

# United In Christ Lutheran Church



*Fifth Sunday in Easter*

May 7, 2023

*Vicar Katy Moran*

# ***Welcome to our church!***

*We hope the service is meaningful, and uplifting, and that you will experience God's presence here. May God bless you during worship today.*

***Special thanks to Tom Booth, lay worship leader from Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church, for presiding over communion today.***

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## **LARGE PRINT BULLETINS**

*Please see a greeter.*

## **ELEVATOR**

*Please see a greeter.*

## **REST ROOMS**

*Downstairs across from the church office.*

## **DIAPER CHANGING TABLE**

*In fellowship hall family restroom.*

*Visit us at [www.unitedinchristlutheran.net](http://www.unitedinchristlutheran.net)*

## **UNITED IN CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH STAFF**

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### ***United In Christ's Mission Statement:***

*Led by the Spirit, we follow Christ's call to honor God and neighbor through worship, learning, service, prayer, stewardship and invitation.*

## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

## PRELUDE

## THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, by whose hands we are given new birth, by whose speaking we are given new life.

**Amen.**

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are welcomed, restored, and supported as citizens of the new creation. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

Holy God, holy and merciful, holy and mighty, you are the river of life, you are the everlasting wellspring.

In mercy and might you have freed us from death and raised us with Jesus, the firstborn of the dead. In baptismal waters our life is washed away, and in them we are born anew.

Glory to you for oceans and lakes, for rivers and streams. Honor to you for waters that wash us clean, quench our thirst, and nurture both crops and creatures. Praise to you for the life-giving water of baptism, the outpouring of the Spirit of the new creation.

**Wash away our sin and all that separates us from you. Empower our witness to your resurrection.  
Strengthen our resolve in seeking justice for all.**

Satisfy the world's need through this living water. Where drought dries the earth, bring refreshment. Where despair prevails, grant hope. Where chaos reigns, bring peace. We ask this through Christ, who with you and the Spirit reigns forever.

**Amen.**

*Now All the Vault of Heaven Resound*

1 Now all the vault of heav'n re - sounds  
 2 E - ter - nal is the gift he brings,  
 3 Oh, fill us, Lord, with daunt - less love;  
 4 A - dor - ing prais - es now we bring

in praise of love that still a - bounds: "Christ has  
 there - fore our heart with rap - ture sings: "Christ has  
 set heart and will on things a - bove that we has  
 and with the heav'n - ly bless - ed sing: "Christ has

tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!" Sing, choirs of  
 tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!" Now still he  
 con - quer through your tri - umph; grant grace suf -  
 tri - umphed! Al - le - lu - ia!" Be to the

an - gels, loud and clear! Re - peat their song of glo - ry  
 comes to give us life and by his pres - ence stills all  
 fi - cient for life's day that by our lives we tru - ly  
 Fa - ther, and our Lord, to Spir - it blest, most ho - ly

here: "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"  
 strife. "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"  
 say: "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"  
 God, all the glo - ry, nev - er end - ing!

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

**APOSTOLIC GREETING**

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

**And also with you.**

# HYMN OF PRAISE

1 Praise to the Lord, the Al-might-y, the King of cre-a-tion!

O my soul, praise him, for he is your health and sal-vation!

Let all who hear now to his tem-ple draw near,

join-ing in glad ad-o-ra-tion!

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life. Give us grace to love one another, to follow in the way of his commandments, and to share his risen life with all the world, for he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## FIRST READING

## 1 Peter 2: 2-10

<sup>2</sup>Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation— <sup>3</sup>if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

<sup>4</sup>Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and <sup>5</sup>like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. <sup>6</sup>For it stands in scripture: "See, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious; and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame." <sup>7</sup>To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe, "The stone that the builders rejected has become the very head of the corner," <sup>8</sup>and "A stone that makes them stumble, and a rock that makes them fall." They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do. <sup>9</sup>But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. <sup>10</sup>Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?



You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

## GOSPEL READING

## John 14: 1-14

This is the Holy Gospel according to John, the 14<sup>th</sup> chapter.

### Glory to you, O Lord.

<sup>1</sup>“Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. <sup>2</sup>In my Father’s house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? <sup>3</sup>And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. <sup>4</sup>And you know the way to the place where I am going.” <sup>5</sup>Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” <sup>6</sup>Jesus said to him, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. <sup>7</sup>If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.”

