

# United In Christ Lutheran Church



*Tenth Sunday after Pentecost*

August 6, 2023

*Michelle Shearer*

# ***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.*

***Special thanks to Tom Booth, lay worship leader from Christ's  
Evangelical Lutheran Church, for presiding over communion 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.**

## OPENING HYMN

**ELW 807**

### *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*



1 Come, thou Fount of ev - 'ry bless - ing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;  
2 Here I raise my Eb - en - e - zer: "Hith - er by thy help I've come";  
3 Oh, to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I'm con - strained to be;



streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing, call for songs of loud - est praise.  
and I hope, by thy good plea - sure, safe - ly to ar - rive at home.  
let that grace now like a fet - ter bind my wan - d'ring heart to thee.



While the hope of end - less glo - ry fills my heart with joy and love,  
Je - sus sought me when a strang - er, wan - d'ring from the fold of God;  
Prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it; prone to leave the God I love.



teach me ev - er to a - dore thee; may I still thy good - ness prove.  
he, to res - cue me from dan - ger, in - ter - posed his pre - cious blood.  
Here's my heart, oh, take and seal it; seal it for thy courts a - bove.

## 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



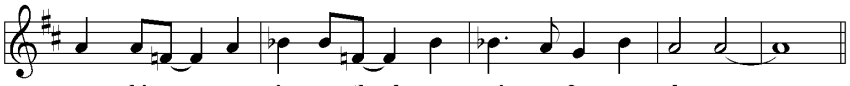
☐ Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;



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;



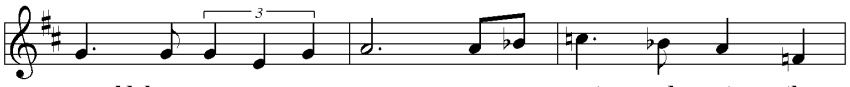
glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.



☐ 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,



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.

Glorious God, your generosity waters the world with goodness, and you cover creation with abundance. Awaken in us a hunger for the food that satisfies both body and spirit, and with this food fill all the starving world; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

## FIRST READING

## ISAIAH 55:1-5

<sup>1</sup>Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you that have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. <sup>2</sup>Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. <sup>3</sup>Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live. I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. <sup>4</sup>See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. <sup>5</sup>See, you shall call nations that you do not know, and nations that do not know you shall run to you, because of the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## RESPONSIVE READING

## PSALM 145:8-9, 14-21

<sup>8</sup> The LORD is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

<sup>9</sup> **The LORD is good to all, and his compassion is over all that he has made.**

<sup>14</sup> The LORD upholds all who are falling, and raises up all who are bowed down.

<sup>15</sup> **The eyes of all look to you, and you give them their food in due season.**

<sup>16</sup> You open your hand, satisfying the desire of every living thing.

<sup>17</sup> **The LORD is just in all his ways, and kind in all his doings.**

<sup>18</sup> The LORD is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth.

- 19 **He fulfills the desire of all who fear him; he also hears their cry, and saves them.**
- 20 The LORD watches over all who love him, but all the wicked he will destroy.
- 21 **My mouth will speak the praise of the LORD, and all flesh will bless his holy name forever and ever.**

## 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 14:13-21

This is the Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 14<sup>th</sup> chapter.  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>13</sup>Now when Jesus heard this, he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. <sup>14</sup>When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. <sup>15</sup>When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, “This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves.” <sup>16</sup>Jesus said to them, “They need not go away; you give them something to eat.” <sup>17</sup>They replied, “We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish.” <sup>18</sup>And he said, “Bring them here to me.” <sup>19</sup>Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples,



and the disciples gave them to the crowds. <sup>20</sup>And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. <sup>21</sup>And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

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

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

## SERMON

## HYMN OF THE DAY

**ELW 515**

### *Break Thou the Bread of Life*

1 Break now the bread of life, dear Lord, to me, as once you  
 2 Bless your own word of truth, dear Lord, to me, as when you  
 3 You are the bread of life, dear Lord, to me, your ho - ly

broke the loaves be - side the sea. Be - yond the sa - cred page  
 blessed the bread by Gal - i - lee. Then shall all bond-age cease,  
 word the truth that res - cues me. Give me to eat and live

I seek you, Lord; my spir - it waits for you, O liv - ing Word.  
 all fet - ters fall; and I shall find my peace, my All - in - All!  
 with you a - bove; teach me to love your truth, for you are love.

