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6th Sunday of Easter

May 10, 2026

10:30 a.m. Worship & Holy Communion

***The Common Thread:** Have you been led into trouble lately? Have you felt your security slip? All of our readings today deal with this issue: being surrounded by a culture of idols, the crushing burdens and refining tests of the psalmist, suffering for righteousness, losing a loved one. God will not let you slip altogether. He has given you his Spirit so that you may have confidence—in the day of judgment, but also now, when you need peace. Listen! The Holy Spirit is reminding you of all of God's promises in Christ, including his promise of peace in troubled times.*

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: *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling* (Reuss)

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: *Come, Thou Almighty King*

LBW# 522

- 1 Come, thou almighty King, Help us thy name to sing; Help us to praise;
Father all-glorious, O'er all victorious,
Come and reign over us, Ancient of Days.**
- 2 Come, thou incarnate Word, Gird on thy mighty sword; Our prayer attend.
Come and thy people bless, And give thy Word success,
And let thy righteousness On us descend.**
- 3 Come, holy Comforter, Thy sacred witness bear
In this glad hour! Thou, who almighty art, Now rule in ev'ry heart,
And ne'er from us depart, Spirit of pow'r.**
- 4 To thee, great One in Three, Eternal praises be Hence evermore!
Thy sov'reign majesty May we in glory see,
And to eternity Love and adore.**

Text: Source unknown, c. 1757, alt. Tune: Felice de Giardini, 1716-1796 Setting © 1972 The Westminster 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, all good things can come from you alone; generously consider then our humble prayers. Inspire us to consider what is true, and direct us to accomplish what is right; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. He 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.

Refrain: **Ev'ry morning is Easter morning From now on
Ev'ry day's resurrection day The past is over and gone**

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
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 17:16-31

The first lesson is from the 17th chapter of Acts.

¹⁶Now while Paul was waiting for {Silas and Timothy} at Athens, his spirit was provoked within him as he saw that the city was full of idols. ¹⁷So he reasoned in the synagogue with the Jews and the devout persons, and in the marketplace every day with those who happened to be there.

¹⁸Some of the Epicurean and Stoic philosophers also conversed with him. And some said, "What does this babblers wish to say?" Others said, "He seems to be a preacher of foreign divinities" — because he was preaching Jesus and the resurrection. ¹⁹And they took him and brought him to the Areopagus, saying, "May we know what this new teaching is that you are presenting? ²⁰For you bring some strange things to our ears. We wish to know therefore what these things mean."

²¹Now all the Athenians and the foreigners who lived there would spend their time in nothing

except telling or hearing something new. ²²So Paul, standing in the midst of the Areopagus, said: “Men of Athens, I perceive that in every way you are very religious. ²³For as I passed along and observed the objects of your worship, I found also an altar with this inscription: ‘To the unknown god.’ What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. ²⁴The God who made the world and everything in it, being Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in temples made by man, ²⁵nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mankind life and breath and everything. ²⁶And he made from one man every nation of mankind to live on all the face of the earth, having determined allotted periods and the boundaries of their dwelling place, ²⁷that they should seek God, and perhaps feel their way toward him and find him. Yet he is actually not far from each one of us, ²⁸for ‘In him we live and move and have our being’; as even some of your own poets have said, ‘For we are indeed his offspring.’ ²⁹Being then God’s offspring, we ought not to think that the divine being is like gold or silver or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of man. ³⁰The times of ignorance God overlooked, but now he commands all people everywhere to repent, ³¹because he has fixed a day on which he will judge the world in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed; and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.”

L Here ends the reading.

