

# United In Christ Lutheran Church



*Fifth Sunday after Pentecost*

July 2, 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.*

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## **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](http://www.unitedinchristlutheran.net)*

## **UNITED IN CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH STAFF**

**The Rev. Justin G. Lingenfelter: 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

## PRELUDE

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God,  
who greets us in this and every season,  
whose word never fails,  
whose promise is sure.

**Amen.**

Let us confess our sins in the presence of God and of our neighbors.

Merciful God,

**We confess that we have sinned.**

**We have hurt our community.**

**We have squandered your blessings.**

**We have hoarded your bounty.**

**In the name of Jesus, forgive us and grant us your mercy.**

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Righteous God,

**We confess that we have sinned.**

**We have failed to be honest.**

**We have lacked courage to speak.**

**We have spoken falsely.**

**In the name of Jesus, forgive us and grant us your mercy.**

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

God is a cup of cold water when we thirst.

God offers boundless grace when we fail.

Claim the gift of God's mercy:

you are freed and forgiven

in the name of +Jesus Christ.

**Amen.**

*As We Gather at Your Table*

1 As we gath-er at your ta-ble, as we lis-ten to your word,  
 2 Turn our wor-ship in-to wit-ness in the sac-ra-ment of life;  
 3 Gra-cious Spir-it, help us sum-mon oth-er guests to share that feast

help us know, O God, your pres-ence; let our hearts and minds be stirred.  
 send us forth to love and serve you, bring-ing peace where there is strife.  
 where tri-um-phant Love will wel-come those who had been last and least.

Nour-ish us with sa-cred sto-ry till we claim it as our own;  
 Give us, Christ, your great com-pas-sion to for-give as you for-gave;  
 There no more will en-vy blind us nor will pride our peace de-stroy,

teach us through this ho-ly ban-quet how to make Love's vic-t'ry known.  
 may we still be-hold your im-age in the world you died to save.  
 as we join with saints and an-gels to re-peat the sound-ing joy.

**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.**

# HYMN OF PRAISE




☐ Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God in the high - est;



glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



☐ Lord God, heav-en - ly king, al-might - y God and Fa-ther, we



wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo-ry.



☐ Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God in the high - est;



glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



☐ Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther,



Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



world: have mer - cy on us; you are seat - ed at the



right hand of the Fa - ther: re-ceive our prayer.

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**☒** Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God in the high - est;



glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



**i** For you a-lone are the Ho - ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,  
**ii**



you a-lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho-ly



Spir- it, in the glo-ry of God the Fa-ther, A - men.



**☒** Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God in the high - est;



glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth,



and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

# PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

O God, you direct our lives by your grace, and your words of justice and mercy reshape the world. Mold us into a people who welcome your word and serve one another, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

## FIRST READING

## PSALM 89: 1-4, 15-18

<sup>1</sup>I will sing of your steadfast love, O Lord, forever; with my mouth I will proclaim your faithfulness to all generations. <sup>2</sup>I declare that your steadfast love is established forever; your faithfulness is as firm as the heavens. <sup>3</sup>You said, "I have made a covenant with my chosen one, I have sworn to my servant David: <sup>4</sup>"I will establish your descendants forever, and build your throne for all generations.'" Selah <sup>15</sup>Happy are the people who know the festal shout, who walk, O Lord, in the light of your countenance; <sup>16</sup>they exult in your name all day long, and extol your righteousness. <sup>17</sup>For you are the glory of their strength; by your favor our horn is exalted. <sup>18</sup>For our shield belongs to the Lord, our king to the Holy One of Israel.

The Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?



Al - le - lu - ia. You have the words of e - ter - nal life.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

# GOSPEL READING

# MATTHEW 10:40-42

This is the Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 10<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>40</sup>“Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. <sup>41</sup>Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet’s reward; and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous; <sup>42</sup>and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple—truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

# CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

# SERMON

# HYMN OF THE DAY

**ELW 729**

## *The Church of Christ, in Every Age*

1 The church of Christ, in ev - 'ry age be - set by  
 2 A - cross the world, a - cross the street, the vic - tims  
 3 Then let the ser - vant church a - rise, a car - ing  
 4 For he a - lone, whose blood was shed, can cure the  
 5 We have no mis - sion but to serve in full o -

change, but Spir - it - led, must claim and test its  
 of in - jus - tice cry shel - ter and for  
 church that longs to be a part - ner in Christ's  
 fe - ver in our blood, and teach us how to  
 be - dience to our Lord; to care for all, with -

her - i - tage and keep on ris - ing from the dead.  
 bread to eat, and nev - er live be - fore they die.  
 sac - ri - fice, and clothed in Christ's hu - man - i - ty.  
 share our bread and feed the starv - ing mul - ti - tude.  
 out re - serve, and spread his lib - er - at - ing word.