<sup>8</sup>Philip said to him, “Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.” <sup>9</sup>Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? <sup>10</sup>Do 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, but the Father who dwells in me does his works. <sup>11</sup>Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, but if you do not, then believe because of the works themselves. <sup>12</sup>Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to

the Father. <sup>13</sup> I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. <sup>14</sup> If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.  
Praise to you, O Christ.

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

## SERMON

## HYMN OF THE DAY

ELW 758

### *You Are the Way*

1 You are the way; to you a - lone from  
2 You are the truth; your word a - lone true  
3 You are the life; the rend - ing tomb pro -  
4 You are the way, the truth, the life; grant

3  
sin and death we flee; all those who search for  
wis - dom can im - part; you on - ly can in -  
claims your con - qu'ring arm; and those who put their  
us that way to know, that truth to keep, that

6  
God, you find and by your grace set free.  
form the mind and pu - ri - fy the heart.  
trust in you not death nor hell shall harm.  
life to win, whose joys e - ter - nal flow.



## APOSTLE'S CREED

Let us confess our faith using the Apostle's 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.**

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

United in the hope and joy of the resurrection, let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

*Prayers continue with each petition ending:*

Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Rejoicing in the victory of Christ's resurrection, we lift our prayers and praise to you, almighty and eternal God; through Jesus Christ our risen Lord.

**Amen.**

# SHARING OF THE PEACE

May the peace of the Lord be with you always.

**And also with you.**

*The minister and congregation greet one another in the name of the Lord. Please share the peace at whatever level of physical contact with which you are comfortable.*

***Please fill out the Attendance Card,  
and place the card in an offering plate.***

## OFFERING

*You are invited to place your offering in one of the plates as they are passed or to make use of our online offering plate through [tithe.ly](http://tithe.ly) by scanning the QR code to the right. You may also place your offering at [www.unitedinchristlutheran.net/giving](http://www.unitedinchristlutheran.net/giving) by clicking on the green “Give Now” button.*



## OFFERTORY HYMN

Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re-new a right  
spir-it with-in me. Cast me not a-way from your pres-ence, and take  
not your Ho-ly Spir-it from me. Re-store to me the joy of  
your sal-va-tion, and up-hold me with your free Spir-it.

# OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

Generous God, in this meal you offer your very self. We give thanks for these gifts of the earth. In the breaking of this bread reveal to us the Risen One. In the pouring of this wine pour us out in service to the world; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

# THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ, the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin; who in dying has destroyed death, and in rising has brought us to eternal life. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with the earth and sea and all their creatures, and with the angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,  
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.  
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes  
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Holy God, mighty Lord, gracious Father:  
Endless is your mercy and eternal your reign.  
You have filled all creation with light and life;  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.

We praise you for the grace shown to your people in every age:  
the promise to Israel, the rescue from Egypt,  
the gift of the promised land, the words of the prophets;  
and, at this end of all the ages, the gift of your Son,  
who proclaimed the good news in word and deed  
and was obedient to your will, even to giving his life.  
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.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup,  
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

Therefore, O God, with this bread and cup  
we remember the life our Lord offered for us.  
And, believing the witness of his resurrection,  
we await his coming in power  
to share with us the great and promised feast.

**Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

Send now, we pray, your Holy Spirit,  
that we who share in Christ's body and blood  
may live to the praise of your glory  
and receive our inheritance with all your saints in light.

**Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.**

Join our prayers with those of your servants  
of every time and every place,  
and unite them with the ceaseless petitions of our great high  
priest until he comes as victorious Lord of all.  
Through him, with him, in him,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father,  
now and forever.

**Amen.**

## **LORD'S PRAYER**

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught  
us saying:

**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.**

## **INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

Come and know Christ, broken and poured out for you.

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, grant us peace.

