



Union Lutheran Church

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You reap
what you sow.

Galatians 6:7



4th Sunday after Pentecost

July 6, 2025

10:30 a.m. Worship & Holy Communion

Weaving the Scripture passages together, the common thread is: The Lord will bring peace to his people, and will keep them in the land of the living. This comfort and consolation comes only through the cross of Christ. It is through his own humiliation that the faithful are lifted up. His peace will rest upon those who hear his Word and respond with faith. This is the gospel harvest.

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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Lutheran Book of Worship Setting 1

Welcome & Announcements

Prelude: *Guide Me, Ever, Great Redeemer* (Costello)

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: *Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer*

LBW# 343

- 1 **Guide me ever, great Redeemer, pilgrim through this barren land.
I am weak, but you are mighty; hold me with your pow'rful hand.
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven, feed me now and evermore,
Feed me now and evermore.**
- 2 **Open now the crystal fountain where the healing waters flow;
Let the fire and cloudy pillar lead me all my journey through.
Strong deliv'rer, strong deliv'rer, shield me with your mighty arm,
Shield me with your mighty arm.**
- 3 **When I tread the verge of Jordan, bid my anxious fears subside;
Death of death and hell's destruction, land me safe on Canaan's side.
Songs and praises, songs and praises, I will raise forevermore,
I will raise forevermore.**

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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 congregation is invited to stand as able.

Kyrie (*Mark 10:47*)

LBW p. 57-58

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) is omitted this week.

Salutation (2 Timothy 4:22)

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

Prayer of the Day

P Let us pray. O God, you never undermine your purpose, as you perfectly provide for all that you create. Remove from our way all that is harmful and give us what will profit that we may share in your invincible grace; 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: Isaiah 66:10-14

The first lesson is from the 66th chapter of Isaiah.

¹⁰“Rejoice with Jerusalem, and be glad for her, all you who love her; rejoice with her in joy, all you who mourn over her; ¹¹that you may nurse and be satisfied from her consoling breast; that you may drink deeply with delight from her glorious abundance.” ¹²For thus says the LORD: “Behold, I will extend peace to her like a river, and the glory of the nations like an overflowing stream; and you shall nurse, you shall be carried upon her hip, and bounced upon her knees. ¹³As one whom his mother comforts, so I will comfort you; you shall be comforted in Jerusalem. ¹⁴You shall see, and your heart shall rejoice; your bones shall flourish like the grass; and the hand of the LORD shall be known to his servants, and he shall show his indignation against his enemies.”

L Here ends the reading.

Psalm 66:1-6* *The Psalm of the Day is sung in unison.*

C **¹Be joyful in God, | all you lands;***

sing the glory of his name; sing the glory | of his praise.

²Say to God, “How awesome | are your deeds!*

because of your great strength your enemies | cringe before you.

³All the earth bows | down before you,*

sings to you, sings | out your name.”

⁴Come now and see the | works of God,*

how wonderful he is in his doing | toward all people.

⁵He turned the sea into dry land, so that they went through the wa- | ter on foot,*
and there we re- | joiced in him.

⁶In his might he rules forever; his eyes keep watch ov- | er the nations;*

let no rebel rise | up against him.

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

New Testament Lesson: Galatians 6:1-18

The second lesson is from the 6th chapter of Galatians.

¹Brothers and sisters, if someone is caught in a sin, you who live by the Spirit should restore that person gently. But watch yourselves, or you also may be tempted. ²Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ. ³If anyone thinks they are something when they are not, they deceive themselves. ⁴Each one should test their own actions. Then they can take pride in themselves alone, without comparing themselves to someone else, ⁵for each one should carry their own load. ⁶Nevertheless, the one who receives instruction in the word should share all good things with their instructor. ⁷Do not be deceived: God cannot be mocked. A man reaps what he sows. ⁸Whoever sows to please their flesh, from the flesh will reap destruction; whoever sows to please the Spirit, from the Spirit will reap eternal life. ⁹Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up. ¹⁰Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers. ¹¹See what large letters I use as I write to you with my own hand! ¹²Those who want to impress people by means of the flesh are trying to compel you to be circumcised. The only reason they do this is to avoid being persecuted for the cross of Christ. ¹³Not even those who are circumcised keep the law, yet they want you to be circumcised that they may boast about your circumcision in the flesh. ¹⁴May I never boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, through which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. ¹⁵Neither circumcision nor uncircumcision means anything; what counts is the new creation. ¹⁶Peace and mercy to all who follow this rule—to the Israel of God. ¹⁷From now on, let no one cause me trouble, for I bear on my body the marks of Jesus. ¹⁸The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, brothers and sisters. Amen.

