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13th Sunday after Pentecost

September 7, 2025

10:30 a.m. Worship & Holy Communion

Weaving the Scripture passages together, the common thread is: One's life is prolonged when that life is possessed with the love of God. The fear, love, and trust of the Lord must be our way of life if we are to have the good life. Those who delight themselves in the Lord and his will, prosper—even in the judgment to come. Yet this delight requires some accounting. Are we willing to give up life on our terms, walking in his ways, bearing our own crosses of willing sacrifice? This is what it means to be a follower or a disciple of Jesus Christ. One must consider the cost of obedience, even if it means being scoffed, imprisoned, or just needing to do the proper but difficult thing.

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: *God of Grace, and God of Glory* (Paul Manz)

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: *Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling*

WOV# 734

1 **Softly and tenderly Jesus is calling, calling for you and for me;
See, on the portals he's waiting and watching, watching for you and for me.**

Refrain **Come home, come home; You who are weary come home;
Earnestly, tenderly, Jesus is calling, calling, O sinner, come home!**

2 **Why should we tarry when Jesus is pleading, pleading for you and for me?
Why should we linger and heed not his mercies, mercies for you and for me?** *Refrain*

3 **O for the wonderful love he has promised, promised for you and for me!
Though we have sinned, he has mercy and pardon, pardon for you and for me.**

Refrain

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Please be seated.

Children's Message

Children are invited to come forward for the Children's Message.

Following the Children's Message, the congregation will sing "Praise Him Praise Him" while the children return to sit with their families.

**Praise Him praise Him All ye little children
God is love God is love Praise Him praise Him
All ye little children God is love God is love**

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The Kyrie (Mark 10:47) is omitted this week.

The congregation is invited to stand as able.

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

LBW p. 58-59

A Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.

C **Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father: We worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God: You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. You are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen**

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, always lead and follow us with your grace, that we may be still more intent on doing good. 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.**

Please be seated.

WORD

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

Old Testament Lesson: Deuteronomy 30:15-20

The first lesson is from the 30th chapter of Deuteronomy.

¹⁵“See, I have set before you today life and good, death and evil. ¹⁶If you obey the commandments of the LORD your God that I command you today, by loving the LORD your God, by walking in his ways, and by keeping his commandments and his statutes and his rules, then you shall live and multiply, and the LORD your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to take possession of it. ¹⁷But if your heart turns away, and you will not hear, but are drawn away to worship other gods and serve them, ¹⁸I declare to you today, that you shall surely perish. You shall not live long in the land that you are going over the Jordan to enter and possess. ¹⁹I call heaven and earth to witness against you today, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and curse. Therefore choose life, that you and your offspring may live, ²⁰loving the LORD your God, obeying his voice and holding fast to him, for he is your life and length of days, that you may dwell in the land that the LORD swore to your fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give them.”

L Here ends the reading.

Psalm 1 *The Psalm of the Day is read responsively.*

L ¹Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked, nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of scoffers;

C ²**but his delight is in the law of the LORD, and on his law he meditates day and night.**

L ³He is like a tree planted by streams of water that yields its fruit in its season, and its leaf does not wither. In all that he does, he prospers.

C ⁴**The wicked are not so, but are like chaff that the wind drives away.**

L ⁵Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous;

C ⁶**for the LORD knows the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish.**

New Testament Lesson: Philemon 1-21

The second lesson is from the book of Philemon.

¹Paul, a prisoner for Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother, To Philemon our beloved fellow worker ²and Apphia our sister and Archippus our fellow soldier, and the church in your house: ³Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. ⁴I thank my God always when I remember you in my prayers, ⁵because I hear of your love and of the faith that you have toward the Lord Jesus and for all the saints, ⁶and I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective for the full knowledge of every good thing that is in us for the sake of Christ. ⁷For I have derived much joy and comfort from your love, my brother, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you. ⁸Accordingly, though I am bold enough in Christ to command you to do what is required, ⁹yet for love's sake I prefer to appeal to you — I, Paul, an old man and now a prisoner also for Christ Jesus — ¹⁰I appeal to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I became in my imprisonment. ¹¹(Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful to you and to me.) ¹²I am sending him back to you, sending my very heart. ¹³I would have been glad to keep him with me, in order that he might serve me on your behalf during my imprisonment for the gospel, ¹⁴but I preferred to do nothing without your consent in order that your goodness might not be by compulsion but of your own accord. ¹⁵For this perhaps is why he was parted from you for a while, that you might have him back forever, ¹⁶no longer as a bondservant but more than a bondservant, as a beloved brother — especially to me, but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord. ¹⁷So if you consider me your partner, receive him as you would receive me. ¹⁸If he has wronged you at all, or owes you anything, charge that to my account. ¹⁹I, Paul, write this with my own hand: I will repay it — to say nothing of your owing me even your own self. ²⁰Yes, brother, I want some benefit from you in the Lord. Refresh my heart in Christ. ²¹Confident of your obedience, I write to you, knowing that you will do even more than I say.

