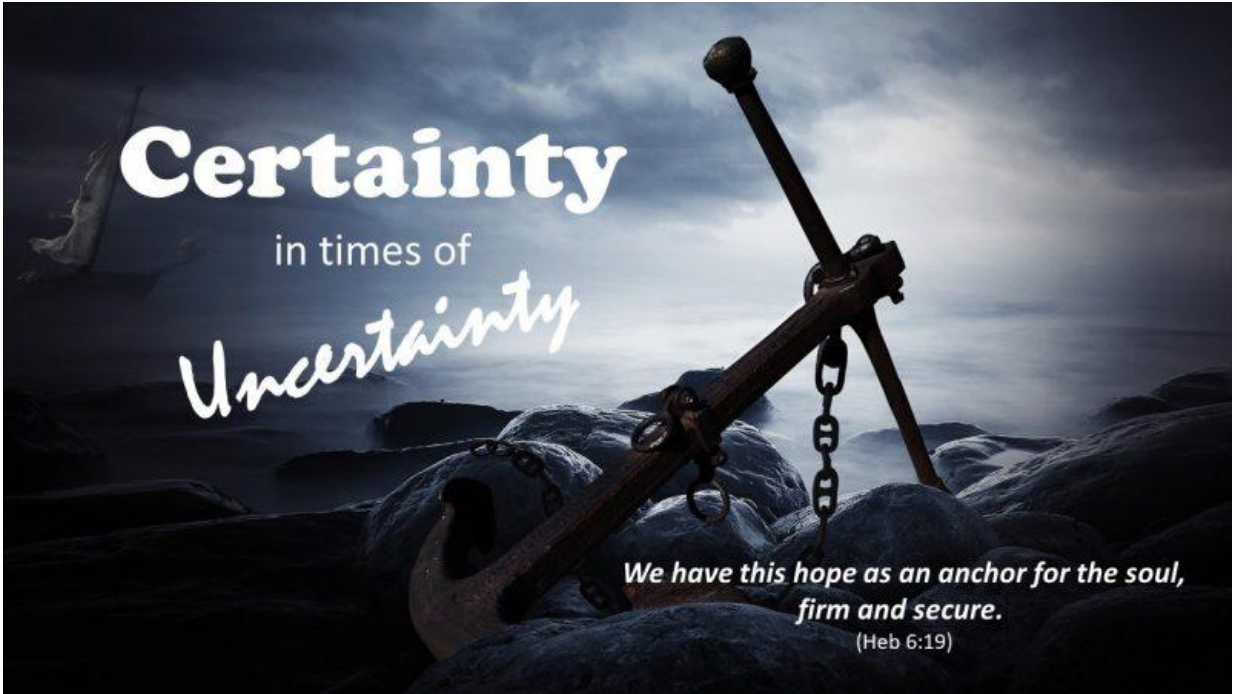




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Reformation & Confirmation Sunday

October 26, 2025

10:30 a.m. Worship & Holy Communion

Weaving the Scripture passages together, the common thread is: The church has an eternal gospel to proclaim, good news that makes the followers of Jesus free. We have nothing to fear—even death and the devil—since God is the sanctuary and a stronghold for those beset by the fear of sin, death, and the evil one. That refuge is Christ Jesus, for though no one is justified to God through works of the law, God’s righteousness is established separately from the law. That righteousness of God is given through faith in Jesus Christ, the righteous one (1 John 2:1). The new law is the law of faith. So, we are now able to “be still and know” that God is God, trusting in his word and continuing to believe that Christ alone is 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: *In Christ Alone* (arranged by Leatherman)

GATHERING

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

The crucifer, acolytes, minister, choir and children will gather in the Narthex.

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**

The procession into the church begins with crucifer, acolytes, minister, choir, and children.

The children will gather at the front pew, Lectern side.

