



## Union Lutheran Church

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11<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

August 24, 2025

10:30 a.m. Worship & Holy Communion

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*Weaving the Scripture passages together, the common thread is: The sign of God is Christ in our midst. He is the “perfection of beauty,” shining in transfigured glory. He is our deliverance in the day of trouble. That day is, ultimately, the day of judgment, for he knows the thoughts and deeds of all people. Though we struggle against sin, we cannot overcome, as we are captive to sin; we cannot liberate ourselves. So, we must enter into salvation through the narrowest of openings, that Christ, the sign of God’s love for sinners. He is the only way to the Father (John 14:6).*

Union Lutheran Church welcomes you as you join us in worship this morning. Please fill out the communion/visitor card so that we can be made aware of your presence. If you have questions or are interested in the ministries and life of Union, please see the pastor, contact the church office, or scan the QR code.

We welcome children to be a part of worship. A nursery is also provided for those attending to the needs of infants and small children.

Lutheran Book of Worship (LBW) green hymnal  
With One Voice (WOV) blue hymnal  
P=Pastor, C=Congregation, L=Lay Reader

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## ORDER FOR WORSHIP

*Service of the Word and Lutheran Book of Worship Setting 1*

### Welcome & Announcements

Prelude: *Here, I Am Lord* (Schutte)

Chancel Choir

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*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)

P In the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

Prayer of the Day

P Let us pray, Care for your Church, O Lord, with perpetual mercy. Since we totter and are sure to fall without your grace, remove what will harm us and arrange what will make us whole. Grant this, we 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.**

Brief Order for Confession and Forgiveness (1 John 1:8-9)

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, apart from Christ, 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 and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

*The minister addresses the congregation:*

Absolution (John 20:22-23)

P Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his only Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. By the authority of Christ himself, I 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.

*Children are invited to come forward for the Children's Message., during the singing of the last stanza of the hymn*

Hymn: All People That on Earth Do Dwell

LBW#245

- 1. All people that on earth do dwell, Sing to the Lord with cheerful voice;  
Him serve with mirth, his praise forth tell; Come ye before him and rejoice.**
- 2. Know that the Lord is God indeed; Without our aid he did us make.  
We are his folk, he doth us feed, And for his sheep he doth us take.**
- 3. Oh, enter then his gates with praise; Approach with joy his courts unto;  
Praise, laud, and bless his name always, For it is seemly so to do.**
- 4. For why? The Lord our God is good: His mercy is forever sure;  
His truth at all times firmly stood, And shall from age to age endure.**
- 5. To Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, The God whom heav'n and earth adore,  
From us and from the angel host Be praise and glory evermore.**

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*Please be seated.*

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

*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**

French (Haitian Creole)

Translation

*Jezi renmen-mwen*

**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**

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

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

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*Following the noisy offering collection, the children will return to sit with their family.*

## **WORD**

*God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.*

Psalm 50:1-15 *The Psalm of the Day is read in unison.*

- C** <sup>1</sup>**The Mighty One, God the Lord, speaks and summons the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.**  
<sup>2</sup>**Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, God shines forth.**  
<sup>3</sup>**Our God comes; he does not keep silence; before him is a devouring fire, around him a mighty tempest.**  
<sup>4</sup>**He calls to the heavens above and to the earth, that he may judge his people:**  
<sup>5</sup>**“Gather to me my faithful ones, who made a covenant with me by sacrifice!”**  
<sup>6</sup>**The heavens declare his righteousness, for God himself is judge!**  
<sup>7</sup>**“Hear, O my people, and I will speak; O Israel, I will testify against you. I am God, your God.**  
<sup>8</sup>**Not for your sacrifices do I rebuke you; your burnt offerings are continually before me.**  
<sup>9</sup>**I will not accept a bull from your house or goats from your folds.**  
<sup>10</sup>**For every beast of the forest is mine, the cattle on a thousand hills.**  
<sup>11</sup>**I know all the birds of the hills, and all that moves in the field is mine.**  
<sup>12</sup>**“If I were hungry, I would not tell you, for the world and its fullness are mine.**  
<sup>13</sup>**Do I eat the flesh of bulls or drink the blood of goats?**  
<sup>14</sup>**Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving, and perform your vows to the Most High,**  
<sup>15</sup>**and call upon me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you, and you shall glorify me.”**

Old Testament Lesson: Isaiah 66:18-23

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

<sup>18</sup>“For I know their works and their thoughts, and the time is coming to gather all nations and tongues. And they shall come and shall see my glory, <sup>19</sup>and I will set a sign among them. And from them I will send survivors to the nations, to Tarshish, Pul, and Lud, who draw the bow, to Tubal and Javan, to the coastlands far away, that have not heard my fame or seen my glory. And they shall declare my glory among the nations. <sup>20</sup>And they shall bring all your brothers from all the nations as an offering to the LORD, on horses and in chariots and in litters and on mules and on dromedaries, to my holy mountain Jerusalem, says the LORD, just as the Israelites bring their

grain offering in a clean vessel to the house of the LORD. <sup>21</sup>And some of them also I will take for priests and for Levites, says the LORD. <sup>22</sup>For as the new heavens and the new earth that I make shall remain before me, says the LORD, so shall your offspring and your name remain. <sup>23</sup>From new moon to new moon, and from Sabbath to Sabbath, all flesh shall come to worship before me, declares the LORD.”

