United In Christ Lutheran Church



Easter March 31, 2024

The Rev. Justin G. Lingenfelter

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

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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

The Rev. Justin G. Lingenfelter: Senior Pastor

Vicar Katy Moran: Senior Seminarian

Terri Cromwell: Office Administrator and OAKS Director Office: 570-568-2254 Email: office@unitedinchristlutheran.net

Marilyn Gresh: Music Director

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

Alleluia! Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

PRELUDE

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Alleluia! Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

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.

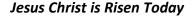
Glory to you for oceans and lakes, for rivers and streams. Honor to you for waters that wash us clean, quench our thirst, and nurture both crops and creatures. Praise to you for the life-giving water of baptism, the outpouring of the Spirit of the new creation. Wash away our sin and all the separates 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 365





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.

EASTER PROCLAMATION

Alleluia! Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Rejoice, now all heavenly powers! Sing, choirs of angels! Exult, all creation around God's throne! Jesus Christ is risen!

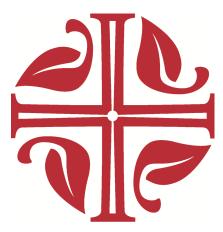
Celebrate the divine mysteries with exultation; and for so great a victory, sound the trumpet of salvation.

Rejoice, O earth, in shining splendor, radiant in the brightness of your king!

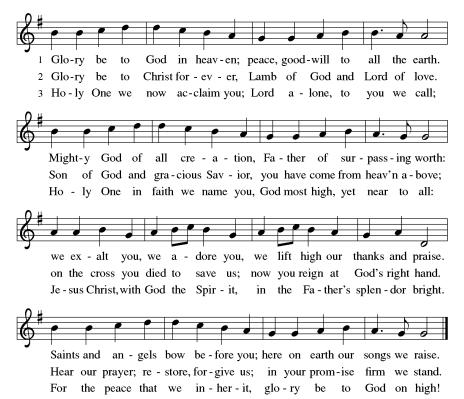
Christ has conquered! Glory fills you! Darkness vanishes forever. Rejoice, O holy church! Exult in glory! The risen Savior shines upon you!

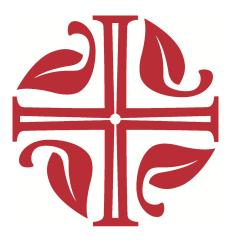
Let this place resound with joy,

Echoing the mighty song of all God's people.



HYMN OF PRAISE





PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

God of mercy, we no longer look for Jesus among the dead, for he is alive and has become the Lord of life. Increase in our minds and hearts the risen life we share with Christ, and help us to grow as your people toward the fullness of eternal life with you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

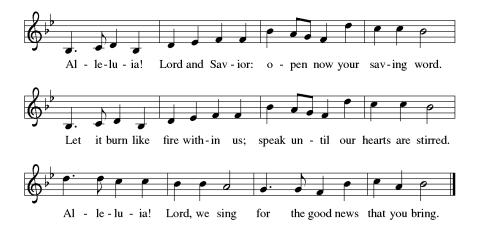
FIRST READING

ACTS 10:34-43

³⁴Then Peter began to speak to them: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. ³⁶You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. ³⁷That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: ³⁸how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. ³⁹We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; ⁴⁰but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, ⁴¹not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. ⁴²He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. ⁴³All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL

MARK 16:1-8

This is the Holy Gospel according to Mark, the 16th chapter. Glory to you, O Lord.

¹When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. ²And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. ³They had been saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?" ⁴When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. ⁵As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. ⁶But he said to them, "Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. ⁷But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you." ⁸So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

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

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

ELW 361



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

Rejoicing that Jesus is risen and love has triumphed over fear, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need of good news.

Prayers continue with each petition ending:

God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Into your hands, most merciful God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your abiding love; through Jesus Christ, our resurrected and living 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 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

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below; praise God above, ye heav'nly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

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.

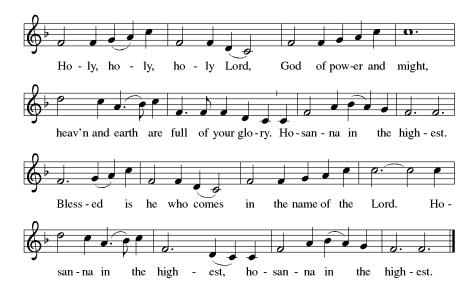
THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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 earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Blessed are you, O God of the universe. Your mercy is everlasting and your faithfulness endures from age to age.

