

United In Christ Lutheran Church



First Sunday in Lent

March 9, 2025

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.

Visit us at 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

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

Amen.

Let us return to God, confessing our sin in the assurance of God's abiding love.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Compassionate One,

You are slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love, but our lives do not always reflect you and your love for the world. We do not show others the tender compassion you have shown to us.

We do not welcome others with the radical hospitality you grant to all people. We oppress others, even though you have set us free again and again.

We squander the abundant gifts of the earth. Transform our lives and guide us again in the way of the cross. Amen.

Beloved in Christ,

God's arms are always stretched open wide to welcome the wandering ones home. In † Christ your sins are forgiven. You have a place in God's house forever.

Amen.

O Lord, throughout These Forty Days

1 O Lord, through - out these for - ty days you
 2 You strove with Sa - tan, and you won; your
 3 Though parched and hun - gry, yet you prayed and
 4 Be with us through this sea - son, Lord, and

prayed and kept the fast; in - spire re - pen - tance
 faith - ful - ness en - dured; lend us your nerve, your
 fixed your mind a - bove; so teach us to de -
 all our earth - ly days, that when the fi - nal

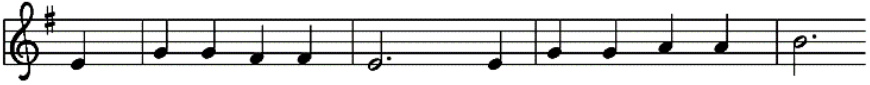
for our sin, and free us from our past.
 skill and trust in God's e - ter - nal word.
 ny our - selves that we may know God's love.
 Eas - ter dawns, we join in heav - en's praise.

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 Have mer - cy on us, Lord, and hear our sol - emn prayer.
2 Have mer - cy on us, Christ, and wash a - way our sin.
3 Have mer - cy on us, Lord; make sin and shame de - part.



We come to hear your liv - ing word; it saves us from de - spair.
Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may be - gin.
Re - new us with your sav - ing pow'r; cre - ate in us new hearts!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

O Lord God, you led your people through the wilderness and brought them to the promised land. Guide us now, so that, following your Son, we may walk safely through the wilderness of this world toward the life you alone can give, 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

ROMANS 10:8B-13

⁸'The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart' (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); ⁹because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. ¹¹The scripture says, 'No one who believes in him will be put to shame.'¹²For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. ¹³For, 'Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSIVE READING

PSALM 91:1-2, 9-16

¹You who live in the shelter of the Most High, who abide in the shadow of the Almighty,

²**will say to the LORD, 'My refuge and my fortress; my God, in whom I trust.'**

⁹Because you have made the LORD your refuge, the Most High your dwelling-place,

¹⁰**no evil shall befall you, no scourge come near your tent.**

¹¹For he will command his angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways.

¹²**On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.**

¹³You will tread on the lion and the adder, the young lion and the serpent you will trample under foot.

¹⁴**Those who love me, I will deliver; I will protect those who know my name.**

¹⁵When they call to me, I will answer them; I will be with them in trouble, I will rescue them and honour them.

¹⁶**With long life I will satisfy them, and show them my salvation.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for he is gra - cious and mer - ci - ful,
slow to an - ger, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

GOSPEL READING

LUKE 4:1-13

This is the Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 4th chapter.
Glory to you, O Lord.

¹Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, ²where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished. ³The devil said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread.' ⁴Jesus answered him, 'It is written, "One does not live by bread alone."'

⁵Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. ⁶And the devil said to him, 'To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. ⁷If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours.' ⁸Jesus answered him, 'It is written, "Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him."'

⁹Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, 'If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, ¹⁰for it is written, "He will command his angels concerning you, to protect you", ¹¹and "On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone." ¹²Jesus answered him, 'It is said, "Do not put the Lord your God to the test." ¹³When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON

I Want Jesus to Walk with Me

1 I want Je - sus to walk with me;
 2 In my tri - als, Lord, walk with me; walk with
 3 When I'm in trou - ble, Lord, walk with me;

I want Je - sus to walk with me;
 me; in my tri - als, Lord, walk with me; walk with
 when I'm in trou - ble, Lord, walk with me;

me: all a - long my pil - grim jour - ney,
 when my heart is al - most break - ing,
 when my head is bowed in sor - row,

Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me.
 Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me. walk with me.
 Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me.

