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5th Sunday after the Epiphany

February 9, 2025

10:30 a.m. Worship & Holy Communion

The call of God can be a mysterious thing. At times it comes in obvious, hard to miss ways like it did for Isaiah. A winged seraph touched his lips with a burning coal and God sent him to be a prophet for His people. Other times it takes a bit of physical evidence, such as a miraculously large catch of fish after a long night's fruitless labor. Either way, God will get our attention and call us to come and follow Jesus.

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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ORDER FOR WORSHIP

Service of the Word and Lutheran Book of Worship Setting 1

Welcome & Announcements

Prelude: *Gospel Songs Medley*

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)

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

C **Amen.**

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.**

Brief Order for Confession and Forgiveness (1 John 1:8-9)

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, apart from Christ, 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 and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

The minister addresses the congregation:

Absolution (John 20:22-23)

P Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his only Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. By the authority of Christ himself, I 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: *Eternal Father, Strong to Save*

LBW# 467

- 1 **Eternal Father, strong to save, Whose arm does bind the restless wave,
Who bids the mighty ocean deep Its own appointed limits keep;
Oh, hear us when we cry to Thee For those in peril on the sea.**
- 2 **O Savior, whose almighty word The winds and waves submissive heard,
Who walked upon the foaming deep, And calm amid the storm didst sleep;
Oh, hear us when we cry to Thee For those in peril on the sea.**
- 3 **O Holy Spirit, who didst brood Upon the chaos dark and rude,
And bid its angry tumult cease, And give for wild confusion peace;
Oh, hear us when we cry to Thee For those in peril on the sea.**
- 4 **O Trinity of love and pow'r, All trav'lers guard in danger's hour;
From rock and tempest, fire, and foe, Protect them where-so-e'er they go;
Thus, evermore shall rise to Thee Glad hymns of praise from land and sea.**

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Please be seated.

WORD

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

Psalm 138 *The Psalm of the days is read responsively.*

- L ¹I give you thanks, O Lord, with my whole heart; before the gods I sing your praise;
- C ²**I bow down toward your holy temple and give thanks to your name for your steadfast love and your faithfulness, for you have exalted above all things your name and your word.**
- L ³On the day I called, you answered me; my strength of soul you increased.
- C ⁴**All the kings of the earth shall give you thanks, O Lord, for they have heard the words of your mouth,**
- L ⁵and they shall sing of the ways of the Lord, for great is the glory of the Lord.
- C ⁶**For though the Lord is high, he regards the lowly, but the haughty he knows from afar.**
- L ⁷Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you preserve my life; you stretch out your hand against the wrath of my enemies, and your right hand delivers me.

C **⁸The Lord will fulfill his purpose for me; your steadfast love, O Lord, endures forever. Do not forsake the work of your hands.**

Old Testament Lesson: Isaiah 6:1-8

The first lesson is written from the 6th chapter of Isaiah.

¹In the year that King Uzziah died I saw the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up; and the train of his robe filled the temple. ²Above him stood the seraphim. Each had six wings: with two he covered his face, and with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew. ³And one called to another and said: “Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory!” ⁴And the foundations of the thresholds shook at the voice of him who called, and the house was filled with smoke. ⁵And I said: “Woe is me! For I am lost; for I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; for my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts!” ⁶Then one of the seraphim flew to me, having in his hand a burning coal that he had taken with tongs from the altar. ⁷And he touched my mouth and said: “Behold, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away, and your sin atoned for.” ⁸And I heard the voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?” Then I said, “Here I am! Send me.”

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

New Testament Lesson: 1 Corinthians 14:12b-20

The second lesson is written from the 14th chapter of 1 Corinthians.

^{12b}Strive to excel in building up the church. ¹³Therefore, one who speaks in a tongue should pray that he may interpret. ¹⁴For if I pray in a tongue, my spirit prays but my mind is unfruitful. ¹⁵What am I to do? I will pray with my spirit, but I will pray with my mind also; I will sing praise with my spirit, but I will sing with my mind also. ¹⁶Otherwise, if you give thanks with your spirit, how can anyone in the position of an outsider say “Amen” to your thanksgiving when he does not know what you are saying? ¹⁷For you may be giving thanks well enough, but the other person is not being built up. ¹⁸I thank God that I speak in tongues more than all of you. ¹⁹Nevertheless, in church I would rather speak five words with my mind in order to instruct others, than ten thousand words in a tongue. ²⁰Brothers, do not be children in your thinking. Be infants in evil, but in your thinking be mature.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Children’s Message

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

Following the Children’s Message, the congregation will sing “Jesus Loves Me” while the children are asked to return to sit with their families.

The congregation is invited to stand as able.

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke the 5th chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

Holy Gospel: Luke 5:1-11

¹On one occasion, while the crowd was pressing in on {Jesus} to hear the word of God, he was standing by the lake of Gennesaret, ²and he saw two boats by the lake, but the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. ³Getting into one of the boats, which was Simon's, he asked him to put out a little from the land. And he sat down and taught the people from the boat. ⁴And when he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch." ⁵And Simon answered, "Master, we toiled all night and took nothing! But at your word I will let down the nets." ⁶And when they had done this, they enclosed a large number of fish, and their nets were breaking. ⁷They signaled to their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both the boats, so that they began to sink. ⁸But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, "Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord." ⁹For he and all who were with him were astonished at the catch of fish that they had taken, ¹⁰and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. And Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching men." ¹¹And when they had brought their boats to land, they left everything and followed him.

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

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

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

4th week: Meet My Jesus! At your Lowest

P May the peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus our Lord. (*Philippians 4:7*)

The congregation is invited to stand as able.

