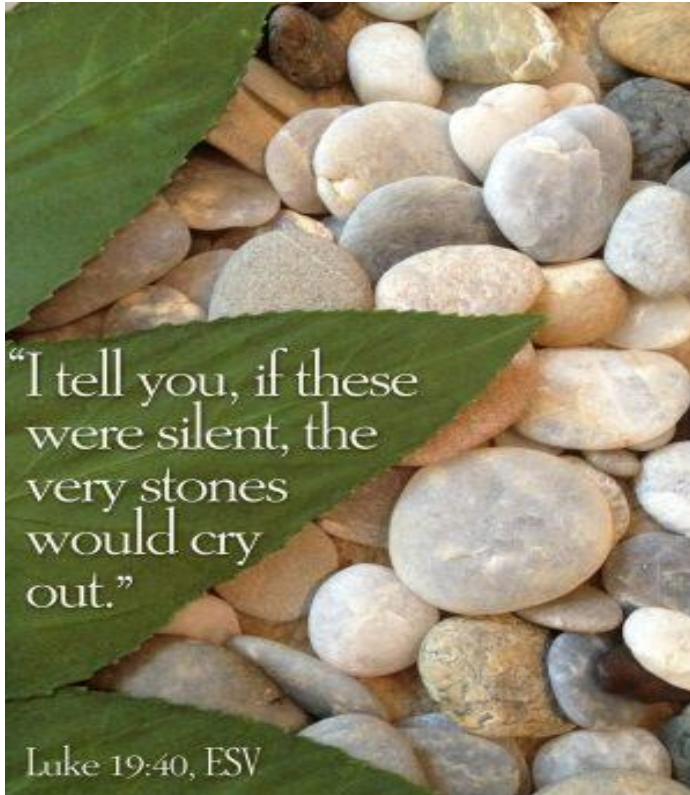




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Palm Sunday

April 13, 2025

10:30 a.m. Worship & Holy Communion

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*The Gospel for today starts off with the evil plot to kill Jesus which was conceived by the religious leaders and Satan working through Jesus' disciple, Judas. Before that will come to pass, Jesus spends precious time with his followers giving them instructions for the days to come, as well as preparing them for the future of the movement. This will be the last time Jesus will eat of this meal until all is fulfilled.*

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

*Lutheran Book of Worship Setting 1*

### GATHERING

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

*The branches are distributed before the worship service begins.*

*The minister, acolytes, crucifer, Chancel Choir and Kids Choir will gather in the Narthex.*

*The congregation is invited to stand as able.*

Procession with Palms

P Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. (Psalm 118:26)

C **Hosanna to the Son of David.** (Matthew 21:9)

Prayer

P Let us pray, mercifully assist us, O Lord God of our salvation, that we may enter with joy upon the contemplation of those mighty acts whereby you have given us life everlasting, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C **Amen**

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.** (2 Timothy 4:22)

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C **It is right to give him thanks and praise.** (Psalm 100:4-5)

P We praise and thank you, O God, for the great acts of love by which you have redeemed us through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. On this day he entered the holy city of Jerusalem in triumph, and was acclaimed Son of David and Kings of kings by those who scattered their garments and branches of palm in his path.

We ask that you bless these branches and those who bear them, and grant that we may ever hail him as our Lord and King and follow him with perfect confidence; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen**

P Let us go forth in peace,

C **in the name of the Lord.** (Isaiah 55:12-13)

*The procession into the church begins.*

*The altar candles lit represent Jesus' life and ministry. During Lent we have extinguished candles, remembering how we, the human race, rejected Jesus Christ, the light of the world. Today the Christ Candle, Altar Candles, and only 1 candle on the candelabras will be lit at this time.*

*Refrain*

**All glory, laud, and honor to you, Redeemer King,  
To whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring.**

**1 You are the king of Israel and David's royal Son,  
Now in the Lord's name coming, our King and Blessed One. *Refrain***

**2 The company of angels are praising you on high;  
Creation and all mortals in chorus make reply. *Refrain***

**3 The multitude of pilgrims with palms before you went.  
Our praise and prayer and anthems before you we present. *Refrain***

**4 To you, before your Passion, they sang their hymns of praise.  
To you, now high exalted, our melody we raise. *Refrain***

