

United In Christ Lutheran Church



Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

October 15, 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

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 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.

O God, Our Help in Ages Past

1 O God, our help in a - ges past, our hope for years to come,
 2 Un - der the shad - ow of your throne your saints have dwelt se - cure;
 3 Be - fore the hills in or - der stood or earth re - ceived its frame,
 4 A thou - sand a - ges in your sight are like an eve - ning gone,

our shel - ter from the storm - y blast, and our e - ter - nal home:
 suf - fi - cient is your arm a - lone, and our de - fense is sure.
 from ev - er - last - ing you are God, to end - less years the same.
 short as the watch that ends the night be - fore the ris - ing sun.

5 Time, like an ever-rolling stream,
 bears all our years away;
 they fly forgotten, as a dream
 dies at the op'ning day.

6 O God, our help in ages past,
 our hope for years to come,
 still be our guard while troubles last
 and our eternal home.

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.

Lord of the feast, you have prepared a table before all peoples and poured out your life with abundance. Call us again to your banquet. Strengthen us by what is honorable, just, and pure, and transform us into a people of righteousness and peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

FIRST READING

ISAIAH 25:1-9

¹O LORD, you are my God; I will exalt you, I will praise your name; for you have done wonderful things, plans formed of old, faithful and sure. ²For you have made the city a heap, the fortified city a ruin; the palace of aliens is a city no more, it will never be rebuilt. ³Therefore strong peoples will glorify you; cities of ruthless nations will fear you. ⁴For you have been a refuge to the poor, a refuge to the needy in their distress, a shelter from the rainstorm and a shade from the heat. When the blast of the ruthless was like a winter rainstorm, ⁵the noise of aliens like heat in a dry place, you subdued the heat with the shade of clouds; the song of the ruthless was stilled.

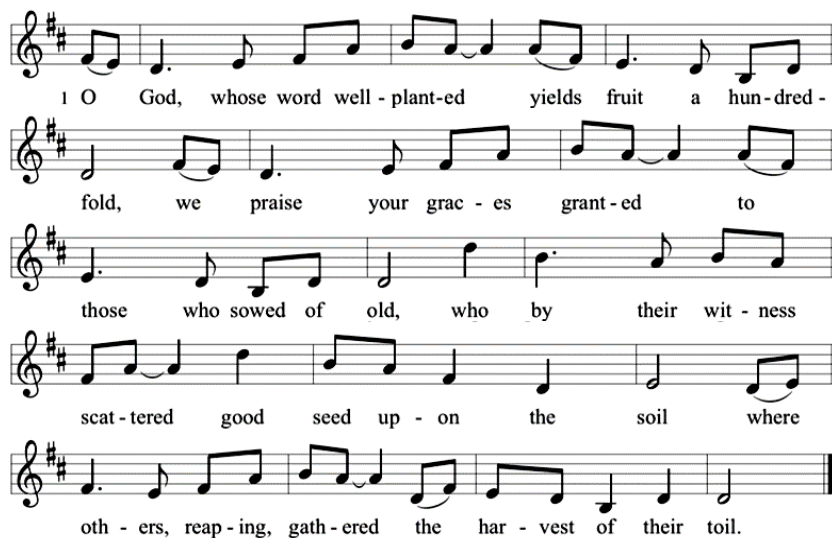
⁶On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear. ⁷And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the sheet that is spread over all nations; he will swallow up death forever. ⁸Then the Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the LORD has spoken.

⁹It will be said on that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us. This is the LORD for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

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 22:1-14

This is the Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 22nd chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹Once more Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying: ²“The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. ³He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. ⁴Again he sent other slaves, saying, ‘Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.’ ⁵But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, ⁶while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them. ⁷The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. ⁸Then he said to his slaves, ‘The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. ⁹Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to

the wedding banquet.’¹⁰ Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests.¹¹ “But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe,¹² and he said to him, ‘Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?’ And he was speechless.¹³ Then the king said to the attendants, ‘Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’¹⁴ For many are called, but few are chosen.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

SERMON



As We Gather



1 Here in this place the new light is stream-ing, now is the dark-ness
 2 We are the young, our lives are a mys-t'ry, we are the old who
 3 Here we will take the wine and the wa-ter, here we will take the
 4 Not in the dark of build-ings con-fin-ing, not in some heav-en,



van-ished a-way; see in this space our fears and our dream-ings
 yearn for your face; we have been sung through-out all of his-t'ry,
 bread of new birth, here you shall call your sons and your daugh-ters,
 light years a-way— here in this place the new light is shin-ing,



brought here to you in the light of this day.
 called to be light to the whole hu-man race.
 call us a-new to be salt for the earth.
 now is the king-dom, and now is the day.



