Welcome
Easter Sunday
April 4, 2021
8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Worship & Holy Communion

UNION LUTHERAN CHURCH
Christ Centered - Mission Driven - Traditionally-Grounded - Congregationally Focused

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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

P Christ is Risen!
C He is risen, indeed! Alleluia!

PRELUDE (8:00 a.m.) Raabe
Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia

PRELUDE (10:30 a.m.) Belles and Beaus
Christ the Lord is Risen Today, Alleluia

BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Please stand as able and face the processional cross. 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

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

A For the peace from a - bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.

☉ Lord, have mer - cy.

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

and for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the Lord.

☉ Lord, have mer - cy.

A For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor - ship and praise,

let us pray to the Lord. ☩ Lord, have mer - cy.

☉ Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra-cious Lord. ☩ A - men

HYMN OF PRAISE

A This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia.
PRAYER OF THE DAY

P  Let us pray. Almighty God, you have overcome death through your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, and have opened to us the gate of everlasting life. We humbly beseech you that as you put into our minds good desires, so by your continual help we may bring them to good effect; through 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
SECOND LESSON: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

1 Now I would remind you, brothers, of the gospel I preached to you, which you received, in which you stand, 2 and by which you are being saved, if you hold fast to the word I preached to you — unless you believed in vain. 3 For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, 4 that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures, 5 and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. 6 Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some
have fallen asleep. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. For I am the least of the apostles, unworthy to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me was not in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them, though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. Whether then it was I or they, so we preach and so you believed.

Lay Reader Here ends the reading.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark the 16th chapter.
C Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL: Mark 16:1-8

1When the Sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. 2And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. 3And they were saying to one another, “Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance of the tomb?” 4And looking up, they saw that the stone had been rolled back — it was very large. 5And entering the tomb, they saw a young man sitting on the right side, dressed in a white robe, and they were alarmed. 6And he said to them, “Do not be alarmed. You seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has risen; he is not here. See the place where they laid him. 7But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going before you to Galilee. There you will see him, just as he told you.” 8And they went out and fled from the tomb, for trembling and astonishment had seized them, and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

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

SERMON

Jesus Makes It a Great Day, Again!

Pastor Heidi Punt
Please stand as you are able.

151 Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

1 Jesus Christ is ris’n today, Alleluia!
2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia!
3 But the pains which he endured, Alleluia!
4 Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!

Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!
Unto Christ, our heav’nly king, Alleluia!
Our salvation have procured; Alleluia!
Praise eternal as his love; Alleluia!

Who did once upon the cross, Alleluia!
Who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia!
Now above the sky he’s king, Alleluia!
Praise him, all you heav’nly host, Alleluia!

Suffer to redeem our loss, Alleluia!
Sinners to redeem and save, Alleluia!
Where the angels ever sing, Alleluia!
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, Alleluia!
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. 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

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.

Pleasing be seated.

PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS

The Offering is received as the Lord’s Table is prepared. All loose offering will go towards Social Ministry Fund. If you wish to contribute to Benevolence, please mark your envelope accordingly. For the month of April, offerings towards Benevolence Fund will go towards Water Mission unless otherwise designated.
ANTHEM (10:30 a.m.)  

The Festal Day is Here  

Hopson

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

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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.

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

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.

Amen

THE LORD’S PRAYER

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 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.

HYMN

Austria

Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!

Christ is risen! Shout hosanna! Celebrate this day of days!
Christ is risen! Hush in wonder: all creation is amazed.
In the desert all-surrounding, see, a spreading tree has grown.
Healing leaves of grace abounding bring a taste of love unknown.

Christ is risen! Raise your spirits from the caverns of despair.
Walk with gladness in the morning. See what love can do and dare.
Drink the wine of resurrection, not a servant, but a friend.
Jesus is our strong companion. Joy and peace shall never end.