**5 Their praises you accepted; accept the prayers we bring,  
Great author of all goodness, O good and gracious King. *Refrain***

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**P Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. (Psalm 118:26)**

**C Hosanna in the highest. (Matthew 21:9)**

Prayer of the Day

**P** Let us pray. Almighty and everlasting God, you have sent your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ, to take upon himself our flesh and to suffer death upon the cross, that all of humanity should follow the example of his great humility. Mercifully grant that we may both follow the example of his patience and also be made partakers of his resurrection; through the same 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.*

Welcome & Announcements

*Kyrie (Mark 10:47) is omitted for Palm Sunday.*

*Hymn of Praise (Luke 2:14; John 1:29; Revelation 5:12-13; 19:5-9) is omitted during Lent.*

*Salutation (2 Timothy 4:22) is omitted during Lent.*

**WORD**

Old Testament Lesson: Deuteronomy 32:36-39

The first lesson is written from the 32nd chapter of Deuteronomy.

<sup>36</sup>“For the LORD will vindicate his people and have compassion on his servants, when he sees that their power is gone and there is none remaining, bond or free. <sup>37</sup>Then he will say, ‘Where are their gods, the rock in which they took refuge, <sup>38</sup>who ate the fat of their sacrifices and drank the wine of their drink offering? Let them rise up and help you; let them be your protection! <sup>39</sup>See now that I, even I, am he, and there is no god beside me; I kill and I make alive; I wound and I heal; and there is none that can deliver out of my hand.’”

L Here ends the reading.

Psalm 118:19-29 *The Psalm of the Day is read responsively.*

L <sup>19</sup>Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the LORD.

C <sup>20</sup>**This is the gate of the LORD; the righteous shall enter through it.**

L <sup>21</sup>I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation.

C <sup>22</sup>**The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.**

L <sup>23</sup>This is the LORD’s doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.

C <sup>24</sup>**This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

L <sup>25</sup>Save us, we pray, O LORD! O LORD, we pray, give us success!

C <sup>26</sup>**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD! We bless you from the house of the LORD.**

L <sup>27</sup>The LORD is God, and he has made his light to shine upon us. Bind the festal sacrifice with cords, up to the horns of the altar!

C <sup>28</sup>**You are my God, and I will give thanks to you; you are my God; I will extol you.**

L <sup>29</sup>Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever!

New Testament Lesson: Philippians 2:5-11

The second lesson is written from the 2nd chapter of Philippians.

<sup>5</sup>Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, <sup>6</sup>who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, <sup>7</sup>but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. <sup>8</sup>And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. <sup>9</sup>Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, <sup>10</sup>so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, <sup>11</sup>and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

L Here ends the reading.

Kids Choir Anthem: *Can You...*

## Children's Message & Noisy Offering

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

*Children will return to sit with their families following the noisy offering collected for Lutheran Services Carolinas.*

*The congregation is invited to stand as able.*

Lenten Gospel Response (Joel 2:13)

LBW p. 63

**C Return to the Lord, your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and abounding in steadfast love.**

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke the 19th chapter.

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

Holy Gospel: Luke 19:28-40

<sup>28</sup>After Jesus had said this, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. <sup>29</sup>As he approached Bethphage and Bethany at the hill called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples, saying to them, <sup>30</sup>“Go to the village ahead of you, and as you enter it, you will find a colt tied there, which no one has ever ridden. Untie it and bring it here. <sup>31</sup>If anyone asks you, ‘Why are you untying it?’ say, ‘The Lord needs it.’” <sup>32</sup>Those who were sent ahead went and found it just as he had told them. <sup>33</sup>As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, “Why are you untying the colt?” <sup>34</sup>They replied, “The Lord needs it.” <sup>35</sup>They brought it to Jesus, threw their cloaks on the colt and put Jesus on it. <sup>36</sup>As he went along, people spread their cloaks on the road. <sup>37</sup>When he came near the place where the road goes down the Mount of Olives, the whole crowd of disciples began joyfully to praise God in loud voices for all the miracles they had seen: <sup>38</sup>“Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord!” “Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!” <sup>39</sup>Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to Jesus, “Teacher, rebuke your disciples!” <sup>40</sup>“I tell you,” he replied, “if they keep quiet, the stones will cry out.”

P The Gospel of the Lord.