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 10th chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

Holy Gospel: Luke 10:1-20

¹After this the Lord appointed seventy-two others and sent them on ahead of him, two by two, into every town and place where he himself was about to go. ²And he said to them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few. Therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest. ³Go your way; behold, I am sending you out as lambs in the midst of wolves. ⁴Carry no moneybag, no knapsack, no sandals, and greet no one on the road. ⁵Whatever house you enter, first say, 'Peace be to this house!' ⁶And if a son of peace is there,

your peace will rest upon him. But if not, it will return to you. ⁷And remain in the same house, eating and drinking what they provide, for the laborer deserves his wages. Do not go from house to house. ⁸Whenever you enter a town and they receive you, eat what is set before you. ⁹Heal the sick in it and say to them, ‘The kingdom of God has come near to you.’ ¹⁰But whenever you enter a town and they do not receive you, go into its streets and say, ¹¹‘Even the dust of your town that clings to our feet we wipe off against you. Nevertheless know this, that the kingdom of God has come near.’ ¹²I tell you, it will be more bearable on that day for Sodom than for that town. ¹³Woe to you, Chorazin! Woe to you, Bethsaida! For if the mighty works done in you had been done in Tyre and Sidon, they would have repented long ago, sitting in sackcloth and ashes. ¹⁴But it will be more bearable in the judgment for Tyre and Sidon than for you. ¹⁵And you, Capernaum, will you be exalted to heaven? You shall be brought down to Hades. ¹⁶The one who hears you hears me, and the one who rejects you rejects me, and the one who rejects me rejects him who sent me.” ¹⁷The seventy-two returned with joy, saying, “Lord, even the demons are subject to us in your name!” ¹⁸And he said to them, “I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven. ¹⁹Behold, I have given you authority to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall hurt you. ²⁰Nevertheless, do not rejoice in this, that the spirits are subject to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven.”

P The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Please be seated.

Sermon: *When We Follow Jesus*

Pastor Heidi Punt

The congregation is invited to stand as able.

Hymn of the Day: *In the Cross of Christ I Glory*

LBW# 104

- 1 **In the cross of Christ I glory, tow'ring o'er the wrecks of time.
All the light of sacred story gathers round its head sublime.**
- 2 **When the woes of life o'ertake me, hopes deceive, and fears annoy,
Never shall the cross forsake me; lo, it glows with peace and joy.**
- 3 **When the sun of bliss is beaming light and love upon my way,
From the cross the radiance streaming adds more luster to the day.**
- 4 **Bane and blessing, pain and pleasure, by the cross are sanctified;
Peace is there that knows no measure, joys that through all time abide.**

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Apostles' Creed (Romans 10:9-10)

LBW p. 65

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

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 Mission Outreach Fund.

The monthly benevolence focus is NALC Disaster.

Organ Offertory: *In the Cross of Christ I Glory* (Slowins)

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 Music

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: *Sent Forth by God's Blessing*

LBW# 221

**1 Sent forth by God's blessing, our true faith confessing,
The people of God from his dwelling take leave. The supper is ended.
Oh, now be extended the fruits of this service in all who believe.
The seed of his teaching, receptive souls reaching,
Shall blossom in action for God and for all. His grace did invite us,
To work for God's kingdom and answer his call.**

**2 With praise and thanksgiving to God ever living,
The tasks of our ev'ryday life we will face. Our faith ever sharing,
In love ever caring, embracing his children of each tribe and race.
With your feast you feed us, with your light now lead us;
Unite us as one in this life that we share. Then may all the living
With praise and thanksgiving give honor to Christ and his name that we bear.**

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: *Sent Forth by God's Blessings* (Sedio)

Following worship, please join us at the flagpole to remember our Independence.

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Attendance Update

June 29	38	Sunday School
June 29	115	Worship & Holy Communion

Lutherans at Worship: Glossary of Lutheran Terms

Paschal (*Relating to Christ's passion, his suffering and death on the cross.*)

Paschal Blessing (*A rite concluding Morning Prayer which is led from the font, and celebrates the resurrection in connection with the remembrances of our Baptism.*)



Paschal Candle (*Large candle symbolizing the presence of the Risen Christ; placed on Gospel side of altar during the season of Easter, and near font at other times.*)

Passion Sunday (*see Sunday of the Passion*)

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

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*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.*

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

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

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Those Serving Today

Organist: Dawn Merrell

Acolytes: Caylea Cline and Addison Queen

Altar Guild and Communion Assistants: Robin Huffman, Deena Lanning, and Karen Morgan

Lay Reader: Karen Morgan

Ushers: Larry Barringer, Phil Cauble, Ron Chase, Scott and Jennifer Curlee

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

Live Streaming: Pete Nguyen

Offering Counters: Jennifer Curlee, Ali Davis, and Doris Shepherd

Union News

During the period of June 16, 2025-June 30, 2025, the Union Lutheran Church General Fund received revenues totaling **\$6,981.00**. During this same period, **\$(6,800.04)** were expended. The result of this two-week period is a positive revenue flow of **\$(180.96)**. For the year to date, the church is operating at a revenue deficit of **\$(14,525.42)**.