Psalm 66:7-18 *The Psalm of the Day is sung in unison.*

- ⁷Bless our | God, you peoples;*
make the voice of his praise | to be heard;
- ⁸Who holds our | souls in life,*
and will not allow our | feet to slip.
- ⁹For you, O | God, have proved us;*
you have tried us just as sil- | ver is tried.
- ¹⁰You brought us in- | to the snare;*
you laid heavy burdens up- | on our backs.
- ¹¹You let enemies ride over our heads; we went through | fire and water;*
but you brought us out into a place | of refreshment.
- ¹²I will enter your house with burnt offerings and will pay | you my vows,*
which I promised with my lips and spoke with my mouth when I | was in trouble.
- ¹³I will offer you sacrifices of fat beasts with the | smoke of rams;*
I will give you ox- | en and goats.
- ¹⁴Come and listen, all you | who fear God,*
and I will tell you what he has | done for me.
- ¹⁵I called out to him | with my mouth,*
and his praise was | on my tongue.
- ¹⁶If I had found evil | in my heart,*
the LORD would | not have heard me;

¹⁷But in truth | God has heard me;*
he has attended to the voice | of my prayer.

¹⁸Blessed be God, who has not reject- | ed my prayer,*
nor withheld his | love from me.

New Testament Lesson: 1 Peter 3:13-22

The second lesson is written in the 3rd chapter of 1 Peter.

¹³Now who is there to harm you if you are zealous for what is good? ¹⁴But even if you should suffer for righteousness' sake, you will be blessed. Have no fear of them, nor be troubled, ¹⁵but in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect, ¹⁶having a good conscience, so that, when you are slandered, those who revile your good behavior in Christ may be put to shame. ¹⁷For it is better to suffer for doing good, if that should be God's will, than for doing evil. ¹⁸For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit, ¹⁹in which he went and proclaimed to the spirits in prison, ²⁰because they formerly did not obey, when God's patience waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was being prepared, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were brought safely through water. ²¹Baptism, which corresponds to this, now saves you, not as a removal of dirt from the body but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, ²²who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers having been subjected to him.

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 14:15-21

¹⁵{Jesus said,} "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. ¹⁶And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever, ¹⁷even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, for he dwells with you and will be in you. ¹⁸I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. ¹⁹Yet a little while and the world will see me no more, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live. ²⁰In that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. ²¹Whoever has my commandments and keeps them, he it is who loves me. And he who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and manifest myself to him."

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

Sermon: *Gospel Driven Love & Empowered Obedience!*

Pastor Heidi Punt

The congregation is invited to stand as able.

Hymn of the Day: *Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart*

LBW# 486

- 1 Spirit of God, descend upon my heart;
Wean it from earth, through all its pulses move;
Stoop to my weakness, strength to me impart,
And make me love you as I ought to love.**
- 2 I ask no dream, no prophet ecstasies,
No sudden rending of the veil of clay,
No angel visitant, no op'ning skies;
But take the dimness of my soul away.**
- 3 Have you not bid me love you, God and King;
All, all your own, soul, heart, and strength, and mind?
I see your cross; there teach my heart to cling.
Oh, let me seek you and, oh, let me find!**
- 4 Teach me to love you as your angels love,
One holy passion filling all my frame:
The baptism of the heav'n-descended dove,
My heart an altar, and your love the flame.**

Text: George Croly, 1780-1860 Tune: Frederick C. Atkinson

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 SMI Haiti.

Organ Offertory: *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling* (Callahan)

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**

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.

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: *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

LBW# 315

**1 Love divine, all loves excelling, Joy of heav'n, to earth come down!
Fix in us thy humble dwelling, All thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, thou art all compassion, Pure, unbounded love thou art;
Visit us with thy salvation, Enter ev'ry trembling heart.**

- 2 **Breathe, oh, breathe thy loving Spirit Into ev'ry troubled breast;
Let us all in thee inherit; Let us find thy promised rest.
Take away the love of sinning; Alpha and Omega be;
End of faith, as its beginning, Set our hearts at liberty.**
- 3 **Come, Almighty, to deliver; Let us all thy life receive;
Suddenly return, and never, Nevermore thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing, Serve thee as thy hosts above,
Pray, and praise thee without ceasing, Glory in thy perfect love.**
- 4 **Finish then thy new creation, Pure and spotless let us be;
Let us see thy great salvation Perfectly restored in thee!
Changed from glory into glory, Till in heav'n we take our place,
Till we cast our crowns before thee, Lost in wonder, love, and praise!**

