

United In Christ Lutheran Church



First Sunday of Advent

December 1, 2024

The Rev. Katy Moran

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

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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 the holy Trinity, † one God, alive in the world, reviving creation, arriving soon.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

God of mercy,

we confess that we have sinned.

We trust earthly powers and human authority alone.

We grow fearful. We cling to false comforts.

God of might,

we confess that we have sinned.

We have turned away from our neighbors.

We have trusted false promises.

God in our midst,

we confess that we have sinned.

We plead: come to us.

Bring your mercy to birth in us.

A righteous branch springs forth: it is Christ the Lord, our Savior, in whom we have forgiveness, life, and mercy. By the power of the Holy Spirit, receive the grace and forgiveness of God through † Christ Jesus, whose day draws near.

Amen.

Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn



1 A - wake! A - wake, and greet the new morn, for
 2 To us, to all in sor - row and fear, Em -
 3 In dark - est night his com - ing shall be, when
 4 Re - joice, re - joice, take heart in the night, though



an - gels her - ald its dawn - ing. Sing out your joy, for
 man - u - el comes a - sing - ing, his hum - ble song is
 all the world is de - spair - ing, as morn - ing light so
 dark the win - ter and cheer - less, the ris - ing sun shall



soon he is born, be - hold! the Child of our long - ing.
 qui - et and near, yet fills the earth with its ring - ing;
 qui - et and free, so warm and gen - tle and car - ing.
 crown you with light, be strong and lov - ing and fear - less.



Come as a ba - by weak and poor, to bring all hearts to -
 mu - sic to heal the bro - ken soul and hymns of lov - ing -
 Then shall the mute break forth in song, the lame shall leap in
 Love be our song and love our prayer and love our end - less



geth - er, he o - pens wide the heav'n - ly door and
 kind - ness, the thun - der of his an - thems roll to
 won - der, the weak be raised a - bove the strong, and
 sto - ry; may God fill ev - 'ry day we share and



lives now in - side us for - ev - er.
 shat - ter all ha - tred and blind - ness.
 weap - ons be bro - ken a - sun - der.
 bring us at last in - to glo - ry.

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 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som cap - tive
2 O come, O Wis - dom from on high, em - brac - ing all things

Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile here
far and nigh: in strength and beau - ty come and stay;

Refrain
un - til the Son of God ap - pear. Re-joice! Re-joice!
teach us your will and guide our way.

Em - man - u - el shall come to you, O Is - ra - el.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. By your merciful protection alert us to the threatening dangers of our sins, and redeem us for your life of justice, for you live and reign with the father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

FIRST READING

GENESIS 16:7-13

⁷Now the messenger of the ALL-SEEING GOD found Hagar by a spring of water in the wilderness, the spring that is beside the road to Shur. ⁸And the messenger said, “Hagar, slave-girl of Sarai, from where have you come and where are you going?” And she said, “From my mistress Sarai I am fleeing.” ⁹The messenger of the INSCRUTABLE GOD said to her, “Return to your mistress, and subject yourself to her.”

¹⁰The messenger of the WELLSPRING OF LIFE said to Hagar, “Greatly I will multiply your seed, so they cannot be counted for multitude.” ¹¹Then the messenger of the FOUNT OF LIFE said to her: “Look! You are pregnant and shall give birth to a son, and you shall call him Ishmael (meaning God hears), for the FAITHFUL ONE has heard of your abuse. ¹²He shall be a wild ass of a man, with his hand against everyone and everyone’s hand against him, and he shall live in the sight of all his kin.”

¹³So Hagar named the LIVING GOD who spoke to her: “You are El-ro’i”; for she said, “Have I really seen God and remained alive after seeing God?”

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

Let us pray.

Praise to you, O God, our salvation who is near. You hold us in our waiting, and keep us awake to the world. You show up in our lives at unexpected times. Bless us as we light this candle to keep vigil for your arrival. We trust that even though we do not know the day or the hour, you hurry to gather all people to your peace.

Amen.



1 Light one can-dle to watch for Mes-si - ah: let the light ban-ish dark - ness.



He shall bring sal - va - tion to Is - ra - el, God ful - fills the prom - ise.

GOSPEL READING

LUKE 1:26-38

This is the Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 1st chapter.
Glory to you, O Lord.