**C Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Please be seated.*

Sermon: *In God's Hands*

Pastor Carl Haynes

*The congregation is invited to stand as able.*

Hymn of the Day: *Christ, the Life of All the Living*

LBW# 97

- 1 **Christ, the life of all the living, Christ, the death of death, our foe,  
Christ, yourself for me once giving, to the darkest depths of woe:  
Through you suffering, death, and merit life eternal I inherit.  
Thousand, thousand thanks are due, dearest Jesus, unto you.**
- 2 **You have suffered great affliction and have borne it patiently,  
Even death by crucifixion, fully to atone for me;  
For you chose to be tormented that my doom should be prevented.  
Thousand, thousand thanks are due, dearest Jesus, unto you.**
- 3 **Then, for all that bought my pardon, for the sorrows deep and sore,**

**For the anguish in the garden, I will thank you evermore;  
Thank you for the groaning, sighing, for the bleeding and the dying,  
For that last triumphant cry, praise you evermore on high.**

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Nicene Creed (**Romans 10:9-10**)

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**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**

*\*Or, We believe in one holy Christian*

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

LBW p. 65

**P Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.**

Mighty God, create in your church a hunger for having the same mind as Christ, so that our lives show forth a sense of humility and selflessness. Through our witness and the power of your Holy Spirit bring us to the day when every knee shall bend and tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord. *Lord in your mercy ...*

**C hear our prayer.**

**P Holy God, your Son accepted the praises of the crowds who worshipped in Jerusalem. Fill this congregation with such love and zeal that we may eagerly worship and praise our Savior, humbly do your will, and lovingly serve our neighbor in his name. *Lord in your mercy ...***

**C hear our prayer.**

**P God of creation, should we neglect to give you praise, the earth itself would shout**

“Hosanna!” May we recognize in creation, a gift from your hand and be more diligent and faithful in our stewardship of that gift. *Lord, in your mercy ...*

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** Light of the Nations, grant that the light of your healing might shine on those living with illness, addiction, loneliness, or anxiety [especially ...]. Bless them with your tender care and turn their mourning into joy. *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 while the Lord's Table is prepared.*

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

*The monthly benevolence focus is Lutheran Services Carolinas.*

Organ Offertory: *O Worship the King* (Albin Whitworth)

## MEAL

*God invites us to His table.*

*The congregation is invited to stand as able.*

Lenten Offertory (*Psalms 116:12-13*)

LBW p. 67

**C** **What shall I render to the Lord for all his benefits to me? I will offer the sacrifice of thanksgiving and will call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of salvation and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my vows to the Lord now in the presence of all his people, in the courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.**

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

LBW p. 68

**A** Let us pray. Blessed are you,

**C** **O Lord our God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts. With them we offer ourselves to your service and dedicate our lives to the care and redemption of all that you have made, for the sake of him who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

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.**

P It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, through Christ our Lord; who on the tree of the cross gave salvation to all, that, where death began, there life might be restored, and that he, who by a tree once overcame, might by a tree be overcome. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

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

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 (*33*)

LBW p. 70

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

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.

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.*

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.*

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.**

*The congregation is invited to stand as able at the close of the table.*

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**

Lenten Post-Communion Canticle (Luke 2:28-32)

LBW p. 73

**C Lord, now you let your servant go in peace; your word has been fulfilled. My own eyes have seen the salvation which you have prepared in the sight of ev'ry people: A light to reveal you to the nations and the glory of your people Israel. Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen**

Post-Communion Prayer

LBW p. 74

**P** Let us pray. Almighty God, you gave your Son both as a sacrifice for sin and a model of the godly life. Enable us to receive him always with thanksgiving, and to conform our lives to his; through the same 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**

Recessional Hymn: *Ride On, Ride On in Majesty!*

LBW# 121

*The minister, acolytes, crucifer, Chancel Choir, and Kids Choir recess out.*

- 1 Ride on, ride on in majesty! Hear all the tribes hosanna cry;  
O Savior meek, your road pursue, with palms and scattered garments strewed.**
- 2 Ride on, ride on in majesty! In lowly pomp ride on to die.  
O Christ, your triumphs now begin o'er captive death and conquered sin.**
- 3 Ride on, ride on in majesty! The winged squadrons of the sky  
Look down with sad and wond'ring eyes to see the approaching sacrifice.**

