

United In Christ Lutheran Church



Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

August 27, 2023

The Rev. Justin G. Lingenfelter

Welcome to our church!

*We hope the service is meaningful, and uplifting,
and that you will experience God's presence here.
May God bless you during worship today.*

LARGE PRINT BULLETINS

Please see a greeter.

ELEVATOR

Please see a greeter.

REST ROOMS

Downstairs across from the church office.

DIAPER CHANGING TABLE

In fellowship hall family restroom.

Visit us at www.unitedinchristlutheran.net

UNITED IN CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH STAFF

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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 596

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less



- 1 My hope is built on noth-ing less than Je-sus' blood and righ-teous-ness;
- 2 Whendark-ness veils his love-ly face, I rest on his un - chang-ing grace;
- 3 His oath, his cov - e - nant, his blood sus - tain me in the rag - ing flood;
- 4 When he shall come with trum-pet sound, oh, may I then in him be found,



no mer-it of my own I claim, but whol - ly lean on Je - sus' name.
in ev-'ry high and storm - y gale my an - chor holds with-in the veil.
when all sup-ports are washed a-way, he then is all my hope and stay.
clothed in his righ-teous-ness a-lone, re - deemed to stand be - fore the throne!

Refrain



On Christ, the sol - id rock, I stand; all oth - er ground is



sink - ing sand, all oth - er ground is sink - ing sand.

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;



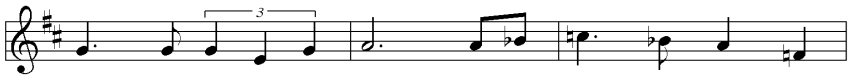
glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



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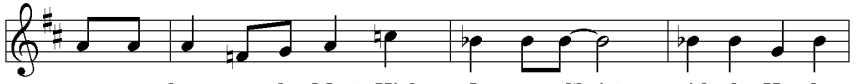
☩ Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;



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,



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PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

O God, with all your faithful followers of every age, we praise you, the rock of our life. Be our strong foundation and form us into the body of your Son, that we may gladly minister to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

FIRST READING

ROMANS 12:1-8

¹I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. ²Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God— what is good and acceptable and perfect. ³For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. ⁴For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, ⁵so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. ⁶We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ⁷ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; ⁸the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

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 16:13-20

This is the Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 15th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹³He answered, “Every plant that my heavenly Father has not planted will be uprooted. ¹⁴Let them alone; they are blind guides of the blind. And if one blind person guides another, both will fall into a pit.” ¹⁵But Peter said to him, “Explain this parable to us.” ¹⁶Then he said, “Are you also still without understanding? ¹⁷Do you not see that whatever goes into the mouth enters the stomach, and goes out into the sewer? ¹⁸But what comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart, and this is what defiles. ¹⁹For out of the heart come evil intentions, murder, adultery, fornication, theft, false witness, slander. ²⁰These are what defile a person, but to eat with unwashed hands does not defile.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

SERMON



O Savior Precious Savior



1 O Sav - ior, pre - cious Sav - ior, whom yet un - seen we love;
 2 O bring - er of sal - va - tion, who won - drous - ly hast wrought,
 3 In thee all full - ness dwell - eth, all grace and pow'r di - vine;
 4 Oh, grant the con - sum - ma - tion of this our song a - bove,



O name of might and fa - vor, all oth - er names a - bove;
 thy - self the rev - e - la - tion of love be - yond our thought:
 the glo - ry that ex - cel - leth, O Son of God, is thine.
 in end - less ad - o - ra - tion and ev - er - last - ing love;



we wor - ship thee; we bless thee; to thee a - lone we sing;
 we wor - ship thee; we bless thee; to thee a - lone we sing;
 We wor - ship thee; we bless thee; to thee a - lone we sing;
 then shall we praise and bless thee where per - fect prais - es ring,



we praise thee and con - fess thee, our ho - ly Lord and King.
 we praise thee and con - fess thee, our gra - cious Lord and King.
 we praise thee and con - fess thee, our glo - rious Lord and King.
 and ev - er - more con - fess thee, our Sav - ior and our King!



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 by scanning the QR code to the right. You may also place your offering at www.unitedinchristlutheran.net/giving by clicking on the green “Give Now” button.



OFFERTORY HYMN



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.

