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TRINITY SUNDAY

Holy Trinity Sunday

June 15, 2025

10:30 a.m. Worship & Holy Communion

The lessons for Trinity Sunday all point to the co-eternal nature of Jesus with the Father and the Holy Spirit. In the New Testament, Jesus is often portrayed as “wisdom,” which connects Jesus, the incarnate Word, to the creation at the beginning of time. It was upsetting to Jesus’ antagonists that he equated himself to God, even going so far as to say that before Abraham was alive, He existed.

Introduction to the Athanasian Creed by Rev. Steven E. King

A Creed is a statement of faith (the word “Creed” come from the Latin “credo,” meaning “I believe”). In the history of the Christian Church there have been three formal creeds which have gained universal acceptance as true confessions of the Christian faith. All three of these Creeds were accepted by the Lutheran reformers at the time of the reformation, for they all bear witness to the teachings of Scripture. And so, all three of these Creeds appear in Lutheran worship books.

Two of these creeds are familiar to many: the Apostles’ Creed and the Nicene Creed. We know them, because we use them regularly in our worship. But the third creed, the Athanasian Creed, is one that is probably not very familiar to most of us. The primary subject of the Creed is the Trinity, which is why the Athanasian Creed is suggested for use in worship on Trinity Sunday.

The Athanasian Creed was named after a person named Athanasius who was an early Christian teacher who defended the faith against the false teaching of his day, especially with regard to the doctrine of the Trinity. Athanasius himself did not write the creed; it was written many years later. It was named in his honor, since the Creed represents the orthodox faith that was taught by Athanasius.

It bears mentioning that there are some reasons why we do not use this creed regularly in worship. First of all, as you can see, it is very long, and somewhat repetitious. Second of all, the Creed contains some language which may require some explanation to those unfamiliar with theological terminology. For example: as in the other creeds, the word “catholic” is used here to refer to the whole Christian Church. There are also some verses which might seem misleading, if one does not already have a proper biblical understanding of the relation of our good deeds to our salvation. As a teaching tool, the Creed may tend to give the impression that faith is purely a matter of “right thinking” -- which is not its intention. It is simply careful and thoughtful articulation of the content of our faith.

The Athanasian Creed is a part of our Lutheran Confessions, representing the theology of our church. It continues to be of value in clarifying the faith of the Church as revealed in Scripture, and is therefore worthy of our use in teaching and worship.

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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 Fathers & Father Figures

Prelude: LBW# 500 *Faith of Our Fathers*

Union Men

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GATHERING

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

The crucifer, acolytes, minister, choir and children will gather in the Narthex.

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**

The procession into the church begins with crucifer, acolytes, minister, choir, and children.

The children will sit at the front pew Lectern side.

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

Processional Hymn: *Holy, Holy, Holy*

LBW# 165

- 1 **Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty!**
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty! God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!
- 2 **Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee,**
Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,
Which wert and art and evermore shalt be.
- 3 **Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee,**
Though the eye made blind by sin thy glory may not see,
Only thou art holy, there is none beside thee, Perfect in pow'r, in love and purity.
- 4 **Holy, holy, holy! Lord of God Almighty!**
All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea.
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty! God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

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Please be seated.

Children's Message

Genevieve Baker

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 sit with their families.

The congregation is invited to stand as able.

Kyrie (Mark 10:47)

LBW p. 57-58

- P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- C **And also with you.**
- P In peace, let us pray to the Lord.
- C **Lord, have mercy.**
- P For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.
- C **Lord, have mercy.**
- P For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.
- C **Lord, have mercy.**
- P For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.
- C **Lord, have mercy.**

P Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C **Amen**

Hymn of Praise (Luke 2:14; John 1:29; Revelation 5:12-13; 19:5-9)

LBW p. 60-61

C **This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God. This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Power, riches, wisdom, and strength, and honor, blessing, and glory are his. This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation: Blessing, honor, glory, and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen. This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. For the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia. This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

Salutation (2 Timothy 4:22)

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

Prayer of the Day

P Let us pray. Almighty and everlasting God, you have given us grace to make the confession of a true faith. We acknowledge your glorious eternal Trinity, and we adore the unity of your majestic work. Defend us by this faith from all adversity and opposition to your way; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who 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.

Old Testament Lesson: Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31

The first lesson is from the 8th chapter of Proverbs.

¹Does not wisdom call? Does not understanding raise her voice? ²On the heights beside the way, at the crossroads she takes her stand; ³beside the gates in front of the town, at the entrance of the portals she cries aloud: ⁴“To you, O men, I call, and my cry is to the children of man.

