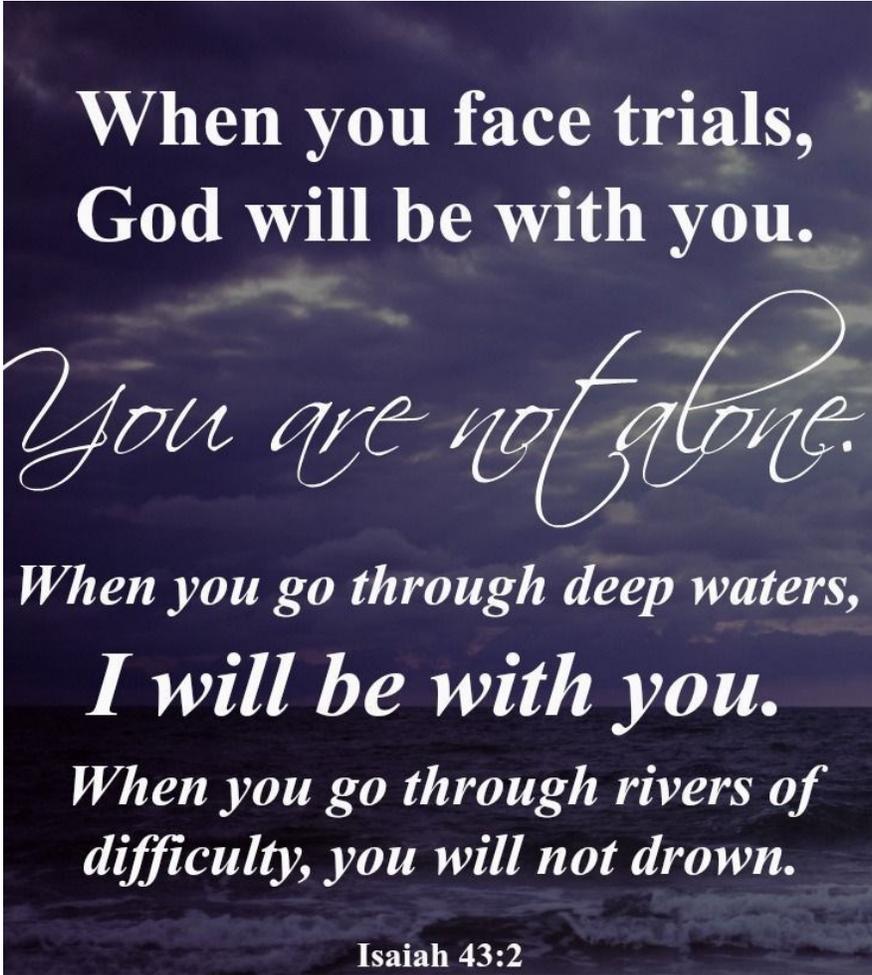


Welcome

6th Sunday of Easter

May 22, 2022

10:30 a.m. Worship & Holy Communion



**When you face trials,
God will be with you.**

You are not alone.

When you go through deep waters,

I will be with you.

***When you go through rivers of
difficulty, you will not drown.***

Isaiah 43:2

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WELCOME

PRELUDE Lord Whose Love in Humble Service (Roberts)

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

Lord Whose Love in Humble Service

LBW# 423

GREETING

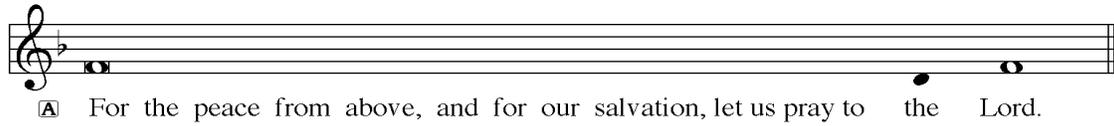
P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C **And also with you.**

KYRIE (Mark 10:47)



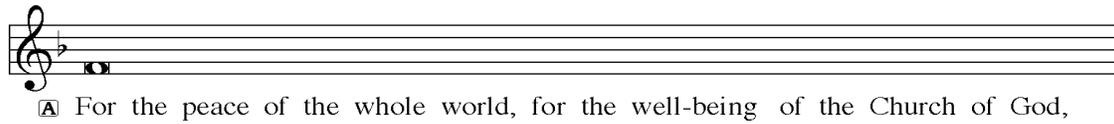
A In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **G** Lord, have mer - cy.



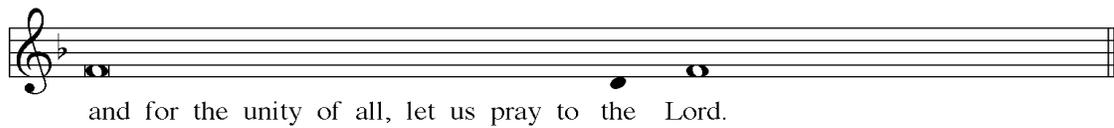
A For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



G Lord, have mer - cy.



