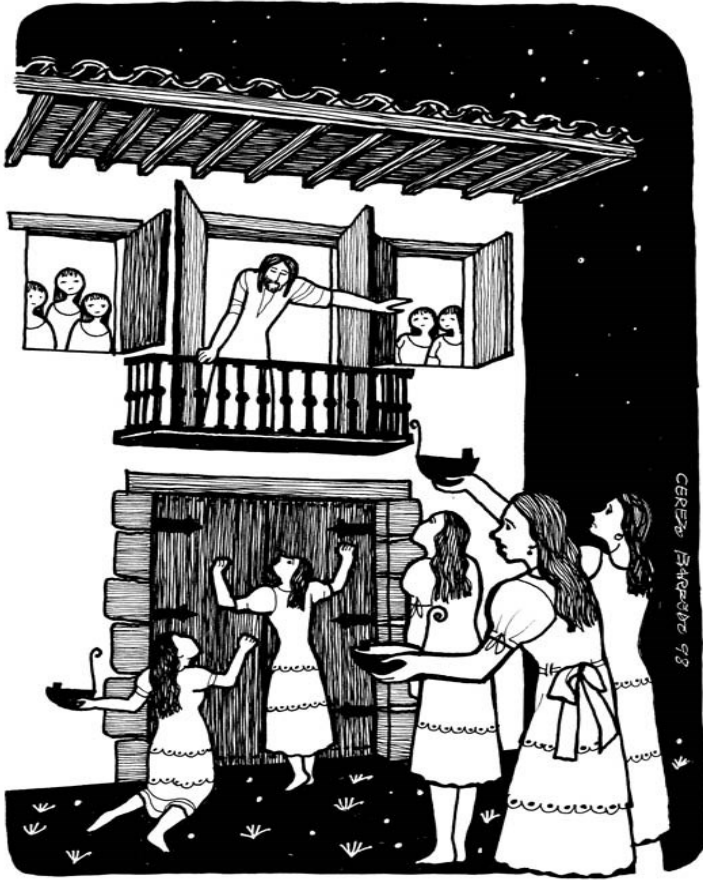


United In Christ Lutheran Church



Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost

November 12, 2023

Vicar Katy Moran

Michelle Shearer

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 Rev. Stina Schaeffer 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

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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

PRELUDE

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, in whose image we are made, who claims us and calls us beloved.

Amen.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Holy One,

We confess that we are not awake for you.

We are not faithful in using your gifts.

We forget the least of our siblings.

We do not see your beautiful image in one another.

We are infected by sin

that divides your beloved community.

Open our hearts to your coming,

open our eyes to see you in our neighbor,

open our hands to serve your creation.

Amen.

Beloved, we are God's children, and Jesus, our Beloved, opens the door to us. Through + Jesus you are forgiven, by Jesus you are welcome, in Jesus you are called to rejoice!

Let us live in the promises prepared for us from the foundation of the world.

Amen.

Blessed Assurance

1 Bless-ed as-sur-ance, Je-sus is mine! Oh, what a fore-taste of glo-ry di-vine!
 2 Per-fect sub-mis-sion, per-fect de-light, vi-sions of rap-ture now burst on my sight;
 3 Per-fect sub-mis-sion, all is at rest; I in my Sav-ior am hap-py and blest,

Heir of sal-va-tion, pur-chase of God, born of his Spir-it, washed in his blood.
 an-gels de-scend-ing bring from a-bove ech-oes of mer-cy, whis-pers of love.
 watch-ing and wait-ing, look-ing a-bove, filled with his good-ness, lost in his love.

Refrain

This is my sto-ry, this is my song, prais-ing my Sav-ior all the day long:

this is my sto-ry, this is my song, prais-ing my Sav-ior all the day long.

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.

O God of justice and love, you illumine our way through life with the words of your Son. Give us the light we need, and awaken us to the needs of others, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

FIRST READING

1 THESSALONIANS 4:13-18

¹³But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. ¹⁴For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. ¹⁵For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. ¹⁶For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. ¹⁷Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord forever. ¹⁸Therefore encourage one another with these words.