**4 Ride on, ride on in majesty! Your last and fiercest strife is nigh.  
The Father on his sapphire throne awaits his own anointed Son.**

**5 Ride on, ride on in majesty! In lowly pomp ride on to die,  
Bow your meek head to mortal pain, then take, O Christ, your pow'r and reign!**

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### Blessing & Dismissal (Matthew 28:19-20)

**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: *All Glory, Laud, and Honor* (David Lowe)

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### Attendance Update

April 6	35	Sunday School
April 6	88	Worship & Holy Communion
April 8	40	6th week in Lent (Theme: Comforter)

### Part 8: Daily Prayers *The following prayers were suggested by Luther for use by Christians every day:*

#### Prayer after Eating



*We thank you, Lord God, heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, for all your benefits. You live and reign forever and ever. Amen.*

(Martin Luther's Small Catechism Sola Publishing 2010 Edition Pocket Version page 31)

## Those Serving Today

**Guest Pastor:** Rev. Carl Haynes

*We welcome Pastor Carl Haynes to worship today!*

**Organist:** Don Simmons

**Acolytes:** Mallory Eagle and Moses Miller

**Crucifer:** Adam Thompson

**Altar Guild and Communion Assistants:** Mallory Eagle, Patsy Lyerly, Moses Miller, Angie Poole, and Vivian Sprinkle

**Lay Readers:** Frank Merrell and Doris Shepherd

**Ushers:** Larry Barringer, Phil Cauble, Ron Chase, and Adam Thompson

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

**Live Streaming:** Pete Nguyen

**Offering Counters:** Jennifer Curlee, Ali Davis, and Doris Shepherd

## Union News

### Palm Sunday, April 13, 2025

*Palms are available for everyone!*

The loose offering will go towards the Gerald Bame Memorial Scholarship Fund.

*The monthly benevolence focus is Lutheran Services Carolinas. A noisy offering will be collected today in support of Lutheran Services Carolinas.*

During Lent, the **Altar Branches** are given to the glory of God.

*Deadline to turn in **Potted Flowers list** to the church office for Easter Sunday bulletin.*

Pre-orders are being accepted today for the Union Youth Pie & Cobbler Fundraiser. The suggested cost of pies and cobblers is \$20 each.

*Please see a Mission Outreach member to purchase a \$10 ticket to reserve a BBQ Chicken Fundraiser plate on Friday, May 16.*

**9:00 a.m.** Union Youth Choir

**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

From the Stump of Jesse ~ Isaiah 11:1-10; Hebrews 1:1-4

*“There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse, and a branch from his roots shall bear fruit.” (Isaiah 11:1 ESV)*

**Palm Sunday, April 13, 2025 *continued***

Drew Wise Adult Sunday School Class

Christ the Atoning Sacrifice ~ Isaiah 59:1-8; 1 John 2:1-6, 4:7-21

**9:30 a.m.** Children & Youth Sunday School and Music

From the Stump of Jesse ~ Isaiah 11:1-10; Hebrews 1:1-4

**10:30 a.m.** Worship & Holy Communion

Deuteronomy 32:36-39; Psalm 118:19-29; Philippians 2:5-11; Luke 19:28-40

Pulpit Supply: Pastor Carl Haynes

Pastor Carl Haynes is a native of North Carolina. He grew up in Rowan County and attended South Rowan High School where he met his wife Kathy. They were married at Concordia Lutheran Church on June 19, 1977. A 1978 graduate of Catawba College, Carl attended Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary graduating in May of '82. He was ordained June 6, 1982. Pr. Carl has served two congregations: Our Saviour, Dallas from June 1982 until December 1991; and Christiana, Salisbury from January 1992 until June 2022.

Pastor Carl became a part of the North American Lutheran Church in December 2010. In May 2011 he was elected Dean of the Carolinas Mission District which encompassed South and North Carolina. He served two terms. Pastor Carl serves on the advisory board for Gordon Conwell Theological Seminary, and the Board of Advisors for the Lutheran Studies Program located there. He is currently serving as Dean of the Piedmont East Mission District of the Carolinas Mission Region.

Pastor Carl and his wife Kathy are retired and members of Concordia Lutheran Church in China Grove, NC. They have three daughters and two granddaughters. In his spare time, he enjoys spoiling his granddaughters, reading, woodworking, yard work and playing Bass Trombone in the Salisbury Swing Band.

