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4th Sunday after the Epiphany

February 2, 2025

10:30 a.m. Worship & Holy Communion

God's love for his people is evidenced in his "knowing" us before we were born. We are only able to love because God has first loved us. His love is the epitome of unconditional agape love which is shown most clearly in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus. Without love, we have nothing. Love is the force that binds us together — a force that has its origin in the Creator.

Union Lutheran Church welcomes you as you join us in worship this morning. Please fill out the communion/visitor card so that we can be made aware of your presence. If you have questions or are interested in the ministries and life of Union, please see the pastor, contact the church office, or scan the QR code.

We welcome children to be a part of worship. A nursery is also provided for those attending to the needs of infants and small children.

Lutheran Book of Worship (LBW) green hymnal

With One Voice (WOV) blue hymnal

P=Pastor, C=Congregation, L=Lay Reader

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Lutheran Book of Worship Setting 1

Welcome & Announcements

Prelude: *Dearest Jesus, at Your Word Setting* (David Cherwien)

Altar Candles and the Christ Candle are lit at this time.

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

The congregation is invited to stand as able.

Invocation (Matthew 28:19)

LBW p. 56

P In the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen**

Brief Order of Confession & Forgiveness (

1 John 1:8-9)

LBW p. 56

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**

Absolution (John 20:22-23)

P Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen

Hymn: *When Peace Like a River*

LBW# 346

1 **When peace like a river attendeth my way, when sorrows like sea billows roll,
whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say, it is well, it is well with my soul.**

Refrain It is well (it is well) with my soul, (with my soul),
it is well, it is well with my soul.

2 **Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come,
let this blest assurance control, that Christ has regarded my helpless estate,
and has shed his own blood for my soul. *Refrain***

3 **He lives--oh, the bliss of this glorious thought; my sin, not in part, but the whole,
is nailed to his cross and I bear it no more.
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul! *Refrain***

4 **Lord, hasten the day when our faith shall be sight,
the clouds be rolled back as a scroll, the trumpet shall sound and the Lord
shall descend; even so it is well with my soul. *Refrain***

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Apostolic Greeting (Romans 1:7)

LBW p. 57

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 (Mark 10:47)

LBW p. 57-58

A In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

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

C **Lord, have mercy.**

A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

A For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C **Amen**

Hymn of Praise (Luke 2:14; John 1:29; Revelation 5:12-13; 19:5-9)

LBW p. 60-61

C **This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God. This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Power, riches, wisdom, and strength, and honor, blessing, and glory are his. This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation: Blessing, honor, glory, and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen. This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. For the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia. This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

Salutation (2 Timothy 4:22)

LBW p. 62

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**

Please be seated.

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

Old Testament Lesson: Jeremiah 1:4-10

The first lesson is written from the 1st chapter of Jeremiah.

⁴Now the word of the Lord came to me, saying, ⁵“Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations.” ⁶Then I said, “Ah, Lord God! Behold, I do not know how to speak, for I am only a youth.” ⁷But the Lord said to me, “Do not say, ‘I am only a youth’; for to all to whom I send you, you shall go, and whatever I command you, you shall speak. ⁸Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you to deliver you, declares the Lord.” ⁹Then the Lord put out his hand and touched my mouth. And the Lord said to me, “Behold, I have put my words in your mouth. ¹⁰See, I have set you this day over nations and over kingdoms, to pluck up and to break down, to destroy and to overthrow, to build and to plant.”

L Here ends the reading.

Psalm 71:1-6 *The Psalm of the day is spoken in unison.*

C ¹**In you, O Lord, have I taken refuge; let me never be ashamed.** ²**In your righteousness, deliver me and set me free; incline your ear to me and save me.** ³**Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe; you are my crag and my stronghold.** ⁴**Deliver me, my God, from the hand of the wicked, from the clutches of the evildoer and the oppressor.** ⁵**For you are my hope, O Lord God, my confidence since I was young.** ⁶**I have been sustained by you ever since I was born; from my mother's womb you have been my strength; my praise shall be always of you.**

New Testament Lesson: 1 Corinthians 12:31b-13:13

The second lesson is written from the 12th chapter of 1 Corinthians.

^{31b}I will show you a still more excellent way.

¹If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. ²And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. ³If I give away all I have, and if I deliver up my body to be burned, but have not love, I gain nothing. ⁴Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant ⁵or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; ⁶it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth. ⁷Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. ⁸Love never ends. As for prophecies, they will pass away; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will pass away. ⁹For we know in part and we prophesy in part, ¹⁰but when the perfect comes, the partial will pass away. ¹¹When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I gave up childish ways. ¹²For now we see in a mirror dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I have been fully known. ¹³So now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; but the greatest of these is love.