## **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**

Confident that God receives our joys and concerns, let us offer our prayers for the church, those in need, and all of creation.

*Prayers continue with each petition ending:*

Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Into your hands, O God, we commend all for whom we pray, in the name of the one who reconciled all creation to himself, Jesus Christ our Savior.

**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.*

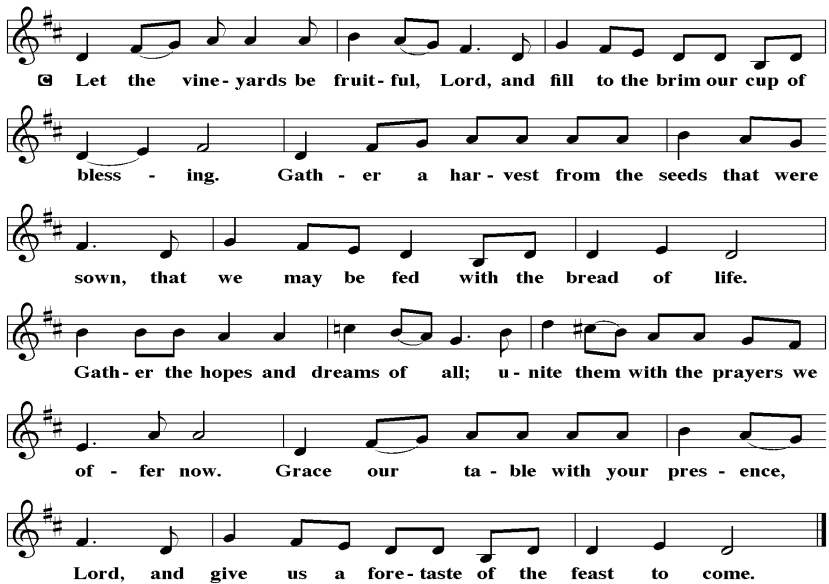
***Please fill out an Attendance Card,  
and place the card in an offering plate.***

## 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](https://tithely.com) 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  
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 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.**

## 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, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and  
 might, heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry.  
 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. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory. In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son, who reached out to heal the sick and suffering, who preached good news to the poor, and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

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.

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension, we await his coming in glory.

Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food, the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord; to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever.

**Amen.**

# LORD'S PRAYER

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

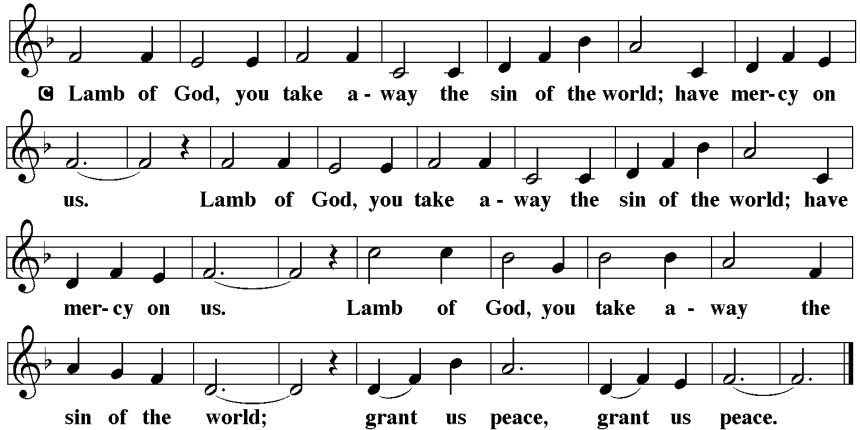
**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come, thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.**

**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

All people are called to Christ's table. Come, eat what is good.  
**Thanks be to God.**



☞ 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, grant us peace.

# 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

May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

**Amen.**

## POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE

☑ Thank - ful hearts and voic - es raise; tell ev - 'ry -  
one what God has done. Let all who seek the  
Lord re - joice and bear Christ's ho - ly name.  
Send us with your prom - is - es, O God, and  
lead us forth in joy with shouts of thanks -  
giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia.

## POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray.

We thank you, generous God, for the refreshment we have received at your banquet table. Send us now to spread your generosity into all the world, through the one who is our dearest treasure, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

## BENEDICTION

The God who calls across the cosmos and speaks in the smallest seed + bless, keep, and sustain you now and to the end of the age.

**Amen.**

## SENDING HYMN

**ELW 658**

### *O Jesus, Joy of Loving Hearts*



1 O Je - sus, joy of lov - ing hearts, the fount of  
2 We taste you, ev - er - liv - ing bread, and long to  
3 For you our rest - less spir - its yearn, wher - e'er our  
4 O Je - sus, ev - er with us stay! Make all our



life, the light of all: from ev - 'ry bliss that  
feast up - on you still; we drink of you, the  
change - ing lot is cast; glad, when your smile on  
mo - ments fair and bright! Oh, chase the night of



earth im - parts we turn, un - filled, to hear your call.  
foun-tain-head; our thirst-ing souls from you we fill.  
us you turn, blest, when by faith we hold you fast.  
sin a - way! Shed o'er the world your ho - ly light.



## DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Share the good news.

**Thanks be to God.**

## POSTLUDE



*Today's altar flowers are given  
to the Glory of God  
in memory of Raymond and Ruby Haines,  
by Ken and Ruby Baker.*

*After worship please join us in the  
fellowship hall for social hour.*

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# What's Happening at UIC

- Sun, Aug. 6      Worship, 10am  
                      Social Hour, 11am  
                      Social Ministry Meeting, 11:30am  
                      Crosscutters Baseball Game, 4pm
- Mon, Aug. 7      Walking Group, 6pm
- Tue, Aug. 8      OAKS Senior Center
- Wed, Aug. 9      Finance Team Meeting
- Thu, Aug. 10     Communion Day, 10am  
                      Walking Group, 6pm
- Fri, Aug. 11      Office Closed  
                      Theology on Tap Field Trip, 5pm
- Sat, Aug. 12      Baby Steps Diaper Pantry, 10am-11:30am
- Sun, Aug. 13      Blessing of Backpacks Sunday  
                      Worship, 10am  
                      Social Hour, 11am

# UNITED IN CHRIST'S PRAYER LIST

**Please pray for:** Betsy Thomas, June Campbell, Ken Kearney, Earl Butch Tyson, Judy Rishel, Russ Wynn, Rosemary Fernsler, Ryan Hunter, Annette Baker, Mark Rabuck, Shirley Russell, Bob Keifer, Martha Ketchem, Peg Swinehart, Marie Tanner, 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](mailto:office@unitedinchristlutheran.net).

We will email your prayer request to UIC's prayer chain and keep them on the prayer list for 4 weeks, unless

# Happy Birthday

*Ava Hauck-Dabney 8/12*

*Herb Marsh 8/12*



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

## Social Ministry Meeting

We will meet today at 11:30 am  
in the Sunday School Room.

**Everyone is invited!**



# OAKS

## SENIOR CENTER

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# Tuesday, August 8

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10:00 am - Doors Open

10:30 am - Free Bingo with prizes

11:30 pm - Presentation by  
Dedicated Nursing Associates

12:00 pm - Free Lunch

**OAKS IS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC.  
ALL ARE WELCOME TO JOIN US.**





Interested in First Communion?  
Looking to learn a little more about  
what we do during The Eucharist?

**JOIN US FOR**

# COMMUNION DAY!

Thursday, August 10th  
10:00am-6:30pm

**TALK TO PR. JUSTIN TO LEARN MORE!**



## Baby Steps DIAPER PANTRY

### UPCOMING DIAPER PANTRY

August 12, 2023 at 10-11:30am

1 bag (40 diapers) per child.

Newborn to size 6

Baby Steps Diaper Pantry is held on the second Saturday each month from 10-11:30 a.m. in United In Christ's fellowship hall. The pantry is open to caregivers of babies from the communities around Milton, Lewisburg, Mifflinburg, and Watsonstown.



## Back to School Drive

Help us support Milton students in need!

Backpacks and supplies will be blessed during  
worship on Sunday, August 13.

Place items in Back to School Drive box in Fellowship Hall.

