



## Union Lutheran Church

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3rd Sunday after Pentecost

June 29, 2025

10:30 a.m. Worship & Holy Communion

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*Freedom in Christ is a paradox. On one hand, Jesus' grace and mercy frees us from the law that kills; on the other hand, obedience to God's call is the way of the cross. How are disciples of Christ meant to balance these seemingly contradictory ways of being? Paul reminded the Galatians that following Christ meant walking in the Spirit and turning away from the flesh. Jesus proclaimed a singular focus in life.*

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=Liturgist, LR=Lay Reader

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**ORDER FOR WORSHIP**

*Lutheran Book of Worship Setting 1*

Welcome & Announcements

Dusty Morgan, Jr.

Prelude: *When Peace Like a River* (Michael Burkhardt)

*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

Bailey Wilhelm

L 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

Bailey Wilhelm

L 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**

L 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.*

L 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)

Bailey Wilhelm

L In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for you, and for his sake God forgives you all your sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ he gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit.

C Amen

Hymn: *In the Morning When I Rise (Give Me Jesus)*

WOV# 777

1 In the morning when I rise, in the morning when I rise,  
In the morning when I rise, give me Jesus.

*Refrain* Give me Jesus, give me Jesus.  
You may have all the rest, give me Jesus.

2 Dark midnight was my cry, dark midnight was my cry,  
Dark midnight was my cry, give me Jesus. *Refrain*

3 Just about the break of day, just about the break of day,  
Just about the break of day, give me Jesus. *Refrain*

4 Oh, when I come to die, oh, when I come to die,  
Oh, when I come to die, give me Jesus. *Refrain*

5 And when I want to sing, and when I want to sing,  
And when I want to sing, give me Jesus. *Refrain*

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*Please be seated.*

Children's Message

Sam Nguyen & Noah Trexler

*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

Noah Trexler

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)

Noah Trexler

L The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

Prayer of the Day

Noah Trexler

L Let us pray. Lord of all power and might, you are the author and giver of all good things. Graft into our hearts a love of your name. Increase in us true faith, nourish us with what is good, and watch over all who are in your care. Grant this, we pray, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives 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: 1 Kings 19:9b-21

Dusty Morgan, Jr.

The first lesson is from the 19th chapter of 1 Kings.

<sup>9b</sup>Behold, the word of the LORD came to {Elijah}, and he said to him, “What are you doing here, Elijah?” <sup>10</sup>He said, “I have been very jealous for the LORD, the God of hosts. For the people of Israel have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword, and I, even I only, am left, and they seek my life, to take it away.” <sup>11</sup>And he said, “Go out and stand on the mount before the LORD.” And behold, the LORD passed by, and a great and strong wind tore the mountains and broke in pieces the rocks before the LORD, but the LORD was not in the wind. And after the wind an earthquake, but the LORD was not in the earthquake. <sup>12</sup>And after the earthquake a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire. And after the fire the sound of a low whisper. <sup>13</sup>And when Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his cloak and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. And behold, there came a voice to him and said, “What are you doing here, Elijah?” <sup>14</sup>He said, “I have been very jealous for the LORD, the God of hosts. For the people of Israel have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword, and I, even I only, am left, and they seek my life, to take it away.” <sup>15</sup>And the LORD said to him, “Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus. And when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael to be king over Syria. <sup>16</sup>And Jehu the son of Nimshi you shall anoint to be king over Israel, and Elisha the son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah you shall anoint to be prophet in your place. <sup>17</sup>And the one who escapes from the sword of Hazael shall Jehu put to death, and the one who escapes from the sword of Jehu shall Elisha put to death. <sup>18</sup>Yet I will leave seven thousand in Israel, all the knees that have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him.” <sup>19</sup>So he departed from there and found Elisha the son of Shaphat, who was plowing with twelve yoke of oxen in front of him, and he was with the twelfth. Elijah passed by him and cast his cloak upon him. <sup>20</sup>And he left the oxen and ran after Elijah and said, “Let me kiss my father and my mother, and then I will follow you.” And he said to him, “Go back again, for what have I done to you?” <sup>21</sup>And he returned from following him and took the yoke of oxen and sacrificed them and boiled their flesh with the yokes of the oxen and gave it to the people, and they ate. Then he arose and went after Elijah and assisted him.

LR Here ends the reading.

Psalm 16 *The Psalm of the Day is read responsively.*

Sam Nguyen

LR <sup>1</sup>Preserve me, O God, for in you I take refuge.

C <sup>2</sup>**I say to the Lord, “You are my Lord; I have no good apart from you.”**

LR <sup>3</sup>As for the saints in the land, they are the excellent ones, in whom is all my delight.

C <sup>4</sup>**The sorrows of those who run after another god shall multiply; their drink offerings of blood I will not pour out or take their names on my lips.**

LR <sup>5</sup>The Lord is my chosen portion and my cup; you hold my lot.

C <sup>6</sup>**The lines have fallen for me in pleasant places; indeed, I have a beautiful inheritance.**

LR <sup>7</sup>I bless the Lord who gives me counsel; in the night also my heart instructs me.