Christ is risen! Earth and heaven nevermore shall be the same.
Break the bread of new creation where the world is still in pain.
Tell its grim, demonic chorus: "Christ is risen! Get you gone!"
God the First and Last is with us. Sing Hosanna everyone!
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.

Post-Communion Canticle continued on page 14.
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

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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 (April 11):
Acts 4:32-3; Psalm 148; 1 John 1:1-2:2; John 20:19-31

Those Serving in April
Acolytes: Abbey and Morgan Deaton
Altar Guild: Ashley Deaton and Nikki Nguyen
Communion Assistants: Ashley and Morgan Deaton ~ Nikki Nguyen
Lay Readers: Abbey, Ashley, and Morgan Deaton
Instruments: Brad Huffman (Trumpet) ~ Jan Huffman (French Horn)
Ushers: Larry Barringer, Phil Cauble (HU), John Kesler, and Wayne Vellines
Offering Counting Team:
Jennifer Curlee ~ Doris Shepherd ~ Wayne Vellines
OUR MISSION: And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.” Matthew 28:18-20

OUR VISION: One Relationship at a Time

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OFFICE HOURS: 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Monday-Friday

WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES
9:30 a.m. Sunday School (please remember to practice social distancing)
9:00 a.m. Worship & Holy Communion ~ 10:30 a.m. Worship & Holy Communion

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**Union News...**

**SUNDAY’S ACTIVITIES (EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 4):**
- 7:30 a.m. Prayer Service at the Columbarium
- 8:00 a.m. Worship & Holy Communion
- 9:00 a.m. Easter Breakfast during the Sunday School hour
- 10:30 a.m. Worship & Holy Communion

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**Good Timers**, don’t forget to turn your baby/toddler picture in to Doris Shepherd or Frank or Dawn Merrell today. These pictures will be used for our next meeting: Baby, Oh, Baby!! Thanks

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- The **ALTAR FLOWERS** are given to the glory of our risen Savior and in honor of Don Davis’ birthday from his family.

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**THIS WEEK’S ACTIVITIES:**
- **Mon., April 5**  
  Easter Monday (The church office is closed.)
- **Tues., April 6**  
  6:30 p.m. Acts Bible Study (Old Pine Center)
- **Wed., April 7**  
  10:00 a.m. Acts Bible Study (Old Pine Center)
- **Thurs., April 8**  
  10:00 a.m. Good Timers (see page 2)

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6:30 p.m. Property, Cemetery, and Columbarium Committee

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**NEXT SUNDAY’S ACTIVITIES (APRIL 11):**
- 9:30 a.m. Sunday School
- 10:30 a.m. Worship & Holy Communion
- 6:00 p.m.-7:30 p.m. Youth Event

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During the month of April, please see Doris Page for an application for the **Gerald Bame Scholarship Fund**. Deadline to turn in applications is Sunday, April 25.

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**CALLED CONGREGATIONAL MEETING RESULTS SUMMARY**

A called congregational meeting followed worship on Sunday, March 28, for the purpose of the following: Review and Adopt the 2021 Yearbook; Vote on the official name of the church; and Vote on approving the Union Volunteer Fire Department request to take measures to install a helicopter pad for emergency use on land leased by the church.

With no comments or corrections the 2021 Yearbook was unanimously approved.

Ballots were distributed by the ushers with **46** voting for the name “Union Lutheran Church” and **11** voting for the name “Union Evangelical Lutheran Church.” “Union Lutheran Church” is now the official name of the church.

Ballots were distributed by the ushers with unanimous approval on the request by the Union Fire Department.
Sunday School at 9:30 a.m.

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Thursday, April 8, at 10:00 a.m.

Good Timers will meet on Thursday, April 8, at 10:00 a.m. The program will be entitled “Baby, Oh Baby!” Each person planning to attend is asked to provide a baby, or early childhood picture to Frank or Dawn Merrell no later than EASTER SUNDAY. After trying to guess who is who, each person will be asked to share a VERY EARLY childhood memory with the group. So plan to laugh, have fun, and enjoy a walk down memory lane in April.

