

# United In Christ Lutheran Church



CERZO BARRERO 99

September 22, 2024  
Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

*Bishop Craig Miller*

# ***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.*

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## **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](http://www.unitedinchristlutheran.net)*

### **UNITED IN CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH STAFF**

**The Rev. Justin G. Lingenfelter: UIC Pastor**

**The Rev. Katy Moran: CELC 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, the God of manna, the God of miracles, the God of mercy.

**Amen**

Drawn to Christ and seeking God's abundance, let us confess our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection*

God, our Provider,

**help us.**

**It is hard to believe there is enough to share. We question your ways when they differ from the ways of the world in which we live. We turn to our own understanding rather than trusting you. We take offense at your teaching and your ways. Turn us again to you. Where else can we turn? Share with us the words of eternal life and feed us for life in the world. Amen.**

Beloved people of God, in Jesus, the manna from heaven, you are fed and nourished. By Jesus, the worker of miracles, there is always more than enough. Through Jesus, + the bread of life, you are shown God's mercy, you are forgiven and loved into abundant life.

**Amen.**

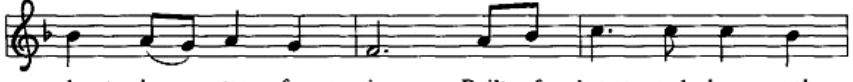
All Are Welcome



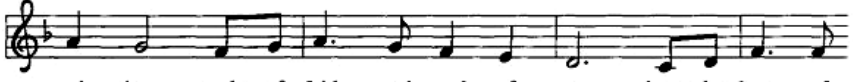
1 Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safe - ly  
 2 Let us build a house where proph - ets speak, and words are strong and  
 3 Let us build a house where love is found in wa - ter, wine and  
 4 Let us build a house where hands will reach be - yond the wood and  
 5 Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and vi - sions



live, a place where saints and chil - dren tell how  
 true, where all God's chil - dren dare to seek to  
 wheat: a ban - quet hall on ho - ly ground where  
 stone to heal and strength - en, serve and teach, and  
 heard and loved and trea - sured, taught and claimed as



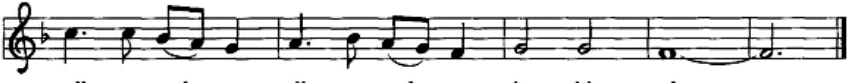
hearts learn to for - give. Built of hopes and dreams and  
 dream God's reign a - new. Here the cross shall stand as  
 peace and jus - tice meet. Here the love of God, through  
 live the Word they've known. Here the out - cast and the  
 words with - in the Word. Built of tears and cries and



vi - sions, rock of faith and vault of grace; here the love of  
 wit - ness and as sym - bol of God's grace; here as one we  
 Je - sus, is re - vealed in time and space; as we share in  
 strang - er bear the im - age of God's face; let us bring an  
 laugh - ter, prayers of faith and songs of grace, let this house pro -



*Refrain*  
 Christ shall end di - vi - sions:  
 claim the faith of Je - sus:  
 Christ the feast that frees us: All are wel - come,  
 end to fear and dan - ger:  
 claim from floor to raf - ter:



all are wel - come, all are wel - come in this place.

APOSTOLIC GREETING

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

**And also with you.**

## HYMN OF PRAISE



☐ Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;



glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.



☐ Lord God, heav - en - ly king, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we



wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.



☐ Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;



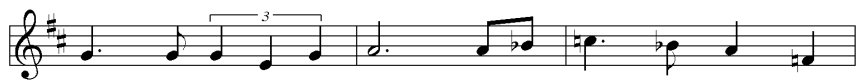
glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.



☐ Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther,



Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



world: have mer - cy on us; you are seat - ed at the



right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.

☒ Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;

glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

☐ For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,

you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly

Spir - it, in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther, A - men.

☒ Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;

glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth,

and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

O God, our teacher and guide, you draw us to yourself and welcome us as beloved children. Help us to lay aside all envy and selfish ambition, that we may walk in your ways of wisdom and understanding as servants of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

## FIRST READING

## JEREMIAH 11:18-20

<sup>18</sup>It was the Lord who made it known to me, and I knew; then you showed me their evil deeds. <sup>19</sup>But I was like a gentle lamb led to the slaughter. And I did not know it was against me that they devised schemes, saying, "Let us destroy the tree with its fruit, let us cut him off from the land of the living, so that his name will no longer be remembered!" <sup>20</sup>But you, O Lord of hosts, who judge righteously, who try the heart and the mind, let me see your retribution upon them, for to you I have committed my cause.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

Al - le - lu - ia. You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## GOSPEL READING

## MARK 9: 30-37

This is the Holy Gospel according to Mark, the 9<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>30</sup>They went on from there and passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it; <sup>31</sup>for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, "The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again." <sup>32</sup>But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him.

