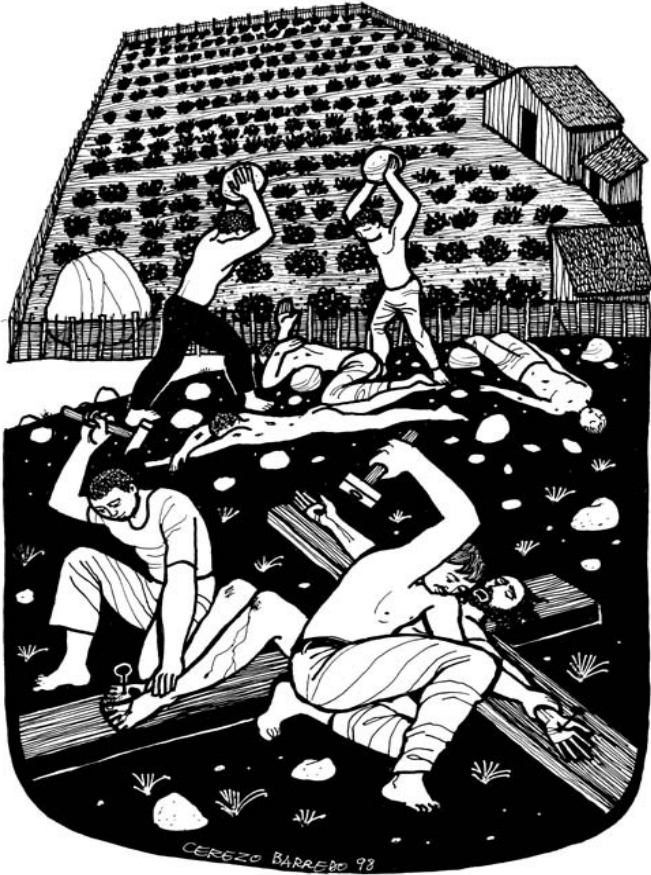


# United In Christ Lutheran Church



*Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost*

October 8, 2023

*The Rev. Justin G. Lingenfelter*

*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

## TEMPLE TALK

Kathy Arndt, Council Member

## PRELUDE

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be God, the one who forms us, + Jesus who bears the cross, the Spirit who makes our joy complete.

**Amen.**

Let us bow before God in humility, confessing our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Steadfast and faithful God,

**You have revealed the ways of justice,  
yet we fail to follow you.**

**We are overwhelmed  
by the world's violence and suffering.**

**We are afraid to risk what we have  
for the sake of others.**

**For the harm we have caused,  
known and unknown, forgive us.**

**For the unjust demands we place on others  
and your creation, forgive us.**

**For the ways we turn away  
from you and our neighbor, forgive us.**

**Lead us back to you and set us on the right path;  
in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior.**

**Amen.**

Beloved in Christ,  
 God's justice stretches beyond all understanding.  
 God's compassion is beyond compare.  
 In Jesus, God is always making a new way for us.  
 In + Christ, you are already and always forgiven.  
 Amen.

**OPENING HYMN**

**ELW 769**

*If You But Trust in God to Guide You*



1 If you but trust in God to guide you with gen - tle  
 2 What gain is there in anx - ious weep - ing, in help - less  
 3 The Lord our rest - less hearts is hold - ing, in peace and  
 4 Sing, pray, and keep God's ways un - swerv - ing, of - fer your



hand through all your ways, you'll find that God is there be -  
 an - ger and dis - tress? If you are in your Sav - ior's  
 qui - et - ness con - tent. We rest in God's good will un -  
 ser - vice faith - ful - ly. Trust heav - en's word; though un - de -



side you when cross - es come, in try - ing days. Trust then in  
 keep - ing, in sor - row will he love you less? For Christ who  
 fold - ing, what wis - dom from on high has sent. God, who has  
 serv - ing, you'll find God's prom - ise true to be. This is our



God's un - chang - ing love; build on the rock that will not move.  
 took for you a cross will bring you safe through ev - 'ry loss.  
 cho - sen us by grace, knows ver - y well the fears we face.  
 con - fi - dence in - deed: God nev - er fails in time of need.

