United In Christ Lutheran Church



Sixth Sunday in Easter May 14, 2023

The Rev. Justin G. Lingenfelter 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.

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

UNITED IN CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH STAFF

The Rev. Justin G. Lingenfelter: Pastor

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Marilyn Gresh: Music

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 lifegiving 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.

OPENING HYMN

ELW 408



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



PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

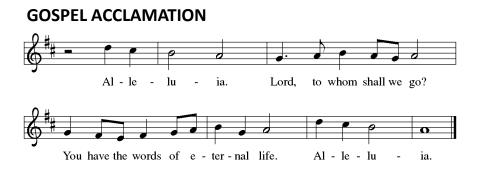
Almighty and ever-living God, you hold together all things in heaven and on earth. In your great mercy receive the prayers of all your children, and give to all the world the Spirit of your truth and peace, through Jesus Chris, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

FIRST READING

²²Then Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, "Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. ²³For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, 'To an unknown god.' What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. ²⁴The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, ²⁵nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. ²⁶From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, ²⁷so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him—though indeed he is 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 too are his offspring.' ²⁹Since we are God's offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. ³⁰While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, ³¹because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead."

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.



GOSPEL READING

John 14: 15-21

This is the Holy Gospel according to John, the 14th chapter. Glory to you, O Lord.

¹⁵"If you love me, you will keep my commandments. ¹⁶And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. ¹⁷This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him because he abides with you, and he will be in you. ¹⁸"I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. ¹⁹In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. ²⁰On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. ²¹They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me, and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

ELW 804

Come Down, O Love Divine



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.

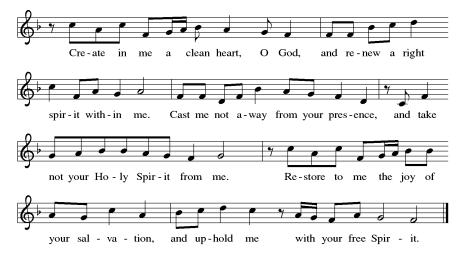
> Please fill out the Attendance Card, and place the card in an offering plate.

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 by scanning the QR code to the right. You may also place your offering at www.unitedinchristlutheran.net/giving by clicking on the green "Give Now" button.



OFFERTORY HYMN



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.**

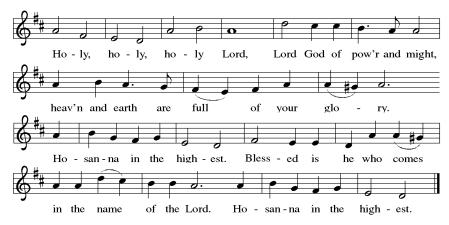
THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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:



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.

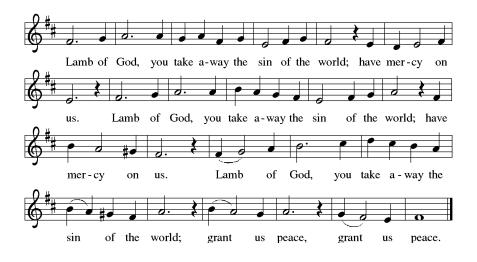
Amen.

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.



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



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.

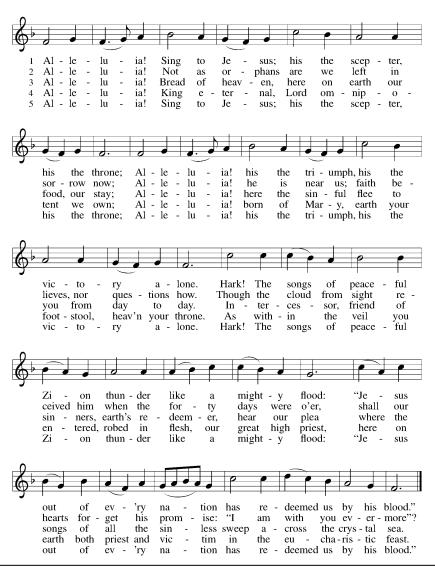
BENEDICTION

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 392



Alleluia! Sing to Jesus

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 Sherry Bingaman in honor of her grandson, Henry.

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Prayer Requests: Family and friends of 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.



Colleen Danowsky 5/15 Ken Noll 5/15 Mark Rabuck 5/15



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 14TH

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

What's Happening at UIC

Sun, May 14	Worship, 10:00am
	Faith and Fun, 11:15am
	Social Hour, 11:15am
	Deadline for Geranium Orders
Mon, May 15	Cub Scouts, 6:30pm
	Boy Scouts, 7:00pm
Tue, May 16	Primary Elections, Fellowship Hall Reserved
· ·	Council Meeting, 6:30pm
Fri, May 19	Office Closed
Sun, May 21	THE GREAT SUESSCHARIST
	HOLY HUMOR SUNDAY
	Worship, 10:00am
	Faith and Fun, 11:15am
	Social Hour, 11:15am
	Youth Group, 1pm-2:30pm
	Fellowship Hall Reserved, 1:30pm
Mon, May 22	June/July Newsletter Deadline



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!



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

Sunday, May 21

Youth Group is open to all students in grades 7-12 and typically runs for about $1 \frac{1}{2}$ 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!



