

# United In Christ Lutheran Church



## *Sixth Sunday of Easter*

May 25, 2025

*Michelle Shearer*

*Authorized Lay Worship Leader*

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

### **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

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

## PRELUDE

## THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

In the name of ✠ the One who was, who is, and who is to come.

**Amen.**

Baptized into Christ's death and resurrection, and called to live the baptized life, let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism.

Holy God, we give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that make a people your own, that restore to wholeness, and empower us to be witnesses in your name.

Baptized into you, O Living One,  
**make us one as you are one.**

We give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that strengthen believers and give new life to beloved servants of your church; waters that extend your boundless love and cross barriers of our own making.

Baptized into you, O Living One,  
**make us one as you are one.**

We give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that open the hearts of believers and give a voice in the night to those in captivity; waters that set your people on a new path, rejoicing in the Spirit's power.

Baptized into you, O Living One,  
**make us one as you are one.**

Grant us grace, love, and life, O Living One, that our every day is shaped by these waters that give us our very lives in you. We ask this in the name of Jesus, the Crucified and Risen One.

**Amen.**

## OPENING HYMN

**ELW 705**

### *God of Grace and God of Glory*



1 God of grace and God of glo - ry, on your peo - ple  
2 Lo! The hosts of e - vil round us scorn the Christ, as -  
3 Cure your chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness; bend our pride to  
4 Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion to the e - vils



pour your pow'r; crown your an - cient chur - ch's sto - ry;  
sail his ways! From the fears that long have bound us  
your con - trol; shame our wan - ton, self - ish glad - ness,  
we de - plore; let the gift of your sal - va - tion



bring its bud to glo - rious flow'r. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age  
free our hearts to faith and praise. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age  
rich in things and poor in soul. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,  
be our glo - ry ev - er - more. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,



for the fac - ing of this hour, for the fac - ing of this hour.  
for the liv - ing of these days, for the liv - ing of these days.  
lest we miss your king - dom's goal, lest we miss your king - dom's goal.  
serv - ing you whom we a - dore, serv - ing you whom we a - dore.

## 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.**

## CANTICLE OF PRAISE

*Refrain*



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



al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb



who was slain, whose blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.

*Refrain*



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



al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 2 Pow - er, rich-es, wis - dom, and



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

*Refrain*



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



al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of



God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or,



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

*Refrain*



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

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## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Bountiful God, you gather your people into your realm, and you promise us food from your tree of life. Nourish us with your word, that empowered by your Spirit we may love one another and the world you have made, 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

## ACTS 16:9-15

<sup>9</sup>During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." <sup>10</sup>When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them.

<sup>11</sup>We therefore set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, <sup>12</sup>and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and

a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days. <sup>13</sup>On the Sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer, and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there. <sup>14</sup>A certain woman named Lydia, a worshiper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. <sup>15</sup>When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, "If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home." And she prevailed upon us.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## RESPONSIVE READING

## PSALM 67

<sup>1</sup> May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face to shine upon us, Selah

**<sup>2</sup> that your way may be known upon earth, your saving power among all nations.**

<sup>3</sup> Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

**<sup>4</sup> Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you judge the peoples with equity and guide the nations upon earth. Selah**

<sup>5</sup> Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

**<sup>6</sup> The earth has yielded its increase; God, our God, has blessed us.**

<sup>7</sup> May God continue to bless us; let all the ends of the earth revere him.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



## GOSPEL

## JOHN 14:23-29

This is the Holy Gospel according to John, the 14th chapter.  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>23</sup>Jesus answered him, "Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. <sup>24</sup>Whoever does not love me does not keep my words, and the word that you hear is not mine but is from the Father who sent me.

<sup>25</sup>"I have said these things to you while I am still with you. <sup>26</sup>But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of all that I have said to you. <sup>27</sup>Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. <sup>28</sup>You heard me say to you, 'I am going away, and I am coming to you.' If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father, because the Father is greater than I. <sup>29</sup>And now I have told you this before it occurs, so that when it does occur you may believe.

