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# A Mountain of Hope

## Isaiah 2:1-5

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1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent

November 30, 2025

10:30 a.m. Worship & Holy Communion

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*The Common Thread: The season is Advent so we should not be surprised that metaphors of coming and going and traveling are used. Isaiah exhorts, let us go up to the house of the Lord, and let us walk in the light of the Lord. The psalmist is happy whenever anyone says, "Let us go to the house of the Lord." Paul calls us to walk properly as those who are clothed in Christ which is to be in the armor of light. In the optional Gospel Reading (Matt 21:1–11), it is the blessed Jesus who is the one coming—coming in the name of the Lord. In the primary Gospel Reading, we are not so much coming or going as being still, ready for the sudden and final appearing of the Lord, that happens at a time we cannot anticipate.*

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

Pete Nguyen

Prelude: *Veni, Veni, Emmanuel* (Eugene Englert)

*The altar candles and candelabras are lit to represent Jesus' life and ministry.*

*The first Advent Candle is lit. The Hope Candle often called the Prophecy Candle, symbolizes hope and the anticipation of the Messiah, recalling the Old Testament prophecies of his coming.*

## 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: *Awake, Awake, and Greet the New Morn*

WOV# 633

1 **Awake! Awake, and greet the new morn, for angels herald its dawning.  
Sing out your joy, for soon he is born, behold! the Child of our longing.  
Come as a baby weak and poor, to bring all hearts together,  
he opens wide the heav'nly door and lives now inside us forever.**

2 **To us, to all in sorrow and fear, Emmanuel comes a-singing,  
his humble song is quiet and near, yet fills the earth with its ringing;  
music to heal the broken soul and hymns of lovingkindness,  
the thunder of his anthems roll to shatter all hatred and blindness.**

3 **In darkest night his coming shall be, when all the world is despairing,  
as morning light so quiet and free, so warm and gentle and caring.  
Then shall the mute break forth in song, the lame shall leap in wonder,  
the weak be raised above the strong, and weapons be broken asunder.**

*The children are invited to come forward and gather at the Lectern-side.*

4 **Rejoice, rejoice, take heart in the night, though dark the winter and cheerless,  
the rising sun shall crown you with light, be strong and loving and fearless.  
Love be our song and love our prayer and love our endless story;  
may God fill ev'ry day we share and bring us at last into glory.**

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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) is omitted during the season of Advent.*

Salutation (2 Timothy 4:22)

P The Lord be with you.

**C And also with you.**

Prayer of the Day

P Let us pray. Stir up your power, O Lord, and come, that by your protection we may be rescued from the threatening perils of our sins and saved by your mighty deliverance; for you live and reign with the Father 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

*Following the Children's Message, the congregation will sing the following stanza of "I've got the Joy, Joy, Joy down in my heart" while the children return to sit with their families.*

**I've got the hope of Jesus, hope of Jesus, down in my heart.**

**Down in my heart, down in my heart.**

*Repeat*

**I am so thankful, so very thankful, I have the hope of Jesus in my heart!**

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Old Testament Lesson: Isaiah 2:1-5

The first lesson is from the 2nd chapter of Isaiah.

<sup>1</sup>The word that Isaiah the son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem. <sup>2</sup>It shall come to pass in the latter days that the mountain of the house of the LORD shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be lifted up above the hills; and all the nations shall flow to it, <sup>3</sup>and many peoples shall come, and say: "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob, that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths." For out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem. <sup>4</sup>He shall judge between the nations, and shall decide disputes for many peoples; and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore. <sup>5</sup>O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the LORD.

L Here ends the reading.

Psalm 122 *The Psalm of the Day is read responsively.*

L <sup>1</sup>I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the LORD!"

C <sup>2</sup>**Our feet have been standing within your gates, O Jerusalem!**

- L <sup>3</sup>Jerusalem — built as a city that is bound firmly together,  
 C <sup>4</sup>**to which the tribes go up, the tribes of the LORD, as was decreed for Israel, to give thanks to the name of the LORD.**
- L <sup>5</sup>There thrones for judgment were set, the thrones of the house of David.  
 C <sup>6</sup>**Pray for the peace of Jerusalem! “May they be secure who love you!**  
 L <sup>7</sup>Peace be within your walls and security within your towers!”  
 C <sup>8</sup>**For my brothers and companions’ sake I will say, “Peace be within you!”**  
 L <sup>9</sup>For the sake of the house of the LORD our God, I will seek your good.

New Testament Lesson: Romans 13:8-14

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

<sup>8</sup>Owe no one anything, except to love each other, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. <sup>9</sup>For the commandments, “You shall not commit adultery, You shall not murder, You shall not steal, You shall not covet,” and any other commandment, are summed up in this word: “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” <sup>10</sup>Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfilling of the law. <sup>11</sup>Besides this you know the time, that the hour has come for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed. <sup>12</sup>The night is far gone; the day is at hand. So then let us cast off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light. <sup>13</sup>Let us walk properly as in the daytime, not in orgies and drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and sensuality, not in quarreling and jealousy. <sup>14</sup>But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

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 24th chapter.

