



## Union Lutheran Church

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2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

June 22, 2025

10:30 a.m. Worship & Holy Communion

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*There is a profound movement in the Scriptures for today: Israel is judged “rebellious,” and the door for the Gentiles to receive God’s grace begins to open. Salvation is a gift from God to repentant sinners, who by faith are no longer captive to the law but are freed to live joyfully, trusting they are saved by grace. The result of that freedom is the declaration to all who will listen of what Christ has done for 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: *Give to Our God Immortal Praise* (Hobby)

*At this time, the altar candles 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: *Give to Our God Immortal Praise* LBW# 520

- 1 Give to our God immortal praise! Mercy and truth are all his ways;  
Wonders of grace to God belong; Repeat his mercies in your song.
- 2 He sent his Son with pow'r to save from guilt and darkness and the grave.  
Wonders of grace to God belong; Repeat his mercies in your song.
- 3 Give to the Lord of lords renown; the King of kings with glory crown.  
His mercies ever shall endure when lords and kings are known no more!

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*Please be seated.*

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.*

*The Kyrie (Mark 10:47) is omitted during the Season of Pentecost.*

*The congregation is invited to stand as able.*

Hymn of Praise (Luke 2:14; John 1:29; Revelation 5:12-13; 19:5-9) LBW p. 58-59

A Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.

C Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father: We worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God: You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. You are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen

Salutation (2 Timothy 4:22)

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

P Let us pray. For those who love you, O God, you have chosen and prepared what no eye has seen nor ear heard. Pour into our hearts a loving affection for you, that we may choose you in and above all things. For only then shall we have what you promise, which far exceeds all we can desire; 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.*

### Old Testament Lesson: Isaiah 65:1-9

The first lesson is from the 65th chapter of Isaiah.

<sup>1</sup>I was ready to be sought by those who did not ask for me; I was ready to be found by those who did not seek me. I said, “Here I am, here I am,” to a nation that was not called by my name. <sup>2</sup>I spread out my hands all the day to a rebellious people, who walk in a way that is not good, following their own devices; <sup>3</sup>a people who provoke me to my face continually, sacrificing in gardens and making offerings on bricks; <sup>4</sup>who sit in tombs, and spend the night in secret places; who eat pig’s flesh, and broth of tainted meat is in their vessels; <sup>5</sup>who say, “Keep to yourself, do not come near me, for I am too holy for you.” These are a smoke in my nostrils, a fire that burns all the day. <sup>6</sup>Behold, it is written before me: “I will not keep silent, but I will repay; I will indeed repay into their lap <sup>7</sup>both your iniquities and your fathers’ iniquities together, says the LORD; because they made offerings on the mountains and insulted me on the hills, I will measure into their lap payment for their former deeds.” <sup>8</sup>Thus says the LORD: “As the new wine is found in the cluster, and they say, ‘Do not destroy it, for there is a blessing in it,’ so I will do for my servants’ sake, and not destroy them all. <sup>9</sup>I will bring forth offspring from Jacob, and from Judah possessors of my mountains; my chosen shall possess it, and my servants shall dwell there.”

L Here ends the reading.

### Psalm 3 *The Psalm of the Day is sung in unison.*

**C** <sup>1</sup>**LORD, how many adversa- | ries I have!\***  
**how many there are who rise up | against me!**  
<sup>2</sup>**How many there are who | say of me,\***  
**“There is no help for him | in his God.”**  
<sup>3</sup>**But you, O LORD, are a shield | about me;\***  
**you are my glory, the one who lifts | up my head.**  
<sup>4</sup>**I call aloud up- | on the LORD,\***  
**and he answers me from his | holy hill;**  
<sup>5</sup>**I lie down and | go to sleep;\***  
**I wake again, because the LORD | sustains me.**  
<sup>6</sup>**I do not fear the multitudes | of people\***  
**who set themselves against me | all around.**  
<sup>7</sup>**Rise up, O LORD; set me free, | O my God;\***  
**surely, you will strike all my enemies across the face,**  
**you will break the teeth of | the wicked.**

**<sup>8</sup>Deliverance belongs | to the LORD.\* Your blessing be upon | your people!**

New Testament Lesson: Galatians 3:23-4:7

The second lesson is from the 3rd chapter of Galatians.