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 14:15-35

²⁵Great crowds accompanied {Jesus}, and he turned and said to them, ²⁶“If anyone comes to me and does not hate his own father and mother and wife and children and brothers and sisters, yes, and even his own life, he cannot be my disciple. ²⁷Whoever does not bear his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple. ²⁸For which of you, desiring to build a tower, does not first sit down and count the cost, whether he has enough to complete it? ²⁹Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it begin to mock him, ³⁰saying, ‘This man began to build and was not able to finish.’ ³¹Or what king, going out to encounter another king in war,

will not sit down first and deliberate whether he is able with ten thousand to meet him who comes against him with twenty thousand? ³²And if not, while the other is yet a great way off, he sends a delegation and asks for terms of peace. ³³So therefore, any one of you who does not renounce all that he has cannot be my disciple. ³⁴Salt is good, but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? ³⁵It is of no use either for the soil or for the manure pile. It is thrown away. He who has ears to hear, let him hear.”

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

Sermon: *Just Philemon*

Pastor Heidi Punt

The congregation is invited to stand as able.

Hymn of the Day: *I Was There to Hear Your Borning Cry*

WOV# 770

1 "I was there to hear your borning cry, I'll be there when you are old.

I rejoiced the day you were baptized to see your life unfold.

I was there when you were but a child, with a faith to suit you well;

in a blaze of light you wandered off to find where demons dwell."

2 "When you heard the wonder of the Word I was there to cheer you on;

You were raised to praise the living Lord, to whom you now belong.

If you find someone to share your time and you join your hearts as one,

I'll be there to make your verses rhyme from dusk till rising sun."

3 "In the middle ages of your life, not too old, no longer young,

I'll be there to guide you through the night, complete what I've begun.

When the evening gently closes in and you shut your weary eyes,

I'll be there as I have always been, with just one more surprise."

4 "I was there to hear your borning cry, I'll be there when you are old.

I rejoiced the day you were baptized to see your life unfold."

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Apostles' Creed ([Romans 10:9-10](#))

LBW p. 65

C I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell.* On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic** Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen

**Or, He descended to the dead.
**Or, the holy Christian Church*

Prayers of the Church (1 Timothy 2:1-4)

LBW p. 65

P Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

After each portion of the prayers:

P Lord, in your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

The prayers conclude:

P Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C **Amen**

Sharing of the Peace (John 20:19)

LBW p. 65

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **And also with you.**

Please be seated.

Offering (Malachi 3:10)

The Offering is received while the Lord's Table is prepared.

All loose offering will go towards the Mission Outreach Fund.

The monthly benevolence focus is Food for the Poor.

Organ Offertory: *When Morning Gilds the Skies* (Lani Smith)

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: *Give to Our God Immortal Praise*

LBW# 520

1 **Give to our God immortal praise! Mercy and truth are all his ways;
Wonders of grace to God belong; Repeat his mercies in your song.**

2 **He sent his Son with pow'r to save From guilt and darkness and the grave.
Wonders of grace to God belong; Repeat his mercies in your song.**

3 **Give to the Lord of lords renown; The King of kings with glory crown.
His mercies ever shall endure When lords and kings are known no more!**

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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: *Joyful, Joyful We Adore You* (Emma Page)

Attendance Update

August 31	32	Sunday School
August 31	103	Worship & Holy Communion

Lutherans at Worship: Glossary of Lutheran Terms

Surplice (*White vestment worn over cassock.*)

Thurible (*Vessel in which incense is burned; also called censel.*)

Torch (*Large candle on staff carried in procession.*)

Veil (*Cloth placed over Eucharistic vessels.*)

(Lutherans at Worship by S. Anita Stauffer, Gilbert A. Doan, and Michael B. Aune page 96)



Those Serving Today

Guest Organist: Don Simmons

Acolyte: Bailey Wilhelm and Lucas Wilhelm

Altar Guild: Sonya Mulkey and Janet Overcash

Lay Readers: Mary Elizabeth Earnhardt, Lucinda Fraley and Ellie Wilhelm

Communion Assistants: Lucinda Fraley, Sonya Mulkey, Ellie Wilhelm, and Ethan Wilhelm

Ushers: Phil Cauble, Frank Merrell, Scott Queen, and Noah Trexler

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

Live Streaming: Pete Nguyen

Offering Counters: Tara Davis, Cathy Kluttz Painter, and Ronald Vellines

Union News

Our Love and Sympathy is extended to Sarah Holshouser and Family of on the death of her sister, Doris "Dottie" Kluttz.

Sunday, September 7

The loose offering will go towards the Mission Outreach Fund.

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Sunday, September 7 *continued*

The **Altar Flowers** by the baptismal font are given to the glory of God.

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)

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

9:30 a.m. Adult Sunday School

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.

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This Week's Schedule

Tuesday, September 9 **2:00 p.m.** Mary & Martha Circle in Conference #1
Program: Gladys Morgan
Hostess: Karen Morgan
6:30 p.m. 90 Days

Wednesday, September 10 **2:00 p.m.** Autumn Care Chapel Time

Congregation & Community Meal

Menu: Poor Man's Supper

Wednesday, September 10 at 4:30 p.m.-6:30 p.m.