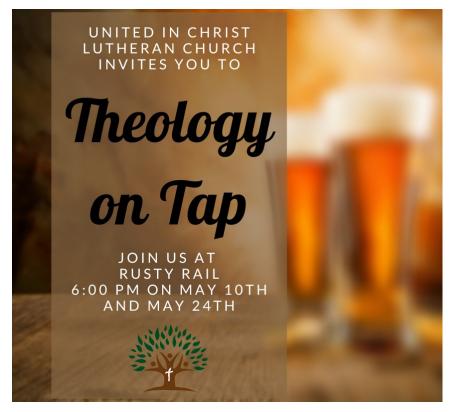
THE OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ON MONDAY, MAY 29.

JUNE/JULY NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

MONDAY, MAY 22

Worship Volunteers, please give the office any dates in <u>June and July</u> which you will not be available to serve during worship. After you are scheduled it will be your responsibility to trade with someone else on the schedule if you are not

available to serve that day. Any articles, events, photos and/ or thank you notes you'd like to have printed in the <u>June/July</u> <u>Newsletter</u> need to be in the office <u>by Monday, May 22</u>.



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 attend or have any questions about the specifics.

FAITH AND FUN



This is open to all children Pre-K through 6th 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.





If you have a UIC youth that is interested in attending Camp Mount Luther this summer please see Pastor Justin or Vicar Katy. Information about camp can be found on the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall. Members pay \$150 for the first week, per child, then UIC pays the rest. If you have any question please don't hesitate to ask! Don't let the cost keep your child from going as we also have the Rich Huff Fund.

Camp Mount Luther 2023 Summer Booklet can be found here.

https://www.campmountluther.org/wordpress/wp-content/ uploads/2022/12/2023-Booklet.pdf



Invite your family! Please RSVP by adding your name, and how many people are coming, to the signup sheet on the bulletin board in the fellowship hall.

We will have a Corn-Hole Tournament. The winners will receive a gift card from Dunkin Donuts! If you would like to participate, please add your name to the signup sheet in the fellowship hall. "You Scream, I Scream, We All Scream for Ice-Cream!"





STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL Date: June 4, 2023. Time: 2:00 pm.-4:00 pm. Place: Christ's Lutheran Church 100 S. 3rd St., Lewisburg (On the lawn, Rain location: Atrium.)

Please come & enjoy some ice-cream and fellowship. Everyone is welcome.

NO NEED TO SIGNUP OR BRING ANYTHING.

WELCOME AREA

Visit our Welcome Area in the Narthex for copies of the monthly Lutheran Magazine, additional copies of the newsletter, including large print copies, and a variety of daily devotionals, Our Daily Bread, Christ In Our Home, and The Word in Season.



~ PLEASE HELP YOURSELF ~

MONTHLY FOOD COLLECTION



Social Ministry collects non-perishable food items each week. Your donations get delivered to the **Our Little Free Pantry** in West Milton, by the gas station across from the on ramp to 15.

Place these items in the basket located in the Narthex.

POSTCARD MINISTRY

Miss seeing someone at church?

Want to let a member know you are thinking about them?

On the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall you'll find blank *Thinking of You* postcards. Please place your filled out postcard in the pocket labeled "please mail" and the office will put postage on it and mail it out for you!

SOCIAL HOUR

Social Hour is a time for us to stay connected with each other, while enjoying a light snack. If your last name begins with one of the letters listed for that Sunday's Social Hour, please bring a snack to share and help to clean up afterwards.



IMPORTANT LINKS

For easy access, bookmark these pages on your computer or add the page to your tablet or smartphone's home screen.

UIC's website: www.unitedinchristlutheran.net

Worship and Bulletins: Print the Sunday bulletin so you can follow along. You can also view past bulletins and worship services.

www.unitedinchristlutheran.net/worship

Church Calendar: Stay up-to-date on everything that's happening at UIC. **www.unitedinchristlutheran.net/calendar**

Online Giving: www.unitedinchristlutheran.net/giving/

Newsletter Archive: Read current and past newsletters. www.unitedinchristlutheran.net/newsletter

Facebook Page: <u>www.facebook.com/</u> <u>unitedinchristlutheran</u>

Facebook Group: <u>www.facebook.com/groups/UICLC/</u>



WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS

	May 14	May 21	May 28
Social Hour	L-R	S-Z	A - D
Bread/Wine	S. Keifer	S. McPherrin	J. Mertz
Altar Guild	T. Cromwell	K. Guffey	M.L. Keifer
Digital Host	K. Guffey	S. Bingaman	M. Shearer
Front Door Greeter	M. Ketchem	L. Rabuck	K. Guffey
	R. Whitesel	A. Stark	R. Kling
Side Door Greeter	M.L. Keifer	T. Cromwell	K. Noll
Lector	S. Bingaman	T. McPherrin	S. Keifer
Ushers	S. Brown	K. Guffey	J. Mertz
	K. Criswell	B.J. Koch	L. Rabuck
	T. Cromwell	S. McPherrin	M. Rabuck
	R. Kling	T. McPherrin	A. Stark
Communion Asst.	R. Kling	D. Baker	A. Stark
	M. Shearer	R. Sprenkle	B. Swartz
Guest Relations	M. Mertz	M. Rabuck	K. Noll
Offering Counter	K. Guffey	H. Allegar	L. Rabuck
	K. Baker	M. Rabuck	M. Shearer

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.



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WORSHIP WITH HOLY COMMUNION Sundays at 10am

THE REV. JUSTIN G. LINGENFELTER

CHURCH OFFICE

Open Mon. - Thur. 8:00am - 2:00pm Email: office@unitedinchristlutheran.net

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