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

Processional Hymn: *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*

LBW# 229

- 1 **A mighty fortress is our God, A sword and shield victorious;
He breaks the cruel oppressor's rod And wins salvation glorious.
The old satanic foe Has sworn to work us woe.
With craft and dreadful might He arms himself to fight. On earth he has no equal.**
- 2 **No strength of ours can match his might. We would be lost, rejected.
But now a champion comes to fight, Whom God Himself elected.
You ask who this may be? The Lord of hosts is He,
Christ Jesus, mighty Lord, God's only Son, adored. He holds the field victorious.**
- 3 **Though hordes of devils fill the land All threat'ning to devour us,
We tremble not, unmoved we stand; They cannot overpower us.
Let this world's tyrant rage; In battle we'll engage.
His might is doomed to fail; God's judgment must prevail!
One little word subdues him.**
- 4 **God's Word forever shall abide, No thanks to foes, who fear it;
For God Himself fights by our side With weapons of the Spirit.
Were they to take our house, Goods, honor, child, or spouse,
Though life be wrenched away, They cannot win the day.
The Kingdom's ours forever!**

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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)

LBW p. 60-61

C **This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God. This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Power, riches, wisdom, and strength, and honor, blessing, and glory are his. This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation: Blessing, honor, glory, and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen. This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. For the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia. This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

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 God, heavenly Father, pour out your Holy Spirit upon your faithful people. Keep them steadfast in your grace and truth, protect and comfort them in all temptation, defend them against all enemies of your Word, and bestow upon the Church your saving peace; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Please be seated.

WORD

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

Children's Message & Presentation of 90 Days Spiritual Fitness certificates

90 Days Participants are invited to come forward at this time.

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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Old Testament Lesson: Jeremiah 31:31-34

The first lesson is from the 31st chapter of Jeremiah.

³¹“The days are coming,” declares the Lord, “when I will make a new covenant with the people of Israel and with the people of Judah. ³²It will not be like the covenant I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to lead them out of Egypt, because they broke my covenant, though I was a husband to them,” declares the Lord. ³³“This is the covenant I will make with the people of Israel after that time,” declares the Lord. “I will put my law in their minds and write it on their hearts. I will be their God, and they will be my people. ³⁴No longer will they teach their neighbor, or say to one another, ‘Know the Lord,’ because they will all know me, from the least of them to the greatest,” declares the Lord. “For I will forgive their wickedness and will remember their sins no more.”

L Here ends the reading.

Psalm 46* *The Psalm of the Day is read responsively.*

L ¹God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

C **²Therefore we will not fear though the earth gives way, though the mountains be moved into the heart of the sea,**

L ³though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble at its swelling.

C **⁴There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High.**

L ⁵God is in the midst of her; she shall not be moved; God will help her when morning dawns.

C **⁶The nations rage, the kingdoms totter; he utters his voice, the earth melts.**

L ⁷The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.

C **⁸Come, behold the works of the Lord, how he has brought desolations on the earth.**

L ⁹He makes wars cease to the end of the earth; he breaks the bow and shatters the spear; he burns the chariots with fire.

C **¹⁰“Be still, and know that I am God. I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth!”**

L ¹¹The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.

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

New Testament Lesson: Romans 3:19-28

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

¹⁹Now we know that whatever the law says it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be stopped, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. ²⁰For by works of the law no human being will be justified in his sight, since through the law comes knowledge of sin. ²¹But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it — ²²the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction: ²³for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, ²⁴and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ

Jesus, ²⁵whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God's righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins. ²⁶It was to show his righteousness at the present time, so that he might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus. ²⁷Then what becomes of our boasting? It is excluded. By what kind of law? By a law of works? No, but by the law of faith. ²⁸For we hold that one is justified by faith apart from works of the law.

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. John, the 8th chapter.

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

Holy Gospel: John 8:31-36

³¹Jesus said to the Jews who had believed him, "If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, ³²and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free." ³³They answered him, "We are offspring of Abraham and have never been enslaved to anyone. How is it that you say, 'You will become free'?" ³⁴Jesus answered them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who practices sin is a slave to sin. ³⁵The slave does not remain in the house forever; the son remains forever. ³⁶So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed."

P The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Please be seated.

Sermon: *Reformation in Uncertain Times*

Pastor Heidi Punt

The congregation is invited to stand as able.

Confirmand and Family are invited to come forward during the singing of the last stanza of the hymn.