- Backpacks
- Notebooks
- Crayons
- Pencils
- Markers
- Binders
- Rulers
- Pencil Boxes



## SENIOR EXPRESS FOOD BOXES

*Food boxes were delivered on **Friday, August 4**  
Volunteers, please make plans to deliver your  
boxes the week of August 7<sup>th</sup>.*



A graphic for a community meal. The background is a dark wood surface. On the right, there is a red and white checkered napkin with two wooden spoons and a white plate with a tomato slice and green herbs. The text 'Community Harvest Meal' is written in a white, cursive font in the upper left. Below it, a yellow rounded rectangle contains the date and volunteer information. A small tree icon is at the bottom center.

# Community Harvest Meal

**MONDAY AUG. 14**

Volunteers are needed to help prepare and serve the community meal.

See signup sheet in fellowship hall or call office.

This is a weekly community meal run by Bucknell's Office of Civil Engagement at St. Andrew's Church at 102 Lower Market Street in Milton. UIC is partnering with CELC. Each church needs a minimum of 4 helpers. Contact Terri in the office if you would like to signup!

We will also be helping on September 11. If you can't help in August maybe you can in September. That signup sheet will go up on Sunday, August 20.

UNITED IN CHRIST  
LUTHERAN CHURCH  
INVITES YOU TO

# Theology on Tap



This summer Theology on Tap will be going on some road trips! In addition to our regular Wednesday nights, there will be a few Fridays where we will be exploring some different venues. We will continue our regular format so come with questions and don't forget to bring the essentials as we hit the road!

Email Pastor Justin or Vicar Katy if you plan to attend or have any questions about the specifics. Meet us there or meet in the church parking lot at 5pm to carpool.

## Friday, August 11 Three Beards Brewing

109 Carroll Rd, Sunbury





# SERVING OPPORTUNITY

UIC is packaging food boxes at the Central Pennsylvania Food Bank in Williamsport from 1pm-3pm on Tuesday, August 15th.

Meet at the church at 12:00pm to carpool or meet us in Williamsport at 3301 Wahoo Dr. at 12:45pm.

If you are carpooling, please add your name to the sign-up sheet in the fellowship hall or call the office.

## MONTHLY FOOD COLLECTION



Social Ministry collects non-perishable food items each month. Your donations get delivered to the Our Little Free Pantry in West Milton by the gas station across from the on ramp to 15.

Place these items in the baskets located in the Narthex.

# UNITED IN CHRIST WALKING GROUP

## MILTON STATE PARK

Mondays and  
Thursdays at 6pm  
*Meet near restrooms*



*Looking to get your daily step goal  
with some good company?*

Join some UIC folks at Milton State Park by the public restrooms for our new walking group! They plan to meet every Monday and Thursday evening. Be on the lookout for Sherry Bingaman, Kathy Guffey, or Donna Grant Byerly if you join! If they cancel for any reason they will post in the church's [Facebook Group](#).

# WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS

	August 6	August 13	August 20
Social Hour	E - K	L - R	S - Z
Bread/Wine	S. Bingaman	R. Baker	S. Bingaman
Altar Guild	C. Troxell	C. Troxell	T. Cromwell
Digital Host	S. Bingaman	T. Cromwell	K. Guffey
Front Door Greeter	D. Byerly	Ken Baker	S. Brown
	J. Byerly	R. Baker	K. Baker
Side Door Greeter	R. Kling	D. Gottlieb	T. Cromwell
Lector	B. Swartz	S. Bingaman	M. Shearer
Ushers	L. Rabuck	B. Troxell	D. Baker
	A. Stark	C. Troxell	K. Baker
	B. Swartz	C. Zimmerman	Ken Baker
	T. Swartz	K. Arndt	S. Brown
Communion Asst.	S. Bingaman	C. Troxell	T. Cromwell
	M.L. Keifer	S. Weiser	R. Sprengle
Guest Relations	M. Mertz	K. Noll	B. Troxell
Offering Counter	C. Shreck	M. Shearer	Ken Baker
	M.L. Keifer	C. Zimmerman	L. 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.



## **Lutheran Church**

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570-568-2254**

**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](mailto:office@unitedinchristlutheran.net)

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