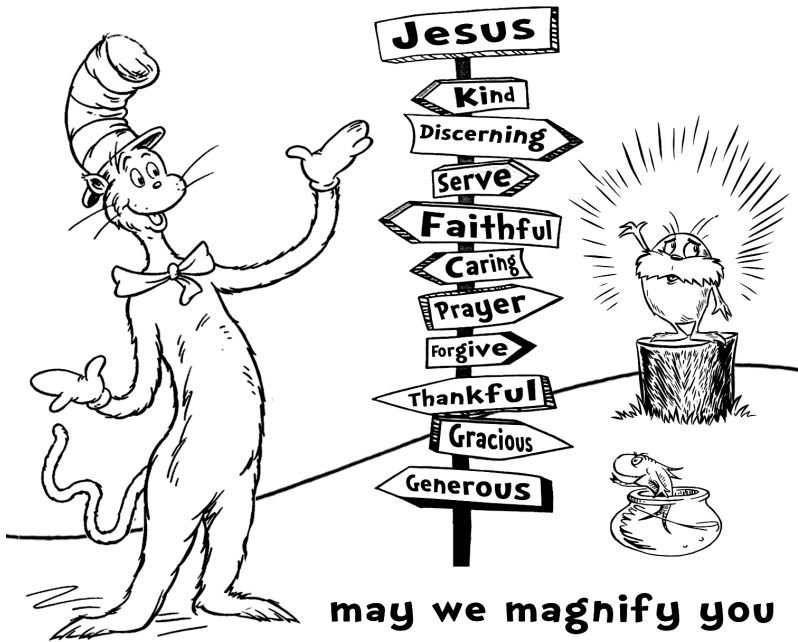


United In Christ Lutheran Church

May we delight in your will
and walk in your ways,



may we magnify you
for all of our days.

The Great Seusscharist

May 21, 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

Vicar Katy Moran: Pastoral Intern

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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 AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the Trinity,
+ Three in one and one in three,
God of grace and great mercy,
Forgiving you, forgiving me.

Amen.

Almighty God, who opens our hearts,
who knows all our wants and our most hidden parts:
cleanse now our thoughts and inspire us true,
by your Holy Spirit, help us love you,
let us in this place lift up your holy name
through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son just the same.

Amen.

O God, most merciful,

To you we confess:

**we're stuck in our sin, we're never our best.
Against you have we sinned: by the wrongs we have done,
by the hurt we have made and the good we've forgone.
From you we have kept from giving our core;
and as for our neighbors, we've loved ourselves more.
For the sake of your Son, have mercy on us.
Forgive us, renew us, and lead us on just.
May we delight in your will and walk in your ways,
may we magnify you for all of our days.
Amen.**

In the mercy of almighty God,
 Christ Jesus, by death, was gloried and awed.
 For us he was given and for us he died
 God, for his sake, sets our sin aside.
 As a pastor who's been called and ordained
 I tell you this now in Christ's holy name:
 Your sins are forgiven, you can wholly believe it,
 In the name of the Father, the + Son, and the Spirit!

Amen.

OPENING HYMN

ELW 662

Christ is the King



1 Christ is the king! O friends, re - joice; broth - ers and sis - ters,
 2 Oh, mag - ni - fy the Lord, and raise an - thems of joy and
 3 O Chris - tian wom - en, Chris - tian men, all the world o - ver,
 4 Let Love's all - rec - on - cil - ing might your scat - tered com - pa -
 5 So shall the church at last be one; so shall God's will on



with one voice let the world know he is your choice.
 ho - ly praise for Christ's brave saints of an - cient days.
 seek a - gain the Way dis - ci - ples fol - lowed then.
 nies u - nite in ser - vice to the God of light.
 earth be done, new lamps be lit, new tasks be - gun.



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

APOSTOLIC GREETING

The grace of Christ, God's loving call,
 The Spirit's fellowship 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 - va - tion!

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

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

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of four systems of music. Each system has a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The lyrics are written below the vocal line. The first system is for the first line of the hymn, the second for the second line, the third for the third line, and the fourth for the fourth line. The music is in a simple, hymn-like style with a key signature of one flat (B-flat) and a common time signature (C).

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray,

O God of great glory, the holy beloved,

Your Son Jesus Christ has ascended above.

Within all his suffering, he's shown us great grace;

Now at your right hand he has taken his place.

Unite us all now in his most ardent prayer.

May we who are yours know this new life to share.

This do we pray through, our Savior and Lord,

who with you and the Spirit are one God evermore.

