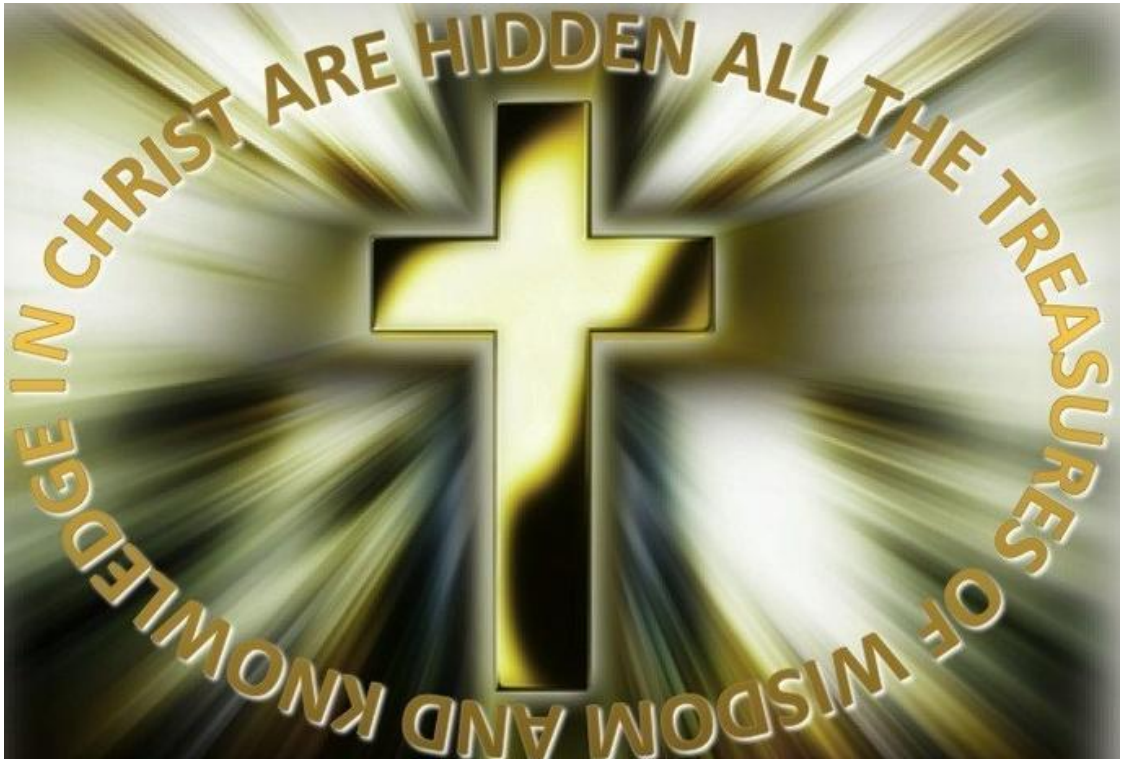




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6th Sunday after Pentecost

July 20, 2025

10:30 a.m. Worship & Holy Communion

Weaving the Scripture passages together, the common thread is: The Lord shows up at unexpected times; when life is not going as we hoped is one of those times. Do we scoff at his appearing, as though insisting “too little, too late,” or do we exclaim, “Lord, do not pass me by?” Do we want the presence of the Lord or not? Do we wish to abide with the keeper of our salvation, or see him walk on by because we are too frustrated by life to have to take on one more personality? All the while, we know that this person, this Christ who surprises and seems to frustrate our plans, is our hope of glory. He is the answer to all of our suffering and discontent. All that is needed is to take a break from the frustrations and busyness, and sit at Jesus’ feet and listen.

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: *Sweet Hour of Prayer* (Rasley)

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: *All Things Bright and Beautiful*

WOV# 767

Refrain: **All things bright and beautiful, all creatures great and small,
All things wise and wonderful, the Lord God made them all.**

1 **Each little flower that opens, each little bird that sings,
God made their glowing colors, God made their tiny wings.** [Refrain]

2 **The purple headed mountains, the river running by,
The sunset, and the morning that brightens up the sky.** [Refrain]

3 **The cold wind in the winter, the pleasant summer sun,
The ripe fruits in the garden, God made them ev'ry one.** [Refrain]

4 **God gave us eyes to see them, and lips that we might tell
How great is God Almighty, who has made all things well.** [Refrain]

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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. Let your merciful ears, O Lord, be open to the prayers of your humble servants; that you may hear our petitions. In all things, help us to ask for what will please you; through your Son, Jesus Christ, 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: Genesis 18:1-14

The first lesson is from the 18th chapter of Genesis.

