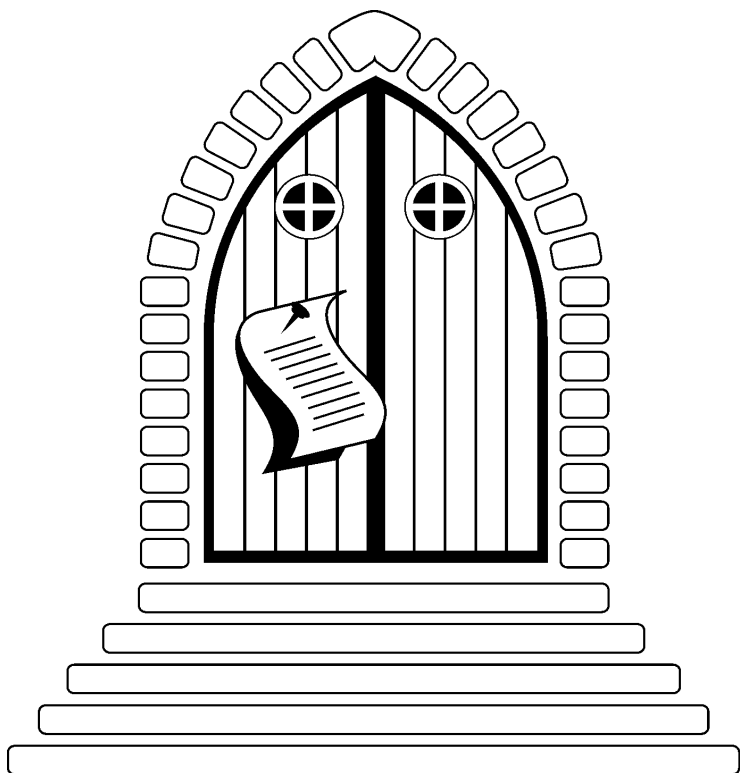


United In Christ Lutheran Church



REFORMATION SUNDAY

October 29, 2023

Vicar Katy Moran
Rev. Scott 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.*

***Special thanks to Scott Lingenfelter
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

Vicar Katy Moran: Senior Seminarian

Terri Cromwell: Parish Administrator and OAKS Senior Center Director

Office: 570-568-2254

Email: office@unitedinchristlutheran.net

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

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.

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God



1 A might - y for - tress is our God, a sword and shield vic -
 2 No strength of ours can match his might! We would be lost, re -
 3 Though hordes of dev - ils fill the land all threat - 'ning to de -
 4 God's Word for - ev - er shall a - bide, no thanks to foes, who



to - rious; he breaks the cruel op - pres - sor's rod and
 ject - ed. But now a cham - pion comes to fight, whom
 vour us, we trem - ble not, un - moved we stand; they
 fear it; for God him - self fights by our side with



wins sal - va - tion glo - rious. The old sa - tan - ic foe
 God him - self e - lect - ed. You ask who this may be?
 can - not o - ver - pow'r us. Let this world's ty - rant rage;
 weap - ons of the Spir - it. Were they to take our house,



has sworn to work us woe! With craft and dread - ful might
 The Lord of hosts is he! Christ Je - sus, might - y Lord,
 in bat - tle we'll en - gage! His might is doomed to fail;
 goods, hon - or, child, or spouse, though life be wrenched a - way,



he arms him - self to fight. On earth he has no e - qual.
 God's on - ly Son, a - dored. He holds the field vic - to - rious.
 God's judg - ment must pre - vail! One lit - tle word sub - dues him.
 they can - not win the day. The king - dom's ours for - ev - er!

APOSTOLIC GREETING

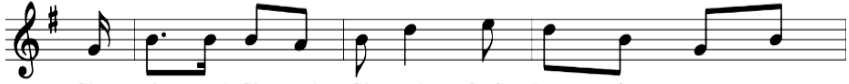
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

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.

Almighty God, gracious Lord, we thank you that your Holy Spirit renews the church in every age. Pour out your Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep them steadfast in your word, protect and comfort them in times of trial, defend them against all enemies of the gospel, and bestow on the church your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