L Here ends the reading.

Children's Message

Children are invited to come forward for the Children's Message.

Following the Children's Message, the children are asked to sit with their families.

The congregation is invited to stand as able.

Gospel Acclamation (John 6:68)

LBW p. 62

C **Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia, alleluia.**

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke the 4th chapter.

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

Holy Gospel: Luke 4:31-44

³¹{Jesus} went down to Capernaum, a city of Galilee. And he was teaching them on the Sabbath, ³²and they were astonished at his teaching, for his word possessed authority. ³³And in the

synagogue there was a man who had the spirit of an unclean demon, and he cried out with a loud voice, ³⁴“Ha! 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.” ³⁵But Jesus rebuked him, saying, “Be silent and come out of him!” And when the demon had thrown him down in their midst, he came out of him, having done him no harm. ³⁶And they were all amazed and said to one another, “What is this word? For with authority and power he commands the unclean spirits, and they come out!” ³⁷And reports about him went out into every place in the surrounding region. ³⁸And he arose and left the synagogue and entered Simon’s house. Now Simon’s mother-in-law was ill with a high fever, and they appealed to him on her behalf. ³⁹And he stood over her and rebuked the fever, and it left her, and immediately she rose and began to serve them. ⁴⁰Now when the sun was setting, all those who had any who were sick with various diseases brought them to him, and he laid his hands on every one of them and healed them. ⁴¹And demons also came out of many, crying, “You are the Son of God!” But he rebuked them and would not allow them to speak, because they knew that he was the Christ. ⁴²And when it was day, he departed and went into a desolate place. And the people sought him and came to him, and would have kept him from leaving them, ⁴³but he said to them, “I must preach the good news of the kingdom of God to the other towns as well; for I was sent for this purpose.” ⁴⁴And he was preaching in the synagogues of Judea.

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

Sermon Series: *Meet My Jesus! At your Lowest*

Pastor Heidi Punt

1st week: Meet My Jesus! At the River

2nd week: Meet My Jesus! At the Wedding

3rd week: Meet My Jesus! At Church

The congregation is invited to stand as able.

Hymn of the Day: *Healer of Our Every Ill*

WOV# 738

Refrain

**Healer of our every ill, light of each tomorrow,
give us peace beyond our fear, and hope beyond our sorrow.**

**1 You who know our fears and sadness, grace us with your peace and gladness;
Spirit of all comfort, fill our hearts. *Refrain***

**2 In the pain and joy beholding how your grace is still unfolding,
give us all your vision, God of love. *Refrain***

**3 Give us strength to love each other, ev’ry sister, ev’ry brother;
Spirit of all kindness, be our guide. *Refrain***

**4 You who know each thought and feeling, teach us all your way of healing;
Spirit of compassion, fill each heart. *Refrain***

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Apostles' Creed (Romans 10:9-10)

LBW p. 65

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**

** Or, He descended to the dead.*

***Or, the holy Christian Church,*

Prayers of the Church (1 Timothy 2:1-4)

LBW p. 65

A 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:

A 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

Sharing of the Peace (John 20:19)

LBW p. 66

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you.

Please be seated.

Offering (Malachi 3:10)

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

All loose offering will go towards the Social Ministry Fund.

The monthly benevolence will go towards Rowan Helping Ministries.

Anthem: *There Is a Balm in Gilead*

Phil Cauble, Brad Huffman, and Kevin Huffman

MEAL

God invites us to His table.

The congregation is invited to stand as able.

Offertory (1 Corinthians 10:16-17)

LBW p. 66

C Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of blessing. Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life.

**Gather the hopes and the dreams of all; unite them with the prayers we offer now.
Grace our table with your presence, and give us a foretaste of the feast to come.**

Offertory Prayer

LBW p. 67

A 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**

The Great Thanksgiving (2 Timothy 4:22)

LBW p. 68-71

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 him thanks and praise.**

P It is indeed right and salutary . . . (*Here the minister continues with the preface appropriate to the day or season, concluding:*) we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Sanctus (Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9; Revelation 4:8-11)

LBW p. 69

C **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might: Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

Words of Institution (32)

LBW p. 69

(Matthew 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24; Luke 22:19-20; 1 Corinthians 11:23-26)

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

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

The Lord's Prayer (Matthew 6:9-13; Luke 11:2-4)

LBW p. 71

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.

Those who are assisting with Holy Communion are asked to come forward at this time.

