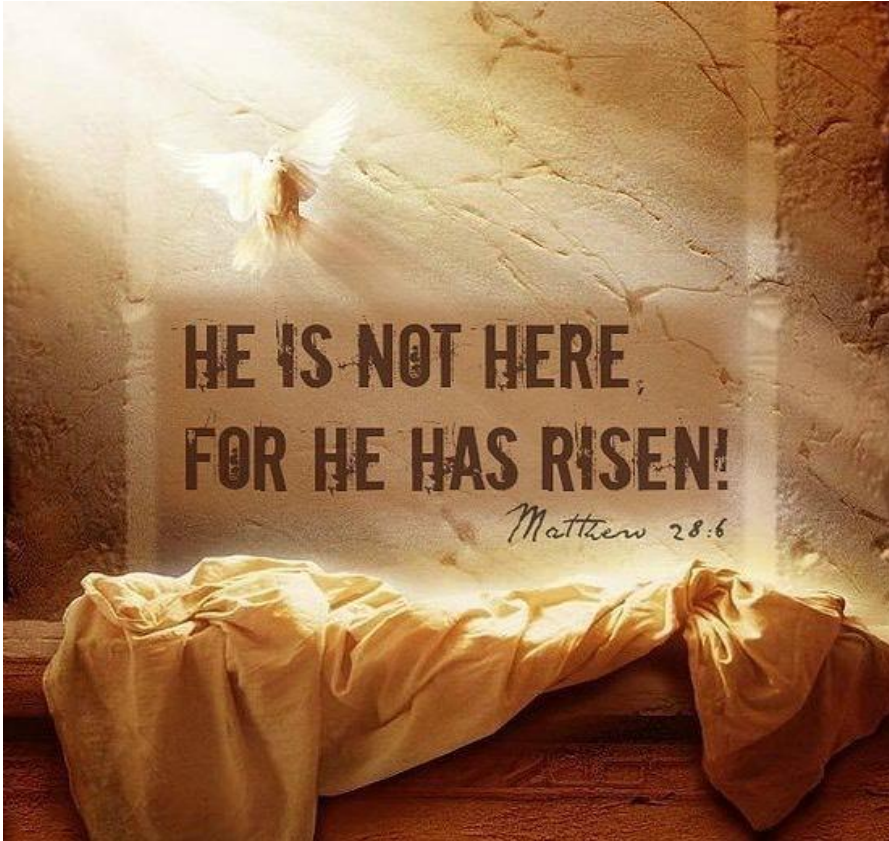




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### The Resurrection of Our Lord

April 5, 2026

10:30 a.m. Worship & Holy Communion

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***The Common Thread:** This is why Jesus was born, lived, suffered, and died: so that “the Lord of all” would be the good news of salvation to “everyone who believes in him,” thereby receiving “forgiveness of sins through his name.” Indeed, there is no good apart from him. So we must always set Christ before us, seeking heavenly things—that is, seeking Christ himself who sits at the right hand of God. This is the life of the new creation, a life buried and hidden in the risen Christ.*

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

Brass Quartet Prelude: *The Heavens Declare the Glory of God* (Marcello)

Organ Prelude: *Now all the Vault of Heaven Resounds* (Cherwein)

**GATHERING**

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

*The minister, acolytes, crucifer, Chancel Choir and Little Lutherans (Joyful Lambs) will gather in the Narthex.  
The congregation is invited to stand as able.*

Invocation (Matthew 28:19)

LBW p. 56

P In the name of the Father, and of the ✝ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen**

Brief Order for Confessions & Forgiveness (1 John 1:8-9)

P Christ is Risen! (Luke 24:34; Matthew 28:6-7)

C **He is risen indeed! Alleluia.**

P Blessed are those who call on the strong name of the risen Lord!

As we gather in the victorious name of Christ, let us open our hearts to him and confess the ways in which we have failed to follow his will, and the ways in which we simply neglected our calling as his disciples.