FIRST READING

ROMANS 3:19-28

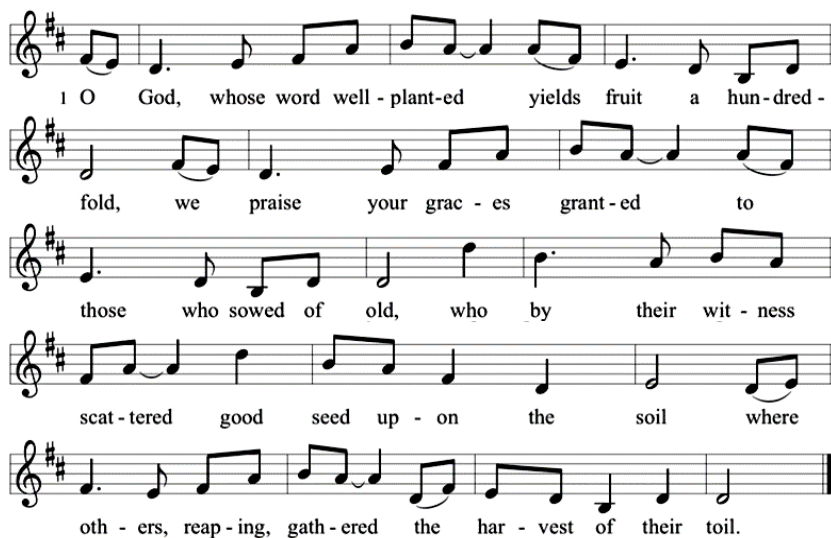
¹⁹Now we know that whatever the law says, it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be silenced, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. ²⁰For “no human being will be justified in his sight” by deeds prescribed by the law, for through the law comes the knowledge of sin. ²¹But now, apart from law, the righteousness of God has been disclosed, and is attested by the law and the prophets, ²²the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction, ²³since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; ²⁴they are now justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, ²⁵whom God put forward as a sacrifice of atonement by his blood, effective through faith. He did this to show his righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over the sins previously committed; ²⁶it was to prove at the present time that he himself is righteous and that he justifies the one who has faith in Jesus. ²⁷Then what becomes of boasting? It is excluded. By what law? By that of works? No, but by the law of faith. ²⁸For we hold that a person is justified by faith apart from works prescribed by the law.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.



GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



1 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

JOHN 8:31-36

This is the Holy Gospel according to John, the 8th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

³¹Then Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, “If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples; ³²and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free.” ³³They answered him, “We are descendants of Abraham and have never been slaves to anyone. What do you mean by saying, ‘You will be made free’?” ³⁴Jesus answered them, “Very truly, I tell you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. ³⁵The slave does not have a permanent place in the household; the son has a place there forever. ³⁶So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

ELW 517

Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word

1 Lord, keep us stead - fast in your word; curb those who
2 Lord Je - sus Christ, your pow'r make known, for you are
3 O Com - fort - er of price - less worth, send peace and

by de - ceit or sword would wrest the king - dom from your Son
Lord of lords a - lone; de - fend your ho - ly church, that we
u - ni - ty on earth; sup - port us in our fi - nal strife

and bring to naught all he has done.
may sing your praise e - ter - nal - ly.
and lead us out of death to life.

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.**

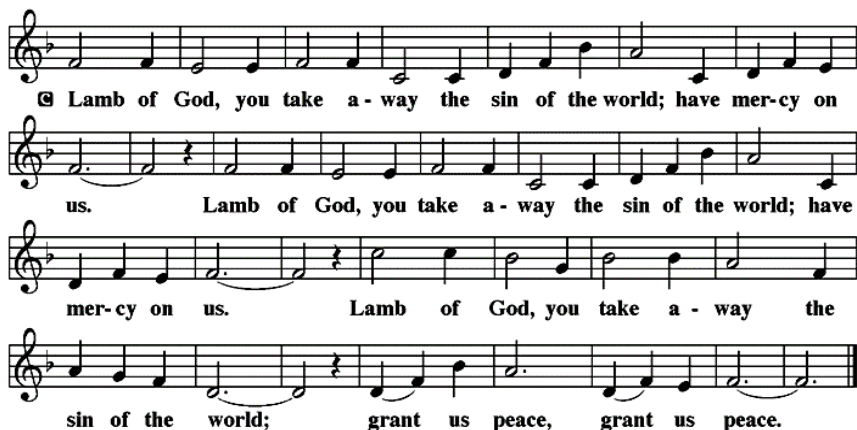
**Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.**