## 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



1. A - bove the hills the an - gel hosts  
2. In heav'n, on earth reigns God Most High,  
3. Sing jus - tice, mer - cy, joy and peace,  
4. We wor - ship you, our thanks we bring,  
5. To Je - sus Christ, God's Son, our Lord,



*Sing glo - ry! Glo - ry! Glo - ry!* God's Love is come to  
Yet ten - der - ly God  
God's own good will grants  
We bow be - fore you  
The Lamb of God, E -



seek the lost. *Give Glo - ry to God in the High - est!* \_\_\_\_\_  
hears our cry.  
sin's re - lease.  
as we sing  
ter - nal Word,

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Beloved God, from you come all things that are good. Lead us by the inspiration of your Spirit to know those things that are right, and by your merciful guidance, help us to do them, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

# FIRST READING

# ISAIAH 5:1-7

<sup>1</sup>Let me sing for my beloved my love-song concerning his vineyard: My beloved had a vineyard on a very fertile hill. <sup>2</sup>He dug it and cleared it of stones, and planted it with choice vines; he built a watchtower in the midst of it, and hewed out a wine vat in it; he expected it to yield grapes, but it yielded wild grapes. <sup>3</sup>And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and people of Judah, judge between me and my vineyard. <sup>4</sup>What more was there to do for my vineyard that I have not done in it? When I expected it to yield grapes, why did it yield wild grapes? <sup>5</sup>And now I will tell you what I will do to my vineyard. I will remove its hedge, and it shall be devoured; I will break down its wall, and it shall be trampled down. <sup>6</sup>I will make it a waste; it shall not be pruned or hoed, and it shall be overgrown with briars and thorns; I will also command the clouds that they rain no rain upon it. <sup>7</sup>For the vineyard of the Lord of hosts is the house of Israel, and the people of Judah are his pleasant planting; he expected justice, but saw bloodshed; righteousness, but heard a cry!

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

I O God, whose word well - plant - ed yields fruit a hun - dred -  
fold, we praise your grac - es grant - ed to  
those who sowed of old, who by their wit - ness  
scat - tered good seed up - on the soil where  
oth - ers, reap - ing, gath - ered the har - vest of their toil.

## GOSPEL READING

## MATTHEW 21:33-46

This is the Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 21<sup>st</sup> chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>33</sup>“Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a watchtower. Then he leased it to tenants and went to another country. <sup>34</sup>When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. <sup>35</sup>But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. <sup>36</sup>Again he sent other slaves, more than the first; and they treated them in the same way. <sup>37</sup>Finally he sent his son to them, saying, ‘They will respect my son.’ <sup>38</sup>But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, ‘This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance.’ <sup>39</sup>So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. <sup>40</sup>Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?” <sup>41</sup>They said to him, “He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time.” <sup>42</sup>Jesus said to them, “Have you never read in the scriptures: ‘The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord’s doing, and it is amazing in our eyes?’ <sup>43</sup>Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces the fruits of the kingdom. <sup>44</sup>The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and it will crush anyone on whom it falls.” <sup>45</sup>When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. <sup>46</sup>They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

# CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

## SERMON

### HYMN OF THE DAY

ELW 595

### *Jesus Loves Me!*

1 Je - sus loves me! this I know, for the Bi - ble tells me so;  
2 Je - sus loves me! he who died heav - en's gates to o - pen wide;  
3 Je - sus loves me! he will stay close be - side me all the way;

lit - tle ones to him be - long, they are weak, but he is strong.  
he will wash a - way my sin, let his lit - tle child come in.  
when at last I come to die, he will take me home on high.

*Refrain*

Yes, Je - sus loves me, yes, Je - sus loves me,

yes, Je - sus loves me, the Bi - ble tells me so.



## 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 the transformative power of God's loving Spirit, let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

*Prayers continue with each petition ending:*

God of grace,  
**Hear our prayer.**

Gracious God, into your hands we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your unending love and amazing grace; through 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://tithe.ly) by scanning the QR code to the right. You may also place your offering at [www.unitedinchristlutheran.net/giving](https://www.unitedinchristlutheran.net/giving) by clicking on the green "Give Now" button.*



## OFFERTORY HYMN



1 Ac - cept, O Lord, the gifts we bring to  
2 The vines were plant - ed, seeds were sown. They  
3 Our hopes and dreams, our toils and cares we



place up - on your ta - ble. We do not wor - ship  
grew in your good plea - sure. What once was com - mon,  
lift in prayer be - fore you. Lord, by your grace now



as we ought but on - ly as we're a - ble.  
dai - ly food be - comes a ho - ly trea - sure.  
come to us, as hum - bly we a - dore you.

## OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

God of power, God of plenty, all things belong to you. We bring your gifts to the table, that all might be fed. Form us into the body of your Beloved, Jesus Christ, our Savior

**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:



1 Long, long a - go in Je - ru - sa - lem, as the  
 2 High on a throne sat the might - y Lord, robes  
 3 Oh, what a sight it was to see and

scrip - tures do re - cord, I - sa - iah to the  
 flow - ing through the hall, while six - wing - ed an - gels  
 oh, what a sound to hear! The tem - ple door - posts

tem - ple came to see the ho - ly Lord.  
 flew a - bove. I - sa - iah heard them call.  
 shook and quaked. and smoke was in the air.

*Refrain*

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might, God's  
 glo - ry fills all heav'n and earth, God of pow - er and might.

Holy God, you alone are holy, you alone are God.

The universe declares your praise:  
 beyond the stars; beneath the sea; within each cell;  
 with every breath.

**We praise you, O God.**

Generations bless your faithfulness:  
 through the water; by night and day; across the wilderness;  
 out of exile; into the future.

**We bless you, O God.**

We give you thanks for your dear Son:  
 at the heart of human life; near to those who suffer; beside the  
 sinner; among the poor; with us now.

**We thank you, O God.**

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 his love for us on the way, at the table, and to the end, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

We pray for the gift of your Spirit:  
in our gathering; within this meal; among your people;  
throughout the world.

Blessing, praise, and thanks to you, holy God, through Christ Jesus, by your Spirit, in your church, without end. |

**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**

Jesus invites you to this table. Come, eat, and live.

**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



1 O Lord of the blos-som, O God of the seed, O gra-cious pro -  
2 O Lord of the har-vest, O God of the feast, where sor-rows are

vi - der for all hu-man need, you have nour-ished our faith at your  
van-quished and joys are in - creased, where the tree of life grows in your

ta - ble of grace, and nur - tured new life in the light of your  
or-chards a - bove, we'll join in the cho-rus in praise of your

face. O Lord of the grain - field, O God of the  
love. Sing praise to the Fa - ther, sing praise to the

vine, you've fed us your pres - ence in bread and in  
Son, sing praise to the Spir - it. Praise God, Three in

wine. In com - mun - ion you've blest to us ar - bor and  
One! You have made us one peo - ple you've fed by the

plow, and shown us the gos - pel, your word for us now.  
hand, O Lord of the heav-ens, O God of the land.

## POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray.

Blessed be your name, O God, for we have feasted on your Word, Christ Jesus, the joy and delight of our hearts. Strengthened by this food, send us to gather the world to your banquet, where none are left out and all are satisfied.

In Jesus' name we pray.

**Amen.**

## BENEDICTION

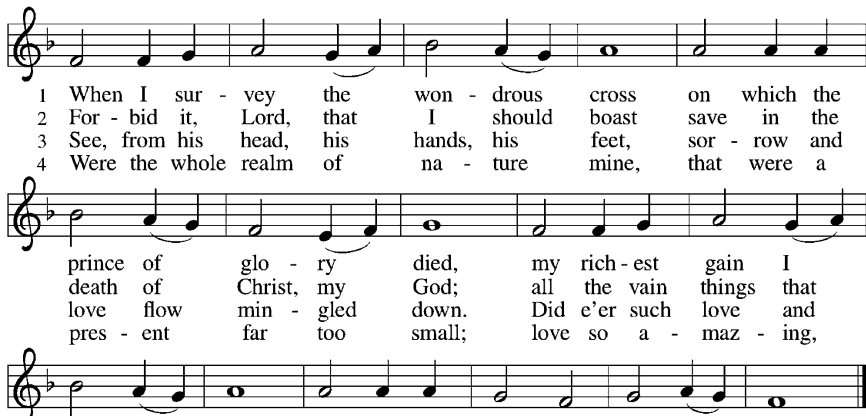
The God of glory, + Jesus Christ, name above all names, and the Spirit who lives in you, bless you now and forever.