John Knight, Treasurer, Union Lutheran Church

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.

The **Altar Flowers** are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Pat Miller who so faithfully served over 60 years as Union's organist.

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

Sunday, July 6, 2025 *continued*

10:30 a.m. Worship & Holy Communion

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

Sermon: *When We Follow Jesus*

Following worship, Patriotic Celebration near the flagpole

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

4:00 p.m. Day Camp Orientation at Organ Lutheran Church (OLC)

"See Ewe at Day Camp. Have a Wild and Woolly Time!"

Participants: 5 years old-rising 5th graders

Not too late to register: https://vbspro.events/p_early/3b7c16

This Week's Schedule

Monday, July 7 **8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.** Day Camp at OLC

Tuesday, July 8 **8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.** Day Camp at OLC

Please note: Mary & Martha Circle will not meet during the month of July.

Wednesday, July 9 **8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.** Day Camp at OLC

Thursday, July 10 **8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.** Day Camp at OLC

Friday, July 11 **8:30 a.m.-12 noon** Day Camp at OLC

12 noon Day Camp Program at OLC



Day Camp Project:

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).

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.

Sunday, July 13, 2025 *continued*

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.

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

Sermon Series on Colossians: *Introducing Jesus!*

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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WESTERN NC MISSION TRIP

Monday, July 14 – Saturday, July 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 20, 2025

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

The monthly benevolence focus is NALC Disaster.

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The single **Altar Flowers** arrangement by the baptismal font is open for reservations on Sunday, July 20.

Deadline for transportation numbers for Good Timers trip on Thursday.

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

Demetrius Stirs Up Trouble ~ Acts 19:23-41; Isaiah 44:6-11

“This Paul has persuaded a great many people, saying that gods made with hands are not gods.” (Acts 19:26)

9:30 a.m. Adult Sunday School

Rabbit Hole Adult Sunday School Class

Demetrius Stirs Up Trouble ~ Acts 19:23-41; Isaiah 44:6-11

Drew Wise Adult Sunday School Class

Cleansing the Temple ~ Jeremiah 7:1-15; John 2:13-25

10:30 a.m. Worship & Holy Communion

Genesis 18:1-14; Psalm 27:7-14; Colossians 1:21-29; Luke 10:38-42

Sermon Series on Colossians: *Hidden Treasure in Jesus*

2:00 p.m. Church Council

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Wednesday, July 23

6:00 p.m. Finance

Thursday, July 24

10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Trip to Mayberry, NC (Mt. Airy)

Please contact the church office by July 20 so adequate transportation will be provided.

Sign up forms are located in Conference #1 & #2.

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Sunday School is a wonderful time to be with your friends and family and to make new friends in a smaller setting where you can connect the Word of God to your daily life, learn of God’s love and forgiveness through Jesus Christ, and grow in faith together. Sunday School meets every week beginning at **9:30 a.m.** There’s a class for everyone!

On **Sunday, July 27**, we will be celebrating **Sunday School** all day with an **Extravaganza!!**

Please consider how you can participate and volunteer in the **2025-2026 Sunday School** year.

We need YOU!

Contact Persons: Sonya Mulkey, Jan Huffman, or Pastor Heidi

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Sunday, July 27, at 10:30 a.m.

Blessing of the Backpacks

As a new school year begins, we want to send students, teachers, staff, and school volunteers back with our love and prayers. During the service on Sunday, July 27, we’ll offer a Blessing of the Backpacks – a moment of encouragement

and support for learners of all ages. Bring your backpack, briefcase, or laptop bag as we ask God’s blessing on this year of learning, growth, and connection!

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90 DAYS SPIRITUAL FITNESS CHALLENGE

Tuesdays, August 12-October 28, at 6:30 p.m.

Deadline to sign up is Sunday, August 3.

It is time to start stretching your spiritual muscles, dust off your “hiking shoes” and get ready for our 2025 90 Days Spiritual Fitness Challenge!



In these 90 Days we will walk beside the Apostle Paul, uncover his remarkable life, and his voyages from Jerusalem across the Mediterranean world to Rome, where he was martyred. We will read corresponding New Testament passages every day and meet weekly to share observations, watch teaching and archeological videos, as well see some pictures of our Pastor’s visit to some of these sights! If you’re reading this --- consider yourself challenge.

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PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER...

Nursing Homes – Brenda Mahaley (Autumn Care Room 815), Harold Miller (Autumn Care), 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), 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, Marty Kaufmann (member of Pastor Heidi’s previous flock), 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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Phil Cauble, Facility Manager

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

Pastor T. C. Plexico, Pastor Emeritus

