

United In Christ Lutheran Church



Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 3, 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.*

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

The Rev. Justin G. Lingenfelter: Pastor

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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.

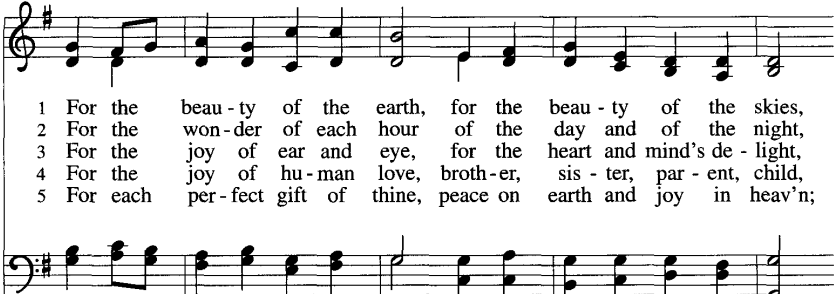
God is a cup of cold water when we thirst.
God offers boundless grace when we fail.
Claim the gift of God's mercy:
you are freed and forgiven
in the name of + Jesus Christ.

Amen.

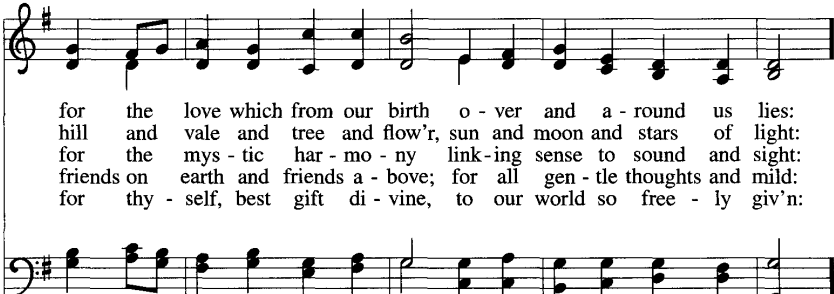
OPENING HYMN

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For the Beauty of the Earth

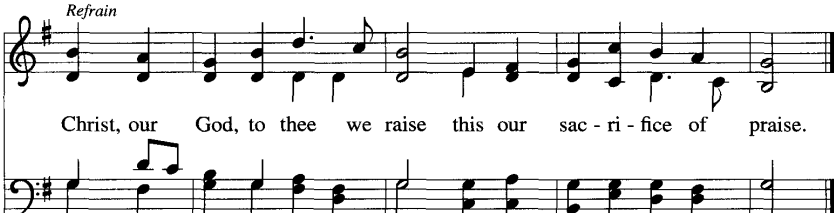


1 For the beau - ty of the earth, for the beau - ty of the skies,
2 For the won - der of each hour of the day and of the night,
3 For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's de - light,
4 For the joy of hu - man love, broth - er, sis - ter, par - ent, child,
5 For each per - fect gift of thine, peace on earth and joy in heav'n;



for the love which from our birth o - ver and a - round us lies:
hill and vale and tree and flow'r, sun and moon and stars of light:
for the mys - tic har - mo - ny link - ing sense to sound and sight:
friends on earth and friends a - bove; for all gen - tle thoughts and mild:
for thy - self, best gift di - vine, to our world so free - ly giv'n:

Refrain



Christ, our God, to thee we raise this our sac - ri - fice of praise.

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;



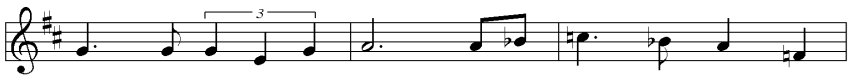
glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



☐ 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.

☐ 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.

