



Union Lutheran Church

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SPIRITUAL MAKEOVER CHALLENGE

And have put on the new self,
which is being renewed in knowledge
after the image of its creator.
-Colossians 3:10

8th Sunday after Pentecost

August 3, 2025

10:30 a.m. Worship & Holy Communion

Weaving the Scripture passages together, the common thread is: Why would seeking fulfillment in the things of the world be anything but vanity? We are created to seek the things above, not the things of the earth. This is a putting off of the old, and a putting on of the new self. God is faithful to renew us in this way. Those who set their minds on such things, lay up great treasure and are rich toward God. This is not vanity, for in such pursuit one is renewed in the image of the creator.

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: *Lift High the Cross* (Alice Jordan)

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: *God Himself Is Present*

LBW# 249

- 1 **God himself is present; let us now adore him and with awe appear before him!
God is in his temple; all within keep silence, prostrate lie with deepest rev'rence,
Him alone God we own, Him, our God and Savior; praise His name forever!**
- 2 **God himself is present; hear the harps resounding;
See the hosts the throne surrounding! "Holy, holy, holy!" Hear the hymns ascending,
Songs of saints and angels blending. Bow your ear to us here:
Hear, O Christ, the praises that your Church now raises.**
- 3 **Light of light eternal, all things penetrating, for you rays our soul is waiting.
As the tender flowers, willingly unfolding, to the sun their faces holding:
Even so would we do, light from you obtaining, strength to serve you gaining.**
- 4 **Come, celestial being, make our hearts your dwelling,
Ev'ry carnal though dispelling. By your Holy Spirit sanctify us truly,
Teaching us to love you only. Where we go here below,
Let us bow before you and in truth adore you.**

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Please be seated.

Children's Message & Noisy Offering Collected (SMI Haiti)

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 go around the Sanctuary collecting a noisy offering for SMI Haiti.

English

Original lyrics

Jesus Loves Me

Jesus loves me this I know

For the Bible tells me so

Little ones to Him belong

They are weak but He is strong

Refrain:

Yes Jesus loves me

Yes Jesus loves me

French (Haitian Creole)

Translation

Jezi renmen-m

Jezi renmen mwen, m-konnen

Paske Bib la di mwen sa

Ti ti moun pou li yo ye

Yo mèt fèb min li-minm fò

Refren:

Wi, Jezi renmen mwen

Wi, Jezi renmen mwen

**Yes Jesus loves me
The Bible tells me so**

**Wi, Jezi renmen mwen
Bib la di mwen konsa**

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After the noisy offering is collected the children will sit with their family.

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. Almighty, eternal God, your kindness is far more than we desire or deserve. Generously pour out your mercy to forgive where our conscience is afraid and to provide that for which by ourselves, we do not even presume to pray; 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: Ecclesiastes 2:18-26

The first lesson is from the 2nd chapter of Ecclesiastes.

¹⁸I hated all my toil in which I toil under the sun, seeing that I must leave it to the man who will come after me, ¹⁹and who knows whether he will be wise or a fool? Yet he will be master of all

for which I toiled and used my wisdom under the sun. This also is vanity. ²⁰So I turned about and gave my heart up to despair over all the toil of my labors under the sun, ²¹because sometimes a person who has toiled with wisdom and knowledge and skill must leave everything to be enjoyed by someone who did not toil for it. This also is vanity and a great evil. ²²What has a man from all the toil and striving of heart with which he toils beneath the sun? ²³For all his days are full of sorrow, and his work is a vexation. Even in the night his heart does not rest. This also is vanity. ²⁴There is nothing better for a person than that he should eat and drink and find enjoyment in his toil. This also, I saw, is from the hand of God, ²⁵for apart from him who can eat or who can have enjoyment? ²⁶For to the one who pleases him God has given wisdom and knowledge and joy, but to the sinner he has given the business of gathering and collecting, only to give to one who pleases God. This also is vanity and a striving after wind.

L Here ends the reading.

Psalm 100* *The Psalm of the Day is read in unison.*

C ¹Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth!