¹The LORD appeared to {Abraham} by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the door of his tent in the heat of the day. ²He lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, three men were standing in front of him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent door to meet them and bowed himself to the earth ³and said, “O LORD, if I have found favor in your sight, do not pass by your servant. ⁴Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree, ⁵while I bring a morsel of bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on — since you have come to your servant.” So they said, “Do as you have said.” ⁶And Abraham went quickly into the tent to Sarah and said, “Quick! Three seahs of fine flour! Knead it, and make cakes.” ⁷And Abraham ran to the herd and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to a young man, who prepared it quickly. ⁸Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared, and set it before them. And he stood by them under the tree while they ate. ⁹They said to him, “Where is Sarah your wife?” And he said, “She is in the tent.” ¹⁰The LORD said, “I will surely return to you about this time next year, and Sarah your wife shall have a son.” And Sarah was listening at the tent door behind him. ¹¹Now Abraham and Sarah were old, advanced in years. The way of women had ceased to be with Sarah. ¹²So Sarah laughed to herself, saying, “After I am worn out, and my lord is old, shall I have pleasure?” ¹³The LORD said to Abraham, “Why did Sarah laugh and say, ‘Shall I indeed bear a child, now that I am old?’ ¹⁴Is anything too hard for the LORD? At the appointed time I will return to you, about this time next year, and Sarah shall have a son.”

L Here ends the reading.

Psalm 27:7-14* *The Psalm of the Day is read in unison.*

C ⁷Hear, O Lord, when I cry aloud; be gracious to me and answer me!

⁸You have said, “Seek my face.” My heart says to you, “Your face, Lord, do I seek.”

⁹Hide not your face from me. Turn not your servant away in anger, O you who have

been my help. Cast me not off; forsake me not, O God of my salvation!

¹⁰For my father and my mother have forsaken me, but the Lord will take me in.

¹¹Teach me your way, O Lord, and lead me on a level path because of my enemies.

¹²Give me not up to the will of my adversaries; for false witnesses have risen against me, and they breathe out violence.

¹³I believe that I shall look upon the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living!

¹⁴Wait for the Lord; be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait for the Lord!

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

New Testament Lesson: Colossians 1:21-29

The second lesson is from the 1st chapter of Colossians.

²¹You, who once were alienated and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, ²²he has now reconciled in his body of flesh by his death, in order to present you holy and blameless and above reproach before him, ²³if indeed you continue in the faith, stable and steadfast, not shifting from the hope of the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed in all creation under heaven, and of which I, Paul, became a minister. ²⁴Now I rejoice in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am filling up what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the church, ²⁵of which I became a minister according to the stewardship from God that was given to me for you, to make the word of God fully known, ²⁶the mystery hidden for ages and generations but now revealed to his saints. ²⁷To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. ²⁸Him we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone with all wisdom, that we may present everyone mature in Christ. ²⁹For this I toil, struggling with all his energy that he powerfully works within me.

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 10:38-42

³⁸Now as they went on their way, Jesus entered a village. And a woman named Martha welcomed him into her house. ³⁹And she had a sister called Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to his teaching. ⁴⁰But Martha was distracted with much serving. And she went up to him and said, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to serve alone? Tell her then to help me." ⁴¹But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are anxious and troubled about many things, ⁴²but one thing is necessary. Mary has chosen the good portion, which will not be taken away from her."

P The Gospel of the Lord.
C **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Please be seated.

Sermon: *Hidden Treasure in Jesus*
Sermon Series on Colossians

Pastor Heidi Punt

The congregation is invited to stand as able.

Hymn of the Day: *My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less*

LBW# 294

**1 My hope is built on nothing less Than Jesus' blood and righteousness;
No merit of my own I claim, But wholly lean on Jesus' name.**

Refrain: **On Christ, the solid rock, I stand; All other ground is sinking sand.**

**2 When darkness veils His lovely face, I rest on his unchanging grace;
In ev'ry high and stormy gale My anchor holds within the veil. [Refrain]**

**3 His oath, his covenant, his blood Sustain me in the raging flood;
When all supports are washed away, He then is all my hope and stay. [Refrain]**

**4 When he shall come with trumpet sound, Oh, may I then in him be found,
Clothed in his righteousness alone, Redeemed to stand before the throne! [Refrain]**

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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 Building & Repair Fund.

The monthly benevolence focus is NALC Disaster.

Organ Offertory: *Oh, Rest in the Lord* (Mendelssohn)

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 Cantic (Psalm 105:1-4, 1 Chronicles 16:8-32; Psalm 107:1-3) LBW p. 72-23

C Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev'ryone what he has done. Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and proudly bear his name. He recalls his promises and leads his people forth in joy with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Post-Communion Prayer

LBW p. 74

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

C **Amen**

SENDING

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

Benediction (Numbers 6:24-26)

LBW p. 74

P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

C **Amen**

Hymn: *Day by Day*

WOV# 746

- 1 **Day by day, your mercies, Lord, attend me, bringing comfort to my anxious soul.
Day by day, the blessings, Lord, you send me draw me nearer to my heav'nly goal.
Love divine, beyond all mortal measure, brings to naught the burdens of my quest;
Savior, lead me to the home I treasure, where at last I'll find eternal rest.**
- 2 **Day by day, I know you will provide me strength to serve and wisdom to obey;
I will seek your loving will to guide me o'er the paths I struggle day by day.
I will fear no evil of the morrow, I will trust in your enduring grace.
Savior, help me bear life's pain and sorrow till in glory I behold your face.**
- 3 **Oh, what joy to know that you are near me when my burdens grow to great to bear;
Oh, what joy to know that you will hear me when I come, O Lord, to you in prayer.
Day by day, no matter what betide me, you will hold me ever in your hand.
Savior, with your presence here to guide me, I will reach at last the promised land.**