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

Holy Gospel: Matthew 24:36-44

<sup>36</sup>{Jesus said,} “But concerning that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but the Father only. <sup>37</sup>For as were the days of Noah, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. <sup>38</sup>For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day when Noah entered the ark, <sup>39</sup>and they were unaware until the flood came and swept them all away, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. <sup>40</sup>Then two men will be in the field; one will be taken and one left. <sup>41</sup>Two women will be grinding at the mill; one will be taken and one left. <sup>42</sup>Therefore, stay awake, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. <sup>43</sup>But know this, that if the master of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken

into. <sup>44</sup>Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.”

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

*Please be seated.*

Sermon Series on Isaiah: *Proclaim Hope*

Pastor Heidi Punt

*The congregation is invited to stand as able.*

Hymn of the Day: *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus*

LBW# 30

- 1 **Come, thou long-expected Jesus, Born to set thy people free;  
From our fears and sins release us; Let us find our rest in thee.  
Israel's strength and consolation, Hope of all the earth thou art,  
Dear desire of ev'ry nation, Joy of ev'ry longing heart.**
- 2 **Born thy people to deliver, Born a child, and yet a king;  
Born to reign in us forever, Now thy gracious kingdom bring.  
By thine own eternal Spirit Rule in all our hearts alone;  
By thine all-sufficient merit Raise us to thy glorious throne.**

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Nicene Creed (*Romans 10:9-10*)

LBW p. 64

C **We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven; by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic\* and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen**

*\*Or, We believe in one holy Christian*

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

P As we await the coming of Christ, let us pray for the Church, the world, and for all people according to their need.

*A brief silence*

*After each portion of the prayers:*

P Lord, in your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

*The prayers conclude:*

P All these things, and whatever else you see that we need, grant to us, dear Father, for the sake of your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ.

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 General Fund.*

*The monthly benevolence focus is Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary.*

Organ Offertory: *Savior, of the Nations, Come* (Robert E. 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. 68

(*Romans 12:1; Proverbs 3:9; 1 Corinthians 6:19-20, 1 Thessalonians 5:18; 2 Corinthians 9:7*)

P Let us pray. Blessed are you,

C **O Lord our God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts. With them we offer ourselves to your service and dedicate our lives to the care and redemption of all that you have made, for the sake of him who gave 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 *(33)*

LBW p. 70

*(Matthew 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24; Luke 22:19-20; 1 Corinthians 11:23-26)*

P Blessed are you, Lord of heaven and earth. In mercy for our fallen world you gave your only Son, that all those who believe in him should not perish, but have eternal life. We give thanks to you for the salvation you have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Send now your Holy Spirit into our hearts, that we may receive our Lord with a living faith as he comes to us in his holy supper.

**C Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

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 Cantic (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. Pour out upon us the spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of those whom you have fed with one heavenly food; through 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: *The King Shall Come*

LBW# 33

**1 The King shall come when morning dawns And light triumphant breaks,  
When beauty gilds the eastern hills And life to joy awakes.**

**2 Not as of old a little child, To bear and fight and die,  
But crowned with glory like the sun That lights the morning sky.**

**3 Oh, brighter than the rising morn When Christ, victorious, rose  
And left the lonesome place of death, Despite the rage of foes.**

**4 Oh, brighter than that glorious morn Shall dawn upon our race  
The day when Christ in splendor comes, And we shall see his face.**

**5 The King shall come when morning dawns And light and beauty brings.  
Hail, Christ the Lord! Your people pray: Come quickly, King of kings.**

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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: *O Come, Divine Messiah* (Cesar Franck)

Lutheran Book of Worship Setting 1 pages 56-76

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**Attendance Update**

November 23	44	Bearing Fruit for Jesus (week 3)
November 23	104	Worship & Holy Communion

**Teaching Moment: Lutherans at Worship ~ Glossary of Lutheran Terms**

Easter Vigil (*Liturgical service on Easter Eve which includes the kindling of the New Fire and procession of the Paschal Candle, Scripture readings, Holy Baptism and renewal of baptismal vows and Holy Communion.*) We do not currently do this at Union Lutheran Church. Would be good to consider doing so in the future?

Epiclesis (*Prayer invoking the Holy Spirit, included in the Prayer of Thanksgiving in Holy Baptism and Holy Communion.*)

Epiphany (*Principal festival of church year celebrating the manifestation of Christ to the world; observed on January 6.*)

Eucharist (A name for Holy Communion; from the Greek for “thanksgiving.”)

