

Welcome

4th Sunday of Easter

May 8, 2022

10:30 a.m. Worship & Holy Communion



UNION LUTHERAN CHURCH

Christ Centered - Mission Driven - Traditionally-Grounded - Congregationally Focused

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WELCOME

PRELUDE He Shall Feed His Flock (from the Messiah, Handel)

The Altar Candles are lit at this time during the Prelude.

The minister leads the congregation in the invocation.

Please stand as able.

P Christ is Risen!

C **He is risen, indeed! Alleluia!**

P In the name of the Father, and of the ✝ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. (Matt. 28:19)

C **Amen**

BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C **Amen**

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. (1 John 1:8-9)

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

P Most merciful God,

C **we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen**

The minister stands and addresses the congregation.

P Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ✝ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

(John 20:22-23)

C **Amen**

HYMN

The King of Love My Shepherd Is

LBW# 456

GREETING

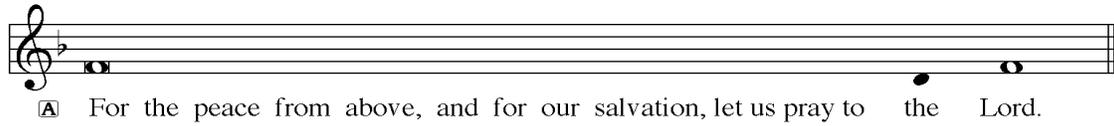
P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C **And also with you.**

KYRIE (Mark 10:47)



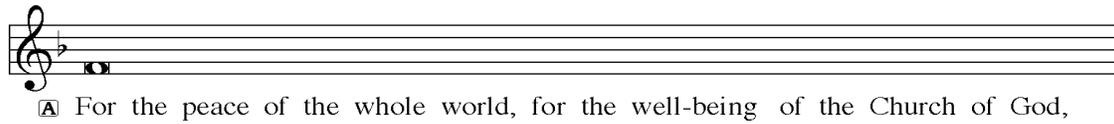
A In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **G** Lord, have mer - cy.



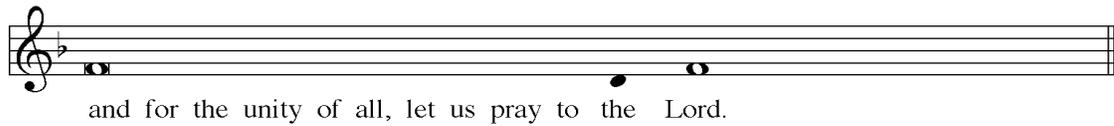
A For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



G Lord, have mer - cy.



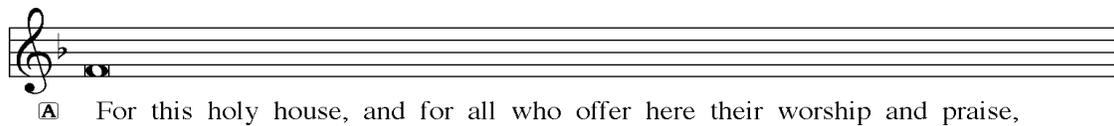
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



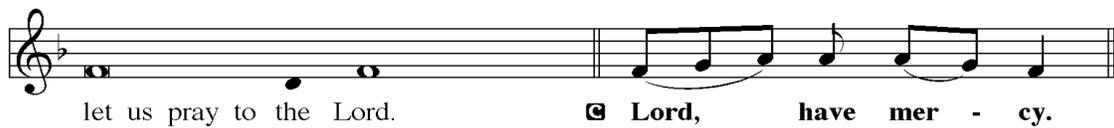
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



G Lord, have mer - cy.



A For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. **G** Lord, have mer - cy.



A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra-cious Lord. **G** A - men

HYMN OF PRAISE (Luke 2:14; John 1:29; Revelation 5:12-13; 19:5-9)

☐ This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia,
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. ☐ Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was
slain, whose blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.
☐ This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia,
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. ☐ Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and
strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.
☐ This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia,
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. ☐ Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and
join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and
might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

C This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia,
 al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia. **II** For the Lamb who was
 slain has be-gun his reign. Al-le-lu-ia.
C This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.
 Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.