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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: *When I Can Read My Title Clear* (Dan Forrest)

Attendance Update

July 13	30	Sunday School
July 13	106	Worship & Holy Communion

Lutherans at Worship: Glossary of Lutheran Terms

Prayer at the Close of the Day (*The night prayer, also called Compline.*)

Prayer of the Day (*Brief prayer in the Holy Communion liturgy which expresses the theme of the day; also called the collect.*)



Prayer of Thanksgiving (*see Eucharistic Prayer.*)

Preface (*The beginning portion of the Great Thanksgiving, which relates the Holy Communion to the day or season of the church year.*)

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

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Deadline to collect school supplies for children and youth is **Sunday, July 27.** School supplies will go towards Rowan County children in need. Please place donations beside the Choir.

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: Becky Lippard

Acolytes: Caylea Cline and Addison Queen

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

Communion Assistant: Ethan and Ellie Wilhelm

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

Called Congregational Meeting Results Summary

Sunday, July 13, 2025

42 members present with 1 guest

Union Lutheran Church, Salisbury, voted on Sunday, July 13, 2025 at a legally called and held congregational meeting to ratify the proposed amendment to Carolinas Mission Region (CMR) Article 7.02. **42** voted to ratify and **0** voted not to ratify.

Union Lutheran Church, Salisbury, voted on Sunday, July 13, 2025 at a legally called meeting to vote on the first of two votes on the proposed amendments to ULC's Constitution & By-Laws. **42** voted to approve and **0** voted not to approve.

During the period of July 01, 2025-July 15, 2025, the Union Lutheran Church General Fund received revenues totaling \$11,953.00. During this same period, \$(10,970.51) were expended. The result of this two-week period is a positive revenue flow of \$982.49. For the year to date, the church is operating at a revenue deficit of \$(13,723.89).

John Knight, ULC Treasurer

Sunday, July 20, 2025

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

The monthly benevolence focus is NALC Disaster.

*The congregation is invited to collect school supplies for children and youth. **Deadline is Sunday, July 27.***

The **Altar Flowers** are given to the glory of God and in thankfulness for God's many blessings!

Deadline for transportation numbers for day 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

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.

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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!

Sunday, July 27, 2025

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

The monthly benevolence focus is NALC Disaster.

Sunday School Extravaganza begins at 9:30 a.m. All day event!!

Installation of 2025-2026 Sunday School Team

Blessing of the Backpacks

Deadline is today to collect school supplies for children and youth.

*The **Altar Flowers** are given to the glory of God and in celebration of our “son” Scott Curlee on his birthday by Cathy and Troy Painter.*

Deadline for newsletter articles

No Luther League this month.

Sunday, July 27, 2025 *continued*

9:30 a.m. Sunday School Extravaganza begins!!! (All Day Event)

9:30 a.m. Adult Sunday School

Rabbit Hole Adult Sunday School Class

Drew Wise Adult Sunday School Class

Jesus Predicts the Temple’s Destruction ~ Matthew 23:37-24:35

10:30 a.m. Worship & Holy Communion

Genesis 18: 20-33; Psalm 138:1-8; Colossians 2:6-19; Luke 11:1-13

Sermon Series on Colossians: *Objecting to Philosophies, Deceit and Human Traditions*

10:30 a.m. Installation of 2025-2026 Sunday School Team

10:30 a.m. Blessing of the Backpacks

2:00 p.m. Emergency Response Team

4:00 p.m. Union Youth & Friends

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Wednesday, July 30

2:30 p.m. Lay Ministers

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

6:30 p.m. Belles & Beaus

7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir

Thursday, July 31

6:30 p.m. Property, Cemetery & Columbarium

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90 DAYS SPIRITUAL FITNESS CHALLENGE

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

Deadline to sign up by contacting the church office:

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!

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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 Burleson (Lanny and Connie Burleson, former members, daughter), Bobby Curlee (Scott Curlee's dad), 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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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





Sunday, July 27



Beginning at 9:30 a.m.
Day Event!



**Come and join us as we
celebrate the new 2025-2026
Sunday School Year!**

Bring family and friends for a day filled with laughter, excitement, and unforgettable memories for the day!

We'll enjoy games, food, fun, fellowship and God's Word!

We'll bless our Sunday School Team during the worship service.



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We need YOU!!!

A sign-up sheet is making its rounds. Please prayerfully consider how you can volunteer and participate on Sunday, July 27!



90 Days Spiritual Fitness

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 challenged!



Tuesdays at
6:30 p.m.



August 12-
October 28



All can
participate!

\$25

Suggested donation

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