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

Led by the Spirit, let us turn to God in prayer for the church, the world, and all those in need.

Prayers continue with each petition ending:

God, in your mercy,
receive our prayer.

Receive the prayers of your people and draw all things together in your love, in the name of Jesus, who leads us from death to life.

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

Refrain

Change my heart, O God; make it ev - er true. *End*

Change my heart, O God; may I be like you.

You are the pot - ter; I am the clay.

Mold me and make me; this is what I pray. *Refrain*

OFFERING PRAYER

Gracious Provider,

you set your immense treasures among us, opening your heart to the world. As we prepare to feast on your bountiful love, deepen our commitment to sharing those treasures with others, through our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

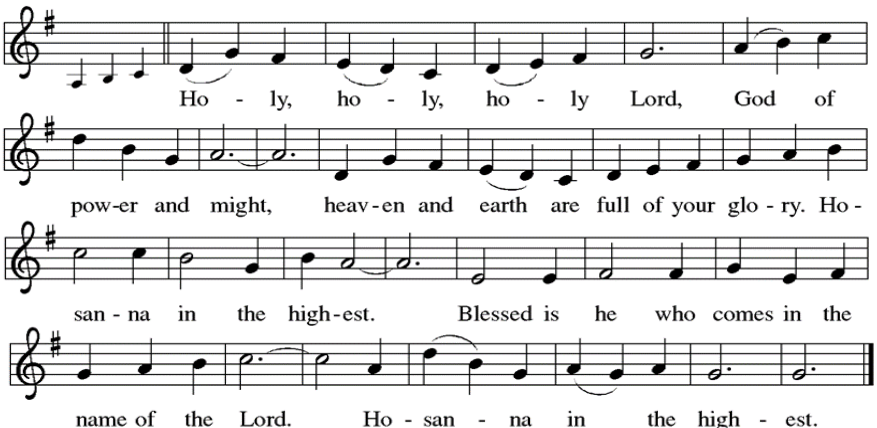
Lift up your hearts.

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 call your people to cleanse their hearts and prepare with joy for the paschal feast, that renewed in the gift of baptism, we may come to the fullness of your grace. 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. Blessed is he who comes in the
name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high-est.

Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal: you we praise and glorify, you we worship and adore. You formed the earth from chaos; you encircled the globe with air; you created fire for warmth and light; you nourish the lands with water. You molded us in your image, and with mercy higher than the mountains, with grace deeper than the seas, you blessed the Israelites and cherished them as your own. That also we, estranged and dying, might be adopted to live in your Spirit, you called us through the life and death of Jesus.

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.

Together as one body of Christ, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

With this bread and cup, we remember your Son, the first-born of your new creation. We remember his life lived for others, and his death and resurrection, which renews the face of the earth. We await his coming, when, with the world made perfect through your wisdom, all our sins and sorrows will be no more.

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Holy God, holy and merciful, holy and compassionate, send upon us and this meal your Holy Spirit, whose breath revives us for life, whose fire rouses us to love. Enfold in your arms all who share this holy food. Nurture in us the fruits of the Spirit, that we may be a living tree, sharing your bounty with all the world.

Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.

Holy and benevolent God, receive our praise and petitions, as Jesus received the cry of the needy, and fill us with your blessing, until, needy no longer and bound to you in love, we feast forever in the triumph of the Lamb: through whom all glory and honor is yours, O God, O Living One, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy church, 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

The joy of the Lord is our strength. Come, eat this meal of gladness.

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.

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



I O Lord, now let your ser - vant de - part in heav'n-ly peace,
for I have seen the glo - ry of your re - deem - ing grace:
a light to lead the na - tions un - to your ho - ly hill,
the glo - ry of your peo - ple, your cho - sen Is - ra - el.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Generous Host,

you have shared your feast with us and made us new. Send us now to set tables of love and grace in our communities, that your liberating love might nourish the world into freedom, in the name of the crucified one, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

BENEDICTION

God our tender parent, God the crucified one, God the reconciling Spirit, ✠ bless you now and forever.

