

# United In Christ Lutheran Church



WEEK ONE: REMEMBER

*January 12, 2025*

*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.*

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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**

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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

May we remember  
**That God created.**

May we remember  
**That God liberated.**

May we remember  
**That God fed.**

May we remember  
**That God is *still creating*, God is *still liberating*,  
and God is *still feeding us*.**

Let this be our story.  
**Let this be where we begin.**

Let us worship holy God. Trusting that God receives our words  
and the meditations of our hearts, let us confess our sin.

Holy God,  
**We admit to remembering the wrong things.  
We remember worldly lessons like,  
“Everyone for themselves,” “An eye for an eye,” and  
“All is fair in love and war.”  
And yet, we forget to forgive 70 times seven,  
To love our neighbors as ourselves,  
And to live like the body of Christ.  
Help us to receive your word anew,  
And to consider stewardship not with the world’s rules,  
But with your rules.  
Release us from our muscle memory and  
Re-center us in a new place, A fresh place, A space  
grounded in your love. Help us to remember. Amen.**

God proclaims these words of assurance: “Do not fear, for I have redeemed you. I have called you by name. You are mine.” In † Christ, you are forgiven. In the Spirit, you are made free. Refreshed by the waters of mercy, live anew as beloved children of God.

Amen.

OPENING HYMN

ELW 461

*All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly*



1. All who hun - ger, gath - er glad - ly;  
 2. All who hun - ger, nev - er stran - gers;  
 3. All who hun - ger, sing to - geth - er;



Ho - ly man - na is our bread. Come from wil - der -  
 Seek - er, be a wel - come guest. Come from rest - less -  
 Je - sus Christ is liv - ing bread. Come from lone - li -



ness and wan - d'ring. Here, in truth, we will be fed.  
 ness and roam - ing. Here, in joy, we keep the feast.  
 ness and long - ing. Here, in peace, we have been led.



You that yearn for days of full - ness,  
 We that once were lost and scat - tered  
 Blest are those who from this ta - ble



All a - round us is our food. Taste and see the  
 In com - mun - ion's love have stood. Taste and see the  
 Live their days in grat - i - tude. Taste and see the



grace e - ter - nal. Taste and see that God is good.  
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# 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



Ⓐ This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.



Ⓑ Wor- thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo- ple of God. Pow- er and rich- es and wis- dom and



strength, and hon- or and bless- ing and glo- ry are his.



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.



Sing with all the peo- ple of God and join in the



hymn of all cre- a- tion: Bless- ing and hon- or and glo- ry and



might be to God and the Lamb for- ev- er. A - men.



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain



has be- gun his reign. Al - le - lu- ia. Al- le - lu - ia.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Almighty God, you call your people to remember the story of your movement across the generations. Inspire us by their witness that we may see your story yet unfolding in our own time and place, 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

## EXODUS 16:1-18

<sup>1</sup>The whole congregation of the Israelites set out from Elim; and Israel came to the wilderness of Sin, which is between Elim and Sinai, on the fifteenth day of the second month after they had departed from the land of Egypt. <sup>2</sup>The whole congregation of the Israelites complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. <sup>3</sup>The Israelites said to them, "If only we had died by the hand of the LORD in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the fleshpots and ate our fill of bread; for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger." <sup>4</sup>Then the LORD said to Moses, "I am going to rain bread from heaven for you, and each day the people shall go out and gather enough for that day. In that way I will test them, whether they will follow my instruction or not. <sup>5</sup>On the sixth day, when they prepare what they bring in, it will be twice as much as they gather on other days." <sup>6</sup>So Moses and Aaron said to all the Israelites, "In the evening you shall know that it was the LORD who brought you out of the land of Egypt, <sup>7</sup>and in the morning you shall see the glory of the LORD, because he has heard your complaining against the LORD. For what are we, that you complain against us?" <sup>8</sup>And Moses said, "When the LORD gives you meat to eat in the evening and your fill of bread in the morning, because the LORD has heard the complaining that you utter against him—what are we? Your complaining is not against us but against the LORD." <sup>9</sup>Then Moses

said to Aaron, "Say to the whole congregation of the Israelites, 'Draw near to the LORD, for he has heard your complaining.'" <sup>10</sup>And as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the Israelites, they looked toward the wilderness, and the glory of the LORD appeared in the cloud. <sup>11</sup>The LORD spoke to Moses and said, <sup>12</sup>"I have heard the complaining of the Israelites; say to them, 'At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread; then you shall know that I am the LORD your God.'"

