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I am the way, the truth, and
the life. No one comes to the
Father except through Me.

John 14:6



5th Sunday of Easter

May 3, 2026

10:30 a.m. Worship & Holy Communion

The Common Thread: "Is that the way you were raised?" parents sometimes wonder aloud. We too, as children of God, are being raised in a very specific way. We are to grow up into the salvation God has given, "work[ing] out our salvation with fear and trembling" (Phil 2:12). The Catechism says it a little differently: that we are to "fear, love, and trust God above all things." There is no other way to grow up in the faith, for God in Christ is that way. We grow into our salvation by living in him, being fitted in this life for heaven where we will be with him in the place he has prepared for us. This is the sure hope of his children, a confident expectation because it is based on the truth who is him who keeps faith forever.

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: *Now the Green Blade Rises* (Burkhardt)

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

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: *Now the Green Blade Rises*

LBW# 148

**1 Now the green blade rises, from the buried grain,
Wheat that in the dark earth many days has lain;
Love lives again, that with the dead has been;
Love is come again like wheat arising green.**

**2 In the grave they laid him, love by hatred slain,
Thinking that he would never wake again,
Laid in the earth like grain that sleeps unseen;
Love is come again like wheat arising green.**

**3 Forth he came at Easter, like the risen grain,
He that for three days in the grave had lain;
Raised from the dead, my living Lord is seen;
Love is come again like wheat arising green.**

**4 When our hearts are wintry, grieving, or in pain,
Your touch can call us back to life again,
Fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been;
Love is come again like wheat arising green.**

Text: John M. C. Crum, 1872-1958 *Oxford Book of Carols* By permission of Oxford University Press Tune: French carol; Setting: *Oxford Book of Carols* Setting by permission of Oxford University Press

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 O God, you make the minds of the faithful to be of one will. Grant that your people would love what you command and desire what you promise, that, among the manifold changes of this world, our hearts may be fixed where true joys are to be found; through your Son, 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.

Refrain is sung as the 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 the song.

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**

Concluding: **Ev'ry morning is Easter morning Ev'ry morning is Easter morning
From now on**

CCLI Song # 59098 Donald Stuart Marsh | Richard Kinsey Avery © 1972 Hope Publishing Company

New Testament Lesson: Acts 6:1-9; 7:2a, 51-60

The first lesson is written in the 6th chapter of Acts.

¹Now in these days when the disciples were increasing in number, a complaint by the Hellenists arose against the Hebrews because their widows were being neglected in the daily distribution.

²And the twelve summoned the full number of the disciples and said, "It is not right that we should give up preaching the word of God to serve tables. ³Therefore, brothers, pick out from among you seven men of good repute, full of the Spirit and of wisdom, whom we will appoint to

this duty. ⁴But we will devote ourselves to prayer and to the ministry of the word.” ⁵And what they said pleased the whole gathering, and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, and Philip, and Prochorus, and Nicanor, and Timon, and Parmenas, and Nicolaus, a proselyte of Antioch. ⁶These they set before the apostles, and they prayed and laid their hands on them. ⁷And the word of God continued to increase, and the number of the disciples multiplied greatly in Jerusalem, and a great many of the priests became obedient to the faith. ⁸And Stephen, full of grace and power, was doing great wonders and signs among the people. ⁹Then some of those who belonged to the synagogue of the Freedmen (as it was called), and of the Cyrenians, and of the Alexandrians, and of those from Cilicia and Asia, rose up and disputed with Stephen.

^{2a} And Stephen said:

⁵¹“You stiff-necked people, uncircumcised in heart and ears, you always resist the Holy Spirit. As your fathers did, so do you. ⁵²Which of the prophets did your fathers not persecute? And they killed those who announced beforehand the coming of the Righteous One, whom you have now betrayed and murdered, ⁵³you who received the law as delivered by angels and did not keep it.” ⁵⁴Now when they heard these things they were enraged, and they ground their teeth at him. ⁵⁵But he, full of the Holy Spirit, gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. ⁵⁶And he said, “Behold, I see the heavens opened, and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God.” ⁵⁷But they cried out with a loud voice and stopped their ears and rushed together at him. ⁵⁸Then they cast him out of the city and stoned him. And the witnesses laid down their garments at the feet of a young man named Saul. ⁵⁹And as they were stoning Stephen, he called out, “Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.” ⁶⁰And falling to his knees he cried out with a loud voice, “Lord, do not hold this sin against them.” And when he had said this, he fell asleep.