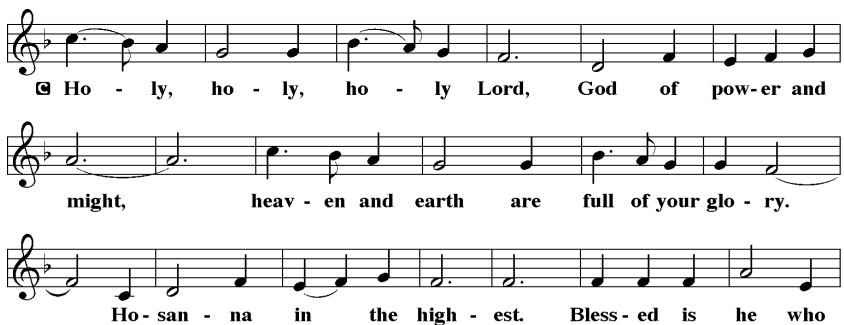
Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

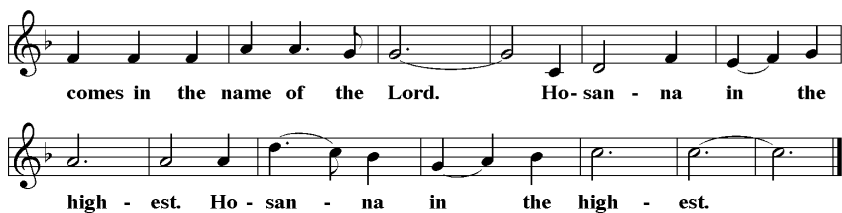
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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



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.**

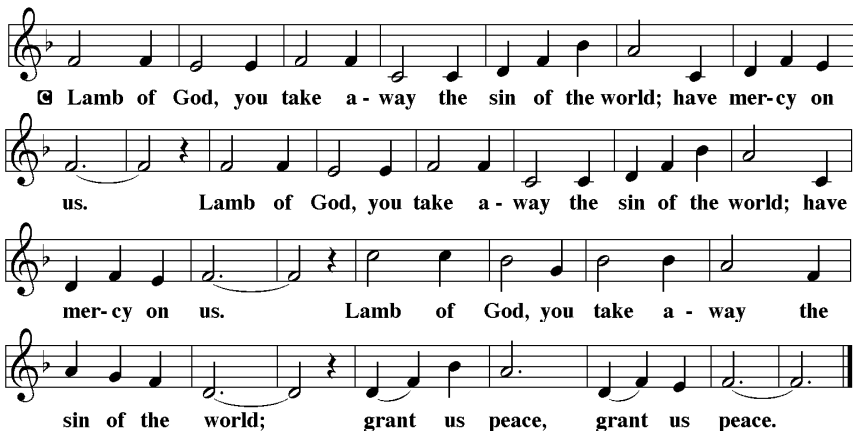
**Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.**

**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 576

We All Are One in Mission



1 We all are one in mis - sion; we all are one in call,
2 We all are called for ser - vice, to wit - ness in God's name.
3 Now let us be u - nit - ed, and let our song be heard.



our var - ied gifts u - nit - ed by Christ, the Lord of all.
Our min - is - tries are dif - f'rent; our pur - pose is the same:
Now let us be a ves - sel for God's re - deem - ing Word.



A sin - gle great com - mis - sion com - pels us from a - bove
to touch the lives of oth - ers with God's sur - pris - ing grace,
We all are one in mis - sion; we all are one in call,





to plan and work to - geth - er that all may know Christ's love.
so ev - 'ry folk and na - tion may feel God's warm em - brace.
our var - ied gifts u - nit - ed by Christ, the Lord of all.

DISMISSAL



Go in peace. Share the good news.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE



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



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What's Happening at UIC

- Sun, Aug. 27 Worship, 10am
 Social Hour, 11:30am
- Mon, Aug. 28 Walking Group, 6pm
- Wed, Aug. 30 Theology on Tap, 6pm
- Thur, Aug. 31 Walking Group, 6pm
- Fri, Sept. 1 Office Closed
 Senior Express Food Box Delivery
- Sun, Sept. Worship, 10am
 Social Hour, 11:30am
 Outreach Team Meeting, 11:30am



**Please remember to pickup
your September
Newsletter today!**

**Additional copies are
on the Welcome Table
in the Narthex**

UNITED IN CHRIST'S PRAYER LIST

Please pray for: Patrick Moseley, Russ Weiser, Eric and Audrey Ekstrom, Denise Clark, Betsy Thomas, June Campbell, Ken Kearney, Earl Butch Tyson, 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.

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

HAM & BEAN SOUP FUNDRAISER

QUARTS ARE \$7

Ordering deadline is September 10th.

Order forms are on the bulletin board in the fellowship hall.

How can you help?

We need ingredients and manpower!

Please make sure your donations are to the church
by Monday, September 11.

PREP: Wednesday, September 13 @ 5:30pm

OUTREACH will have pizza to feed you! We will be cutting up the ham, potatoes, and veggies. You may bring your own knife and cutting board or use one of the churches.

