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2nd Sunday of Easter

April 12, 2026

10:30 a.m. Worship & Holy Communion

***The Common Thread:** Watching basketball on television, one will sometimes hear the commentator say that one team has imposed their will on the game, that they will not be defeated. Sometimes it seems that the devil is winning, or that our sins are so great that salvation is uncertain. But the devil cannot frustrate God's will—nor can we. Even our sin does not overpower the All Powerful. Look to his hands and side. See! It is finished. God has imposed his divine will on the game through his Christ, and his Spirit is the seal of this great salvation.*

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: *O Sons and Daughters of the King* (Burkhardt)

The altar candles are lit to represent Jesus' life and ministry at this time.

Prior to the 1700's, church musicians faced numerous obstacles. Music was basically chanting done by priests – Martin Luther himself composed hymns to try and get worshippers involved in worship – plus there were few “hymnbooks” available. No problem---most people couldn't read anyway. So musicians began to incorporate scripture into their compositions. Today's first and last hymn is a prime example of this technic. The words are from John 20, and relay the story of Thomas, who, when he saw Jesus, wanted physical proof he really was Jesus. Thus the phrase, “Doubting Thomas.”

Today's first and last hymn divides LBW 139 into two parts. The first part of four stanzas tells of the Resurrection, and the last five stanzas tell the story of Thomas, with a closing verse to complete the hymn. The prelude is based on the hymn tune so that you may refresh your memory prior to singing the hymn.

GATHERING

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

The congregation is invited to stand as able.

Invocation (Matthew 28:19)

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.**

Hymn: *O Sons and Daughters of the King* (stanzas 1-4)

LBW# 139

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

**1 O sons and daughters of the King, Whom heav'nly hosts in glory sing,
Today the grave hath lost its sting! Alleluia!**

**2 That Easter morn, at break of day, The faithful women went their way
To seek the tomb where Jesus lay. Alleluia!**

**3 An angel clad in white they see, Who sits and speaks unto the three,
"Your Lord will go to Galilee." Alleluia!**

**4 That night the apostles met in fear; Among them came their master dear,
And said, "My peace be with you here." Alleluia!**

Apostolic Greeting (2 Corinthians 13:14, Acts 1:4, 2:24; Romans 6:4, 8:38-39; Matthew 18:20)

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

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. Help us, almighty God, that our joyful celebration of the resurrection feast may be reflected in our daily work and conversation. 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 Every Morning Is Easter Morning.

Refrain:

Ev'ry morning is Easter morning From now on

Ev'ry day's resurrection day The past is over and gone

1 Good-bye guilt good-bye fear Good riddance

Hello Lord hello sun I am one of the Easter people

My new life has begun

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New Testament Lesson: Acts 5:29-42

The first lesson is written from the 5th chapter of Acts.

²⁹Peter and the apostles answered {the high priest and the council}, "We must obey God rather than men. ³⁰The God of our fathers raised Jesus, whom you killed by hanging him on a tree. ³¹God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior, to give repentance to Israel and forgiveness

of sins. ³²And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit, whom God has given to those who obey him.” ³³When they heard this, they were enraged and wanted to kill them. ³⁴But a Pharisee in the council named Gamaliel, a teacher of the law held in honor by all the people, stood up and gave orders to put the men outside for a little while. ³⁵And he said to them, “Men of Israel, take care what you are about to do with these men. ³⁶For before these days Theudas rose up, claiming to be somebody, and a number of men, about four hundred, joined him. He was killed, and all who followed him were dispersed and came to nothing. ³⁷After him Judas the Galilean rose up in the days of the census and drew away some of the people after him. He too perished, and all who followed him were scattered. ³⁸So in the present case I tell you, keep away from these men and let them alone, for if this plan or this undertaking is of man, it will fail; ³⁹but if it is of God, you will not be able to overthrow them. You might even be found opposing God!” So they took his advice, ⁴⁰and when they had called in the apostles, they beat them and charged them not to speak in the name of Jesus, and let them go. ⁴¹Then they left the presence of the council, rejoicing that they were counted worthy to suffer dishonor for the name. ⁴²And every day, in the temple and from house to house, they did not cease teaching and preaching that the Christ is Jesus.

L Here ends the reading.

Psalm 148 *The Psalm of the Day is read responsively.*

L ¹Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD from the heavens; praise him in the heights!

C ²**Praise him, all his angels; praise him, all his hosts!**

L ³Praise him, sun and moon, praise him, all you shining stars!

C ⁴**Praise him, you highest heavens, and you waters above the heavens!**

L ⁵Let them praise the name of the LORD! For he commanded and they were created.