Hymn of the Day: *You Have Come Down to the Lakeshore*

WOV# 784

**1 You have come down to the lakeshore Seeking neither the wise nor the wealthy,
But only asking for me to follow.**

Refrain

**Sweet Lord, you have looked into my eyes,
Kindly smiling, you've called out my name.
On the sand I've abandoned my small boat;
Now with you, I will seek other seas.**

**2 You know full well what I have, Lord; Neither treasure nor weapons for conquest,
Just these my fishnets and will for working. *Refrain***

3 You need my hands, my exhaustion, Working love for the rest of the weary,

A love that's willing to go on loving. *Refrain:*

**4 You who have fished other waters; You, the longing of souls that are yearning;
O loving Friend, you have come to call me. *Refrain***

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Apostles' Creed (Romans 10:9-10)

P Let us join together in confessing our faith with the saints who have gone before us, in the words of the 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**

* 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. 65

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 while the Lord's Table is prepared.

All loose offerings will go towards the Gerald Bame Memorial Scholarship Fund.

The monthly benevolence will go towards the Rowan Helping Ministries.

Anthem: One Day at a Time (Wilkins and Kristofferson)

The Baker Family

The congregation is invited to stand as able.

Offertory Prayer (Psalm 96:7-8; Psalm 100:4)

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**

MEAL

God invites us to His table.

The Great Thanksgiving (2 Timothy 4:22; Colossians 3:1; Psalm 136)

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.**

Words of Institution (32)

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(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)

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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.

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)

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

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: *Jesus Calls Us; O'er the Tumult*

LBW# 494

- 1 **Jesus calls us; o'er the tumult of our life's wild, restless sea,
day by day his clear voice sounding, saying, "Christian, follow me."**
- 2 **As of old St. Andrew heard it by the Galilean lake,
turned from home and toil and kindred, leaving all for his dear sake.**
- 3 **Jesus calls us from the worship of the vain world's golden store,
from each idol that would keep us, saying, "Christian, love me more."**
- 4 **In our joys and in our sorrows, days of toil and hours of ease,
still he calls, in cares and pleasures, "Christian, love me more than these."**
- 5 **Jesus calls us! In your mercy, Savior, make us hear your call,
give our hearts to your obedience, serve and love you best of all.**

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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

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Lutheran Book of Worship Setting 1 pages 56-76

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Attendance Update

February 2	36	Sunday School
February 2	100	Worship & Holy Communion

Part 6: Confession of Sin



What are such sins? *Here examine yourself in the light of the Ten Commandments whether as father or mother, son or daughter, employer or employee, and consider whether you have been disobedient, unfaithful, lazy, angry, sexually unfaithful, or quarrelsome; whether you have injured anyone by word or deed; stolen, neglected, or wasted anything; or done any other evil.*

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

Those Serving Today

Pianist: Sonya Mulkey

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 Leffew, and Addison Queen

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

Live Streaming: Pete Nguyen

Offering Counters: Tara Davis, Cathy Painter, and Ron Vellines

Union News

Sunday, February 9, 2025

9:20 a.m.-9:30 a.m. Children & Youth Sunday School Opening (*Chapel*)

9:30 a.m. Sunday School

Youth and Children Sunday School

Rabbit Hole Adult Sunday School Class

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

Drew Wise Adult Sunday School Class

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

9:30 a.m.-9:45 a.m. Kids Choir (*Chapel*) & Union Youth Choir (*Choir Room*)

9:45 a.m.-10:20 a.m. Children & Youth 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)*

10:30 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

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.

This Week's Schedule

Tuesday, February 11

2:00 p.m. Mary & Martha Circle (*Drew Wise SS Conference #1*)

Hostess: Karen Morgan

Program: Deena Lanning

4:00 p.m. Haiti Pastors Bible Study

6:30 p.m. Bible Study (*Dutch Meeting Hall*)

Wednesday, February 12

2:30 p.m. Lay Ministers (*Drew Wise SS Conference #1*)

4:00 p.m. Bible Study (*Dutch Meeting Hall*)

6:30 p.m. Belles & Beaus

Wednesday, February 12 **6:30 p.m.** Catechism Confirmation (*Drew Wise SS Conference #1*)

Thursday, February 13 **10:00 a.m.** Good Timers (*Old Pine Center*)
Program: Frank & Dawn Merrell’s Mississippi River Trip
Lunch will be provided at the church
Contact Persons: Deena Lanning and Doris Shepherd

Sunday, February 16, 2025

9:20 a.m.-9:30 a.m. Children & Youth Sunday School Opening (*Chapel*)

9:30 a.m. Sunday School

Rabbit Hole Adult Sunday School Class
Chariots of Fire ~ 2 Kings 2:1-14; John 13:31-35

Drew Wise Adult Sunday School Class
Living Lastly ~ 1 Samuel 2:1-10; Matthew 19:16-30

9:30 a.m.-9:45 a.m. Kids Choir (*Chapel*) & Union Youth Choir (*Choir Room*)

9:45 a.m.-10:20 a.m. Children & Youth 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)*

10:30 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 Squirt’s Retirement Party (*Large fellowship hall*)

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

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

Ruby Leazer has reserved the Altar Flowers.

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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), Tammy Winge (Mark Hunter’s cousin), 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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2025 Church Council Members

2023-2025

Ali Davis
Vicki Hunter (Secretary)
Sharon Leazer
Dusty Morgan, Sr. (President)
Debbie Rinehart

2024-2026

Phil Cauble
Kevin Huffman
John Knight (Treasurer)
Thad Mulkey

2025-2027

Karen Barringer
Pete Nguyen (Vice-President)
Brad Trexler

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Lay Ministers

Judy Boyd, Tara Davis, Steve Hutchens, John Kesler, Elbert Kluttz and Deena Lanning

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