²Serve the Lord with gladness! Come into his presence with singing!

³Know that the Lord, he is God! It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

⁴Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise! Give thanks to him; bless his name!

⁵For the Lord is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.

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

New Testament Lesson: Colossians 3:1-11

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

¹If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. ²Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. ³For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. ⁴When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory. ⁵Put to death therefore what is earthly in you: sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. ⁶On account of these the wrath of God is coming. ⁷In these you too once walked, when you were living in them. ⁸But now you must put them all away: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and obscene talk from your mouth. ⁹Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have put off the old self with its practices ¹⁰and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its creator. ¹¹Here there is not Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave, free; but Christ is all, and in all.

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 12th chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

Holy Gospel: Luke 12:13-21

¹³Someone in the crowd said to {Jesus}, “Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me.” ¹⁴But he said to him, “Man, who made me a judge or arbitrator over you?” ¹⁵And he said to them, “Take care, and be on your guard against all covetousness, for one’s life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions.” ¹⁶And he told them a parable, saying, “The land of a rich man produced plentifully, ¹⁷and he thought to himself, ‘What shall I do, for I have nowhere to store my crops?’” ¹⁸And he said, ‘I will do this: I will tear down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. ¹⁹And I will say to my soul, “Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.”’” ²⁰But God said to him, ‘Fool! This night your soul is required of you, and the things you have prepared, whose will they be?’” ²¹So is the one who lays up treasure for himself and is not rich toward God.”

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

Sermon: *Make Over with Jesus*

Pastor Heidi Punt

Sermon Series on Colossians

The congregation is invited to stand as able.

Hymn of the Day: *Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me*

LBW# 327

- 1 Rock of Ages, cleft for me, Let me hide myself in thee;
Let the water and the blood, From thy riven side which flowed,
Be of sin the double cure: Cleanse me from its guilt and pow'r.**
- 2 Not the labors of my hands Can fulfill thy law's demands;
Could my zeal no respite know, Could my tears forever flow,
All for sin could not atone; Thou must save, and thou alone.**
- 3 Nothing in my hand I bring; Simply to thy cross I cling.
Naked, come to thee for dress; Helpless, look to thee for grace;
Foul, I to the fountain fly; Wash me, Savior, or I die.**
- 4 While I draw this fleeting breath, When mine eyelids close in death,
When I soar to worlds unknown, See thee on thy judgment throne,
Rock of Ages, cleft for me, Let me hide myself in thee.**

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

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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 SMI Haiti.

Organ Offertory: *What a Friend We Have in Jesus* (Alice Jordan)

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 Canticle (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: *Glories of Your Name Are Spoken*

LBW# 358

1 **Glories of your name are spoken, Zion, city of our God;
He whose word cannot be broken Formed you for his own abode.
On the Rock of Ages founded, What can shake your sure repose?
With salvation's walls surrounded, You may smile at all your foes.**

2 **See, the streams of living waters, Springing from eternal love,
Well supply your sons and daughters, And all fear of want remove.
Who can faint, while such a river Ever will their thirst assuage?
Grace which, like the Lord, the giver, Never fails from age to age.**

- 3 Round each habitation hov'ring, See the cloud and fire appear
For a glory and a cov'ring, Showing that the Lord is near.
Thus deriving from their banner Light by night and shade by day,
Safe they feed upon the manna Which God gives them on their way.**
- 4 Savior, since of Zion's city I through grace a member am,
Let the world deride or pity, I will glory in Your name.
Fading are the worldlings' pleasures All their boasted pomp and show;
Solid joys and lasting treasures None but Zion's children know.**

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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: *Crown Him with Many Crowns* (Jason Payne)

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Attendance Update

July 27	35	Sunday School
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Lutherans at Worship: Glossary of Lutheran Terms

Psalmody (*The Psalms which are sung or read in liturgical worship.*)

Purple (*Liturgical color for Lent; symbolizes royalty and penitence.*)

Reading desk (*Lectern or pulpit.*)

Red (*Liturgical color used on the Day of Pentecost, Reformation, many saints' and martyrs' days, ordination, and church dedications and anniversaries; symbolizes fire of the Holy Spirit and blood.*)