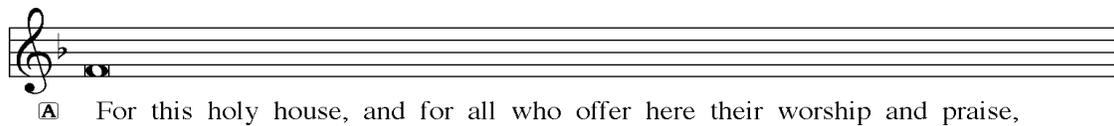
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



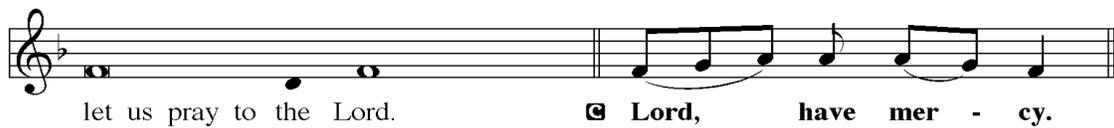
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



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. O God, all good things can come from you alone; generously consider then our humble prayers. Inspire us to consider what is true, and direct us to accomplish what is right; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. He 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 16:9-15

⁹A vision appeared to Paul in the night: a man of Macedonia was standing there, urging him and saying, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." ¹⁰And when Paul had seen the vision, immediately we sought to go on into Macedonia, concluding that God had called

us to preach the gospel to them. ¹¹So, setting sail from Troas, we made a direct voyage to Samothrace, and the following day to Neapolis, ¹²and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city some days. ¹³And on the Sabbath day we went outside the gate to the riverside, where we supposed there was a place of prayer, and we sat down and spoke to the women who had come together. ¹⁴One who heard us was a woman named Lydia, from the city of Thyatira, a seller of purple goods, who was a worshiper of God. The Lord opened her heart to pay attention to what was said by Paul. ¹⁵And after she was baptized, and her household as well, she urged us, saying, “If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come to my house and stay.” And she prevailed upon us.

Lay Reader Here ends the reading.

PSALM 67 *sung in unison*

- ¹May God be merciful to | us and bless us,*
show us the light of his countenance and | come to us.
- ²Let your ways be known | upon earth,*
your saving health a- | mong all nations.
- ³Let the peoples praise | you, O God;*
let all the | peoples praise you.
- ⁴Let the nations be glad and | sing for joy,*
for you judge the peoples with equity and guide all the nations | upon earth.
- ⁵Let the peoples praise | you, O God;*
let all the | peoples praise you.
- ⁶The earth has brought | forth her increase;*
may God, our own God, give | us his blessing.
- ⁷May God give | us his blessing,*
and may all the ends of the earth stand in | awe of him.

SECOND LESSON: Revelation 21:9-14, 21-27

⁹Then came one of the seven angels who had the seven bowls full of the seven last plagues and spoke to me, saying, “Come, I will show you the Bride, the wife of the Lamb.” ¹⁰And he carried me away in the Spirit to a great, high mountain, and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God, ¹¹having the glory of God, its radiance like a most rare jewel, like a jasper, clear as crystal. ¹²It had a great, high wall, with twelve gates, and at the gates twelve angels, and on the gates the names of the twelve tribes of the sons of Israel were inscribed — ¹³on the east three gates, on the north three gates, on the south three gates, and on the west three gates. ¹⁴And the wall of the city had twelve foundations, and on them were the twelve names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb. ²¹And the twelve gates were twelve pearls, each of the gates made of a single pearl, and the street of the city was pure gold, like transparent glass. ²²And I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. ²³And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God

gives it light, and its lamp is the Lamb. ²⁴By its light will the nations walk, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it, ²⁵and its gates will never be shut by day — and there will be no night there. ²⁶They will bring into it the glory and the honor of the nations. ²⁷But nothing unclean will ever enter it, nor anyone who does what is detestable or false, but only those who are written in the Lamb’s book of life.

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 16th chapter.

