

United In Christ Lutheran Church



Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost

October 22, 2023

Chad Hershberger

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 Chad Hershberger for preaching and Tom Booth
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.

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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.

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

1 Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,
 2 Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,
 3 To all, life thou giv - est, to both great and small;
 4 Thou reign - est in glo - ry; thou dwell - est in light;

in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,
 nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, thou rul - est in might;
 in all life thou liv - est, the true life of all;
 thine an - gels a - dore thee, all veil - ing their sight;

most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,
 thy jus - tice like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove
 we blos - som and flour - ish like leaves on the tree,
 all laud we would ren - der; oh, help us to see

al - might - y, vic - to - rious, thy great name we praise!
 thy clouds which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.
 and with - er and per - ish, but naught chang - eth thee.
 'tis on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth thee!

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.

Sovereign God, raise your throne in our hearts. Created by you, let us live in your image; created for you, let us act for your glory; redeemed by you, let us give you what is yours, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

FIRST READING

1 THESSALONIANS 1:1-10

¹Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace.

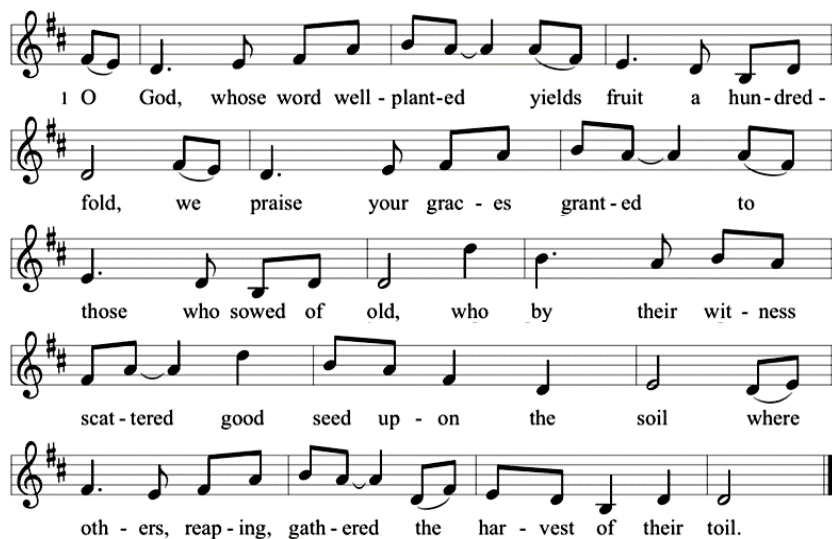
²We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly ³remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁴For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by God, that he has chosen you, ⁵because our message of the gospel came to you not in word only, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of persons we proved to be among you for your sake.

⁶And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy inspired by the Holy Spirit, ⁷so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. ⁸For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but in every place your faith in God has become known, so that we have no need to speak about it. ⁹For the people of those regions report about us what kind of welcome we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols, to serve a living and true God, ¹⁰and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead—Jesus, who rescues us from the wrath that is coming.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



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 22:15-22

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹⁵Then the Pharisees went and plotted to entrap him in what he said. ¹⁶So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. ¹⁷Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?" ¹⁸But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? ¹⁹Show me the coin used for the tax." And they brought him a denarius. ²⁰Then he said to them, "Whose head is this, and whose title?" ²¹They answered, "The emperor's." Then he said to them, "Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor's, and to God the things that are God's." ²²When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

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We Give Thee But Thine Own



1. We give Thee but Thine own, What - e'er the gift may be;
2. May we Thy boun - ties thus As ste - wards true re - ceive,
3. The cap - tive to re - lease, To God the lost to bring,
4. And we be - lieve Thy Word, Tho' dim our faith may be;

All that we have is Thine a - lone, A trust, O Lord, from Thee.
And glad - ly, as Thou bles - sest us, To Thee our first - fruits give.
To teach the way of life and peace, It is a Christ-like thing.
What - e'er for Thine we do O Lord, We do it un - to Thee.