## COMMUNION

*Admission to the Sacrament is by invitation of the Lord,  
 and all people are invited to his table. Those who do not wish  
 to receive communion are invited to receive a blessing.*

The body of Christ, given for you.  
*The communicant may say: **Amen***

The blood of Christ, shed for you.  
*The communicant may say: **Amen***

*Music will accompany the distribution of communion.*

## TABLE BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and  
 keep you in his grace.  
**Amen.**

## POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE

1 O Lord, now let your ser - vant de - part in heav'n-ly peace,  
for I have seen the glo - ry of your re - deem - ing grace:  
a light to lead the na - tions un - to your ho - ly hill,  
the glo - ry of your peo - ple, your cho - sen Is - ra - el.

## POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray.

Gracious God, in you we live and move and have our being. With your word and this meal of grace, you have nourished our life together. Strengthen us to show your love and serve the world in Jesus' name.

**Amen.**

# BENEDICTION

The God of all, who raised + Jesus from the dead, bless you by the power of the Holy Spirit to live in the new creation.

Amen.

## SENDING HYMN

ELW 881

### *Let All Things Now Living*

1 Let all things now liv - ing a song of thanks - giv - ing to  
2 God rules all the forc - es: the stars in their cours - es and

God the cre - a - tor tri - um - phant - ly raise,  
sun in its or - bit o - be - dient - ly shine;

who fash - ioned and made us, pro - tect - ed and stayed us, who  
the hills and the moun - tains, the riv - ers and foun - tains, the

still guides us on to the end of our days.  
deeps of the o - cean pro - claim God di - vine.

God's ban - ners are o'er us, God's light goes be -  
We too should be voic - ing our love and re -

fore us, a pil - lar of fire shin - ing forth in the night,  
joic - ing; with glad ad - o - ra - tion a song let us raise

till shad - ows have van - ished and dark - ness is ban - ished, as  
till all things now liv - ing u - nite in thanks - giv - ing: "To

for - ward we trav - el from light in - to light.  
God in the high - est, ho - san - na and praise!"



## DISMISSAL

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

Go in peace. Serve the Risen One.

**Thanks be to God!**

## POSTLUDE



*Today's altar flowers are given  
to the Glory of God  
by Chad and Terri Cromwell  
in honor of Mya Cromwell.*

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**Prayer Requests:** Sandi Ritter, Robert Becker, family and friends of Alice Snyder, Rodney Neilson, family and friends of Nancy Danowsky, Bob Keifer, family and friends of Joanne Stahl, Tiffany, Dale Strassner, Scott Clewell, Marie Tanner, Martha Ketchem, Annette Baker, Rusty, Shirley Russell, Russ Wynn, Viv Marsh, Peg Swinehart.

# Happy Birthday

Amber Erb 5/8



*If we missed your birthday or anniversary, please call the church office with these dates.*

## PENTECOST GERANIUMS



**Cost: \$4.50 ea.**

Order forms are on the  
bulletin board in the  
fellowship hall.

**ORDER DEADLINE: MAY 14<sup>TH</sup>**

You may take them home after worship on  
Sunday, June 4 to plant in your garden.

# What's Happening at UIC

- Sun, May 7      Worship, 10:00am  
Faith and Fun, 11:15am  
Social Hour, 11:15am  
Social Ministry Meeting, 11:30am  
Youth Group, 1pm-2:30pm
- Mon, May 8      Cub Scouts, 6:30pm  
Boy Scouts, 7:00pm
- Tue, May 9      OAKS Senior Center, 10am-1pm  
Day Camp Meeting, 6:30pm  
Boy Scout Committee Mtg., 7pm
- Wed, May 10    Theology on Tap, 6pm
- Fri, May 12      Office Closed  
UIC Bowling Night, 6pm-8pm
- Sat, May 13      Baby Steps Diaper Pantry, 10am-11:30am
- Sun, May 14      Worship, 10:00am  
Faith and Fun, 11:15am  
Social Hour, 11:15am  
Social Ministry Meeting, 11:30am  
Youth Group, 1pm-2:30pm

# Social Ministry Meeting

We will have a meeting today at 11:30 am in the Fellowship Hall to plan the family picnic.

Everyone is invited to join us!



So we make sure we have enough lanes reserved, please add your name and number of people attending to the signup sheet on the bulletin board in the fellowship hall or call the office by Monday, May 8th.