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

### New Testament Lesson: Hebrews 12:4-29

The second lesson is from the 12th chapter of Hebrews.

<sup>4</sup>In your struggle against sin you have not yet resisted to the point of shedding your blood. <sup>5</sup>And have you forgotten the exhortation that addresses you as sons? “My son, do not regard lightly the discipline of the Lord, nor be weary when reproved by him. <sup>6</sup>For the Lord disciplines the one he loves, and chastises every son whom he receives.” <sup>7</sup>It is for discipline that you have to endure. God is treating you as sons. For what son is there whom his father does not discipline? <sup>8</sup>If you are left without discipline, in which all have participated, then you are illegitimate children and not sons. <sup>9</sup>Besides this, we have had earthly fathers who disciplined us and we respected them. Shall we not much more be subject to the Father of spirits and live? <sup>10</sup>For they disciplined us for a short time as it seemed best to them, but he disciplines us for our good, that we may share his holiness. <sup>11</sup>For the moment all discipline seems painful rather than pleasant, but later it yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it. <sup>12</sup>Therefore lift your drooping hands and strengthen your weak knees, <sup>13</sup>and make straight paths for your feet, so that what is lame may not be put out of joint but rather be healed. <sup>14</sup>Strive for peace with everyone, and for the holiness without which no one will see the Lord. <sup>15</sup>See to it that no one fails to obtain the grace of God; that no “root of bitterness” springs up and causes trouble, and by it many become defiled; <sup>16</sup>that no one is sexually immoral or unholy like Esau, who sold his birthright for a single meal. <sup>17</sup>For you know that afterward, when he desired to inherit the blessing, he was rejected, for he found no chance to repent, though he sought it with tears. <sup>18</sup>For you have not come to what may be touched, a blazing fire and darkness and gloom and a tempest <sup>19</sup>and the sound of a trumpet and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that no further messages be spoken to them. <sup>20</sup>For they could not endure the order that was given, “If even a beast touches the mountain, it shall be stoned.” <sup>21</sup>Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, “I tremble with fear.” <sup>22</sup>But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, <sup>23</sup>and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God, the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, <sup>24</sup>and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel. <sup>25</sup>See that you do not refuse him who is speaking. For if they did not escape when they refused him who warned them on earth, much less will we escape if we reject him who warns from heaven. <sup>26</sup>At that time his voice shook the earth, but now he has promised, “Yet

once more I will shake not only the earth but also the heavens.” <sup>27</sup>This phrase, “Yet once more,” indicates the removal of things that are shaken — that is, things that have been made — in order that the things that cannot be shaken may remain. <sup>28</sup>Therefore let us be grateful for receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, and thus let us offer to God acceptable worship, with reverence and awe, <sup>29</sup>for our God is a consuming fire.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

*The congregation is invited to stand as able.*

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 13th chapter.

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

Holy Gospel: Luke 13:22-30

<sup>22</sup>{Jesus} went on his way through towns and villages, teaching and journeying toward Jerusalem. <sup>23</sup>And someone said to him, “Lord, will those who are saved be few?” And he said to them, <sup>24</sup>“Strive to enter through the narrow door. For many, I tell you, will seek to enter and will not be able. <sup>25</sup>When once the master of the house has risen and shut the door, and you begin to stand outside and to knock at the door, saying, ‘Lord, open to us,’ then he will answer you, ‘I do not know where you come from.’ <sup>26</sup>Then you will begin to say, ‘We ate and drank in your presence, and you taught in our streets.’ <sup>27</sup>But he will say, ‘I tell you, I do not know where you come from. Depart from me, all you workers of evil!’ <sup>28</sup>In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth, when you see Abraham and Isaac and Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of God but you yourselves cast out. <sup>29</sup>And people will come from east and west, and from north and south, and recline at table in the kingdom of God. <sup>30</sup>And behold, some are last who will be first, and some are first who will be last.”

P The Gospel of the Lord.