C <sup>8</sup>**I have set the Lord always before me; because he is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.**

LR <sup>9</sup>Therefore my heart is glad, and my whole being rejoices; my flesh also dwells secure.

C <sup>10</sup>**For you will not abandon my soul to Sheol, or let your holy one see corruption.**

LR <sup>11</sup>You make known to me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy; at your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

New Testament Lesson: Galatians 5:1, 13-25

Noah Trexler

The second lesson is from the 5th chapter of Galatians.

<sup>1</sup>For freedom Christ has set us free; stand firm therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery.

<sup>13</sup>For you were called to freedom, brothers. Only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another. <sup>14</sup>For the whole law is fulfilled in one word: “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” <sup>15</sup>But if you bite and devour one another, watch out that you are not consumed by one another. <sup>16</sup>But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. <sup>17</sup>For the desires of the flesh are against the Spirit, and the desires of the Spirit are against the flesh, for these are opposed to each other, to keep you from doing the things you want to do. <sup>18</sup>But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law. <sup>19</sup>Now the works of the flesh are evident: sexual immorality, impurity, sensuality, <sup>20</sup>idolatry, sorcery, enmity, strife, jealousy, fits of anger, rivalries, dissensions, divisions, <sup>21</sup>envy, drunkenness, orgies, and things like these. I warn you, as I warned you before, that those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God. <sup>22</sup>But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, <sup>23</sup>gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law. <sup>24</sup>And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. <sup>25</sup>If we live by the Spirit, let us also keep in step with the Spirit.

LR 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.**

**L** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 9th chapter.

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

Holy Gospel: Luke 9:51-62

Adam Thompson

<sup>51</sup>When the days drew near for {Jesus} to be taken up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem. <sup>52</sup>And he sent messengers ahead of him, who went and entered a village of the Samaritans, to make preparations for him. <sup>53</sup>But the people did not receive him, because his face was set toward Jerusalem. <sup>54</sup>And when his disciples James and John saw it, they said, “Lord, do you want us to tell fire to come down from heaven and consume them?” <sup>55</sup>But he turned and rebuked them. <sup>56</sup>And they went on to another village. <sup>57</sup>As they were going along the road, someone said to him, “I will follow you wherever you go.” <sup>58</sup>And Jesus said to him, “Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head.” <sup>59</sup>To another he said, “Follow me.” But he said, “Lord, let me first go and bury my father.” <sup>60</sup>And Jesus said to him, “Leave the dead to bury their own dead. But as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God.” <sup>61</sup>Yet another said, “I will follow you, Lord, but let me first say farewell to those at my home.” <sup>62</sup>Jesus said to him, “No one who puts his hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God.”

**P** The Gospel of the Lord.

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

*Please be seated.*

Message: *Follow Jesus*

Adam Thompson

*The congregation is invited to stand as able.*

Hymn of the Day: *Oh, that the Lord Would Guide My Ways*

LBW# 480

- 1 Oh, that the Lord would guide my ways to keep his statutes still!  
Oh, that my God would grant me grace to know and do his will!**
- 2 Order my footsteps by your Word and make my heart sincere;  
Let sin have no dominion, Lord, but keep my conscience clear.**
- 3 Assist my soul, too apt to stray, a stricter watch to keep;  
And should I e'er forget my way, restore your wand'ring sheep.**
- 4 Make me to walk in your commands, 'tis a delightful road;  
Nor let my head or heart or hands offend against my God.**

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Apostles' Creed (**Romans 10:9-10**)

LBW p. 65

Lucas Wilhelm

**L** Let us profess our faith by speaking the words of the Apostles' Creed.

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

**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.**

**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*

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

LBW p. 65

Lucas Wilhelm

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

Heavenly Father, open our hearts to a new way of serving all whom we meet. Teach us to bear one another's burdens, and direct our wills by the power of your Spirit that through us all may come to know Christ's word of peace. *Lord in your mercy ...*

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**L** God of all people, establish your peace in the world. Give the leaders of the nations a desire for reconciliation and a yearning for justice. Protect men and women who serve in armed forces around the globe and grant patience and comfort to those who await their safe return. *Lord in your mercy ...*

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**L** Lord of all creation, mountains and plains, rivers and oceans, forestlands and deserts all bear witness to the majesty of your creative grace. Grant that nations and individuals may learn to be faithful stewards of all the earth's resources so that the blessings of your abundant creation may be shared by all. *Lord in your mercy ...*

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**L** Embracing God, draw into your divine embrace all those who may find themselves on the fringes of society – the hungry and homeless, the unemployed, children who are missing or living in situations of neglect or abuse, those who are ill, those who are disabled, and those who grieve. [We pray particularly for ...]. Move us to be your incarnate presence with these and all our neighbors. *Lord in your mercy ...*

**C** **hear our prayer.**

*The prayers conclude:*

**L** 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

L 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 Mid-Week Meal Chefs.*

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

Union Youth Anthem: *Take My Life*

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## 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.**

Communion Organ Music: *Fantasia* (Johann Pachelbel)

*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.*

Commissioning of Mary Hutchens (July Mission Trip to Slovakia)

Benediction (Numbers 6:24-26)