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 25:1-13

This is the Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 25th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹“Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. ²Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. ³When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; ⁴but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. ⁵As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. ⁶But at midnight there was a shout, ‘Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.’ ⁷Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. ⁸The foolish said to the wise, ‘Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.’ ⁹But the wise replied, ‘No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.’ ¹⁰And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. ¹¹Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, ‘Lord, lord, open to us.’ ¹²But he replied, ‘Truly I tell you, I do not know you.’ ¹³Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

SERMON

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 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 all goodness, generations have turned to you, gathered around your table, and shared your abundant blessings. Number us among them that, as we gather these gifts from your abundance, and give thanks for your rich blessings, we may feast upon your very self and care for all that you have made, through Jesus Christ, our Sovereign and Servant.

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.**

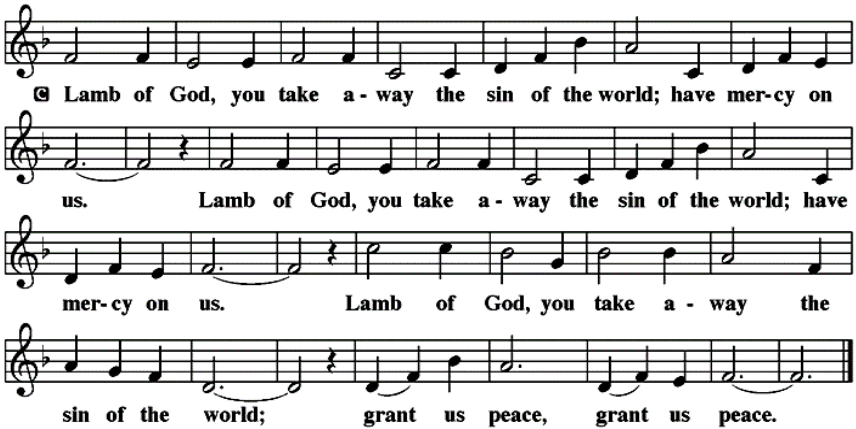
**Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

There is a place for you at the banquet.
Come and feast at Jesus's table.

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.

Lord Jesus, in this simple meal you have set a banquet. Sustain us on the journey, strengthen us to care for the least of your beloved children, and give us glad and generous hearts as we meet you on the way.

Amen.

BENEDICTION

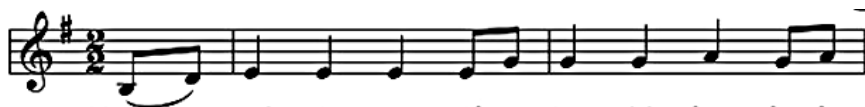
May the God of all creation, in whose image we are made, who claims us and calls us beloved, who strengthens us for service, give you reason to rejoice and be glad! The blessing of God, Sovereign, + Savior, and Spirit, be with you today and always.

Amen.

SENDING HYMN

ELW 723

Canticle of the Turning



1 My soul cries out with a joy - ful shout that the
2 Though I am small, my God, my all, you
3 From the halls of power to the for - tress tower, not a
4 Though the na - tions rage from age to age, we re -



God of my heart is great, and my spir - it sings of the
work great things in me, and your mer - cy will last from the
stone will be left on stone. Let the king be - ware for your
mem - ber who holds us fast: God's mer - cy must de -



won - drous things that you bring to the ones who wait.
depths of the past to the end of the age to be.
jus - tice tears ev - ery ty - rant from his throne.
liv - er us from the con - quer - or's crush - ing grasp.



You fixed your sight on your ser - vant's plight, and my
Your ver - y name puts the proud to shame, and to
The hun - gry poor shall weep no more, for the
This sav - ing word that our fore - bears heard is the



weak - ness you did not spurn, so from east to west shall my
those who would for you yearn, you will show your might, put the
food they can nev - er earn; there are ta - bles spread; ev - ery
prom - ise which holds us bound, till the spear and rod can be



name be blest. Could the world be a - bout to turn?
 strong to flight, for the world is a - bout to turn.
 mouth be fed, for the world is a - bout to turn.
 crushed by God, who is turn - ing the world a - round.

Refrain



My heart shall sing of the day you bring. Let the



fires of your jus - tice burn. Wipe a - way all tears, for the



dawn draws near, and the world is a - bout to turn.

