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5th Sunday of Easter

May 18, 2025

10:30 a.m. Worship & Holy Communion

When we find ourselves in the midst of grief, pain, and sorrow, it is almost impossible to dream of better days. We may know intellectually that things will turn around and healing will begin, but our hearts are broken and we mourn. Jesus spoke to those raw emotions as he told his followers that their sorrow would soon turn to joy. Our Lord turns mourning into dancing as he brings new life out of death.

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: *The Easter Song* (Anne Herring)

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)

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, O God, you make the minds of the faithful to be of one will. Grant that your people would love what you command and desire what you promise, that, among the manifold changes of this world, our hearts may be fixed where true joys are to be found; through your Son, Jesus Christ, 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: *When Peace Like a River*

LBW# 346

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

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

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

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

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

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Please be seated.

WORD

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

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.

Psalm 150 *The Psalm of the Day is read responsively.*

L ¹Praise the Lord! Praise God in his sanctuary; praise him in his mighty heavens!

C ²Praise him for his mighty deeds; praise him according to his excellent greatness!

L ³Praise him with trumpet sound; praise him with lute and harp!

C ⁴Praise him with tambourine and dance; praise him with strings and pipe!

L ⁵Praise him with sounding cymbals; praise him with loud clashing cymbals!
C ⁶**Let everything that has breath praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!**

New Testament Lesson: Acts 11:1-18

The first lesson is from the 11th chapter of Acts.

¹The apostles and the brothers who were throughout Judea heard that the Gentiles also had received the word of God. ²So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcision party criticized him, saying, ³“You went to uncircumcised men and ate with them.” ⁴But Peter began and explained it to them in order: ⁵“I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision, something like a great sheet descending, being let down from heaven by its four corners, and it came down to me. ⁶Looking at it closely, I observed animals and beasts of prey and reptiles and birds of the air. ⁷And I heard a voice saying to me, ‘Rise, Peter; kill and eat.’ ⁸But I said, ‘By no means, Lord; for nothing common or unclean has ever entered my mouth.’ ⁹But the voice answered a second time from heaven, ‘What God has made clean, do not call common.’ ¹⁰This happened three times, and all was drawn up again into heaven. ¹¹And behold, at that very moment three men arrived at the house in which we were, sent to me from Caesarea. ¹²And the Spirit told me to go with them, making no distinction. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man’s house. ¹³And he told us how he had seen the angel stand in his house and say, ‘Send to Joppa and bring Simon who is called Peter; ¹⁴he will declare to you a message by which you will be saved, you and all your household.’ ¹⁵As I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell on them just as on us at the beginning. ¹⁶And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he said, ‘John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.’ ¹⁷If then God gave the same gift to them as he gave to us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could stand in God’s way?” ¹⁸When they heard these things they fell silent. And they glorified God, saying, “Then to the Gentiles also God has granted repentance that leads to life.”

L This is the Word of the Lord.
C **Thanks be to God.**

New Testament Lesson: Revelation 21:1-7

The second lesson is from the 21st chapter of Revelation.

¹Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. ²And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. ³And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God. ⁴He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away.” ⁵And he who was seated on the throne said, “Behold, I am making all things new.” Also he said, “Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true.” ⁶And he said to me, “It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give from the spring of the water of life without

payment. ⁷The one who conquers will have this heritage, and I will be his God and he will be my son.”

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

The congregation is invited to stand as able.

Hymn: *At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing*

LBW# 210

- 1 At the Lamb's high feast we sing praise to our victorious king,
Who has washed us in the tide flowing from his pierced side. Alleluia!**
- 2 Praise we him, whose love divine gives his sacred blood for wine,
Gives his body for the feast Christ the victim, Christ the priest. Alleluia!**
- 3 Where the paschal blood is poured death's dread angel sheathes the sword;
Israel's hosts triumphant go through the wave that drown the foe. Alleluia!**
- 4 Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed, paschal victim, paschal bread;
With sincerity and love eat we manna from above. Alleluia!**
- 5 Mighty Victim from the sky, hell's fierce pow'rs beneath you lie;
You have conquered in the fight, you have brought us life and light. Alleluia!**
- 6 Now no more can death appall, now no more the grave enthrall;
You have opened paradise, and your saints in you shall arise. Alleluia!**
- 7 Easter triumph, Easter joy! This alone can sin destroy;
From sin's pow'r, Lord, set us free, newborn souls in you to be. Alleluia!**
- 8 Father, who the crown shall give, Savior, by whose death we live,
Spirit, guide through all our days: Three in One, your name we praise. Alleluia!**

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P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 16th chapter.

