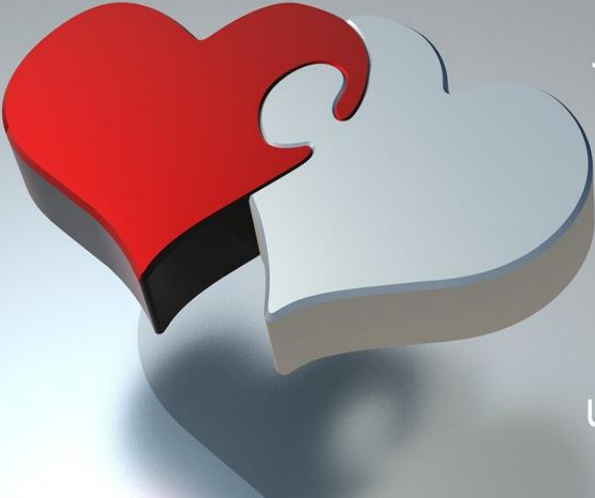




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I appeal to you,
brothers and sisters,
in the name of our Lord
Jesus Christ, that all of you
agree with one another
in what you say
and that there be
no divisions among you,
but that you be perfectly
united in mind and thought.

1 Corinthians 1:10

3rd Sunday after the Epiphany

January 25, 2026

10:30 a.m. Worship & Holy Communion

***The Common Thread:** The overwhelming imagery of our readings for this Sunday is light and darkness (though in the Epistle we must work out the connection to the metaphors). A light has shone upon those who dwell in darkness. That light is the given Son of God. He is both our light and the power of God for salvation. Those who follow him will now walk in the light, though they dwell in lands of great darkness.*

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

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

Lutheran Book of Worship (LBW) green hymnal ~ With One Voice (WOV) blue hymnal
P=Pastor, C=Congregation, L=Lay Reader

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Welcome & Announcements

Prelude: *There is a Balm in Gilead* (African Spiritual arr. Keveren)

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.

- 1** As with gladness men of old Did the guiding star behold;
As with joy they hailed its light, Leading onward, beaming bright;
So, most gracious Lord, may we Evermore be led by thee.
- 2** As with joyful steps they sped, Savior, to thy lowly bed,
There to bend the knee before Thee, whom heav'n and earth adore;
So may we with willing feet Ever seek thy mercy seat.
- 3** As they offered gifts most rare At thy cradle, rude and bare,
So may we with holy joy, Pure and free from sin's alloy,
All our costliest treasures bring, Christ, to thee, our heav'nly king.
- 4** Holy Jesus, ev'ry day Keep us in the narrow way;
And when earthly things are past, Bring our ransomed souls at last
Where they need no star to guide, Where no clouds thy glory hide.
- 5** In the heav'nly country bright Need they no created light;
Thou its light, its joy, its crown, Thou its sun which goes not down;
There forever may we sing Alleluias to our King.

Text: William C. Dix, 1837-1898 (alt.) Tune: Conrad Kocher, 1786-1872

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 9:1-4

The first lesson is written in the 9th chapter of Isaiah.

¹But there will be no gloom for her who was in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he has made glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations. ²The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shone. ³You have multiplied the nation; you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as they are glad when they divide the spoil. ⁴For the yoke of his burden, and the staff for his shoulder, the rod of his oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian.

L Here ends the reading.

Psalm 27:1-9* *The Psalm of the Day is read responsively.*

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

L ¹The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

C ²**When evildoers assail me to eat up my flesh, my adversaries and foes, it is they who stumble and fall.**

L ³Though an army encamp against me, my heart shall not fear; though war arise against me, yet I will be confident.

C ⁴**One thing have I asked of the LORD, that will I seek after: that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD and to inquire in his temple.**

L ⁵For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of trouble; he will conceal me under the cover of his tent; he will lift me high upon a rock.

C ⁶**And now my head shall be lifted up above my enemies all around me, and I will offer in his tent sacrifices with shouts of joy; I will sing and make melody to the**

LORD.

L ⁷Hear, O LORD, when I cry aloud; be gracious to me and answer me!

C ⁸**You have said, “Seek my face.” My heart says to you, “Your face, LORD, do I seek.”**

L ⁹Hide not your face from me. Turn not your servant away in anger, O you who have been my help. Cast me not off; forsake me not, O God of my salvation!