Gath-er us in, the lost and for-sak-en, gath-er us in, the
 Gath-er us in, the rich and the haugh-ty, gath-er us in, the
 Give us to drink the wine of com-pas-sion, give us to eat the
 Gath-er us in and hold us for-ev-er, gath-er us in and



blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall a-wak-en,
 proud and the strong; give us a heart, so meek and so low-ly,
 bread that is you; nour-ish us well, and teach us to fash-ion
 make us your own; gath-er us in, all peo-ples to-geth-er,



we shall a-rise at the sound of our name.
 give us the cour-age to en-ter the song.
 lives that are ho-ly and hearts that are true.
 fire . . of love in our flesh and our bone.

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 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



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.**

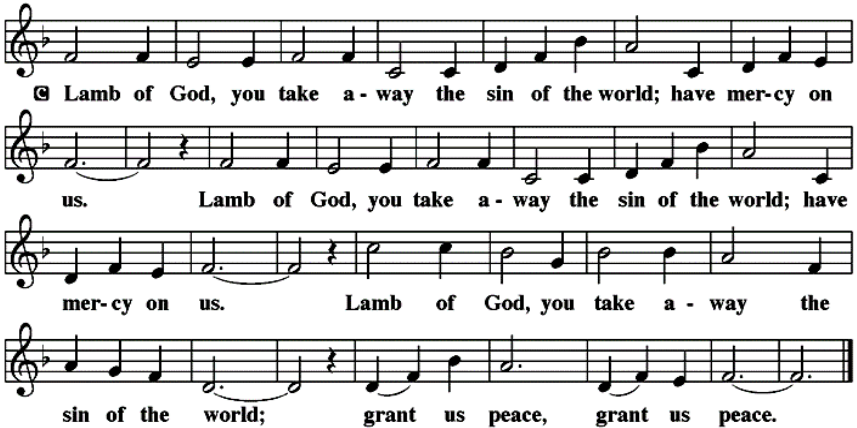
**Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.**

**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-ish-ed 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.

Sent Forth By God's Blessing



1 Sent forth by God's bless-ing, our true faith con-fess-ing,
 2 With praise and thanks-giv-ing to God ev-er-liv-ing,



the peo-ple of God from this dwell-ing take leave.
 the tasks of our ev-'ry-day life we will face-



The sup-per is end-ed. Oh, now be ex-tend-ed,
 our faith ev-er shar-ing, in love ev-er cur-ing,



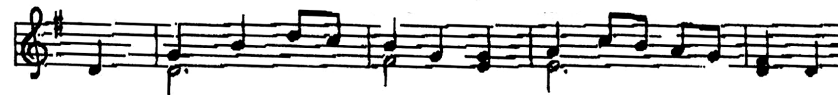
the fruits of this ser-vice in all who be-lieve.
 em-brac-ing God's chil-dren, the whole hu-man race.



The seed of Christ's teach-ing, re-cep-tive souls
 With your feast you feed us, with your light now



reach-ing, shall blos-som in ac-tion for God and for all.
 lead us; u-nite us as one in this life that we share.



Your grace shall in-cite us, your love shall u-nite us
 Then may all the liv-ing with praise and thanks-giv-ing



to work for your king-dom and an-swer your call.
 give hon-or to Christ and his name that we bear.