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

Holy Gospel: John 16:12-22

¹²{Jesus said to his disciples,} “I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. ¹³When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth, for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. ¹⁴He will glorify me, for he will take what is mine and declare it to you. ¹⁵All that the Father has is mine; therefore I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you. ¹⁶A little while, and you will see me no longer; and again a little while, and you will see me.”
¹⁷So some of his disciples said to one another, “What is this that he says to us, ‘A little while, and you will not see me, and again a little while, and you will see me’; and, ‘because I am going

to the Father'?"¹⁸ So they were saying, "What does he mean by 'a little while'? We do not know what he is talking about."¹⁹ Jesus knew that they wanted to ask him, so he said to them, "Is this what you are asking yourselves, what I meant by saying, 'A little while and you will not see me, and again a little while and you will see me'?"²⁰ Truly, truly, I say to you, you will weep and lament, but the world will rejoice. You will be sorrowful, but your sorrow will turn into joy.²¹ When a woman is giving birth, she has sorrow because her hour has come, but when she has delivered the baby, she no longer remembers the anguish, for joy that a human being has been born into the world.²² So also you have sorrow now, but I will see you again, and your hearts will rejoice, and no one will take your joy from you."

P The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Please be seated.

Sermon: *God's fixin' to do something new*

Pastor Heidi Punt

Sermon Focus on Revelation & Acts scriptures

Offering (Malachi 3:10)

Please remain seated.

The Offering is received while the Anthem is sung and the Lord's Table is prepared.

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

The monthly benevolence will go towards North American Lutheran Seminary.

Anthem: *Hallelujah*

Chancel Choir

The congregation is invited to sing the refrain with the choir following each stanza.

1 A crown of thorns placed on His head He knew that He would soon be dead
He said, "Did you forget me, Father did you?" They nailed Him to a wooden cross
Soon all the world would feel the loss Of Christ the King before His Hallelujah

Refrain

C **Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah**

2 He hung His head and prepared to die Then lifted His face up to the sky
Said, "I am coming home now Father, to you" A reed which held His final sip
Was gently lifted to his lips He drank His last and gave His soul to glory *Refrain*

3 The soldier who had used his sword To pierce the body of our Lord
Said, "Truly, this was Jesus Christ our Savior" He looked with fear upon his sword
Then turned to face his Christ and Lord Fell to his knees crying Hallelujah *Refrain*

4 Took from his head the thorny crown And wrapped him in a linen gown
Then laid him down to rest inside the tomb The holes in his hands, his feet and side
Now in our hearts we know he died To save us from ourselves, oh Hallelujah *Refrain*

5 Three days went by, again they came To move the stone, to bless the slain
With oil and spice anointing Hallelujah But as they went to move the stone
They saw that they were not alone For Jesus Christ has risen, Hallelujah

**C Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah
Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah**

Text: Kelley Mooney
Tune: Leonard Cohen
Arranged by: James F. Rickley

Please remain seated.

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

LBW p. 67

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 congregation is invited to stand as able.

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. 65

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you.

MEAL

God invites us to His table.

Please remain standing as able.

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:

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*)

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.

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 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: *Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing*

LBW# 559

1 **Oh, for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer's praise,
The glories of my God and King, the triumphs of his grace!**

2 **My gracious Master and my God, assist me to proclaim,
To spread through all the earth abroad the honors of your name.**

3 **The name of Jesus charms our fears and bids our sorrows cease,
Sings music in the sinner's ears, brings life and health and peace.**

4 **He breaks the pow'r of canceled sin; He sets the pris'ner free.
His blood can make the foulest clean; His blood avails for me.**

5 **To God all glory, praise, and love be now and ever giv'n
By saints below and saints above, the Church in earth and heav'n.**

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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: *Bind Us Together* (Bob Gillman)

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Attendance Update

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Lutherans at Worship: Glossary of Lutheran Terms

Great Thanksgiving (The section of the Holy Communion liturgy which includes the Preface Dialogue, Preface, Sanctus, Prayer of Thanksgiving, and the Lord's Prayer.)

Green (Liturgical color for the seasons after Epiphany and Pentecost; symbolizes growth.)