*Silence for self-reflection and examination*

P Lord of heaven and earth, of the living and of the dead, (Romans 14:9)

C **We come before you confessing our sins, asking for your gracious mercy. By our human nature we are sinful and unclean; we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed. By your lovingkindness, we implore you to grant us forgiveness and restore us to your salvation, that we might live holy lives here and now, and be with you in the final resurrection. Amen.**

Absolution (Romans 6:3-4; Galatians 1:4)

P Through the gift of the Holy Spirit, God declares to all who believe and confess their sins, that we are forgiven and restored to a right relationship through Jesus Christ. We have been redeemed and renewed by Christ, our Passover Lamb. In the name of the Father,

and of the Son, ✠ and of the Holy Spirit, let us walk in newness of life, following our Lord Jesus in holy obedience.

**C Amen.**

Processional Hymn: *Jesus Christ Is Risen Today*

LBW# 151

*The procession into the church begins.*

*At this time, all of the candles are lit to represent Jesus' life and ministry.*

*Hymn introduction by instrumentalists*

- 1 Jesus Christ is ris'n today, Alleluia! Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!  
Who did once upon the cross, Alleluia! Suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!**
- 2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia! Unto Christ, our heav'nly king, Alleluia!  
Who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia! Sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!**
- 3 But the pains which he endured, Alleluia! Our salvation have procured; Alleluia!  
Now above the sky he's king, Alleluia! Where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!**

*An instrumental interlude between stanzas 3 & 4.*

- 4 Sing we to our God above, Alleluia! Praise eternal as his love; Alleluia!  
Praise him, all ye heav'nly host, Alleluia! Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!**

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707-1788 Latin carol, 14th cent.; Tr. sts. 1-3 *Lyra Davidica*, London, 1708 Tune: *Lyra Davidica*, London, 1708

Apostolic Greeting

**P** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God who went to the cross for our sake; the love of the Father who put an end to the power of death through the resurrection of Christ; and the promised Holy Spirit who gathers us together, be with you all. (2 Corinthians 13:14, Acts 1:4, 2:24; Romans 6:4, 8:38-39; Matthew 18:20)

**C And also with you.**

Kyrie (Mark 10:47)

LBW p. 57-58

**A** In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

**C Lord, have mercy.**

**A** For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

**C Lord, have mercy.**

**A** 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.**

**A** For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

**C Lord, have mercy.**

**A** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

**C Amen.**

Hymn of Praise (Luke 2:14; John 1:29; Revelation 5:12-13; 19:5-9)

LBW p. 60-61

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

Salutation (2 Timothy 4:22)

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** **And also with you.**

Prayer of the Day

**P** Let us pray. Almighty God, you have overcome death through your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, and have opened to us the gate of everlasting life. We humbly beseech you that as you put into our minds good desires, so by your continual help we may bring them to good effect; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** **Amen**

*Please be seated.*

## WORD

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

Children's Message

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

*Following the Children's Message, the children are asked to sit with their families.*

Old Testament Lesson: Acts 10:34-43

The first lesson is written from the 10th chapter of Acts.

<sup>34</sup>Peter opened his mouth and said: "Truly I understand that God shows no partiality, <sup>35</sup>but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. <sup>36</sup>As for the word that he sent to Israel, preaching good news of peace through Jesus Christ (he is Lord of all), <sup>37</sup>you yourselves know what happened throughout all Judea, beginning from Galilee after the baptism that John proclaimed: <sup>38</sup>how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power. He went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. <sup>39</sup>And we are witnesses of all that he did both in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree, <sup>40</sup>but God raised him on the third day and made him to appear, <sup>41</sup>not to all the people but to us who had been chosen by God as witnesses, who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. <sup>42</sup>And he commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one appointed by God to be judge of the living and the dead.

<sup>43</sup>To him all the prophets bear witness that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

L Here ends the reading.

