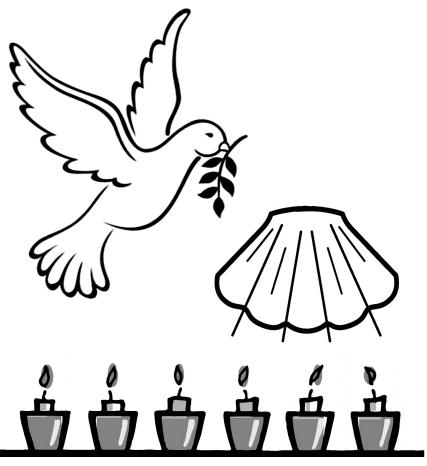
# United In Christ Lutheran Church



### All Saints Sunday November 5, 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.

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#### UNITED IN CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH STAFF

The Rev. Justin G. Lingenfelter: Pastor

Vicar Katy Moran: Pastoral Intern

**Terri Cromwell: Office Administrator and OAKS Coordinator** Office: 570-568-2254 Email: office@unitedinchristlutheran.net

Marilyn Gresh: Music

#### 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

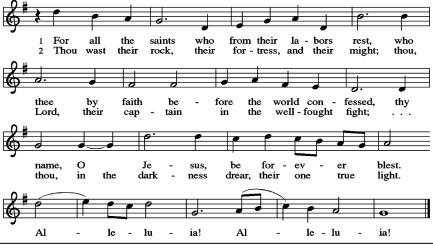
#### PRELUDE

#### THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM AND ALL SAINTS LITANY

Blessed be the Holy Trinity, + one God, the fountain of living water, the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation. **Amen.** 

When we were baptized in Christ Jesus, we were baptized into his death. We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might live a new life. For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. Let us give thanks for this gift of baptism.

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight. Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family. Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By water and your Word you claim us as daughters and sons, making us heirs of your promise and servants of all.



O God of the pilgrim's way, we give thanks for all the saints in generations past who have been examples for us of God's love at work in the world. As we pray, we know that we are surrounded by this great cloud of witnesses. Yet even as we name these holy ancestors, we thank God for others whose names we never knew or have forgotten, who showed us the meaning of life in Christ.

All are invited to come forward to light candles in memory of loved ones.

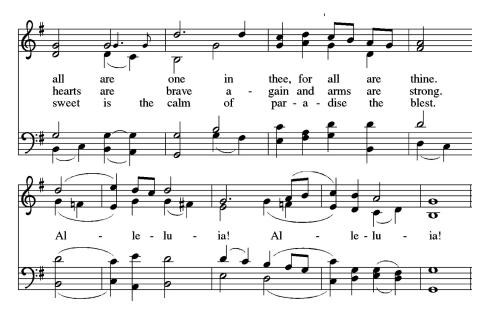
The candles placed in the baptismal font represent those members of United In Christ who have passed from our midst in this past year.

The candles on the altar represent those members whose new lives of faith have begun through baptism in this past year.

The candles on the tables at the front of the sanctuary are available for anyone to come light candles in memory of loved ones of all times and places.

A n nion, fel - low - ship 3 Oh, blest com mu di vine, fare And when the strife fierce, the war long, 4 is 5 The gold - en eve ning bright-ens in the west; 8 1 fee - bly strug gle, they in glo - ry shine; we yet dis - tant ear the tri - umph steals on the song, and com - eth soon, soon to faith ful ser - vants rest;

While candles are being lit, the congregation continues singing.



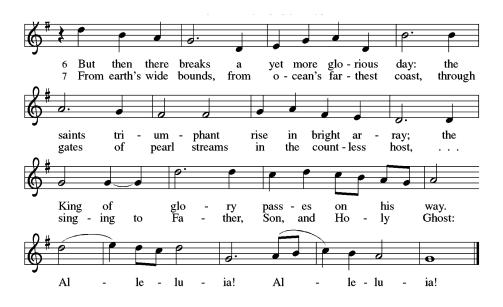
Holy God, we honor these, our ancestors in faith and members of our family. We give you thanks in culmination for the lives of Alice and Martha.

We give you thanks in anticipation for the new lives of faith begun in Olivia.

Surrounded by this great cloud of witnesses, we praise you for the gift of water that sustains life, and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ. Shower us with your Spirit, and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love.

To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

Amen.