(Lutherans at Worship by S. Anita Stauffer, Gilbert A. Doan, and Michael B. Aune page 92)

**Those Serving in November**

**Guest Organist:** Becky Lippard

**Acolytes:** Scott and Jennifer Curlee

**Altar Guild, Communion Assistants, and Lay Readers:** Scott and Jennifer Curlee, and Cathy Painter

**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

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**Sunday, November 30**

Loose Offering: General Fund

Mission Project: collection of gift cards (Amazon and Walmart) for Seminarians (Please place in the church office.)

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 ~ Ezekiel 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*

Dusty Morgan, Sr., has reserved the Old Pine Center from 3:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. on Sunday, November 30.

No Christmas Program & Music this week in observance of the Holiday.

**7:00 p.m.** Lutheran Seminar Class (Holy Trinity, Troutman)

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St. Matthew’s Lutheran Church’s Women invites the 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

Tuesday, December 2

**10:00 a.m.** Christmas decorations setup in Education Building

**6:00 p.m.** Advent Meal (Dutch Meeting Hall)

Tuesday, December 2

**6:30 p.m.** *The Case for Christmas*  
Setting the Record Straight & Beneath the Fake News

Wednesday, December 3

**12 noon** One Minute Intentional Prayer  
**6:30 p.m.** Belles & Beaus

Pastor Heidi Punt will be on vacation from Wednesday, December 3-Sunday, December 7.

Frank Merrell has reserved the Dutch Meeting Hall on Thursday, December 4.

Megan Cline has reserved the Old Pine Center on Saturday, December 6.

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**Sunday, December 7**

Loose Offering: Mission Outreach Fund

Mission Project: Angel Tree for Battered Women's Shelter (Deadline change: December 14)

Benevolence: Battered Women's Shelter

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

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

From the Stump of Jesse ~ Isaiah 11:1-10; Hebrews 1:1-4

*“There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse, and a branch from his roots shall bear fruit.”* (Isaiah 11:1 ESV)

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

Rabbit Hole Adult Sunday School

From the Stump of Jesse ~ Isaiah 11:1-10; Hebrews 1:1-4

Drew Wise Adult Sunday School

God's Word ~ Psalm 119:105-112; Deuteronomy 6:4-9; Joshua 1:8-9; 2 Kings 22:8-20; Acts 17:10-12; Psalm 19:7-13; 2 Timothy 3:14-15

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

Isaiah 11:1-10; Psalm 72:1-7; Romans 15:4-13; Matthew 3:1-12

Sermon Series on Isaiah: *Proclaim Peace*

John Kesler has reserved the Old Pine Center from 12 noon-5:00 p.m.

The congregation is invited to celebrate **John and Nancy Kesler's 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary** with a **Drop-In** on **Sunday, December 7**, from **2:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.** in the Old Pine Center. Please, no gifts but cards are appreciated.

**Sunday, December 7**

**2:00 p.m.** Christmas Caroling

**4:00 p.m.** Christmas Program & Music

**7:00 p.m.** Lutheran Seminar Class (Holy Trinity, Troutman)

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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*), 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.

*Please turn in gift cards with angel tag attached to Cheryl Kluttz.*

**Deadline Change: Sunday, December 14**

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

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*Please note as of Christ the King Sunday we have refreshed 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** – Genevieve Baker, Ken Davis, Susan Knight, Doris Ludwick, Patsy Lyerly, Richard and Kay Lyons, Raelynn Rodgers, Dalton Thompson, Brad Trexler & Roy Zimmermann

**Continual Prayer** – 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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**For Your Information:**

*Average attendance for Bearing Fruit for Jesus was 47.*

*As of Tuesday, November 25, **44** individuals have turned in the Bearing Fruit for Jesus Time & Talents Surveys and **42** individuals have turned in their Commitment Forms.*

*Extra copies are available from the church office. This information assists those scheduling for 2026 so please turn in your survey and form as soon as possible.*



## Poinsettias



You are invited to add to the beauty of our Sanctuary this Christmas by placing and dedicating a poinsettia in honor or in memory of a loved one. The beautiful flowers will adorn the Sanctuary throughout the Christmas season, serving as a living tribute to those who have touched our lives.

Dedications will be listed in the Christmas Eve bulletin.

Please drop off to the Sanctuary your signed poinsettia on Saturday, December 20, between 9:00 a.m.-10:00 a.m.

You may take your plant(s) home after Sunday, December 28.

Deadline: Sunday, December 14



In Honor of \_\_\_\_\_

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In Memory of \_\_\_\_\_

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From \_\_\_\_\_

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

Deadline: Sunday, December 14

A poinsettia booklet will be printed and available on Christmas Eve, December 24.

## 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 \_\_\_\_\_

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In Memory of \_\_\_\_\_

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Events:

\_\_\_\_\_ December 21 (Christmas Program)

\_\_\_\_\_ Christmas Eve, December 24

\_\_\_\_\_ Both December 21 & 24

From \_\_\_\_\_

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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.