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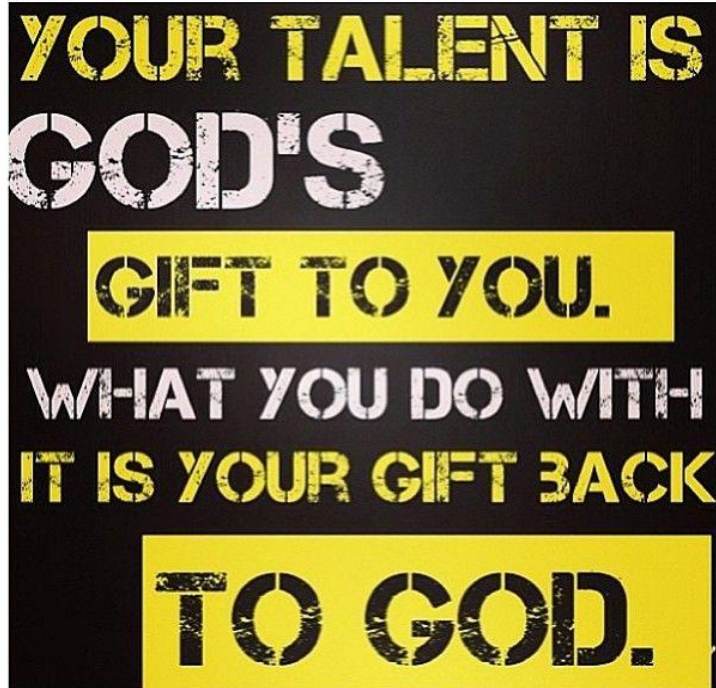
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2nd Sunday of Bearing Fruit for Jesus

November 16, 2025

10:30 a.m. Worship & Holy Communion

As we hear the Word of God in worship, Bible studies, and in our devotions, we are encouraged and strengthened. As we receive the body and blood of Christ Jesus in the Sacrament of Holy Communion, we are strengthened and empowered for serving. In his promises, he gives us strength and power to become fruitful stewards.

We are like trees planted next to streams of water (Psalm 1:3). We produce fruit. Whatever we do prospers because we do it to the glory of God, and he uses and blesses all of our efforts.

Use all of the talents that you have. You will be a blessing to God, to the church, to the community, and to your family. Serve God and one another with your talents and with all that you have.

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

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

Lutheran Book of Worship (LBW) green hymnal

With One Voice (WOV) blue hymnal

P=Pastor, C=Congregation, L=Lay Reader

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ORDER FOR WORSHIP

Lutheran Book of Worship Setting 1

Welcome & Announcements

Bearing Fruit for Jesus

Tara Davis

Prelude: *Prelude on Kremser* (by Gregg Sewell)

At this time, the altar candles and candelabras 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: *Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us*

LBW# 424

- 1 **Lord of glory, you have bought us With your life-blood as the price,
Never grudging for the lost ones That tremendous sacrifice;
And with that have freely given Blessings countless as the sand
To the unthankful and the evil With your own unsparing hand.**
- 2 **Grant us hearts, dear Lord, to give you Gladly, freely, of your own.
With the sunshine of your goodness Melt our thankless hearts of stone
Till our cold and selfish natures, Warmed by you, at length believe
That more happy and more blessed 'Tis to give than to receive.**
- 3 **Wondrous honor you have given To our humblest charity
In your own mysterious sentence, "You have done it all to me."
Can it be, O gracious Master, That you deign for alms to sue,
Saying by your poor and needy, "Give as I have giv'n to you"?**
- 4 **Yes, the sorrow and the sufferings Which on ev'ry hand we view
Channels are for gifts and off'rings Due by solemn right to you;
Right of which we may not rob you, Debt we may not choose but pay,
Lest that face of love and pity Turn from us another day.**

The children will gather at the front pew, Lectern side, during the singing of the last hymn stanza.

- 5 **Lord of glory, you have bought us With Your life-blood as the price,
Never grudging for the lost ones That tremendous sacrifice.
Give us faith to trust you boldly, Hope, to stay our souls on you:
But, oh, best of all your graces, With your love our love renew.**

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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. 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. Dear heavenly Father, help us to fix our eyes on Jesus so that we may be faithful in using our gifts to help those in need. Help us to find our contentment in you. Open our eyes and hearts so we can see how much you love us. Use us as your instruments of love, grace, and mercy. We ask this in the name of Jesus, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever.

C **Amen.**

Please be seated.

WORD

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

Children's Message

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

Love Him, love Him, all ye little children, God is love, God is love;

Love Him, love Him, all ye little children, God is love, God is love.