C ⁶**And he established them forever and ever; he gave a decree, and it shall not pass away.**

L ⁷Praise the LORD from the earth, you great sea creatures and all deeps,

C ⁸**fire and hail, snow and mist, stormy wind fulfilling his word!**

L ⁹Mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars!

C ¹⁰**Beasts and all livestock, creeping things and flying birds!**

L ¹¹Kings of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the earth!

C ¹²**Young men and maidens together, old men and children!**

L ¹³Let them praise the name of the LORD, for his name alone is exalted; his majesty is above earth and heaven.

C ¹⁴**He has raised up a horn for his people, praise for all his saints, for the people of Israel who are near to him. Praise the LORD!**

New Testament Lesson: 1 Peter 1:3-9

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

³Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, ⁴to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, ⁵who by God's power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. ⁶In this you rejoice, though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been grieved by various trials, ⁷so that the tested genuineness of your faith — more precious than gold that perishes though it is tested by fire — may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ. ⁸Though you have not seen him, you love him. Though you do not now see him, you believe in him and rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory, ⁹obtaining the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

L Here ends the reading.

The congregation is invited to stand as able.

Gospel Acclamation *Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? (John 6:68)*

LBW p. 62

C Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia, alleluia.

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John the 20th chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

Holy Gospel: John 20:19-31

¹⁹On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." ²⁰When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. ²¹Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you." ²²And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you withhold forgiveness from any, it is withheld." ²⁴Now Thomas, one of the twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see in his hands the mark of the nails, and place my finger into the mark of the nails, and place my hand into his side, I will never believe." ²⁶Eight days later, his disciples were inside again, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁷Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side. Do not disbelieve, but believe." ²⁸Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" ²⁹Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed." ³⁰Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; ³¹but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

Sermon: *The Power of Touch*

Pastor Heidi Punt

The congregation is invited to stand as able.

Hymn of the Day: *Thine Is the Glory*

LBW# 145

1 **Thine is the glory, Risen, conqu'ring Son;
Endless is the vict'ry Thou o'er death hast won!
Angels in bright raiment Rolled the stone away,
Kept the folded grave-clothes Where thy body lay.**

Refrain: **Thine is the glory, Risen, conqu'ring Son;
Endless is the vict'ry Thou o'er death hast won!**

2 **Lo, Jesus meets thee, Risen from the tomb!
Lovingly he greets thee, Scatters fear and gloom;
Let his Church with gladness, Hymns of triumph sing,
For the Lord now liveth; Death hath lost its sting!** *Refrain*

3 **No more we doubt thee, Glorious Prince of life;
Life is nought without thee; Aid us in our strife;
Make us more than conqu'rors, Through thy deathless love;
Bring us safe through Jordan To thy home above.** *Refrain*

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

LBW p. 64

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

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

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

**Or, We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church.*

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

P Let us pray to our risen Savior on behalf of 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 We praise and magnify you, dear Jesus. Accept our prayers and lay them at the feet of your Father, who with you and the Holy Spirit reigns gloriously as our Lord and our God, now and forever.

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 Gerald Bame Memorial Scholarship Fund.

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

Organ Offertory: *Interlude in D* (Howell)

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)

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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.

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: *In Remembrance* (Red)

Communion Music will continue until the close of the table.

After all have returned to their places, the congregation is invited to stand as able as the minister says these words or similar words:

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

Hymn: *O Sons and Daughters of the King* (stanzas 5-9)

LBW# 139

**5 When Thomas first the tidings heard, That they had seen the risen Lord,
He doubted the disciples' word. Alleluia!**

**6 "My pierced side, O Thomas, see, And look upon my hands, my feet;
Not faithless, but believing be." Alleluia!**

**7 No longer Thomas then denied; He saw the feet, the hands, the side;
"You are my Lord and God!" he cried. Alleluia!**

**8 How blest are they that have not seen, And yet whose faith has constant been,
For they eternal life shall win. Alleluia!**

**9 On this most holy day of days, Be laud and jubilee and praise:
To God your hearts and voices raise. Alleluia!**

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!**

Postlude: *Awake, My Heart, with Gladness* (Hobby)

Called Congregational Meeting (*see agenda handout*)

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Attendance Update

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Teaching Moment: Lutherans at Worship ~ Glossary of Lutheran Terms

Responsive Prayer (*Liturgical prayer service of versicles and responses; also called Suffrages.*)

Rite (*The text and ceremonial of a liturgical service.*)

Rubric (*A rule or direction for the proper conduct of a liturgical service.*)

Sacrament (*A rite commanded by Christ, using an earthly element as a vehicle of God's grace; the two sacraments are Holy Baptism and Holy Communion.*)

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

Those Serving April 12, 2026

Guest Organist: Nancy Sloop

Altar Guild: Cathy Painter, Jennifer & Scott Curlee

Acolytes: Jennifer & Scott Curlee

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

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

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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During the period of March 02, 2026 through March 31, 2026, the Union Lutheran Church General Fund received revenues totaling **\$21,226.70**. During this same period, operating expenses, including payroll, totaled **\$(15,033.29)**. This expense total includes an error correction of **\$(262.40)**, occurring during the last report period. The result of this report period is a positive revenue flow of **\$6,193.41**.