Hymn of the Day: *O Love That Will Not Let Me Go*

LBW# 324

1 **O Love that will not let me go, I rest my weary soul in thee;
I give thee back the life I owe, That in thine ocean depths its flow
May richer, fuller be.**

2 **O Light that followest all my way, I yield my flick'ring torch to thee;
My heart restores its borrowed ray, That in thy sunshine's blaze its day
May brighter, fairer be.**

3 **O Joy that seekest me through pain, I cannot close my heart to thee;
I trace the rainbow through the rain And feel the promise is not vain
That morn shall tearless be.**

4 **O Cross that liftest up my head, I dare not ask to fly from thee;**

**I lay in dust life's glory dead, And from the ground there blossoms red
Life that shall endless be.**

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Please be seated.

Affirmation of Baptism

LBW p. 198-201

Presentation (Noah Bradley Trexler)

Confirmation

Confirmation marks the completion of the congregation's program of confirmation ministry, a period of instruction in the Christian faith as confessed in the teachings of the Lutheran church. Those who have completed this program were made members of the church in baptism. Confirmation includes a public profession of the faith into which the candidates were baptized, thus underscoring God's action in their baptism.

A representative of the congregation presents the candidate to the minister:

L This person has been instructed in the Christian faith and desires to make public affirmation of his baptism.

Candidate's name is read. Noah Bradley Trexler

P Dear friends, we rejoice that you now desire to make public profession of your faith and assume greater responsibility in the life of our Christian community and its mission in the world.

Profession of Faith

P *Brother* in Christ: in Holy Baptism our Lord Jesus Christ received you and made you a member of his church. In the community of God's people, you have learned from his Word God's loving purpose for you and all creation. You have been called to be witnesses to the gospel of Jesus Christ. Now, therefore, I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church, the faith in which we baptize.

P Do you renounce all the forces of evil, the devil, and all his empty promises?

R I do.

The congregation is invited to stand as able.

P Do you believe in God the Father?

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

P Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

C **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.**

P Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

C 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*

The prayers

A Let us pray for *Noah* who is affirming *his* baptism, and for all the baptized everywhere: that *he* may be redeemed from all evil and rescued from the way of sin and death: Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A That the Holy Spirit may open *his* heart to your grace and truth: Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A That *he* may be kept in the faith and communion of your holy church: Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A That *he* may be sent into the world in witness to your love: Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A That *he* may be brought to the fullness of your peace and glory: Lord in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

Other prayers may be added.

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

Please be seated.

Declaration of Intent

P You have made public profession of your faith. Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in Holy Baptism: to live among God's faithful people, to hear his Word and share in his supper, to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed, to serve all people, following the example of our Lord Jesus, and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

R I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.

Prayer

The confirmand kneels. A brief silence is kept so that prayer may be made for him.

P Let us pray. Gracious Lord, through water and the Spirit you have made this son your own. You forgave *him* all of *his* sins and brought *him* to newness of life. Continue to

strengthen *him* with the Holy Spirit, and daily increase in *him* your gifts of grace: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.

C Amen

The presiding minister lays both hands on the head of the confirmand:

P Father in heaven, for Jesus' sake, stir up in [Noah Bradley Trexler] the gift of your Holy Spirit; confirm *his* faith, guide *his* life, empower *him* in *his* serving, give *him* patience in suffering, and bring *him* to everlasting life.

R 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.

Offering (*Malachi 3:10*)

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

The loose offering will go towards the Youth Missions.

The monthly benevolence focus is Water Missions.

Anthem: *Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me*

Chancel Choir

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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)*

Confirmand and immediate Family will commune first.

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**

The crucifer, acolytes, minister, and choir recess out.