²²“The Lord possessed me at the beginning of his work, the first of his acts of old. ²³Ages ago I was set up, at the first, before the beginning of the earth. ²⁴When there were no depths I was brought forth, when there were no springs abounding with water. ²⁵Before the mountains had been shaped, before the hills, I was brought forth, ²⁶before he had made the earth with its fields, or the first of the dust of the world. ²⁷When he established the heavens, I was there; when he drew a circle on the face of the deep, ²⁸when he made firm the skies above, when he established the fountains of the deep, ²⁹when he assigned to the sea its limit, so that the waters might not transgress his command, when he marked out the foundations of the earth ³⁰then I was beside

him, like a master workman, and I was daily his delight, rejoicing before him always, ³¹rejoicing in his inhabited world and delighting in the children of man.”

L Here ends the reading.

VBS Anthem: *When Israel Was in Egypt's Land*

Text: African American spiritual Music: African American spiritual: arr. John R. Work, 1871-1925

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New Testament Lesson: Acts 2:14a, 22-36

The second lesson is from the 2nd chapter of Acts.

^{14a}Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them:

²²“Men of Israel, hear these words: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with mighty works and wonders and signs that God did through him in your midst, as you yourselves know — ²³this Jesus, delivered up according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of lawless men. ²⁴God raised him up, loosing the pangs of death, because it was not possible for him to be held by it. ²⁵For David says concerning him, ‘I saw the Lord always before me, for he is at my right hand that I may not be shaken; ²⁶therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced; my flesh also will dwell in hope. ²⁷For you will not abandon my soul to Hades, or let your Holy One see corruption. ²⁸You have made known to me the paths of life; you will make me full of gladness with your presence.’ ²⁹Brothers, I may say to you with confidence about the patriarch David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. ³⁰Being therefore a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would set one of his descendants on his throne, ³¹he foresaw and spoke about the resurrection of the Christ, that he was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh see corruption. ³²This Jesus God raised up, and of that we all are witnesses. ³³Being therefore exalted at the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, he has poured out this that you yourselves are seeing and hearing. ³⁴For David did not ascend into the heavens, but he himself says, ‘The Lord said to my Lord, “Sit at my right hand, ³⁵ until I make your enemies your footstool.”’ ³⁶Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified.”

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 8th chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

Holy Gospel: John 8:48-59

⁴⁸The Jews answered {Jesus}, “Are we not right in saying that you are a Samaritan and have a demon?” ⁴⁹Jesus answered, “I do not have a demon, but I honor my Father, and you dishonor me. ⁵⁰Yet I do not seek my own glory; there is One who seeks it, and he is the judge. ⁵¹Truly, truly, I say to you, if anyone keeps my word, he will never see death.” ⁵²The Jews said to him, “Now we know that you have a demon! Abraham died, as did the prophets, yet you say, ‘If anyone keeps my word, he will never taste death.’ ⁵³Are you greater than our father Abraham, who died? And the prophets died! Who do you make yourself out to be?” ⁵⁴Jesus answered, “If I glorify myself, my glory is nothing. It is my Father who glorifies me, of whom you say, ‘He is our God.’ ⁵⁵But you have not known him. I know him. If I were to say that I do not know him, I would be a liar like you, but I do know him and I keep his word. ⁵⁶Your father Abraham rejoiced that he would see my day. He saw it and was glad.” ⁵⁷So the Jews said to him, “You are not yet fifty years old, and have you seen Abraham?” ⁵⁸Jesus said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I am.” ⁵⁹So they picked up stones to throw at him, but Jesus hid himself and went out of the temple.

P The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Please be seated.

Sermon: *Wind, Fire, Cloud*

Pastor Don Safrit

The congregation is invited to stand as able.

Hymn of the Day: *Father, Most Holy, Merciful, and Tender*

LBW# 169

- 1 **Father most holy, merciful, and tender; Jesus, our Savior, with the Father reigning;
Spirit of comfort, advocate, defender, light never waning.**
- 2 **Trinity blessed, unity unshaken; Goodness unbounded, very God of heaven,
Light of the angels, worship thee forsaken, Hope of all living.**
- 3 **Maker of all things, all thy creatures praise thee;
All for thy worship were and are created;
Now, as we also worship thee devoutly, hear thou our voices.**
- 4 **Lord God Almighty, unto thee be glory, one in three persons,
Over all exalted! Glory we offer, praise thee and adore thee, now and forever.**

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Athanasian Creed (*Romans 10:9-10*) *The creed will be read responsively.*

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P Whoever wants to be saved should above all cling to the catholic* faith.

C **Whoever does not guard it whole and inviolable will doubtless perish eternally.**

P Now this is the catholic faith: We worship one God in trinity, and the Trinity in unity, neither confusing the persons nor dividing the divine being.