SALUTATION (2 Timothy 4:22)

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray. Almighty God, you show those in error the light of your truth, that they may return into the way of righteousness. Grant to all that are admitted into fellowship with Christ the power to avoid all things that are contrary to the faith and to follow you according to the will of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen**

Please be seated.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

We read scripture from the Old Testament, Apostolic Letters and the Gospels because faith comes from hearing. (Romans 10:17)

FIRST LESSON: Acts 20:17-35

¹⁷Now from Miletus {Paul} sent to Ephesus and called the elders of the church to come to him. ¹⁸And when they came to him, he said to them: "You yourselves know how I lived among you the whole time from the first day that I set foot in Asia, ¹⁹servicing the

Lord with all humility and with tears and with trials that happened to me through the plots of the Jews; ²⁰how I did not shrink from declaring to you anything that was profitable, and teaching you in public and from house to house, ²¹testifying both to Jews and to Greeks of repentance toward God and of faith in our Lord Jesus Christ. ²²And now, behold, I am going to Jerusalem, constrained by the Spirit, not knowing what will happen to me there, ²³except that the Holy Spirit testifies to me in every city that imprisonment and afflictions await me. ²⁴But I do not account my life of any value nor as precious to myself, if only I may finish my course and the ministry that I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify to the gospel of the grace of God. ²⁵And now, behold, I know that none of you among whom I have gone about proclaiming the kingdom will see my face again. ²⁶Therefore I testify to you this day that I am innocent of the blood of all, ²⁷for I did not shrink from declaring to you the whole counsel of God. ²⁸Pay careful attention to yourselves and to all the flock, in which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to care for the church of God, which he obtained with his own blood. ²⁹I know that after my departure fierce wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock; ³⁰and from among your own selves will arise men speaking twisted things, to draw away the disciples after them. ³¹Therefore be alert, remembering that for three years I did not cease night or day to admonish every one with tears. ³²And now I commend you to God and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up and to give you the inheritance among all those who are sanctified. ³³I coveted no one's silver or gold or apparel. ³⁴You yourselves know that these hands ministered to my necessities and to those who were with me. ³⁵In all things I have shown you that by working hard in this way we must help the weak and remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he himself said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'"

Lay Reader Here ends the reading.

PSALM 23

The Shepherd's Psalm (Kerr)

This week the Psalm will be shared with the playing from the Belles & Beaus and Flute while Pastor Heidi reads the Psalm.

SECOND LESSON: Revelation 7:9-17

⁹After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, ¹⁰and crying out with a loud voice, "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!" ¹¹And all the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, ¹²saying, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen." ¹³Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, clothed in white robes, and from where have they come?" ¹⁴I said to him, "Sir, you know." And he said to me, "These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the

blood of the Lamb. ¹⁵Therefore they are before the throne of God, and serve him day and night in his temple; and he who sits on the throne will shelter them with his presence. ¹⁶They shall hunger no more, neither thirst anymore; the sun shall not strike them, nor any scorching heat. ¹⁷For the Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of living water, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”

Lay Reader Here ends the reading.

Please stand as you are able.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (John 6:68)

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John the 10th chapter.

C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

GOSPEL: John 10:22-30

²²At that time the Feast of Dedication took place at Jerusalem. It was winter, ²³and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the colonnade of Solomon. ²⁴So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, “How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Christ, tell us plainly.” ²⁵Jesus answered them, “I told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father’s name bear witness about me, ²⁶but you do not believe because you are not among my sheep. ²⁷My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me. ²⁸I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand. ²⁹My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all, and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father’s hand. ³⁰I and the Father are one.”

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Please be seated.

SERMON

Tenderly Lead and Firmly Claimed

Pastor Heidi Punt

Please stand as you are able.

Savior, Like A Shepherd Lead Us

Words attr. to Dorothy Ann Thrupp
 Music by William B. Bradbury, 1859
 Hymn Tune BRADBURY

1. Sav ior like a shep - herd lead us, much we need thy ten - der
 2. We are thine, do thou be - friend us, be the guard - ian of our
 3. Thou hast prom - sed to re - ceive us, poor and sin - ful though we
 4. Ear - ly let us seek thy fa - vor; ear - ly let us do thy

care; in thy pleas - ant pas - tures feed us, for our use thy folds pre
 way; keep thy flock, from sin de - fend us, seek us when we go a -
 be; thou hast mer - cy to re - lieve us, grace to cleanse and pow'r to
 will; bless - ed Lord and on - ly Sav - ior, with thy love our bo - soms

pare; bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, thou hast bought us, thine we
 stray; bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, hear, O hear us when we
 free; bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, let us ear - ly turn to
 fill; bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, thou hast loved us, love us

are; bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, thou hast bought us, thine we are.
 pray; bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, hear, O hear us when we pray.
 thee; bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, let us ear - ly turn to thee.
 still; bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, thou hast loved us, love us still.