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. Care for others as God cares for you.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE



*After worship please join us in the fellowship hall
for Social Hour with coffee and refreshments.*



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What's Happening at UIC

- Sun, Mar. 9 **FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT**
Worship, 10:00am
Social Hour, 11:15am
Fellowship Committee Mtg., 11:15am
Outreach Committee Mtg., 11:15am
Faith Lab @ MLC, 4:00pm-6:00pm
Youth Group @ MLC, 6:00pm
- Mon, Mar. 10 Cub Scouts, 6:30pm
Joint Discernment Team Mtg., 6:30pm
Boy Scouts, 6:45pm
- Tue, Mar. 11 OAKS Senior Center, 10:00am-1:00pm
Psalms Study, 6:30pm
Boy Scouts, 6:45pm
- Wed, Mar. 12 Lenten Dinner @ CELC, 6:00pm
Holden Prayer Service, 7:00pm
- Fri, Mar. 14 Office Closed
- Sat, Mar. 15 Boy Scout Spaghetti Dinner, 4:00pm-6:00pm
- Sun, Mar. 16 **SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT**
Worship, 10:00am
Social Hour, 11:15am

UNITED IN CHRIST'S PRAYER LIST

PRAYER REQUESTS: Jacob Brown, Courtney Elder, Sue Keifer, Cheryl Stiber, John Oliver, Paul Hilkert, Leroy Baker, Mary Baker, Annette Baker, Rachel Lynn, 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.

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.

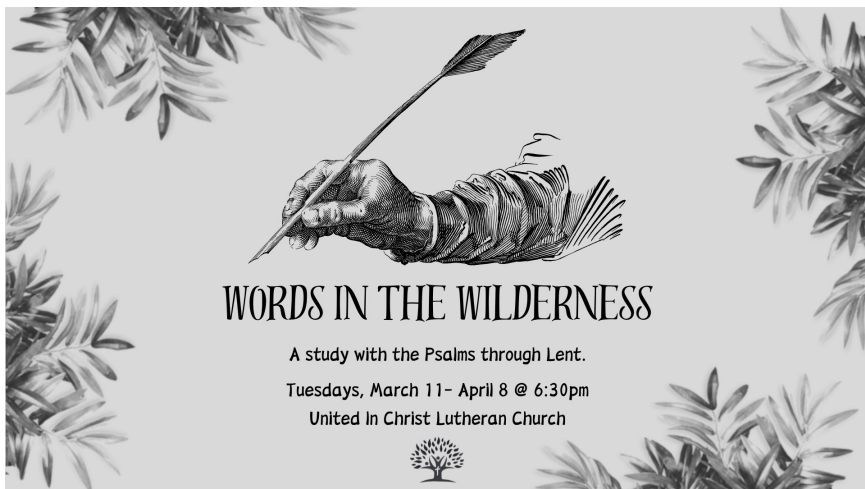
Happy Birthday

Wade Cooley 3/9

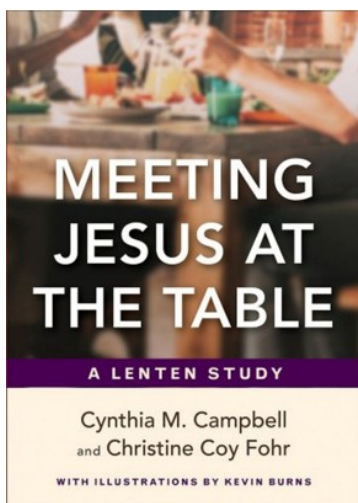
Michael Ketchem 3/15



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



Join us **Tuesday nights at 6:30pm** this Lent as we dive explore the Psalms of Scripture. Together we will hear God’s peoples’ words of hope and expectation, of grief and disappointment – everything that God’s people have felt in the wilderness! Come as you are, no further materials necessary for this study! This year’s study begins on Tuesday, March 11 and will conclude on Tuesday, April 8! Come and see!