DISMISSAL

Beloved of God, go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE



*Today's altar flowers are given
 to the Glory of God
 by Ruby and Ken Baker Jr.
 in memory of Ken Baker Sr. birthday*

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What's Happening at UIC

- Sun, Nov. 12 Worship, 10:00am
 Social Hour, 11:15am
 Faith and Fun, 11:15am
 Fellowship Team Meeting, 11:30am
- Mon, Nov. 13 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE
 Bonsai Club, 6:30pm
 Cub Scouts, 6:30pm
 Boy Scouts, 7:00pm
- Wed, Nov. 15 Theology on Tap, 6:00pm
- Fri, Nov. 17 Office Closed
- Sun, Nov. 19 Worship, 10:00am
 Faith and Fun, 11:15am
 Congregational Meeting, 11:15am
 Social Hour, following meeting.
 Youth Group, 1:00pm

FELLOWSHIP TEAM MEETING

Meet in the room across from the offices
today at 11:30am.

Everyone is invited to join us!

UNITED IN CHRIST'S PRAYER LIST

Please pray for: Walt Bingaman, Tom Wetzel, 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, unless

Happy Birthday

Donna Corazza 11/13

Mary Baker 11/15



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



OAKS

SENIOR CENTER

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

**Buying a gift card to
pay someone? Stop!
It's a scam.**

Gift cards are for gifts,
not payments.



**HANG UP ON
Gift Card
Scams**



UNITED IN CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

1875 Churches Road, Lewisburg PA 17837

CONGREGATION MEETING

We are accepting nominations for council members. If you would like to nominate someone, or yourself, you may do so by either contacting a current member of council, Pastor Justin, or Vicar Katy.

On **Sunday, November 19** we will hold our annual congregational meeting. At the meeting we will vote on the 2024 spending plan proposal and elect council members. The meeting will take place immediately following worship service. All members are encouraged to attend.

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 Al Stark.



Buffalo Valley Conference of the Upper Susquehanna Synod ELCA

Join the Facebook page for Buffalo Valley Conference of the Upper Susquehanna Synod ELCA to keep informed about upcoming events within our 16 Lutheran churches.

www.facebook.com/bvcuss/



We need volunteers for the following times.
Signup sheet is in the fellowship hall.

2:00pm - 4:00pm

Helping cook/prepare meal

4:00pm - 6:00pm

Package/Hand-out meals

UNITED IN CHRIST
LUTHERAN CHURCH
INVITES YOU TO

Theology on Tap

JOIN US AT
RUSTY RAIL
6:00 PM ON NOV. 15TH
AND NOV. 29TH



Do you have some burning questions about the Bible, faith, or God?

Join us for Theology on Tap at Rusty Rail Brewing on Wednesdays, November 15th and November 29th! Bring your questions to put in the stein, grab your drink of choice, and be ready to dive into them together as a group—we might not settle on an answer, but we can at least try!

We will meet at 6:00 pm to grab food, drinks, and socialize a bit before starting discussion once we are settled. This Fall, we look forward to our neighbors from Christ's Evangelical Lutheran Church joining us! Email Pastor Justin or Vicar Katy if you plan to attend or have any questions about the specifics.

Rusty Rail Brewing

5 North 8th Street, Mifflinburg

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 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.**

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!

Sunday, November 19 at MLC

1125 Mahoning Street, Milton

IMPORTANT LINK



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

Church Calendar: Stay up-to-date on everything that's happening at UIC and Sunday's Worship Volunteers are listed each week under each "worship" event.

www.unitedinchristlutheran.net/calendar

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

	Nov. 12	Nov. 19	Nov. 26
Social Hour	S - Z	A - D	E - K
Bread/Wine	D. Byerly	K. Guffey	K. Criswell
Altar Guild	D. Byerly	C. Zimmerman	T. Cromwell
Digital Host	K. Guffey	M. Shearer	T. Cromwell
Front Door Greeter	T. Cromwell	M. Ketchem	M.L. Keifer
	K. Guffey	R. Whitesel	T. McPherrin
Side Door Greeter	D. Gottlieb	L. Rabuck	G. Weiser
Lector	S. Keifer	T. McPherrin	M. Shearer
Ushers	S. Brown	T. McPherrin	C. Zimmerman
	K. Criswell	J. Mertz	M. Shearer
	T. Cromwell	L. Rabuck	A. Stark
	S. McPherrin	M. Rabuck	S. Swartz
Communion Asst.	D. Baker	C. Zimmerman	T. McPherrin
	M. L. Keifer	S. Weiser	A. Stark
Guest Relations	M. Rabuck	B. Troxell	G. Weiser
Offering Counter	C. Shreck	Ken Baker	C. Zimmerman
	L. Rabuck	M. Shearer	K. Guffey

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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