Amen.

FIRST READING

Acts 1:6-14

⁶So when they had come together, they asked him, “Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?” ⁷He replied, “It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. ⁸But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” ⁹When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. ¹⁰While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. ¹¹They said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.”

¹²Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day’s journey away. ¹³When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. ¹⁴All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL READING

John 17:1-11

This is the Holy Gospel according to John, the 17th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹After Jesus had spoken these words, he looked up to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, ²since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. ³And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent. ⁴I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. ⁵So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed.

⁶"I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. ⁷Now they know that everything you have given me is from you, ⁸for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you, and they have believed that you sent me. ⁹I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. ¹⁰All mine are yours, and yours are mine, and I have been glorified in them. ¹¹And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON

I Come with Joy



1 I come with joy, a child of God, for - giv - en, loved, and
 2 I come with Chris - tians far and near to find, as all are
 3 As Christ breaks bread, and bids us share, each proud di - vi - sion
 4 The Spir - it of the ris - en Christ, un - seen, but ev - er
 5 To - geth - er met, to - geth - er bound by all that God has



free, the life of Je - sus to re - call in
 fed, the new com - mu - ni - ty of love in
 ends. The love that made us, makes us one, and
 near, is in such friend - ship bet - ter known, a -
 done, we'll go with joy, to give the world the



love laid down for me, in love laid down for me.
 Christ's com - mu - nion bread, in Christ's com - mu - nion bread.
 strang - ers now are friends, and strang - ers now are friends.
 live a - mong us here, a - live a - mong us here.
 love that makes us one, the love that makes us one.

APOSTLE'S CREED

With the whole Christian body now joined rather proudly,
 Let's confess here our faith, let us do so quite loudly:

**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

Giving thanks for Christ who died,
but in whose rising opened wide
a way of life for all of us,
let's pray to the God we trust.

For your dear church, we give you thanks.
For all the members in its ranks.
For those with curiosity.
For those who help them look to thee.
For all of these, now let us pray.
Have mercy God, for them today.

For the beauty of this earth.
For your creation's endless worth.
For mountains, forests, beaches, plains.
For all the creatures given names.
For all of these, now let us pray.
Have mercy God, for them today.

For all your people of this age.
For those in wars of needless rage.
For all the leaders of our lands.
For peace and justice through your hands.
For all of these, now let us pray.
Have mercy God, for them today.

For those in life's most deep distress.
For those who feel a hurting mess.
For the sick, the hurt, or those in shame.
For all of those whom we now name.

For all of these, now let us pray.

Have mercy God, for them today.

For all the saints now in your light.
For those whose faith has been made sight.
For those who have before us died.
For all of those for whom we've cried.
For all of these, now let us pray.

Have mercy God, for them today.

We entrust to you now all these prayers.
We give to you our deepest cares.
By the Spirit's power now take.
Receive them, God for Jesus' sake.

Amen.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

May the peace of Christ which guides our ways be with you now and for all days.

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

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.
God of all the good you've made,
your love goes forth; it's never swayed.
You bring bread from dirt and fruit from vine,
Now feed us here, make us your sign.
Through Jesus Christ our saving Lord,
Your gracious Son, the eternal Word.
Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts, up towards the sky.

We lift them to God, enthroned upon high.

Let's give thanks to God, our merciful Lord.

It's right to praise God forevermore.

It is a good and joyful thing
to praise God here for everything.
For Jesus Christ's great resurrection,
the Paschal Lamb's eternal action.

For in his dying, Christ destroyed all death,
and in his rising, paved life a path.
And so with Peter and with Mary,
with all the witnesses now unwary,
with all the creatures of earth and sea,
with angel choruses heavenly,
we praise your name and join their song
unending to sing on and on:

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.

You are, indeed, our God most holy.
Great is the majesty of your glory.

You loved this world, so gave your Son
to offer life to everyone.

We give you thanks for his life here,
to claim for you a people dear.
He fulfilled for you your holy action
and for us claimed your satisfaction.

In the night in which he was betrayed,
Our dear Lord Jesus took food displayed.
Reaching out he raised on high
the bread of life of him who died.
Giving thanks he broke the bread
and to his friends he boldly said:
“Take and eat; this bread is me;
Here I give it unto thee.”

In much the same he took the cup
and giving thanks he lift it up.
“This is my blood that’s shed for you;
in it you’ll find my promise true:
that this I give to forgive all sin;
share with all people, drink it in.”

As Christ calls us to here remember,
We state the myst’ry of faith together.