<sup>33</sup>Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, “What were you arguing about on the way?” <sup>34</sup>But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest. <sup>35</sup>He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, “Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all.” <sup>36</sup>Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, <sup>37</sup>“Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

## SERMON

## HYMN OF THE DAY

**ELW 781**

### *Children of the Heavenly Father*



*Tryg - ga - re kan ing - en va - ra än Guds lil - la bar - na - ska - ra,*  
 1 Chil - dren of the heav'n-ly Fa - ther safe - ly in his bo - som gath - er;  
 2 God his own doth tend and nour-ish, in his ho - ly courts they flour-ish.  
 3 Nei - ther life nor death shall ev - er from the Lord his chil - dren sev - er;  
 4 Though he giv - eth or he tak - eth, God his chil-dren ne'er for - sak - eth;



*stjär-nan ej på him-la - fäs - tet, få - geln ej i kän-da näs - tet.*  
 nest - ling bird nor star in heav - en such a ref - uge e'er was giv - en.  
 From all e - vil things he spares them, in his might - y arms he bears them.  
 un - to them his grace he show - eth, and their sor - rows all he know - eth.  
 his the lov - ing pur - pose sole - ly to pre - serve them pure and ho - ly.



## 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.

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Drawn together in the power of the Holy Spirit, we pray with confidence for the church, God's good creation, and all who are in need.

*Prayers continue with each petition ending:*

Hear us, O God,  
**Your mercy is great.**

We entrust these and all our prayers to you, holy God, in the name of your beloved child, 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.*

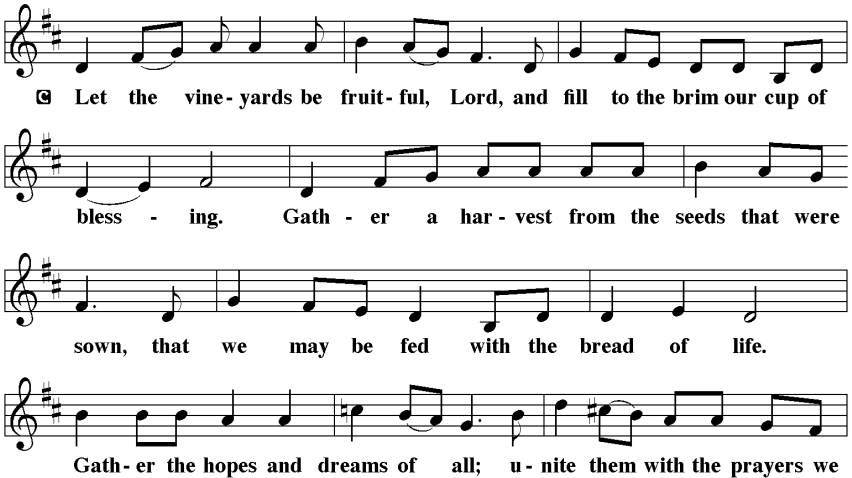
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and place the card in an offering plate.***

## OFFERING

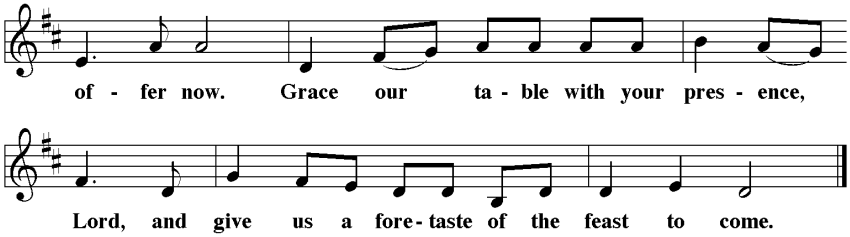
*You are invited to place your offering in one of the plates as they are passed or to make use of our online offering plate through [tithe.ly](http://tithe.ly) by scanning the QR code to the right. You may also place your offering at [www.unitedinchristlutheran.net/giving](http://www.unitedinchristlutheran.net/giving) by clicking on the green “Give Now” button.*



## OFFERTORY HYMN



Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of  
bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were  
sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life.  
Gath - er the hopes and dreams of all; u - nite them with the prayers we



## OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

Jesus, Bread of life, you have set this table with your very self, and called us to the feast of plenty. Gather what has been sown among us, and strengthen us in this meal. Make us to be what we receive here, your body for the life of the world.