Recessional Hymn: *Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation*

LBW# 367

- 1 **Christ is made the sure foundation, Christ, our head and cornerstone,
Chosen of the Lord and precious, Binding all the Church in one;
Holy Zion's help forever And our confidence alone.**
- 2 **To this temple where we call you, Come, O Lord of hosts, and stay;
Come, with all your loving-kindness, Hear your people as they pray;
And your fullest benediction Shed within its walls today.**
- 3 **Grant, we pray, to all your faithful All the gifts they ask to gain;
What they gain from you forever With the blessed to retain;
And hereafter in your glory Evermore with you to reign.**
- 4 **Praise and honor to the Father, Praise and honor to the Son,
Praise and honor to the Spirit, Ever three and ever one:
One in might and one in glory While unending ages run!**

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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: *How Firm a Foundation* (based on the traditional American melody "*Foundation*" (Broughton))

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Attendance Update

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Lutherans at Worship: Glossary of Lutheran Terms



Chalice (*Cup used for consecration and distribution of wine in Holy Communion.*)

Chancel (*The raised area of the nave, where the altar and pulpit are located.*)

Chasuble (*Poncho-like garment worn over alb by presiding minister as principal vestment in Holy Communion.*)

Chorale Service (*The Holy Communion service in which certain hymns are substituted for certain parts of the liturgy.*)

(Lutherans at Worship by S. Anita Stauffer, Gilbert A. Doan, and Michael B. Aune page 91)

Those Serving Today

Guest Organist: Becky Lippard

Acolytes: Mallory Eagle and Moses Miller

Crucifer: Noah Trexler

Altar Guild and Communion Assistants: Mallory Eagle, Patsy Lyerly, Moses Miller, Angie Poole, and Vivian Sprinkle

Lay Reader: Mallory Eagle

Ushers: Phil Cauble, Adam Leffew, Addison Queen and Ronald Vellines

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

Live Streaming: Pete Nguyen

Offering Counters: Jennifer Curlee, Ali Davis, and Doris Shephe

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Loose Offering: Youth Missions Fund

Don't forget to find 5 apples in today's bulletin! *Today is the last day of the "apple" challenge to find in the bulletin!*

Mission Project: Bottled water may be "purchased" following worship. Proceeds to Water Missions

Benevolence: Water Missions

Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God and in celebration of Martin Luther (1483-1546) and the Reformation.

Newsletter article deadline is today!

New: 9:15 a.m. Little Lutherans (music)

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

Rahab and the Spies ~ Joshua 2:1-24; Mark 4:21-25

9:30 a.m. Adult Sunday School

Rabbit Hole Sunday School

Rahab and the Spies ~ Joshua 2:1-24; Mark 4:21-25

Drew Wise Sunday School

Changes Promised ~ Jeremiah 31:1-40; Psalm 103:17-22; John 1:17; Hebrews 8:7-13

New: 10:15 a.m. Chancel Choir (Choir Room)

10:30 a.m. Worship & Holy Communion

Jeremiah 31:31-34; Psalm 46; Romans 3:19-28; John 8:31-36

Sermon: *Reformation for Uncertain Times*

Congratulations to **Noah Bradley Trexler** as he affirms his baptism in worship today!

90 Days Participants: Genevieve Baker, Phil Cauble, Debbie Cauble-McPherson, Ron Chase, Don and Tara Davis, Lucinda Fraley, Brad and Jan Huffman, Cheryl Kluttz, Deena Lanning, Sharon Leazer, Sonya Leazer, Betty Sue Lowder, Patsy Lyerly, Gladys Morgan, Jesse "Junior" Morgan, Karen Morgan, Thad and Sonya Mulkey, Pete, Nikki, and Sam Nguyen, Vuthy Niles, Cathy Painter, Doris Shepherd, and Vivian Sprinkle

Reception in honor of Noah Trexler outside today following worship.

2:00 p.m. Emergency Response Team

Time change: 2:00 p.m. Christmas Program & Music

4:00 p.m. Luther League at Pastor Heidi Punt's home (*Please bring pumpkins and carving tools*)

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Wednesday, October 29

12 noon 1 minute prayer
6:30 p.m. Belles & Beaus
6:30 p.m. Catechism (Conference #2)

Thursday, October 30

Printing of November Messenger & Handouts
6:30 p.m. Trunk or Treat setup (both fellowship halls)

Friday, October 31

6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. Trunk or Treat

Church office is open during regular business hours on Friday, October 31, while Genevieve Baker, Pastor Heidi Punt, and Frank Merrell attend the McDaniel & Yoder Seminar at Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary.

Saturday, November 1

6:00 a.m. Day Mission Trip to Burnsville, NC
12 noon Snider Family Reunion (Old Pine Center)

Don't forget to turn your clock back an hour before going to bed!