Agnus Dei (John 1:29)

LBW p. 72

C 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 sin of the world; grant us peace.

Distribution of Communion (Mark 14:23)

All are welcome to receive the Lord's Body and Blood who are baptized and believe that Jesus Christ, crucified and risen, is truly present in, with and under the form of bread and wine for the forgiveness of sins, life and salvation.

All who do not commune are invited to come forward to receive a blessing.

Please fill out the communion card in the pew and hand to the Usher as you follow their directions to the communion station.

Gluten Free wafers and grape juice are also available upon request.

The congregation is invited to stand as able.

Blessing (1 Thessalonians 5:23)

LBW p. 72

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

C Amen

Post-Communion Canticle (Psalm 105:1-2)

LBW p. 72-73

C Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev'ryone what he has done. Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and proudly bear his name. He recalls his promises and leads his people forth in joy with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Post-Communion Prayer

LBW p. 74

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

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

Benediction (Numbers 6:24-26)

LBW p. 74

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

C Amen

Hymn: *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

LBW# 499

**1 Come, thou Fount of ev'ry blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;
streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.
While the hope of endless glory fills my heart with joy and love,
teach me ever to adore thee; may I still thy goodness prove.**

**2 Here I raise my Ebenezer: "Hither by thy help I've come";
and I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.**

**Jesus sought me when a stranger, wand'ring from the fold of God;
he, to rescue me from danger, interposed his precious blood.**

**3 Oh, to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be;
let that grace now like a fetter bind my wand'ring heart to thee.
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it; prone to leave the God I love.
Here's my heart, oh, take and seal it; seal it for thy courts above.**

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Blessing & Dismissal (Matthew 28:19)

**P You have been nurtured in Word and Sacrament now go therefore and make disciples of
all nations**

C Baptizing them in the name of the Father, † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

P Union Lutheran Church you are sent!

C Amen, amen, amen

Postlude: Fantasia on “I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light” (John Behnke)

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The Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God.

Attendance Update

January 26	49	Sunday School
January 26	111	Worship & Holy Communion



Part 6: Confession of Sin

What sins should we confess? *Before God we should acknowledge ourselves guilty of all kinds of sins, even those of which we are not aware, as we do in the Lord's Prayer. To the confessor (a trustworthy Christian to whom we confess), however, we should confess only those sins which we know and which trouble us.*

(Martin Luther's Small Catechism Sola Publishing 2010 Edition Pocket Version page 27)

Those Serving Today

Organist: Gene Brittain

Acolyte: Robyn Arey **Altar Guild:** Robyn Arey and Mary Hutchens

Lay Readers and Communion Assistants: Robyn Arey, Vicki Hunter, and Mary Hutchens

Ushers: Larry Barringer, Phil Cauble, Adam Lefew, and Addison Queen

Sound System: Thad Mulkey, Dusty Morgan, Sr., and Dusty Morgan, Jr.

Live Streaming: Pete Nguyen

Offering Counters: Patsy Lyerly, Sonya Mulkey, and Vivian Sprinkle

Please note that the church's phone system is temporarily out of order. To contact the church office please send an email, contact a member of the Church Council, or come by the office Monday-Friday from 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. We apologize for the inconvenience!

Union News

Our Love and Sympathy is extended to Faye Kesler and Family on the death of her niece, Ginger Lemley McNally.

During the period of January 16-29, 2025, the Union Lutheran Church General Fund received revenues totaling **\$7,847.00**. An additional **\$5,258.19** was received from the North Carolina Department of Revenue for sales tax refunds which were applied for in November 2024. This brings the total revenue for the report period to **\$13,105.19**. During this same period, **\$(11,824.33)** was expended. The greatest expenditures during this period were Duke Energy, **\$(2,600.83)**, and Sifford's Oil Company, **\$(2,312.14)**, for heating fuel. The result of this two-week period is a positive revenue of **1,280.86**.

However, for the month of January, 2025, there is a revenue deficit of **\$(4,949.82)**.

