



## Union Lutheran Church

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God is faithful, who has called you into fellowship  
with his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

### **1 Corinthians 1:9**



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2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after the Epiphany

January 18, 2026

10:30 a.m. Worship & Holy Communion

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*The Common Thread: Behold, the Lamb of God! From him alone comes grace and peace to the communion of saints, "those who in every place call upon the name of our Lord Jesus Christ." It is he who was called by God from his mother's womb to be "light for the nations" and the salvation of the world. It was written long ago, in the roll of the scroll, that a body would be prepared for God, an offering to end all offerings for sin. Behold! By the single offering of this Lamb of God, we are being strengthened, perfected, sanctified.*

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

*Sola Publishing Alternate Epiphany Liturgy and Lutheran Book of Worship Setting 1*

Welcome & Announcements

Recognition of Genevieve Baker, ULC Staff Support

Prelude

*Altar Candles and Candelabras are lit at this time representing 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 (Isaiah 60:1)

P Arise, shine, your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you. We are gathered in this Season of Light to worship God, the Father, the Son, ✚ and the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Brief Order of Confession & Forgiveness (Psalm 19:13-14, 51:12; Matthew 5:16, 6:12, 22:29; Luke 17:17; John 3:19-21; 1Thessalonians 4:17; James 4:10; 1 John 1:8-9, 2:17)

P Let us humble ourselves before the Lord of all, confessing our sins of which we are aware and for those things that grieve Him of which we are unaware.

*Silence for self-reflection and examination*

P Gracious God who sent the Light of the World into the darkness of our human sin,

C **We come before you asking for your gracious mercy for all the things we have done and left undone. We have lived in darkness rather than seeking your light; we have ignored your call to serve our neighbors; and we have neglected to show our gratitude for all you've done for us. Forgive us, dear Lord. Let the light of Christ shine upon us and restore us to your salvation, that we might live holy lives here and now, and be with you in eternity. Amen.**

Absolution (Psalm 103:1-4; Isaiah 60:4-5; Luke 24:47; Acts 5:31)

P Lift up your eyes all around and see! Your heart shall thrill and exult in the Lord's mercy. The Holy One of Israel, the Lord your God: Father, Son ✚ and Holy Spirit forgives you

all your sin and grants you salvation in his holy name.

**C Amen.**

Hymn: *On Jordan's Banks the Baptist's Cry*

LBW# 36

- 1 On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry Announces that the Lord is nigh;  
Awake and hearken, for he brings Glad tidings of the King of kings!**
- 2 Then cleansed be ev'ry life from sin; Make straight the way for God within,  
And let us all our hearts prepare For Christ to come and enter there.**
- 3 We hail Thee as our Savior, Lord, Our refuge and our great reward;  
Without your grace we waste away Like flow'rs that wither and decay.**
- 4 Stretch forth your hand, our health restore, And make us rise to fall no more;  
Oh, let your face upon us shine And fill the world with love divine.**
- 5 All praise to you, eternal Son, Whose advent has our freedom won,  
Whom with the Father we adore, And Holy Spirit, evermore.**

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Apostolic Greeting (*Numbers 6:24-26; 2 Corinthians 13:14*)

**P** May the glorious light of the Son of God shine upon you, the abiding love of the Father fill your hearts, and the peace of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C And also with you.**

*Kyrie (Mark 10:47) is omitted during the season of Epiphany.*

Hymn of Praise *Glory to God (Luke 2:14; Revelation 4:11, 5:12-13)*

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*)

LBW p. 62

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C And also with you.**

Prayer of the Day

**P** Let us pray. Almighty and eternal God, you restrain the powers of heaven and earth. Mercifully hear your people's prayers for peace in our time. Grant this, we pray, through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

## WORD

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

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

Children's Message

*Following the Children's Message, the children are asked to sit with their families while the congregation sings This Little Light of Mine.*

Hymn: *This Little Light of Mine*

**C This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine, This little light of mine  
I'm gonna let it shine, This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine  
Let it shine let it shine let it shine**

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Old Testament Lesson: Isaiah 49:1-7

The first lesson is written in the 49<sup>th</sup> chapter of Isaiah.