Psalm 16 *The Psalm of the Day is sung in unison.*

C **<sup>1</sup>Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you;\*  
I say to the LORD, “You are my LORD, I have no good apart from you.”  
<sup>2</sup>All my delight is upon the godly that are in the land,\*  
upon those who are noble among the people.  
<sup>3</sup>But those who run after other gods\*  
shall have their troubles multiplied.  
<sup>4</sup>Their libations of blood I will not offer,\*  
nor take the names of their gods upon my lips.  
<sup>5</sup>O LORD, you are my portion and my cup;\*  
it is you who uphold my lot.  
<sup>6</sup>My boundaries enclose a pleasant land;\*  
indeed, I have a goodly heritage.  
<sup>7</sup>I will bless the LORD who gives me counsel;\*  
my heart teaches me, night after night.  
<sup>8</sup>I have set the LORD always before me;\*  
because he is at my right hand I shall not fall.  
<sup>9</sup>My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices;\*  
my body also shall rest in hope.  
<sup>10</sup>For you will not abandon me to the grave,\*  
nor let your holy one see the Pit.  
<sup>11</sup>You will show me the path of life;\*  
in your presence there is fullness of joy,  
and in your right hand are pleasures forevermore.**

New Testament Lesson: Colossians 3:1-4

The second lesson is written from the 3rd chapter of Colossians.

<sup>1</sup>If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. <sup>2</sup>Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. <sup>3</sup>For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. <sup>4</sup>When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

L Here ends the reading.

*The congregation is invited to stand as able.*

Gospel Acclamation: *Now Glad of Heart Be Every One* (Richard Peek)

Chancel Choir

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the 28th chapter.

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

Holy Gospel: Matthew 28:1-10

<sup>1</sup>Now after the Sabbath, toward the dawn of the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. <sup>2</sup>And behold, there was a great earthquake, for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven and came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. <sup>3</sup>His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. <sup>4</sup>And for fear of him the guards trembled and became like dead men. <sup>5</sup>But the angel said to the women, “Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. <sup>6</sup>He is not here, for he has risen, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. <sup>7</sup>Then go quickly and tell his disciples that he has risen from the dead, and behold, he is going before you to Galilee; there you will see him. See, I have told you.” <sup>8</sup>So they departed quickly from the tomb with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. <sup>9</sup>And behold, Jesus met them and said, “Greetings!” And they came up and took hold of his feet and worshiped him. <sup>10</sup>Then Jesus said to them, “Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee, and there they will see me.”

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

*Please be seated.*

Sermon: *On the Move*

Pastor Heidi Punt

*The congregation is invited to stand as able.*

Hymn of the Day: *The Strife Is O'er*

LBW# 135

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

- 1 The strife is o'er, the battle done;  
Now is the victor's triumph won!  
Now be the song of praise begun. Alleluia!**
  - 2 The pow'rs of death have done their worst,  
But Christ their legions hath dispersed.  
Let shouts of holy joy outburst. Alleluia!**
  - 3 The three sad days have quickly sped,  
He rises glorious from the dead.  
All glory to our risen head! Alleluia!**
  - 4 He broke the age-bound chains of hell;  
The bars from heav'n's high portals fell.  
Let hymns of praise his triumph tell. Alleluia!**
  - 5 Lord, by the stripes which wounded you,  
From death's sting free your servants too,  
That we may live and sing to you, Alleluia!**
- Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

Text: Francis Pott, 1832-1909 *Symphonia Sirenum*, Köln, 1695 Tune: Giovanni P. da Palestrina, 1525-1594 (adapt.)

**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 and apostolic Church.*

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

**P** In the power of the Holy Spirit, let us pray to the Father of our risen Lord Jesus, on behalf of the world, the Church, and one another.