<sup>13</sup>In the evening quails came up and covered the camp; and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. <sup>14</sup>When the layer of dew lifted, there on the surface of the wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground. <sup>15</sup>When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, "What is it?" For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, "It is the bread that the LORD has given you to eat. <sup>16</sup>This is what the LORD has commanded: 'Gather as much of it as each of you needs, an omer to a person according to the number of persons, all providing for those in their own tents.'" <sup>17</sup>The Israelites did so, some gathering more, some less. <sup>18</sup>But when they measured it with an omer, those who gathered much had nothing over, and those who gathered little had no shortage; they gathered as much as each of them needed.

The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?  
You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

This is the Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 22<sup>nd</sup> chapter.  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

Now the festival of Unleavened Bread, which is called the Passover, was near. <sup>2</sup>The chief priests and the scribes were looking for a way to put Jesus to death, for they were afraid of the people. <sup>3</sup>Then Satan entered into Judas called Iscariot, who was one of the twelve; <sup>4</sup>he went away and conferred with the chief priests and officers of the temple police about how he might betray him to them. <sup>5</sup>They were greatly pleased and agreed to give him money. <sup>6</sup>So he consented and began to look for an opportunity to betray him to them when no crowd was present.

<sup>7</sup>Then came the day of Unleavened Bread, on which the Passover lamb had to be sacrificed. <sup>8</sup>So Jesus sent Peter and John, saying, "Go and prepare the Passover meal for us that we may eat it." <sup>9</sup>They asked him, "Where do you want us to make preparations for it?" <sup>10</sup>"Listen," he said to them, "when you have entered the city, a man carrying a jar of water will meet you; follow him into the house he enters <sup>11</sup>and say to the owner of the house, 'The teacher asks you, "Where is the guest room, where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?"' <sup>12</sup>He will show you a large room upstairs, already furnished. Make preparations for us there." <sup>13</sup>So they went and found everything as he had told them; and they prepared the Passover meal. <sup>14</sup>When the hour came, he took his place at the table, and the apostles with him. <sup>15</sup>He said to them, "I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer; <sup>16</sup>for I tell you, I will not eat it until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God." <sup>17</sup>Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he said, "Take this and divide it among yourselves; <sup>18</sup>for I tell you that from now on I will not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes." <sup>19</sup>Then he took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it



and gave it to them, saying, "This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." <sup>20</sup>And he did the same with the cup after supper, saying, "This cup that is poured out for you is the new covenant in my blood.

<sup>21</sup>But see, the one who betrays me is with me, and his hand is on the table. <sup>22</sup>For the Son of Man is going as it has been determined, but woe to that one by whom he is betrayed!" <sup>23</sup>Then they began to ask one another, which one of them it could be who would do this.

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

**CHILDREN’S MESSAGE**

**SERMON**

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

**ELW 487**

***What Feast of Love***



1 What feast of love is of - fered here, what ban - quet come from heav - en?  
2 What light of truth is of - fered here, what cov - e - nant from heav - en?  
3 What wine of love is of - fered here, what crim - son drink from heav - en?



What food of ev - er - last - ing life, what gra - cious gift is giv - en?  
What hope of ev - er - last - ing life, what won - drous word is giv - en?  
What stream of ev - er - last - ing life, what pre - cious blood is giv - en?



This, this is Christ the king, the bread come down from heav - en.  
This, this is Christ the king, the sun come down from heav - en.  
This, this is Christ the king, the sweet - est wine of heav - en.



Oh, taste and see and sing! How sweet the man - na giv - en!  
Oh, see and hear and sing! The Word of God is giv - en!  
Oh, taste and see and sing! The Son of God is giv - en!

## **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**

With the Spirit of Christ shining upon us, let us boldly pray for the church, the world, and all of creation.

*Prayers continue with each petition ending:*

God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

We entrust our prayers to you, O God, in the sure and certain hope that your promise is revealed among the people.

**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](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 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.

Gracious God, we give out of a desire to participate, as a sign of gratitude, and because we belong to one another. We give to build a more just and equitable world, because we love, and that's what love does.