**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

ELW 652

Built On A Rock



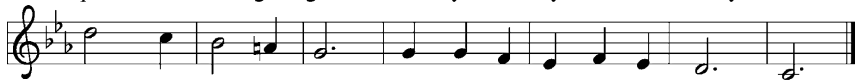
1 Built on a rock the church shall stand, e - ven when stee - ples are
2 Sure - ly, in tem - ples made with hands God the Most High is not
3 Christ builds a house of liv - ing stones: we are his own hab - i -
4 Yet in this house, an earth - ly frame, Je - sus the chil - dren is
5 Through all the pass - ing years, O Lord, grant that, when church bells are



fall - ing; crum - bled have spires in ev - 'ry land, bells still are
dwell - ing— high in the heav'ns his tem - ple stands, all earth - ly
ta - tion; he fills our hearts, his hum - ble thrones, grant - ing us
bless - ing; hith - er we come to praise his name, faith in our
ring - ing, man - y may come to hear your Word, who here this



chim - ing and call - ing— call - ing the young and old to rest, call - ing the
tem - ples ex - cel - ling. Yet God who dwells in heav'n a - bove deigns to a -
life and sal - va - tion. Where two or three will seek his face, he in their
Sav - ior con - fess - ing. Je - sus to us his Spir - it sent, mak - ing with
prom - ise is bring - ing: "I know my own, my own know me; you, not the



souls of those dis - tressed, long - ing for life ev - er - last - ing.
bide with us in love, mak - ing our bod - ies his tem - ple.
midst will show his grace, bless - ings up - on them be - stow - ing.
us his cov - e - nant, grant - ing his chil - dren the king - dom.
world, my face shall see; my peace I leave with you. A - men."

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 Kathy Guffey
in honor Kathy and Rick Guffey's and
Beth and Aaron Guffey's anniversaries.*

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

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What's Happening at UIC

- Sun, Oct. 29 **REFORMATION SUNDAY**
Worship, 10:00am
Social Hour, 11:15am
- Mon, Oct. 30 Grief Support Group, 6:30pm
Cub Scouts, 6:30pm
Boy Scouts, 7:00pm
- Wed, Nov. 1 Finance Team Meeting, 6:30pm
- Fri, Nov. 3 Office Closed
Senior Express Food Box Delivery
Rich Huff Auction, 5pm-7pm
- Sat, Nov. 4 Rich Huff Auction, 9am-2pm
- Sun, Nov. 5 **ALL SAINTS SUNDAY**
Worship, 10:00am
Social Hour, 11:15am
Faith and Fun, 11:15am
Outreach Team Meeting, 11:15am
Youth Group, 1:00pm



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

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

UNITED IN CHRIST'S PRAYER LIST

Please pray for: Scott A. Danowsky, family and friends of Sean Laudenslager, family and friends of Martha Ketchem, Jason Russell, Annette, Weaver, Joel, Peg Swinehart, 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

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



HAPPY *Anniversary*

Terry and Cindy Snyder 11/2/15



Happy Birthday

James Arndt 11/1

Owen Arndt 11/4

Kathy Guffey 11/4



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

Rich Huff Fund's Annual Fundraiser

OPERATION SANTA CLAUS



HELPING AREA CHILDREN IN NEED

Proceeds from 'Operation Santa Claus' will go to Baby Steps Diaper Pantry and the needs of area children.

NOV
3
5pm-7pm

NOV
4
9am-2pm

Raffle/Silent Auction

Food stand will be open on Friday and Saturday



Auction begins at 5pm on Friday and ends at 2pm on Saturday.

Winners do not need to be present.

If you win, you will receive a phone call on Monday to claim your winnings.

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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

SENIOR EXPRESS FOOD BOXES

*Food boxes will be delivered on
Friday, November 3rd.*

Volunteers, please make plans to deliver your boxes.



WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS

| | Oct. 22 | Oct. 29 | Nov. 5 |
|--------------------|-------------|--------------|--------------|
| Social Hour | A - D | E - K | L - R |
| Bread/Wine | M. Shearer | C. Troxell | J. Rowe |
| Altar Guild | S. Keifer | C. Troxell | S. Keifer |
| Digital Host | M. Shearer | S. Bingaman | T. Cromwell |
| Front Door Greeter | L. Rabuck | B. Swartz | D. Byerly |
| | A. Stark | T. Swartz | J. Byerly |
| Side Door Greeter | Ken Baker | T. McPherrin | K. Noll |
| Lector | D. Gottlieb | Jeff Rowe | P. Hauck |
| Ushers | J. Mertz | M. Shearer | C. Troxell |
| | L. Rabuck | B. Swartz | K. Arndt |
| | M. Rabuck | T. Swartz | K. Baker |
| | A. Stark | B. Troxell | D. Baker |
| Communion Asst. | B. Swartz | A. Stark | M. Shearer |
| | C. Troxell | M. Haussamnn | R. Sprenkle |
| Guest Relations | Ken Baker | T. McPherrin | K. Noll |
| Offering Counter | K. Guffey | C. Shreck | M. L. Keifer |
| | M. Rabuck | Ken Baker | P. Hauck |

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.

United In Christ



Lutheran Church

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WORSHIP WITH HOLY COMMUNION
Sundays at 10am

THE REV. JUSTIN G. LINGENFELTER

CHURCH OFFICE

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