²⁶In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town of Galilee, Nazareth, ²⁷to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. And the name of the virgin was Mary. ²⁸And the angel came to Mary and said, "Rejoice, favored one! The Most High God is with you." ²⁹Now, she was troubled by the angel's words and pondered what sort of greeting this was. ³⁰Then the angel said to her, "Fear not Mary, for you have found favor with God. ³¹And now, you will conceive in your womb give birth to a son, and you will name him Jesus. ³²He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High,, and the Sovereign God will give him the throne of his ancestor David. ³³He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his sovereignty there will be no end." ³⁴Then Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I have not known a man intimately?" ³⁵The angel said to her, "The Holy Spirit, She will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the one born will be holy. He will be called Son of God. ³⁶And now, Elizabeth your kinswoman has even conceived in her old age, and this is the sixth month for she who was called barren. ³⁷For nothing will be impossible with God." ³⁸Then Mary said, "Here am I, the woman-slave of God; let it be with me according to your word." Then the angel left her.

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

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

ELW 438

My Lord, What a Morning

Refrain

My Lord, what a morn-ing; my Lord, what a morn-ing; oh,

my Lord, what a morn-ing, when the stars be-gin to fall.

- 1 You will hear the trum - pet sound,
- 2 You will hear the sin - ner cry, to wake the na-tions un-der - ground,
- 3 You will hear the Chris-tian shout,

Refrain

look-ing to my God's right hand, when the stars be-gin to fall.

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

As we prepare for Emmanuel, God-with-us, let us pray for all people and places that long for God's presence.

Prayers continue with each petition ending:

Lord, in your mercy,
Receive our Prayer.

Savior of the nations, come, and receive these prayers and the pleas of our hearts, in the name of Jesus Christ.

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.

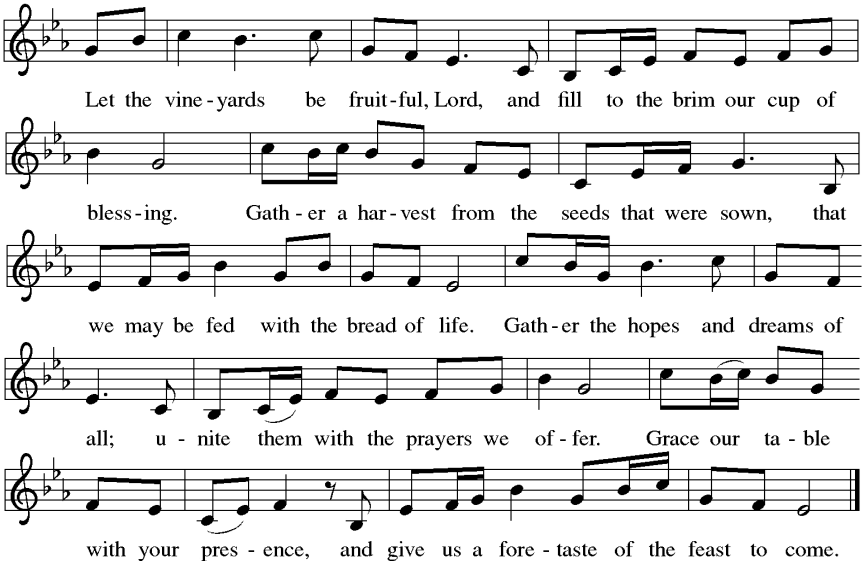
***Please fill out an Attendance Card,
and place the card in an offering plate.***

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



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 of-fer. Grace our ta-ble
with your pres-ence, and give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

Creator God, you made the whole world, even the farthest stars, and you draw near to feed us. We praise you for these gifts of bread and wine. Strengthen us with this food that we may live in expectation for the advent of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. 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. You comforted your people with the promise of the Redeemer, through whom you will also make all things new in the day when he comes to judge the world in righteousness. 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, Lord God of pow'r and might,
 heav'n 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.

We give you thanks, Father, through Jesus Christ, your beloved Son, whom you sent in this end of the ages to save and redeem us and to proclaim to us your will.

He is your Word, inseparable from you, through whom you created all things, and in whom you take delight. He is your Word, sent from heaven to a virgin's womb. He there took on our nature and our lot and was shown forth as your Son, born of the Holy Spirit and of the virgin Mary.

He, our Lord Jesus, fulfilled all your will and won for you a holy people; he stretched out his hands in suffering in order to free from suffering those who trust you.