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
in honor of Viv Marsh's birthday
by Herb Marsh.*

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

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What's Happening at UIC

- Sun, Oct. 15 Worship, 10:00am
 Social Hour, 11:15am
 Faith and Fun, 11:15am
 Pet Blessing, 1:00pm
 Youth Group, 1:00pm
- Mon, Oct. 16 Walking Group, 6:00pm
 Boy Scouts, 7:00pm
- Tue, Oct. 17 Faith and Civic Life Study, 6:30pm
- Thu, Oct. 19 CELC Women's Bible Study, 9:30am or 6pm
 Walking Group, 6:00pm
- Fri, Oct. 20 Office Closed
- Sat, Oct. 21 Trunk-or-Treat, 3:00pm
- Sun, Oct. 22 Worship, 10:00am
 Social Hour, 11:15am
 Faith and Fun, 11:15am
 Hayride, 4:00pm
- Mon, Oct. 23 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

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



HAPPY *Anniversary*

Jeff and Tina Snyder 10/15/94

Tom and Marilyn Gresh 10/18/69



Happy Birthday

Vivian Marsh 10/17

Ruby Baker 10/20

Kelsey Lingenfelter 10/20



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

Annual Pet Blessing

ALL PETS WELCOME!

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

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

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

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



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!

Join Us for Fall Fellowship!

The members of Christ Lutheran Lewisburg, Mazeppa Lutheran Church and United in Christ Lutheran Church are gathering for a fall fellowship event. We look forward to enjoying the fall season and meeting new or reconnecting with friends.

Sunday October 22

4-6:30 p.m.



Park and meet in the parking lot of Mazeppa Lutheran Church parking lot, hayride leaves from the Mazeppa Community Center next door. Follow the balloons to the Community Center.



Space is limited. Sign up required to attend! Sign up at church .



Fun for All Ages

Hayride

Fall Activities

Fall Treats

Fellowship

**Signup on the bulletin board at church
or use the link in the weekly email to signup.**



NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

**ATTENTION
WORSHIP
VOLUNTEERS**

Worship Volunteers, please give the office any dates in November which you will not be available to serve during worship. After you are scheduled it will be your responsibility to trade with someone else on the schedule if you are not available to serve that day. Any articles, events, photos and/or thank you notes you'd like to have printed in the November Newsletter need to be in the office **by Monday, October 23.**



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.

Baskets Needed

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.

Supplies and Volunteers Needed

There is a signup sheet in the fellowship hall of what is needed. Please stop by and signup!

In partnership with:



GRIEF SUPPORT

A grief support group for those on the journey together.

You are welcomed here.

On October 30 we will meet at CELC, 100 S. 3rd St., Lewisburg

UNITED IN CHRIST
LUTHERAN CHURCH
INVITES YOU TO

Theology on Tap

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



WELCOME AREA

In the WELCOME AREA you will find Christ In Our Home and The Word In Season devotionals, as well as Living Lutheran Magazine, and Our Daily Bread devotionals. You'll also find additional copies of our monthly newsletter, also in large print. Please help your self to any of these!

The wicker basket is for food donations for the *Our Little Food Pantry* in West Milton. During winter months, please don't donate anything that is in glass due to freezing temperatures.



WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS

	Oct. 15	Oct. 22	Oct. 29
Social Hour	S - Z	A - D	E - K
Bread/Wine	K. Sprenkle	M. Shearer	C. Troxell
Altar Guild	K. Guffey	S. Keifer	C. Troxell
Digital Host	K. Guffey	M. Shearer	S. Bingaman
Front Door Greeter	M. Ketchem R. Whitesel	L. Rabuck A. Stark	B. Swartz T. Swartz
Side Door Greeter	C. Zimmerman	Ken Baker	T. McPherrin
Lector	C. Zimmerman	D. Gottlieb	Jeff Rowe
Ushers	T. Cromwell R. Kling S. McPherrin T. McPherrin	J. Mertz L. Rabuck M. Rabuck A. Stark	M. Shearer B. Swartz T. Swartz B. Troxell
Communion Asst.	T. Cromwell M. Shearer	B. Swartz C. Troxell	A. Stark M. Haussamnn
Guest Relations	M. Mertz	Ken Baker	T. McPherrin
Offering Counter	M. Shearer C. Shreck	K. Guffey M. Rabuck	C. Shreck Ken Baker

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

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