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6th Sunday of Easter

May 25, 2025

10:30 a.m. Worship & Holy Communion

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*The blessings of God are there for the taking; we need only ask in faith for his providence and care. Even when things don't go the way we think they ought, the Lord never leaves us. Jesus informed his followers that they have direct access to the Father and if they need anything they should ask for it in his name. It will be granted, he assured them (and us), because the Father loves him, and he loves us.*

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*

Welcome & Announcements

Prelude: *Open Now the Gates of Beauty* (Cherwein)

*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: *My Life Flows On in Endless Song*

WOV# 781

1 **My life flows on in endless song; above earth's lamentation,  
I catch the sweet, though far off hymn that hails a new creation.**

*Refrain*

**No storm can shake my inmost calm while to that Rock I'm clinging.  
Since Christ is Lord of heaven and earth, how can I keep from singing?**

2 **Through all the tumult and the strife, I hear that music ringing.  
It finds an echo in my soul. How can I keep from singing?** *Refrain*

3 **What though my joys and comforts die? The Lord my Savior liveth.  
What though the darkness gather round? Songs in the night he giveth.** *Refrain*

4 **The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart, a fountain ever springing!  
All things are mine since I am his! How can I keep from singing?** *Refrain*

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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.*

Kyrie (Mark 10:47; Romans 1:7)

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, all good things can come from you alone; generously consider then our humble prayers. Inspire us to consider what is true, and direct us to accomplish what is right; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. 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 16:1-18

The first lesson is written from the 16th chapter of Acts.

<sup>1</sup>Paul came to Derbe and then to Lystra, where a disciple named Timothy lived, whose mother was Jewish and a believer but whose father was a Greek. <sup>2</sup>The believers at Lystra and Iconium spoke well of him. <sup>3</sup>Paul wanted to take him along on the journey, so he circumcised him because of the Jews who lived in that area, for they all knew that his father was a Greek. <sup>4</sup>As they traveled from town to town, they delivered the decisions reached by the apostles and elders in Jerusalem for the people to obey. <sup>5</sup>So the churches were strengthened in the faith and grew daily in numbers. <sup>6</sup>Paul and his companions traveled throughout the region of Phrygia and Galatia, having been kept by the Holy Spirit from preaching the word in the province of Asia. <sup>7</sup>When they came to the border of Mysia, they tried to enter Bithynia, but the Spirit of Jesus would not allow them to. <sup>8</sup>So they passed by Mysia and went down to Troas. <sup>9</sup>During the night Paul had a vision of a man of Macedonia standing and begging him, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." <sup>10</sup>After Paul had seen the vision, we got ready at once to leave for Macedonia, concluding that God had called us

to preach the gospel to them. <sup>11</sup>From Troas we put out to sea and sailed straight for Samothrace, and the next day we went on to Neapolis. <sup>12</sup>From there we traveled to Philippi, a Roman colony and the leading city of that district of Macedonia. And we stayed there several days. <sup>13</sup>On the Sabbath we went outside the city gate to the river, where we expected to find a place of prayer. We sat down and began to speak to the women who had gathered there. <sup>14</sup>One of those listening was a woman from the city of Thyatira named Lydia, a dealer in purple cloth. She was a worshiper of God. The Lord opened her heart to respond to Paul's message. <sup>15</sup>When she and the members of her household were baptized, she invited us to her home. "If you consider me a believer in the Lord," she said, "come and stay at my house." And she persuaded us. <sup>16</sup>Once when we were going to the place of prayer, we were met by a female slave who had a spirit by which she predicted the future. She earned a great deal of money for her owners by fortune-telling. <sup>17</sup>She followed Paul and the rest of us, shouting, "These men are servants of the Most High God, who are telling you the way to be saved." <sup>18</sup>She kept this up for many days. Finally Paul became so annoyed that he turned around and said to the spirit, "In the name of Jesus Christ I command you to come out of her!" At that moment the spirit left her.

L Here ends the reading.