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All Saints Sunday, November 2

Loose Offering: Mission Outreach Fund

Mission Project: collection of gift cards for Seminarians (lectern side)

Benevolence: Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary

Altar Flowers (open for reservations)

9:15 a.m. Little Lutherans (music)

9:30 a.m. Children & Youth Sunday School (All Saints Scavenger Hunt)

9:30 a.m. Adult Sunday School

Rabbit Hole Sunday School (All Saints Scavenger Hunt)

Drew Wise Sunday School

Jeremiah's Rescue ~ Jeremiah 20:1-6, 37:1-38:28; 43:1-7; Romans 13:1-10

10:30 a.m. Worship & Holy Communion

Revelation 7:2-17; Psalm 149; 1 John 3:1-3; Matthew 5:1-12

Sermon: *A Future in Uncertain Times*

Remembering those who have gone on to the Church Triumphant

3:00 p.m. Christmas Program & Music

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Tuesday, November 4

6:30 p.m. Bearing Fruit for Jesus (Dutch Meeting Hall)

Wednesday, November 5

12 noon 1 minute prayer
4:00 p.m. Bearing Fruit for Jesus (Conference #1)

Wednesday, November 5

6:30 p.m. Belles & Beaus
6:30 p.m. Catechism (Conference #2)

Thursday, November 6

10:00 a.m. Bearing Fruit for Jesus (Conference #1)
5:00 p.m. Mission Outreach (Conference #1)

Saturday, November 8

Installation begins for flooring in East Wing

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Sunday, November 9

Loose Offering: Gerald Bame Memorial Scholarship Fund

Mission Project: collection of gift cards for Seminarians (lectern side)

Benevolence: Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary

Altar Flowers (open for reservations)

9:15 a.m. Little Lutherans (music)

9:30 a.m. Children & Youth Sunday School (Bearing Fruit for Jesus)

9:30 a.m. Adult Sunday School (Bearing Fruit for Jesus)

10:30 a.m. Worship & Holy Communion

Ecclesiastes 3:1-8; 2 Peter 1:5-11; Luke 13:6-9

Pulpit Exchange: Rev. Dr. Nathan Yoder

Recognition of Veterans

3:00 p.m. Christmas Program & Music

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Join us for our **Annual Congregational Meeting** on **Sunday, November 16, 2025** at **10:15 a.m.** before Welcome & Announcements in the Sanctuary for the Constitution ratification vote. The meeting will be suspended for worship and will resume at **12 noon** for the remaining business in the large fellowship hall. A light lunch will be provided by members of the Church Council.

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Please note on Christ the King Sunday, November 23, 2025, we will refresh our prayer list and kindly ask that you please resubmit your prayer requests by contacting the church office.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER...

Nursing Homes – Brenda Mahaley (Autumn Care Room 815), Ruth Monroe (Autumn Care Room 818), Jean Ray (Autumn Care Room 201), Pat Klutz (Brookdale Room 56), Donnell Miller (Bethany Woods, Albemarle), 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 Klutz, Glenn and Betty Sue Lowder, Harold Miller, Rev. TC & Mary Plexico, Macky Swicegood, Billy Waller & Michael Walton

Sick/Surgery/Recovery – Ken Davis, Robin Huffman, Cheryl Kluttz, Susan Knight, Doris Ludwick, Patsy Lyerly, Richard and Kay Lyons, Raelynn Rodgers, Brad Trexler, Pam Vellines & Roy Zimmermann

Continual Prayer – Millie Ann Barringer (Larry Barringer’s mother), Ashley Burleson (Lanny and Connie Burleson, former members, daughter), Sylvia Dunn (Elaine Bowles’ sister-in-law’s mother), Johnnie Earnhardt (Pete Nguyen’s friend), Rev. Cathy Fanslau (NALC Pastor), Jay Goodman (Janie Lesley’s friend), Zachary Hall (Sonya Leazer’s coworker), 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), Cathy Robbins (Janie Lesley’s sister), Patty Shaver (Pat Wiles’ daughter & Elaine Bowles’ sister), 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, Don Simmons Family (guest organist), 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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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

