United In Christ Lutheran Church



Easter April 20, 2025

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

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: UIC Pastor

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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

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.

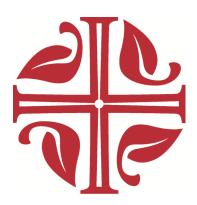
Rejoice, O earth, in shining splendor, radiant in the brightness of your king!

Christ has conquered! Glory fills you! Darkness vanishes forever.

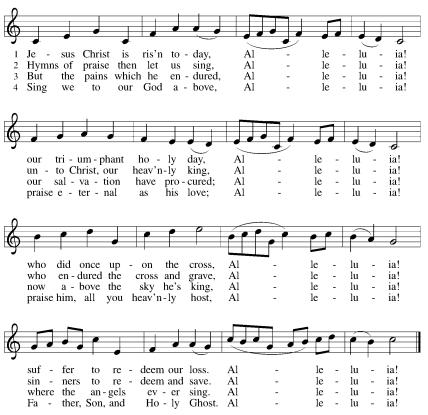
Rejoice, O holy church! Exult in glory! The risen Savior shines upon you!

Let this place resound with joy,

Echoing the mighty song of all God's people.



Jesus Christ Is Risen Today



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.

CANTICLE OF PRAISE





PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

O God, you gave your only Son to suffer death on the cross for our redemption, and by his glorious resurrection you delivered us from the power of death. Make us die every day to sin, that we may live with him forever in the joy of the resurrection, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

FIRST READING

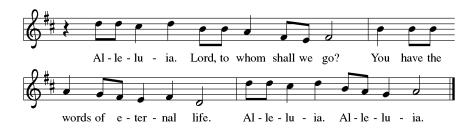
ACTS 10:34-43

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: 38 how 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; 40 but 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 LUKE 24:1-12

This is the Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 24th chapter. Glory to you, O Lord.

But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. ²They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, ³but when they went in, they did not find the body. 4While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. ⁵The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen. ⁶Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee. ⁷that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again." 8Then they remembered his words, 9and returning from the tomb, they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. ¹⁰Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles. ¹¹But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. ¹²But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; then he went home, amazed at what had happened.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Now All the Vault of Heaven Resound



EASTER BAPTISM

PRESENTATION

This morning we are overjoyed to welcome Ella, Maisey, and Jack Catherman and George and Jane Guffey into the community of faith through the gift of baptism!

God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism. By water and the Word, God delivers us from sin and death and raises us to new life in Jesus Christ. We are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy spirit, and joined in God's mission for the life of the world.

Called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have your children baptized into Christ?

Response: I do.

Commandments.

As you bring your children to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities:

to live with them among God's faithful people, bring them to the word of God and the holy supper, teach them the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten

place in their hands the holy scriptures, and nurture them in faith and prayer, so that your children may learn to trust God, proclaim Christ through word and deed, care for others and the world God made, and work for justice and peace.

Do you promise to help *your children* grow in the Christian faith and life?

Response: I do

People of God, do you promise to support Ella, Maisey, Jack, George, and Jane and pray for them in their new life in Christ?

We do.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God? *Response:* I renounce them.

Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

Response: I renounce them.

Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God? *Response:* I renounce them.

The presiding minister addresses the candidates and the assembly.

Do you believe in God the Father?

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

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.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

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.

THANKSGIVING AT THE FONT

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Blessed are you, O God, maker and ruler of all things. Your voice thundered over the waters at creation. You water the mountains and send springs into the valleys to refresh and satisfy all living things. Through the waters of the flood you carried those in the ark to safety. Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery to freedom. In the wilderness you nourished them with water from the rock, and you brought them across the river Jordan to the promised land.

By the baptism of his death and resurrection, your Son Jesus has carried us to safety and freedom. The floods shall not overwhelm us, and the deep shall not swallow us up, for Christ has brought us over to the land of promise. He sends us to make disciples, baptizing in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Pour out your Holy Spirit; wash away sin in this cleansing water; clothe the baptized with Christ; and claim your daughters and sons, no longer slave and free, no longer male and female, but one with all the baptized in Christ Jesus, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

BAPTISM

Each candidate has water poured on their head while the following is spoken:

I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Let us pray.

We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your daughters and sons new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life.

Sustain Ella, Maisey, Jack, George, and Jane with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

Amen.

The presiding minister marks the sign of the cross on the forehead of each of the baptized. Oil prepared for this purpose may be used. As the sign of the cross is made, the minister says:

Child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

Amen.

WELCOME

A lighted candle may be given to each of the newly baptized as a representative of the congregation says:

Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.

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.

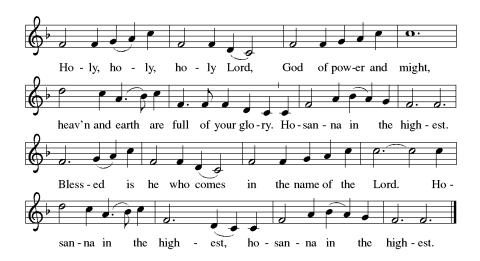
Lift up your hearts.

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.