## **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 offer our prayers 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.*

# 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](http://tithe.ly) by scanning the QR code to the right. You may also place your offering at [www.unitedinchristlutheran.net/giving](http://www.unitedinchristlutheran.net/giving) by clicking on the green “Give Now” button.

# OFFERTORY HYMN



Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of



bles - 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 dreams of all; u-nite them with the prayers we

of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your pres - ence,  
 Lord, and give us a fore- taste of the feast to come.

## OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

God of field and forest, sea and sky, you are the giver of all good things. Sustain us through the gifts of your creation, and multiply your graciousness in us, that the world may be fed with your love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

## THANKSGIVING FOR THE WORD

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray.

Praise and thanks to you, holy God, for by your Word you made all things: you spoke light into darkness, called forth beauty from chaos, and brought life into being. For your Word of life, O God,  
**we give you thanks and praise.**

By your Word you called your people Israel to tell of your wonderful gifts: freedom from captivity, water on the desert journey, a pathway home from exile, wisdom for life with you. For your Word of life, O God,  
**we give you thanks and praise.**

Through Jesus, your Word made flesh, you speak to us and call us to witness: forgiveness through the cross, life to those entombed by death, the way of your self-giving love. For your Word of life, O God,

**we give you thanks and praise.**

Send your Spirit of truth, O God; rekindle your gifts within us: renew our faith, increase our hope, and deepen our love, for the sake of a world in need. Faithful to your Word, O God, draw near to all who call on you; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory 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.**

*Refrain*

Sal - va - tion be - longs to our God and to Christ the Lamb for -

ev - er and ev - er. 1 Great and won - der - ful are your deeds, O

God of the u - ni - verse; just and true are your ways, O

Rul - er of all the na - tions. Who can fail to hon - or you, Lord, and

*Refrain*

sing the glo - ry of your name? Sal - va - tion be - longs to our

God and to Christ the Lamb for - ev - er and ev - er.

2 For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, and

bless - ed is the one whose name is the Word of God. All

*Refrain*

praise and thanks to you, ho - ly God! Sal - va - tion be - longs to our

God and to Christ the Lamb for - ev - er and ev - er.

# BENEDICTION

The God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus.

**Amen.**

The God of hope fill you with all the joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

The God all grace + bless you now and forever.

**Amen.**

# SENDING HYMN

ELW 676

## *Lord, Speak to Us, That We May Speak*

1 Lord, speak to us, that we may speak in  
2 Oh, lead us, Lord, that we may lead the  
3 Oh, teach us, Lord, that we may teach the  
4 Oh, fill us with your full - ness, Lord, un -

liv - ing ech - oes of your tone; as you have sought, so  
wan-d'ring and the wa - v'ring feet; oh, feed us, Lord, that  
pre - cious truths which you im - part; and wing our words, that  
til our ver - y hearts o'er - flow in kin - dling thought and

let us seek your stray - ing chil - dren, lost and lone.  
we may feed your hun - g'ring ones with man - na sweet.  
they may reach the hid - den depths of man - y a heart.  
glow - ing word, your love to tell, your praise to show.

## DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Share the good news.

**Thanks be to God.**

## POSTLUDE



*Today's altar flowers are given  
to the Glory of God  
by Mary Lou Keifer  
in memory of her husband, Mac Keifer.*

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

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## PRAYER REQUESTS

Family and friends of Scott Schiel, Larry Fawcett, 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](mailto:office@unitedinchristlutheran.net) or call 570-568-2254.



# HAPPY Anniversary

*Bob and Carol Troxell 7/08/89*



# Happy Birthday

*Pastor Justin 7/2*

*Marilyn Gresh 7/3*

*Chris Lee 7/4*

*George Weiser 7/4*

*Wendy Wirth 7/4*

*Kristie Koch 7/5*

*Landon Warren-Lee 7/5*

*Ken Noll 7/7*

*Sharon Weiser 7/7*



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



# What's Happening at UIC

- Sun, July 2      Worship, 10:00am  
Social Hour, 11:15am  
Social Ministry Meeting, 11:30am
- Mon, July 3      Office Closed
- Tue, July 4      HAPPY BIRTHDAY AMERICA!!  
Office Closed
- Wed, July 5      Theology on Tap, 6pm
- Fri, July 7      Office Closed  
Senior Express Food Box Delivery
- Sat, July 8      Baby Steps Diaper Pantry, 10am-11:30am
- Sun, July 9      Worship, 10:00am

## Social Ministry Meeting

We will meet today at 11:30 am  
in the Sunday School Room,  
which is across from the offices.