John Knight, Treasurer; Union Lutheran Church

Sunday, February 2, 2025

9:30 a.m. Union Youth Choir (*Choir Room*)

9:30 a.m. Sunday School

David Enters Jerusalem ~ 2 Samuel 5:1-5; 6:1-5, 16-22; Mark 11:8-10

David and all the house of Israel brought up the ark of the LORD with shouting and with the sound of the horn. (2 Samuel 6:15)

Rabbit Hole Adult Sunday School Class

David Enters Jerusalem

Drew Wise Adult Sunday School Class

Praying Properly ~ Psalm 4; Matthew 6:5-15

10:05 a.m. Kids Choir (*Choir Room*)

10:30 a.m. Worship & Holy Communion

Jeremiah 1:4-10; 1 Corinthians 12:31b-13:13; Luke 4:31-44

Sermon Series: *Meet My Jesus! At Your Lowest*

2:00 p.m. Christian Education (*Drew Wise SS Class Conference #1*)

4:00 p.m. Little Lutherans (*5th grade and younger*)

This Week's Schedule

Tuesday, February 4

4:00 p.m. Haiti Bible Study (*online*)

6:30 p.m. Joshua Bible Study (*large fellowship hall*)

Wednesday, February 5

4:00 p.m. Joshua Bible Study (*large fellowship hall*)

6:30 p.m. Belles & Beaus

6:30 p.m. Catechism Confirmation (*Drew Wise SS Conference #1*)

7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir (planning meeting)

Chili Cook Off, Bake Sale & Silent Auction

Date: Saturday, February 8, 2025

Time: 5:30 p.m.

Location: Dutch Meeting Hall

Contact Person: Karen Barringer

It's time to cook up your best batch of chili...sweet, spicy, or smokey! Invite your friends, family, and neighbors!

Chili will be voted on so come ready to sample many a chili and select your favorite by placing money in the jar in front of it.

Hotdogs and drinks will also be available.

Will Judy Boyd or Deena Lanning be our grand winners again?

If you can participate by providing chili, items for the Silent Auction, and baked goods, please sign up on the form located in the Narthex or contact Karen Barringer.

Donation jars will be placed in front of the crockpots to vote for the favorite chili.

Proceeds to benefit the Sunday School Department.

Sunday, February 9, 2025

9:30 a.m. Union Youth Choir (*Choir Room*)

9:30 a.m. Sunday School

The Kingdom Divides ~ 1 Kings 12:1-17; Mark 3:24-26

*King Rehoboam answered the people harshly,
forsaking the counsel that the old men had given him. (Kings 12:13)*

10:05 a.m. Kids Choir (*Choir Room*)

Rabbit Hole Adult Sunday School Class

The Kingdom Divides

Drew Wise Adult Sunday School Class

Heeding Wholly ~ Matthew 10:31-42; Matthew 11

Sunday, February 9, 2025 *continued*

10:30 a.m. Worship & Holy Communion

Isaiah 6:1-8; Psalm 138; 1 Corinthians 14:12b-20; Luke 5:1-11

Sermon Series: *Meet My Jesus! At the Lake*

12 noon Executive Committee (*Drew Wise SS Class Conference #1*)

2:00 p.m. Mission Outreach (*Drew Wise SS Class Conference #1*)

4:30 p.m. Union Youth versus College Age

College Age, the Union Youth are challenging you to compete. Who will have the bragging rights? College? Union Youth?

Join us **Sunday, February 9, at 4:30 p.m.** to determine who's the champion!

Questions, contact Pastor Heidi.

Altar Flowers are available for reservations.

Mary Martha Circle

All women are invited!

Date: Tuesday, February 11, 2025

Time: 2:00 p.m.

Location: Drew Wise SS Class Conference #1

Hostess: Karen Morgan

Program: Deena Lanning

Lay Ministers will meet Wednesday, February 12, 2025 at 2:00 p.m. in the Drew Wise Sunday School Class Conference #1.

GOOD TIMERS



Date: Thursday, February 13, 2025

Time: 10:00 a.m.

Location: Old Pine Center

Program: Frank & Dawn Merrell's Mississippi River Trip last spring

Lunch will be provided at the church

Contact Persons: Deena Lanning and Doris Shepherd

Retirement Party Drop-in for Squirr

Dutch Meeting Hall

*On Sunday, February 16, following worship, everyone is invited to the **Retirement Party Drop-in for Squirr** in the large fellowship hall.*

Please consider donating dog food, cat food or kitty litter in honor of Squirr. These items will be donated to the Rowan County Humane Society.

Sunday, February 16, 2025

9:30 a.m. Union Youth Choir (*Choir Room*)

9:30 a.m. Sunday School

Chariots of Fire

2 Kings 2:1-14; John 13:31-35

As they still went on a talked, behold,

chariots of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them. (2 Kings 2:11 ESV)

10:05 a.m. Kids Choir (*Choir Room*)

Rabbit Hole Adult Sunday School Class

Chariots of Fire

Drew Wise Adult Sunday School Class

Living Lastly ~ 1 Samuel 2:1-10; Matthew 19:16-30

10:30 a.m. Worship & Holy Communion

Jeremiah 17:5-8; Psalm 1; 1 Corinthians 15:12-20; Luke 6:17-26

Sermon Series: *Meet My Jesus! At the Foot of the Mountain*

12 noon Squirr's Retirement Party (*Large fellowship hall*)

2:00 p.m. Church Council (*Drew Wise SS Class Conference #1*)

Ruby Leazer has reserved the Altar Flowers.

