:15 p.m.

Friday Game Nights will continue in February on **Fridays, February 5 & 19, at 5:30 p.m.** Depending on numbers the group will meet in either the Old Pine Center or Dutch Meeting Hall to practice social distancing.

February Sunday School at 9:30 a.m.

Sunday School is a wonderful time to be with your friends and to make new ones in a smaller setting where you can connect the Word of God to your daily life, learn of Gods' love and forgiveness through Jesus Christ, and grow in faith together. Sunday School meets at 9:30 AM, and there are age appropriate classes for children, teens, and adults alike.

During COVID-19 the Sunday School Teachers will take turns teaching classrooms for all ages.

Please remember to practice social distancing.

If you wish to participate but are at health risk, please contact Pastor Heidi to stay connected via Zoom.

Worship Services Opportunities during the month of February

Sanctuary Worship at 10:30 a.m. We gather weekly on Sunday mornings at 10:30 a.m. to celebrate God's Word and the Sacrament of Holy Communion, and to hear and experience God's creative and redeeming love for the world. Children are welcome and are invited to attend worship and come forward for the Children's Message. **(CDC guidelines followed)**

During COVID-19 we are offering the following if you do not feel comfortable worshipping in person you can: 1. Worship online by visiting our webpage (<https://ulcsalisbury.org/worship/>) 2. Connect with us on Facebook Live (<https://facebook.com/ulcsalisbury>) 3. Request a worship DVD

An **AT HEALTH RISK WORSHIP SERVICE** is also being scheduled soon for February.

Sunday Morning Adult Bible Study at 9:30 a.m.

February 7 Called to Testify - John 1:37-51; 4:25-42

February 14 Called to Support - Romans 4:13-25; Mark 15:45; 16:1-9; Luke 8:1-3; John 20:10-18

February 21 Called to Explain - Colossians 4:7-15; Acts 18:1-26; Romans 16:3-4; 1 Corinthians 16:19; 2 Timothy 4:19

February 28 Called to Serve - Psalm 33:1-12; Acts 16:11-15, 40; 1 Corinthians 1:26-30

Beginning on Sunday, February 21, at 10:30 a.m. Pastor Heidi, will focus during the sermon time on the importance of building Healthy Relationships.

DISCERNING BEING GOD'S HEART

*In an effort to assure that all of our members receive the care and attention that they should have and that we are called to give the **Lay Ministry Team** invites you to our next meeting on **Wednesday, February 10, at 2:00 p.m.** to discuss how you might be a part of this ministry. Please prayerfully consider whether God is calling you to bless our members with special needs.*

Good Timers

Thursday, February 11, at 10:00 a.m.

Good Timers will meet in **February on Thursday, February 11, at 10:00 a.m.**

Our program will be “Stump Your Neighbor” then “Show and Tell.” Please bring with you an item (or items) that you may have inherited from your parents or grandparents, or even something that you yourself used to use and don't use anymore – something that is NOT commonly used today. We will put all these items out for a guessing game, and then each person will “show and tell” about the item(s). You may bring more than one if you wish. So check around the house for those items that you think will stump your neighbor . . .let's plan on having a lot of fun.

Due to COVID-19, we will not yet go out for lunch, but be patient, that day is coming!!

See you February 11 at 10:00 a.m. – weather permitting!!

*Executive Committee will meet on **Thursday, February 11, at 5:30 p.m.** to discuss the agenda and business for the Council Retreat on February 20.*

| The Property, Cemetery, and |
| Columbarium Committee will meet on |
Thursday, February 11, at 6:00 p.m.

Breakfast for dinner?!?

Join us for a pancake supper sponsored by our youth, as we celebrate **Shrove Tuesday, February 16,** – Mardi Gras before the beginning of Lent on Ash Wednesday. From **5:00PM – 7:00PM** dinner will be served, so feel free to stop in any time during that time frame to enjoy dinner in the Old Pine Center.

The menu will include but not limited to: pancakes, sausage, and bacon.

A basket will be available for donations. Funds raised will go towards helping our youth. Please make checks payable to Union Lutheran Church.

Please Note | Take Out will be available for those not staying to eat.

Ash Wednesday

February 17 at 3:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m.

*As we navigate how to best observe **Ash Wednesday, February 17,** with concerns about space and social distancing, Union Evangelical Lutheran Church will be offering two services at **3:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m.** in the Sanctuary.*

The first service will be a prayer and Imposition of Ashes and the second service will be worship and Imposition of Ashes.

Mid-Week Lenten Series - PLACES of the PASSION (Feb. 17-Mar. 24)

Two ways to be able to participate: 3:30 pm – Bible Study (masks required) or 6:30 pm – Worship (CDC guidelines followed)

The scenes of Lent are familiar. The upper room, the garden of Gethsemane, the halls of Pontius Pilate, and the hills of Golgotha. These are the places we remember when we meditate on our Lord's passion.

Mid-Week Lenten Suppers of soup and sandwich beginning on **Wednesdays, February 24-March 24, at 5:45 p.m.** in the Old Pine Center. If you wish to assist, please contact Tara Davis or Mike Cauble.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER...

Nursing Home Residents - Brenda Mahaley, Pat & Wayne Miller, Ruth Monroe, and Jane Peeler, (Autumn Care), Jean Ray (Brookdale), Grace Morgan (The Laurels, Room 411A– cards are appreciated), and Betty Denker (Trinity Oaks, Apt. 123B)

Homebound Members - Rachel Earnhardt, Jean Kluttz, Frances Norris, Zarah Plyler, Billy Waller, and Michael Walton

Sick/Surgery/Recovery - Kathleen Agner, Bishop Emeritus John Bradosky, Bill Broadway, Ashley Deaton, Kiki Deaton, Bob Goodwin, Linda Hartley, Steve Hutchens, Tommy Kerns, Nancy Kesler, Pat Kluttz, John Knight, Eric Miller, Donnie Miller, Harold Miller, Dusty Morgan, Gladys Morgan, Grace Morgan, Ruth Myers, Karen Plyler, Rev. Dawn Rister, Patti Vallandingham, and Effie Vellines

Continual Prayer - Nancy Ballew (mother of Kat Clifton), Evonne Batten (mother of Lisa Morgan), Yvette Bates (coworker of Karen Barringer), Vanna Calloway (friend of Kat Clifton), Arnold Cauble, Ophelia Curlee (sister-in-law of Grace Morgan), Karen DeMunbrun (niece of Grace Morgan), June Fraley, James, Amy Lowder Harrison, and Jesse Morgan, Jr., Sally Honeycutt (sister of Janie Lesley), Teresa Kesler, Glenn and Betty Sue Lowder, David Mitchell (friend of Pete Nguyen), Della Morgan (mother of Pam Vellines), Dusty Morgan Family (Dusty, Sr., Lisa, Felisaty, and Dusty, Jr.), Hong Nguyen (mother of Pete Nguyen), John Oddie, Jr. (brother of Ruby Leazer and Ruth Myers), Steven and Malynda Peeler, Steve Pless (friend of Pete Nguyen), Larry Shepherd, Jamie Troutman (nephew of Lynn Coughenour), and Union Fire Department #76

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!