New Testament Lesson: 1 Corinthians 1:10-18

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

¹⁰I appeal to you, brothers, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree, and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same judgment.

¹¹For it has been reported to me by Chloe’s people that there is quarreling among you, my brothers. ¹²What I mean is that each one of you says, “I follow Paul,” or “I follow Apollos,” or “I follow Cephas,” or “I follow Christ.” ¹³Is Christ divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? ¹⁴I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, ¹⁵so that no one may say that you were baptized in my name. ¹⁶(I did baptize also the household of Stephanas. Beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else.) ¹⁷For Christ did not send me to baptize but to preach the gospel, and not with words of eloquent wisdom, lest the cross of Christ be emptied of its power. ¹⁸For the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

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. Matthew the 4th chapter.

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

Holy Gospel: Matthew 4:12-25

¹²When {Jesus} heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew into Galilee. ¹³And leaving Nazareth he went and lived in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, ¹⁴so that what was spoken by the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: ¹⁵“The land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, the way of the sea, beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles — ¹⁶the people dwelling in darkness have seen a great light, and for those dwelling in the region and shadow of death, on them a light has dawned.” ¹⁷From that time Jesus began to preach, saying, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.” ¹⁸While walking by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon (who is called Peter) and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea, for they were

fishermen. ¹⁹And he said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men."
²⁰Immediately they left their nets and followed him. ²¹And going on from there he saw two other brothers, James the son of Zebedee and John his brother, in the boat with Zebedee their father, mending their nets, and he called them. ²²Immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him. ²³And he went throughout all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every affliction among the people. ²⁴So his fame spread throughout all Syria, and they brought him all the sick, those afflicted with various diseases and pains, those oppressed by demons, those having seizures, and paralytics, and he healed them. ²⁵And great crowds followed him from Galilee and the Decapolis, and from Jerusalem and Judea, and from beyond the Jordan.

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

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

Pastor Heidi Punt

The congregation is invited to stand as able.

Hymn of the Day: *We All Are One in Mission*

WOV# 755

- 1** We all are one in mission, We all are one in call,
Our varied gifts united By Christ, the Lord of all.
A single, great commission Compels us from above
To plan and work together That all may know Christ's love.
- 2** We all are called for service To witness in God's name;
Our ministries are different, Our purpose is the same: To touch the lives of others
With God's surprising grace So ev'ry folk and nation May feel God's warm embrace.
- 3** Now let us be united And let our song be heard. Now let us be a vessel
For God's redeeming word. We all are one in mission, We all are one in call,
Our varied gifts united By Christ, the Lord of all.

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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.

Lay Ministers are asked to come forward to the baptismal font during the reading of the Apostles' Creed.

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*

Please be seated.

Commissioning of Lay Ministers (Ministry of Visitation)

L After prayerful deliberation the following Tara Davis, Vicki Hunter, Steve Hutchens, Elbert Kluttz and Deena Lanning have accepted the call to serve as lay ministers, to the members of Union Lutheran Church.

In Matthew 25:34-36: Jesus equates visiting the sick, hungry, stranger, and imprisoned with serving Him directly.

And again in Luke 10:38-42: Jesus values spending time with individuals in the home.

In serving you are to show concern and care, offer spiritual support, strengthen relationships, and meet practical needs in illness, grief or crises.

Will you be diligent and faithful in doing so?

R I will, and ask God to help me.

L Will you be present and listen, honor confidentiality and share God's Word

R I will, and ask God to help me.

L Will you uphold the Lutheran theology and Tradition understanding the precious and holy gift of sharing the Sacrament of Holy Communion is sharing the true body and blood of Christ?

R I will, and ask God to help me.

L May our Lord and God who calls and equips us, our Savior who redeems us and the Holy Spirit who empowers and sends us bless you and keep you in his grace.

L Tara Davis, Vicki Hunter, Steve Hutchens, Elbert Kluttz and Deena Lanning you have been commissioned to the ministry of visitation and Lay ministers to Union Lutheran Church.

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 as the Lord's Table is prepared.

All loose offerings will go towards the Youth Missions Fund.

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

Organ Offertory: *Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us* (Thrapp/Bradbury arr. Keveren)

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 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.