**Amen.**

## SENDING HYMN

**ELW 803**

### *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*



1 When I sur - vey the won - drous cross on which the  
2 For - bid it, Lord, that I should boast save in the  
3 See, from his head, his hands, his feet, sor - row and  
4 Were the whole realm of na - ture mine, that were a  
prince of glo - ry died, my rich - est gain I  
death of Christ, my God; all the vain things that  
love flow min - gled down. Did e'er such love and  
pres - ent far too small; love so a - maz - ing,  
count but loss and pour con - tempt on all my pride.  
charm me most, I sac - ri - fice them to his blood.  
sor - row meet, or thorns com - pose so rich a crown?  
so di - vine, de - mands my soul, my life, my all.

## DISMISSAL

Go in peace. God is at work in you.

**Thanks be to God.**

## POSTLUDE



*Today's altar flowers are given  
to the Glory of God  
by Sherry Bingaman  
in memory of her dad, Bob Kuhn.*



# What's Happening at UIC

- Sun, Oct. 8      Worship, 10:00am  
Social Hour, 11:15am  
Faith and Fun, 11:15am  
Fellowship Team Meeting, 11:15am  
Corn Maze at Ard's, 12:30pm
- Mon, Oct. 9      Walking Group, 6:00pm  
Boy Scouts, 7:00pm
- Tue, Oct. 10      OAKS Senior Center, 10:00am  
Faith and Civic Life Study, 6:30pm  
Cub Scouts, 6:30pm  
Boy Scouts, 7:00pm
- Wed, Oct. 11      Theology on Tap, 6:00pm
- Thu, Oct. 12      CELC Women's Bible Study, 9:30am or 6pm  
Walking Group, 6:00pm
- Fri, Oct. 13      Office Closed
- Sat, Oct. 14      Baby Steps Diaper Pantry, 10:00am
- Sun, Oct. 15      Worship, 10:00am  
Social Hour, 11:15am  
Faith and Fun, 11:15am  
Pet Blessing, 1:00pm  
Youth Group, 1:00pm

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# UNITED IN CHRIST'S PRAYER LIST

**Please pray for:** Joel, Dottie McNett, Jaxon Baker, Joann Vanata, family and friends of Max Engle, Family and friends of Joslyn Flickinger, 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, 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](mailto:office@unitedinchristlutheran.net)



## HAPPY *Anniversary*

*Chris Lee and Dawn Warren 10/10/11*

*Randy and Kristin Sprenkle 10/14/00*



## Happy Birthday

*Shirley Russell 10/10*



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

# YOUTH GROUP



Youth Group is open to all students in grades 7-12 and typically runs for about two hours! Youth Group meets on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month.

If you are or have a youth member interested in being part of Youth Group, please reach out to Pastor Justin or Vicar Katy and they'll get you connected!

**Annual Pet Blessing**

**ALL PETS WELCOME!**

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15TH  
1:00P.M.

CHRIST'S EVANGELICAL  
LUTHERAN CHURCH  
100 S. 3RD STREET  
LEWISBURG, PA 17837

JOIN US ON THE 3RD  
STREET SIDE OF THE  
BUILDING!

DONATIONS OF PET FOOD  
AND SUPPLIES ARE BEING  
COLLECTED FOR THE  
DANVILLE SPCA!

A collection of photos of various pets: a brown and white dog, a yellow guinea pig, a white and brown rabbit, a black pig, and an orange and white cat.



# OAKS

## SENIOR CENTER

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## Tuesday, October 10

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**10:00 am - Doors Open**

**10:30 am - Free Bingo with prizes**

**11:30 pm - Speaker from the  
Alzheimer's Association**

**12:00 pm - Free Lunch**



**5.8** Americans  
are living  
with  
**MILLION** Alzheimer's

BY 2050, this  
number is  
projected to  
rise to nearly **14**  
**MILLION**



**1 IN 3**

seniors dies with  
Alzheimer's or  
another dementia

It kills more than  
breast cancer and  
prostate cancer

**COMBINED**

ALZHEIMER'S  
DISEASE IS THE

**6<sup>TH</sup>**

leading cause of death  
in the United States

UNITED IN CHRIST  
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INVITES YOU TO