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Old Testament Lesson: Job 29:11-17

The first lesson is from the 29th chapter of Job.

¹¹Whoever heard me spoke well of me, and those who saw me commended me, ¹²because I rescued the poor who cried for help, and the fatherless who had none to assist them. ¹³The one

who was dying blessed me; I made the widow's heart sing. ¹⁴I put on righteousness as my clothing; justice was my robe and my turban. ¹⁵I was eyes to the blind and feet to the lame. ¹⁶I was a father to the needy; I took up the case of the stranger. ¹⁷I broke the fangs of the wicked and snatched the victims from their teeth.

L Here ends the reading.

New Testament Lesson: 1 Peter 4:10-11

The second lesson is from the 1st chapter of 1 Peter.

¹⁰Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms. ¹¹If anyone speaks, they should do so as one who speaks the very words of God. If anyone serves, they should do so with the strength God provides, so that in all things God may be praised through Jesus Christ. To him be the glory and the power for ever and ever. Amen.

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. Matthew, the 25th chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

Holy Gospel: Matthew 25:14-30

¹⁴“Again, it will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted his wealth to them. ¹⁵To one he gave five bags of gold, to another two bags, and to another one bag, each according to his ability. Then he went on his journey. ¹⁶The man who had received five bags of gold went at once and put his money to work and gained five bags more. ¹⁷So also, the one with two bags of gold gained two more. ¹⁸But the man who had received one bag went off, dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. ¹⁹“After a long time the master of those servants returned and settled accounts with them. ²⁰The man who had received five bags of gold brought the other five. ‘Master,’ he said, ‘you entrusted me with five bags of gold. See, I have gained five more.’ ²¹“His master replied, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master's happiness!’ ²²“The man with two bags of gold also came. ‘Master,’ he said, ‘you entrusted me with two bags of gold; see, I have gained two more.’ ²³“His master replied, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master's happiness!’ ²⁴“Then the man who had received one bag of gold came. ‘Master,’ he said, ‘I knew that you are a hard man, harvesting where you have not sown and gathering where you have not scattered seed. ²⁵So I was afraid and went out and hid your gold in the ground. See, here is what belongs to you.’ ²⁶“His master replied, ‘You wicked, lazy servant!

So you knew that I harvest where I have not sown and gather where I have not scattered seed? ²⁷Well then, you should have put my money on deposit with the bankers, so that when I returned I would have received it back with interest. ²⁸“So take the bag of gold from him and give it to the one who has ten bags. ²⁹For whoever has will be given more, and they will have an abundance. Whoever does not have, even what they have will be taken from them. ³⁰And throw that worthless servant outside, into the darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

Sermon: *Using What You’ve Got*

Pastor Heidi Punt

The congregation is invited to stand as able.

Hymn of the Day: *Forth in Thy Name, O Lord, I Go*

LBW# 505

Alternate Tune: LBW# 403 Lord, Speak to Us, that We May Speak

- 1 **Forth in thy name, O Lord, I go, My daily labor to pursue;
Thee, only thee, resolved to know In all I think or speak or do.**
- 2 **The task thy wisdom has assigned, Oh, let me cheerfully fulfill;
In all my works thy presence find, And prove thy good and perfect will.**
- 3 **Thee may I set at my right hand, Whose eyes my inmost substance see,
And labor on at thy command, And offer all my works to thee.**
- 4 **Give me to bear thine easy yoke, And ev'ry moment watch and pray,
And still to things eternal look, And hasten to thy glorious day;**
- 5 **For thee delightfully employ Whate'er thy bounteous grace has giv'n,
And run my course with even joy, And closely walk with thee to heav'n.**

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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.

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

The monthly benevolence focus is Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary.

Organ Offertory: *Trio on Hyfrydol* (by Rowland Prichard)

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: *If You But Trust in God to Guide You*

LBW# 453

- 1 If you but trust in God to guide you And place your confidence in him,
You'll find him always there beside you, to give you hope and strength within.
For those who trust God's changeless love Build on the rock that will not move.**
- 2 What gain is there in futile weeping, In helpless anger and distress?
If you are in his care and keeping, In sorrow will he love you less?
For he took for you a cross Will bring you safe through ev'ry loss.**
- 3 In patient trust await his leisure In cheerful hope, with heart content
To take whate'er your Father's pleasure and all discerning love have sent;
Doubt not your inmost wants are known To him who chose you for his own.**
- 4 Sing, pray, and keep his ways unswerving, Offer your service faithfully,
And trust his word; though undeserving, You'll find his promise true to be.
God never will forsake in need The soul that trusts in him indeed.**

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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: *Now Thank We All Our God* (by Karg-Elert)

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Attendance Update

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Teaching Moment: Lutherans at Worship ~ Glossary of Lutheran Terms

Cope (Long hooded cape worn by clergy on certain ceremonial occasions.)

