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6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

May 10, 2026

8:30 a.m. Worship

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***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. 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.

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

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## ORDER FOR WORSHIP

*Sola Publishing Alternate Easter Liturgy, Service of the Word and Lutheran Book of Worship Setting 1*

Welcome & Announcements

Prelude

### GATHERING

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

Invocation (Matthew 28:19)

L In the name of the Father, and of the ✚ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen**

Prayer of the Day

L Dear Father, we approach your throne on behalf of the mothers whom you have entrusted with the care of your most precious children. We thank you for creating each mom and woman of faith with a unique combination of gifts and talents. We thank you for the sacrifice of self each of them gives for the children put under their care. For the late nights. For the hands calloused from washing, wiping, scrubbing, mixing, backing, stirring, hugging, patting, disciplining, holding, writing, erasing, painting, and pouring. Allow the word read from your Scriptures to be their source of strength and resilience.

C **Amen**

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

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

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

L 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*

L 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*)

**L** 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: *For the Beauty of the Earth*

LBW# 561

**1** **For the beauty of the earth, For the beauty of the skies,  
For the love which from our birth Over and around us lies:**

*Refrain:* **Christ, our Lord, to you we raise This our sacrifice of praise.**

**2** **For the wonder of each hour Of the day and of the night,  
Hill and vale and tree and flow'r, Sun and moon and stars of light: *Refrain***

**3** **For the joy of ear and eye, For the heart and mind's delight,  
For the mystic harmony Linking sense to sound and sight: *Refrain***

**4** **For the joy of human love, Brother, sister, parent, child,  
Friends on earth and friends above; For all gentle thoughts and mild: *Refrain***

**5** **For yourself, best gift divine To the world so freely giv'n;  
Agent of God's grand design, Peace on earth and joy in heav'n: *Refrain***

Text: Follitt S. Pierpoint, 1835-1917 (alt.) Tune: Conrad Kocher, 1786-1872

*Apostolic Greeting, Kyrie, and Hymn of Praise is omitted in the Service of the Word.*

## WORD

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

### Scripture Readings and Sharing

Offering (*Malachi 3:10*)

*The Offering is received.*

*All loose offering will go towards the Gerald Bame Memorial Scholarship Fund.*

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

Piano Offertory

*Offertory is omitted in the Service of the Word.*

Offertory Prayer

**L** 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**

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

L Let us profess our faith by speaking the words of the Nicene Creed.

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**)

A Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

You abide with your church, O God. As you nourish and sustain all living things, by your Word and Sacrament nourish and sustain the whole body of Christ. Empower us with your Spirit, so that your people speak and live the love revealed in Jesus. *Lord in your mercy ...*

C **hear our prayer.**

A Heavenly Father, strengthen the hearts of those who provide mothering care in any situation, so that Christ's love would be revealed in the generosity shown to all our children. Bless mothers and those who love with a motherly love. Comfort those whose mothers have entered into the saints in light and those who carry the pain of barrenness. *Lord in your mercy ...*

C **hear our prayer.**

A You abide with the nations, O God. Reveal your truth, so that nations and peoples govern in peace and advocate for justice. Guide and direct leaders of nations that they may govern faithfully and with justice. We ask for peace in places where violence and oppression are a daily reality. *Lord in your mercy ...*

C **hear our prayer.**

A You abide with the needy, O God. Cheer the sorrowful, protect the orphan, support the grieving, and heal the sick. We pray particularly for those on the prayer list of this congregation and those we name now either silently or aloud. *Lord in your mercy ...*

C **hear our prayer.**

A Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C **Amen**

The Lord's Prayer (*Matthew 6:9-13; Luke 11:2-4*)

L Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

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**

### SENDING

*God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.*

Luther's Morning Prayer

C **We give thanks to you, heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ your dear Son, that you have protected us through the night from all danger and harm. We ask you to preserve us and keep us this day also, from all sin and evil -- that in all our thoughts, words, and deeds, we may serve and please you. Into your hands we commend our bodies and souls and all that is ours. Let your holy angels have charge of us, that the wicked one have no power over us. Amen.**

Benediction (*Numbers 6:24-26; Psalm 121:7-8; Matthew 6:13*)

*The women will be blessed by those around them with the laying on of hands.*

Benediction (*Numbers 6:24-26*)

L 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**)

L 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.**

L Union Lutheran Church you are sent.

C **Amen, Amen, Amen!**

## Postlude

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## Attendance Report

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

Thank you to Genevieve Baker for leading the music.

Thank you to Pete Nguyen, Brad Trexler, and the men volunteers for the delicious breakfast honoring the women in our lives.

## 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)

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

**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

**Sunday, May 10, 2026**

This year the **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

**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*

**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.** 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Cruise’n

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Union Lutheran Church ★

# FIRST ANNUAL CRUISE'N ★

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

 **Saturday**  
16 May 2026

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

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**Sunday, May 17, 2026**

Loose Offering: Building & Repair 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 to the glory of God and in celebration of Faye Kesler's 96<sup>th</sup> 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), 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** – 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 Leseley’s nephew), Global Missions (Congo, SON Ministries, Slovakia & Haiti), especially those affected by political unrest & those affected by natural disasters (Jamacia, Haiti, Alaska, North Dakota, Dominican Republic)

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

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

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

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**2026 Church Council Members**

**2024-2026**

Phil Cauble  
Kevin Huffman  
John Knight (Treasurer)  
Thad Mulkey

**2025-2027**

Karen Barringer  
Pete Nguyen (President)  
Brad Trexler

**2026-2027**

Don Davis (Vice-President)  
Ethan Wilhelm (Secretary)

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

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**Lay Ministers:**

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

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**Union Lutheran Church**

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

Pastor Heidi Punt, Senior Pastor (pastor@ulcsalisbury.org)

Phil Cauble, Facility Manager

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

Pastor T. C. Plexico, Pastor Emeritus

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**Intergenerational Vacation Bible School**

Monday, June 8-Thursday, June 11, 2026

6:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m.

- Day 1      Planted in God's Love  
              Creation Story  
*<sup>17</sup> so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, (Key Verse: Ephesians 3:17)*
- Day 2      Watered by the Word  
              Jesus' Baptism  
*<sup>105</sup> Your word is a lamp for my feet, a light on my path. (Key Verse: Psalm 119:105)*
- Day 3      Jesus Calms the Storm  
              Standing Firm in the Storm  
*<sup>6</sup> So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live your lives in him, <sup>7</sup> rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness. (Key Verse: Colossians 2:6-7)*
- Day 4      Bearing Fruit for Others  
              Great Commission  
*<sup>22</sup> But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, <sup>23</sup> gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law. (Key Verse: Galatians 5:22-23)*