**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:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and  
 might, heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry.  
 Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who  
 comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the  
 high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

O God most mighty, O God most merciful, O God our rock and our salvation, hear us as we praise, call us to your table, grant us your life.

When the earth was a formless void, you formed order and beauty. When Abraham and Sarah were barren, you sent them a child. When the Israelites were enslaved, you led them to freedom. Ruth faced starvation, David fought Goliath, and the psalmists cried out for healing, and full of compassion, you granted the people your life.

You entered our sorrows in Jesus our brother. He was born among the poor, he lived under oppression, he wept over the city. With infinite love, he granted the people your life.

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 death, we cry out Amen.

**Amen.**

Celebrating his resurrection, we shout Amen.

**Amen!**

Trusting his presence in every time and place, we plead Amen.

**Amen.**

O God, you are Breath: send your Spirit on this meal. O God, you are Bread: feed us with yourself. O God, you are wine: warm our hearts and make us one. O God, you are Fire: transform us with hope.

O God most majestic, O God most motherly, O God our strength and our song, you show us a vision of a tree of life with fruits for all and leaves that heal the nations. Grant us such life, the life of the Father to the Son, the life of the Spirit of our risen Savior, life in you, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## **LORD'S PRAYER**

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us saying:

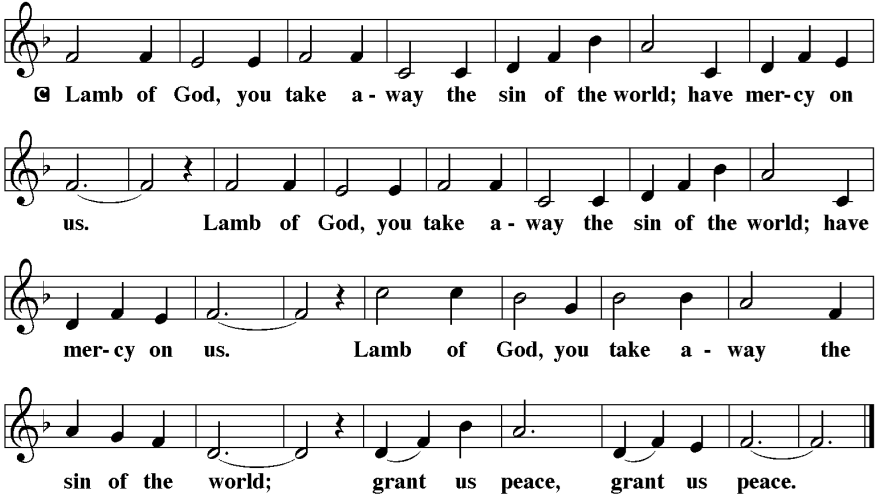
**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come, thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.**

**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

Christ has set the table with more than enough for all. Come!  
**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***

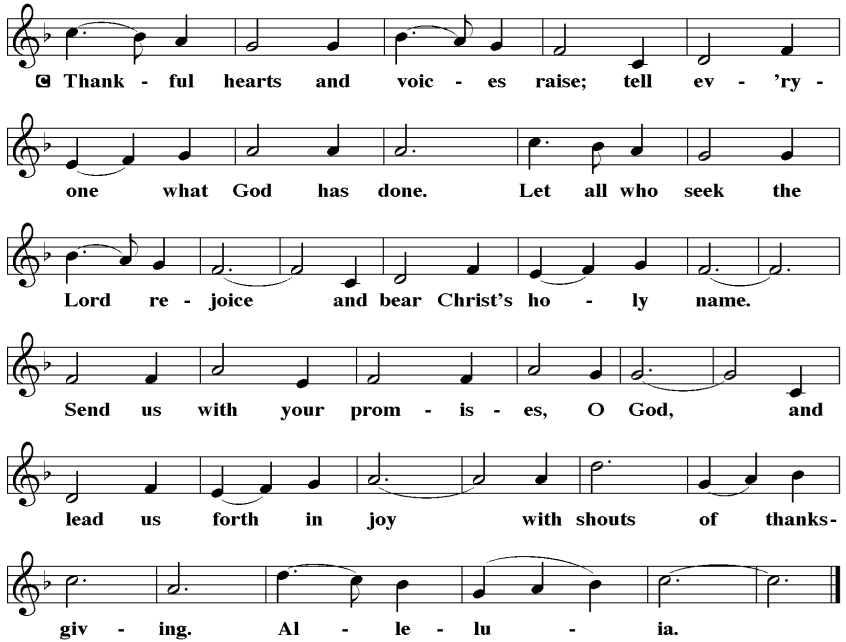
*Music will accompany the distribution of communion.*

