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12th Sunday after Pentecost

August 31, 2025

10:30 a.m. Worship & Holy Communion

Weaving the Scripture passages together, the common thread is: The Pharisees watched Jesus carefully, hoping to make much of some fault that never came. May we also watch him but with better reason. We should watch him in order to imitate his ways, his faith in the Father. This is not a matter of pride, but the character of a younger sibling who would be like his big brother. We cannot attain to it; it is too much. But we can try to show brotherly love and humility, and with the Spirit's help, may attain to some measure of improvement. After all is done, we may rest in Christ's peace, knowing our hope is in the Lord, not in ourselves: our efforts, our righteousness.

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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Welcome & Announcements

Prelude: *Son of God, Eternal Savior* (Burkhardt)

At this time, the altar candles are lit to represent Jesus' life and ministry,

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

The congregation is invited to stand as able.

Invocation (Matthew 28:19)

LBW p. 56

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: *Son of God, Eternal Savior*

LBW# 364

- 1 **Son of God, eternal Savior, Source of life and truth and grace,
Word made flesh, whose birth among us Hallows all our human race,
You our head, who, throned in glory, For your own will ever plead:
Fill us with your love and pity, Heal our wrongs, and help our need.**
- 2 **As you, Lord, have lived for others, So may we for others live.
Freely have your gifts been granted; Freely may your servants give.
Yours the gold and yours the silver, Yours the wealth of land and sea;
We but stewards of your bounty Held in solemn trust will be.**
- 3 **Come, O Christ, and reign among us, King of love and Prince of Peace;
Hush the storm of strife and passion, Bid its cruel discords cease.
By your patient years of toiling, By your silent hours of pain,
Quench our fevered thirst of pleasure, Stem our selfish greed of gain.**
- 4 **Son of God, eternal Savior, Source of life and truth and grace,
Word made flesh, whose birth among us Hallows all our human race:
By your praying, by your willing That your people should be one,
Grant, oh, grant our hope's fruition: Here on earth your will be done.**

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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

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.

The congregation is invited to stand as able.

Kyrie (*Mark 10:47*)

LBW p. 57-58

P In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C **Amen**

Hymn of Praise (Luke 2:14; John 1:29; Revelation 5:12-13; 19:5-9) is omitted this week.

Salutation (*2 Timothy 4:22*)

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

Prayer of the Day

P Let us pray. O Lord, mercifully continue to purify and defend your Church. Since she cannot stand firmly without your power, govern her always by your grace; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Please be seated.

WORD

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

Old Testament Lesson: Proverbs 25:2-10

The first lesson is from the 25th chapter of Proverbs.

²It is the glory of God to conceal things, but the glory of kings is to search things out. ³As the heavens for height, and the earth for depth, so the heart of kings is unsearchable. ⁴Take away the

dress from the silver, and the smith has material for a vessel; ⁵take away the wicked from the presence of the king, and his throne will be established in righteousness. ⁶Do not put yourself forward in the king's presence or stand in the place of the great, ⁷for it is better to be told, "Come up here," than to be put lower in the presence of a noble. What your eyes have seen ⁸do not hastily bring into court, for what will you do in the end, when your neighbor puts you to shame? ⁹Argue your case with your neighbor himself, and do not reveal another's secret, ¹⁰lest he who hears you bring shame upon you, and your ill repute have no end.

L Here ends the reading.

Psalm 131 *The Psalm of the Day is sung in unison.*

C ¹O LORD, I | am not proud;*

I have no | haughty looks.

²I do not occupy myself | with great matters,*

or with things that are too | hard for me.

³But I still my soul and make it quiet, like a child upon its | mother's breast;*

my soul is quiet- | ed within me.

⁴O Israel, wait up- | on the LORD,*

from this time forth for- | evermore.

New Testament Lesson: Hebrews 13:1-17

The second lesson is from the 13th chapter of Hebrews.