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.**

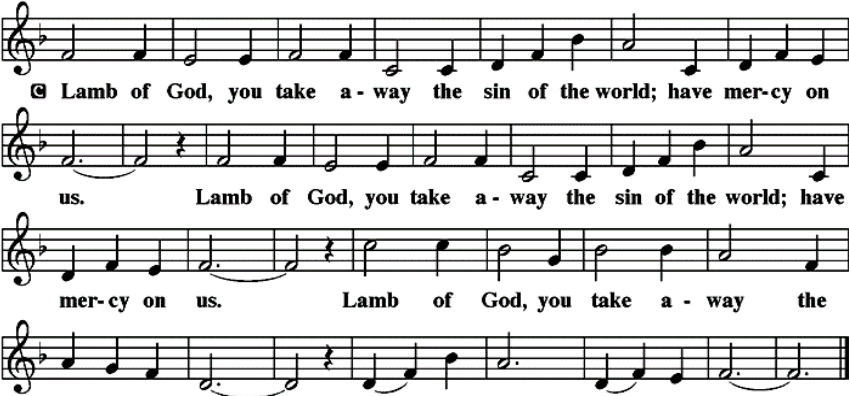
**Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.**

**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-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

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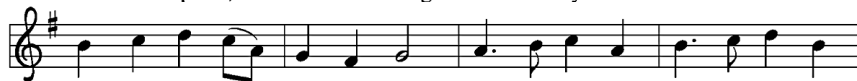
God of Grace and God of Glory



1 God of grace and God of glo - ry, on your peo - ple
2 Lo! The hosts of e - vil round us scorn the Christ, as -
3 Cure your chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness; bend our pride to
4 Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion to the e - vils



pour your pow'r; crown your an - cient chur - ch's sto - ry;
sail his ways! From the fears that long have bound us
your con - trol; shame our wan - ton, self - ish glad - ness,
we de - plore; let the gift of your sal - va - tion



bring its bud to glo - rious flow'r. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age
free our hearts to faith and praise. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age
rich in things and poor in soul. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
be our glo - ry ev - er - more. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,



for the fac - ing of this hour, for the fac - ing of this hour.
for the liv - ing of these days, for the liv - ing of these days.
lest we miss your king - dom's goal, lest we miss your king - dom's goal.
serv - ing you whom we a - dore, serv - ing you whom we a - dore.

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 Chad and Terri Cromwell
in honor of Dylan Cromwell's birthday.*

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

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What's Happening at UIC

- Sun, Oct. 22 Worship, 10:00am
 Social Hour, 11:15am
 Faith and Fun, 11:15am
 Hayride, 4:00pm
- Mon, Oct. 23 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE
 Cub Scouts, 6:30pm
 Boy Scouts, 7:00pm
- Tue, Oct. 24 Council Meeting, 6:30pm
- Wed, Oct. 25 Theology on Tap, 6:00pm
- Thu, Oct. 26 Fellowship Hall Reserved, 6:00am
 CELC Women's Bible Study, 9:30am or 6pm
 Supplying Meal for Getting Ahead, 4:30pm
- Fri, Oct. 27 Office Closed
- Sun, Oct. 29 **REFORMATION SUNDAY**
 Worship, 10:00am
 Social Hour, 11:15am
 Faith and Fun, 11:15am

UNITED IN CHRIST'S PRAYER LIST

Please pray for: Family and friends of Sean Laudenslager, family and friends of Martha Ketchem, Jason Russell, Annette Weaver, 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, Russ Wynn, Rosemary Fernsler, Ryan Hunter, Mark Rabuck, Shirley Russell, Bob Keifer, 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*

Rick and Kathy Guffey 10/25/86



Happy Birthday

Lizzie Sprenkle 10/22

Dylan Cromwell 10/23

Jaxon Baker 10/24

Mel Baker 10/25



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



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!



On ALL SAINTS SUNDAY, November 5, we remember those who have died in the last year and those who have been born or baptized.

Please notify the church office of those who have been born, were baptized or died since Nov. 1, 2022, their names will be listed in the bulletin on All Saints Sunday.

Family members and friends will be invited to light candles in honor of UIC Members who have been born or baptized this year, and in memory of our Members who have passed into eternal life.

Forms are on the bulletin board in the fellowship hall. Please have it in by Tuesday, Oct. 31.

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

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.**

WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS

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