

United In Christ Lutheran Church



Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

June 25, 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's Evangelical Lutheran Church, for presiding over communion 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.

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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 AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

You call us through the waters of baptism to be our authentic selves. You called us holy and set us on a path to manifest your revolution on Earth. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, fountain of living water, who is the source of breath and nourishment.

Amen.

We praise you for the waters of life: for the streams and oceans, lakes and estuaries, and for the rain and snow that gives life to every living thing. From the waters above and the waters below, you made sacred our bond with water.

Through the waters of the flood and the parting of the seas, you showed your promises to be true. In the waters of baptism you claimed us and called each of us by our true name. Through baptism into the body of Christ, you transformed our lives and made us whole. Send now your Spirit to move in our midst and soak us with your gifts of mercy, love, and grace.

Amen.



We Are Baptized in Christ Jesus



1 We are bap-tized in Christ Je - sus, we are bap - tized in his death;
 2 In the wa - ter and the wit-ness, in the break-ing of the bread,
 3 Glo-ry be to God the Fa - ther, glo-ry be to Christ the Son,



that as Christ is raised vic - to - rious, we might live a brand new life.
 in the wait - ing arms of Je - sus who is ris - en from the dead,
 glo-ry to the Ho - ly Spir - it, ev - er three and ev - er one;



And if we have been u - nit - ed in a dread-ful death like his,
 God has made a new be - gin - ning from the ash - es of our past;
 as it was in the be - gin - ning, glo-ry now re-sounds a - gain



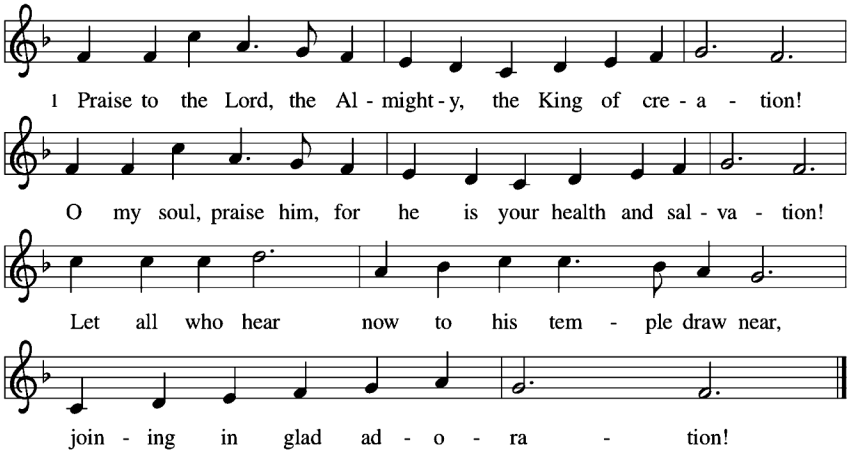
we will all be re - u - nit - ed, for he lives.
 in the los - ing and the win - ning we hold fast.
 in a song that has no end - ing. . . . A - men.

APOSTOLIC GREETING

May the grace of Jesus Christ, the love, mercy, and justice of God, and wisdom of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

HYMN OF PRAISE



I 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!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Teach us, good Lord God, to serve you as you deserve, to give and not to count the cost, to fight and not to heed the wounds, to toil and not to seek for rest, to labor and not ask for reward, except that of knowing that we do your will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

FIRST READING

ROMANS 6:1B-11

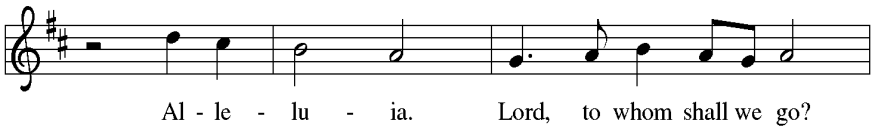
^{1b}What then are we to say? Should we continue in sin in order that grace may abound? ²By no means! How can we who died to sin go on living in it? ³Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? ⁴Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life. ⁵For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. ⁶We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin

might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. ⁷For whoever has died is freed from sin. ⁸But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. ⁹We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. ¹⁰The death he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. ¹¹So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL READING

MATTHEW 10: 24-39

This is the Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 10th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

²⁴“A disciple is not above the teacher, nor a slave above the master; ²⁵it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher, and the slave like the master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household! ²⁶“So have no fear of them; for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered, and nothing secret that will not become known. ²⁷What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light; and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. ²⁸Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. ²⁹Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the

ground apart from your Father. ³⁰And even the hairs of your head are all counted. ³¹So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows. ³²“Everyone therefore who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven; ³³but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven. ³⁴“Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace, but a sword. ³⁵For I have come to set a man against his father, and a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law; ³⁶and one’s foes will be members of one’s own household. ³⁷Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; ³⁸and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me. ³⁹Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