(Lutherans at Worship by S. Anita Stauffer, Gilbert A. Doan, and Michael B. Aune page 95)

Those Serving Today

Guest Organist: Don Simmons

Acolytes and Lay Readers: Robyn Arey and Vicki Hunter

Altar Guild: Robyn Arey and Mary Hutchens

Communion Assistants: Robyn Arey, Vicki Hunter, and Mary Hutchens

Ushers: Phil Cauble, Don Davis, Tara Davis and Ronald Vellines

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

Live Streaming: Pete Nguyen

Offering Counters: Patsy Lyerly, Sonya Mulkey, and Vivian Sprinkle

Union News

During the period of July 16, 2025- July 31, 2025, the Union Lutheran Church General Fund received revenues totaling \$7,730.12. **This revenue total includes \$1,567.12, from insurance proceeds for the water damage in the education building last year.** During this same period, **\$(14,839.99)** were expended. This greater than usual expenditure total includes Duke Energy **\$(1,581.81)** and Rowan County property taxes for 4770 Bringle Ferry Road **\$(3,493.14)** and the Eller property on Walton Road **\$(2,356.76)**. The result of this two-week period is a negative revenue flow of **\$(7,109.87)**. For the year to date, the church is operating at a revenue deficit of **\$(20,833.76)**.

John Knight, Treasurer, Union Lutheran Church

Sunday, August 3

The loose offering will go towards the Mission Outreach Fund.

The monthly benevolence focus is SMI Haiti.

Each Sunday, a noisy offering will be collected to go towards SMI Haiti.

The **Altar Flowers Arrangement** by the baptismal font is given to the glory of God in loving memory of our father, Robert Cecil Cauble, Sr., by Debbie, Phil, and Milas.

The **Flower Arrangement** on the piano are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Wayne Vellines by his family.

Deadline to sign up for 90 Days!

9:30 a.m. Children & Youth Sunday School

The Garden of Eden ~ Genesis 1:26-29; 2:4-15; 1 Corinthians 15:38-49

God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them. And God blessed them. (Genesis 1:27-28a)

Sunday, August 3 *continued*

9:30 a.m. Adult Sunday School

Rabbit Hole Adult Sunday School Class

The Garden of Eden ~ Genesis 1:26-29; 2:4-15; 1 Corinthians 15:38-49

Drew Wise Adult Sunday School Class

Christians as God's Temple ~ 1 Corinthians 3:1-23; 2 Corinthians 6:14-18

10:30 a.m. Worship & Holy Communion

Ecclesiastes 2:18-26; Psalm 100; Colossians 2:6-19; Luke 11:1-13

Colossians Sermon Series: *Make Over with Jesus*

4:00 p.m. Little Lutherans (5th grade and younger)

This Week's Schedule

Monday, August 4-Friday, August 8, NALC Convocation in Pittsburgh, PA

Theme: *Running with Endurance: Fixing Our Eyes on Jesus*

Union's Delegates: Pastor Heidi Punt, Jan Huffman, and Nikki Nguyen

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

Come join us to beautify the church grounds and facilities for Homecoming on **Saturday, August 9**, at **9:00 a.m.** Bring your supplies, tools and anything you think could be useful.

Saturday, August 9 **11:00 a.m.** Belles & Beaus

Sunday, August 10

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

The monthly benevolence focus is SMI Haiti.

Each Sunday, a noisy offering will be collected to go towards SMI Haiti.

The **Altar Flowers** are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Mrs. Elaine Honbarrier who for so many years faithfully shared her musical talents with the congregation of Union.

Everyone is invited to celebrate Union's 251st anniversary today!!

