

Discerning

WHO WE ARE FOR THE SAKE
OF OUR Neighbor



Second Sunday of Easter at United Lutheran Church | April 12, 2026 | Worship at 10:15am

~ WE GATHER ~

PRELUDE

Kathleen Thompson

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Please stand
as you are able.*

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM*

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism,
as the presiding minister begins.*

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

C: Christ is risen, indeed. Alleluia!

P: Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne and to the Lamb!

All: Amen.

P: Let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism.

Merciful God,

You are the one who was, who is, and who is to come. You lead us beside still waters. We thank you for the waters of creation: morning dew, gentle rain, roaring waves. We thank you for the waters that nourish us.

Blessed are you.

C: You guide us to springs of the water of life.

P: Jesus Christ, you are the faithful witness who accompanies us on our journeys.

We give you thanks for your life-giving death and resurrection. We praise you for joining us in joy and sorrow.

Blessed are you.

C: You guide us to springs of the water of life.

P: Holy Spirit, you anoint our head with oil and our cup overflows. Break down barriers that divide us. Fill us with the breath of peace.

Blessed are you.

C: You guide us to springs of the water of life.

P: Holy One, we thank you for the gifts and grace of baptism, and for making us a new creation. We join with saints and angels, giving you honor and praise, now and forever.

All: Amen.

OPENING HYMN

Hark, the Voice of Jesus Calling from LBW Hymn #381

1. **Hark, the voice of Jesus calling, “Who will go and work today?
Fields are white and harvests waiting, who will bear the sheaves away?”
Loud and long the master calls you; rich reward he offers free.
Who will answer, gladly saying, “Here am I. Send me, send me?”**
2. **If you cannot speak like angels, if you cannot preach like Paul,
you can tell the love of Jesus; you can say he died for all.
If you cannot rouse the wicked with the judgment’s dread alarms,
you can lead the little children to the Savior’s waiting arms.**
3. **If you cannot be a watchman, standing high on Zion’s wall,
pointing out the path to heaven, off’ring life and peace to all,
with your prayers and with your bounties you can do what God demands;
you can be like faithful Aaron, holding up the prophet’s hands.**
4. **Let none hear you idly saying, “There is nothing I can do,”
while the multitudes are dying and the master calls for you.
Take the task he gives you gladly; let his work your pleasure be.
Answer quickly when he calls you, “Here am I. Send me, send me!”**

GREETING

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

The main thoughts of the day are collected, or summarized in this short prayer. The prayers for the season of the church year have come to us from the rich treasury of the church's heritage.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray.

All: Almighty and eternal God, the strength of those who believe and the hope of those who doubt, may we, who have not seen, have faith in you and receive the fullness of Christ’s blessing, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

MINISTRY THROUGH MUSIC

Many and Great, O God

Sing & Ring Choir

Ruth Ann Tuseth, *director*, Stella Beaton, *assistant*, Gretchen Kindseth, *piano*

~ WORD ~

FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 6:1-8

¹ In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty, and the hem of his robe filled the temple. ² Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. ³ And one called to another and said, “Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory.” ⁴ The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. ⁵ And I said, “Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean

lips, yet my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts!”

⁶ Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. ⁷ The seraph touched my mouth with it and said, “Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out.” ⁸ Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?” And I said, “Here am I; send me!”

P: Word of God, word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Molly Haagenson

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION*

from ELW Hymn #174

**Please stand if
as you are able.*

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL

Luke 5:1-11

P: The holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 5th Chapter.

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

¹ Once while Jesus was standing beside the Lake of Gennesaret and the crowd was pressing in on him to hear the word of God, ² he saw two boats there at the shore of the lake; the fishermen had gotten out of them and were washing their nets. ³ He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little way from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat. ⁴ When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch." ⁵ Simon answered, "Master, we have worked all night long but have caught nothing. Yet if you say so, I will let down the nets." ⁶ When they had done this, they caught so many fish that their nets were beginning to burst. ⁷ So they

signaled their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both boats, so that they began to sink. ⁸ But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus's knees, saying, "Go away from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man!" ⁹ For he and all who were with him were astounded at the catch of fish that they had taken, ¹⁰ and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. Then Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching people." ¹¹ When they had brought their boats to shore, they left everything and followed him.