Psalm 67 *The Psalm of the Day is sung in unison.*

C <sup>1</sup>May God be merciful to | us and bless us,\*  
show us the light of his countenance and | come to us.  
<sup>2</sup>Let your ways be known | upon earth,\*  
your saving health a- | mong all nations.  
<sup>3</sup>Let the peoples praise | you, O God;\*  
let all the | peoples praise you.  
<sup>4</sup>Let the nations be glad and | sing for joy,\*  
for you judge the peoples with equity and guide all the nations | upon earth.  
<sup>5</sup>Let the peoples praise | you, O God;\*  
let all the | peoples praise you.  
<sup>6</sup>The earth has brought | forth her increase;\*  
may God, our own God, give | us his blessing.  
<sup>7</sup>May God give | us his blessing,\*  
and may all the ends of the earth stand in | awe of him.

New Testament Lesson: Revelation 21:9-14, 21-27

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

<sup>9</sup>Then came one of the seven angels who had the seven bowls full of the seven last plagues and spoke to me, saying, "Come, I will show you the Bride, the wife of the Lamb." <sup>10</sup>And he carried me away in the Spirit to a great, high mountain, and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God, <sup>11</sup>having the glory of God, its radiance like a most rare jewel, like a jasper, clear as crystal. <sup>12</sup>It had a great, high wall, with twelve gates, and at the gates twelve

angels, and on the gates the names of the twelve tribes of the sons of Israel were inscribed —<sup>13</sup> on the east three gates, on the north three gates, on the south three gates, and on the west three gates.<sup>14</sup> And the wall of the city had twelve foundations, and on them were the twelve names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb.<sup>21</sup> And the twelve gates were twelve pearls, each of the gates made of a single pearl, and the street of the city was pure gold, like transparent glass.<sup>22</sup> And I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb.<sup>23</sup> And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gives it light, and its lamp is the Lamb.<sup>24</sup> By its light will the nations walk, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it,<sup>25</sup> and its gates will never be shut by day — and there will be no night there.<sup>26</sup> They will bring into it the glory and the honor of the nations.<sup>27</sup> But nothing unclean will ever enter it, nor anyone who does what is detestable or false, but only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life.

L Here ends the reading.

*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 16th chapter.

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

Holy Gospel: John 16:23-33

<sup>23</sup>{Jesus said to his disciples,} “In that day you will ask nothing of me. Truly, truly, I say to you, whatever you ask of the Father in my name, he will give it to you.<sup>24</sup> Until now you have asked nothing in my name. Ask, and you will receive, that your joy may be full.<sup>25</sup> I have said these things to you in figures of speech. The hour is coming when I will no longer speak to you in figures of speech but will tell you plainly about the Father.<sup>26</sup> In that day you will ask in my name, and I do not say to you that I will ask the Father on your behalf;<sup>27</sup> for the Father himself loves you, because you have loved me and have believed that I came from God.<sup>28</sup> I came from the Father and have come into the world, and now I am leaving the world and going to the Father.”<sup>29</sup> His disciples said, “Ah, now you are speaking plainly and not using figurative speech!<sup>30</sup> Now we know that you know all things and do not need anyone to question you; this is why we believe that you came from God.”<sup>31</sup> Jesus answered them, “Do you now believe?<sup>32</sup> Behold, the hour is coming, indeed it has come, when you will be scattered, each to his own home, and will leave me alone. Yet I am not alone, for the Father is with me.<sup>33</sup> I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world.”

P The Gospel of the Lord.

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

*Please be seated.*

*The congregation is invited to stand as able.*

Hymn of the Day: *Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty*

LBW# 250

- 1 **Open now thy gates of beauty, Zion, let me enter there,  
Where my soul in joyful duty waits for God who answers prayer.  
Oh, how blessed is this place, filled with solace, light, and grace!**
- 2 **Gracious God, I come before thee, come thou also unto me;  
Where we find thee and adore thee, there a heav'n on earth must be.  
To my heart, oh, enter thou, let it be thy temple now!**
- 3 **Here thy praise is gladly changed, here thy seed is duly sown;  
Let my soul, where it is planted, bring forth precious sheaves alone,  
So that all I hear may be fruitful unto life in me.**
- 4 **Thou my faith increase and quicken, let me keep thy gift divine;  
Howsoe'er temptations thicken, may thy Word still o'er me shine  
As my guiding star through life, as my comfort in all strife.**
- 5 **Speak, O God, and I will hear thee, let thy will be done indeed;  
May I undisturbed draw near thee while thou dost thy people feed.  
Here of life the fountain flows; here is balm for all our woes.**

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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 Youth Missions/Retreats Fund.*

*The monthly benevolence focus is North American Lutheran Seminary.*

Anthem: *All Good Gifts* (Natalie Sleeth)

Chancel Choir

## **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 Canticle (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.*

Blessing of Micah Nguyen

P Lord, we pray that you would send your Spirit of encouragement to Micah Nguyen as he serves you as a Solid Rock Day Camp Leader this summer. May he walk in a manner worthy of the calling with which he has been called; lead with humility and gentleness, with patience, show your love to those placed in his care. May he be diligent and faithful to your holy Word. Bless him in the name of our Triune God; Father, Son ✠ and Holy Spirit.

