Welcome

5th Sunday after Epiphany
February 7, 2021
10:30 a.m. Worship & Holy Communion

UNION EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
Christ Centered - Mission Driven - Traditionally-Grounded - Congregationally Focused
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9:30 a.m. Sunday School (please remember to practice social distancing)
10:30 a.m. Worship & Holy Communion

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A charter congregation of the North American Lutheran Church
O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing  

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Please stand as you are able.

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
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
THE SALUTATION

P The Lord be with you.
C And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray. Stand watch over your family, O Lord, that we who depend entirely on your heavenly grace may always be protected in the mighty fortress of your love; through Jesus Christ, your Son, 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: Isaiah 40:21-31

21 Do you not know? Do you not hear? Has it not been told you from the beginning? Have you not understood from the foundations of the earth? 22 It is he who sits above the circle of the earth, and its inhabitants are like grasshoppers; who stretches out the heavens like a curtain, and spreads them like a tent to dwell in; 23 who brings princes to nothing, and makes the rulers of the earth as emptiness. 24 Scarcely are they sown, scarcely has their stem taken root in the earth, when he blows on them, and they wither, and the tempest carries them off like stubble. 25 To whom then will you compare me, that I should be like him? says the Holy One. 26 Lift up your eyes on high and see: who created these? He who brings out their host by number, calling them all by name; by the greatness of his might and because he is strong in power, not one is missing. 27 Why do you say, O Jacob, and speak, O Israel, “My way is hidden from the Lord, and my right is disregarded by my God”? 28 Have you not known? Have you not heard? The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable. 29 He gives power to the faint, and to him who has no might he increases strength. 30 Even youths shall faint and be weary, and young men shall fall exhausted; 31 but they who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint.

Lay Reader Here ends the reading.

PSALM 147:1-12* (spoken in unison)

1 Hallelujah! How good it is to sing praises to our God! how pleasant it is to honor him with praise!  2 The Lord rebuilds Jerusalem;  he gathers the exiles of Israel.  3 He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds.  4 He counts the number of the stars and calls them all by their names.  5 Great is our Lord and mighty in power; there is no limit to his wisdom.  6 The Lord lifts up the lowly, but casts the wicked to the ground.  7 Sing to the Lord with thanksgiving; make music to our God upon the harp.  8 He covers the heavens with clouds and prepares rain for the earth;  9 He makes grass to grow upon the mountains and green plants to serve mankind.  10 He provides food for flocks and herds and for the young ravens when they cry.

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11 He is not impressed by the might of a horse; he has no pleasure in the strength of a man; 12 But the Lord has pleasure in those who fear him, in those who await his gracious favor.

SECOND LESSON: 1 Corinthians 9:16-27

16 For if I preach the gospel, that gives me no ground for boasting. For necessity is laid upon me. Woe to me if I do not preach the gospel! 17 For if I do this of my own will, I have a reward, but if not of my own will, I am still entrusted with a stewardship. 18 What then is my reward? That in my preaching I may present the gospel free of charge, so as not to make full use of my right in the gospel. 19 For though I am free from all, I have made myself a servant to all, that I might win more of them. 20 To the Jews I became as a Jew, in order to win Jews. To those under the law I became as one under the law (though not being myself under the law) that I might win those under the law. 21 To those outside the law I became as one outside the law (not being outside the law of God but under the law of Christ) that I might win those outside the law. 22 To the weak I became weak, that I might win the weak. I have become all things to all people, that by all means I might save some. 23 I do it all for the sake of the gospel, that I may share with them in its blessings. 24 Do you not know that in a race all the runners run, but only one receives the prize? So run that you may obtain it. 25 Every athlete exercises self-control in all things. They do it to receive a perishable wreath, but we an imperishable. 26 So I do not run aimlessly; I do not box as one beating the air. 27 But I discipline my body and keep it under control, lest after preaching to others I myself should be disqualified.

Lay Reader Here ends the reading.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark the 1st chapter.
C Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL: Mark 1:29-39

29 Immediately {Jesus} left the synagogue and entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. 30 Now Simon’s mother-in-law lay ill with a fever, and immediately they told him about her. 31 And he came and took her by the hand and
lifted her up, and the fever left her, and she began to serve them. 32 That evening at sundown they brought to him all who were sick or oppressed by demons. 33 And the whole city was gathered together at the door. 34 And he healed many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons. And he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him. 35 And rising very early in the morning, while it was still dark, he departed and went out to a desolate place, and there he prayed. 36 And Simon and those who were with him searched for him, 37 and they found him and said to him, “Everyone is looking for you.” 38 And he said to them, “Let us go on to the next towns, that I may preach there also, for that is why I came out.” 39 And he went throughout all Galilee, preaching in their synagogues and casting out demons.

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

SERMON Pastor Heidi Punt

“Fear Love and Trust God above all Things” (Martin Luther)

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Hymn continued on page 8
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.

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 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 PEACE

In an attempt to be vigilant and responsible, please use Hand Sanitizers provided at each entrance. Please refrain from shaking hands and reserve a little space between one another. Nods, elbows, or gentle pat on the shoulders, etc., are welcome!
P  The peace of the Lord be with you always.
C  And also with you.

Please be seated.

PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS and BLESSING OF NALC DISASTER FLOOD RELIEF BUCKETS

The Offering is received as the Lord’s Table is prepared.