Greeting (see Apostolic Greeting)

Holy Baptism (The sacrament of entrance into the church.)

Holy Communion (The sacrament of eating and drinking the Lord's Supper; also called the Eucharist.)

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

Those Serving Today

Pianist: Genevieve Baker

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

Union News

During the period of May 1-May 15, 2025, the Union Lutheran Church General Fund received revenues totaling **\$13,692.07**. This revenue total includes a NC Dept. of Revenue Sales Tax Refund in the amount of **\$1,488.07**, for the period of July 01, 2024-December 31, 2024. Additionally, **\$2,598** was received from the Union Lutheran Cemetery Fund for January, February and March maintenance. During this same period, **\$(14,491.47)** was expended. In addition to regular operating expenses, **\$(1,347.90)** was expended for the repair of the kitchen's convection oven. The result of this two-week period is a negative revenue flow of **\$(799.40)**. For the year to date, the church is operating at a revenue deficit of **\$(13,942.97)**.

John Knight, Treasurer, Union Lutheran Church

Sunday, May 18, 2025

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

The monthly benevolence focus is North American Lutheran Seminary.

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 all those with May birthdays, most especially, Faye Kesler, by Linda Kesler.

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

Choosing a New Apostle ~ Acts 1:12-26; 1 Peter 5:1-4

They prayed and said, "You, Lord, who know the hearts of all, show which one of these two you have chosen to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside..."

(Acts 1:24-25)

9:30 a.m. Adult Sunday School

Rabbit Hole Adult Sunday School Class

Choosing a New Apostle ~ Acts 1:12-26; 1 Peter 5:1-4

Drew Wise Adult Sunday School Class

Worship is Restored ~ Colossians 3:12-17; Ezra 3:1-13

10:30 a.m. Worship & Holy Communion

Acts 11:1-18; Psalm 150; Revelation 21:1-7; John 16:12-22

Sermon: *God's fixin' to do something new* **Sermon Focus on Revelation & Acts scriptures**

2:00 p.m. Church Council

This Week's Schedule

Tuesday, May 20

6:30 p.m. James Bible Study

Wednesday, May 21

4:00 p.m. James Bible Study

6:30 p.m. Belles & Beaus

Wednesday, May 21

6:30 p.m. Catechism Confirmation

7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir

Sunday, May 25, 2025

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

The monthly benevolence focus is North American Lutheran Seminary.

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 have been reserved by Debbie Rinehart for May 25.

Deadline of June Messenger articles.

Deadline to turn in information for the June Western NC Trip.

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

The Spirit Comes at Pentecost ~ Acts 2:1-21; 2 Corinthians 4:1-5, 13-15

Divided tongues as of fire appeared to them and rested on each one of them. (Acts 2:3)

9:30 a.m. Adult Sunday School

Rabbit Hole Adult Sunday School Class

The Spirit Comes at Pentecost ~ Acts 2:1-21; 2 Corinthians 4:1-5, 13-15

Drew Wise Adult Sunday School Class

A Covenant Renewal ~ Jeremiah 31:27-34; Nehemiah 8:1-10:39

10:30 a.m. Worship & Holy Communion

Acts 16:9-15; Psalm 67; Revelation 21:9-14, 21-27; John 16:23-33

Sermon Focus on Revelation & Acts scriptures

4:00 p.m. Luther League

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**

Join us this Memorial Day, Monday, May 26, 2025, as we honor the courage, sacrifice, and enduring legacy of the men and women who gave their lives in service to their country. We invite you to join us in this day of reflection and gratitude by visiting Union Lutheran Church's Cemetery.

The Church Office will be closed Monday, May 26, in observance of Memorial Day.

Tuesday, May 27 **6:30 p.m.** Ascension Service (*Dunn's Mountain Park, 1740 Dunns Mountain Rd, Salisbury, NC 28146*)

Wednesday, May 28 **2:00 p.m.** Chapel Time at Autumn Care

4:00 p.m. Ascension Service (*Dunn's Mountain Park, 1740 Dunns Mountain Rd, Salisbury, NC 28146*)

6:30 p.m. Belles & Beaus

7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir

Catechism Confirmation will resume in September.

Thursday, May 29 **New: 6:30 p.m.** Property, Cemetery & Columbarium

Friday, May 30 June Messenger & Handouts printed

Sunday, June 1, 2025

The loose offering will go towards the Mission Outreach Fund.