## TABLE BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

**Amen.**

## POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE



☐ Thank - ful hearts and voic - es raise; tell ev - 'ry -  
one what God has done. Let all who seek the  
Lord re - joice and bear Christ's ho - ly name.  
Send us with your prom - is - es, O God, and  
lead us forth in joy with shouts of thanks -  
giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia.

## POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray.

Jesus, Bread of life, we have received from your table more than we could ever ask. As you have nourished us in this meal, now strengthen us to love the world with your own life. In your name we pray.

**Amen.**

## BENEDICTION

The blessing of God, who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us, + be upon you now and forever

**Amen.**

*Let the Whole Creation Cry*

1 Let the whole cre - a - tion cry, "Glo - ry to the Lord on high!"  
 2 Ser - vants striv - ing for the Lord, proph - ets burn - ing with the word,  
 3 Men and wom - en, young and old, raise the an - them loud and bold,



Heav'n and earth, a - wake and sing, "Praise to our al - might - y king!"  
 those to whom the arts be - long add their voic - es to the song.  
 and let chil - dren's hap - py hearts in this wor - ship take their parts;



Praise God, an - gel hosts a - bove, ev - er bright and fair in love;  
 Pow'rs of knowl - edge and of law, to the glo - rious cir - cle draw;  
 from the north to south - ern pole let the might - y cho - rus roll:



sun and moon, lift up your voice; night and stars, in God re - joice.  
 all who work and all who wait, sing, "The Lord is good and great!"  
 "Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly One; glo - ry be to God a - lone!"

**DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. You are the body of Christ

**Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE**

*Today's altar flowers are given  
 to the Glory of God  
 in honor of Jane Guffey's birthday  
 by Kathy Guffey.*



# What's Happening at UIC

- Sun, Sept. 22    Worship, 10:00am
- Mon, Sept. 23    **NEWSLETTER DEADLINE**  
Cub Scouts, 6:30pm  
Boy Scouts, 7:00pm
- Tue, Sept. 24    By Heart Study, 6:30pm
- Thu, Sept. 26    Men's Bible Study at CELC, 6:00pm
- Fri, Sept. 27    Office Closed
- Sun, Sept. 29    Worship, 10:00am  
Fellowship Hall Reserved, 2pm



Milo Gus Lingenfelter  
September 15th  
22" ~ 8lbs.

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# HAPPY Anniversary

*Chad and Terri Cromwell 9/22/01*



# Happy Birthday

*Walker Swanger 9/22*

*Dawn Warren 9/23*

*Karen Baker 9/23*

*Curtis Zimmerman 9/25*

*Kim Criswell 9/26*

*Cami Zimmerman 9/26*



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

## UNITED IN CHRIST'S PRAYER LIST

**Please pray for:** Gaye Stahl, Katarina Lopez, Marina Gresh, Jane and Dan Ramer, Sharon and George Lawer, Chad Cromwell, Carol Troxell, Matthew Royer, Dale and Strassman, Mary Fernsler, Ryan Hunter, Patrick Mosley, Maureen Shirley Russell, Bob Keifer, 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](mailto:office@unitedinchristlutheran.net)



# BABY MEAL TRAIN

## *For Pastor Justin and Kelsey*

We will be providing meals for Pastor Justin and Kelsey as they welcome Little Dude in a few weeks. Meals will begin on September 8th. If you're interested, please see the sign-up sheet in the fellowship hall for more information about how to participate! Contact Beth Guffey or Pastor Katy with questions!