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**

(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: *Bright and Glorious Is the Sky*

LBW# 75

- 1** Bright and glorious is the sky, Radiant are the heavens high
Where the golden stars were shining And their rays to earth inclining,
Beckon us to heav'n above, Beckon us to heav'n above.
- 2** On that holy Christmas night Through the darkness beamed a light
All the stars above were paling, All their luster slowly failing,
As the Christmas star drew nigh, As the Christmas star drew nigh.
- 3** Sages from the East afar, When they saw this wondrous star,
Went to the find the King of nations, And to offer their oblations
Unto Him as Lord and King, Unto Him as Lord and King.
- 4** Him they found in Bethlehem, Yet He wore no diadem;
They but saw a maiden lowly With an infant pure and holy,
Resting in her loving arms, Resting in her loving arms.
- 5** Guided by the star they found Him whose praise the ages sound,
We too have a star to guide us Which forever will provide us
With the light to find our Lord, With the light to find our Lord.
- 6** As a star God's holy Word Leads us to our King and Lord;
Brightly from its sacred pages Shall this light throughout the ages
Shine upon our path of life, Shine upon our path of life.

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: *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty* (Gesangbuch arr. Keveren)

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2026 Attendance Report

January 18	33	Sunday School
January 18	86	Worship & Holy Communion

Those Serving on January 25, 2026

Guest Organist: Becky Lippard

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

Lectionary (The schedule of biblical readings appointed for the days of the church year.)

Lent (The 40-day (excluding Sundays) season of penitence before Easter, symbolic of Christ's 40 days in the wilderness.)

Lesser Festivals (Days in the church year recalling certain events in Christ's life (such as the Annunciation and Presentation) and celebrating saints and events in church history (such as the Conversion of St. Paul, Reformation Day, and All Saints Day.)

Litany (Series of responsive prayers for people in their various needs.)

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

Sunday, January 25, 2026

Loose Offering: Youth Missions Fund

Benevolence: Spiritual Orphans Network (SON)

Monthly 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

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

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

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Tuesday, January 27

6:30 p.m. Amos Bible Study

No Catechism this week.

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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Sunday, February 1, 2026

Loose Offering: Mission Outreach Fund

Benevolence: Footprints in the Community

Monthly Project: supplies for Footprints in the Community (*list coming soon*)

Altar Flowers: reserved (Debbie McPherson)

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

Conflict in Corinth

1 Corinthians 1:1-25; Proverbs 1:2-7

I appeal to you, brothers, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree, and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same judgment.

(1 Corinthians 1:10)

9:30 a.m. Adult Sunday School

Rabbit Hole Sunday School Class

Conflict in Corinth

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Drew Wise Sunday School Class

The Christian Church

Acts 2:42-47; Matthew 16:13-20; Ephesians 1:15-23, 2:13-22, 4:4-6, 11-18, 5:22-27; Mark 4:28-32

10:30 a.m. Worship & Holy Communion

Micah 6:1-8; Psalm 15:1-5; 1 Corinthians 1:18-31; Matthew 5:1-12

Sermon Series based on 1 Corinthians: *Fools for Christ*

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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.

Upcoming February events at a Glance:

Wednesdays, February 4, 11 & 25

Catechism

Location: Conference #2

Time: 4:00 p.m.

Wednesdays, February 4, 11 & 25

Belles & Beaus

Location: Sanctuary

Time: 6:30 p.m.

Wednesdays, February 4, 11 & 25

Chancel Choir

Location: Sanctuary

Time: 7:30 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 Presentation

Location: Dutch Meeting Hall

Time: 2:00 p.m.

Sunday, February 8

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

Tuesday, February 10

Mary & Martha Circle

Location: Conference #1

Program: Deena Lanning

Hostess: Karen Morgan

Time: 2:00 p.m.

Thursday, February 12

Good Timers

Location: Old Pine Center

Program: Pastors Heidi & Dieter Punt's Turkey & Greece Trip

Time: 10:00 a.m.

Lunch: Mykonos Grill (Ketner Center, 1714 W Innes St, Salisbury, NC 28144)

Upcoming February events at a Glance:

Sunday, February 15

Church Council

Location: Conference #1

Time: 2:00 p.m.

Tuesday, February 17

Shrove Tuesday

Breakfast for Dinner

Location: Old Pine Center

Time: 5:30 p.m.

Proceeds (splitting in half): General Fund and Youth Missions Fund

Ash Wednesday, February 18

Worship & Holy Communion with Imposition of Ashes

Times: 4:00 p.m. & 6:30 p.m.

Location: Sanctuary

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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 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, Becky Hartley, 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-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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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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