For the year to date, the church is operating at a positive revenue of **\$541.75**.

John Knight, ULC Treasurer

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Sunday, April 12, 2026

Loose Offering: Gerald Bame Memorial Scholarship 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 the Lectern side.

Continental Youth Gathering collection: bath towels and washcloths (quick dry preferred)

Please place donations on the pew outside of the church office.

Altar Flowers (2 flower arrangements)

Sunday, April 12, 2026

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 *(see agenda handout)*

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Tuesday, April 14

9:30 a.m. Piedmont East Clergy *(Conference #1)*

2:00 p.m. Mary & Martha Circle *(Conference #1)*

Program & Hostess: Cathy Kluttz Painter

6:30 p.m. 1 & 2 Chronicles Bible Study *(Dutch Meeting Hall)*

Wednesday, April 15

6:30 p.m. Catechism *(Pastor’s Office)*

Thursday, April 16

6:00 p.m. Worship & Music *(Conference #1)*

Friday, April 17

6:00 p.m. Line Dancing *(Old Pine Center)*

Carolinas Mission Region Youth Spring Retreat from Friday, April 17-Sunday, April 19.

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*Join us for an eight-week Bible Study on 1 & 2 Chronicles on **Tuesday evenings, April 14-June 2, at 6:30 p.m.** in the **Dutch Meeting Hall.***

Steve & Mary Hutchens (503 Hadley Drive, Lexington, NC 27295) are hosting Thursday evenings for the 1 & 2 Chronicles Bible Study

*from **April 23-June 4 at 6:30 p.m.***

Chronicles retells the history of Israel from Adam to the Babylonian exile, but it focuses exclusively on the Kingdom of Judah (the Davidic line). Unlike Kings, which focuses on judgment, Chronicles focuses on hope, tracing the Messianic line and the central role of worship in life.

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Sunday, April 19, 2026

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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 the Lectern side.

Continental Youth Gathering collection: bath towels and washcloths (quick dry preferred)

Please place donations on the pew outside of the church office.

Deadline: Newsletter articles and Graduating Class of 2026

Altar Flowers (2 flower arrangements): Ron Chase

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

The Spirit Comes at Pentecost ~ Acts 2:1-21; 2 Corinthians 4:1-5, 13-15

Divided tongues as of fire appeared to them and rested on each one of them. (Acts 2:3)

9:30 a.m. Adult Sunday School

Rabbit Hole Sunday School Class

The Spirit Comes at Pentecost ~ Acts 2:1-21; 2 Corinthians 4:1-5, 13-15

Drew Wise Sunday School Class

Children: Gift and Model

Psalm 8; Matthew 18:1-6; Mark 9:36-37, 42, 10:13-16; Luke 2:1-20

10:30 a.m. Worship

Acts 2:14a, 36-41; Psalm 116:1-14; 1 Peter 1:17-25; Luke 24:13-35

Pastor Heidi, Union Youth and Adults will be returning from the CMR Youth Spring Retreat.

4:00 p.m. Church Council *(Conference #1)*

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This year the **Class of 2026** graduates will be recognized during the **10:30 a.m.** worship service on **Mother’s Day, May 10**. This is a very special day in our congregation as we will recognize and give thanks to God for various members of the **Class of 2026** who are part of our church or our church's extended family during worship.

If you are or are a family member of a high school or college/tech graduate (whether or not you will be able to make it Sunday, May 10), please contact the church office with your graduate's full name, school from which they are graduating, and what the next steps are in life (enrolling in another school or degree program, headed to the workforce, or whatever may be next) along with a headshot.

So that we can be sure to have plenty of time to prepare, **PLEASE HAVE THIS INFORMATION TO THE CHURCH OFFICE by Sunday, April 19.**

The church office has the following as graduates for 2026: Caylea Cline (East Rowan), Caden Madden (RCCC), Dusty Morgan, Jr. (North Hills), Adam Thompson (RCCC), Bailey Wilhelm (Carson) and Lucas Wilhelm (Carson).

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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 – Ginger Hendricks (Genevieve Baker’s sister), 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)

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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Notes

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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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Genevieve Baker, ULC Staff Support (office@ulcsalisbury.org)

Pastor T. C. Plexico, Pastor Emeritus

