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Easter Sunrise

April 20, 2025

7:30 a.m. Worship

A new day has dawned on the creation! Jesus is alive; death was unable to hold him in the grave. God has done a new thing. Each Easter the story of Christ's resurrection from the dead greets us anew. With awe and wonder, we hear the good news of the empty tomb with new ears and full hearts. This event that happened so long ago continues to impact humanity with God's unbreakable promise of new life.

Union Lutheran Church welcomes you as you join us in worship this morning. 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.

L=Liturgist, C=Congregation, LR=Lay Reader

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Welcome & Announcements

Prelude: *Christ Arose*

GATHERING

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

Greeting

L This is the good news – the grave is empty, Christ is risen. (Matthew 28:6)

C **Hallelujah** (Revelation 19:1-6)

L This is the good news – the light shines in the darkness and the darkness can never be put out. (John 1:5)

C **Hallelujah**

L Christ is our peace, the indestructible peace we now share with each other. (Ephesians 2:14)

Hymn: *You Are My All In All*

1 **You are my strength when I am weak**
You are the treasure that I seek
You are my all in all
Seeking you as a precious jew'l
Lord to give up I'd be a fool
You are my all in all

Refrain

Jesus Lamb of God
Worthy is Your name
Jesus Lamb of God
Worthy is Your name

2 **Taking my sin my cross my shame**
Rising again I bless Your name
You are my all in all
When I fall down you pick me up
When I am dry you fill my cup
You are my all in all *Refrain*

Litany of Confession and Forgiveness

L Lord God, early in the morning, when the world was young, you made life in all its beauty; you gave birth to all that we know. (Ecclesiastes 3:11; Jeremiah 1:5)

C **Hallowed be your name.** (Matthew 6:9-13)

L Early in the morning, when the world least expected it, a newborn child crying in a cradle announced that you had come among us, that you were one of us. (Luke 2:1-7)

C **Hallowed be your name.**

L Early in the morning, surrounded by liars, religious leaders, anxious politicians, and silent friends, you accepted the penalty for doing good, for being God: you shouldered and suffered the cross. (1 Peter 2:20-24; Hebrews 12:2)

C **Hallowed be your name.**

L Early in the morning, a voice in a guarded graveyard and footsteps in the dew proved that you had risen, that you had come back to those and for those who had forgotten, denied, and destroyed you. (Mark 16:6; Luke 19:10; John 5:28-29; John 14:1-6)

C **Hallowed be your name.**

L This morning, in the beautiful company of your church on earth and in heaven, we celebrate all you have made, we celebrate your life, your death and resurrection, your love for us; so we pray, (1 Peter 1:3)

C **Lord, bring new life, where we are worn and tired; new love, where we have turned hard-hearted; forgiveness, where we feel hurt and where we have wounded others; and the joy and freedom of your Holy Spirit, where we are prisoners of the Devil, the world or our sinful self.**

Brief moment of silence

L To all gathered here, where there is true repentance and honest intent not to repeat such sin, Jesus in his grace and mercy grants us forgiveness. Thanks be to God! (Ephesians 1:7-8; 1 Corinthians 15:57)

C **Amen**

Peace

L Since God has forgiven us in Christ. Let us share the peace, his peace with one another. The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you. (2 Thessalonians 3:16)

C **And also with you.**

WORD

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

Old Testament Lesson: Job 19:23-27

The first lesson is from the 19th chapter of Job.

²³“Oh that my words were written! Oh that they were inscribed in a book! ²⁴Oh that with an iron pen and lead they were engraved in the rock forever! ²⁵For I know that my Redeemer lives, and at the last he will stand upon the earth. ²⁶And after my skin has been thus destroyed, yet in my flesh I shall see God, ²⁷whom I shall see for myself, and my eyes shall behold, and not another. My heart faints within me!”

LR This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 118:15-29 *The Psalm of the Day is read responsively.*

LR ¹⁵Glad songs of salvation are in the tents of the righteous: “The right hand of the LORD does valiantly,

C ¹⁶**the right hand of the LORD exalts, the right hand of the LORD does valiantly!”**

LR ¹⁷I shall not die, but I shall live, and recount the deeds of the LORD.

C ¹⁸**The LORD has disciplined me severely, but he has not given me over to death.**

LR ¹⁹Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the LORD.

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

LR ²¹I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation.

C ²²**The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.**

LR ²³This is the LORD’s doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.

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

LR ²⁵Save us, we pray, O LORD! O LORD, we pray, give us success!

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

LR ²⁷The 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 ²⁸**You are my God, and I will give thanks to you; you are my God; I will extol you.**

LR ²⁹Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever!

New Testament Lesson: 1 Corinthians 15:51-57

The second lesson is from the 15th chapter of 1 Corinthians.

⁵¹Behold! I tell you a mystery. We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, ⁵²in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we shall be changed. ⁵³For this perishable body must put on the imperishable, and this mortal body must put on immortality. ⁵⁴When the perishable puts on the imperishable, and the mortal puts on immortality, then shall come to pass the saying that is written: “Death is swallowed up in victory.” ⁵⁵“O death, where is your victory? O death, where

is your sting?”⁵⁶The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law.⁵⁷But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

LR This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation: *Halle, Halle, Hallelujah*

Halle, halle, hallelujah!

Halle, halle, hallelujah!

Halle, halle, hallelujah!