P: The gospel of the Lord.
C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

MESSAGE

Our Calling

Lana Beaton

HYMN

Here I Am, Lord

ELW Hymn #574

APOSTLES' CREED*

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,****who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,****born of the virgin Mary,****suffered under Pontius Pilate,****was crucified, died, and was buried;****he descended to the dead.*****On the third day he rose again;****he ascended into heaven,****he is seated at the right hand of the Father,****and he will come to judge the living and the dead.****I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,****the communion of saints,****the forgiveness of sins,****the resurrection of the body,****and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Hymn of the Day
This hymn follows
the theme of the
readings and reflects
the message of
the sermon.

**Please stand if
you are able.*

Creed
We respond to God's word
together when we say the
Creed. Creed comes from
the Latin word "credo"
which means "I believe".
In our worship we use
either the Apostles' or
Nicene Creed. These
Creeds were written over
1700 years ago so the
world would know what
Christians believe.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

P: ...God of mercy.

C: Receive our prayer.

GREETING OF PEACE

The Peace:

This is a greeting used by Christians for almost two thousand years as a way to show that we are in God's family and love and care for one another.

The Offering

Another way of responding to God's Word is by giving ourselves and our money for the work of Christ's Church throughout the world.

~ MEAL ~

GATHERING OF THE GIFTS

OFFERING SONG* *Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia! vs. 1 refrain* ELW Hymn #364

**Christ has arisen to set us free. Alleluia, to him praises be.
Jesus is living! Let us all sing; he reigns triumphant, heavenly king.**

*Refrain: Let us sing praise to him with endless joy.***Death's fearful sting he has come to destroy.****Our sin forgiving, alleluia! Jesus is living, alleluia!**

OFFERING PRAYER

P: Merciful God, accept the fruits of our labor, gathered to give you glory. You have set a table before us, a glimpse of that great day when we will hunger and thirst no more. Nourish us with the body and blood of Jesus, that goodness and mercy may follow us and bless the world you love. In the name of Jesus,

All: Amen.**The Great Thanksgiving**

The opening dialogue between pastor and people that begins the Holy Communion part of the service. These words, dating from the second century, are likely the most ancient part of the Great Thanksgiving.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

ELW page #129

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

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD'S PRAYER

**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.**

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LAMB OF GOD

from ELW pg. 134



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; grant us peace.

The Lamb of God
 This is our way of saying to God and to each other that it was Jesus who died for our sins as that perfect sacrifice, that perfect lamb that was slain for our life. It also focuses our attention on what we are about to receive in Holy Communion, which is Christ's true body and blood 'given and shed for the forgiveness of sins'. "The next day [John] saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, "Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!" (John 1:29)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P: Holy One, through this meal you have made your home among us and are making all things new. Send us now to speak peace to anxious hearts, to love our enemies, and to bring your healing to the nations. In the name of Jesus,

All: Amen.

~ SENDING ~

BLESSING

P: God Almighty, who is the beginning and the end, Jesus Christ, the firstborn of the dead, and the Spirit, our advocate and peace, + bless you now and forever.

C: Amen.

Blessing/Benediction:
 This prayer shares God's blessing upon the assembly as we go out into the world doing God's will.

CLOSING HYMN

We Are Called

ELW Hymn #720

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Praise the Lord. Alleluia!

C: Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

POSTLUDE

Kathleen Thompson

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~Congregational News~

Our sympathy to the family of Marilyn Baessler whose memorial service was Friday at Dahl Funeral Home.

If you ordered a lily, please be sure to pick yours out! If we have extra, those that are interested, are welcome to take one home or bring them to someone who would love a special pick-me-up!

United in Serving Summer Quarter (can you believe it!) begins May 1st. Please check out the binder on the United in Serving station located just down the hall from the church office, for available ways to volunteer at United on Sundays. Thank you for your willingness to serve!