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707-1788 Tune: Rowland H. Prichard, 1811-1887

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: *Come, thou Almighty King* (Hobby)

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Attendance Report

May 3	37	Sunday School
May 3	109	Worship & Holy Communion

Teaching Moment: Lutherans at Worship ~ Glossary of Lutheran Terms

Surplice (*White vestment worn over cassock.*)

Thurible (*Vessel in which incense is burned; also called censer.*)

Torch (*Large candle on staff carried in procession.*)

Veil (*Cloth placed over Eucharistic vessels.*)

(Lutherans at Worship by S. Anita Stauffer, Gilbert A. Doan, and Michael B. Aune page 96)

Our Love and Sympathy is extended to the Family of Jean Carol Lyerly Ray upon her death, May 3, 2026.

Those Serving Sunday, May 10, 2026

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: Tara Davis

Ushers: Larry Barringer, Adam Thompson, 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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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.

The Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God and in celebration of all the mothers and those who offer motherly care.

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

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)

Sunday, May 10, 2026

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

Class of 2026 graduates will be recognized today 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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Monday, May 11, Funeral Arrangements for Jean Ray

1:00 p.m. Visitation (*Dutch Meeting Hall*)

2:00 p.m. Funeral Service (*Sanctuary*) Interment following

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

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

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.*

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

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*

Thursday, May 14

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

6:00 p.m. Cruise'n Volunteers meeting

Saturday, May 16

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

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- ✓ 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

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Sunday, May 17, 2026

Loose Offering: Building & Repair Fund

Benevolence: SMI Haiti

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

The Altar Flowers to the glory of God and in celebration of Faye Kesler's 96th birthday May 17.

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

Choosing a New Apostle

Acts 1:12-26; 1 Peter 5:1-4

They prayed and said, "You, Lord, who know the hearts of all, show which one of these two you have chosen to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside..."

(Acts 1:24-25)

9:30 a.m. Adult Sunday School

Rabbit Hole Sunday School Class

Choosing a New Apostle

Acts 1:12-26; 1 Peter 5:1-4

Drew Wise Adult Sunday School

Christian Manner of Justice

Luke 3:7-14; Exodus 1:8-14; Amos 5:6-9; Zechariah 8:16-17; 1 Timothy 6:17-19; Deuteronomy 24:14-21; Ephesians 6:5-9

10:30 a.m. Worship & Holy Communion

Acts 1:12-26; Psalm 68:1-10; 1 Peter 4:12-19; 5:6-11; John 17:1-11

2:00 p.m. Church Council

5:00 p.m. Union Youth *(Pastor Heidi's home)*

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Summer is almost here, and you know what that means—it's time for Vacation Bible School! This year, we are thrilled to ***Learn to Root a Plant and Learn to Root yourself in Scripture*** from **Monday, June 8-Thursday, June 11**, from **6:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m.** This event is for everyone and is free! Every year, VBS is one of our most anticipated events. It's an incredible opportunity for children, youth, and adults in our community to make new friends, play high-energy games, and learn about God's love in a creative, immersive environment.

VBS wouldn't be possible without our amazing volunteers! If you have a heart for ministry and want to help out with crafts, games, or serving the meal, we have a spot for you.

Contact the church office to register and volunteer!

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PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER...

Nursing Homes – Brenda Mahaley (Autumn Care Room 815), Ruth Monroe (Autumn Care Room 818), 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 – 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, Ethan Yates (Janie Lesley’s nephew), Global Missions (Congo, SON Ministries, Slovakia & Haiti), especially those affected by political unrest & those affected by natural disasters (Jamaica, 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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