Hallelujah! hallelujah!

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L The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 20th chapter.

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

Holy Gospel: John 20:1-18

¹Now on the first day of the week Mary Magdalene came to the tomb early, while it was still dark, and saw that the stone had been taken away from the tomb. ²So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, “They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.” ³So Peter went out with the other disciple, and they were going toward the tomb. ⁴Both of them were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. ⁵And stooping to look in, he saw the linen cloths lying there, but he did not go in. ⁶Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen cloths lying there, ⁷and the face cloth, which had been on Jesus’ head, not lying with the linen cloths but folded up in a place by itself. ⁸Then the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; ⁹for as yet they did not understand the Scripture, that he must rise from the dead. ¹⁰Then the disciples went back to their homes. ¹¹But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb, and as she wept she stooped to look into the tomb. ¹²And she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had lain, one at the head and one at the feet. ¹³They said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping?” She said to them, “They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.” ¹⁴Having said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing, but she did not know that it was Jesus. ¹⁵Jesus said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you seeking?” Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, “Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.” ¹⁶Jesus said to her, “Mary.” She turned and said to him in Aramaic, “Rabboni!” (which means Teacher). ¹⁷Jesus said to her, “Do not cling to me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father; but go to my brothers and say to them, ‘I am ascending to my Father and

your Father, to my God and your God.””¹⁸Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, “I have seen the Lord ” — and that he had said these things to her.

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

Message

Micah Nguyen

Offering (Malachi 3:10)

*The Offering is received while the Anthem is sung.
All loose offering will go towards the Building & Repair Fund.
The monthly benevolence focus is Lutheran Services Carolinas.*

Anthem: *In Christ Alone*

Union Youth Choir

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

L 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**

Nicene Creed (Romans 10:9-10)

L Let us profess our faith by speaking the words of the 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

**Or, We believe in one holy Christian*

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

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

Almighty God, we give you thanks that through Christ Jesus you have won the victory over sin and death. Help us, Lord, to tell the story of that victory and give thanks for it daily, that our daughters and sons may know your steadfast love and live in the sure and certain hope of the resurrection. *Lord in your mercy.*

C Hear our prayer.

L Lord God, as the sun warms the earth be with all those who are or will be planting their crops. Grant that the ground would be fertile and the growing season would be long and fruitful so that all may be fed. *Lord in your mercy.*

C Hear our prayer.

L Heavenly Father, on this day when the celebration of your redeeming work in Jesus the Christ is at its fullest expression, strengthen and sustain those whose faith is tender and new. Help them to see in your church's witness a new vision of life in which grace and mercy hold sway. *Lord in your mercy.*

C Hear our prayer.

L Good and gracious God, strengthen all those who are struggling with grief, illness, or trials in their lives. Give them hope in Christ who makes all things new. [We remember especially....] *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 Lord's Prayer (Matthew 6:9-13; Luke 11:2-4)

L Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

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

SENDING

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

Benediction (Numbers 6:24-26)

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: *Thine Is the Glory*

**1 Thine is the glory, risen, conqu'ring Son;
Endless is the vict'ry thou o'er death hast won!
Angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,
Kept the folded graveclothes where thy body lay.**

Refrain

**Thine is the glory, risen, conqu'ring Son;
Endless is the vict'ry thou o'er death hast won!**

**2 Lo, Jesus meets thee, risen from the tomb!
Lovingly he greets thee, scatters fear and gloom;
Let his Church with gladness hymns of triumph sing,
For the Lord now liveth; death hath lost its sting! *Refrain***

**3 No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of life;
Life is nought without thee, aid us in our strife;
Make us more than conqu'rors, through thy deathless love;
Bring us safe through Jordan to thy home above. *Refrain***

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

**L Today and tomorrow, Jesus promised: "I am with you always"
C ... "to the end of the world." Amen**

**L Union Lutheran Church you have been equipped and empowered by the Word.
C We will faithfully love God and love our neighbor.**

**L Go now, in the name of God the Father, the Son, ✠ and the Holy Spirit.
C Amen, Amen, Amen**

Postlude

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Thank You's...

Thank you to our Union Youth for leading worship this morning.

Thank you to Micah Nguyen for sharing the Word.

Thank you to Sonya Mulkey and Jan Huffman for leading today's music.

Thank you to Cheryl Kluttz for the beautiful table decorations.

Thank you to Mike Cauble and Friends for the delicious Easter breakfast.

Lutherans at Worship



Glossary of Lutheran Terms

Easter (Principal festival of the church year which celebrates Christ's resurrection.)

Easter Vigil (Liturgical service on Easter Eve which includes the kindling of the New Fire and procession of the Paschal Candle, Scripture readings, Holy Baptism and renewal of baptismal vows and Holy Communion.) *We do not currently do this at Union Lutheran Church. Would be good to consider doing so in the future?*

Epiclesis (Prayer invoking the Holy Spirit, included in the Prayer of Thanksgiving in Holy Baptism and Holy Communion.)

Epiphany (Principal festival of church year celebrating the manifestation of Christ to the world; observed on January 6.)

(Lutherans at Worship by S. Anita Stauffer, Gilbert A. Doan, and Michael B. Aune pages 91-92)

Union News

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

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

Easter Sunday, April 20, 2025 *continued*

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

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 a 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 4th 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

Sunday, April 27, 2025 *continued*

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, 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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