**Palm Sunday, April 13, 2025 *continued***

*For those who do not wish to keep their palm, please return the palm to the box when leaving.*

**New:** Chancel Choir will rehearse following the worship service.

Please note the Union Youth will not meet today.

**This Week's Schedule**

An opportunity to drive to each Station of the Cross in the Cemetery for meditation and prayer during Holy Week. Every station resembles the journey Christ took from Gethsemane to Golgotha.

Tuesday, April 15

Pastor Heidi Punt returns to the church office.

Wednesday, April 16

**2:00 p.m.** Autumn Care Chapel Time

**6:30 p.m.** Belles and Beaus

**6:30 p.m.** Catechism Confirmation

Thursday, April 17

**4:00 p.m. & 6:30 p.m.** Maundy Thursday Services

Friday, April 18

**4:00 p.m. & 6:30 p.m.** Good Friday Services

Union Youth Lock-in following evening service

**Union Youth** is sponsoring a **Pie & Cobbler Fundraiser** on **Saturday, April 19**. The suggested cost of **pies** and **cobblers** is **\$20 each**. Pre-orders are being accepted through today.

Please see a Union Youth to pre-order: Blueberry Cheesecake Pie, Cheery Cheesecake Pie, Peach Cobbler and/or Apple Cobbler.

Proceeds will go towards the Youth Missions/Retreats Fund.

Pick up pies and/or cobblers on Saturday, April 19, from **7:00 a.m.-9:00 a.m.**

Saturday, April 19

**7:00 a.m.-9:00 a.m.** Pie & Cobbler Fundraiser pick up

**9:15 a.m.** flowers for inside cross

*Please bring white flowers such as daffodils and spirea.*

**11:00 a.m.-12 noon** potted flowers drop off in the Sanctuary

*As we make our way through Lent to the glory of Easter morning we look forward to members bringing their own beautiful spring potted flowers. Deadline to list potted flowers given in honor or memory is today to the church office.*

*Genevieve Baker, ULC Staff Support, will be out of the office on Thursday, April 17-Friday, April 18.*

### **Easter Sunday, April 20, 2025**

The loose offering will go towards the Building & Repair Fund.

*The monthly benevolence focus is Lutheran Services Carolinas.*

Please see a Mission Outreach member to purchase a \$10 ticket to reserve a BBQ Chicken Fundraiser plate on Friday, May 16.

**You are invited to bring flowers from your yard for the outside cross.**

**7:30 a.m.** Sunrise Service in the large fellowship hall

Job 19:23-27; Psalm 118:15-29; 1 Corinthians 15:51-57; John 20:1-18

**8:30 a.m.** Easter Breakfast in the large fellowship hall

**9:30 a.m.** Easter Egg Hunt (Little Lutherans and Union Youth)

**9:30 a.m.** Sunday School

Rabbit Hole Drew Wise Adult Sunday School Class

Nebuchadnezzar's Dream ~ Daniel 2:26-47; Luke 20:17-28

Drew Wise Adult Sunday School Class

Christ Dies and Rises to New Life ~ Hebrews 2:1-13; Matthew 27:24-28:10

**Easter Sunday, April 20, 2025** *continued*

**10:30 a.m.** Easter Service in the Sanctuary

Isaiah 65:17-25; Psalm 16; 1 Corinthians 15:19-26; Luke 24:1-12

We welcome Ashton Lambert, daughter of Dylan and Lexie Lambert, as a baptized member by Holy Baptism on Easter Sunday.

*The church office is closed in observance of the Easter Holiday on Monday, April 21.*

In observance of the Easter Holiday the Belles & Beaus and Catechism Confirmation will not meet Wednesday, April 23.

*The Family of George Klutz will meet for their reunion on Saturday, April 26, in the large fellowship hall.*

**Sunday, April 27, 2025**

*The loose offering will go towards the Youth Missions/Retreats Fund.*

The monthly benevolence focus is Lutheran Services Carolinas. A noisy offering will be collected today in support of Lutheran Services Carolinas.

*Please see a Mission Outreach member to purchase a \$10 ticket to reserve a BBQ Chicken Fundraiser plate on Friday, May 16.*

Deadline for May *Messenger* articles to the church office. (Due to Holy Week, the deadline for articles was scheduled for the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday with the newsletter being printed Friday, May 2.)