SERMON



Children of the Heavenly Father

Tryg - ga - re kan ing - en va - ra än Guds lil - la bar - na - ska - ra,
 1 Chil - dren of the heav'n-ly Fa - ther safe - ly in his bo - som gath - er;
 2 God his own doth tend and nour-ish, in his ho - ly courts they flour - ish.
 3 Nei - ther life nor death shall ev - er from the Lord his chil - dren sev - er;
 4 Though he giv - eth or he tak - eth, God his chil - dren ne'er for - sak - eth;



stjär - nan ej på him - la - fäs - tet, få - geln ej i kän - da näs - tet.
 nest - ling bird nor star in heav - en such a ref - uge e'er was giv - en.
 From all e - vil things he spares them, in his might - y arms he bears them.
 un - to them his grace he show - eth, and their sor - rows all he know - eth.
 his the lov - ing pur - pose sole - ly to pre - serve them pure and ho - ly.

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

Trusting in God's abundant mercy, let us pray for a world in need.

Prayers continue with each petition ending:

God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Receive our prayers and answer us, O God, in the name of Jesus Christ.

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 an 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

Musical notation for the Offertory Hymn, consisting of four staves of music in a single system. The music is written in a treble clef with a key signature of one flat (B-flat) and a 7/8 time signature. The lyrics are printed below the notes.

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 creation, you have given us life, love, compassion, and hope. We offer the gifts of our very beings to your holy calling. Strengthen us through these gifts to be the arms of mercy and justice for the world.

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 you sent your child to be the light and life for the world, through him you showed us how to love and be loved, how to enact justice and pray for peace. And so, with the glorious company of the saints, with earth and sea and stars, with the choirs of angels and all the hosts of heaven, 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, just, and merciful God. In the intersection of the waters above and the waters below, you created life out of the void.

We thank you for the gift of creation.

You sent the prophets to warn to love, not hate, and guide us to your faithfulness in your promises.

We thank you for your promise to love.

In the intersection of the divine and humanity, you made us whole through Jesus Christ.

We thank you for the gift of Christ.

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.

With this holy sustenance we are made new creatures in the covenant of your son, Jesus Christ. Together we remember his life, death, and resurrection in this meal, and await a new and unending life in you.

Come, Lord Jesus.

Please send your Spirit to this place, to this meal, and to your church. May her life-giving wisdom be upon us now renewed and nourished in your holy promises to be creators of justice, wholeness, and freedom.

Come, Holy Spirit.

With the birds of the air and fish in the sea, with the flora and fauna, with saints of all time and space, we praise you always, O God, blessed Trinity, to the very end of the age.

Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

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

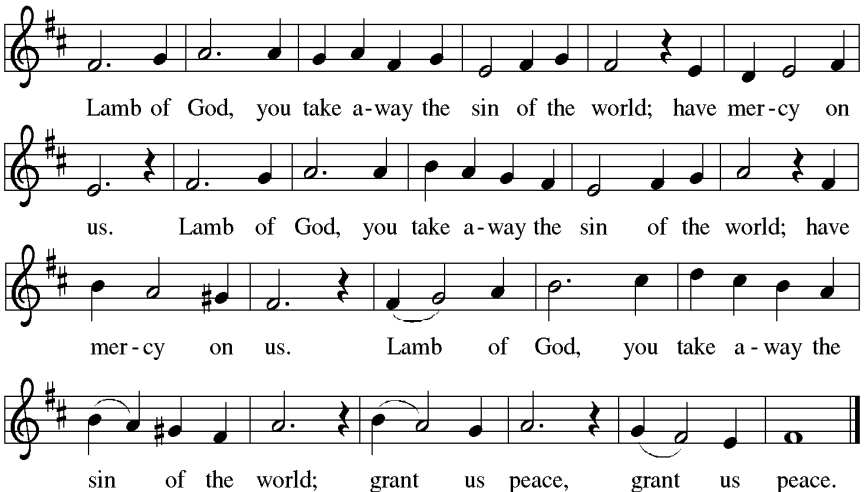
**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.**

**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

All people are called to Christ's table. Come, eat what 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 nourishment of the body and blood of our Savior Jesus Christ give you renewed strength and life.

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 thanks to you, God of mercy and love. We thank you for the nourishment that sustains our living spirits. We ask that you guide us and bless us on our journey for peace, justice, and wholeness for all. In the sacred name of the redeemer, we pray

Amen.

BENEDICTION

May the God of creation bless you and claim you.

May the Savior give you peace and wholeness.

And may the Spirit guide you and lead you to mercy + and justice.

Amen.