C For the Father is one person, the Son is another, and the Holy Spirit is still another, but the deity of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, is one, equal in glory and coeternal in majesty.

P What the Father is, the Son is, and so is the Holy Spirit.

C Uncreated is the Father; uncreated is the Son, uncreated is the Spirit.

P The Father is infinite, the Son is infinite, the Holy Spirit is infinite;

C Eternal is the Father, eternal is the Son, eternal is the Spirit;

P And yet there are not three eternal beings, but one who is eternal, as there are not three who are uncreated and unlimited beings, but one who is uncreated and unlimited.

C Almighty is the Father, almighty is the Son, almighty is the Spirit, and yet there are not three almighty beings but one who is almighty.

P Thus the Father is God, the Son is God, the Holy Spirit is God, and yet there are not three Gods but one God.

C Thus the Father is Lord, the Son is Lord, the Holy Spirit is Lord, and yet there are not three Lords but one Lord.

P As Christian truth compels us to acknowledge each distinct person as God and Lord, so catholic religion forbids us to say that there are three gods or three lords.

C The Father was neither made nor created nor begotten;

P The Son was neither made nor created, but was alone begotten by the Father.

C The Spirit was neither made nor created, but is proceeding from the Father and the Son.

P Thus there is one Father and not three fathers, one Son and not three sons, one Holy Spirit and not three spirits.

C And in this Trinity, no one is before or after, greater or less than the other,

P But all three persons are in themselves coeternal and coequal, and so we must worship the Trinity in unity and the one God in three persons.

C Whoever wants to be saved must think thus about the Trinity.

P It is necessary for eternal salvation that one also faithfully believe that our Lord Jesus Christ became flesh,

C For this is the true faith that we believe and confess: that our Lord Jesus Christ, God's Son, is both God and man:

P He is God, begotten before all worlds from the being of the Father,

C And he is man, born in the world from the being of his mother, existing fully as God and fully as man, with rational soul and a human body,

P Equal to the Father in divinity and subordinate to the Father in humanity.

C Although he is God and man, he is not divided but is one Christ: He is united because God has taken humanity into himself; he does not transform deity into humanity.

P He is completely one, in the unity of his person, without confusing his natures.
C For as the rational soul and body are one person, so the one Christ is God and man.

P He suffered for our salvation.

C **He descended into hell, and rose again from the dead.**

P He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

C **He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

P At his coming, all people shall rise bodily to give an account of their own deeds.

C **Those who have done good will enter eternal life, and those who have done evil will enter eternal fire.**

P This is the catholic faith.

C **One cannot be saved without believing this firmly and faithfully.**

** above all cling to the Christian faith*

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.

Majestic Trinity, grant wisdom and faithfulness to your church. Guide her in the truth, that the mystery of your eternal presence may be proclaimed throughout the nations. Lord in your mercy ...

C **hear our prayer.**

P Triune God, in these days when academic and Sunday school years may be drawing to a close, be with students and instructors. Grant a successful conclusion to this period of learning and may the summer break be a time of renewal and relaxation. Lord in your mercy ...

C **hear our prayer.**

P Creating God, inspire nations and individuals to be better stewards of your creation. Instill in us such a sense of awe at the majesty of your creation that we are more faithful caretakers of this earth and all its resources. Lord in your mercy ...

C **hear our prayer.**

P God of life, strengthen and sustain those who suffer with depression or other mental illnesses. Bring healing to those who are ill and comfort to those who are grieving. [We pray particularly for ...]. 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.**

Offering (Malachi 3:10)

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

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

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

Organ Offertory: *Faith of Our Fathers* (arranged by David Hegarty)

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)

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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.

VBS Anthem: *Let us Break Bread Together*

Text: Negro spiritual Tune: Negro Spiritual

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The congregation is invited to stand as able at the close of the table.

Blessing (*1 Thessalonians 5:23*)

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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

The crucifer, acolytes, minister, and choir recess out.