He is the one who, handed over to a death he freely accepted, in order to destroy death, to break the bonds of the evil one, to crush hell underfoot, to give light to the righteous, to establish his covenant, and to show forth the resurrection, taking bread and giving thanks to you, said: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

In the same way 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, then, his death and resurrection, we take this bread and cup, giving you thanks that you have made us worthy to stand before you and to serve you as your priestly people.

Send your Spirit upon these gifts of your church; gather into one all who share this bread and wine; fill us with your Holy Spirit to establish our faith in truth, that we may praise and glorify you through your Son Jesus Christ; through whom all glory and honor are yours, almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy church, both 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 THE TABLE

God feeds us with tender mercy. Come to the 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

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
ev - 'ry-one who seeks the Lord re - joice and bear the name of Christ.
Send us with your prom - is - es and lead your peo - ple forth in joy with
shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le-lu - ia, al - le-lu - ia.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray,

Generous God, we thank you for the gift of life, for the bread of salvation. We thank you for coming among us, for leading us into peace. We thank you for showering us with mercy, for sending us into the world. Come, Lord Jesus, and go with us as we feed the hungry in your name. Amen.

BENEDICTION

God of endings and beginnings, God in the darkness and the light, God, our hope for the journey, ✠ bless and keep you now and forever.

Amen.

Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus



1 Come, thou long-ex - pect-ed Je - sus, born to set thy peo-ple free;
 2 Born thy peo-ple to de - liv - er, born a child, and yet a king;
 from our fears and sins re - lease us; let us find our rest in thee.
 born to reign in us for - ev - er, now thy gra - cious king-dom bring.
 Is - rael's strength and con - so - la - tion, hope of all the earth thou art,
 By thine own e - ter - nal Spir-it rule in all our hearts a - lone;
 dear de - sire of ev - 'ry na - tion, joy of ev - 'ry long-ing heart.
 by thine all - suf - fi - cient mer-it raise us to thy glo - rious throne.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Keep awake.
Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE



*Today's altar flowers are given
to the Glory of God
in memory of Dave and Winnie Neilson,
and Mac Keifer by Mary Lou Keifer.*

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What's Happening at UIC

- Sun, Dec. 1 **ADVENT 1**
Worship, 10:00am
Social Hour, 11:15am
- Mon, Dec. 2 Office Closed
Cub Scouts, 6:30pm
Boy Scouts, 6:45pm
- Tue, Dec. 3 Visit Orangeville Veterans Home
Worship & Music Committee Mtg, 10:00am
Boy Scouts, 6:45pm
- Wed, Dec. 4 Beers and Carols, 6:00pm
- Fri, Dec. 6 Office Closed
Food Box Delivery from Food Bank
- Sat, Dec. 7 Christmas Craft Workshop, 3:00pm
- Sun, Dec. 8 **ADVENT 2**
Worship, 10:00am
Social Hour, 11:15am
Outreach Mtg., 11:15am
Fellowship Mtg., 11:15am
Faith Lab, 4:00pm
Youth Group, 6:00pm

UNITED IN CHRIST'S PRAYER LIST

PRAYER REQUESTS: Larry Fawcett, Aaron Murray, Delroy Caris, Rachel Lynn, Desiree Starks, Carol Troxell, Rosemary Fernsler, Ryan Hunter, Patrick Mosley, Mark Rabuck, Shirley Russell, Bob Keifer.



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.

Happy Birthday

Ted McPherrin 12/3

Jeff Snyder 12/5

Jane Mertz 12/6



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



ORANGEVILLE MANOR DRIVE FOR HOMELESS VETERANS

UIC will be collecting items from
November 11 - December 1

Coffee (Folger's or Maxwell House)
Powdered Coffee Creamer
Snack Items
Shampoo/Conditioner
Spray Deodorant
Shaving Cream
Razors
Body Wash
Wash Cloths



PLACE ITEMS IN BOX IN NARTHEX

MONTHLY FOOD COLLECTION



Outreach Committee collects non-perishable food items each month. Your donations get delivered to the Our Little Free Pantry in West Milton by the gas station across from the on ramp to 15.

During cold month, please do not donate items in glass containers since the pantry is open to the elements outside.

Place these items in the baskets located in the Narthex.