The monthly benevolence focus is Lutheran Military Veterans & Families Ministries.

During the month of June, the congregation is invited to collect items for school backpacks.

Recognition of 2024-2025 Sunday School Program.

Commissioning of June Western NC Mission Trip members.

The Altar Flowers are open for reservations. *During the summer months, the option is available for the reservation of only one altar flower arrangement.*

*Union Lutheran Church is excited to announce a **Summer Sunday School** for our **children & youth** in the **small fellowship hall** beginning on **Sunday, June 1, at 9:30 a.m.** Come and learn more about Jesus! Friends are welcome to attend!*

Peter Boldly Speaks of Jesus ~ Acts 4:1-22; 1 Peter 2:4-6

Peter declared to the religious leaders: "This Jesus is the stone that was rejected by you, the builders, which has become the cornerstone. And there is salvation in no one else..."

(Acts 4:11-12a)

9:30 a.m. Adult Sunday School

Rabbit Hole Adult Sunday School Class

Peter Boldly Speaks of Jesus ~ Acts 4:1-22; 1 Peter 2:4-6

Sunday, June 1, 2025

9:30 a.m. Adult Sunday School

Drew Wise Adult Sunday School Class

The Offerings of Cain and Abel ~ Genesis 4:1-25; Luke 20:45-21:4

10:30 a.m. Worship & Holy Communion

Acts 1:12-26; Psalm 133; Revelation 22:1-6; John 17:20-26

Sermon Focus on Revelation & Acts scriptures

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

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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.) ULC members can receive scholarships.

Please make checks payable to Union Lutheran Church.

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Union Lutheran Church invites everyone (members and community of all ages)

to a FREE *Rise Up with Jesus* **Vacation Bible School (VBS)**.

Dates: Monday, June 9-Thursday, June 12, 2025

Time: 6:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m.

A light meal will be provided.

Join us for *Rise Up for Jesus*, a fun-filled four days of Bible stories, games, crafts, and more! You’ll have the opportunity to bake your own bread as you “*Rise Up for Jesus*.”

How can you volunteer and/or participate? Contact the church office 704.636.5092 or office@ulcsalisbury.org.

We welcome donation supplies. These gifts are greatly appreciated.

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Union Lutheran Church is sponsoring

a FREE **Mid-Week Meal Chefs** for everyone (members and community of all ages).

Dates: June 25th, July 9 & July 30

Time: 6:00 p.m.-7:30 p.m.

Do you know how to plan, purchase ingredients on a budget, prepare, and store meals?

If not or feeling a bit rusty, everyone (members and community of all ages) will be given the opportunity to learn how to plan, prepare, serve cost-effective & healthy meals, and properly store.

We welcome and are in need of financial support. These financial gifts are greatly appreciated and will allow us to make this event free for the participants.

To participate, sign up is requested by contacting the church office!

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Mark your Calendars Now...*Sign Up coming soon!*

Day Camp 2025

“See Ewe at Day Camp. Have a Wild and Wooly Time!”

Dates: July 6-July 11, 2025

Participants: 5 years old thru rising 5th graders

Location: Organ Lutheran Church, 1515 Organ Church Rd, Salisbury, NC 28146

Orientation begins **Sunday, July 6**, at **4:00 p.m.** with campers and parents meeting the volunteers and pastors, enjoy a meal together and learn about the upcoming week.

Day Camp runs from **8:30 a.m.- 12:30 p.m.** Monday, July 7-Thursday, July 10.

On **Friday, July 11**, Day Camp begins at **8:30 a.m.** with a **closing program** at **noon** for family and friends!

Campers will participate in interactive singing, crafts, engaging Bible study, games and much more!

Cost is **\$50** per camper with a **maximum registration** of **\$100** per family. Scholarships are available.

Please make checks payable to: Organ Lutheran Church

Needed: Volunteers and Participants!!

To continue in offering a safe environment for our children, Volunteers will need a background check. The church office will facilitate this.

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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 – Rev. Randall Cauble (ICU), Cheryl Kluttz, Patsy Lyerly, Richard Lyons, Jr., Brad Trexler, Wayne & Pam Vellines

Continual Prayer – Bill Barringer (Larry Barringer’s brother), Ashley Burleson (Lanny and Connie Burleson, former members, daughter), 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: Lela and Tyler Brooks, and Christian martyrs and persecution in the Congo

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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