COOKING AND PACKAGING: Thursday, September 14 @ 12pm

We'll be cooking 2 kettles of soup and packaging soup.

Soup can be picked up between 4pm-6pm.

COOKING: Friday, September 15 @ 12pm

We'll be cooking another 2 kettles of soup which will be sold at our booth at the Milton Harvest Festival.

BOOTH AT HARVEST FESTIVAL: Saturday, September 16

Volunteers are needed for the following:

- Setup booth at Milton's Harvest Festival
- Sell soup throughout the day
Bring a camp chair. Great fellowship time!
- Tear down booth, 4pm
After a long day we need extra hands to tear down!

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 green herbs and a tomato slice. The text 'Community Harvest Meal' is written in a white, cursive font, surrounded by small white petals. A yellow rounded rectangle on the left contains the date and details. A small tree icon is at the bottom center.

Community Harvest Meal

MONDAY SEPT. 11

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 served at St. Andrew's Church at 102 Lower Market Street, Milton. The meal is takeout only.

UIC and CELC are serving together! Volunteers are needed to help cook and package meals. Please see the signup sheet or contact Terri in the office.



OAKS

SENIOR CENTER

Tuesday, September 12

10:00 am - Doors Open

10:30 am - Free Bingo with prizes

11:30 pm - Special Balloon Show!

12:00 pm - Free Lunch

HAPPY
10TH
birthday
OAKS Senior Center



Baby Steps DIAPER PANTRY

UPCOMING DIAPER PANTRY

September 9, 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 Watsontown.

SENIOR EXPRESS FOOD BOXES

Food boxes will be delivered on

Friday, September 1.

Volunteers, please make plans to deliver your boxes.





Hi, my name is Kim Eshelman and I facilitate the Women's Bible Study which meets at CELC. We meet on Thursdays at 9:30am and 6:00pm. You may choose which one to attend.

We have ladies from a variety of denominations who just want to learn more about Jesus and the Bible. We don't discuss our weight, age, who we vote for, etc. Classes are held at CELC, 100 South 3rd St., Lewisburg. Class is about 1 1/2 hours long. My goal is to start and end on time.

This fall we will study the book WHEN YOU PRAY, a 7-week bible study. Start date is Thursday, September 7 at 9:30am or 6pm through October 27. **NO CLASS on Sept 28**

You can purchase your own workbook at Lifeway.com, although some women do not use a workbook and choose to only listen to the DVDs.

If you would like to attend, please add your name to the sign-up sheet in the fellowship hall.

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](#).

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
LUTHERAN CHURCH
INVITES YOU TO

Theology on Tap

JOIN US AT
RUSTY RAIL
6:00 PM ON AUGUST 2,
AUGUST 16,
+ AUGUST 30



Do you have some burning questions about the Bible, faith, or God?

Join us for Theology on Tap! This August we will be meeting at Rusty Rail on Wednesdays August 2nd, 16th, and 30th. 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 specifics.

Rusty Rail Brewing

5 North 8th Street, Mifflinburg

WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS

	August 27	Sept. 3	Sept. 10
Social Hour	A - D	E - K	L - R
Bread/Wine	D. Byerly	S. Keifer	K. Criswell
Altar Guild	D. Byerly	S. Keifer	T. Cromwell
Digital Host	M. Shearer	S. Bingaman	T. Cromwell
Front Door Greeter	K. Guffey M.L. Keifer	B. Swartz T. Swartz	M. Ketchem R. Whitesel
Side Door Greeter	T. McPherrin	Ken Baker	D. Gottlieb
Lector	M. Shearer	T. McPherrin	P. Hauck
Ushers	K. Criswell T. Cromwell K. Guffey R. Kling	B. Troxell C. Troxell S. Brown K. Criswell	R. Kling S. McPherrin J. Mertz L. Rabuck
Communion Asst.	E. Haussmann D. Baker	M.L. Keifer T. Cromwell	M. Haussmann S. Bingaman
Guest Relations	G. Weiser	Ken Baker	T. McPherrin
Offering Counter	K. Guffey P. Hauck	Ken Baker M. Shearer	P. Hauck M. Rabuck

If you are unable to serve on your scheduled day, please try to trade with someone on the schedule and then notify the office of the change.

If you are unable to trade with someone, please call Terri Cromwell at the church, 570-568-2254, and she will find a replacement for you.



Lutheran Church

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WORSHIP WITH HOLY COMMUNION
Sundays at 10am

THE REV. JUSTIN G. LINGENFELTER

CHURCH OFFICE

Open Mon. - Thur. 8:00am - 2:00pm
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