Union Lutheran Church will host the Piedmont-East Clergy on Tuesday, February 18, at 9:30 a.m.

ULC is scheduled to lead Autumn Care Chapel Time on Wednesday, February 18, at 2:00 p.m. All are welcome to join Pastor Heidi in sharing the Word, music, and celebrating Holy Communion with the residents.

The Property, Cemetery & Columbarium Committee will meet Thursday, February 20, at 6:30 p.m. in the Drew Wise SS Class Conference #1.

Sunday, February 23, 2025

9:30 a.m. Union Youth Choir (*Choir Room*)

9:30 a.m. Sunday School

Esther Becomes Queen ~ Esther 2:5-17a; Luke 14:8-11

The king loved Esther more than all the women, and she won grace and favor in his sight more than all the virgins, so that he set the royal crown on her head and made her queen.

(Esther 2:27)

10:05 a.m. Kids Choir (*Choir Room*)

Rabbit Hole Adult Sunday School Class

Esther Becomes Queen

Drew Wise Adult Sunday School Class

Ministering Mightily ~ Matthew 25

10:30 a.m. Worship & Holy Communion

Genesis 45:3-15; Psalm 103:1-13; 1 Corinthians 15:21-42; Luke 6:27-38

Sermon Series:

Meet My Jesus! At the Pulpit

12 noon Adult & Pet First Aid CPR Certification Class

Sign up sheet is located in the Narthex.

4:00 p.m. Luther League

Deadline for newsletter articles

Altar Flowers are available for reservations.

March Messenger and Handouts will be printed Friday, February 28.

The church office will be working during the month of February on the 2025 Church Yearbook. This annual publication reflects the life of Union Lutheran Church for the past year, planning and scheduling for the coming year, and includes the current church membership directory. We want to hand out the yearbook in March.

Please assist the church office by reviewing names (committees, teams, organizations, umbrellas), contact information for you, your families and friends.

Please contact the church office with the corrected information as soon as possible. Thank you!

Please note as of Christ the King Sunday, we have refreshed our prayer list and kindly ask that you please resubmit your prayer requests by contacting the church office. If you have a praise report, we are always happy to hear about them too and invite you to share with the church office to include in our monthly newsletter.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER...

Nursing Homes – Brenda Mahaley (Autumn Care Room 815), Ruth Monroe (Autumn Care Room 818), Jean Ray (Autumn Care Room 201) & Jay Rusher (Autumn Care), Pat Kluttz (Brookdale Room 56), Ann Tucker (Piedmont Health & Rehab Center)

Homebound/Shut-ins Members – Sarah Bame, Rachel Earnhardt, Teresa Kesler, James & Jean Kluttz, William Page, Rev. TC & Mary Plexico, Billy Waller & Michael Walton

Sick/Surgery/Recovery – Steve Arey, Rev. Randall Cauble (ICU), Jean Kluttz, Richard Lyons, Jr., Sylvia Peeler, Macky Swicegood, Jamie Troutman, Ann Tucker, Wayne & Pam Vellines

Continual Prayer – Pastor Enok Haamer, Rev. Doug Hefner Family (daughter died in car accident), Tommy Lamb (Pam Vellines’ uncle), Patsy Lyerly, Dr. Sean Malone (Pam Vellines’ friend), Jeff Matthews (cancer patient), Della Morgan (Pam Vellines’ mother), Union Fire Department #76, Global Missions (Congo, Slovakia, and Haiti), especially for our NC neighbors affected by natural disasters & those affected by political disasters

Please let us know...church staff are not automatically made aware of you or your family members and loved ones who are in the hospital, Hospice, a nursing home or shut-ins at home. This means we cannot minister to them without you letting us know. Please contact the church office (704) 636-5092 to keep us informed.

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OUR MISSION: Christ Centered ~ Mission Driven~ Traditionally-Grounded ~ Congregationally Focused (Matthew 28:18-20)

OUR VISION: “Love God and Love our Neighbor” (Mark 12:30-33)

OUR ACTION PLAN: “By feeding, clothing, visiting, helping...” (Matthew 25:35-40)

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Union Lutheran Church

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