L Here ends the reading.

Psalm 146 *The Psalm of the Day is sung in unison.*

¹Hallelujah! Praise the LORD, | O my soul!*

I will praise the LORD as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God while I | have my being.

²Put not your trust in rulers, nor in any | child of earth,*
for there is no | help in them.

³When they breathe their last, they re- | turn to earth,*
and in that day | their thoughts perish.

⁴Happy are they who have the God of Jacob | for their help!*

whose hope is in the | LORD their God;
⁵Who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that | is in them;*

who keeps his prom- | ise forever;
⁶Who gives justice to those who | are oppressed,*
and food to | those who hunger.

⁷The LORD sets the prisoners free; the LORD opens the eyes | of the blind;*

the LORD lifts up those who | are bowed down;

⁸The LORD loves the righteous; the LORD cares | for the stranger; *
he sustains the orphan and widow, but frustrates the way | of the wicked.

⁹The LORD shall | reign forever, *
your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. | Hallelujah!

New Testament Lesson: 1 Peter 2:2-10

The second lesson is written in the 2nd chapter of 1 Peter.

²Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up into salvation — ³if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good. ⁴As you come to him, a living stone rejected by men but in the sight of God chosen and precious, ⁵you yourselves like living stones are being built up as a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. ⁶For it stands in Scripture: “Behold, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious, and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.” ⁷So the honor is for you who believe, but for those who do not believe, “The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone,” ⁸and “A stone of stumbling, and a rock of offense.” They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do. ⁹But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. ¹⁰Once you were not a people, but now you are God’s people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

L Here ends the reading.

The congregation is invited to stand as able.

Gospel Acclamation (John 6:68)

LBW p. 62

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

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John the 14th chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

Holy Gospel: John 14:1-14

¹{Jesus said,} “Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. ²In my Father’s house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? ³And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also. ⁴And you know the way to where I am going.” ⁵Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” ⁶Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. ⁷If you had known me, you would have known my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.” ⁸Philip said to him, “Lord, show us the Father, and it is enough for us.” ⁹Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you so long, and you still do not know me, Philip? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? ¹⁰Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my

own authority, but the Father who dwells in me does his works. ¹¹Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, or else believe on account of the works themselves. ¹²Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes in me will also do the works that I do; and greater works than these will he do, because I am going to the Father. ¹³Whatever you ask in my name, this I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. ¹⁴If you ask me anything in my name, I will do it.”

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

Sermon: *The Path of Salvation*

Pastor Heidi Punt

The congregation is invited to stand as able.

Hymn of the Day: *You Are the Way*

LBW# 464

- 1 You are the way; through you alone Can we the Father find;
In you, O Christ, has God revealed His heart, his will, his mind!
- 2 You are the truth; your Word alone True wisdom can impart;
You only can inform the mind And purify the heart.
- 3 You are the life; the rending tomb Proclaims your conqu'ring arm;
And those who put their trust in you Not death nor hell shall harm.
- 4 You are the way, the truth, the life; Grant us that way to know,
That truth to keep, that life to win, Whose joys eternal flow.

Text: George W. Doane, 1799-1859 (alt.) Tune: *Psalter*, Edinburgh, 1615

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 Mission Outreach Fund.

The monthly benevolence focus is SMI Haiti.

Organ Offertory: *Cantabile on You are the Way, the Truth, the Life* (Ferguson)

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

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

Hymn: *Lord of All Hopefulness*

LBW# 469

**1 Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy,
Whose trust, ever child-like, no cares could destroy,
Be there at our waking, and give us, we pray,
Your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.**

**2 Lord of all eagerness, Lord of all faith,
Whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe,
Be there at our labors, and give us, we pray,
Your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.**

3 Lord of all kindness, Lord of all grace,

**Your hands swift to welcome, your arms to embrace,
Be there at our homing, and give us, we pray,
Your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.**

4. **Lord of all gentleness, Lord of all calm,
Whose voice is contentment, whose presence is balm,
Be there at our sleeping, and give us, we pray,
Your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.**

Text: Jan Struther, 1901-1953 *Enlarged Songs of Praise* By permission of Oxford University Press Tune: Irish folk tune; Setting: *Book of Hymns* Setting © Abingdon Press

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: *Lord of All Hopefulness* (Culli)

All are invited to the Town Hall Meeting in the Dutch Meeting Hall following worship. Light lunch will be provided.