# OAKS

## SENIOR CENTER

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# Tuesday, May 9

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10:00 am - Doors Open

10:30 am - Free Bingo with prizes

11:30 pm - DIG Furniture Bank Presentation

12:00 pm - Free Lunch



**OAKS IS OPEN  
TO THE PUBLIC.  
ALL ARE WELCOME  
TO JOIN US.**

# YOUTH GROUP



Youth Group will meet at Milton Lutheran Church (100 Mahoning St., Milton) at 1pm on the following dates.

**Sunday, May 7<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>**

Youth Group is open to all students in grades 7-12 and typically runs for about 1 1/2 hours.

If you are, or have, a youth member interested in being part of Youth Group, please reach out to Pastor Justin or Vicar Katy and they'll get you connected!



**Baby Steps**  
**DIAPER PANTRY**

**UPCOMING DIAPER PANTRY**

May 13, 2023 at 10-11:30am

1 bag (40 diapers) per child.

Newborn to size 6



## HOLY HUMOR SUNDAY

The custom, which began with the Greeks, finds its roots in the musings of early church theologians who claimed that God played a practical joke on the devil by raising Jesus from the dead.

***This is a Sunday like no other!***

**On May 21st, come dress in whatever whacky outfit you want!**



It's hard to believe, but we're starting to get the ball rolling on our plans for Summer Day Camp again this year! We have an initial planning meeting scheduled for **Tuesday, May 9th at 6:30pm here at UIC.** Our neighbors from MLC will be coming up for that meeting as well!

We are also going to be looking to recruit some new volunteers for this year in the hopes that many hands will make lighter work for everyone! If you have folks who you think would be a great addition to the planning, feel free to invite them to join us!



UNITED IN CHRIST  
LUTHERAN CHURCH  
INVITES YOU TO

# *Theology on Tap*

JOIN US AT  
RUSTY RAIL  
6:00 PM ON MAY 10TH  
AND MAY 24TH



Do you have some burning questions  
about the Bible, faith, or God?

Join us for Theology on Tap! This May we will be meeting at Rusty Rail on Wednesdays May 10th and 24th. Bring your questions to put in the stein, grab your drink of choice, and be ready to dive into them together as a group—we might not settle on an answer, but we can at least try! We will meet at 6:00 pm to grab food, drinks, and socialize a bit before starting discussion once we are settled. Email Pastor Justin or Vicar Katy if you plan to

# FAITH AND FUN



This is open to all children Pre-K through 6<sup>th</sup> grade. Younger students can join us, if accompanied by a parent. We will meet immediately after worship in the Sunday School room. Our time together is usually 20-30 minutes and consists of a story, some discussion, and then a craft or activity that reinforces the story. May 21st will be our last Faith and Fun until September.

*We meet in the Sunday School Room.*

# WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS

	May 7	May 14	May 21
Social Hour	E - K	L - R	S - Z
Bread/Wine	K. Guffey	S. Keifer	S. McPherrin
Altar Guild	S. Keifer	T. Cromwell	K. Guffey
Digital Host	K. Lingenfelter	K. Guffey	S. Bingaman
Front Door Greeter	D. Byerly	M. Ketchem	L. Rabuck
	J. Byerly	R. Whitesel	A. Stark
Side Door Greeter	S. Brown	M.L. Keifer	T. Cromwell
Lector	R. Sprenkle	S. Bingaman	T. McPherrin
Ushers	K. Arndt	S. Brown	K. Guffey
	D. Baker	K. Criswell	B.J. Koch
	Karen Baker	T. Cromwell	S. McPherrin
	K. Baker	R. Kling	T. McPherrin
Communion Asst.	S. Bingaman	R. Kling	D. Baker
	M.L. Keifer	M. Shearer	R. Sprenkle
Guest Relations	B. Troxell	M. Mertz	M. Rabuck
Offering Counter	C. Zimmerman	K. Guffey	H. Allegar
	P. Hauck	K. Baker	M. Rabuck

If you are unable to serve on your scheduled day, please try to trade with someone on the schedule and then notify the office of the change.

If you are unable to trade with someone, please call Terri Cromwell at the church, 570-568-2254, and she will find a replacement for you.



## **Lutheran Church**

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**WORSHIP WITH HOLY COMMUNION**  
Sundays at 10am

**THE REV. JUSTIN G. LINGENFELTER**

### **CHURCH OFFICE**

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