Everyone is invited to join us!







# SUMMER • DAY CAMP •

**JULY 10-14 • 9AM-3PM**

**FOR STUDENTS COMPLETING  
GRADES K-5**

**REGISTER TODAY!**

**WWW.MYVBS.ORG/MILTONLUTHERANCHURCHES**

## REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS JULY 5<sup>th</sup>!!

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) or visiting [www.myvbs.org/miltonlutheranchurches](http://www.myvbs.org/miltonlutheranchurches).

## SENIOR EXPRESS FOOD BOXES

*Food boxes will be delivered on **Friday, July 7**  
Volunteers, please make plans to deliver your  
boxes the week of July 10<sup>th</sup>.*



# Lewisburg Lunch Program for Kids

Friday, July 21



Volunteers needed to package bagged lunches for kids and hand them out.  
Signup Sheet in Fellowship hall.



**Baby Steps**  
**DIAPER PANTRY**

## **UPCOMING DIAPER PANTRY**

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



# OAKS

## SENIOR CENTER

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# Tuesday, July 11

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10:00 am - Doors Open

10:30 am - Free Bingo with prizes

11:30 pm - Red Throated Hummingbird  
Presentation by Dick Hess

12:00 pm - Free Lunch



**OAKS IS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC.**

**ALL ARE WELCOME TO JOIN US.**





Park in the parking lot, then following the stone driveway around the front of the church to the bottom lot where we'll have a camp fire going. We'll also have homemade ice cream! ***If you are able, please bring a topping to share.*** We will also have ingredients to make s'mores. See you there!

SATURDAY  
JULY 15<sup>TH</sup>

***Don't forget to bring a chair!***

UNITED IN CHRIST  
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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

# LUTHERAN NIGHT AT THE PARK



**SUNDAY, AUGUST 6 @ 4:00PM**

Signup Deadline: Sunday, July 16th

Ticket Price: \$6/Person

To signup, please see the sheet in the fellowship hall, or you can email the church at [office@unitedinchristlutheran.net](mailto:office@unitedinchristlutheran.net) or call the office at 570-568-2254. Please place your money in an offering envelope and mark it as "Crosscutters".

**DEADLINE IS SUNDAY, JULY 16**

# CAMP MOUNT LUTHER SUMMER CAMP



It's not too late to sign up for camp. Camp Mt Luther's brochure is on the bulletin board. See Pastor Justin or Vicar Katy's if you have any questions.



## **Buffalo Valley Conference** of the Upper Susquehanna Synod ELCA

Join the Facebook page for Buffalo Valley Conference of the Upper Susquehanna Synod ELCA to keep informed about upcoming events within our 16 Lutheran churches.

[www.facebook.com/bvcuss/](http://www.facebook.com/bvcuss/)





## ALTAR FLOWERS

The Church is in need of sponsorships for 2023 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.



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## IMPORTANT LINK!



For easy access, bookmark this page on your computer or add the page to your tablet or smartphone's home screen.

**Church Calendar:** Stay up-to-date on everything that's happening at UIC and Sunday's Worship Volunteers are listed each week under each "worship" event.

[www.unitedinchristlutheran.net/calendar](http://www.unitedinchristlutheran.net/calendar)

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Mark your calendars for our upcoming Theology on Tap field trip to check out another local venue together!

**FRIDAY, JULY 21: NEW TRAIL BREWING**

240 Arch St building 18, Williamsport, PA 17701

# WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS

	July 2	July 9	July 16
Social Hour	E - K	L - R	S - Z
Bread/Wine		S. Weiser	C. Zimmerman
Altar Guild		T. Cromwell	K. Guffey
Digital Host	T. Cromwell	K. Guffey	M. Shearer
Front Door Greeter	K. Guffey	M. Ketchem	R. Kling
	M.L. Keifer	R. Whitesel	L. Rabuck
Side Door Greeter	G. Weiser	K. Noll	T. Cromwell
Lector	T. McPherrin	M. Hausmann	D. Gottlieb
Ushers	J. Mertz	B. Troxell	A. Stark
	L. Rabuck	C. Troxell	B. Swartz
	M. Rabuck	K. Arndt	T. Swartz
	M. Shearer	D. Baker	C. Zimmerman
Communion Asst.		E. Hausmann	M.L. Keifer
		S. Bingaman	R. Kling
Guest Relations	S. McPherrin	M. Mertz	K. Noll
Offering Counter	C. Shreck	H. Allegar	M. Shearer
	P. Hauck	K. Guffey	C. Zimmerman

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.



## **Lutheran Church**

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**WORSHIP WITH HOLY COMMUNION**

Sundays at 10am

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