If you aren’t a member of Good Timers, now is the time to join. There is PLENTY of room for new members – don’t be bashful. Come join in the fun!!

Friday Game Night will be held on Friday, April 16, at 5:30 p.m. Depending on numbers the group will either meet in the Old Pine Center or Dutch Meeting Hall.

Please note: both Fellowship Halls have been reserved from Saturday, April 17 - April 24.

Church Council will meet on Sunday, April 18, at 2:00 p.m. in the Dutch Meeting Hall.

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

Drew Wise Sunday School Class

April 11 The Faith-In-Action - Ezekiel 18:25-32; Ezra 9-10; Ezra 10:1-12
April 25 The Nation’s Plea - Lamentations 3:22-33; Lamentations 5
The Long Range Planning Committee is pleased to announce a Spring Yard Sale, Bake Sale, and Car Wash to be held on Saturday, April 24, from 8 am to 1 pm. If you are interested in donating items for the yard sale, please contact Brad Huffman (704-798-2528) or Phil Cauble (704-213-0646). Those who would like to make baked goods should be in touch with Kay Morgan (704-633-5773).

Proceeds from the Yard Sale and Bake Sale will go toward the Narthex Expansion Project. Proceeds from the Car Wash will benefit the Youth Mission Fund.

Flyer is included with this Sunday’s bulletin.

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

April 4    Don and Tara Davis
April 11   Linda Kesler
April 18   Open
April 25   Dawn Merrell

Monthly Newsletter Changes

To reduce expenses for printing, postage, and copier malfunctions, our monthly Newsletter will be available for members and friends by:
1. Picking up on the last Sunday of the month in the Narthex.
2. Emailing Adobe pdf file
3. Mailing to those requesting, shut-ins, and those out of town.

Please contact the church office on how you would like to receive the newsletter if you haven’t done so already. Thank you!
Genevieve Baker, ULC Staff Support

This summer, Union Lutheran Church with several local NALC and LCMC congregations will be participating in a Day Camp sponsored by the Carolinas Mission Region.

Why Day Camp? Our kids need Christian community and they love camp and counselors! Counselors are vetted college age students who love Jesus and want to share that love with children.

This summer the Day Camp is separated into two groups:
• July 18-24 Day Camp (5 year olds-5th grade) at St. Paul’s Lutheran Church, Salisbury
• July 25-31 Day Camp (6th-12th Grace) at Union Lutheran Church.

Youth Mission Trip

June 20-26 our youth, adults, and Pastor Heidi will be participating in a Youth Mission Trip in Gilbert, SC.

Through Group Mission Trips Work Camps each day will have a theme. Sunday is Worth It, Monday is Worth, Tuesday is Lost, Wednesday is Found, Thursday is Loved, and Friday is Celebrate.

Total cost for 8 people is $3,744. Of this $400 has been paid and $3,344 is remaining. If you would like to contribute please mark on your envelope and check: Youth Mission Trip.

Did you know that the Mission Team will mail out cards (get well, thinking of you, birthday, etc.) to members of the church? All you have to do is place your card and addressed envelope in the blue basket in the Narthex. The Mission Team will provide the postage and mail the card out for you.
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 Kluttz, Grace Morgan, Frances Norris, Zarah Plyler, Billy Waller, and Michael Walton


Continual Prayer - Genevieve Baker, 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, Lynn Coughenour, 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), Jamie Troutman (nephew of Lynn Coughenour), Uf and Sydney Tukel (son-in-law and granddaughter of Mike and Brenda Cauble), 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, Sonya Mulkey, Cathy Painther, and Doris Shepherd

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!
Union Lutheran Church
Saturday, April 24, 2021
Church-wide
Yard Sale & Bake Sale

Spring Yard Sale

Yard Sale
8am until 1pm

Car Wash starts at 10am

Enjoy hot dogs & chips while you shop!

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