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

*Please be seated.*

Sermon: *Jesus, the Coach & Trainer*

Pastor Heidi Punt

*Sermon Series on Hebrews*

*Please remain seated.*

Offering (Malachi 3:10)

*The Offering is received while singing the Hymn of the Day.*

*The Lord’s Table is prepared.*

*All loose offering will go towards the Family Ministries (formerly Youth Missions) & Retreats Funds.*

*The monthly benevolence focus is SMI Haiti.*

*Please remain seated.*

Hymn of the Day: *I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light*

LBW# 649

1 **I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to follow Jesus.**

**God set the stars to give light to the world. The star of my life is Jesus. *Refrain***

*Refrain*

**In him there is no darkness at all. The night and the day are both alike.  
The Lamb is the light of the city of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.**

**2 I want to see the brightness of God. I want to look at Jesus.  
Clear Sun of Righteousness, shine on my path, and show me the way to the Father.**

*Refrain*

**3 I'm looking for the coming of Christ. I want to be with Jesus.  
When we have run with patience the race, we shall know the joy of Jesus. *Refrain***

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*The congregation is invited to stand as able.*

Offertory Prayer (*Psalm 96:7-8; Psalm 100:4*)

LBW p. 67

**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**

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.**

## MEAL

*God invites us to His table.*

*The congregation is invited to remain standing as able.*

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:

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) (arr. Fred Bock)

Chancel Choir

*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.*

Communion Music *Alleluia Sing to Jesus* (Reuss)

*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: *Alleluia! Sing to Jesus*

LBW# 158

- 1 **Alleluia! Sing to Jesus; His the scepter, his the throne;  
Alleluia! His the triumph, His the victory alone.  
Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion Thunder like a mighty flood:  
"Jesus out of ev'ry nation Has redeemed us by his blood."**
- 2 **Alleluia! Not as orphans Are we left in sorrow now; Alleluia! He is near us;  
Faith believes, nor questions how. Though the cloud from sight received him  
When the forty days were o'er, Shall our hearts forget his promise:  
"I am with you evermore"?**
- 3 **Alleluia! Bread of heaven, Here on earth our food, our stay;  
Alleluia! Here the sinful Flee to you from day to day.  
Intercessor, friend of sinners, Earth's redeemer, hear our plea  
Where the songs of all the sinless Sweep across the crystal sea.**
- 4 **Alleluia! King eternal, Lord omnipotent we own;  
Alleluia! Born of Mary, Earth your footstool, heav'n your throne.  
As within the veil you entered, Robed in flesh, our great high priest,  
Here on earth both priest and victim In the eucharistic feast.**
- 5 **Alleluia! Sing to Jesus; His the scepter, his the throne;  
Alleluia! His the triumph, His the victory alone.  
Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion Thunder like a mighty flood:  
"Jesus out of ev'ry nation Has redeemed us by his blood."**

Text: William C. Dix, 1837-1898 (alt.) Tune: Rowland H. Prichard, 1811-1887

## 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: *All People That On Earth Do Dwell* (Lovelace)

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Lutheran Book of Worship Setting 1 pages 56-76

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## Attendance Update

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| August 17 | 45  | Sunday School            |
| August 17 | 113 | Worship & Holy Communion |

## Lutherans at Worship: Glossary of Lutheran Terms

*Season (A period in the church year, such as Advent and Lent.)*

*Service of the Word (A liturgical order used when the Holy Communion is not celebrated.)*



*Signation (Making the Sign of the Cross on the forehead of a baptized person.)*

*Sign of the Cross (Gesture tracing the outline of the cross; used in Holy Baptism, Post-Communion Blessing, and Benediction as a sign of belonging to God.)*

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

## Those Serving Today

**Pianist/Organist:** Dawn Merrell

**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

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# Union News

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## Sunday, August 24

*The loose offering will go towards the Family Ministries (formerly Youth Missions) & Retreats Funds.*

The monthly benevolence focus is SMI Haiti.

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

The **Altar Flowers** by the baptismal font are given to the glory of God for His many blessings.

*Deadline for newsletter articles.*

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

The Tower of Babel ~ Genesis 11:1-9; Isaiah 14:12-21 *Its name was called Babel, because there the Lord confused the language of all the earth.* (Genesis 11:9)

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

Rabbit Hole Adult Sunday School Class

The Tower of Babel ~ Genesis 11:1-9; Isaiah 14:12-21

Drew Wise Adult Sunday School Class

Sacrifices of Praise ~ Psalm 146; Hebrews 13:1-21

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

Isaiah 66:18-23; Psalm 50:1-15; Hebrews 12:4-9; Luke 13:22-30

Hebrews Sermon Series: *Jesus the Coach & Trainer*

### **2:00 p.m.** Emergency Response Team

**Rescheduled:** The Bridge will meet next month, September 28, at 6:30 pm.

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Tuesday, August 26

**6:30 p.m.** 90 Days Spiritual Fitness

Friday, August 29

September Messenger & Handouts are printed.

## Sunday, August 31

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

The monthly benevolence focus is SMI Haiti.

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

The **Altar Flowers** by the baptismal font are open for reservations on August 31.