*A brief silence*

*After each portion of the prayers:*

**P** Lord, in your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

*The prayers conclude:*

**P** We praise and magnify you, most holy Father; we entrust our prayers and petitions to you in the strong name and for the dear sake of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C** **Amen.**

Sharing of the Peace (John 20:19)

LBW p. 66

**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.*

*All loose offering will go towards the Mission Outreach Fund.*

*The monthly benevolence focus is Lutheran Military Veterans & Families, Inc.*

Anthem: *New Life is Born* (Cornell)

Chancel Choir and Brent Bingham, Trumpet

## 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

**P** Generous God, you have given us treasures too numerable to count. Grant us faith to be generous with all that you have first given us: our time, our resources, and our possessions. May we boldly trust that your providence, presence, and care are a never-ending reality in our lives.

**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 that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everliving God. But chiefly we are bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of our Lord; for he is the true Passover Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin, who by his death has destroyed death, and by his rising has brought us to eternal life. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Sanctus (Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9; Revelation 4:8)

LBW p. 69

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

Words of Institution (32)

LBW p. 69

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

**P** In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

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.*

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: *Now the Green Blade Rises* (Cherwein)

Organ

Communion Music: *Festive Variations* (Michael Helman)

Belles & Beaus

*Communion Music will continue until the close of the table.*

*The congregation is invited to stand as able.*

Blessing (1 Thessalonians 5:23)

LBW p. 72

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

C **Amen**

Post-Communion Canticle (1 Chronicles 16:7-31; Psalm 105:1-4)

LBW p. 72-73

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

P Let us pray. Gracious God, you have fed us at this holy meal with the bread of life and the cup of salvation. We praise you for the glorious resurrection of Christ which is a sign of your great love for your people. You have forgiven us through this sacrament and restored us to new and everlasting life.

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

Recessional Hymn: *Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds*

LBW# 143

*The minister, acolytes, crucifer, Chancel Choir, and Little Lutherans (Joyful Lambs) recess out.*

- 1 **Now all the vault of heav'n resounds in praise of love that still abounds:  
"Christ has triumphed! He is living!" Sing, choirs of angels, loud and clear!  
Repeat their song of glory here: "Christ has triumphed! Christ has triumphed!"  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**
- 2 **Eternal is the gift he brings, therefore our heart with rapture sings:  
"Christ has triumphed! He is living!" Now still he comes to give us life  
And by his presence stills all strife. "Christ has triumphed! He is living!"  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**
- 3 **Oh, fill us, Lord, with dauntless love; set heart and will on things above  
That we conquer through your triumph; Grant grace sufficient for life's day  
That by our lives we truly say: "Christ has triumphed! He is living!"  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**
- 4 **Adoring praises now we bring and with the heav'nly blessed sing:  
"Christ has triumphed! Alleluia!" Be to the father, and our Lord,  
To Spirit blest, most holy God, all the glory, never ending!  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

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Sending (Matthew 28:18-20, 3 John 1:8; Ephesians 4:15-16; Romans 15:15-16)

P Here at Union Lutheran Church we are Christ Centered, Mission Driven, Traditionally Grounded and Congregationally Focused.

C **We are fellow workers of the Gospel, Unified in Christ.**

P Union Lutheran Church you are sent.

C **Amen, Amen, Amen!**

Seated Postlude: Rigaudon (Campra)

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Next week, Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, Sunrise, and Easter Services attendance will be reported.

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

Psalmody (*The Psalms which are sung or read in liturgical worship.*)

Purple (*Liturgical color for Lent; symbolizes royalty and penitence.*)

Reading desk (*Lectern or pulpit.*)

Red (*Liturgical color used on the Day of Pentecost, Reformation, many saints' and martyrs' days, ordination, and church dedications and anniversaries; symbolizes fire of the Holy Spirit and blood.*)

(Lutherans at Worship by S. Anita Stauffer, Gilbert A. Doan, and Michael B. Aune page 95)