Corporal (Square white linen on which Eucharistic vessels are placed on the altar.)

Cotta (Short white vestment worn over cassock by acolytes, musicians, and other worship assistants.)

Crucifer (Person who carries the processional cross.)

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

Those Serving in November

Guest Organist: Brenda McCombs

Acolytes: Bailey Wilhelm and Lucas Wilhelm

Altar Guild, Communion Assistants, and Lay Readers: Deena Lanning and Karen Morgan

Communion Assistant: Janice Goodman

Ushers: Phil Cauble, Ali Davis, Don Davis, and Elbert Kluttz

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

Live Streaming: Pete Nguyen

Offering Counters: Patsy Lyerly, Sonya Mulkey and Vivian Sprinkle

Sunday, November 16

Loose Offering: Building & Repair Fund

Mission Project: collection of gift cards (Amazon and Walmart) for Seminarians (lectern-side)

Benevolence: Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary

Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God.

Deadline for newsletter articles

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

9:30 a.m. Bearing Fruit for Jesus (for all ages) during Sunday School

10:15 a.m. Part 1: Constitution & By-Laws 2nd vote on ratification of amended changes (Sanctuary)

10:30 a.m. Worship & Holy Communion

Job 29:11-17; 1 Peter 4:10-11; Matthew 25:14-30

12 noon Part 2: Annual Meeting resumes (Dutch Meeting Hall)

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.

2:00 p.m. Church Council

3:00 p.m. Christmas Program & Music

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Join us by being an **Angel** and purchase **Christmas gifts** for children and adults of Salisbury's **Battered Women's Shelter**.

Visit the **Angel Tree** (*located in the long hallway entering the Dutch Meeting Hall*) beginning this week, choose a tag (or 2 or 3!), and purchase the gift indicated. All gifts should be new. You may also come to the church during the week and choose an angel tag.

Please return **unwrapped gifts** with the **Angel Tag attached** and place at the Angel Tree.

Deadline: Sunday, December 21

Mission Outreach will deliver the gifts to the Battered Women's Shelter in time for Christmas!

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Tuesday, November 18

9:30 a.m. Piedmont-East Clergy (Christiana, Salisbury)

6:30 p.m. Bearing Fruit for Jesus (Conference #1)

Wednesday, November 19

12 noon Intentional Prayer & Fasting begins for 24 hours

2:00 p.m. Autumn Care Chapel Time

4:00 p.m. Bearing Fruit for Jesus (Conference #1)

Wednesday, November 19

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

Thursday, November 20

10:00 a.m. Bearing Fruit for Jesus (Conference #1)
12 noon Intentional Prayer & Fasting ends

Saturday, November 22

8:30 a.m. The Great Rake

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Christ the King & Harvest Sunday, November 23

Loose Offering: Youth Missions Fund

Mission Project: collection of gift cards (Amazon and Walmart) 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. Bearing Fruit for Jesus (for all ages) during Sunday School

10:30 a.m. Worship & Holy Communion

1 Chronicles 29:10-16; Colossians 1:9-13; Matthew 6:19-24, 33

Sermon: *First Things First for our King*

Our church is a “*first things first*” church where God’s Word is truth and where the sacraments of Baptism and the Lord’s Supper are faithfully administered. Our church is a “*first things first*” church with a vision for missions and ministry. Our church is a “*first things first*” ministry where we serve and work together in Christ with time and talents. Our church is a “*first things first*” congregation where all people are cared for, where families are nourished, where marriage is uplifted, where young and old are encouraged to live fruitful lives. It begins in your heart, touches your home, and extends to your fruitful use of time, talents and treasures.

Bearing fruit as stewards of time, talents, and treasures is the fruit of faith that seeks first the kingdom of God and his righteousness. Then, everything else will fall into place.

On Harvest Sunday, November 23, everyone is encouraged to turn in their Commitment Form and Time & Talent Survey.

Location of forms: November *Messenger* Handouts and will be available in the Narthex.

3:00 p.m. Christmas Program & Music

5:30 p.m. Christiana and Organ Lutheran Church invite Union Lutheran Church to a Thanksgiving Service at (Old Church of Organ Lutheran Church)

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Monday, November 24

Advent wreath will be placed in the Sanctuary this week.