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Attendance Report

April 26	21	Sunday School
April 26	71	Worship

Teaching Moment: Lutherans at Worship ~ Glossary of Lutheran Terms

Stanza (*The division of a hymn consisting of several lines (verses) arranged in a rhythmic pattern.*)

Stole (*Cloth band in liturgical color worn over the shoulders by ordained clergy; symbolizes ordination and obedience to Christ.*)

Stripping of the Altar (*Ceremony at conclusion of Maundy Thursday worship in which all linens, paraments, and appointments are removed from the altar in preparation of Good Friday.*)

Suffrages (*see Responsive Prayers.*)

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

Those Serving in May

Guest Organist: Dawn Merrell

Altar Guild: Janet Overcash & Sonya Mulkey

Acolytes: Brad & Noah Trexler

Communion Assistants: Tara Davis, Janice Goodman, Kevin Huffman & Sonya Mulkey

Lay Reader: Genevieve Baker

Ushers: Larry Barringer, Caylea Cline, Elbert Kluttz & Ronald Vellines

Live Streaming: Pete Nguyen

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

Offering Counters: Scott Misenheimer, Cathy Painter & Ronald Vellines

Sending Sunday Visitors Cards: Nikki Nguyen

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During the period of April 16, 2026 through April 30, 2026, the Union Lutheran Church General Fund received revenues totaling **\$7,055.00**.

During this same period, operating expenses, including payroll, totaled **\$(22,653.04)**. The result of this report period is a negative revenue flow of **\$(15,598.04)**. The major expenditures during this period were: Gerald Rimmer Construction, **\$(9,650.00)** for sealing the brick on the front of the sanctuary; Southern Mutual Church Insurance & Workman’s Comp for Q2 at **\$(3,754.50)**; Duke Energy at **\$1,053.94**, totaling **\$(14,458.44)**.

For the year to date, the church is operating at a negative revenue of **\$(13,916.69)**.

Respectfully Submitted, John T. Knight, ULC Treasurer

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Sunday, May 3, 2026

Loose Offering: Mission Outreach Fund

Benevolence: SMI Haiti

No May monthly project

Continental Youth Gathering collection: bath towels and washcloths (quick dry preferred)
Please place donations on the pew outside of the church office.

*The **Altar Flowers** are given to the glory of God in memory of Rev. and Mrs. Vernon Frick by Frank and Dawn Merrell.*

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

Deacons are Chosen to Serve ~ Acts 6:1-15; 1 Timothy 3:8-13

These deacons they set before the apostles, and they prayed and laid their hands on them. (Acts 6:6)

Sunday, May 3, 2026

9:30 a.m. Adult Sunday School

Rabbit Hole Adult Sunday School

Deacons are Chosen to Serve

Acts 6:1-15; 1 Timothy 3:8-13

Drew Wise Adult Sunday School

Christian Expectation of Grace

Revelation 5:1-5; Jonah 1-4; Galatians 3:1-13

10:30 a.m. Worship & Holy Communion

Acts 6:1-9; 7:2a, 51-60; Psalm 146:1-10; 1 Peter 2:2-10; John 14:1-14

12 noon Town Hall Meeting (*Dutch Meeting Hall*) with a Light Lunch provided (*Finger foods, sandwiches, and drinks*).

Town Hall Meeting purpose: Presentation on the carpet, floor covering and renovations (moving the organ console and piano) of the choir area; Formation of a renovation project team; and Advise on the Property Land Sale Fund investment.

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Tuesday, May 5

6:30 p.m. 1 & 2 Chronicles (*Conference #1*)

Wednesday, May 6

6:30 p.m. Catechism (*Pastor Heidi's office*)

Thursday, May 7

National Day of Prayer

6:30 p.m. 1 & 2 Chronicles (*Steve & Mary Hutchens home*)

Saturday, May 9

The Family of George Kluttz Reunion (*Dutch Meeting Hall*)

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Sunday, May 10, 2026

This Mother's Day, we honor the women who reflect God's nurturing love. We celebrate your sacrifices, prayers, and strength, recognizing that motherhood is a divine calling that shapes generations. Thank you for your service to your families and our church community; may you feel loved, strengthened, and encouraged in Christ!

