

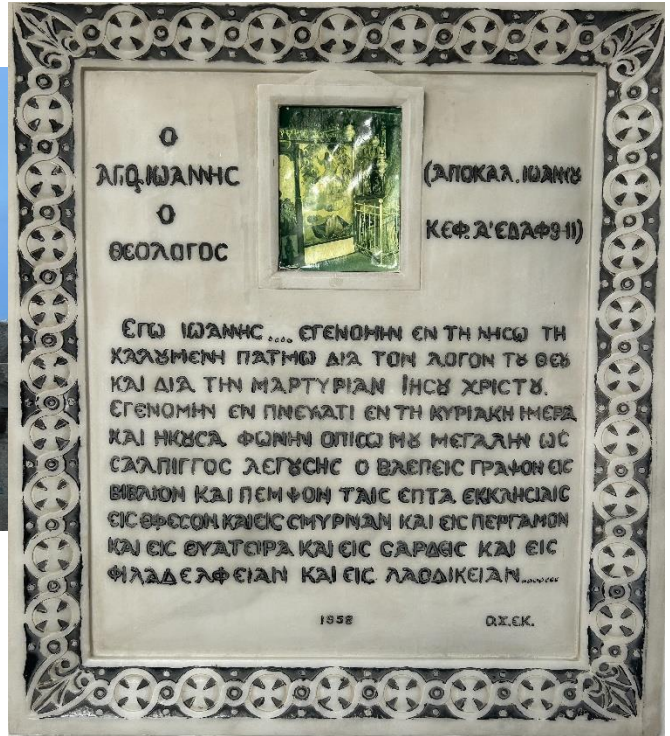


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The Monastery of St. John



At the entrance of John's cave

3rd Sunday of Easter

May 4, 2025

10:30 a.m. Worship & Holy Communion

Jesus appeared to his disciples after they had spent a long night fishing with no results. He urged them to cast their nets on the right side of the boat, and they were surprised with a tremendous catch of fish. God always provides for us; sometimes, though, it takes eyes of faith to see. As those who follow Jesus, we put our complete trust in his loving care, knowing that he sees our every need, physical and spiritual.

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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Welcome & Announcements

Prelude: *Immortal, Invisible*

At this time, the altar candles and Christ Candle are lit to represent Jesus' life and ministry,

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: *This Joyful Eastertide*

LBW# 149

**This joyful Eastertide, away with sin and sorrow!
My love, the Crucified, has sprung to life this morrow.
Had Christ, who once was slain, not burst his three-day prison,
Our faith had been in vain. But now has Christ arisen,
Arisen, Arisen; but now has Christ arisen!**

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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

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.**

P In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

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

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P 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.**

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

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P 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)

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

Prayer of the Day

P Let us pray. O God, by the humiliation of your Son, you raised up this fallen world. Teach us whom you have rescued from endless death to have the fullness of eternal joy, through the same Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. For he 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.

New Testament Lesson: Acts 9:1-22

The first lesson is written from the 9th chapter of Acts.

¹Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest ²and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any belonging to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. ³Now as he went on his way, he approached Damascus, and suddenly a light from heaven shone around him. ⁴And falling to the ground, he heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me?" ⁵And he said, "Who are you, Lord?" And he said, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. ⁶But rise and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do." ⁷The men who were traveling with him stood speechless, hearing the voice but seeing no one. ⁸Saul rose from the ground, and although his eyes were opened, he saw nothing. So they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus. ⁹And for three days he was without sight, and neither ate nor drank. ¹⁰Now there was a disciple at Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision, "Ananias." And he said, "Here I am, Lord." ¹¹And the Lord said to him, "Rise and go to the street called Straight, and at the house of Judas look for a man of Tarsus named Saul, for behold, he is praying, ¹²and he has seen in a vision a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him so that he might regain his sight." ¹³But Ananias answered, "Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he has done to your saints at Jerusalem. ¹⁴And here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who call on your name." ¹⁵But the Lord said to him, "Go, for he is a chosen instrument

of mine to carry my name before the Gentiles and kings and the children of Israel. ¹⁶For I will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name.” ¹⁷So Ananias departed and entered the house. And laying his hands on him he said, “Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus who appeared to you on the road by which you came has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit.” ¹⁸And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and he regained his sight. Then he rose and was baptized; ¹⁹and taking food, he was strengthened. For some days he was with the disciples at Damascus. ²⁰And immediately he proclaimed Jesus in the synagogues, saying, “He is the Son of God.” ²¹And all who heard him were amazed and said, “Is not this the man who made havoc in Jerusalem of those who called upon this name? And has he not come here for this purpose, to bring them bound before the chief priests?” ²²But Saul increased all the more in strength, and confounded the Jews who lived in Damascus by proving that Jesus was the Christ.