C **Amen**

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: *What a Friend We Have in Jesus*

LBW# 439

1 **What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear!**

**What a privilege to carry ev'rything to God in prayer!**

**Oh, what peace we often forfeit; oh, what needless pain we bear-**

**All because we not carry ev'rything to God in prayer!**

2 **Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere?**

**We should never be discouraged-take it to the Lord in prayer.**

**Can we find a friend so faithful who will all our sorrows share!**

**Jesus knows our ev'ry weakness-take it to the Lord in prayer.**

**3 Are we weak and heavy laden, cumbered with a load of care?  
Precious Savior, still our refuge-take it to the Lord in prayer.  
Do your friends despise, forsake you? Take it to the Lord in prayer.  
In his arms he'll take and shield you; you will find a solace there.**

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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: *Open Now the Gates of Beauty* (Beals)

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### **Attendance Update**

May 18	42	Sunday School
May 18	121	Worship & Holy Communion



### **Lutherans at Worship: Glossary of Lutheran Terms**

*Holy Trinity* (The first Sunday after Pentecost, which celebrates the mystery of the Trinity.)

*Holy Week* (The week before Easter, beginning with the Sunday of the Passion (Palm Sunday) in which the events of the last week of Christ's life are remembered (including his entrance into Jerusalem, Last Supper, betrayal, crucifixion, and death.)

*Hymn* (A metrical song praising God, sung by the congregation.)

*Hymn of Praise* (Canticle sung in the ante-communion; may be "Glory to God" or "Worthy is Christ" or another appropriate hymn.)

(Lutherans at Worship by S. Anita Stauffer, Gilbert A. Doan, and Michael B. Aune page 93)

*Join us this Memorial Day, Monday, May 26, 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.*

## Those Serving Today

**Organist:** Dawn Merrell

**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

### Sunday, May 25, 2025

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

The monthly benevolence focus is North American Lutheran Seminary.

***Deadline** for collecting items for Footprints in the Community is **today**. Follow the green footprints to place donations beside the Choir near the pulpit.*

The **ALTAR FLOWERS** are given to the glory of God, in memory of my brother, SST SERGEANT CARL WAYNE THOMSPON, who lost his life during his second tour of duty in the Vietnam War. Carl Wayne as we called him, was a true Patriot who believed in God and America and gave the ultimate sacrifice. On this Memorial Day weekend, let us not forget to remember all the men and women of our Armed Forces who dedicated and gave their lives protecting our freedoms from Debbie Rinehart.

***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

**Sunday, May 25, 2025**

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

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

Sermon: *Saving, Guiding, Empowering* ~ *Sermon Focus on Revelation & Acts scriptures*

**New: 3:00 p.m.** Union Youth

Additionally **Union Youth** will meet at 3:00 p.m.: Tuesday, June 3, Sundays, June 8 & 22

**New: 3:30 p.m.** Luther League (*Union Youth will leave from ULC to Jocko's Mini Golf in Kannapolis.*)

**This Week's Schedule**

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

Tuesday, May 27

**4:30 p.m.** Haiti Pastors Bible Study online

**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*)

*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 months of June and July, the congregation is invited to collect school supplies for children and youth. School supplies will go towards Rowan County children in need. Please place donations beside the Choir near the pulpit.*

Recognition of 2024-2025 Sunday School Program Volunteers.

*Commissioning of June Western NC Mission Trip members.*

The Altar Flowers have been reserved for June 1.

**9:30 a.m.** Summer Sunday School for Children & Youth (*Old Pine Center*)

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

**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

*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)*

**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 (5<sup>th</sup> 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 has been covered for Union Church Family** per person per week (Cost includes: accommodation, meals, and some supplies for the actual mission project that NALC Disaster has assigned ULC to.)

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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 25, July 9 & 30 and August 6

**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 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 5<sup>th</sup> 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 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