Praise to you for creating the heavens and the earth. Praise to you for saving the earth from the waters of the flood. Praise to you for bringing the Israelites safely through the sea. Praise to you for leading your people through the wilderness to the land of milk and honey. Praise to you for the words and deeds of Jesus, your anointed one. Praise to you for the death and resurrection of Christ. Praise to you for your Spirit poured out on all nations.

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 bread and cup we remember our Lord's passover from death to life as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

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

O God of resurrection and new life: Pour out your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts of bread and wine. Bless this feast. Grace our table with your presence.

Come, Holy Spirit.

Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread. Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world. Breathe new life into us. Send us forth, burning with justice, peace, and love.

Come, Holy Spirit.

With your holy ones of all times and places, with the earth and all its creatures, with sun and moon and stars, we praise you, O God, blessed and holy Trinity, now and forever.

Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

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

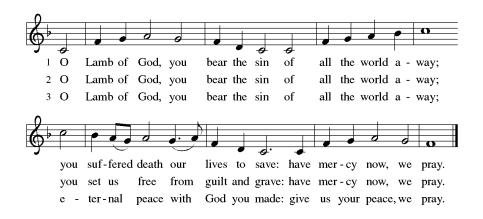
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

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. Thanks be to God.



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 376

Thine Is the Glory



DISMISSAL

Alleluia! Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Go in peace. Tell what God has done. Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

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EASTER FLOWERS

In Memory of:

Only and Percy Rishel by Judith Rishel

- **Gerald and Irene Stark** by Rob, Teena, and Curtis Zimmerman
- **Linda Zimmerman** by Rob, Teena, and Curtis Zimmerman
- Lee Stark by Rob, Teena, and Curtis Zimmerman
- Greg Engle by Rob, Teena, and Curtis Zimmerman
- *Marlin and Myrtle Renn* by Rob, Teena, and Curtis Zimmerman
- **Donald and Dorthy Stroble** by Rob, Teena, and Curtis Zimmerman
- Mary Kay and Ed Harper by Kathy Arndt
- **Our Parents, Samuel and Beatrice Rice** by their children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren
- **Our sister, Gail Anna Rice** by their children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren

Our Loved Ones by Kathy Guffey My dad, Robert Kuhn by Sherry and Walt Bingaman Mr. and Mrs. Malvern Keifer Sr. by Bob and Sue Keifer Mr. and Mrs. Albert Smith Sr. by Bob and Sue Keifer Baby Boy Keifer by Bob and Sue Keifer Mr. and Mrs. Bauren Troxell by Bob and Carol Troxell Ginny Criswell by Ken Criswell and family Bob and Grace Yost by Tobias Baker Melvin Baker Jr. by Tobias Baker Ann Carol Davis by Diane Gottlieb Jane White by Diane Gottlieb

In Honor of:

Alecia Engle by Rob, Teena, and Curtis Zimmerman

- **Al Stark and Shiloh Bowser** by Rob, Teena, and Curtis Zimmerman
- Layla Olds by Rob, Teena, and Curtis Zimmerman
- Koda Olds by Rob, Teena, and Curtis Zimmerman
- **Dave and Karen Baker** by Rob, Teena, and Curtis Zimmerman
- **Our parents, Nellie Kuhn, Rachel and Walter Bingaman Sr.** by Sherry and Walt Bingaman
- Our children, Rachel Peters and Rob Bingaman by Sherry and Walt Bingaman

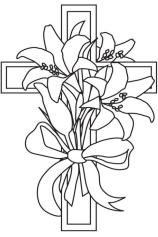
Our grandson, Henry Peters by Sherry and Walt Bingaman

Family by The Robucks

My grandchildren by Kathy Guffey

My children and their spouses by Kathy Guffey

Mary Baker by Tobias Baker



What's Happening at UIC

Sun, Mar. 31	EASTER/RESURRECTION SUNDAY Sunrise Worship, 6:30pm Potluck Breakfast, 8:30am Worship, 10:00am	
Mon, Apr. 1	Office Closed	
Tue, Apr. 2	Worship and Music Mtg., 10:00am Boy Scouts, 7:00pm	
Fri, Apr. 5	Office Closed Senior Express Food Delivery	
Sun, Apr. 7	Worship, 10:00am Social Hour, 11:15am Faith and Fun, 11:15am Outreach Committee Mtg., 11:15am Youth Group, 1:00pm	