<sup>1</sup>Listen to me, O coastlands, and give attention, you peoples from afar. The LORD called me from the womb, from the body of my mother he named my name. <sup>2</sup>He made my mouth like a sharp sword; in the shadow of his hand he hid me; he made me a polished arrow; in his quiver he hid me away. <sup>3</sup>And he said to me, "You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified." <sup>4</sup>But I said, "I have labored in vain; I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity; yet surely my right is with the LORD, and my recompense with my God." <sup>5</sup>And now the LORD says, he who formed me from the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him; and that Israel might be gathered to him — for I am honored in the eyes of the LORD, and my God has become my strength — <sup>6</sup>he says: "It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to bring back the preserved of Israel; I will make you as a light for the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth." <sup>7</sup>Thus says the LORD, the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One, to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nation, the servant of rulers: "Kings shall see and arise; princes, and they shall prostrate themselves; because of the LORD, who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you."

L Here ends the reading.

Psalm 40:1-11\* *The Psalm of the Day is read in unison.*

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

**C <sup>1</sup>I waited patiently for the LORD; he inclined to me and heard my cry.**

**<sup>2</sup>He drew me up from the pit of destruction, out of the miry bog, and set my feet upon a rock, making my steps secure.**

**<sup>3</sup>He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God. Many will see and fear, and put their trust in the LORD.**

**<sup>4</sup>Blessed is the man who makes the LORD his trust, who does not turn to the proud, to those who go astray after a lie!**

**<sup>5</sup>You have multiplied, O LORD my God, your wondrous deeds and your thoughts toward us; none can compare with you! I will proclaim and tell of them, yet they are more than can be told.**

**<sup>6</sup>In sacrifice and offering you have not delighted, but you have given me an open ear. Burnt offering and sin offering you have not required.**

**<sup>7</sup>Then I said, “Behold, I have come; in the scroll of the book it is written of me:**

**<sup>8</sup>I delight to do your will, O my God; your law is within my heart.”**

**<sup>9</sup>I have told the glad news of deliverance in the great congregation; behold, I have not restrained my lips, as you know, O LORD.**

**<sup>10</sup>I have not hidden your deliverance within my heart; I have spoken of your faithfulness and your salvation; I have not concealed your steadfast love and your faithfulness from the great congregation.**

**<sup>11</sup>As for you, O LORD, you will not restrain your mercy from me; your steadfast love and your faithfulness will ever preserve me!**

New Testament Lesson: 1 Corinthians 1:1-9

The second lesson is from the 1<sup>st</sup> chapter of 1 Corinthians.

<sup>1</sup>Paul, called by the will of God to be an apostle of Christ Jesus, and our brother Sosthenes, <sup>2</sup>To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints together with all those who in every place call upon the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours: <sup>3</sup>Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>4</sup>I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that was given you in Christ Jesus, <sup>5</sup>that in every way you were enriched in him in all speech and all knowledge — <sup>6</sup>even as the testimony about Christ was confirmed among you — <sup>7</sup>so that you are not lacking in any gift, as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>8</sup>who will sustain you to the end, guiltless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>9</sup>God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

L Here ends the reading.

*The congregation is invited to stand as able.*

Gospel Acclamation (Psalm 51:10; Ezekiel 36:26)

Hymn: *Change My Heart, O God*

*Refrain:*       **Change my heart O God Make it ever true  
Change my heart O God May I be like You**

**1 You are the Potter I am the clay**  
**Mold me and make me This is what I pray** *Refrain*

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**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. John the 1<sup>st</sup> chapter.

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

Holy Gospel: John 1:29-42a

<sup>29</sup>The next day {John} saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, “Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world! <sup>30</sup>This is he of whom I said, ‘After me comes a man who ranks before me, because he was before me.’ <sup>31</sup>I myself did not know him, but for this purpose I came baptizing with water, that he might be revealed to Israel.” <sup>32</sup>And John bore witness: “I saw the Spirit descend from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. <sup>33</sup>I myself did not know him, but he who sent me to baptize with water said to me, ‘He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain, this is he who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.’ <sup>34</sup>And I have seen and have borne witness that this is the Son of God.” <sup>35</sup>The next day again John was standing with two of his disciples, <sup>36</sup>and he looked at Jesus as he walked by and said, “Behold, the Lamb of God!” <sup>37</sup>The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. <sup>38</sup>Jesus turned and saw them following and said to them, “What are you seeking?” And they said to him, “Rabbi” (which means Teacher), “where are you staying?” <sup>39</sup>He said to them, “Come and you will see.” So they came and saw where he was staying, and they stayed with him that day, for it was about the tenth hour. <sup>40</sup>One of the two who heard John speak and followed Jesus was Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother. <sup>41</sup>He first found his own brother Simon and said to him, “We have found the Messiah” (which means Christ). <sup>42a</sup>He brought him to Jesus.