How Firm a Foundation

1 How firm a foun - da - tion, O saints of the Lord,
 2 "Fear not, I am with you, oh, be not dis - mayed,
 3 "When through fi - ry tri - als your path - way shall lie,
 4 "Through - out all their life - time my peo - ple shall prove

is laid for your faith in Christ Je - sus, the Word!
 for I am your God and will still give you aid;
 my grace, all - suf - fi - cient, shall be your sup - ply,
 my sov - 'reign, e - ter - nal, un - change - a - ble love;

What more can he say than to you he has said,
 I'll strength - en you, help you, and cause you to stand,
 The flames shall not hurt you; I on - ly de - sign,
 and then, when gray hairs shall their tem - ples a - dorn,

who un - to the Sav - ior for ref - uge have fled?
 up - held by my righ - teous, om - nip - o - tent hand,"
 your dross to con - sume and your gold to re - fine."
 like lambs they shall still in my bo - som be borne."



DISMISSAL

Go now in wholeness to love and deliver the justice of God!



Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

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



PRAYER REQUESTS

Family and friends of Scott Schiel, Christi Sherbert-Stevenson, Robert Becker, Bob Keifer, Scott Clewell, Marie Tanner, Martha Ketchem, Annette Baker, Rusty, Shirley Russell, Russ Wynn, Viv Marsh, Peg Swinehart.

Are you or a loved one in need of prayer?

Submit your prayer request by emailing it to, office@unitedinchristlutheran.net or call 570-568-2254.



HAPPY *Anniversary*

Scott and Colleen Danowsky 6/26/11

Ken and Sonja Noll 6/30/63



Happy Birthday

Charlie Sprenkle 7/1

Penny Golder 7/1



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

SENIOR EXPRESS FOOD BOXES

*Food boxes were delivered on **Friday, July 7.***

*Volunteers, please make plans to
deliver your boxes next week.*



What's Happening at UIC

Sun, June 25 Worship, 10:00am
 Social Hour, 11:15am

Fri, June 30 Office Closed

The office will reopen on Wednesday, July 5th

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**SUMMER
• DAY CAMP •**

JULY 10-14 • 9AM-3PM

**FOR STUDENTS COMPLETING
GRADES K-5**

REGISTER TODAY!

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CML Summer Camp is open to all kids in the community from K-5. You can register by clicking [HERE](http://www.myvbs.org/miltonlutheranchurches).

UNITED IN CHRIST
LUTHERAN CHURCH
INVITES YOU TO

Theology on Tap

JOIN US AT
RUSTY RAIL
6:00 PM ON JUNE 7 + 21
AND
JULY 5 + 19



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

Join us for Theology on Tap! This summer we will be meeting at Rusty Rail on Wednesdays June 7th, June 21st, July 5th, and July 19th. 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



We will meet in the fellowship hall for some homemade ice cream. ***Please bring a topping to share.*** After ice cream, we will venture down back for a campfire and some s'mores. ***Please bring a camp chair.*** We'll hang out and have a great time. See you there!



Baby Steps DIAPER PANTRY

UPCOMING DIAPER PANTRY

July 8, 2023 at 10-11:30am
1 bag (40 diapers) per child.
Newborn to size 6



WELCOME AREA

In the Welcome area in the Narthex you will find Christ In Our Home and The Word In Season devotionals, as well as Living Lutheran Magazine, and Our Daily Bread devotionals. You will also find additional copies of our monthly newsletter, also in large print. Please help your self to any of these!

Next Social Ministry Meeting

We will meet on Sunday, July 2nd
at 11:30 am in the Fellowship Hall.

Everyone is invited to join us!

WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS

	June 25	July 2	July 9
Social Hour	A - D	E - K	L - R
Bread/Wine	C. Troxell		S. Weiser
Altar Guild	C. Troxell		T. Cromwell
Digital Host	M. Shearer	T. Cromwell	K. Guffey
Front Door Greeter	D. Byerly	K. Guffey	M. Ketchem
	J. Byerly	M.L. Keifer	R. Whitesel
Side Door Greeter	Karen Baker	G. Weiser	K. Noll
Lector	E. Hausmann	H. Allegar	M. Hausmann
Ushers	R. Kling	J. Mertz	B. Troxell
	BJ Koch	L. Rabuck	C. Troxell
	T. McPherrin	M. Rabuck	K. Arndt
	S. McPherrin	M. Shearer	D. Baker
Communion Asst.	M. Hausmann		E. Hausmann
	D. Baker		S. Bingaman
Guest Relations	K. Baker	T. McPherrin	M. Mertz
Offering Counter	K. Baker	C. Shreck	H. Allegar
	M. Shearer	P. Hauck	K. Guffey

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

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