¹Let brotherly love continue. ²Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for thereby some have entertained angels unawares. ³Remember those who are in prison, as though in prison with them, and those who are mistreated, since you also are in the body. ⁴Let marriage be held in honor among all, and let the marriage bed be undefiled, for God will judge the sexually immoral and adulterous. ⁵Keep your life free from love of money, and be content with what you have, for he has said, "I will never leave you nor forsake you." ⁶So we can confidently say, "The Lord is my helper; I will not fear; what can man do to me?" ⁷Remember your leaders, those who spoke to you the word of God. Consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. ⁸Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. ⁹Do not be led away by diverse and strange teachings, for it is good for the heart to be strengthened by grace, not by foods, which have not benefited those devoted to them. ¹⁰We have an altar from which those who serve the tent have no right to eat. ¹¹For the bodies of those animals whose blood is brought into the holy places by the high priest as a sacrifice for sin are burned outside the camp. ¹²So Jesus also suffered outside the gate in order to sanctify the people through his own blood. ¹³Therefore let us go to him outside the camp and bear the reproach he endured. ¹⁴For here we have no lasting city, but we seek the city that is to come. ¹⁵Through him then let us continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that acknowledge his name. ¹⁶Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God. ¹⁷Obe your leaders and submit to them, for

they are keeping watch over your souls, as those who will have to give an account. Let them do this with joy and not with groaning, for that would be of no advantage to you.

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 14th chapter.

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

Holy Gospel: Luke 14:1-14

¹One Sabbath, when {Jesus} went to dine at the house of a ruler of the Pharisees, they were watching him carefully. ²And behold, there was a man before him who had dropsy. ³And Jesus responded to the lawyers and Pharisees, saying, "Is it lawful to heal on the Sabbath, or not?" ⁴But they remained silent. Then he took him and healed him and sent him away. ⁵And he said to them, "Which of you, having a son or an ox that has fallen into a well on a Sabbath day, will not immediately pull him out?" ⁶And they could not reply to these things. ⁷Now he told a parable to those who were invited, when he noticed how they chose the places of honor, saying to them, ⁸"When you are invited by someone to a wedding feast, do not sit down in a place of honor, lest someone more distinguished than you be invited by him, ⁹and he who invited you both will come and say to you, 'Give your place to this person,' and then you will begin with shame to take the lowest place. ¹⁰But when you are invited, go and sit in the lowest place, so that when your host comes he may say to you, 'Friend, move up higher.' Then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at table with you. ¹¹For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted." ¹²He said also to the man who had invited him, "When you give a dinner or a banquet, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, lest they also invite you in return and you be repaid. ¹³But when you give a feast, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind, ¹⁴and you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you. For you will be repaid at the resurrection of the just."

P The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Please be seated.

Message

Cathy Painter

The congregation is invited to stand as able.

Hymn of the Day: *My Life Flows on Endless Song*

WOV# 781

**1 My life flows on in endless song; Above earth's lamentation,
I catch the sweet, though far off hymn That hails a new creation.**

**Refrain: No storm can shake my inmost calm While to that refuge clinging;
Since Christ is Lord of heaven and earth, How can I keep from singing?**

- 2 **Through all the tumult and the strife, I hear the music ringing.
It finds an echo in my soul. How can I keep from singing? (*Refrain*)**
- 3 **What though my joys and comforts die? The Lord my Savior liveth.
What though the darkness gather round? Songs in the night He giveth. (*Refrain*)**
- 4 **The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart, A fountain ever springing!
All things are mine since I am His! How can I keep from singing? (*Refrain*)**

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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 Mid-Week Meal Chefs.
The monthly benevolence focus is SMI Haiti.*

Anthem: *God Goes with Me* (Beall-Yannerella)

Good Timers

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: *Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound*

LBW# 448

- 1** **Amazing grace, how sweet the sound, That saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found; Was blind, but now I see.**
- 2** **'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, And grace my fears relieved;
How precious did that grace appear The hour I first believed!**
- 3** **Through many dangers, toils, and snares I have already come;
'Tis grace has brought me safe thus far, And grace will lead me home.**
- 4** **The Lord has promised good to me; His Word my hope secures;
He will my shield and portion be As long as life endures.**

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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: *Son of God, Eternal Savior* (Sedio)

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Attendance Update

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Lutherans at Worship: Glossary of Lutheran Terms

Stanza (The division of a hymn consisting of several lines (verses) arranged in a rhythmic pattern.)



Stole (Cloth band in liturgical color worn over the shoulders by ordained clergy; symbolizes ordination and obedience to Christ.)

Stripping of the Altar (Ceremony at conclusion of Maundy Thursday worship in which all linens, paraments, and appointments are removed from the altar in preparation of Good Friday.)

Suffrages (see Responsive Prayers.)