SPECIAL MUSIC

Please stand as you are able.
OFFERTORY PRAYER
P Let us pray. Merciful Father,
C we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us--our selves, 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

GREAT THANKSGIVING
P The Lord be with you.
C And also with you.
P Lift up your hearts.
C We lift them to the Lord.
P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
C It is right to give our thanks and praise.
P It is indeed right and salutary...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

WORDS OF INSTITUTION
P Blessed are you, Lord of heaven and earth.
   In mercy for our fallen world you gave your only Son,
   that all those who believe in him should not perish, but have eternal life.
   We give thanks to you for the salvation you have prepared for us through Jesus Christ.
   Send now your Holy Spirit into our hearts,
   that we may receive our Lord with a living faith as he comes to us in his holy supper.
C Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.
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.

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

Please be seated.

COMMUNION

As the minister gives the bread and wine, and says these words to each communicant:
The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you.
The communicant may say: Amen

At Union Evangelical Lutheran Church the Sacrament of Holy Communion is celebrated each Sunday.
All baptized Christians who believe in the real presence of Christ in the Lord’s Supper are invited to commune. All who do not commune are invited to come forward to receive a blessing. Please follow the directions of the Ushers.
TRUST GUIDANCE

You Who Dwell in the Shelter of the Lord

On Eagle’s Wings

1. You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord, who a-

2. Snares of the fowler will never capture you, and

3. For to the angels God’s given a command to

bide in this shadow for life, say to the Lord, “My . . .
famine will bring you no fear; under God’s wings your . . .
guard you in all of your ways; upon their hands they will

refuge, my rock in whom I . . . trust!”
refuge with faithfulness your shield.
bear you up, lest you dash . . . your foot against a stone.
"And I will raise you up on eagle's wings,
bear you on the breath of dawn, make you to shine like the sun,
and hold you in the palm of my hand."

G Em A Bm F#m Em A7 D
Please stand as you are able.

After all have returned to their places, the minister may say these or similar words.

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

C Amen

CANTICLE

A post-communion canticle or an appropriate hymn or song may be sung.

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 fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

C 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
I Love to Tell the Story

1 I love to tell the story of unseen things above,
   of Jesus and his glory, of Jesus and his love.
   What seems, each time I tell it, more wonderfully sweet!

I love to tell the story, because I know it's true;
   I'll sing the old, old story that I have loved so long.

2 I love to tell the story, how pleasant to repeat
   I love to tell the story, for those who know it best
   I love to tell the story, because I know it's true;

Refrain

3 I love to tell the story; I'll sing this theme in glory
   and tell the old, old story of Jesus and his love.
   I love to tell the story of unseen things above,
   I love to tell the story, for those who know it best
   I love to tell the story, because I know it's true;

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I love to tell the story, because I know it's true;
And when, in scenes of glory, I sing the new, new song,
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 14):
Exodus 34:29-35; Psalm 50:1-6; 2 Corinthians 3:12-13, 4:1-6; Mark 9:2-9
* — Some psalms within the Book of Common Prayer psalter, which the Sola lectionary uses, are numbered differently than the psalms in the psalter of the English Standard Version Bible, on which the lectionary calendar is based. To account for this difference, today’s psalm reading ends at verse 12 (the ESV reading will end at verse 11).

Those Serving in February
Acolytes: Ellie, Ethan, Bailey, and Lucas Wilhelm
Altar Guild: Sonya Mulkey and Janet Overcash
Communion Assistants: Kevin Huffman ~ Elbert Kluttz ~ Sonya Mulkey
Lay Readers: Lucinda, Ellie, and Ethan Wilhelm
Ushers: Larry Barringer ~ Phil Cauble (HU) ~ John Kesler ~ Wayne Vellines
Church Council Counter: Don Davis

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Union News...

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

The ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the glory of God today and in loving memory of those members who have passed on to the church triumphant by Ronald and Janie Vellines.

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.

Corrected: 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, Jeanna Sue Harrison, 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. 9 6:30 p.m. Bible Course 101 (Acts) in Old Pine Center
Wed., Feb. 10 10:00 a.m. Bible Course 101 (Acts) in Old Pine Center
2:00 p.m. Lay Ministers Meeting
Discerning Being God’s Heart (see page 2)
5:15 p.m. Confirmation Class
Thurs., Feb. 11 10:00 a.m. Good Timers (see page 2)
5:30 p.m. Executive Committee
6:00 p.m. Property, Cemetery, and Columbarium Committee

NEXT SUNDAY’S ACTIVITIES (FEBRUARY 14):

Transfiguration Sunday and Valentine’s Day
9:30 a.m. Sunday School (please practice social distancing)
10:30 a.m. Worship & Holy Communion in the Sanctuary

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.
**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/](https://ulcsalisbury.org/worship/)) 2. Connect with us on Facebook Live ([https://facebook.com/ulcsalisbury](https://facebook.com/ulcsalisbury)) 3. Request a worship DVD

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

**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.

**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 God's 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.

**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.

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

- February 14 Sharon Leazer
- February 17 Ash Wednesday—Branches
- February 21 Branches
- February 28 Branches

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

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

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.

Friday Game Nights will continue in February on Friday, February 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.

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.

February 21 Topic: The Trust Issue - A principle building block of any good and healthy relationship!

Readings: Genesis 22:1-18; Psalm 25:1-10; James 1:12-18; Mark 1:9-15

February 28 Topic: Honesty or artificial Harmony - the next building block of a good and healthy relationship!

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


**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., 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

**Bible Course 101 Participants:** Judy Boyd, Phil and Linda Cauble, Lynn Coughenour, Scott and Jennifer Curlee, Don and Tara Davis, Brad and Jan Huffman, Steve and Mary Hutchens, Deena Lanning, Janie Lesley, Gladys Morgan, Karen Morgan, Thad and Sonya Mulkey, Pete, Nikki, and Micah Nguyen, Cathy Painther, Doris Shepherd (Out of State: Katrina Koons and Teresa Johnson)

*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!*