NICENE CREED (Romans 10:9-10)

C We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven; by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic* and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen

**Or, We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church.*

THE PRAYERS (1 Timothy 2:1-4)

P Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

After each portion of the prayers:

P Lord, in your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

The prayers conclude:

P Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C **Amen**

THE PEACE (John 20:19)

In an attempt to be vigilant and responsible, please use Hand Sanitizers provided at each entrance.

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **And also with you.**

Please be seated.

PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS (Psalm 116:12-13, 17-19)

The Offering is received as the Lord's Table is prepared. All loose offering will go towards the Gerald Bame Scholarship Fund. During the month of May, the Benevolence Teaching Moment is on SMI Haiti. Please prayerfully consider giving to the Benevolence Fund.

OFFERTORY "Adagio" from Sonata in F Major (Pepusch)

Please stand as you are able.

OFFERTORY (Psalm 116:12-13, 17-19)



Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our
cup of bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the
seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life.
Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u - nite them with the
prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your
pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

P Let us pray. Merciful Father,
C we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us--our selves,
our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for
the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

GREAT THANKSGIVING (2 Timothy 4:22)

P The Lord be with you.
C **And also with you.**
P Lift up your hearts.
C **We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

P It is indeed right and salutary . . . we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS (Isaiah 6:3 and Matthew 21:9)

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:
Heav- en and earth are full of your glo- ry. Ho - san - na. Ho - san - na.
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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION (Matthew 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24; Luke 22:19-20; 1 Corinthians 11:23-26)

P 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.

THE LORD'S PRAYER (Matthew 6:9-13)

C **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**

Please be seated.

COMMUNION (Mark 14:23)

As the minister gives the bread and wine, and says these words to each communicant:

The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you.

The communicant may say: Amen

At Union Lutheran Church the Sacrament of Holy Communion is celebrated each Sunday. All baptized Christians who believe in the real presence of Christ in the Lord's Supper are invited to commune. All who do not commune are invited to come forward to receive a blessing.

For those who prefer individually sealed units please indicate. Gluten free wafers and grape juice are also available upon request.

Please fill out a communion card located in the pews, hand to the Usher while following their directions to receive Holy Communion or a blessing.

AGNUS DEI (John 1:29)

☐ 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.

COMMUNION HYMN

I Am the Bread of Life

WOV# 702

After all have returned to their places, the minister may say these or similar words.

Please stand as you are able.

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his
grace.

C **Amen**

POST COMMUNION CANTICLE (Luke 2:29-32)

☐ Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev-'ry-one what he has done.

Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and proudly bear his name.

He recalls his promises and leads his people forth in joy with

shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia. Alleluia.

PRAYER

The following or a similar post-communion prayer is said.

P Let us pray. Almighty God, you gave your Son both as a sacrifice for sin and a model of the godly life. Enable us to receive him always with thanksgiving, and to conform our lives to his; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord.

C **Amen**

BENEDICTION (Numbers 6:22-27)

The minister blesses the congregation, using this or another appropriate blessing.

P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

C **Amen**

HYMN

You Are the Way

LBW# 464

Please be seated.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & RECOGNITION OF MOTHERS

This morning we will recognize our mothers and present a potted flower for the oldest mother and the mother with the youngest child.

Please stand as you are able.

THE SENDING (Matthew 28:19)

The minister may dismiss the congregation.

P You have been nurtured in Word and Sacrament now go therefore and make disciples of all nations

C **Baptizing them in the name of the Father, Son and of the Holy Spirit.**

P Union Lutheran Church you are sent!