<sup>23</sup>Now before faith came, we were held captive under the law, imprisoned until the coming faith would be revealed. <sup>24</sup>So then, the law was our guardian until Christ came, in order that we might be justified by faith. <sup>25</sup>But now that faith has come, we are no longer under a guardian, <sup>26</sup>for in Christ Jesus you are all sons of God, through faith. <sup>27</sup>For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. <sup>28</sup>There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is no male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. <sup>29</sup>And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to promise.

<sup>1</sup>I mean that the heir, as long as he is a child, is no different from a slave, though he is the owner of everything, <sup>2</sup>but he is under guardians and managers until the date set by his father. <sup>3</sup>In the same way we also, when we were children, were enslaved to the elementary principles of the world. <sup>4</sup>But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, <sup>5</sup>to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. <sup>6</sup>And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" <sup>7</sup>So you are no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then an heir through God.

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. Luke, the 8th chapter.

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

Holy Gospel: Luke 8:26-39

<sup>26</sup>{Jesus and his disciples} sailed to the country of the Gerasenes, which is opposite Galilee. <sup>27</sup>When Jesus had stepped out on land, there met him a man from the city who had demons. For a long time he had worn no clothes, and he had not lived in a house but among the tombs. <sup>28</sup>When he saw Jesus, he cried out and fell down before him and said with a loud voice, "What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, do not torment me." <sup>29</sup>For he had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many a time it had seized him. He was kept under guard and bound with chains and shackles, but he would break the bonds and be driven by the demon into the desert.) <sup>30</sup>Jesus then asked him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Legion," for many demons had entered him. <sup>31</sup>And they begged him not to command them to depart into the abyss. <sup>32</sup>Now a large herd of pigs was feeding there on the hillside, and they begged him to let them enter these. So he gave them permission. <sup>33</sup>Then the demons came out of the man and entered the pigs, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and drowned.

<sup>34</sup>When the herdsmen saw what had happened, they fled and told it in the city and in the country. <sup>35</sup>Then people went out to see what had happened, and they came to Jesus and found the man from whom the demons had gone, sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind, and they were afraid. <sup>36</sup>And those who had seen it told them how the demon-possessed man had been healed. <sup>37</sup>Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gerasenes asked him to depart from them, for they were seized with great fear. So he got into the boat and returned. <sup>38</sup>The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with him, but Jesus sent him away, saying, <sup>39</sup>“Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you.” And he went away, proclaiming throughout the whole city how much Jesus had done for him.

**P** The Gospel of the Lord.

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

*Please be seated.*

Sermon: *Finding Our Identity* (Sermon based on Galatians)

Pastor Heidi Punt

*The congregation is invited to stand as able.*

*Roy Zimmermann, sponsor, and family are invited to come forward to the baptismal font during the hymn.*

Hymn of the Day: *Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service*

LBW# 423

- 1 Lord, whose love in humble service bore the weight of human need,  
Who upon the cross, forsaken, worked your mercy's perfect deed:  
We, your servants, bring the worship not of voice alone, but heart;  
Consecrating to your purpose ev'ry gift which you impart.**
- 2 Still your children wander homeless; still the hungry cry for bread;  
Still the captives long for freedom; still in grief we mourn our dead.  
As you, Lord, in deep compassion healed our sick and freed the soul,  
By your Spirit send your power to our world to make it whole.**
- 3 As we worship, grant us vision, till your love's revealing light  
In its height and depth and greatness dawn upon our quickened sight,  
Making known the needs and burdens your compassion bids us bear,  
Stirring us to ardent service, your abundant life to share.**

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Affirmation of Baptism

LBW p. 198-201

Roy Zimmermann

*Christians from other denominations become members of the Lutheran Church through reception into the local congregation. In Baptism they were made Christians; now they become members of the Lutheran Church.*

*A representative of the congregation presents the candidates to the minister:*

**R** Roy Zimmermann has come to us from St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Salisbury and desires to make public Affirmation of his Baptism.

P Dear friend, we rejoice to receive you, members of the one holy catholic and apostolic Church, into our fellowship in the Gospel.