# Theology on Tap

JOIN US AT  
RUSTY RAIL  
6:00 PM ON OCT. 11TH  
AND OCT. 25TH

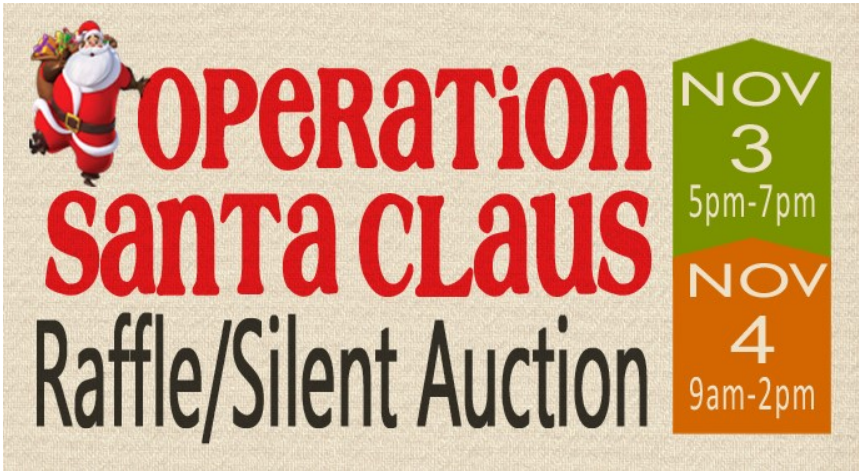


**FREE!**

**TRUNK  
or  
TREAT**

Saturday, October 21st  
3pm - 5pm  
1125 Mahoning Street  
Milton, PA 17847

United In Christ  
Lutheran Church



Announcing the return of the Rich Huff “Operation Santa Claus” Event on November 3rd and 4th. There will be basket raffles and a silent auction. Food will be available!

Since 2013, we have given out numerous high school scholarships and more than 96,000 diapers. There are ways for you to be a part of this important church ministry.

In the Fellowship Room, you will find a Christmas tree filled with basket themes and ideas for your basket. Please take a tag or 2 and fill a basket with some goodies. There are extra baskets in the sewing room.

**Please have your basket to church  
by Sunday, October 22.**

Help us get more gift cards and donation items. Are you friends with a business owner? Do you frequent area businesses or restaurants? Donations of any new items or gift cards may be placed in the sewing room.

Thank you for your support!

~ Rich Huff Committee

# WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS

|                    | Oct. 8       | Oct. 15      | Oct. 22     |
|--------------------|--------------|--------------|-------------|
| Social Hour        | L - R        | S - Z        | A - D       |
| Bread/Wine         | S. Noll      | K. Sprenkle  | M. Shearer  |
| Altar Guild        | T. Cromwell  | K. Guffey    | S. Keifer   |
| Digital Host       | T. Cromwell  | K. Guffey    | M. Shearer  |
| Front Door Greeter | K. Guffey    | M. Ketchem   | L. Rabuck   |
|                    | R. Kling     | R. Whitesel  | A. Stark    |
| Side Door Greeter  | D. Byerly    | C. Zimmerman | Ken Baker   |
| Lector             | E. Haussmann | C. Zimmerman | D. Gottlieb |
| Ushers             | S. Brown     | T. Cromwell  | J. Mertz    |
|                    | K. Criswell  | R. Kling     | L. Rabuck   |
|                    | K. Guffey    | S. McPherrin | M. Rabuck   |
|                    | Ken Baker    | T. McPherrin | A. Stark    |
| Communion Asst.    | D. Baker     | T. Cromwell  | B. Swartz   |
|                    | S. Bingaman  | M. Shearer   | C. Troxell  |
| Guest Relations    | B. Troxell   | M. Mertz     | Ken Baker   |
| Offering Counter   | C. Zimmerman | M. Shearer   | K. Guffey   |
|                    | Ken Baker    | C. Shreck    | 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**

**1875 Churches Rd. Lewisburg, PA 17837  
570-568-2254**

**WORSHIP WITH HOLY COMMUNION**  
Sundays at 10am

**THE REV. JUSTIN G. LINGENFELTER**

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