**P** The Gospel of the Lord.

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

*Please be seated.*

Sermon Series based on 1 Corinthians: *Gifted in Christ*

Pastor Heidi Punt

*The congregation is invited to stand as able.*

Hymn of the Day: *Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation*

WOV# 747

**1 Christ is made the sure foundation, Christ the head and cornerstone,**  
**chosen of the Lord and precious, binding all the church in one;**  
**Holy Zion's help forever, and her confidence alone.**

**2 To this temple, where we call you, come, O Lord of Hosts and stay;**  
**With all your loving-kindness hear you 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 thee 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!**

Text: John M. Neale, 1818-1866 (alt.) Latin hymn, c. 7th century Tune: Henry Purcell, 1659-1695 Ernest Hawkins, 1802-1868

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**)

**P Let us pray that the light of Christ may shine upon the Church, the world, and 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**)

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**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 as the Lord's Table is prepared.*

*All loose offerings will go towards the Building & Repair Fund.*

*The monthly benevolence will go towards the Spiritual Orphans Network (SON).*

Organ Offertory

## MEAL

*God invites us to His table.*

*The congregation is invited to stand as able.*

Offertory (John 12:46; Ephesians 5:8-14; Hebrews 12:1-2; 1 John 1:5; Revelation 21:23)

Hymn: *I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light* (stanza 1)

WOV# 649

**1 I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to follow Jesus.  
God set the stars to give light to the world. The star of my life is Jesus.**

*Refrain* **In him there is no darkness at all. The night and the day are both alike.  
The Lamb is the light of the city of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.**

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Offertory Prayer (Psalm 27:4, 103:1-14, Romans 12:1; 1 Thessalonians 5:18)

**P** We give you thanks, O Lord, for your tender mercies and for all that you have so faithfully provided for us. May our gifts be a sign of our love toward you and our desire to do your holy will. In Jesus' name we pray.

**C 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 *Holy, Holy, Holy* (Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9; Revelation 4:8)

LBW p. 69

**C Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might: Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

Words of Institution (32)

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(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.

P 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.*

Agnus Dei *Lamb of God* (*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.**

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.*

Communion Music

*The congregation is invited to stand as able.*

Blessing (*1 Thessalonians 5:23*)

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P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C **Amen**

Post-Communion Cantic

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(*1 Chronicles 16:8-11; Psalm 100:4, 105:1-3, 42-43; Isaiah 12:4-5, 55:12*)

C **Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell everyone what he has done. Let everyone who seeks 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 (*Matthew 26:26-28; John 6:35*)

P Let us pray. We give you thanks, Almighty God, that you have fed and refreshed us with this Holy Sacrament. Strengthen us in faith and fervent love toward one another, through your dear Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, whose body and blood we have humbly received.

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: *Arise, Your Light Has Come!*

WOV# 652

- 1 **Arise, your light has come! The Spirit's call obey;  
Show forth the glory of your God which shines on you today.**
- 2 **Arise, your light has come! Fling wide the prison door;  
Proclaim the captive's liberty, good tidings to the poor.**
- 3 **Arise, your light has come! All you in sorrow born,  
Bind up the brokenhearted ones and comfort those who mourn.**
- 4 **Arise, your light has come! The mountains burst in song!  
Rise up like eagles on the wing, God's pow'r will make us strong.**

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Blessing & Dismissal (Matthew 28:19)

P Go with the blessing of God the Father, Son, ☩ and Holy Spirit, and may the Light of God's Word ever shine within your hearts and lives so that his holy name is praised throughout the world.

C Amen.

P Union Lutheran Church you are sent!

C Amen, amen, amen

Postlude

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### 2026 Attendance Report

January 11	43	Sunday School
January 11	119	Worship & Holy Communion

## Those Serving on January 18, 2026

**Guest Organist:** Brenda McCombs

**Acolytes:** Adam Leffew and Addison Queen

**Altar Guild & Communion Assistants:** Deena Lanning and Karen Morgan

**Communion Assistants:** Adam Leffew, Deena Lanning, Karen Morgan, and Addison Queen

**Lay Readers:** Deena Lanning and Karen Morgan

**Ushers:** Larry Barringer, Don and Tara Davis, and Frank Merrell

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

**Live Streaming:** Pete Nguyen

**Offering Counters:** Patsy Lyerly, Sonya Mulkey and Vivian Sprinkle

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

*Hymn of the Day* (Chief hymn in the Holy Communion service.)

