Welcome

Transfiguration of Our Lord
February 14, 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
WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Beautiful Savior

arr. David

BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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
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

\[\text{A In peace, let us pray to the Lord. \textcolor{red}{\text{C Lord, have mercy.}}}\]

\[\text{A For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.}\]

\[\text{G Lord, have mercy.}\]

\[\text{A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,}\]

\[\text{and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.}\]

\[\text{G Lord, have mercy.}\]

\[\text{A For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,}\]

\[\text{let us pray to the Lord. \textcolor{red}{\text{C Lord, have mercy.}}}\]

\[\text{A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord. \textcolor{red}{\text{C Amen}}}\]
HYMN OF PRAISE

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father:

We worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God:

You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

You are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,

you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,

in the glory of God the Father. Amen.
THE SALUTATION
P The Lord be with you.
C And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY
P Let us pray. O God, at the glorious transfiguration of your only Son, you confirmed the mystery of our faith by the witness of the disciples and by your own voice from the cloud. Mercifully complete our adoption as your children, and give us, with our King, an inheritance of his glory. 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

Please be seated.

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

FIRST LESSON: Exodus 34:29-35

29 When Moses came down from Mount Sinai, with the two tablets of the testimony in his hand as he came down from the mountain, Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God. 30 Aaron and all the people of Israel saw Moses, and behold, the skin of his face shone, and they were afraid to come near him. 31 But Moses called to them, and Aaron and all the leaders of the congregation returned to him, and Moses talked with them. 32 Afterward all the people of Israel came near, and he commanded them all that the Lord had spoken with him in Mount Sinai. 33 And when Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil over his face. 34 Whenever Moses went in before the Lord to speak with him, he would remove the veil, until he came out. And when he came out and told the people of Israel what he was commanded, 35 the people of Israel would see the face of Moses, that the skin of Moses’ face was shining. And Moses would put the veil over his face again, until he went in to speak with him.

Lay Reader Here ends the reading.

PSALM 50:1-6 (spoken in unison)

1 The Lord, the God of gods, has spoken;  he has called the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.
2 Out of Zion, perfect in its beauty,  God reveals himself in glory.
3 Our God will come and will not keep silence;  before him there is a consuming flame, and round about him a raging storm.
4 He calls the heavens and the earth from above  to witness the judgment of his people.
5 “Gather before me my loyal followers,  those who have made a covenant with me and sealed it with sacrifice.”
6 Let the heavens declare the rightness of his cause;  for God himself is judge.
SECOND LESSON: 2 Corinthians 3:12-13, 4:1-6

12 Since we have such a hope, we are very bold, 13 not like Moses, who would put a veil over his face so that the Israelites might not gaze at the outcome of what was being brought to an end.

1Therefore, having this ministry by the mercy of God, we do not lose heart. 2But we have renounced disgraceful, underhanded ways. We refuse to practice cunning or to tamper with God’s word, but by the open statement of the truth we would commend ourselves to everyone’s conscience in the sight of God. 3And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. 4In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. 5For what we proclaim is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, with ourselves as your servants for Jesus’ sake. 6For God, who said, “Let light shine out of darkness,” has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

Lay Reader Here ends the reading.

Please stand as you are able.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark the 9th chapter.
C Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL: Mark 9:2-9

2After six days Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, 3and his clothes became radiant, intensely white, as no one on earth could bleach them. 4And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, and they were talking with Jesus. 5And Peter said to Jesus, “Rabbi, it is good that we are here. Let us make three tents, one for you and one for Moses and one for Elijah.” 6For he did not know what to say, for they were terrified. 7And a cloud overshadowed them, and a voice came out of the cloud, “This is my beloved Son; listen to him.” 8And suddenly, looking around, they no longer saw anyone with them but Jesus only. 9And as they were coming down the mountain, he charged them to tell no one what they had seen, until the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

P The Gospel of the Lord.
C Praise to you, O Christ.
Mountaintop Experiences are the Best. Keeping perspective on what really matters.

Please stand as you are able.
NICENE CREED

C 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. 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

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 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

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.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the
world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the
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.*

PRAYER
*The following or a similar post-communion prayer is said.*

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
Be Thou My Vision

1 Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
2 Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word;
3 Riches I heed not, nor vain, empty praise,
4 Light of my soul, after victory won,

naught be all else to me, save that thou art:
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord.
thou mine inheritance, now and always:
may I reach heaven's joys, O heaven's Sun!

thou my best thought... by day and by night,
Thou my soul's shelter, thou my high tower,
thou, and thou only, first in my heart,
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,

waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.
raise thou me heav'n-ward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.
great God of heaven, my treasure thou art.
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.
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 21):
Genesis 22:1-18; Psalm 25:1-10; James 1:12-18; Mark 1:9-15

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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**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

Following worship service today our youth will meet at the church to begin preparations for Shrove Tuesday and Ash Wednesday.

*The ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the glory of God and in honor of Dalton Wade Thompson’s 7th birthday today by Sharon Leazer.*

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**Next Sunday’s Activities (February 21):**

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

10:30 a.m. Worship & Holy Communion in the Sanctuary

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

Deadline for March Newsletter articles to the church office.

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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.

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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.
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.

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.*

CHURCH COUNCIL RETREAT

Saturday, February 20, 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.
Location; Mike and Brenda Cauble’s
**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.

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**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.

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**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.

Come and follow in Jesus’ footsteps, journey with our Savior, exploring the spiritual relevance of key points along the path of His passion, for us today.

February 17, Ash Wednesday
Scripture Reading: Matthew 26:1-5
Topic: Jerusalem is the place of the Passover, where Jesus gathers with the crowds. Imposition of Ashes and Personal Confession will be part of the service.

**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.

February 24  Bethany
Matthew 26:6-13
Topic: Jesus is anointed for burial by his friend Mary, at her home in this small town.

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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!

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The **Social Ministry Committee** and **Great Commission Mission Team** will meet jointly on **Tuesday, February 23**, at **5:30 p.m.**
PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER...

Nursing Home Residents - Brenda Mahaley, Pat & Wayne Miller, Ruth Monroe, and Jane Peeler, (Autumn Care), Jean Ray (Brookdale), and Betty Denker (Trinity Oaks, Apt. 123B)

Homebound Members - Rachel Earnhardt, Jean Klutz, Grace Morgan, 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), Rick Earnhardt (family of the Curlee and Painthers), 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, Meredith Kesler Trail (daughter of Howell and Teresa Kesler), 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!