Christ had died. Christ has risen. Christ will come again.

Remembering, then, Christ’s good command,
his gracious death, his rising stand,
we thank you Lord, O God Almighty,
not as we ought, for we are flighty.
We ask you mercifully to accept our praise
and with your Word and Spirit raise
us here your servants, your people, Thine,

with these your gifts of bread and wine.
May we and all who share Christ's body and blood
be filled with blessing, your gracious flood.
May we receive your great forgiveness
That, with your saints, we'll be your witness.

We give honor, glory, and all within it
to you, O God, Father, Son, and Spirit.

Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

Taking heed of what our Lord did say,
we are bold to with him pray:

**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 as you are, come as you're able
All are invited to join at Christ's table
Come down the aisle, come down in two lines,
Come take a glass, then the bread, and the wine.
If you would so prefer, there's grape juice as well
Or gluten free wafers, please just come and tell.

I hope you will join us, I wish that you would
Come, taste and see that the Lord is good.

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

May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ
 give you his strength and all grace to suffice.

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,
We give you thanks, almighty God,
that you've refreshed us with gifts abroad.
In your mercy, grant us life,
your gift of faith to bear all strife.
Bend us out to meet each other
with the love of Christ our brother;
we pray this all for Jesus's sake,
who, out of us, disciples makes.

Amen.

BENEDICTION

The God who called us to life from death,
Watch o'er you're every living breath.
May God almighty, Father, + Son, and Spirit Holy,
bless you now keep you closely.

Amen.

SENDING HYMN

ELW 855

Crown Him with Many Crowns



1 Crown him with man - y crowns, the Lamb up - on his throne;
2 Crown him the vir - gin's Son, the God in - car - nate born,
3 Crown him the Lord of love— be - hold his hands and side,
4 Crown him the Lord of life, who tri - umphed o'er the grave
5 Crown him the Lord of years, the po - ten - tate of time,



hark, how the heav'n-ly an - them drowns all mu - sic but its own.
whose arm those crim-son tro - phies won which now his brow a - dorn;
rich wounds, yet vis - i - ble a - bove, in beau - ty glo - ri - fied.
and rose vic - to - rious in the strife for those he came to save.
cre - a - tor of the roll - ing spheres, in - ef - fab - ly sub - lime.



A - wake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,
fruit of the mys - tic rose, yet of that rose the stem,
No an - gels in the sky can ful - ly bear that sight,
His glo - ries now we sing, who died and rose on high,
All hail, Re - deem - er, hail! For thou hast died for me;



and hail him as thy match-less king through all e - ter - ni - ty.
the root whence mer - cy ev - er flows, the babe of Beth - le - hem.
but down - ward bend thy burn - ing eyes at mys - ter - ies so bright.
who died, e - ter - nal life to bring, and lives that death may die.
thy praise and glo - ry shall not fail through-out e - ter - ni - ty.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve all abroad.

All thanks that we have, be to our God.

POSTLUDE



*Today's altar flowers are given
to the Glory of God
by Mary Lou Keifer
in memory of her brother, Roger Neilson.*

*After worship please join us in the fellowship hall
for coffee and refreshments.*

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What's Happening at UIC

- 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**
Financial Team Mtg., 6:30pm
Cub Scouts, 6:30pm
Boy Scouts, 7:00pm
- Tue, May 23 Internship Committee Mtg., 6:30pm
- Wed, May 24 Theology on Tap, 6:00pm
- Fri, May 26 Office Closed



HAPPY *Anniversary*

Josh and Shanna Martz 5/24/03



Happy Birthday

DeLayne Baker 5/22

Becky Carl 5/23

Nancy Walter 5/23

Carolyn Baker 5/26

Judy Rishel 5/27



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

UNITED IN CHRIST'S PRAYER LIST

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.

YOUTH GROUP



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 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!

JUNE/JULY NEWSLETTER DEADLINE MONDAY, MAY 22



Worship Volunteers, please give the office any dates in **June and July** 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 **June/July Newsletter** need to be in the office **by Monday, May 22.**

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FOR STUDENTS COMPLETING
GRADES K-5

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MEMORIAL REMEMBER AND HONOR DAY

THE OFFICE WILL
BE CLOSED
ON MONDAY, MAY 29.

CAMP MOUNT LUTHER SUMMER CAMP



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>

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 attend or have any questions about the specifics.

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.

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WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS

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



Lutheran Church

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WORSHIP WITH HOLY COMMUNION
Sundays at 10am

THE REV. JUSTIN G. LINGENFELTER

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