*Thank you to the Good Timers for leading Sunday, August 31, service!*

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

A Promised Child ~ Genesis 18:1-15; Galatians 3:7-9, 16-22 *The Lord said, "I will surely return to you about this time next year, and Sarah your wife shall have a son."* (Genesis 18:10)

**Sunday, August 31** *continued*

**9:30 a.m.** Good Timers Choir Rehearsal

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

Rabbit Hole Adult Sunday School Class

A Promised Child ~ Genesis 18:1-15; Galatians 3:7-9, 16-22

Drew Wise Adult Sunday School Class

Living Stones in a Spiritual Temple ~ Galatians 3:23-29; 1 Peter 2:1-17

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

Proverbs 25:2-10; Psalm 131; Hebrews 13:1-17; Luke 14:1-14

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Monday, September 1

The church office is closed in observance of Labor Day.

Tuesday, September 2

**6:30 p.m.** 90 Days Spiritual Fitness

**Church Planting Interest Form – Airtable**

<https://airtable.com/app7HMsmXSp3mKL5M/pagZhWVvMYAm7Zag0/form>

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**New:** We're so glad that you're part of the **2025-2025 Sunday School Volunteer Team** at Union Lutheran Church! To say "thank you," for serving, the Pastor would like to invite you to an **Appreciation Dinner** on **Thursday, September 4**, at **6:30 p.m.** Please RSVP to attend and come enjoy a meal, get to know the other volunteers and hear some vision for where ULC is heading next!



**New:** Preparations for our annual **Christmas Program** are underway: **A Christmas to Believe In.** A traditional Christmas story told by two narrators as costumed performers act out the story on stage. Except that occasionally the actors interact with the Narrators as one of them wrestles with the big question of believing the Christmas story. This is a intergenerational opportunity, giving room for some budding actors to make their debut!

To memorize and prepare for our Christmas Program, we will hold rehearsals in the large fellowship hall on the following dates: September 7, 14, 21 & 28, October 5, 12, 19 & 26, November 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30 at 3:00 p.m.; December 7 & 14 at 4:00 p.m.; Dress Rehearsal, Sunday, December 20, at 6:15 p.m.

To sign up or learn more, please contact the church office.

Your participation will be a tremendous blessing to our congregation and community as we come together to share the good news of Christ's birth.

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**Invitation: Lutheran Worship and Sacramental Practice Seminar**  
 NALS/Gordon-Conwell Lutheran Studies Program

Details:

Start Date: Sunday, September 14

Time: 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.

Location: Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, Troutman, NC (225 Morgan St., Troutman, NC 28166)

For planning purposes, please contact Pr. Nathan Yoder if you would like to attend!

Email: [Nyoder1@gordonconwell.edu](mailto:Nyoder1@gordonconwell.edu)

Phone: (828) 485-7155

On Sunday evenings this fall, Prs. Andrew Weisner and Nathan Yoder will be offering a seminar on liturgy and sacramental practice. **Clergy and laity who attend in person may audit free of charge.** Through lecture and “hands-on” instruction, this course will serve as an accessible introduction to, and a thorough review of, the fundamentals of conveying the gospel in worship.

## HEBREWS SERMON SERIES

This Epistle aims to encourage Christians to endure, and to warn them not to abandon their faith in Christ. Bring your Bible and read along, make notes and engage with another during the week about what you heard and read during worship.

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### PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER...

**Nursing Homes** – Dottie Kluttz (Autumn Care Room 611), 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, Rev. TC & Mary Plexico, Macky Swicegood, Billy Waller & Michael Walton

**Sick/Surgery/Recovery** –Donnell Miller, Doris Ludwisk, 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), Johnnie Earnhardt (Pete Nguyen’s friend), Rev. Cathy Fanslau (NALC Pastor), Janice Goodman & Family, Angie Humes (Janice Goodman’s friend), Mitzi Jackson (John Knight’s sister), 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), Mike Taylor (Phoebe Nunn’s brother), 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, the Wayne Vellines Family

# Catechism Kick Off



Have you ever wanted to brush up on the Catechism? Perhaps you have wanted to refresh or learn anew what the Creed, the Commandments, the Sacraments, Office of the Keys or to simply walk through the whole Bible in a year!

All 7<sup>th</sup> Graders-Adults are invited to join the Pastor on a weekly journey!



Wednesday, September 10



At 06:30 pm



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DON'T MISS WORSHIP NEXT WEEK!

OUR GOOD TIMERS WILL BE LEADING THE WORSHIP ON AUGUST 31, 2025.

WE ARE EXCITED TO HAVE THEM LEAD MUSIC, SHARE THE WORD, USHER, GREET... BE GOD'S VESSEL!

Good Timers, remember to meet in the choir room at 9:30am next Sunday to practice the Anthem.

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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
- John Knight (Treasurer)
- 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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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

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