LBW p. 74  
Sam Nguyen

L 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: *O Jesus, I Have Promised*

LBW# 503

1 **O Jesus, I have promised to serve you to the end;  
Remain forever near me, my master and my friend.  
I shall not fear the battle if you are by my side,  
Nor wander from the pathway if you will be my guide.**

2 **Oh, let me feel you near me; the world is ever near.  
I see the signs that dazzle, the tempting sounds I hear.  
My foes are ever near me, around me and within;  
But, Jesus, then draw nearer to shield my soul from sin.**

3 **Oh, let me hear you speaking in accents clear and still  
Above the storms of passion, the murmurs of selfwill.  
Now speak to reassure me, to hasten or control;  
Now speak and make me listen, O Guardian of my soul.**

4 **O Jesus, you have promised to all who follow you  
That where you are in glory your servant shall be too.  
And Jesus, I have promised to serve you to the end;  
Oh, give me grace to follow, my master and my friend.**

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Blessing & Dismissal (Matthew 28:19)

L 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.**

L Union Lutheran Church you are sent!

C Amen, amen, amen

Postlude: *Toccata in F Major* (Dietrich Buxtehude)

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## Attendance Update

June 22	34	Sunday School
June 22	83	Worship & Holy Communion



## Lutherans at Worship: Glossary of Lutheran Terms

**Ordinary** (*The portions of the Holy Communion liturgy which remain the same from Sunday to Sunday; includes the Greeting, Kyrie, Sanctus, etc.*)

**Pall** (*1-Linen-covered square placed over rim of chalice; 2-Large cloth covering placed on coffin when it is brought into the nave, symbolizing the baptismal garment.*)

**Palm Sunday** (*see Sunday of the Passion*)

**Paraments** (*Cloth hangings made in the various liturgical colors and placed on the altar and pulpit for adornment.*)

(Lutherans at Worship by S. Anita Stauffer, Gilbert A. Doan, and Michael B. Aune pages 93-94)

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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

*Thank you to our Union Youth for leading the Worship Service today!*

**Organist:** Brenda McCombs

**Acolyte:** Jesse Morgan, Jr.

**Message:** Adam Thompson

**Communion Assistants:** Sam Nguyen, Adam Thompson, and Noah Trexler

**Ushers:** Caylea Cline, Mallory Eagle, Moses Miller

**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

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## Union News

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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

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 month of 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.*

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

The single **Altar Flowers** arrangement by the baptismal font is open for reservations on 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.

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

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***Dates:*** Sunday, July 6- Friday, July 11, 2025

***Day Camp 2025*** "See Ewe at Day Camp. Have a Wild and Wooly Time!"

***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.

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**WESTERN NC MISSION TRIP**

July 14-19, 2025 ~**Deadline for July trip information: July 6**

We need YOUR help to minister to the people of Western NC! All that is required is to be willing to serve God’s people and share His heart and hands.

For youth 16 years or younger, a parent/guardian adult must also attend.

Please share how you would like to help and indicate if you are well experienced or licensed in any of these areas: clean up, paint, construction, plumbing, electrical, other.

Registration, Commitment & Medical Insurance forms are available from the church office for those participating in one and/or both of the mission trips to Western NC.

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

**Sunday, July 13, 2025**

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

The monthly benevolence focus is NALC Disaster.

*During the month of 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 on Sunday, July 13.

**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.

Commissioning of July Western NC Mission Team.

**Sunday, July 13, 2025 *continued***

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

Searching the Scriptures ~ Acts 17:1-15; 2 Timothy 3:10-17

*They received the word with all eagerness,*

*examining the Scriptures daily to see if these things were so. (Acts 17:11)*

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

Rabbit Hole Adult Sunday School Class

Searching the Scriptures ~ Acts 17:1-15; 2 Timothy 3:10-17

Drew Wise Adult Sunday School Class

Lord of the Sabbath ~ Matthew 12:1-14; Luke 13:10-17

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

Leviticus 18:1-5, 19:9-18; Psalm 41:1-13; Colossians 1:1-14; Luke 10:25-37

**12 noon** Called Congregational Meeting (*Dutch Meeting Hall*)

**12:30 p.m.** Christian Education Umbrella (please bring a bag lunch)

**4:00 p.m.** Union Youth

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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), Todd Hendricks (Genevieve Baker’s brother-in-law), Angie Humes (Janice Goodman’s friend), 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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**2025 Church Council Members**

**2023-2025**

Ali Davis  
Vicki Hunter (Secretary)  
Sharon Leazer  
Dusty Morgan, Sr. (President)  
Debbie Rinehart

**2024-2026**

Phil Cauble  
Kevin Huffman  
John Knight (Treasurer)  
Thad Mulkey

**2025-2027**

Karen Barringer  
Pete Nguyen (Vice-President)  
Brad Trexler

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**Lay Ministers**

Tara Davis, Steve Hutchens, John Kesler, Elbert Kluttz and Deena Lanning

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**Union Lutheran Church**

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

Pastor Heidi Punt, Senior Pastor (pastor@ulcsalisbury.org)

Phil Cauble, Facility Manager

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

Pastor T. C. Plexico, Pastor Emeritus