Happy Birthday

Julie Rowe 3/31 Ben Criswell 4/1 Kathy Loss 4/3 Rosemary Kling 4/5 Cindy Snyder 4/5 Jack Stiber 4/5 Bob Swartz 4/6



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

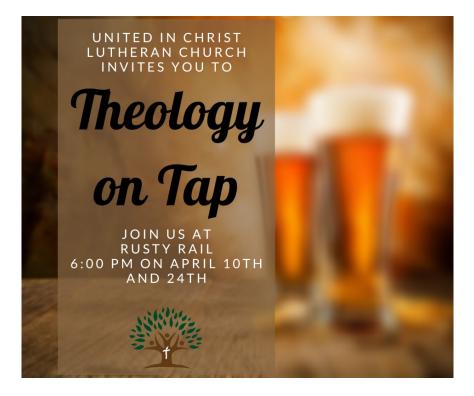
UNITED IN CHRIST'S PRAYER LIST

Please pray for: Russ Weiser, Sheri Kush, Desiree Starks, Spencer Bowens, Kerin and Ken, McKenzie Baker, Ken Criswell, Megan Darzanoff, Ken Baker, Annette Baker, Rosemary Fernsler, Ryan Hunter, Patrick Mosley, Mark Rabuck, Shirley Russell, Bob Keifer, Viv Marsh.



Are you or a loved one in need of prayer?

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



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

Join us for Theology on Tap! This April we will be meeting at Rusty Rail on April 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. You can let us know you're coming through the sign-up sheets, or you can email Pastor Justin or Vicar Katy.

Blessings Abound!

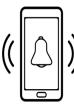
Katy Moran has been called as Pastor of Christ's Evangelical Lutheran Church in Lewisburg, PA!

We rejoice with Katy and the members of Christ's Evangelical as she begins her ministry with them. Katy's ordination will take place at Holy Cross Lutheran Church on Saturday, April 27. A time for the service will be announced in the coming days. Everyone is invited to this festival worship service!



There is a signup sheet in the Fellowship Hall for anyone who wants to carpool down to Herndon, VA.

LET US KNOW



Please let us know when you are in the hospital or have an upcoming surgery. Call the church office at 570-568-2254 to let us know. Please do not assume that if you tell someone in church that the office or pastor will find out.

Because of confidentiality issues, it's best if you contact Pastor Justin or the church office directly.



Youth Group is open to all students in grades 7-12 and typically runs for about two hours! Youth Group meets on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month.

Sunday, April 7 Sunday, April 21



ALTAR FLOWERS

The Church is in need of sponsorships for 2024 Altar Flowers.

Cost is \$35. Flower Chart is in the Fellowship Hall.

Flowers can be donated in memory of or in honor of family or friends. Please write on the chart what you would like printed in the bulletin. You may take your flowers home after worship.





Tuesday, April 9

- 10:00 am Doors Open
- 10:30 am Free Bingo with prizes
- 11:30 pm Parkinson's Program @ the Miller Center

12:00 pm - Free Lunch





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WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS

	March 31 Easter Sunday	April 7	April 14
Social Hour		E-K	L-R
Bread/Wine	K. Criswell K. Guffey	S. McPherrin	S. Keifer
Altar Guild	K. Guffey B. Guffey	ML Keifer	S. Keifer
Digital Host	M. Shearer	S. Bingaman	K. Guffey
Front Door Greeter	B. Swartz	C. Robuck	M. Ketchem
	T. Swartz	D. Robuck	R. Whitesel
Side Door Greeter	K. Noll	G. Weiser	D. Gottlieb
Lector	B. Swartz	D. Gottlieb	S. Bingaman
Ushers	S. Brown	R. Kling	M. Rabuck
	K. Criswell	S. McPherrin	M. Shearer
	G. Heckman	T. McPherrin	A. Stark
	K. Guffey	L. Rabuck	B. Swartz
Communion Asst.	R. Sprenkle G. Heckman	T. Cromwell	ML Keifer
	D. Baker S. Bingaman	E. Haussmann	M. Shearer
Guest Relations	B. Troxell	G. Weiser	T. McPherrin
Offering Counter	ML Keifer	L. Rabuck	K. Guffey
	M. Rabuck	M. Shearer	R. Sprenkle

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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