C **Amen, amen, amen**

POSTLUDE

“Allegro” from Sonata in F Major (Telemann)

Next Week’s Readings (May 15):
Acts 11:1-18; Psalm 150; Revelation 21:1-7; John 16:12-22

THOSE SERVING IN MAY

Acolytes: Bailey and Lucas Wilhelm

Special Music: Belles & Beaus; Linda White, Flautist; Pastor Heidi Punt, Narrator

Altar Guild: Mary Hutchens, Angie Poole, and Vivian Sprinkle

Communion Assistants: Tara Davis, Franklin Merrell, Doris Shepherd,
and Vivian Sprinkle

Lay Readers: Vicki Hunter, Franklin Merrell, and Doris Shepherd

Ushers: Larry Barringer, Phil Cauble (HU), Don Davis, John Kesler,
and Wayne Vellines

Offering Counters: Tara Davis, Cathy Painter, and Ronald Vellines

We welcome today, flautist, Linda White, as she participates in our worship. Linda, who lives in Salisbury is a retired accountant, retired choir director, and has taught flute for 40 years. She is a member of the Piedmont Prime Time Community Band, as well as periodically sharing her talents with churches.

Last Sunday, May 1, *A Simple Explanation of the Church Service*, Concordia Publishing, Nuggets were completed. Instead of repeating the information, Nuggets will be shared from *Martin Luther's Small Catechism* beginning today!



Martin Luther's *Small Catechism*

This little handbook, known as Martin Luther's Small Catechism, has been used by Lutherans for centuries as a teaching tool, especially in Confirmation instruction. The little book is intended to give readers a brief summary of the Bible's teachings by looking at a few well-known Christian verses, prayers, and elements of worship. It contains words that were originally written hundreds-in some cases-thousands of years ago.

The Church makes use of the Small Catechism to help individuals and families grow in their understanding, and preserve them "in unity with Jesus Christ in the one true faith."

NUGGET #1a: APOSTLES' CREED ~ THE FIRST ARTICLE (Concerning Creation)

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

What does this mean? I believe that God has created me and all that exists that he has given me and still preserves my body and soul, my eyes and ears, my reason and all my senses, together with food and clothing, home and family, and all my property.

(Martin Luther's Small Catechism 2010 Edition Sola Publishing-Pocket Version, page 13)

*You're Invited to the
Carolinas Mission Region
Spring Mission-Fellowship Event
Saturday, May 21, 2022, noon - 2:30 p.m.*
Advent Lutheran Church, Kings Mountain
230 Oak Grove Rd.
Kings Mountain, NC 28086

Enjoy an afternoon of fun, food, and fellowship with fellow Christians from all over the Carolinas!

At this event we will:

- Assemble Health/Hygiene Kits for NALC Disaster Response
- Hear from Disaster Response Coordinator, Mary Bates, about how the NALC offers help and hope following disasters
- Dedicate the kits we assemble
- Enjoy lunch provided by the folks of Advent (If you have strict dietary restrictions, please bring a bag lunch.)
- Enjoy live music and lively fellowship
- And have a great time serving the Lord!

EVERYONE is welcome to participate!

This is an outdoor event.

Bring lawn chairs, picnic blankets, bug spray, and sunblock.

Working Together

Each congregation will bring only certain items for the kits.

You may also bring:

- printed Bible verses and prayers to be placed inside the kits
- new or used Bibles
- gift cards to Home Depot, Lowe's, or Walmart
- new or used blankets
- baby diapers and wipes.
- Donations will be accepted at the CMR Convocation on May 13-14.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR
PRAYERS & SUPPORT!

ASCENSION DAY, Thursday, May 26, is traditionally the 40th day after Easter Sunday, that commemorates Jesus Christ's ascension into heaven. The Bible says Jesus promised the disciples that they would soon receive the Holy Spirit, and asked them to remain in Jerusalem until the Holy Spirit came.

This year Union will have the opportunity to experience the Ascension Day service like never before!

Mark you calendar now...

Meet at Dunn's Mountain Park, 1740 Dunn's Mountain Road, Salisbury (28146) on **Tuesday, May 24**, at **5:30 p.m.** Following a bag supper, an **Ascension Service** will be held at **6:30 p.m.**

Meet at Dunn's Mountain Park, 1740 Dunn's Mountain Road, Salisbury (28146) on **Wednesday, May 25**, at **10:30 a.m.** Please bring a bag for lunch. **Ascension Service** will begin at **10:30 a.m.** followed by lunch.

A big thank you to Thad Mulkey and Lucinda Fraley for making these services possible at Dunn's Mountain Park!



Spaghetti Lunch & Silent Auction

Sunday, May 29, following worship, the youth will sponsor a **Spaghetti Lunch and Silent Auction** of painted chairs with proceeds towards the June Congregational Domestic Mission Trip.

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Lutheran Book of Worship Setting 1 (pages 56-76)
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