#### **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.

#### PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Almighty God, you have knit your people together in one communion in the mystical body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant us grace to follow your blessed saints in lives of faith and commitment, and to know the inexpressible joys you have prepared for those who love you, 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

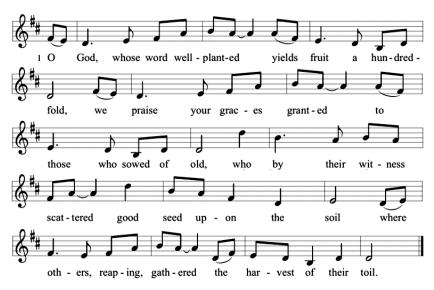
#### **REVELATION 7:9-17**

<sup>9</sup>After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. <sup>10</sup>They cried out in a loud voice, saying, "Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!" <sup>11</sup>And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, <sup>12</sup>singing, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

<sup>13</sup>Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" <sup>14</sup>I said to him, "Sir, you are the one that knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. <sup>15</sup>For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them. <sup>16</sup>They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; <sup>17</sup>for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

#### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**



#### GOSPEL

#### **MATTHEW 5:1-12**

This is the Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 5th chapter. Glory to you, O Lord.

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. <sup>2</sup>Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

<sup>3</sup>"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. <sup>4</sup>"Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. <sup>5</sup>"Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. <sup>6</sup>"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. <sup>7</sup>"Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy. <sup>8</sup>"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. <sup>9</sup>"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. <sup>10</sup>"Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. <sup>11</sup>"Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. <sup>12</sup>Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

This is the Gospel of the Lord. Praise to you, O Christ.

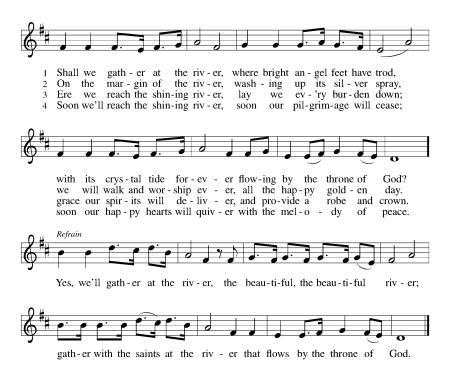
#### CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

#### SERMON

#### HYMN OF THE DAY

#### ELW 423

#### Shall We Gather at the River



#### **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

Let us turn our hearts to God, our breath and life, as we pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

Prayers continue with each petition ending:

Hear us, O God,

#### Your mercy is great.

We offer our spoken prayers and those held in our hearts trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord.

#### 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.

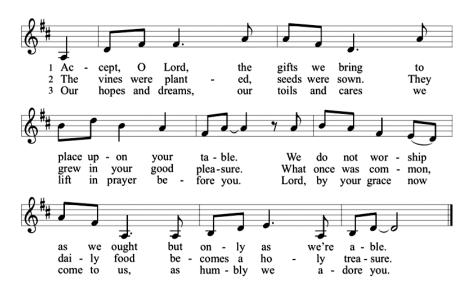
> Please fill out an Attendance Card, and place the card in an offering plate.

#### OFFERING

You are invited to place your offering in one of the plates around the sanctuary 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**



#### **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

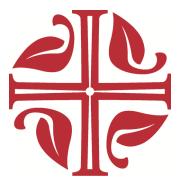
The Lord be with you. And also with you.

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. By the witness of your saints you show us the hope of our calling and strengthen us to run the race set before us, that we may delight in your mercy and rejoice with them in glory. And so, with all the saints, with the choirs of angels and all the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:





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,

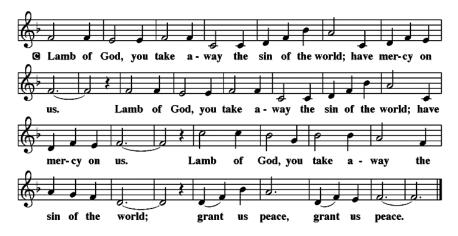
but deliver us from evil.

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.



#### 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**



#### **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.

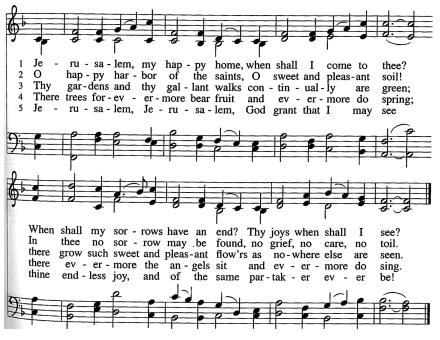
#### BENEDICTION

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 628



#### Jerusalem, My Happy Home

#### DISMISSAL

Go in peace. God is at work in you. Thanks be to God!