WHEN: Wednesdays evenings
March 12th through April 9th

TIME: Lenten Suppers @ 6:00 pm
Holden Evening Prayer Services at 7:00 pm.

WHERE: Christ’s Lutheran Church*
(100 S. 3rd ST., Lewisburg)

*On Wed. April 2nd, Lenten Supper & Holden Evening Prayer service will be held at United in Christ Church (1875 Churches Rd, Lewisburg)

All are welcome!



OAKS

SENIOR CENTER

Tuesday, March 11th

10:00 am Doors Open

10:30 am Free Bingo with Prizes

11:30 am Native Americans,
Union County Historical Society

12:00 pm Free Lunch



OAKS Senior Center is free and has no age requirements.
Everyone is welcome to join us!

United In Christ Lutheran Church

1875 Churches Road, Lewisburg ~ 570-568-2254



Boy Scout Troop 600 Spaghetti Dinner (Take-out Only)



Come out and enjoy a hot spaghetti dinner made with delicious homemade sauce, while supporting our troop

Date: Saturday, March 15, 2025

Time: 4:00 pm-6:00 pm

Location: United in Christ Lutheran Church--
1875 Churches Road, Lewisburg

Cost: \$10 per meal--Tickets available in advance from the scouts and can be purchased upon arrival.
\$8 Jars of sauce available while quantities last

We are also collecting food items for the **Panther Packs** program. The Panther Pack program helps feed children in our community who are hungry on the weekends. When you pick up your spaghetti dinner, you can drop off any food items then. All donations are greatly appreciated. Also, meals are packed on the first Wednesday of the month at St. Andrew's Church in Milton.

1. Food item cannot be in glass
2. Food item must be non-perishable and not expired
3. Food items must be easy for a child to open or prepare on their own
4. Canned food items must have pop top lids
5. Food items must be individually packaged



The Panther Packs weekend backpack food program has been feeding Milton Area School District elementary students for the past eight years. Each Friday, a bag of non-perishable food is placed into students' backpacks by their teachers. Bags contain two breakfast items, two prepared meals (e.g. pasta, noodles or lunch), a fruit, and a snack item. Every other month a jar of peanut butter is sent home. This fall, we are currently feeding 271 children each weekend. Numbers tend to increase as the cold weather approaches. This program runs all year, January - December.

IF YOU ARE ABLE TO DO A FOOD DRIVE,

THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALLY PACKAGED ITEMS ARE NEEDED:

- Ramen noodles
- Canned pasta (Pop Top Lids)
- Soup, stew, chili (Must come with pop-top)
- Mac and cheese (Individual cups)
- Tuna or chicken packs or small, pop-top cans
- Individual sized boxes of cereal
- Granola Bars/Breakfast Bars
- Oatmeal packs
- Pop tarts
- Fruit cups
- Apple sauce cups
- Soft-o cups with fruit
- Pudding cups

WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS

	March 9	March 16	March 23
Worship Leader	Pastor Katy	Pastor Justin	Pastor Justin
Social Hour	E - K	L - R	S - Z
Bread/Wine	K. Criswell	K. Guffey	S. Keifer
Altar Guild	T. Cromwell M. Catherman	K. Guffey	S. Keifer M. Catherman
Digital Host	M. Shearer	T. Cromwell	K. Guffey
Front Door Greeter	A. Stark L. Olds	B. Catherman M. Catherman	D. Gottlieb G. Glathar
Side Door Greeter	K. Olds	G. Weiser	S. Brown
Lector	B. Swartz	V. Tyrell	B. Catherman
Ushers	K. Baker S. Brown K. Criswell T. Cromwell	R. Kling J. Mertz M. Shearer B. Swartz	T. Swartz B. Swartz A. Stark K. Olds
Communion Asst.	R. Sprenkle B. Catherman	A. Stark B. Swartz	M. Shearer S. Weiser
Guest Relations	B. Troxell	G. Weiser	M. Mertz
Offering Counter	L. Rabuck P. Hauck	M. Shearer C. Shreck	K. Guffey 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

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