O God, we thank you for your Son, who chose the path of suffering for the sake of the world. Humble us by his example, point us to the path of obedience, and give us strength to follow your commands, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

FIRST READING

ROMANS 12:9-21

⁹Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; ¹⁰love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. ¹¹Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. ¹²Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. ¹³Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers. ¹⁴Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. ¹⁵Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. ¹⁶Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. ¹⁷Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. ¹⁸If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. ¹⁹Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." ²⁰No, "if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads." ²¹Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL READING

MATTHEW 16:21-28

This is the Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 16th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

²¹From that time on, Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. ²²And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you." ²³But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

²⁴Then Jesus told his disciples, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ²⁵For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. ²⁶For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life? ²⁷"For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. ²⁸Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON

Will You Come and Follow Me?



1 "Will you come and fol - low me if I but call
 2 "Will you leave your - self be - hind if I but call
 3 "Will you let the blind - ed see if I but call
 4 "Will you love the you you hide if I but call
 5 Lord, your sum - mons ech - oes true when you but call



your name? Will you go where you don't
 your name? Will you care for cruel and
 your name? Will you set the pris - 'ners
 your name? Will you quell the fear in -
 my name. Let me turn and fol - low



know and nev - er be the same?
 kind and nev - er be the same?
 free and nev - er be the same?
 side and nev - er be the same?
 you and nev - er be the same.



Will you let my love be shown, will you let my
 Will you risk the hos - tile stare, should your life at -
 Will you kiss the lep - er clean, and do such as
 Will you use the faith you've found to re - shape the
 In your com - pa - ny I'll go where your love and



name be known, will you let my life be
 tract or scare? Will you let me an - swer
 this un - seen, and ad - mit to what I
 world a - round, through my sight and touch and
 foot - steps show. Thus I'll move and live and



grown in you and you in me?"
 pray'r in you and you in me?"
 mean in you and you in me?"
 sound in you and you in me?"
 grow in you and you in me.

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

Remembering the caring and generous works of God, we pray for the church, creation, and the needs of our neighbors.

Prayers continue with each petition ending:

Merciful God,
Receive our prayer.

Remember us according to your steadfast love as we offer these and the prayers of our heart, trusting in your compassion made known through 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.

***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
 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.**

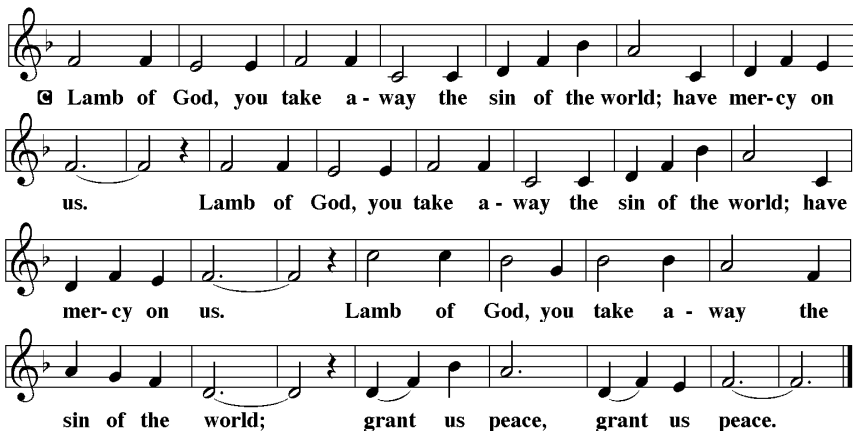
**Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.**

**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 717

Let Justice Flow like Streams

1 Let jus - tice flow like streams of spar - kling wa - ter, pure,
2 Let righ - teous - ness roll on as oth - ers' cares we heed,
3 So may God's plumb line, straight, de - fine our mea - sure true,

en - a - bling growth, re - fresh - ing life, a - bun - dant, cleans - ing, sure.
an ev - er - flow - ing stream of faith trans - lat - ed in - to deed.
and jus - tice, right, and peace per - vade this world our whole life through.

The musical score consists of two systems. Each system has a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature has one flat (Bb). The first system contains the first three lines of lyrics. The second system contains the remaining lyrics. The piano accompaniment features a steady bass line and chords that support the vocal melody.