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

Those Serving Today

Organist: Dawn Merrell

Altar Guild: Robyn Arey and Mary Hutchens

Acolyte: Karen Morgan

Message: Cathy Kluttz Painter

Lay Reader: Doris Shepherd

Communion Assistants: Patsy Lyerly, Doris Shepherd, and Vivian Sprinkle

Ushers: Phil Cauble, John Kesler, Frank Merrell, and Dick Shue

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 August 16, 2025-August 30, 2025, the Union Lutheran Church General Fund received revenues totaling **\$9,726.00**. This total includes reimbursement of **\$2,598.00**, for April, May and June Cemetery maintenance. Bear in mind that the offering for today's services are not included in the revenue total but, will be included in the next semi-monthly financial report. During this same period, **\$(8,443.56)** were expended. The result of this two-week period is a positive revenue flow of **\$1,282.44**. For the year to date, the church is operating at a revenue deficit of **\$(26,987.00)**.

John Knight, ULC Treasurer

Our Love and Sympathy is extended to the family of Larry Barringer on the death of his brother, Bill Barringer.

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 given to the glory of God.

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)

9:30 a.m. Good Timers Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, August 31 *continued*

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

12 noon Called Church Council meeting following worship

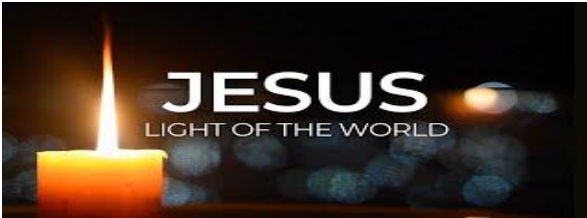
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Monday, September 1

The church office is closed in observance of Labor Day.

Tuesday, September 2

6:30 p.m. 90 Days Spiritual Fitness



Thank you for being part of the **2025-2026 Sunday School Volunteer Team** at Union Lutheran Church! I would like to invite you to an **Appreciation Dinner** on **Thursday, September 4, at 6:30 p.m.** Come celebrate what God is doing at Union through you! RSVP is greatly appreciated.

Heather

Union Youth & Families are invited to a **pool party** at **Phil Cauble's** on **Saturday, September 6, at 3:00 p.m.** Supper will be provided!

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Sunday, September 7

The loose offering will go towards the Mission Outreach Fund.

The monthly benevolence focus is Food for the Poor.

During the month of September, the congregation is invited to collect items for Organ Lutheran Church's Food Pantry: canned fruits, spaghetti sauce, pasta, crackers, peanut butter, jelly, soups, and vegetables. Please be sure your items do not expire before 2026. This is very important!

Please place collected items on either side of the Chancel steps.

The **Altar Flowers** by the baptismal font are open for reservations (September 7).

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

Jacob Tricks His Father ~ Genesis 27:1-36; Proverbs 12:20-22

Isaac said, "Are you really my son Esau?" Jacob answered, "I am." (Genesis 27:24)

Sunday, September 7 *continued*

9:30 a.m. Adult Sunday School

Rabbit Hole Adult Sunday School Class

Jacob Tricks His Father ~ Genesis 27:1-36; Proverbs 12:20-22

Drew Wise Adult Sunday School Class

Isaiah's Call and Ministry~ Isaiah 2:1-6, 6:1-13, 7:1-7, 20:1-6; 38:1-22

10:30 a.m. Worship & Holy Communion

Deuteronomy 30:15-20, Psalm 1, Philemon 1-21; Luke 14:15-35

Sermon: *Just Philemon*

3:00 p.m. Christmas Program (*large fellowship hall*)

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



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 an 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 (costume fitting) 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.

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)



Invitation: Lutheran Worship and Sacramental Practice Seminar *continued*

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

Email: 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.

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Offering Counters

Counting the offering is a ministry of trust and stewardship. We are seeking faithful volunteers to join our dedicated counting teams to serve in this essential role.

- Teams rotate monthly serving every three months as this time.
- Counting takes place following the Sunday worship service and any other worship services that may occur during the month.



- Training will be provided.

If you are interested in serving our church in this important way, please contact Amanda Cauble or the church office.

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Church Planting Interest Form – Airtable

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

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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

Please Remember in Prayer is continued on page 16

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 7th Graders-Adults are invited to join the Pastor on a weekly journey!



Wednesday, September 10



At 06:30 pm



4770 Bringle Ferry Road
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RSVP Pastor Heidi



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PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER...*continued*

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 –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), 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 those affected by political unrest & for our NC neighbors affected by natural disasters

Prayers for Comfort: Lela and Tyler Brooks, The Wayne Vellines Family, Larry Barringer’s Family

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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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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

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