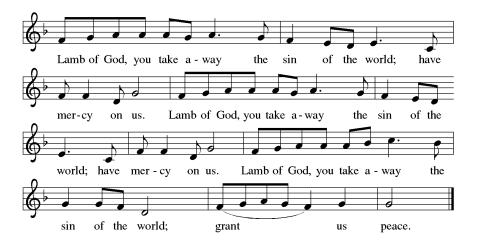
Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

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 384

That Easter Day with Joy was Bright



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:

Paul Cromwell by Chad and Terri Cromwell

Vera and Marvin Keister by Keith and Holly Keister

Loved Ones by Elwood and Sandra Brown

Our Parents and Grandparents by Kathy Guffey

Baby Boy Keifer by Bob and Sue Keifer

Mr. and Mrs. Malvern Keifer by Bob and Sue Keifer

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Smith by Bob and Sue Keifer

Albert Smith Jr. by Bob and Sue Keifer

Derek Scott by Danielle, Darianne, Ellen, Julian, and Zoe

Samuel O. Rice Sr. by their Children, Grandchildren, and Great-Grandchildren

Beatrice J. Rice by their Children, Grandchildren, and Great-Grandchildren

Gail Anne Rice by her Brothers and Sisters

Isaac Shearer by The Shearer Family

Ginny Criswell by Ken Criswell

Only and Percy Rishel by Judy Rishel

Grace and Bob Yost by Tobias Baker

Melvin Baker Jr. by Tobias Baker

My Dad, Bob Kuhn by Sherry Bingaman

Gerald and Irene Stark by Rob, Teena and Curtis Zimmerman Lee Stark by Rob, Teena and Curtis Zimmerman

Marlin and Myrtle Renn by Rob, Teena and Curtis Zimmerman

Donald and Dorothy Stroble by Rob, Teena and Curtis Zimmerman

Greg Engle by Rob, Teena and Curtis Zimmerman

In Honor of:

Sophie and Carson by GPa and GiGi

Mary Baker by Tobias Baker

Our Parents, Nellie Kuhn; Rachel and Walter Bingaman by Sherry Bingaman

Our Children, Rachel and Chris Peters; Rob and Molly Bingaman by Sherry Bingaman

Our Grandson, Henry Peters by Sherry Bingaman

George, Jane, and Timothy III by Kathy Guffey

Aaron and Beth by Kathy Guffey

Brittany and Tim by Kathy Guffey

Our Lord and Savior by Cheryl Robuck

Nancy Shearer by The Shearer Family

Barb Dugan by The Shearer Family

Mya and Dylan Cromwell by Chad and Terri Cromwell

Our Parents, Cheryl and Randy Koons, Larry and Julie Fawcett, and Priscilla Cromwell by Chad and Terri Cromwell Al and Shiloh by Rob, Teena and Curtis Zimmerman
Laylanya Olds by Rob, Teena and Curtis Zimmerman
Koda Olds by Rob, Teena and Curtis Zimmerman
Alecia Stark Engle by Rob, Teena and Curtis Zimmerman

What's Happening at UIC

Sun, Apr. 20 **EASTER SUNDAY**

Sunrise Worship, 6:30pm

Easter Potluck Breakfast, 8:30am

Worship, 10:00am

Mon, Apr. 21 Office Closed

May Newsletter Deadline

Fri, Apr. 25 Office Closed

Sun, Apr. 27 Worship, 10:00am

Social Hour, 11:15am

UNITED IN CHRIST'S PRAYER LIST

PRAYER REQUESTS: Tina Snyder, Samantha
Caris, Cheryl Koons, Chad Cromwell, Ted McPherrin, Scott Beaver, Bob Troxell, Sonja Noll, Deb
Watts, Eugene Bain, Jacob Brown, Courtney Elder,
Cheryl Stiber, John Oliver, Paul Hilkert, Mary
Baker, Annette Baker, Rachel Lynn, Carol Troxell,
Rosemary Fernsler, Ryan Hunter, Patrick Mosley, Mark Rabuck,
Shirley Russell, Bob Keifer.

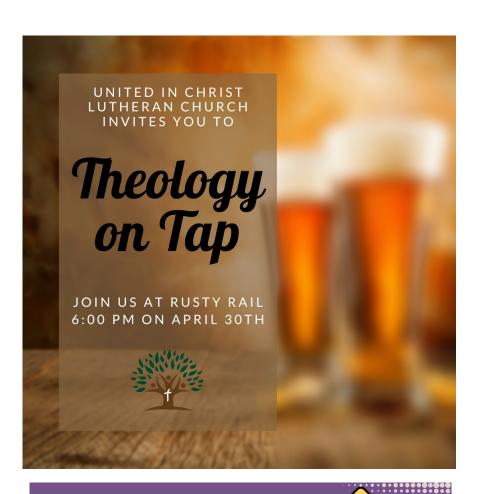
Are you or a loved one in need of prayer?

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

Scripture instructs us to lift one another up in prayer. The prayer chain takes two forms: telephone or email. If you would like to be a part of the prayer chain, please let Terri Cromwell know. Make sure you tell her if you would like a phone call or an email.



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



NEWSLETTER DEADLINE MONDAY, APRIL 21ST

Any articles, events, photos, or thank you notes you'd like to have in the May Newsletter need to be in to the office by Monday, April 21.

Worship Volunteers, please give the office any dates in May which you will not be available.



Please email Terri in the office at office@unitedinchristlutheran.net or call her at 570-568-2254





WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS

	April 20	April 27
Worship Leader	Pastor Justin	Pastor Scott
Social Hour		S-Z
Bread/Wine	R. Baker K. Criswell	K. Guffey
Altar Guild	T. Cromwell	B. Guffey
Digital Host	M. Shearer	K. Guffey
Front Door Greeter	R. Stitzel	L. Rabuck
	ML Keifer	K. Baker
Side Door Greeter	K. Noll	R. Kling
Lector	V. Tyrell	B. Swartz
Ushers	S. Brown	K. Criswell
	T. Cromwell	R. Kling
	L. Rabuck	M. Shearer
	M. Rabuck	T. Swartz
Communion Asst.	C. Robuck R. Sprenkle T. Cromwell (helper)	B. Catherman
		D. Baker
Guest Relations	K. Noll	M. Rabuck
Offering Counter	C. Shreck	P. Hauck
	M. Shearer	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.



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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

VISIT US AT

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