*Immersion* (Method of Baptism in which the candidate is immersed in water.)

*Incense* (Mixture of resins for ceremonial burning; symbolizes human prayer rising to God.)

*Kyrie* (Portion of the ante-communion liturgy in which the congregation sings “Lord have mercy; Christ have mercy; Lord have mercy;” from the Greek for “Lord.”)

(Lutherans at Worship by S. Anita Stauffer, Gilbert A. Doan, and Michael B. Aune page 93)

During the period of December 16, 2025, through December 31, 2025, the Union Lutheran Church General Fund received revenues totaling **\$17,710.96**. Of this revenue, \$7,296.96 was reimbursement for cemetery maintenance for the second half of the year, and property taxes for 2025. During this same period, operating expenses, including payroll, totaled **\$(9,049.95)**. The result of this report period is a positive revenue flow of **\$8,661.01**. For the year 2025, the church is operated at a revenue deficit of **\$(4,416.64)**.

The sale of the Eller property was finalized on December 19, 2025. I received the payment check from the closing attorney, Lucinda Fraley, in the amount of \$659,507.02, which I then took to Boyd Hough of Thrivent. Mr. Hough refused the check, stating that it was a third-party check. I deposited the check in the General Fund checking account, where it remained until all funds were cleared, on December 30, 2025. On this date, I issued a check to Thrivent in the amount of \$619,507.02, which I then delivered to Mr. Hough. The difference, \$40,000.00, remains in the General Fund checking account to balance the accumulated deficit of previous years, as voted on and approved during the annual congregational meeting held on November 16, 2025.

During the period of January 01, 2026, through January 15, 2026, the Union Lutheran Church General Fund received revenues totaling **\$9,094.00**. During this same period, operating expenses, including payroll, totaled **\$(14,870.44)**. The result of this report period is a negative revenue flow

of **\$(5,776.44)**. For the year to date, the church is operating at a revenue deficit of **\$(5,776.44)**. During this report period, the church property, liability and workman's compensation insurance for the first quarter of 2026 was paid, totaling **\$(3,754.50)**.

John Knight, ULC Treasurer

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**Sunday, January 18, 2026**

Loose Offering: Building & Repair Fund

Benevolence: Spiritual Orphans Network (SON)

Mission Project: Craft Supplies (pencils, crayons, paper, scissors, glue sticks) for SON Mission Trip

*The Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God and in honor of Genevieve Baker, ULC Staff Support.*

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

Jesus Calls Matthew ~ Matthew 9:9-13; Romans 5:1-11

*Jesus said: "I came not to call the righteous, but sinners." (Matthew 9:13)*

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

Rabbit Hole Sunday School Class

Jesus Calls Matthew ~ Matthew 9:9-13; Romans 5:1-11

Drew Wise Sunday School Class

Prayer and Humility

Psalms 141; Nehemiah 1:4-11; Daniel 6:10; Matthew 6:5-15; Luke 18:1-14; John 17:1-26;

Genesis 18:25-27; Luke 18:9-14; 1 John 5:14-15

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

Isaiah 49:1-7; Psalm 40:1-11; 1 Corinthians 1:1-9; John 1:29-42a

**10:30 a.m.** Recognition of Genevieve Baker

**12 noon** Offering Counters Training

**2:00 p.m.** Lay Minister

*Join us to honor 25 Years of Hard Work and Service as either a Office Administrator or Staff Support Person, Genevieve Baker, today at **4:00 p.m.** The reception is hosted by the ULC Council.*

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Tuesday, January 20

**6:30 p.m.** Amos Bible Study

Wednesday, January 21

**4:00 p.m.** Catechism (Conference #2)

Thursday, January 22

**6:30 p.m.** Property, Cemetery & Columbarium (*Conference #1*)

Friday, January 23

**9:00 a.m.** Women's Bible Book Study (*Juice Life, Salisbury*)

Saturday, January 24

**12 noon-4:00 p.m.** Ashley Deaton (*Dutch Meeting Hall*)

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**Sunday, January 25, 2026**

Loose Offering: Youth Missions Fund

Benevolence: Spiritual Orphans Network (SON)

Mission Project: Craft Supplies (pencils, crayons, paper, scissors, glue sticks) for SON Mission Trip

