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7th Sunday of Easter

June 1, 2025

10:30 a.m. Worship & Holy Communion

Jesus didn't come to earth as a human being to divide people, one from another. His self-emptying sacrifice on the cross was the antidote to sin and death. As Jesus prepared for the cross of his death, he prayed for the well-being and future unity of his followers. In the New Jerusalem that will exist when he comes again, the picture of togetherness will be signified by a glorious vision of perfection.

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

Recognition of 2024-2025 Sunday School Volunteers

Prelude: *In the Presence of Jehovah*

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: *Here in This Place*

WOV# 718

- 1 **Here in this place new light is streaming, now is the darkness vanished away;
See in this space our fears and our dreamings
Brought here to you in the light of this day.
Gather in us, the lost and forsaken, gather us in, the blind and the lame;
Call to us now, and we shall awaken, we shall arise at the sound of our name.**
- 2 **We are the young, our lives are a myst'ry, we are the old who yearn for your face;
We have been sung throughout all of hist'ry,
Called to be light to the whole human race. Gather us in, the rich and the haughty,
Gather us in, the proud and the strong; give us a heart, so meek and so lowly,
Give us the courage to enter the song.**
- 3 **Here we will take the wine and the water, here we will take the bread of new birth,
Here you shall call your sons and your daughters,
Call us anew to be salt for the earth. Give us to drink the wine of compassion,
Give us to eat the bread that is you; nourish us well, and teach us to fashion
Lives that are holy and hearts that are true.**
- 4 **Not in the dark of buildings confining, not in some heaven, light years away
Here in this place the new light is shining, now is the kingdom, and now is the day.
Gather us in and hold us forever, gather us in and make us your own;
Gather us in, all peoples together, fire of love in our flesh and our bone.**

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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 be 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 King of Glory and Lord of countless angels, in triumph you ascended to the highest heaven. Abandon us not to be orphans, but keep your Father's promise to send your Spirit of truth. You live and reign with the Father 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 1:12-26

The first lesson is written from the 1st chapter of Acts.

¹²Then {the apostles whom Jesus had chosen} returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day's journey away. ¹³And when they had entered, they went up to the upper room, where they were staying, Peter and John and James and Andrew,

Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James the son of Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot and Judas the son of James. ¹⁴All these with one accord were devoting themselves to prayer, together with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and his brothers. ¹⁵In those days Peter stood up among the brothers (the company of persons was in all about 120) and said, ¹⁶“Brothers, the Scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit spoke beforehand by the mouth of David concerning Judas, who became a guide to those who arrested Jesus. ¹⁷For he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry.” ¹⁸(Now this man acquired a field with the reward of his wickedness, and falling headlong he burst open in the middle and all his bowels gushed out. ¹⁹And it became known to all the inhabitants of Jerusalem, so that the field was called in their own language Akeldama, that is, Field of Blood.) ²⁰“For it is written in the Book of Psalms, ‘May his camp become desolate, and let there be no one to dwell in it’; and ‘Let another take his office.’” ²¹So one of the men who have accompanied us during all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, ²²beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us — one of these men must become with us a witness to his resurrection.” ²³And they put forward two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also called Justus, and Matthias. ²⁴And they prayed and said, “You, Lord, who know the hearts of all, show which one of these two you have chosen ²⁵to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place.” ²⁶And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias, and he was numbered with the eleven apostles.

L Here ends the reading.

Psalm 133**The Psalm of the Day is spoken in unison.*

C ¹**Behold, how good and pleasant it is when brothers dwell in unity!**
²**It is like the precious oil on the head, running down on the beard, on the beard of Aaron, running down on the collar of his robes!**
³**It is like the dew of Hermon, which falls on the mountains of Zion! For there the Lord has commanded the blessing, life forevermore.**

**The Book of Common Prayer verse numbers for this psalm are different from the numbering in the ESV.*

New Testament Lesson: Revelation 22:1-6

The second lesson is written from the 22nd chapter of Revelation.

¹Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb ²through the middle of the street of the city; also, on either side of the river, the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, yielding its fruit each month. The leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations. ³No longer will there be anything accursed, but the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him. ⁴They will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. ⁵And night will be no more. They will need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever. ⁶And he said to me, “These words are trustworthy and true. And the Lord, the God of the spirits of the prophets, has sent his angel to show his servants what must soon take place.”

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 17th chapter.