⌋ If you or someone you know has artistic talents and could help ⌋
 ⌋ Pr. Rich with a timeline for our Listening Team, let him know! ⌋

COFFEE & CONVERSATIONS

As part of Pr. Rich's interim work at United, you are invited to join him and one another for "Coffee and Conversations."

Join us for one of three gatherings this spring:

Wednesday, April 15 at 10 a.m.,

Thursday, April 23 at 6:30 p.m., and a date in May

At each of these 60- to 90-minute gatherings, we will reflect on our shared ministry, learn about how change and transition can work in a church, and consider some thoughts about next steps in the transition process. We're all sure to learn something! **Please RSVP to Pr. Rich for planning and refreshment preparation purposes.**



ALLELUIA Offering

Season of Easter
Through May 17, 2026

This Easter season, as a way of giving thanks to God, you are invited to give a special Alleluia Offering. An Alleluia Offering is an offering given in addition to our usual Sunday offering as a way of reflecting our joy in the new life given to us in Jesus' resurrection.

Your gift will be an Alleluia of thanks!

Special Alleluia Offering envelopes are available on the ushers tables and you can place them in the offering plate or bring to the church office!

Dinner Church

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22, 2026

6:00PM | UNITED'S LOUNGE

There is a place for you at the table.

Join us for a unique worship experience that includes sharing a meal, faith conversation, and the meal of Holy Communion - all around a table with others. Special music will be provided by our Sing & Ring Choir. To help us plan for food, please RSVP at the QR Code, or contact the church office at 701-775-4279.

SCAN ME!



YOUTH TRIP RAFFLE FUNDRAISER

United Lutheran Church is bringing a group of 13 teenagers to Boone, North Carolina this July! The crew is joining other youth from four ND churches to experience Luther Rock Bible Camp in the mountains and help support Disaster Relief after Hurricane Helene. We'll spend time helping with projects within rural areas, hear stories from locals, and experience God within community and nature. Support our youth by purchasing a ticket or two for a chance to win!

\$10/TICKET

Tickets available to purchase from youth or in the church office. We will draw for prizes on May 17th, 2026 at 12pm - tune into Facebook Live on ULC's page! You will receive a call from Youth Director, Molly if you win!

PRIZE 1: GIFT CARD BUNDLE, \$300 VALUE

HARRY'S STEAKHOUSE, URBAN STAMPEDE, SILO BOUTIQUE, BONZER'S, SPEEDWAY, EMPIRE ARTS, RED PEPPER, COLDSTONE, RHOMBUS PIZZA, WIDMAN'S, AND MORE!

PRIZE 2: SUMMER BUNDLE, \$250 VALUE

GF PARKS POOL PASS, BOGG BAG, BEACH TOWEL, SUMMER TOYS, & MORE!

PRIZE 3: UND BUNDLE, \$200 VALUE

2 UND FOOTBALL TICKETS, UND SWEATSHIRT, FAN GEAR, WATER BOTTLE

Loved by God. United in Christ. Living love out loud.

United Lutheran Church Missional Narrative

OUR CALLING

Because Jesus calls us into love that restores, shows up, and is lived out loud.

We are grounded in the truth that we are already loved by God. From that love flows hope - hope for restoration, healing, and new life in a world longing for wholeness. We believe the Gospel is not meant to be quiet or contained, but embodied through lives shaped by grace, courage, and compassion.

Because God's love shapes and moves us, we have something to offer: hope where there is despair, love where there is division, and presence where voices have gone unheard. Following Jesus calls us into God's ongoing work of restoration by loving our neighbors, standing with the vulnerable, and choosing unity over separation.

OUR POSTURE

We embody this calling through love that restores, draws us together, and is lived out loud.

Shaped by Christ, we seek to be a genuinely welcoming community where each person is received as they are and where belonging is practiced. We remain attentive to the realities of our world and to the lived experiences of our neighbors—creating space where those who have felt overlooked are recognized and drawn into community, and where all are invited into authentic connection and shared growth.

Rooted in God's love, we intentionally cultivate relationships within our walls and beyond them, trusting that faith, healing, and restoration grow when people are present for one another. We do not seek to erase difference, but to honor it, engaging one another with grace and honesty and believing unity deepens when people are seen, valued, and loved in their fullness.