**So take these gifts and remind us that we belong to one another. Remind us that all money narratives are welcome at this table. Remind us that whatever shame or guilt we bring with us will be washed away with your empathy and love. Remind us, and then help us to build that more beautiful world. In hope we pray, 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 leading of a star he was shown forth to all nations; in the waters of the Jordan you proclaimed him your beloved Son; and in the miracle of water turned to wine he revealed your glory. 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.

Jesus was always the guest. In the homes of Peter and Jairus, Martha and Mary, Joanna and Susanna, he was always the guest. At the meal tables of the wealthy where he pled the case of the poor, he was always the guest. Upsetting polite company, befriending isolated people, welcoming the stranger, he was always the guest.

But here, at this table, he is the host. Those who wish to serve him must first be served by him. Those who want to follow him must first be fed by him. For this is the table where God intends us to be nourished. This is the table where we who are broken are made whole. So, come, you who hunger and thirst for a deeper faith, for a better life, for a fairer world. Jesus Christ, who has sat at our tables, now invites us to be guests at his.

On the night in which he was betrayed, and as they were sitting at a meal, Jesus gave thanks, took a piece of bread and broke it. He gave it to the disciples saying, *This is my body. It is broken for you. Do this to remember me.*

Later, after they had eaten, he took a cup of wine, gave thanks and said, *"This cup is the new relationship with God made possible because of my death. Drink this all of you, to remember me."*

So now we do as Jesus did. We take this bread and wine, the produce of the earth and fruit of human labor. In these, Jesus has promised to be present; through these, Christ can make us whole. We ask, merciful God, that you send, in kindness, your Holy Spirit to settle on this bread and wine and fill them with the fullness of Jesus. Let that same Spirit rest on us, call us from the folly of this world, until in wisdom, we conform to the shape of him whose food we now share.

All this we ask through your son, Jesus Christ. By him, with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, All honor and glory are yours, Almighty Father, 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.**

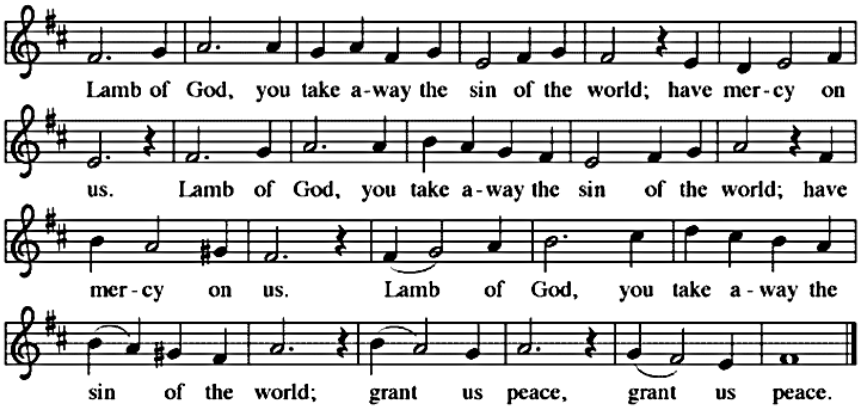
**Give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.**

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

## **INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

Taste and see that the Lord is good.

**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



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 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

Holy God,

**As we leave this table, help us to remember this moment. Help us remember that with you, all are invited. Help us remember that with you, there is a seat for everyone. Help us remember that with you, there is enough food to go around, that even Judas was invited to the meal, and that there is manna in the wilderness. Gratefully we pray, Amen.**

## BENEDICTION

The God of Love, Father, ✠ Son, and Holy Spirit, lavish you with grace, illumine your path, and increase your joy, today and always.

**Amen.**



*Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer*

1 Guide me ev - er, great Re - deem - er, pil - grim through this  
 2 O - pen now the crys - tal foun - tain where the heal - ing  
 3 When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, bid my anx - ious

bar - ren land. I am weak, but you are might - y; hold me  
 wa - ters flow; let the fire and cloud - y pil - lar lead me  
 fears sub - side; death of death and hell's de - struc - tion, land me

with your pow'r - ful hand. Bread of heav - en, bread of heav - en,  
 all my jour - ney through. Strong de - liv - 'rer, strong de - liv - 'rer,  
 safe on Ca - naan's side. Songs and prais - es, songs and prais - es

feed me now and ev - er - more, ev - er - more, feed me now and ev - er - more.  
 shield me with your might - y arm, might - y arm, shield me with your might - y arm.  
 I will raise for - ev - er - more, ev - er - more, I will raise for - ev - er - more.