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

Holy Gospel: John 17:20-26

²⁰{Jesus said,} “I do not ask for these only, but also for those who will believe in me through their word, ²¹that they may all be one, just as you, Father, are in me, and I in you, that they also may be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. ²²The glory that you have given me I have given to them, that they may be one even as we are one, ²³I in them and you in me, that they may become perfectly one, so that the world may know that you sent me and loved them even as you loved me. ²⁴Father, I desire that they also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory that you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world. ²⁵O righteous Father, even though the world does not know you, I know you, and these know that you have sent me. ²⁶I made known to them your name, and I will continue to make it known, that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them.”

P The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Please be seated.

Sermon

Pastor Heidi Punt

Sermon Focus on Revelation & Acts scriptures

The congregation is invited to stand as able.

Hymn of the Day: *Shall We Gather at the River*

WOV# 690

1 **Shall we gather at the river, where bright angel feet have trod.**

With its crystal tide forever flowing by the throne of God? *Refrain*

Refrain **Yes, we'll gather at the river, the beautiful, the beautiful river;
Gather with the saints at the river that flows by the throne of God.**

2 **On the margin of the river, washing up its silver spray.**

We will walk and worship ever, all the happy golden day. *Refrain*

3 **Ere we reach the shining river, lay we ev'ry burden down;**

Grace our spirits will deliver, and provide a robe and crown. *Refrain*

4 **Soon we'll reach the shining river, soon our pilgrimage will cease;**

Soon our happy hearts will quiver with the melody of peace. *Refrain*

Text: Robert Lowry, 1826-1899 Tune: Robert Lowry, 1826-1899

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 Lutheran Military Veterans & Families Ministries.

Organ Offertory: *Holy Spirit*

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.

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

Commissioning of June Western NC Mission Trip Team

Hymn: *Lift Every Voice and Sing*

LBW# 562

- 1** Lift ev'ry voice and sing till earth and heaven ring,
Ring with the harmonies of liberty. Let our rejoicing rise
High as the list'ning skies; let it resound loud as the rolling sea.
Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us;
Sing a song full of the hope that the present has brought us;
Facing the rising sun of our new day begun, let us march on, till victory is won.
- 2** Stony the road we trod, bitter the chast'ning rod,
Felt in the days when hope unborn had died; yet, with a steady beat,
Have not our weary feet come to the place for which parents sighed?
We have come over a way that with tears has been watered;
We have come, treading our path through the blood of the slaughtered,
Out from the gloomy past, till now we stand at last
Where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.
- 3** God of our weary years, God of our silent tears,
Thou who has brought us thus far on the way; thou who hast by thy might
Led us into the light: keep us forever in the path, we pray.
Lest our feet stray from the places, our God, where we met thee;
Lest, our hearts drunk with the wine of the world, we forget thee;
Shadowed beneath thy hand may we forever stand, true to our God,
True to our native land.

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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: *Psalms 56*

Lutheran Book of Worship Setting 1 pages 56-76

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Attendance Update

May 25	35	Sunday School
May 25	104	Worship & Holy Communion
May 27	14	Ascension Service
May 28	13	Ascension Service



Lutherans at Worship: Glossary of Lutheran Terms

Hymn of the Day (Chief hymn in the Holy Communion service.)

Immersion (Method of Baptism in which the candidate is immersed in water.)

Incense (Mixture of resins for ceremonial burning; symbolizes human prayer rising to God.)

Kyrie (Portion of the ante-communion liturgy in which the congregation sings “Lord have mercy; Christ have mercy; Lord have mercy;” from the Greek for “Lord.”)

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

Those Serving Today

Organist: Becky Lippard

Acolytes: Scott and Jennifer Curlee

Altar Guild, Communion Assistants, and Lay Readers: Scott and Jennifer Curlee and Cathy Kluttz Painter

Communion Assistant: Janice Goodman

Ushers: Phil Cauble, Frank Merrell, Bailey Wilhelm, and Lucas Wilhelm

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

Live Streaming: Pete Nguyen

Offering Counters: Tara Davis, Cathy Kluttz Painter, and Ronald Vellines

June VBS Programs of Area Churches

Everyone is invited!

June 8–12, Organ Lutheran Church, Salisbury: *True North—Trusting Jesus in a Wild World*. Meal served at 5:30pm in the Fellowship Hall and VBS is from 6-8pm starting in the sanctuary.

June 20–22, St. Paul’s Lutheran Church, Salisbury: *Mary, Martha, and Many Faithful Women*. Friday, 5:30–8; Saturday, 9:30am–3pm with lunch; Sunday, 10:30am–3pm and ice cream social from 3–4.

June 24–26, 9–11:30am, Salem Lutheran Church, Salisbury: *“Road Trip” on the road with God*.

Union News

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.