L Here ends the reading.

Psalm 30:1-12 *The Psalm of the Day is spoken in unison.*

C ¹**I will extol you, O Lord, for you have drawn me up and have not let my foes rejoice over me.**

²**O Lord my God, I cried to you for help, and you have healed me.**

³**O Lord, you have brought up my soul from Sheol; you restored me to life from among those who go down to the pit.**

⁴**Sing praises to the Lord, O you his saints, and give thanks to his holy name.**

⁵**For his anger is but for a moment, and his favor is for a lifetime. Weeping may tarry for the night, but joy comes with the morning.**

⁶**As for me, I said in my prosperity, “I shall never be moved.”**

⁷**By your favor, O Lord, you made my mountain stand strong; you hid your face; I was dismayed.**

⁸**To you, O Lord, I cry, and to the Lord I plead for mercy:**

⁹**“What profit is there in my death, if I go down to the pit? Will the dust praise you? Will it tell of your faithfulness?**

¹⁰**Hear, O Lord, and be merciful to me! O Lord, be my helper!”**

¹¹**You have turned for me my mourning into dancing; you have loosed my sackcloth and clothed me with gladness,**

¹²**that my glory may sing your praise and not be silent. O Lord my God, I will give thanks to you forever!**

New Testament Lesson: Revelation 5:1-14

The second lesson is written from the 5th chapter of Revelation.

¹Then I saw in the right hand of him who was seated on the throne a scroll written within and on the back, sealed with seven seals. ²And I saw a mighty angel proclaiming with a loud voice, “Who is worthy to open the scroll and break its seals?” ³And no one in heaven or on earth or

under the earth was able to open the scroll or to look into it, ⁴and I began to weep loudly because no one was found worthy to open the scroll or to look into it. ⁵And one of the elders said to me, “Weep no more; behold, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has conquered, so that he can open the scroll and its seven seals.” ⁶And between the throne and the four living creatures and among the elders I saw a Lamb standing, as though it had been slain, with seven horns and with seven eyes, which are the seven spirits of God sent out into all the earth. ⁷And he went and took the scroll from the right hand of him who was seated on the throne. ⁸And when he had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb, each holding a harp, and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints. ⁹And they sang a new song, saying, “Worthy are you to take the scroll and to open its seals, for you were slain, and by your blood you ransomed people for God from every tribe and language and people and nation, ¹⁰and you have made them a kingdom and priests to our God, and they shall reign on the earth.” ¹¹Then I looked, and I heard around the throne and the living creatures and the elders the voice of many angels, numbering myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, ¹²saying with a loud voice, “Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!” ¹³And I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, saying, “To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!” ¹⁴And the four living creatures said, “Amen!” and the elders fell down and worshiped.

L Here ends the reading.

Children’s Message

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

Children will return to sit with their families following the Children’s Message.

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. John the 21st chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

Holy Gospel: John 21:1-19

¹After this Jesus revealed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias, and he revealed himself in this way. ²Simon Peter, Thomas (called the Twin), Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples were together. ³Simon Peter said to them, “I am going fishing.” They said to him, “We will go with you.” They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing. ⁴Just as day was breaking, Jesus stood on the shore; yet the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. ⁵Jesus said to them, “Children, do you have any fish?” They answered him, “No.” ⁶He said to them, “Cast the net on the right side of the boat, and you will find some.” So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in, because of the quantity