## **DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Remember God's story!

**Thanks be to God.**

## **POSTLUDE**

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# What's Happening at UIC

- Sun, Jan. 12     **BAPTISM OF OUR LORD**  
Worship, 10:00am  
Social Hour, 11:15am  
Outreach Committee Meeting, 11:15am  
Fellowship Committee Meeting, 11:15am  
Faith Lab @ CELC, 4:00pm  
Combined Lutheran Youth Group, 6:15pm
- Mon, Jan. 13     Cub Scouts, 6:30pm  
Boy Scouts, 6:45pm
- Tue, Jan. 14     OAKS Senior Center, 10am-1pm  
Boy Scouts Committee Mtgs, 6:45pm
- Fri, Jan. 17     Office Closed
- Sun, Jan. 19     Worship, 10:00am  
Social Hour, 11:15am



**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!**

# UNITED IN CHRIST'S PRAYER LIST

**PRAYER REQUESTS:** Family and friends of Joy Lynn Zimmerman, Karen Baker, Oscar Trewitz, Leroy Baker, Kylee Fawcett, Mary Baker, Annette Baker, 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](mailto:office@unitedinchristlutheran.net).

Scripture instructs us to lift one another up in prayer. The prayer chain takes two forms: telephone or email. If you would like to be a part of the prayer chain, please let Terri Cromwell know. Make sure you tell her if you would like a phone call or an email.

## Happy Birthday

*Brandon Wirth 1/13*

*Linda Danowsky 1/15*

*Shanna Martz 1/16*



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



## HAPPY Anniversary

*Jim and Kathy Arndt 1/18/92*



UNITED IN CHRIST  
LUTHERAN CHURCH  
INVITES YOU TO

# Theology on Tap

JOIN US AT  
RUSTY RAIL  
6:00 PM ON JANUARY 8TH  
AND 22ND



**Monday, Jan. 20th**



## **NEWSLETTER DEADLINE**

Worship Volunteers, please give the office any dates in February 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 February Newsletter need to be in the office by Monday, January 20th.

CHRIST'S LUTHERAN CHURCH INVITES YOU



# Men's Bible Study

6:00PM IN THE PARLOR



THURSDAYS  
JANUARY 16  
JANUARY 30  
FEBRUARY 13  
FEBRUARY 27

They will be studying the gospel of Luke.

## 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 that if you tell someone in church that the office or pastor will find out. Because of confidentiality issues, it's best if you contact Pastor Justin or the church office directly.

# WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS

|                    | Jan. 12  | Jan. 19  | Jan. 26  |
|--------------------|--|--|--|
| Worship Leader     | Lingenfelter   | Moran  | Lingenfelter                                       |
| Social Hour        | L - R  | S - Z  | A - D  |
| Bread/Wine         | K. Guffey  | S. Keifer  | S. McPherrin                                       |
| Altar Guild        | ML Keifer  | T. Cromwell  | K. Guffey  |
| Digital Host       | M. Shearer   | T. Cromwell  | K. Guffey  |
| Front Door Greeter | A. Stark<br>K. Olds                                  | K. Baker<br>S. Brown                               | D. Byerly<br>J. Byerly                             |
| Side Door Greeter  | L. Olds  | G. Weiser  | R. Baker   |
| Lector             | B. Swartz  | R. Baker   | D. Gottlieb  |
| Ushers             | T. Cromwell<br>K. Guffey<br>R. Kling<br>S. McPherrin | T. McPherrin<br>J. Mertz<br>L. Rabuck<br>M. Rabuck | M. Shearer<br>B. Swartz<br>T. Swartz<br>B. Troxell |
| Communion Asst.    | S. Weiser<br>D. Baker                                | A. Stark<br>B. Swartz                              | T. Cromwell<br>E. Haussmann                        |
| Guest Relations    |  |  |  |
| Offering Counter   | K. Guffey<br>C. Shreck                               | L. Rabuck<br>R. Sprenkle                           | M. Shearer<br>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.



## **Lutheran Church**

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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  
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