**Those Serving Easter Sunday, April 5, 2026**

**Guest Organist:** Dawn Merrell

**Altar Guild:** Cathy Painther, Jennifer & Scott Curlee

**Acolytes:** Jennifer & Scott Curlee

**Communion Assistants:** Cathy Painther, Jennifer & Scott Curlee, Elbert Kluttz & Wilhelm Family

**Lay Readers:** Sharon Leazer, Jennifer & Scott Curlee & Elbert Kluttz

**Brass Quartet:** Brent Bingham, Isaiah Pearce (Trumpet); Will Gonzales, Julia Ussery (Trombone)

**Ushers:** Larry Barringer, Ron Chase, Adam Thompson & Ronald Vellines

**Live Streaming:** Pete Nguyen

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

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

**Sending Sunday Visitors Cards:** Adam Leffew & Addison Queen

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**Easter Sunday, April 5, 2026**

*You are invited to bring flowers from your yard for the outside cross.*

Loose Offering: Mission Outreach Fund

Benevolence: Lutheran Military Veterans & Families, Inc.

**Local VA April Project collections:** travel size hygiene products such as deodorant, lotions, toothpaste, shampoo, body wash, (except mouthwash) etc; Men's 32-48 pants that have cargo pockets (no jogging pants); small box of Kleenex; word searches, cross words, etc.; non-perishable snacks *Please place donations on Lectern side.*

**Easter Sunday, April 5, 2026**

**Deadline: Good Timers & Friends**, please kindly RSVP Frank & Dawn Merrell by today so they can plan and prepare the delicious Greek inspired lunch on Thursday, April 9. You can reach them at 704-636-9471 or [dfmmusic@bellsouth.net](mailto:dfmmusic@bellsouth.net)

The **Altar Flowers** are given to the glory of God on this celebration of the Resurrection.

**7:00 a.m.** Union Youth

**7:30 a.m.** Sunrise Service (*Dutch Meeting Hall*)

Exodus 14:10–15:1; Psalm 118:15–29; 1 Corinthians 15:1–11; John 20:1–18

**8:15 a.m.** Easter Breakfast (*Dutch Meeting Hall*)

**9:00 a.m.** Belles & Beaus

**9:15 a.m.** Easter Egg Hunt & Games

**9:30 a.m.** Chancel Choir

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

Mary Encounters the Risen Jesus ~ John 20:11-18; Romans 6:1-11

*Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, “I have seen the Lord.” (John 20:18)*

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

Rabbit Hole Sunday School Class

Mary Encounters the Risen Jesus ~ John 20:11-18; Romans 6:1-11

Drew Wise Sunday School Class

Resurrection: The Future Hope

Luke 24:1-12; 1 Corinthians 15:3-20, 50-58; Revelation 22:1-5

**10:30 a.m.** Easter Service (*Sanctuary*)

Acts 10:34-43; Psalm 16:1-11; Colossians 3:1-4; Matthew 28:1-10

Sermon: *On the Move*

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Monday, April 6 Church Office closed in observance of the Easter Holiday

Wednesday, April 8 **4:00 p.m.** Mission Outreach (*Cruise’n*)

**4:30 p.m.** Congregation & Community Meal (*Dutch Meeting Hall*)

*Menu: Ham, Green Beans, Potato Salad, Corn, Bread, Drinks and Dessert A free will offering will be collected.*

*Catechism will not meet Wednesday, April 8, in observance of the Easter Holiday.*

Thursday, April 9 **10:00 a.m.** Good Timers (*Dutch Meeting Hall*)

Program: Frank and Dawn Merrell’s recent Greece Trip

Friday, April 10 **6:00 p.m.** Line Dancing (*Old Pine Center*)

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## Sunday, April 12, 2026

Loose Offering: Gerald Bame Memorial Scholarship Fund

Benevolence: Lutheran Military Veterans & Families, Inc.