Recessional Hymn: *All Glory Be to God on High*

LBW# 166

- 1 All glory be to God on high and thanks to him forever!
Whatever Satan's host may try, God foils their dark endeavor.
He bends his ear to ev'ry call, and offers peace, goodwill to all,
And calms the troubles spirit.**
- 2 O Father, for your lordship true we give you praise and honor;
We worship you; we trust in you; we give you thanks forever.
Your will is perfect, and your might relentlessly confirms the right;
Your lordship is our blessing.**
- 3 Lord Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, creation's author,
Redeemer of your wand'ring ones, and source of all true pleasure:
O Lamb of God, O Lord divine, conform our lives to your design,
And on us all have mercy.**
- 4 O Holy Spirit, perfect gift, who brings us consolation:
To men and women saved by Christ assure your inspiration.
Through sickness, need, and bitter death, grant us your warm, lifegiving breath;
Our lives are in your keeping. Amen.**

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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: *E Minor Toccata* (Johann Pachelbel)

Lutheran Book of Worship Setting 1 pages 56-76

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Attendance Update

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Lutherans at Worship: Glossary of Lutheran Terms

Liturgy (*Series of responsive prayers for people in their various needs.*)

Lucernarium (*The service of light which begins Evening Prayer.*)

Matins (*see Morning Prayer*)

Maundy Thursday (*The Thursday in Holy Week which commemorates the institution of the Lord's Supper and the foot-washing rite.*)

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

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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.

Those Serving Today

Guest Pastor: Rev. Donald Safrit

We welcome Pastor Don and Theresa Safrit to worship today!

Organist: Brenda McCombs

Pianists: Genevieve Baker and Dawn Merrell

Crucifer: Adam Thompson

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

Union News

Our Love and Sympathy is extended to Genevieve Baker and Family on the death of her uncle, Tom Roberts.

Our Love and Sympathy is extended to Ken Davis and Family on the death of his mother, Dorothy "Dot" Lee Baker Davis.

Holy Trinity Sunday, June 15, 2025

Father's Day

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.

*The **Altar Flowers** at the baptismal font are given to the glory of God and in honor of Jan Huffman's birthday by Pete, Nikki, Micah, Sam, and Brad.*

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)

9:30 a.m. Constitutional Forum (*Dutch Meeting Hall*)

10:30 a.m. Worship & Holy Communion

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

Genevieve Baker, ULC Staff Support, will be out of the office from Thursday, June 19-Friday, June 20 & Monday, June 23. The church office will be open while she is out.

Sunday, June 22, 2025

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

We will welcome Roy Zimmermann as an active confirmed member by letter of transfer from St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Salisbury, on Sunday, June 22.

*The **Altar Flowers** at the baptismal font are given to the glory of God and in celebration of Eddie and Kay Morgan's 55th wedding anniversary, by their children.*

Deadline for July newsletter articles.

Deadline is Monday, June 23, to Organ Lutheran Church for Day Camp T-shirt guaranteed (see article on pages 15-16).

Sunday, June 22, 2025 *continued*

No Luther League this month.

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

The Ethiopian Official ~ Acts 2:36-41, 8:26-40

Philip opened his mouth, and beginning with this Scripture he told [the soldier] the good news about Jesus. (Acts 8:35)

9:30 a.m. Adult Sunday School

Rabbit Hole Adult Sunday School Class

The Ethiopian Official ~ Acts 2:36-41, 8:26-40

Drew Wise Adult Sunday School Class

Isaac Calls on the Name of the Lord ~ Genesis 26:1-33

10:30 a.m. Worship & Holy Communion with Reception of New Member, Roy Zimmermann

Isaiah 65:1-9; Psalm 3; Galatians 3:23-4:7; Luke 8:26-39

3:00 p.m. Union Youth

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Updated article: 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

How to register? Fill out the form located in the Narthex, church office, or online at:

https://vbspro.events/p_early/3b7c16

What is needed? Volunteers and Participants

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

For participants and volunteers to be guaranteed a t-shirt, deadline for registration forms is Monday, June 23.

To continue offering a safe environment for our children, volunteers will need a background check. Organ Lutheran Church will facilitate this.

*Everyone is invited to **financially donate seed money** to **purchase sheep** through **Heifer International**. Heifer International uses the seed money, primarily through donations, to purchase livestock like sheep and provide training to communities, enabling them to become self-sufficient and increase their income. This approach aims to create lasting change by empowering*

families and communities to support themselves. Please make checks payable to: Organ Lutheran Church (memo: sheep).

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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 – Genevieve Baker, 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), Millie Ann Barringer (Larry Barringer’s mother), Ashley Burleson (Lanny and Connie Burleson, former members, daughter), Bobby and Lakey Curlee (Scott Curlee's dad and stepmom), Johnnie Earnhardt (Pete Nguyen’s friend), Rev. Cathy Fanslau (NALC Pastor), Rev. Doug Hefner Family (daughter died in car accident), Mary Hutchens (July Mission Trip to Slovakia), 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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Union Lutheran Church

Church Office Hours: 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Monday-Friday

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Phil Cauble, Facility Manager

Genevieve Baker, ULC Staff Support (office@ulcsalisbury.org)

Pastor T. C. Plexico, Pastor Emeritus