Altar Flowers: Open for reservation

Deadline: Newsletter articles

***Deadline for 2026 Yearbook Reports & Information: January 25, 2026***

*The 2026 Church Yearbook is an annual publication that reflects the life of Union Lutheran Church for the past year, planning and scheduling for the coming year, and includes the current church membership directory. We want to get it out to the members of the congregation as soon as possible. Please assist the church office by reviewing names (committees, teams, organizations, umbrellas) and contact information for you, your families and friends.*

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

Parable of the Good Samaritan

Luke 10:25-37; 1 John 3:11-18

*A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and he fell among robbers... But a Samaritan, as he journeyed, came to where he was, and when he saw him, he had compassion. (Luke 10:30a, 33)*

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

Rabbit Hole Sunday School Class

Parable of the Good Samaritan

Luke 10:25-37; 1 John 3:11-18

Drew Wise Sunday School Class

Call and Growth

Colossians 2:1-7; John 1:40-42; Ephesians 4:11-16; Philippians 3:12-26; Colossians 1:9-11; Hebrews 6:1-3; Matthew 4:18-20; 16:16-18; John 21:15-18; 2 Peter 3:14-15, 18

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

Isaiah 9:1-4; Psalm 27:1-9 (10-14); 1 Corinthians 1:10-18; Matthew 4:12-25

**Sunday, January 25, 2026**

**10:30 a.m.** Commissioning of Lay Ministers (Tara Davis, Vicki Hunter, Steve Hutchens, Elbert Kluttz, Deena Lanning, and John Kesler)

**12 noon** Mission Outreach fundraiser discussion (Please bring a bag lunch.)

**2:00 p.m.** Emergency Response Team

**4:00 p.m.** Luther League (*Faith, Faith*)

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Tuesday, January 27

**6:30 p.m.** Amos Bible Study

Wednesday, January 28

**6:30 p.m.** Catechism (*Conference #2*)

*Pastor Heidi Punt will be attending the NALC Clergy Retreat at Virginia Beach, VA, from Tuesday, January 27-Thursday, January 29. This year's theme: Worship & the Reality of God.*

Friday, January 30

February Messenger & Handouts printed

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**Upcoming February events at a Glance:**

Tuesdays, February 3 & 10

**Amos Bible Study**

Location: Conference #1

Time: 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, February 7

**Billy Waller's Home Project**

*Funds are still needed for this project.*

Location: Billy Waller

Time: 8:00 a.m. (leave from church parking lot)

Saturday, February 7

**Andrew Baker's Eagle Scout Award**

Location: Dutch Meeting Hall

Sunday, February 8

Time: 8:00 a.m. **Union Youth** will leave to Maiden, NC, to lead the worship service.

Tuesday, February 17

**Shrove Tuesday**

Breakfast for Dinner

Location: Old Pine Center

Time: 5:30 p.m.

**Upcoming February events at a Glance:**

**Ash Wednesday, February 18**

Times: 4:00 p.m. & 6:30 p.m. Worship & Holy Communion with Imposition of Ashes

Location: Sanctuary

Sunday, February 22

**Luther League**

Location: ULC

Time: 4:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m.

Tuesdays, February 24, March 3, March 10, March 17 & March 24

**Lenten Meal** in the Dutch Meeting Hall at **6:00 p.m.**

**Lenten Worship Service** at **6:30 p.m.**

Theme: *A Crisis in Identity*

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**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), Rachel Earnhardt (The Laurels), Charles & Becky Hartley (The Laurels Room 301), Mike Taylor (Trinity Oaks), 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** – Judy Boyd, Ken Davis, Jason Earnhardt, Susan Knight, Doris Ludwick, Patsy Lyerly, Richard and Kay Lyons, Troy Painter, Raelynn Rodgers & Brad Trexler

**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 and Family, John and Nancy Kesler and Family, Nancy Mulkey and 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-Grouped ~  
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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**2026 Church Council Members**

**2024-2026**

Phil Cauble  
Kevin Huffman  
John Knight (*Treasurer*)  
Thad Mulkey

**2025-2027**

Karen Barringer  
Pete Nguyen (*President*)  
Brad Trexler

**2026-2027**

Don Davis (*Vice-President*)  
Ethan Wilhelm (*Secretary*)

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**Lay Ministers:**

Tara Davis, Vicki Hunter, Steve Hutchens, Elbert Kluttz and Deena Lanning  
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