Project: supplies for our local VA

Altar Flowers (2 flower arrangements): Open for reservations

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

The Fiery Furnace Daniel 3:1-30; Acts 5:27-29

*“Be it known to you, O king, that we will not serve your gods or worship the golden image that you have set up.” (Daniel 3:18)*

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

Rabbit Hole Sunday School Class

The Fiery Furnace

Daniel 3:1-30; Acts 5:27-29

Drew Wise Sunday School Class

Authority: Belonging to God

Proverbs 31:4-9; Mark 12:17; Romans 13:1, 6-8; 2 Peter 2:13-17

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

Acts 5:29-42; Psalm 148:1-14; 1 Peter 1:3-9; John 20:19-31

**12 noon** Called Congregational Meeting

A **Called Congregational Meeting** will be held **Sunday, April 12**, following worship in the Sanctuary of Union Lutheran Church. The purpose of the meeting is to vote on the following items and use money from the Property Land Sale to cover the expenses of \$68,458.79:

- Seal the bricks on the front of the church to address moisture problems in the Narthex. (Gerald Rimmer: \$9,650.00)
- Repair well damage caused by moisture inside the Sanctuary and Narthex. (William Ryan: \$5,234.54)
- Replace the heat pump in the Sanctuary with a new unit. (Medley Electric: \$18,775.00)
- Replace two gas furnaces in the Old Pine Center (one is not operational and the other is over 30 years old). (Medley Electric: \$14,260.00)
- Replace the carpet in the Sanctuary, including the balcony, which requires removing and installing pews. (Putnam Carpet: \$18,037.25)
- Professional clean the pew cushions in the Sanctuary. (Tom’s Carpet Cleaners: \$1,251.00)
- Professional clean more than 300 chairs in the fellowship halls. (Tom’s Carpet Cleaners: \$1,251.00)


Union Lutheran Church ★

# FIRST ANNUAL CRUISE'N

- ✓ Rain or Shine
- ✓ All Years Models Cars & Trucks
- ✓ Fun for all ages!
- ✓ Food & Beverages
- ✓ 50/50 tickets & more!

 **Saturday**  
16 May 2026

 **9:00 AM**  
**2:00 PM**

 **4770 Bringle Ferry Rd**  
**Salisbury, NC 28146**

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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), Sarah Bame (Brookdale Room 9), 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** – Tom Cole, Kiki Deaton, Rachel Earnhardt, Madison “Drew” Harrington, Linda Hartley, Pete Honbarrier, Howell & Teresa Kesler, James & Jean Kluttz, Glenn & Betty Sue Lowder, Harold Miller, Rev. TC & Mary Plexico, Macky Swicegood, Billy Waller & Michael Walton

**Sick/Surgery/Recovery** – Jason Earnhardt, Robin Huffman, Susan Knight, Doris Ludwick, Patsy Lyerly, Richard and Kay Lyons, Raelynn Rodgers, Brad Trexler & Pat Wiles

**Continual Prayer** – Rita Volker (Pastor Heidi’s aunt), 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)

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**OUR MISSION:** Christ Centered - Mission Driven - Traditionally Grounded - Congregationally Focused (Matthew 28:18-20)

**OUR VISION:** Fellow Workers of the Gospel - Unified in Christ. (3 John 1:8; Ephesians 4:15-16; Romans 15:15-16)

**OUR ACTION PLAN:** Responsible management of God’s entrusted resources—time, talent, treasure & mission. (Genesis 1 & 2)

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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*)

**2026 Council adopted motto:** “As leaders of Union Lutheran Church we will work together as one, reflecting Christ and stay true to the Word, as we share the Word.”