Living love out loud requires courage. We are willing to take faithful risks, remain flexible, and adapt as needs emerge—trusting that the Spirit continues to guide us toward wholeness, reconciliation, and hope.

~ Important Dates to add to your calendar! ~

Members of the Listening Team and a couple of our youth will share portions of the missional narrative through their own faith stories. This Sunday we welcome Lana Beaton who will be sharing about *Our Calling*.

Please join us for worship the following Sundays as others share the work we've been doing

- **Apr 19:** *Our Welcoming Community*, Jim Bollman, Jr., & *Creating Space for All*, Darren Lee
- **Apr 26:** *Cultivating Relationships*, Jonah Helseth, and *Honoring Difference*, Stella Beaton
- **May 3:** *Taking Faithful Risks*, Cathy Williams, and *Our Posture*, Shannon Helseth

Legacy CELEBRATION

On Sunday, April 26, Pastor Rich will be hosting a Legacy Celebration Meal following worship in the Fellowship Hall, where we encourage members to celebrate our history and share their ideas for the future. We hope you will make plans to attend!

Welcome visitors to
UNITED LUTHERAN CHURCH



Welcome to worship at United Lutheran Church, we are glad you are here.

Our Vision: The vision of United Lutheran is to be an embracing community of joy and hope, nurturing life transforming relationships with Jesus Christ, one another, and the world.

Our Mission: The mission statement of United Lutheran Church: We are United, proclaiming God's salvation by welcoming all to LIVE, LEARN, and SHARE the LOVE of Jesus Christ.

Our Welcome: United Lutheran Church embraces the gift of God's love for all creation. We rejoice in the way diversity informs, nurtures, and enriches the life and ministry we share. In a world that is often unloving, we are called by the Gospel to be workers for justice, peace, and healing. Wherever you are on your faith journey, we welcome all ages, races, nationalities, ethnicities, sexual orientations, gender identities and expressions, physical and mental abilities, educational levels, family configurations, and economic realities. We commit to the ongoing work of Jesus' welcome for all.

Please take a moment to fill out a visitor card in the pew and place it in the offering plate. Restrooms are located in the Fellowship Hall directly below the Sanctuary at the bottom of the stairs from the narthex. **Check out the calendar below for what's happening at United in the week ahead.**

WORSHIP LEADERS

Interim Pastor

Pr. Rich Kramer

Director of Youth and Family Ministries

Molly Haagenon

Worship Accompanist

Kathleen Thompson

Special Music and Song Leader

Sing & Ring Choir

Ruth Ann Tuseth, director

Stella Beaton, assistant

Gretchen Kindseth, piano

United in Serving

Steve & Kim Keller

Lector

Chasity Martin

Ushers

Lorna Aamold

Teresa Aamold

Chasity Martin

Steve Keller

Judy Neste

Communion Servers

Kim Keller

Claudette Zimney

Technical Team

Mackenzie Brown

Darren Lee

SUNDAY, APRIL 12

- 9:00am - Breakfast Club (LG)
- 10:15am - Worship/Communion with Lana Beaton, speaker (SA)
- 11:15am - Coffee Fellowship (FH)

MONDAY, APRIL 13

- 1:00pm - PEO
- 7:00pm - Red State Christians Book Study (LG)

TUESDAY, APRIL 14

- 9:00am - Quilting (FH)
- 12:00pm - Staff Meeting (RM 106)
- 1:00pm - Round Table Meeting (LG)

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 15

- 10:00am - Coffee and Conversations with Interim Pr. Rich (LG)
- 6:15pm - Sing & Ring Rehearsal (CR)
- 7:00pm - Confirmation (FH)
- 7:00pm - Faith Friends
- 7:00pm - Cathedral Choir (CR)

FRIDAY, APRIL 17 - OFFICE CLOSED

SUNDAY, APRIL 19

- 9:00am - Breakfast Club (LG)
- 10:15am - Worship/Communion with Jim Bollman and Darren Lee, speakers (SA)
- 11:15am - Coffee Fellowship (FH)



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