Large Fellowship Hall



Phil Cauble and Don Davis are coordinating a meal with members of the Property Committee for the congregation and community once a month on the second Wednesday beginning in September.

On **Wednesday, September 10, at 4:30 p.m.** in the **large fellowship hall**, they and volunteers will prepare and serve a **Poor Man's Supper**.

Poor Man's Supper Menu: Fried Potatoes, Pinto Beans, Slaw, Cornbread, drinks and dessert.

A suggested donation of \$10 per person.

Proceeds will benefit the ministries of the congregation through the General Fund.

Wednesday, September 10 **6:30 p.m.** Catechism Kick Off

Thursday, September 11 **10:00 a.m.** Good Timers
Lunch: Lakeview Restaurant

Finance Team will meet **Thursday, September 11, at 6:00 p.m.** The team will begin preparations for the **2026 Proposed Budget & Benevolences**. Please contact Amanda Cauble, Finance Team Chair, for 2026 Budget requests.

Spiritual Orphans Network (SON) Staff will meet at ULC in Conference# 2 Tuesday, September 9-Thursday, September 11.

Sunday, September 14

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

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The **Altar Flowers** by the baptismal font are open for reservations (September 14).

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

Joseph Explains Dreams ~ Genesis 40:1-23; John 8:31-36

They said to Joseph, "We have had dreams, and there is no one to interpret them." (Genesis 40:8)

9:30 a.m. Adult Sunday School

Rabbit Hole Adult Sunday School Class

Joseph Explains Dreams ~ Genesis 40:1-23; John 8:31-36

Drew Wise Adult Sunday School Class

Hezekiah's Passover ~ Psalm 1; 2 Chronicles 30:1-27

10:30 a.m. Worship & Holy Communion

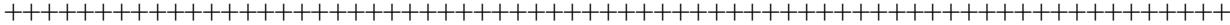
Ezekiel 34:11-24; Psalm 119:169-175; 1 Timothy 1:5-17; Luke 15:1-10

Timothy Sermon Series: *Fighting for Faith*

1:00 p.m. Kesler Family Reunion (*Dutch Meeting Hall*)

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

7:00 p.m. Lutheran Worship and Sacramental Practice Seminar (*Holy Trinity, Troutman, NC*)



Invitation: Lutheran Worship and Sacramental Practice Seminar (Lutheran Seminar)

NALS/Gordon-Conwell Lutheran Studies Program



Details:

Dates: September 14-December 14 (will not meet on October 12 & November 9)

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 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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Tuesday, September 16 **6:30 p.m.** 90 Days

Wednesday, September 17 **6:30 p.m.** Catechism

6:30 p.m. Belles & Beaus

Thursday, September 18 **6:00 p.m.** Worship & Music

Saturday, September 20 Karen Barringer has reserved the large fellowship hall all day

Sunday, September 21

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Deadline for newsletter articles.

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

The Pharoah’s Dreams ~ Genesis 41:15-43; Acts 2:17-18

Pharaoh said to Joseph, “I have had a dream, and there is no one who can interpret it.” (Genesis 41:15)

9:30 a.m. Adult Sunday School

Rabbit Hole Adult Sunday School Class

The Pharoah’s Dreams ~ Genesis 41:15-43; Acts 2:17-18

Drew Wise Adult Sunday School Class

Hilkiah’s Discovery ~ Romans 7:7-12; 2 Chronicles 33:1-33, 34:15-22, 26-27

10:30 a.m. Worship & Holy Communion

Amos 8:4-7; Psalm 113; 1 Timothy 2:1-15; Luke 16:1-15

Timothy Sermon Series: *This Is How We Worship*

1:00 p.m. Cauble Family Reunion (*both fellowship halls*)

2:00 p.m. Church Council

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

4:00 p.m. Lay Ministers

Sunday, September 21 *continued*

5:00 p.m. Christian Education *rescheduled*



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.

44th Annual Autumn Jubilee at Dan Nicholas
Saturday, October 4

Autumn Jubilee attracts more than 50,000 visitors from across Rowan County and the state. The Autumn Jubilee celebrates the season with family fun, food, and craft vendors.

Dan Nicholas Park will donate **\$500** to the **Union Youth Fund** for assisting with **parking**. Please contact Thad Mulkey or Dusty Morgan, Sr., if you can participate all day or for a few hours on **Saturday from 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.**



This year the Park has requested between 10-12 volunteers to cover the day.

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, Rev. TC & Mary Plexico, Macky Swicegood, Billy Waller & Michael Walton

Sick/Surgery/Recovery – Paul & Lynn Coughenour, Cheryl Kluttz, Susan Knight, Doris Ludwick, Patsy Lyerly, Richard and Kay Lyons, Donnell Miller, Brad Trexler & Pam Vellines

PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER...continued

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 disaster

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