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 honor of Terri Cromwell's birthday
by Chad Cromwell.*

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

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What's Happening at UIC

- Sun, Sept. 3 Worship, 10:00am
 Social Hour, 11:00am
 Outreach Team Meeting, 11:30am
- Mon, Sept. 4 LABOR DAY
 Office Closed
- Tue, Sept. 5 Boy Scout Patrol Leaders Mtg., 7:00pm
- Wed, Sept. 6 Finance Team Meeting, 6:30pm
- Thu, Sept. 7 Buffalo Valley Conference Mtg., 9:00am
 CELC Women's Bible Study, 9:30am
 CELC Women's Bible Study, 6:00pm
 Walking Group, 6:00pm
- Fri, Sept. 8 Office Closed
- Sat, Sept. 9 Baby Steps Diaper Pantry, 10:00am-11:30am
- Sun, Sept. 10 Worship, 10:00am
 Social Hour, 11:00am
 Faith and Fun: 11:00am
 Fellowship Team Meeting, 11:30am

UNITED IN CHRIST'S PRAYER LIST

Please pray for: Peg Swinehart, 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, 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.



HAPPY *Anniversary*

Charlie and Susan Dinsmore 9/4/93

Rick and Jackie Russell 9/4/93



Happy Birthday

Matt Wirth 9/03

Olivia Hauck 9/04

Terri Cromwell 9/07

Kamden Swanger 9/08

Vicar Katy 9/08



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

FUNDRAISER HAM AND BEAN SOUP

\$7 PER QUART

**Order deadline:
Sunday, September 10**



**SOUP PICKUP AT UIC
September 14th, 4pm-6pm**



**100% of proceeds will go to
Middle Susquehanna Riverkeeper Association**

How can you help?

We need ingredients and manpower!

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

Please see the bulletin board in the fellowship hall
for all the signup sheets!

FELLOWSHIP TEAM MEETING

Sunday, September 10 @ 11:30am

What does Fellowship mean?

It means church community.

Fellowship is God's primary means of supporting his believers.

Together
in
Christ



CIVIC LIFE & FAITH

A study on faith, government, politics,
and scripture in the 21st century.



United In Christ Lutheran Church



Begins on

Tuesday, September 12th at 6:30pm in the fellowship hall.

FAITH AND FUN RESUMES



Beginning September 10th, we will gather as Faith and Fun with Friends. This is open to all children in PreK through 6th grade. Younger students can try to join us, if accompanied by a parent. We will meet immediately after worship in the

Youth Room which is downstairs. The students can take a detour through the Fellowship Hall to grab a snack to bring with them, if their parent approves.



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.

A graphic for a community meal. The background is a dark wood surface. On the right, there's 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.

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



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.

WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS

	Sept. 3	Sept. 10	Sept. 17
Social Hour	E - K	L - R	S - Z
Bread/Wine	S. Keifer	K. Criswell	S. McPherrin
Altar Guild	S. Keifer	T. Cromwell	C. Zimmerman
Digital Host	S. Bingaman	T. Cromwell	M. Shearer
Front Door Greeter	B. Swartz	M. Ketchem	T. Cromwell
	T. Swartz	R. Whitesel	A. Stark
Side Door Greeter	Ken Baker	D. Gottlieb	G. Weiser
Lector	T. McPherrin	P. Hauck	S. Keifer
Ushers	B. Troxell	R. Kling	K. Arndt
	C. Troxell	S. McPherrin	B. Koch
	S. Brown	J. Mertz	B. Swartz
	K. Criswell	L. Rabuck	T. Swartz
Communion Asst.	M.L. Keifer	M. Haussmann	C. Zimmerman
	T. Cromwell	S. Bingaman	R. Sprengle
Guest Relations	Ken Baker	T. McPherrin	M. Mertz
Offering Counter	Ken Baker	P. Hauck	M.L. Keifer
	M. Shearer	M. Rabuck	C. Shreck

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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