Loose Offering: Gerald Bame Memorial Scholarship Fund

Benevolence: SMI Haiti

No May monthly project

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): Open for reservations

Sunday, May 10, 2026

8:30 a.m. Worship (*Dutch Meeting Hall*)

All post high school and college students are invited to participate in the 8:30 worship service. Please contact the church office to volunteer.

9:00 a.m. Breakfast (*Dutch Meeting Hall*)

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

Searching the Scriptures

Acts 17:1-15; 2 Timothy 3:10-17

They received the word with all eagerness, examining the Scriptures daily to see if these things were so. (Acts 17:11)

9:30 a.m. Adult Sunday School

Rabbit Hole Adult Sunday School

Searching the Scriptures

Acts 17:1-15; 2 Timothy 3:10-17

Drew Wise Adult Sunday School

Work as Christian Duty

Ecclesiastes 9:4-10; Genesis 2:15-25; 2 Thessalonians 3:6-12; Exodus 20:9; John 5:17, 9:4; Acts 20:33-35

10:30 a.m. Worship & Holy Communion

Acts 17:16–31; Psalm 66:8–20; 1 Peter 3:13–22; John 14:15–21

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.

The church office has the following as graduates for 2026: Harley Cauble (East Rowan), Caylea Cline (East Rowan), Mallory Eagle (East Rowan), Felisaty Morgan Hunt (ASU), Landon Kesler (East Rowan), Caden Madden (RCCC), Dusty Morgan, Jr. (North Hills), Makenzie Poole (East Rowan), Adam Thompson (RCCC), Bailey Wilhelm (Carson) and Lucas Wilhelm (Carson).

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Tuesday, May 12

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

Thank you to Joan Kerns for providing the refreshments and sharing God’s Word!

6:30 p.m. 1 & 2 Chronicles (*Conference #1*)

Wednesday, May 13

2:00 p.m. Chapel Time at Autumn Care

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

In Loving Memory of Wade Leazer’s Birthday by the Family

Menu for the meal: BBQ chicken leg quarters, green beans, baked beans, devilled eggs, mac ’n cheese, rolls, and drinks *A free will offering will be collected.*

Thursday, May 14

10:00 a.m. Good Timers (*Dutch Meeting Hall*)
Program: Linda Kesler (arranging flowers)
Lunch: Lakeview Restaurant

4:00 p.m. Mission Outreach Umbrella (*Conference #1*)

6:30 p.m. Ascension Service (*Dunn's Mountain Park*) *Please bring a bag supper & drink*

6:30 p.m. 1 & 2 Chronicles (*Steve & Mary Hutchens home*)

Friday, May 15

10:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m. Cruise'n Baked Goods & items drop off

Saturday, May 16

9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. 1st Annual Cruise'n

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We need YOU!

As valued members and friends of our congregation, you know that Union Lutheran Church is dedicated to 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*); and our Action Plan: Responsible management of God's entrusted resources—time, talent, treasure & mission. (*Genesis 1 & 2*).

We are excited to announce an upcoming fundraising event to support: **First Annual Cruise'n** on **Saturday, May 16**, from **9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.**

How You Can Help? This fundraiser will need our church family to help make it a reality.

There are three vital ways you can support this mission:

1. **Attend & Enjoy:** Your presence strengthens our community. Tickets are **\$1 each** and **\$2 each** for **50/50** drawing, with proceeds directly funding Youth Missions.
2. **Volunteer Your Time:** We are looking for volunteers to help with [event setup and clean up, serving drinks, greeting guests, etc.]. Every hour of your time makes a significant difference! A sign-up sheet is available at the front pew of the Sanctuary.
3. **Donations:** 1) If you cannot attend but wish to support the cause, a gift of any size is deeply appreciated. 2) Thrivent members please request \$250 of Thrivent Action monies for the event.

We are truly blessed by your ongoing faithfulness and generosity. Together, we can continue to be a beacon of hope in our community.

Any questions, please contact Robyn Arey or Janie Vellines.

With gratitude, Mission Outreach Team

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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), 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 – Genevieve Baker, Jason Earnhardt, Robin Huffman, Susan Knight, Doris Ludwick, Patsy Lyerly, Richard and Kay Lyons, Raelynn Rodgers, Brad Trexler & Pat Wiles

Continual Prayer – Wayne & Samuel Bondason (Scot Zimmermann’s friends), 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)

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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