#### POSTLUDE

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# **ALL SAINTS SUNDAY**

This All Saints Sunday, we celebrate the lives of faith begun in our newly baptized members:

Olivia Hauck

We give thanks for the lives of those in our community whom, in dying, we have commended to God's care:

> Martha Ketchem Alice Snyder

#### We join in supporting and holding in prayer our neighbors who have experienced the death of loved ones in this past year, especially the family and friends of:

Lester Backenstoes Gladys Fawcett Scott Schiel Joanne Stahl

# What's Happening at UIC

Sun, Nov. 5	ALL SAINTS SUNDAY Worship, 10:00am Social Hour, 11:15am Faith and Fun, 11:15am Outreach Team Meeting, 11:30am Youth Group, 1:00pm		
Mon, Nov. 6	Cub Scouts, 6:30pm Boy Scouts, 7:00pm		
Tue, Nov. 7	Boy Scout Leaders Mtg., 7:00pm		
Fri, Nov. 10	Office Closed Kids Night, 6:00pm		
Sat, Nov. 11	Baby Steps Diaper Pantry, 10am-11:30am		
Sun, Nov. 12 Worship, 10:00am Social Hour, 11:15am Faith and Fun, 11:15am Fellowship Team Mtg., 11:30am			

# UNITED IN CHRIST'S PRAYER LIST

**Please pray for:** Tom Wentzel, family and friends of Glen Weaver, 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.





Alecia Engle 11/9 Trudy Swartz 11/9



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



### CONGREGATIONAL MEETING SOCIAL HOUR

The Fellowship Team will also be joining in on Social Hour on Sunday, November 19th with some additional food for everyone after our Congregational Meeting. If you would like to help out please talk to anyone on the Fellowship Team!



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!

Sunday, November 5 at UIC

1875 Churches Road, Lewisburg



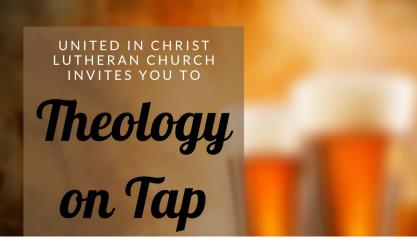


# Tuesday, November 14

- 10:00 am Doors Open
- 10:30 am Free Bingo with prizes
- 11:30 pm Presentation by Trooper Jacobs on Scams
- 12:00 pm Free Lunch



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## **CHANGING DATES**

Because of Thanksgiving, we are changing Theology on Tap to November 15th and November 29th.

# **NEWSLETTER DEADLINE**



Worship Volunteers, please give the office any dates in December 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 December Newsletter need to be in the office **by Monday, November 13.** 



Mark your calendars for **Saturday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> from 3:00pm-5:00pm at United In Christ** for our free community Christmas Craft Workshop!

This annual workshop is an opportunity for families to gather to make homemade Christmas decorations for around the house! This year we will be hosting our craft workshop with the communities of both Milton Lutheran Church and Christ's Lutheran.



If you've got the perfect idea saved on your Pinterest board and would like to help lead a craft station at this year's workshop, please let someone on the Outreach Team know!

### **IMPORTANT LINKS**

For easy access, bookmark these pages on your computer or add the page to your tablet or smartphone's home screen.

UIC's website: www.unitedinchristlutheran.net

**Worship and Bulletins:** Print the Sunday bulletin so you can follow along. You can also view past bulletins and worship services.

www.unitedinchristlutheran.net/worship

**Church Calendar:** Stay up-to-date on everything that's happening at UIC.

www.unitedinchristlutheran.net/calendar

Online Giving: <u>www.unitedinchristlutheran.net/giving/</u>

Newsletter Archive: Read current and past newsletters. www.unitedinchristlutheran.net/newsletter

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Facebook Group: <a href="http://www.facebook.com/groups/UICLC/">www.facebook.com/groups/UICLC/</a>



### **WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS**

	Nov. 5	Nov. 12	Nov. 19	
Social Hour	L-R	S - Z	A - D	
Bread/Wine	R. Baker	D. Byerly	K. Guffey	
Altar Guild	S. Keifer	D. Byerly	C. Zimmerman	
Digital Host	T. Cromwell	K. Guffey	M. Shearer	
Front Door Greeter	D. Byerly	T. Cromwell	M. Ketchem	
	J. Byerly	K. Guffey	R. Whitesel	
Side Door Greeter	K. Noll	D. Gottlieb	L. Rabuck	
Lector	P. Hauck	S. Keifer	T. McPherrin	
Ushers	C. Troxell	S. Brown	T. McPherrin	
	K. Arndt	K. Criswell	J. Mertz	
	K. Baker	T. Cromwell	L. Rabuck	
	D. Baker	S. McPherrin	M. Rabuck	
Communion Asst.	M. Shearer	D. Baker	C. Zimmerman	
	R. Sprenkle	M. L. Keifer	S. Weiser	
Guest Relations	K. Noll	M. Rabuck	B. Troxell	
Offering Counter	M. L. Keifer	C. Shreck	Ken Baker	
	P. Hauck	L. Rabuck	M. Shearer	

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.



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### WORSHIP WITH HOLY COMMUNION Sundays at 10am

### THE REV. JUSTIN G. LINGENFELTER

### **CHURCH OFFICE**

Open Mon. - Thur. 8:00am - 2:00pm Email: office@unitedinchristlutheran.net

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