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**Lay Ministers:**

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

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**Union Lutheran Church**

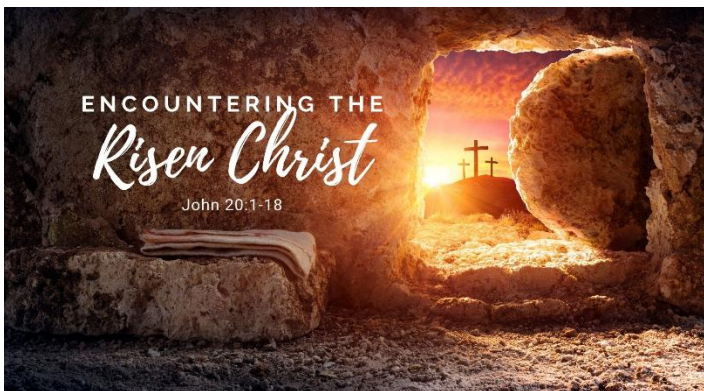
Office Hours: 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Monday-Friday

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



**Easter Potted Flowers** *Listed in alphabetical order according to giver*

**In Honor of**

Larry Barringer, My Mom, Ruby,  
My Sisters, Sharon and Sonya, Derrick and Kayla  
and Our Grandchildren

Kay Butler

Faye Keslser

My Children, Ethan, Ellie, Bailey and Lucas Wilhelm

Our Children,  
Justin, Gracie, Tyler and Jade

Rev. Dr. Jarrod Lanning

Rev. Tonya Brittain

Rev. Dr. Judson Merrell

Sharon and Sonya Leazer

Karen and Larry Barringer

Adam Thompson, Derrick Thompson,  
Dalton, Wyatt Thompson, Kayla, Caroline, Ryleigh

Ryleigh M. Barringer on her first Easter

My Mom, Ruby, Sisters, Sonya and Karen, Larry,  
Adam, Dalton, Ryleigh, Caroline, Wyatt, Derrick and Kayla

Dusty Morgan, Sr. and Dusty Morgan, Jr.  
Tyler and Felisaty Hunt

Janet and Vernon Overcash

Nancy Mulkey

My Children, Grandchildren, and Great Grandchildren

Patty Shaver and Elaine Bowles

Genevieve Baker

Dick Shue

**Given by**

Karen Barringer

Aaron B. Butler and Linda Kesler

Aaron B. Butler and Linda Kesler

Lucinda Fraley

Tommy and Janice Goodman

Jack and Deena Lanning

Ruby Leazer

Sharon Leazer

Lisa Morgan

Sonya and Thad Mulkey

Janet Overcash

Pat Wiles and Dick Shue

Pat Wiles



**Easter Potted Flowers** *Listed in alphabetical order according to giver*

**In Memory of**

My Dad, Wade, Millie and Mick Barringer,  
My Grandparents, Our Doggies

Aaron C. Butler

Bob Kesler

My Parents, June and Sylvia Fraley

Effie Vellines

Wayne Vellines

John Knights's Parents

John F. Knight and Mary Knight Rogers

Susan Knight's Parents

William Lloyd and Katie Thompson

Harry and Myrtle Morgan

Clyde and Sadie Morgan

Wade Leazer, John and Carrie Mae Oddie,  
John Oddie, Jr., Pauline Leazer, Pauline Oddie  
Millie Ann Barringer

Ryleigh's Pawpaw, Wade, Granny

My Dad, Wade

Our Loved Ones

Evonne Batten

Ken Davis

Sadie, Clyde and Lanny Morgan

Charles Huffman

Cecil Mulkey

My Parents, Murray and Ruby Goodman

My Son, Todd Huffman

Nancy Shue

Kandy Wiles

**Given by**

Karen Barringer

Aaron B. Butler and Linda Kesler

Aaron B. Butler and Linda Kesler

Lucinda Fraley

Tommy, Janice Goodman and  
Children

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Children

John and Susan Knight

John and Susan Knight

Jack and Deena Lanning

Ruby Leazer

Sharon Leazer

Frank and Dawn Merrell

Dusty, Sr., Lisa, Felisaty, Tyler  
and Dusty, Jr.

Karen Morgan

Karen Morgan

Sonya and Thad Mulkey

Janet Overcash

Pat Wiles and Dick Shue

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