### Important Reminders

- ✓ No Beef or Pork
- ✓ Drop off at Church by 5pm
- ✓ Place in cooler by office entrance
- ✓ Gift cards are also a great option  
Their preferred restaurants: Buffalo Wild Wings,  
OIP Mifflinburg, McDonald's, Jersey Mike's, Panera,  
Applebee's, MOD Pizza, Pizza Hut, All Star Bagels,  
Matty's, Gram's, Rusty Rail



The following dates are still available to bless Pastor Justin and Kelsey with a meal.

October 6th, 12th, 14th, and 20th.

Please see the signup sheet in the fellowship hall on the bulletin board.

# YOUTH EVENT!

**When:** Sunday, September 22,  
2024 from 3:00pm-5:00pm

**Where:** Christ's Evangelical  
Lutheran Church, Lewisburg

**What:** Game Night! Bring your  
favorite game!

**Who:** Any and all youth!

This event is brought to you by the  
synod youth team!

## LET US KNOW



Please let us know when you are in the hospital or have an upcoming surgery. Call the church office at 570-568-2254 to let us know.

Please do not assume if you tell someone in church that the pastor will find out.

Because of confidentiality issues, it's best if you contact Pastor Justin or the church office directly.

Monday, Sept. 23rd



## NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

Worship Volunteers, please give the office any dates in October which you will not be available to serve during worship.

Any articles, events, photos and/or thank you notes you'd like to have printed in the October Newsletter need to be in the office by Monday, September 23rd.

## MONTHLY FOOD COLLECTION



Social Ministry collects non-perishable food items each week. Your donations get delivered to the ***Our Little Free Pantry*** in West Milton, by the gas station across from the on ramp to 15.

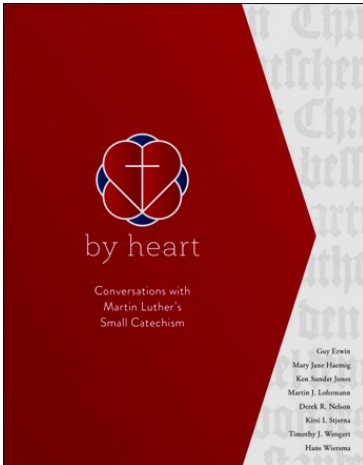
Place these items in the baskets located in the Narthex.

# FALL STUDY SERIES: BY HEART

Join us this fall as we explore our Lutheran heritage in *By Heart: Conversations with Martin Luther's Small Catechism*. Each week we will dive into a key piece of the Catechism that informs our Lutheran flavor of theology and practice! This study begins on **Tuesday, September 10th at 6:30pm and will continue every Tuesday through**. Special thanks to Sherry Bingaman and Bob Swartz who will be leading this study together this year!

Copies of the participant guide can be purchased on Amazon or through the church for \$18. See the signup sheet in the fellowship hall to join today!

From the publisher: **The Three Focuses in *By Heart***



The entire course is built around three kinds of source material that we see as essential to a meaningful experience of Luther's Small Catechism.

- Scripture and Tradition. For example, the Ten Commandments as cited in Exodus 20 or the Apostle's Creed as we have it from Christian traditions.
- Luther's explanations of the scripture or doctrine from Christian traditions.

The "backstory" of Luther's own life and times, the fertile soil of the Reformation itself.

## "For You" Focus

The contributions to *By Heart* address the reader in the second person. This is to keep faith with both the everyday, ground-level language that Luther uses in the explanations and to embody the declarative nature of the gospel which he strove to encode in that language. By adhering to the "for-you-ness" of the gospel in the design of this course we hope to do some justice to Luther's intentions in the Small Catechism.

# WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS

	Sept. 22	Sept. 29
Preaching	Bishop	Katy
Bread/Wine	S. McPherrin	J. Mertz
Altar Guild	S. Keifer	K. Guffey
Digital Host	K. Guffey	T. Cromwell
Front Door Greeter	B. Swartz T. Swartz	M. Ketchem R. Whitesel
Side Door Greeter	T. McPherrin	K. Noll
Lector	M. Shearer	T. McPherrin
Ushers	L. Olds K. Olds B. Troxell K. Arndt	B. Swartz T. Swartz D. Baker K. Baker
Communion Asst.	R. Kling M. Shearer	T. McPherrin R. Sprengle
Guest Relations	T. McPherrin	K. Noll
Offering Counter	C. Shreck P. Hauck	M. Shearer R. Sprengle

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**

**1875 Churches Rd. Lewisburg, PA 17837  
570-568-2254**

**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](mailto:office@unitedinchristlutheran.net)

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