Thank you to the 2024-2025 Sunday School Program Volunteers who will be recognized during worship: Genevieve Baker, Elaine Bowles, Judy Boyd, Lucinda Fraley, Jan Huffman (Co-Director), Felisaty Hunt, Vicki Hunter, Elbert Kluttz, Susan Knight, Deena Lanning, Janie Lesley, Frank Merrell, Dwight Miller, Dusty and Lisa Morgan, Sonya Mulkey (Co-Director), Cathy Kluttz Painther, Pete Nguyen, and Pastor Heidi Punt

Thank you to the June 2-7 Western NC Mission Trip Team (Lucinda Fraley, Kenny Jones, Pastor Heidi Punt, Adam Thompson, Janie Vellines, Bailey Wilhelm, Ethan Wilhelm and Lucas Wilhelm) for sharing God's hands and feet with those in need!

At the end of the worship service, the Team will be commissioned.

The **Altar Flowers** are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of William and Doris Page.

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

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

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)

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) Program: *What a Mess*
(Please wear clothes that can get messy!)

Union Youth will meet Tuesday, June 3, at 3:00 p.m. to prepare to lead worship on Sunday, June 29.

Sunday, June 8, 2025

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

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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.

Sharon Leazer has reserved the **Altar Flower** by the baptismal font on Sunday, June 8.

9:30 a.m. Summer Sunday School for Children & Youth (*Old Pine Center*)
Barnabas Gives, Ananias Lies ~ Acts 4:32-5:11; 2 Corinthians 9:6-15

9:30 a.m. Adult Sunday School

Rabbit Hole Adult Sunday School Class

Barnabas Gives, Ananias Lies ~ Acts 4:32-5:11; 2 Corinthians 9:6-15 *They laid it at the disciples feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.* (Acts 4:35)

Drew Wise Adult Sunday School Class

Noah Builds and Altar ~ Genesis 6:1-9:17; Psalm 77:1-2, 7-19

10:30 a.m. Worship & Holy Communion

Day of Pentecost ~ Genesis 11:1-9; Psalm 143; Acts 2:1-21; John 14:23-31

2:00 p.m. Church Council

3:00 p.m. Union Youth

4:00 p.m. An Introduction to Suicide Prevention at Holy Trinity, Troutman
(15 years old and older are invited)

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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-Thursdays, 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.

*All women are invited to the **Mary & Martha Circle** on **Tuesday, June 10, at 2:00 p.m.***

Good Timers will meet at **Lakeview Restaurant** at **11:00 a.m.** on **Thursday, June 12.** All are invited to eat and fellowship!

Holy Trinity Sunday, June 15, 2025

Father's Day

The congregation is invited to a brief **Constitutional Forum** on proposed changes to Union's Constitution & By-Laws **during Sunday School at 9:30 a.m.** in the large fellowship hall. **Copies of the Constitution, By-Laws, and Continuing Resolutions are included in the June Messenger Handouts and from the church office.**

The loose offering will go towards the Building & Repair 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 Fathers and Father Figures during both worship services.

Nikki Nguyen has reserved the **Altar Flower** by the baptismal font for Sunday, June 15.

Pastor Heidi Punt's is on a Mission Trip to Guatemala (Sunday, June 15-Saturday, June 21.)

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

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

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

Simon Tries to Buy the Holy Spirit ~ Acts 8:9-25; Hebrews 3:7-14

Peter said to Simon: "May your silver perish with you, because you thought you could obtain the gift of God with money!" (Acts 8:18-19)

The congregation is invited to a brief **Constitutional Forum** on proposed changes to Union's Constitution & By-Laws **during Sunday School at 9:30 a.m.** in the large fellowship hall. **Copies of the Constitution, By-Laws, and Continuing Resolutions are included in the June Messenger Handouts and from the church office.**

10:30 a.m. Worship & Holy Communion

Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31; Psalm 8; Acts 2:14a, 22-36; John 8:48-59

Pastor Don Safrit, Guest Pastor

Genevieve Baker, ULC Staff Support, will be out of the office from Thursday, June 19-Monday, June 23. The church office will be open while she is out.

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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*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.*

School Kit for Elementary: 1 backpack or duffle bag, 4 notebooks, 4 pocket folders, 1 blunt scissors, 1 ruler, 1 pencil sharpener, 4 pencils (#2), 2 pens, 1 eraser, and 1 box of crayons, colored pencils or markers.

School Kit for Middle & High School: 1 backpack or duffle bag, 4 notebooks, 4 pocket folders, 4 pencils (#2), 1 pencil sharpener, 1 eraser, or 4 mechanical pencils and 4 pens.

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

Day Camp 2025

“See Ewe at Day Camp. Have a Wild and Woolly 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 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), Paul & Lynn Coughenour, Cheryl Kluttz, Susan Knight, Patsy Lyerly, Richard and Kay Lyons, 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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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