of fish. ⁷That disciple whom Jesus loved therefore said to Peter, “It is the Lord!” When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on his outer garment, for he was stripped for work, and threw himself into the sea. ⁸The other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, but about a hundred yards off. ⁹When they got out on land, they saw a charcoal fire in place, with fish laid out on it, and bread. ¹⁰Jesus said to them, “Bring some of the fish that you have just caught.” ¹¹So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, 153 of them. And although there were so many, the net was not torn. ¹²Jesus said to them, “Come and have breakfast.” Now none of the disciples dared ask him, “Who are you?” They knew it was the Lord. ¹³Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and so with the fish. ¹⁴This was now the third time that Jesus was revealed to the disciples after he was raised from the dead. ¹⁵When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, “Simon, son of John, do you love me more than these?” He said to him, “Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.” He said to him, “Feed my lambs.” ¹⁶He said to him a second time, “Simon, son of John, do you love me?” He said to him, “Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.” He said to him, “Tend my sheep.” ¹⁷He said to him the third time, “Simon, son of John, do you love me?” Peter was grieved because he said to him the third time, “Do you love me?” and he said to him, “Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you.” Jesus said to him, “Feed my sheep. ¹⁸Truly, truly, I say to you, when you were young, you used to dress yourself and walk wherever you wanted, but when you are old, you will stretch out your hands, and another will dress you and carry you where you do not want to go.” ¹⁹(This he said to show by what kind of death he was to glorify God.) And after saying this he said to him, “Follow me.”

P The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Please be seated.

Sermon: *Do you see what I see?*

Pastor Heidi Punt

Sermon Focus on Revelation & Acts scriptures

The congregation is invited to stand as able.

Hymn of the Day: *Thine the Amen, Thine the Praise*

WOV# 801

- 1 **Thine the amen thine the praise alleluias angels raise
Thine the everlasting head thine the breaking of the bread
Thine the glory thine the story thine the harvest then the cup
Thine the vineyard then the cup is lifted up lifted up.**
- 2 **Thine the life eternally thine the promise let there be
Thine the vision thine the tree all the earth on bended knee
Gone the nailing gone the railing gone the pleading gone the cry
Gone the sighing gone the dying what was loss lifted high.**
- 3 **Thine the truly thine the yes thine the table we the guest
Thine the mercy all from thee thine the glory yet to be
Then the ringing and the singing then the end of all the war**

Then the living thine the loving evermore evermore.

**4 Thine the kingdom thine the prize thine the wonder full surprise
Thine the banquet then the praise then the justice of thy ways
Thine the glory thine the story then the welcome to the least
Then the wonder all increasing at thy feast at thy feast.**

**5 Thine the glory in the night no more dying only light
Thine the river thine the tree then the Lamb eternally
Then the holy holy holy celebration jubilee
Thine the splendor thine the brightness only thee only thee.**

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Nicene Creed (Romans 10:9-10)

LBW p. 64

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.

After each portion of the prayers:

P Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

The prayers conclude:

P Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C **Amen**

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 Mission Outreach Fund.

The monthly benevolence focus is North American Lutheran Seminary.

Organ Offertory: *Meditation on "Doxology"*

MEAL

God invites us to His table.

The congregation is invited to stand as able.

Offertory (Isaiah 25:6-8; 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

(Romans 12:1; Proverbs 3:9; 1 Corinthians 6:19-20, 1 Thessalonians 5:18; 2 Corinthians 9:7)

P Let us pray. Merciful Father,

C **we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us-our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

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 . . . (*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)

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.

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

Post-Communion Cantic (1 Chronicles 16:7-31; Psalm 105:1-4)

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: *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*

LBW# 543

- 1 **Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise him, for he is your health and salvation!
Let all who hear now to his temple draw near,
Joining in glad adoration!**
- 2 **Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things in wondrously reigning
And, as on wings of an eagle, uplifting, sustaining.
Have you not seen all that is needful has been
Sent by his gracious ordaining?**
- 3 **Praise to the Lord, who will prosper your work and defend you;
Surely his goodness and mercy shall daily attend you.
Ponder a new what the Almighty can do
If with his love he befriend you.**
- 4 **Praise to the Lord! Oh, let all that is in me adore him!
All that has life and breath, come now with praises before him!
Let the amen sound from the people again.
Gladly forever adore him!**

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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: *Our Lord, Master of All*

Lutheran Book of Worship Setting 1 pages 56-76

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Attendance Update

April 27	40	Sunday School
April 27	100	Worship & Holy Communion



Lutherans at Worship: Glossary of Lutheran Terms

Fair Linen (White linen covering entire top of altar; symbolic of the winding sheet used to bury Christ's body.)