Wednesday, November 26

12 noon One Minute Intentional Prayer
December Messenger & Handouts are printed.

In observance of the Holiday, Catechism & Belles and Beaus will not meet Wednesday, November 26.

Thursday, November 27

Thanksgiving Day

Sonya Mulkey has reserved the Old Pine Center on Thanksgiving Day.

Church office is closed Thursday, November 27 & Friday, November 28 in observance of the Holiday.

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Sunday, November 30

Loose Offering: General Fund

Mission Project: collection of gift cards (Amazon and Walmart) for Seminarians (lectern-side)

Benevolence: Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary

You may notice that our floral arrangements have been replaced by simple greenery during the season of Advent. As a season of spiritual preparation and quiet reflection before the joy of Christmas, Advent traditions use greenery to symbolize the eternal life offered through Christ, rather than the more celebratory symbolism of flowers. We invite you to join us in this time of quiet anticipation.

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

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

Isaiah’s Vision of God’s Throne

Isaiah 6:1-12; Revelation 4:2-8

I heard the voice of the Lord saying “Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?” (Isaiah 6:8)

9:30 a.m. Adult Sunday School

Rabbit Hole Adult Sunday School

Isaiah’s Vision of God’s Throne

Isaiah 6:1-12; Revelation 4:2-8

Drew Wise Adult Sunday School

Ezekiel’s Vision

Ezekiell 47:1-12; Revelation 7:9-17

10:30 a.m. Worship & Holy Communion

Isaiah 2:1-5; Psalm 122; Romans 13:8-14; Matthew 24:36-44

Sermon Series on Isaiah: *Proclaim Hope*

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St. Matthew’s Lutheran Church’s Women invite Union Women to a **Night of Fun and Music** featuring Matthew Weaver, on **Monday, December 1**, at **6:00 p.m.** Desserts and beverages will be provided. Love offering for the Family Crisis Council.

Please RSVP Diane Bean 704.880.5610

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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 Kluttz (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 Kluttz, 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, Pastor Heidi Punt, Raelynn Rodgers, Dalton Thompson, Brad Trexler, Pam Vellines & Roy Zimmermann

Continual Prayer – Millie Ann Barringer (Larry Barringer’s mother), Ashley Burleson (Lanny and Connie Burleson, former members, daughter), David & Amy Dunford (Jennifer Curlee’s friends), 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), 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, SON Ministries, Slovakia, & Haiti), especially those affected by political unrest & those affected by natural disasters (Jamacia, Haiti, Alaska, North Dakota, Dominican Republic)

Prayers for Comfort: Larry Barringer’s Family, Lela and Tyler Brooks, Sarah Holshouser’s Family, Don Simmons Family (guest organist), Wayne Vellines Family

Please let us know...church staff are not automatically made aware of you or your family members and loved ones who are in the hospital, Hospice, a nursing home or shut-ins at home. This means we cannot minister to them without you letting us know. Please contact the church office (704) 636-5092 to keep us informed.

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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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During the period of November 01, 2025, through November 15, 2025, the Union Lutheran Church General Fund received revenues totaling **\$12,868.00**. Included in this total is \$50.00 from the fellowship hall rental, \$165.00 from a Thrivent Grant (Choice Dollars) and \$862.00 gross revenue from the Community Meal held on November 12, 2025. During this same period, operating expenses, including payroll, totaled **\$(12,490.59)**. The result of this report period is a positive revenue flow of **\$377.41**. For the year to date, the church is operating at a revenue deficit of **\$(27,789.44)**.

Over the past several years, our giving has not met our expenses. The church's deficit is around **\$(38,217.52)** as of September 2025.

John Knight, ULC Treasurer



Lighting Luminaries in Honor and/or in Memory of

We invite you to join us for our annual lighting of the Luminaries (Christmas Program, December 21, & Christmas Eve, December 24) as we gather to remember and celebrate the lives of those who have touched our hearts. You can dedicate a luminary in memory of a loved one, someone currently battling a serious illness, or anyone you wish to honor.

Each lit candle represents hope, remembrance, and support.

Suggested donation: \$5 per event per bag or \$7 for both events

Proceeds will go towards both the Mission Outreach and General Fund.

Deadline: Sunday, December 14



In Honor of _____

In Memory of _____

Events:

_____ December 21 (Christmas Program) _____ Christmas Eve, December 24

_____ Both December 21 & 24

From _____

Please fill out the form and mark on envelope & check: Luminary

Deadline: Sunday, December 14

A luminary booklet will be printed and available on December 21 & 24.