*Dawn Merrell has reserved Altar Flowers for April 27, 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

Joel: Return to the Lord ~ Joel 2:1-2a, 10-17; Acts 3:17-21

*Return to the LORD your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love. (Joel 2:13)*

Drew Wise Adult Sunday School Class

The Lamb is Worthy ~ Psalm 118:15-29; Revelation 5:1-10

**9:30 a.m.** Children & Youth Sunday School and Music

Joel: Return to the Lord ~ Joel 2:1-2a, 10-17; Acts 3:17-21

**10:30 a.m.** Worship & Holy Communion

Acts 5:12-32; Psalm 148:1-14; Revelation 1:4-18; John 20:19-31

Sermon: *No Secret Identity*

**2:00 p.m.** Church Council

**4:00 p.m.** Luther League at Organ Lutheran Church

*If you haven't already done so, please fill out the Medical Information Form to assist the Emergency Response Team if there is an emergency during the worship service or an activity/event. Thank you!*

**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 (Oak Park Retirement Room 236)

**Homebound/Shut-ins Members/Special Needs** – Sarah Bame, Tom Cole, Kiki Deaton, Rachel Earnhardt, Madison “Drew” Harrington, Linda Hartley, Pete Honbarrier, Howell and Teresa Kesler, James & Jean Kluttz, Glenn and Betty Sue Lowder, Doris Ludwick, Donnell Miller, Rev. TC & Mary Plexico, Macky Swicegood, Billy Waller & Michael Walton

**Sick/Surgery/Recovery** – Steve Arey, Debbie Cauble-McPherson, Rev. Randall Cauble (ICU), Patsy Lyerly, Richard Lyons, Jr., Jamie Troutman, Wayne & Pam Vellines

**Continual Prayer** – Rev. Doug Hefner Family (daughter died in car accident), Tommy Lamb (Pam Vellines’ uncle), Dr. Sean Malone (Pam Vellines’ friend), Jeff Matthews (cancer patient), 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

**Prayers for Comfort:** Pastor Eenok Haamer (founder of Tartu Academy of Theology in Estonia), Lela and Tyler Brooks, and Christian martyrs and persecution in the Congo

*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**

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

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**Union Lutheran Church**

Church Office Hours: 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Monday-Friday

Pastor Heidi Punt, Senior Pastor (pastor@ulcsalisbury.org)

Phil Cauble, Facility Manager

Genevieve Baker, ULC Staff Support (office@ulcsalisbury.org)

Pastor T. C. Plexico, Pastor Emeritus

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## Slovakia 2025

Once again, I have the opportunity to continue expanding the mission program in this country. I have made many new friends in my previous trips and look forward to making new ones as well.

I would like to invite you to be a part of sharing Christ's love to those in this country. The English Bible camps draw families that may have never heard that there is a God who loves them. The children come to learn and expand their English skills thru programs very similar to our Vacation Bible School format. Parents are invited to a cookout during the week and end of week program. This opens doors for the local pastor's and full time missionaries to expand their opportunities

As with everything, the cost of making these trips is increasing. This year's trip is expected to cost each participant \$3200. If you feel you can be a part of helping in this area, please use the information listed below to make your tax deductible donation.

Checks can be mailed to:

Spiritual Orphans Network 298/5901-J Wyoming Blvd NE Albuquerque NM 87109

If you chose to give a check directly to me, Still make it out to SONetwork

Or their Website at [SONetwork.org](http://SONetwork.org) The 2025 Team Member Support tab is on the front page.

(deadline is May 15<sup>th</sup>)

*July 3-21*

*God Bless!  
Thank you  
Mary*

# BBQ CHICKEN *Fundraiser*

**TAKE OUT ONLY**

**12 NOON-6 PM**

**FRIDAY, MAY 16**

**UNION LUTHERAN CHURCH**

*The Mission Outreach Team of Union Lutheran Church (ULC) is excited to sponsor a BBQ Chicken Fundraiser (take out only) on Friday, May 16.*

*Please purchase a ticket in advance so you will be gauranteed a plate!*

*\$10 per plate includes: 1/4 chicken, slaw, baked beans, roll and cookie.*

*Proceeds towards raising funds for the two ULC Mission Trips to Western North Carolina this summer.*



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