Flagon (Pitcher-like vessel used to hold wine before pouring it into the chalice for Holy Communion.)

Font (Basin which holds water for Holy Baptism; from the Latin for "fountain.")

Fraction (Ceremonial breaking of bread for distribution in Holy Communion.)

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

Those Serving Today

Organist: Becky Lippard

Acolytes: Sam Nguyen and Noah Trexler

Altar Guild: Jan Huffman and Nikki Nguyen

Communion Assistants: Brad and Jan Huffman and Nikki Nguyen

Lay Readers: Tara Davis and Vicki Hunter

Ushers: Phil Cauble, Caylea Cline, Elbert Kluttz, and Ronald Vellines

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

Live Streaming: Pete Nguyen

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

*During the period of April 16 - April 30, 2025, the Union Lutheran Church General Fund received revenues totaling **\$12,998.43**. This revenue total includes the contributions given during the Maundy Thursday and Good Friday services. Also included in the revenue total is the balance of the Eagle Scout project, \$922.43, which was used to replace the playground mulch (included in the Eagle Scout project). During this same period, **\$(8,653.37)** were expended. The result of this two-week period is a positive revenue flow of **\$4,345.06**. For the year to date, the church is operating at a revenue deficit of **\$(9,383.21)**.*

John Knight, Treasurer, Union Lutheran Church

Union News

Sunday, May 4, 2025

The loose offering will go towards the Mission Outreach Fund.

The monthly benevolence focus is North American Lutheran Seminary.

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

During the month of May, the congregation is invited to collect items for Footprints in the Community. Please place donations beside the Choir near the pulpit.

*The **Altar Flowers** are given to the Glory of God and in honor of Adam B. Thompson on his 18th birthday (May 5) and high school graduation on 5/24/25, and in memory of my dad, Wade, on his May 13th birthday given by Sharon Leazer*

Sunday, May 4, 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

Thomas Believes Again ~ John 20:24-31; Jude 1:17-25

Jesus said, "Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side. Do not disbelieve, but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" (John 20:27)

Drew Wise Adult Sunday School Class

David's Sacrifice ~ 2 Peter 3:11-18; 1 Chronicles 21:1-22:1

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

Thomas Believes Again ~ John 20:24-31; Jude 1:17-25

10:30 a.m. Worship & Holy Communion

Acts 9:1-22; Psalm 30:1-12; Revelation 5:1-14; John 21:1-14, 15-19

Sermon: *Do you see what I see?* **Sermon Focus on Revelation & Acts scriptures**

2:00 p.m. Christian Education Umbrella

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

(Please wear clothes that can get messy!)

In May, the congregation is invited to collect items for **Footprints in the Community**. Footprints in the Community helps families of children with special needs access activities in their communities. So many of these families are unable to provide community opportunities for learning and fun for their children due to the financial constraints of raising a child with special needs.

Will you help us today? **Items needed:** 50 packs crayons **8-12** crayons per pack; 50 packs markers **8-12** markers per pack; 50 pairs child (blunt edge) scissors; 50 glue sticks; 10 rolls double

sided tape; **50** packs Fruit snacks; **50** packs goldfish; **50** Water bottles; Capri sun any flavor – **200** drinks; **150** plates; **150** Gallon Ziploc bags; **150** 2.5 gallon **XL** Ziploc bags; **150** sandwich size Ziploc bags; Food lion **gift cards**; Amazon **gift cards**; Hobby Lobby **gift cards**; and Staples **gift cards**

This Week's Schedule

Tuesday, May 6 **6:30 p.m.** James Bible Study (*Conference #1*)
Wednesday, May 7 **2:30 p.m.** Lay Ministers (*Conference #1*)
 4:00 p.m. James Bible Study (*Conference #1*)
 6:30 p.m. Belles & Beaus
 6:30 p.m. Catechism Confirmation (*Conference #1*)
 7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir
Thursday, May 8 **10:00 a.m.** Good Timers (*Old Pine Center*)
 Program: Bonnie Jones, Rufty-Holmes Senior Center
 Lunch: Lakeview Restaurant
 5:00 p.m. Mission Outreach (*Conference #1*)

Sunday, May 11, 2025

Mother's Day

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

The monthly benevolence focus is North American Lutheran Seminary.