BEERS & CAROLS

JOIN THIS HOLIDAY PUB SING ON
DECEMBER 4 | 6:00PM
 AT
**RUSTY RAIL
 BREWING COMPANY**
 5 NORTH 8TH ST.
 MIFFLINBURG, PA



COORDINATED WITH:




YOU'RE INVITED!

CHRISTMAS CRAFT WORKSHOP

SATURDAY, December 7 | 3:00PM
 United In Christ Lutheran Church
 1875 Churches Road, Lewisburg, PA



Sponsored by:



Crafts! Cocoa! Cookies! Carols!



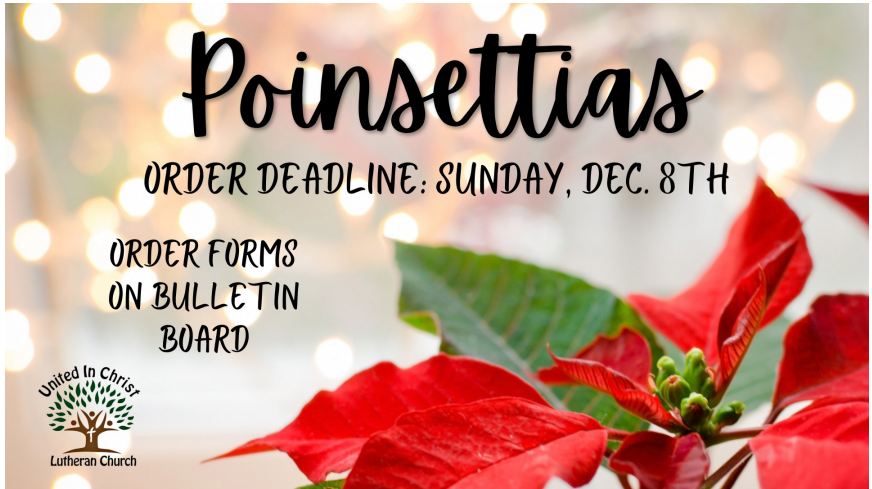

Crafters needed to host an easy Christmas craft.



CHRISTMAS GIFTS

DANVILLE STATE HOSPITAL
COUNTRY COMFORT ASSISTED LIVING

PLEASE SEE RUBY BAKER AND KATHY
GUFFEY TO SPONSOR RESIDENTS



Poinsettias

ORDER DEADLINE: SUNDAY, DEC. 8TH

ORDER FORMS
ON BULLETIN
BOARD



HAVE YOU SEEN?

**LOST
AND
FOUND**



Did you leave something at church? Check out the LOST AND FOUND bin on the shelf by the restroom in the fellowship hall.

NEXT FAITH LAB

Our next Faith Lab will be on Sunday, December 8th at MLC, 1125 Mahoning Street, Milton. We will begin at 4pm and have dinner at 5:30pm.



**BUFFALO VALLEY
FAITH LAB**



**Second Sunday of the Month
4:00pm-6:00pm**

Free family dinner!

Sponsored by:



**You're invited to the launch of a
new monthly family faith
formation program!**

COMBINED LUTHERAN YOUTH GROUP

Milton Lutheran, United In Christ, and Christ's Lutheran have formed a Combined Lutheran Youth Group. Youth Group is for any student in grades 7-12. Youth Group will meet at 6:15pm on Sunday, December 8th, after Faith Lab, at MLC.

If you would like to join, or have questions, please see Pastor Justin or Pastor Katy.

WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS

	Dec. 1	Dec. 8	Dec. 15
Worship Leaders	Moran Lingenfelter	Lingenfelter	Moran Lingenfelter
Social Hour	A - D	E - K	L - R
Bread/Wine	S. Keifer	S. McPherrin	J. Mertz
Altar Guild	S. Keifer	ML Keifer	T. Cromwell
Digital Host	K. Guffey	M. Shearer	T. Cromwell
Front Door Greeter	B. Swartz T. Swartz	D. Gottlieb G. Glathar	M. Ketchem R. Whitesel
Side Door Greeter	G. Weiser	R. Stitzel	R. Baker
Lector	M. Shearer	S. Keifer	R. Sprengle
Ushers	K. Arndt D. Baker Ken Baker S. Brown	T. Cromwell K. Guffey R. Kling S. McPherrin	L. Rabuck M. Rabuck M. Shearer A. Stark
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Offering Counter	K. Guffey M. Rabuck	P. Hauck M. Shearer	R. Sprengle M. Rabuck

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

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