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

GOSPEL: John 16:23-33

²³{Jesus said to his disciples,} “In that day you will ask nothing of me. Truly, truly, I say to you, whatever you ask of the Father in my name, he will give it to you. ²⁴Until now you have asked nothing in my name. Ask, and you will receive, that your joy may be full. ²⁵I have said these things to you in figures of speech. The hour is coming when I will no longer speak to you in figures of speech but will tell you plainly about the Father. ²⁶In that day you will ask in my name, and I do not say to you that I will ask the Father on your behalf; ²⁷for the Father himself loves you, because you have loved me and have believed that I came from God. ²⁸I came from the Father and have come into the world, and now I am leaving the world and going to the Father.” ²⁹His disciples said, “Ah, now you are speaking plainly and not using figurative speech! ³⁰Now we know that you know all things and do not need anyone to question you; this is why we believe that you came from God.” ³¹Jesus answered them, “Do you now believe? ³²Behold, the hour is coming, indeed it has come, when you will be scattered, each to his own home, and will leave me alone. Yet I am not alone, for the Father is with me. ³³I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world.”

P The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Please be seated.

SERMON

No Matter what, you are not alone!

Pastor Heidi Punt

Please stand as you are able.

HYMN

Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love

WOV# 765

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.

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 pew and 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 What a Friend We Have in Jesus LBW# 439

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)



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



Let all who seek the Lord re - jice and proud-ly bear his name.



He re - calls his prom - is - es and leads his peo - ple forth in joy with



shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

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

O God of Mercy, God of Light

LBW# 425

Please be seated.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Lord Whose Love in Humble Service (Callahan)

Next Week's Readings (May 29):

Acts 1:12-26; Psalm 133; Revelation 22:1-6, 12-20; John 17:20-26

THOSE SERVING IN MAY

Acolytes: Bailey and Lucas Wilhelm

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



Martin Luther's *Small Catechism*

This little handbook 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 are traditionally grounded and still hold true today.

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

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

What does this mean? He does this purely out of fatherly and divine goodness and mercy, though I do not deserve it. Therefore I ought to thank, praise, serve, and obey him. This is most certainly true!

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



GRADUATION is an exciting milestone! Union Lutheran would like to recognize our graduating high school seniors, tech school, colleges, etc. in our next newsletter.

Please submit, as soon as possible, a brief write up about the graduate (name, school graduated from, degree earned and future plans) and either drop off at the church office, mail to the church, or email at office@ulcsalisbury.org.

Deadline for June newsletter articles is today, Sunday, May 22.

We will recognize our graduates on Sunday, June 5, during worship.

Today, Sunday, May 22, following worship, the congregation is invited to a **Congregation Light Lunch and Town Hall Gathering** in the Dutch Meeting Hall.

Want to know what your Council is up to? Want to have some conversation about things? Want some fellowship? This is what the lunch is all about! Come join us!!

No agenda only communication and fellowship!

Youth Lead Worship Service

Join us on Sunday, May 29, as our youth lead us during the worship service.

We are excited that our youth have requested to lead the worship services every 5th Sunday in 2022.

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 lunch. **Ascension Service** will begin at **10:30 a.m.** followed by lunch.

Please bring lawn/camping chairs!

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



Spaghetti Dinner & Silent Auction

Sunday, May 29, from **4:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m.**, the youth will sponsor a **Spaghetti Dinner and Silent Auction** of painted chairs with proceeds towards the June Congregational Domestic Mission Trip.



The Church Office will be closed on Monday, May 30, in observance of the Memorial Day Holiday.

Memorial Day commemorates the men and women who died while in the military service of their country, particularly those who died in battle or as a result of wounds sustained in battle. In other words, the purpose of Memorial Day is to memorialize the veterans who made the ultimate sacrifice for their country. We spend time remembering those who lost their lives and could not come home, reflecting on their service and why we have the luxury and freedom that we enjoy today. We might consider how we can support and safeguard their grieving families and loved ones who are left behind.

Anyone interested in observing the Holiday by driving through the Cemetery, to look at the monument listing the names of those who have given their lives for us, are welcome to.

Come join us for Paint, Color, and Draw on Wednesday, June 1, at 2:00 p.m. This is a great opportunity for us to come together to be creative and fellowship with one another in prayer and conversation. You are invited to bring your supplies or use the supplies provided.

On the day of **Pentecost**, Jesus sent the Holy Spirit to guide and counsel the first believers. All that he taught them while he was with them would be recalled to them by the power of the Spirit as they needed it. That same Spirit moves within all the various expressions of the Church today, guiding believers to keep the Word of Christ, which is also the Word of the Father who sent Him.

This year, Pentecost, is on Sunday, June 5.



90 Days Spiritual Fitness Challenge 2022!

Union Lutheran Church will begin the 90 Days Fitness Challenge for 2022 on June 14 at 6:30 p.m. or June 15 at 10:30 a.m.

An extra ordinary experience with God's Word by reading verse by verse, chapter by chapter, through the whole of Revelation

A \$25 donation is appreciated and please purchase the Concordia Popular Commentary: Revelation. Available from Concordia Publishing, Amazon, and other book stores.

Scholarships are available upon request.

Deadline to register is Sunday, June 5!

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