9:20 a.m. Belles & Beaus and Chancel Choir in Sanctuary

9:30 a.m. Children & Youth Sunday School

Adam & Eve's Temptation ~ Genesis 3:1-21; Romans 5:15-17

God said: "You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the midst of the garden." (Genesis 3:3)

9:30 a.m. Adult Sunday School

Rabbit Hole Adult Sunday School Class

Adam & Eve's Temptation ~ Genesis 3:1-21; Romans 5:15-17

Drew Wise Adult Sunday School Class
Our Bodies Belong to God
Psalm 139:13-24; Romans 12:1-21; 1 Corinthians 6:12-20

The ASU Brass Quartet and organ will begin worship with the prelude at **10:20 a.m.!**

10:30 a.m. Worship & Holy Communion
Genesis 15:1-6; Psalms 33:12-22; Hebrews 11:1-6; Luke 12:22-34
Guest Pastor, Rob Crawford
Hebrews Sermon Series: *Faith part 1*

Please be seated for the Postlude played by the ASU Brass Quartet.

A covered dish lunch will follow worship in the large fellowship hall. Chicken, beverages, and paper products will be provided. **The congregation is requested to bring your favorite meats, sides, and desserts** to share.

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*All women are invited to the **Mary & Martha Circle** on **Tuesday, August 12, at 2:00 p.m.** in Conference #1. You won't want to miss Deena Lanning's program with delicious refreshments provided by Vivian Sprinkle and Patsy Lyerly!*

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90 Days Spiritual Fitness

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

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!

Deadline to sign up is Sunday, August 3.



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*Union Lutheran Church will sponsor the **Chapel Time at Autumn Care** on **Wednesday, August 13, at 2:00 p.m.** All are invited to join the residents in Word & Sacrament!*

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Chancel Choir will rehearse on **Wednesdays, August 13 & 20, at 6:30 p.m.** in the Sanctuary.

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GOOD TIMERS

*The **Good Timers** will meet briefly at the church on **Thursday, August 14, at 10:00 a.m.** and travel to Dan Nicholas Park for the program.*

Following the program, the group will eat at Lakeview Restaurant.

Contact Persons: Deena Lanning and Doris Shepherd



Mission Outreach Umbrella will meet **Thursday, August 14, at 5:30 p.m.** for a regularly scheduled meeting in Conference #1.

Sunday, August 17

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

The monthly benevolence focus is SMI Haiti.

Each Sunday, a noisy offering will be collected to go towards SMI Haiti.

Sharon Leazer has reserved the Altar Flowers by the baptismal font for Sunday, August 17.

9:30 a.m. Children & Youth Sunday School

Cain & Abel ~ Genesis 4:1-16; James 4:1-10

The LORD had regard for Abel and his offering, but for Cain and his offering he had no regard. So Cain was very angry, and his face fell. (Genesis 4:4b-5)

9:30 a.m. Adult Sunday School

Rabbit Hole Adult Sunday School Class

Cain & Abel ~ Genesis 4:1-16; James 4:1-10

Drew Wise Adult Sunday School Class

The Two Made One ~ Romans 9:14-24; Ephesians 2:11-22

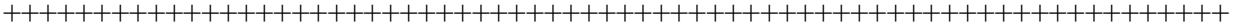
10:30 a.m. Worship & Holy Communion

Jeremiah 23:16-29; Psalm 119:81-88; Hebrews 11:17-31; Luke 12:49-56

Hebrews Sermon Series: *Faith part 2*

12 noon Ribelin Family Reunion (*Old Pine Center*)

2:00 p.m. Church Council



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, & 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), Angie Humes

(Janice Goodman’s friend), Tommy Lamb (Pam Vellines’ uncle), Dr. Sean Malone (Pam Vellines’ friend), Jeff Matthews (cancer patient), Alex and Nadia Punt McCoy, (Pr. Heidi Punt’s daughter and son-in-law), Adam Osborne (Vicki Hunter’s co-worker), Cindy Terzi (Vivian Sprinkle’s daughter), 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)

Ethan Wilhelm (6-month term)

2024-2026

Phil Cauble

Kevin Huffman

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Thad Mulkey

2025-2027

Karen Barringer

Pete Nguyen (Vice-President)

Brad Trexler

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Lay Ministers

Tara Davis, Vicki Hunter, Steve Hutchens, Elbert Kluttz and Deena Lanning

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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





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



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