*The minister addresses those who have been presented.*

P Brothers and sisters in Christ: In Holy Baptism our Lord Jesus Christ received you and made you members of his Church. In the community of God's people, you have learned from his Word God's loving purpose for you and all creation. You have been called to be witnesses to the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Now, therefore, I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the Church, the faith in which we baptize.

Do you renounce all the forces of evil, the devil, and all his empty promises?

R I do.

P Do you believe in God the Father?

C **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

P Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell.\* On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

P Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic\*\* Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen**

*\*Or, He descended to the dead.*

*\*\*Or, the holy Christian Church*

*THE PRAYERS are said.*

P Let us pray that the Holy Spirit may open hearts to your grace and truth, that Roy may be kept in the faith and communion of God's holy Church, that he may be sent into the world in witness to your love, and that he and we may all be brought to the fullness of your peace and glory

C **Amen**

*The minister addresses those making affirmation.*

P You have made public profession of your faith. Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in Holy Baptism:  
to live among God's faithful people,  
to hear his Word and share in his supper,  
to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed,  
to serve all people, following the example of our Lord Jesus,  
and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

*Each person answers in turn.*

R I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.

P Let us pray. Gracious Lord, through water and the Spirit you have made this *man* your own. You forgave him of all his sins and brought him to newness of life. Continue to strengthen him with the Holy Spirit, and daily increase in him your gifts of grace: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.

C **Amen**

*The congregation is invited to stand as able.*

Prayers of the Church (1 Timothy 2:1-4)

LBW p. 65

P Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

*After each portion of the prayers:*

P Lord, in your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

*The prayers conclude:*

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

C **Amen**

Sharing of the Peace (John 20:19)

LBW p. 65

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **And also with you.**

*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 Lutheran Military Veterans & Families Ministries.*

Organ Offertory: *How Sweet the Name* (Powell)

## 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 Prayer

LBW p. 74

**P** Let us pray. We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life; and we pray that in your mercy you would strengthen us through this gift, in faith toward you and fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C Amen**

## SENDING

*God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.*

Benediction (Numbers 6:24-26)

LBW p. 74

**P** The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

**C Amen**

Hymn: *How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds*

LBW# 345

**1 How sweet the name of Jesus sounds in a believer's ear!**

**It soothes our sorrows, heals our wounds, and drives away all fear.**

**2 It makes the wounded spirit whole and calms the heart's unrest;**

**'Tis manna to the hungry soul and to the weary, rest.**

**3 Dear name! The rock on which I build, my shield and hiding place;**

**My never-failing treasury, filled with boundless stores of grace.**

**4 By thee my prayers acceptance gain although with sin defiled.**

**The devil charges me in vain, and I am owned a child.**

**5 O Jesus, shepherd, guardian, friend, my Prophet, Priest, and King,**

**My Lord, my life, my way, my end, accept the praise I bring.**

**6 How weak the effort of my heart, how cold my warmest thought;**

**But when I see thee as thou art, I'll praise thee as I ought.**

**7 Till then I would thy love proclaim with every fleeting breath;  
And may the music of thy name refresh my soul in death!**

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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: *Give to Our God Immortal Praise* (Cherwein)

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**Attendance Update**

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

Morning Prayer (*Morning worship service of prayer and praise; also called Matins.*)

Narthex (*Entrance hall of a church building*)

Nave (*The main section of worship space, between the chancel and the narthex, where the people gather to worship.*)



Offertory Procession (*Procession in which bread, wine, and money offerings are carried from the congregation to the altar.*)

(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

**Organist:** Dawn Merrell

**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

During the period of June 1, 2025-June 15, 2025, the Union Lutheran Church General Fund received revenues totaling **\$12,096.00**. Keep in mind that this report period contains contributions from three Sunday worship services. During this same period, **\$(12,304.45)** were expended. The expenditure includes the annual fire monitoring fee for the sanctuary, Alert Alarms **\$(528.00)**, the annual termite prevention, Dodson Pest Control **\$(298.00)**, and servicing the fire suppression for the kitchen stove, Fire Control Systems **\$(523.58)**, totaling **\$(1,349.58)**. The result of this two-week period is a negative revenue flow of **\$(208.24)**. For the year to date, the church is operating at a revenue deficit of **\$(14,706.38)**.

John Knight, ULC Treasurer

## 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 welcome Roy Zimmermann as an active confirmed member by letter of transfer from St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Salisbury, today.