Deadline to purchase a \$10 ticket to reserve a BBQ Chicken Fundraiser plate for Friday, May 16.

During the month of May, the congregation is invited to collect items for Footprints in the Community. Please place donations beside the Choir near the pulpit.

Recognition of Mothers and Mother figures during the worship services.

Recognition of Class of 2025 & Gerald Bame Memorial Scholarship Recipients.

*The **Altar Flowers** are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Rev. and Mrs. V. A. Frick and Franz Merrell by Franklin and Dawn Merrell.*

8:00 a.m. Worship only (*Dutch Meeting Hall*)

8:30 a.m. Mother's Day Breakfast (*Dutch Meeting Hall*)

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

Witnesses for Jesus ~ Luke 24:36-53; Ephesians 1:16-23

Sunday, May 11, 2025

Jesus said: "Repentance and the forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in [my] name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things." (Luke 24:47-48)

Drew Wise Adult Sunday School Class

Solomon Dedicates the Temple ~ 2 Chronicles 6:12, 14-27, 7:1-20

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

Witnesses for Jesus ~ Luke 24:36-53; Ephesians 1:16-23

10:30 a.m. Worship & Holy Communion

Good Shepherd Sunday

Acts 20;17-35; Psalm 23; Revelation 7:9-17; John 10:22-30

Sermon Focus on Revelation & Acts scriptures

This year the **Class of 2025** graduates will be recognized during the **10:30 a.m.** worship service on **Mother's Day, May 11**. This is a very special day in our congregation as we will recognize and give thanks to God for various members of the **Class of 2025** who are part of our church or our church's extended family during worship.

If you are or are a family member of a high school or college/tech graduate (whether or not you will be able to make it Sunday, May 11), please contact the church office with your graduate's full name, school from which they are graduating, and what the next steps are in life (enrolling in another school or degree program, headed to the workforce, or whatever may be next).

Everyone is invited to financially support Mary Hutchens' July Mission Trip to Slovakia. Please mark on your check & envelope "Mary Hutchens Trip."

If you would like to give online please click on the following link: <https://sonetwork.org/give/> and make sure to select for Mary Hutchens July Slovakia Trip. Deadline is May 15, 2025.

Updated article: WESTERN NC MISSION TRIPS

(June 2-7 and July 14-19, 2025)

Deadline for June trip information: May 25

Deadline for July trip information: July 6

We need YOUR help to minister to the people of Western NC! All that is required is to be willing to serve God's people and share His heart and hands.

For youth 16 years or younger, a parent/guardian adult must also attend.

Please share how you would like to help and indicate if you are well experienced or licensed in any of these areas: clean up, paint, construction, plumbing, electrical, other.

Registration, Commitment & Medical Insurance forms are available from the church office for those participating in one and/or both of the mission trips to Western NC.

Cost is **\$450** per person per week (includes: accommodation, meals, and some supplies for the actual mission project that NALC Disaster has assigned ULC to.)

Please make Checks payable to Union Lutheran Church.

Scholarships are available upon request.

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New: Rise Up with Jesus Vacation Bible School at ULC for all Ages

Monday, June 9-Thursday, June 12, 2025 from 6:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m.

Learn how to bake your own bread as you “Rise Up for Jesus.” A light meal will be provided. Financial support/donations are greatly appreciated.

Sign up, by contacting the church office!

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New: Mid-Week Meals

June 25th, July 9 & July 30 from 6:00 p.m.-7:30 p.m.

Everyone may learn how to plan, prepare and serve cost-effective & healthy meals. Financial support/donations are greatly appreciated.

Sign up, by contacting the church office!

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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), Cheryl Kluttz, Patsy Lyerly, Richard Lyons, Jr., Brad Trexler, Jamie Troutman, Wayne & Pam Vellines

Continual Prayer – Bill Barringer (Larry Barringer’s brother), Rev. Cathy Fanslau (NALC Pastor), Rev. Doug Hefner Family (daughter died in car accident), Tommy Lamb (Pam Vellines’ uncle), Dr. Sean Malone (Pam Vellines’ friend), Jeff Matthews (cancer patient), Adam Osborne (Vicki Hunter’s co-worker), 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

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OUR MISSION: Christ Centered ~ Mission Driven~ Traditionally-Grouped ~
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)