*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 page 15).*

No Luther League this month.

**Sunday, June 22, 2025**

**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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**This Week's Schedule**

Tuesday, June 24

**9:30 a.m.** Piedmont-East Clergy meeting

Wednesday, June 25

**6:00 p.m.** Mid-Week Meal Chefs

Please sign up by contacting the church office.

Needed: financial gifts

Thursday, June 26

**6:00 p.m.** Worship & Music

Friday, June 25

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**Sunday, June 29, 2025**

*The loose offering will go towards the Mid-Week Meal Chefs.*

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

*Commissioning Mary Hutchens July Mission Trip to Slovakia.*

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.

*The **Altar Flowers** at the baptismal font are given to the glory of God and in honor of John Cauble's 98<sup>th</sup> birthday on June 23 by his family.*

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

Paul and Silas in Prison ~ Acts 16:16-34; Romans 8:22-28

*Paul cried with a loud voice, "Do not harm yourself, for we are all here!"* (Acts 16:28)

**9:30 a.m.** Adult Sunday School

Rabbit Hole Adult Sunday School Class

Paul and Silas in Prison ~ Acts 16:16-34; Romans 8:22-28

**Sunday, June 29, 2025** *continued*

Drew Wise Adult Sunday School Class

Jacob Sets Up a Sacred Pillar ~ Genesis 28:1-22, 33:17-20, 35:1-7; John 15:1-8

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

1 Kings 19:9b-21; Psalm 16; Galatians 5:1, 13-25; Luke 9:51-62

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Tuesday, July 2

**2:00 p.m.** Chapel Time at Autumn Care

**6:00 p.m.** Mid-Week Meal Chefs

Please sign up by contacting the church office.

Needed: financial gifts

Friday, July 4

The church office is closed in observance of the holiday.

*Please remember to keep Mary Hutchens in your thoughts and prayers as she witnesses to the people of Slovakia from July 3-21, 2025.*

**Sunday, July 6, 2025**

*The loose offering will go towards the Mission Outreach Fund.*

The monthly benevolence focus is NALC Disaster.

*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.*

The single **Altar Flowers** arrangement by the baptismal font is open for reservations for Sunday, July 6.

*Deadline to turn in information for July Western NC Mission Trip.*

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

Paul Escapes from Damascus ~ Acts 9:10-31; Romans 12:1-2

*Jesus' disciples took Paul by night and let him down through an opening in the wall, lowering him in a basket. (Acts 9:25)*

**9:30 a.m.** Adult Sunday School

Rabbit Hole Adult Sunday School Class

Paul Escapes from Damascus ~ Acts 9:10-31; Romans 12:1-2

Drew Wise Adult Sunday School Class

The Boy Jesus in the Temple ~ Psalm 27; Luke 2:41-52

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

Isaiah 66:10-14; Psalm 66:1-7; Galatians 6:1-10, 14-18, Luke 10:1-20

In celebration of our Independence, a short Patriotic Celebration will be held following the worship service on Sunday, July 6, at the flagpole by the playground.

**Sunday, July 6, 2025** *continued*

John Kesler has reserved the large fellowship hall from 1:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.

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**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 5<sup>th</sup> graders

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

**Sponsored by:** Union, Organ, Salem & Faith Lutheran Church

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

[https://vbspro.events/p\\_early/3b7c16](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

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).

Registration form is located in the newsletter handouts for easier access to fill out and mail or from the church office.

**Called Congregational Meeting** of Union Lutheran Church, 4770 Bringle Ferry Road, Salisbury, NC 28146, will be held on **Sunday, July 13, following worship** in the **Dutch Meeting Hall**.

The **purpose** of the meeting will be **(1)** to vote on the first of two votes to amend and approve the Constitutional & By-Laws proposed changes and **(2)** to vote to amend the Carolinas Mission Region (CMR) Article 7.02 Constitution.

Copies of ULC Constitution, By-Laws, & Continuing Resolutions plus the CMR Article 7.02 Constitution are available from the June & July Messenger Handouts and the church office.

**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 Bureson (Lanny and Connie Bureson, 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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**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

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Phil Cauble, Facility Manager

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

Pastor T. C. Plexico, Pastor Emeritus