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


## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

## SERMON



*Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken*



1 Glo - ries of your name are spo - ken, Zi - on, cit - y  
 2 See, the streams of liv - ing wa - ters, Spring - ing from e -  
 3 Round each hab - i - ta - tion hov - 'ring, See the cloud and  
 4 Sav - ior, since of Zi - on's cit - y I through grace a



of our God; He whose word can - not be bro - ken  
 ter - nal love, Well sup - ply your sons and daugh - ters,  
 fire ap - pear For a glo - ry and a cov - 'ring,  
 mem - ber am, Let the world de - ride or pit - y,



Formed you for his own a - bode. On the Rock of  
 And all fear of want re - move. Who can faint, while  
 Show - ing that the Lord is near. Thus de - riv - ing the  
 I will glo - ry in your name. Fad - ing are the



A - ges found - ed, What can shake your sure re - pose? With sal -  
 such a riv - er Ev - er will their thirst as - suage? Grace which,  
 from their ban - ner Light by night and shade by day, Safe they  
 world - lings' plea - sures All their boast - ed pomp and show; Sol - id



va - tion's walls sur - round - ed, You may smile at all your foes.  
 like the Lord, the giv - er, Nev - er fails from age to age.  
 feed up - on, the man - na Which God gives them on their way.  
 joys and last - ing trea - sures None but Zi - on's chil - dren know.

## 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

God of resurrection and new life, we come before you in prayer  
for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

*Prayers continue with each petition ending:*

Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

We commend these and all our prayers to you, O God, trusting  
that you are always with us; in the name of Jesus Christ, our risen 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.*

***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](https://tithe.ly) by scanning the QR code to the right. You may also place your offering at [www.unitedinchristlutheran.net/giving](https://www.unitedinchristlutheran.net/giving) by clicking on the green “Give Now” button.*



## OFFERTORY HYMN

***Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
praise God, all creatures here below;  
praise God above, ye heav’nly host;  
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.***

## OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

**Risen One, you have gathered us around your table of grace along with these gifts we bring. Come among us again, breathe your life into us, and enliven us with this meal, that we may live as your risen body in the world.  
Amen**

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

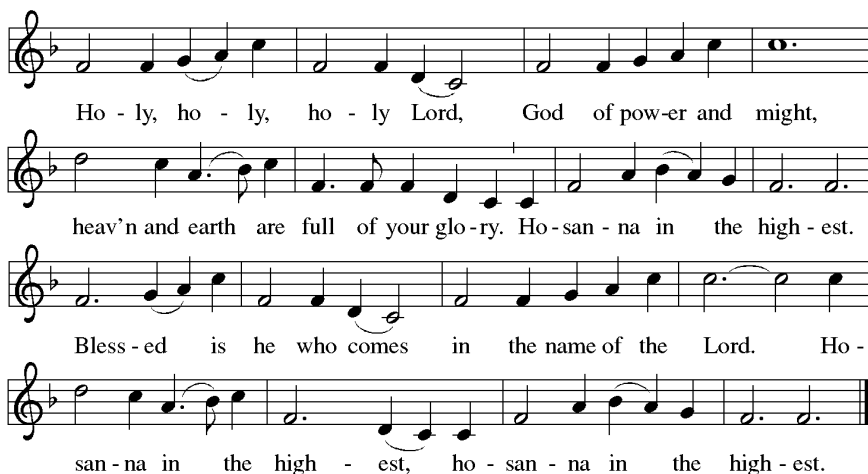
Lift up your hearts.

**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, for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ, the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin; who in dying has destroyed death, and in rising has brought us to eternal life. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er 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, ho-san-na in the high-est.

Blessed are you, O God of the universe. Your mercy is everlasting and your faithfulness endures from age to age.

Praise to you for creating the heavens and the earth. Praise to you for saving the earth from the waters of the flood. Praise to you for bringing the Israelites safely through the sea. Praise to you for leading your people through the wilderness to the land of milk and honey. Praise to you for the words and deeds of Jesus, your anointed one. Praise to you for the death and resurrection of Christ. Praise to you for your Spirit poured out on all nations.

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.

With this bread and cup we remember our Lord's passover from death to life as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

O God of resurrection and new life: Pour out your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts of bread and wine. Bless this feast. Grace our table with your presence.

**Come, Holy Spirit.**

Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread. Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world. Breathe new life into us. Send us forth, burning with justice, peace, and love.

**Come, Holy Spirit.**

With your holy ones of all times and places, with the earth and all its creatures, with sun and moon and stars, we praise you, O God, blessed and holy Trinity, 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.**

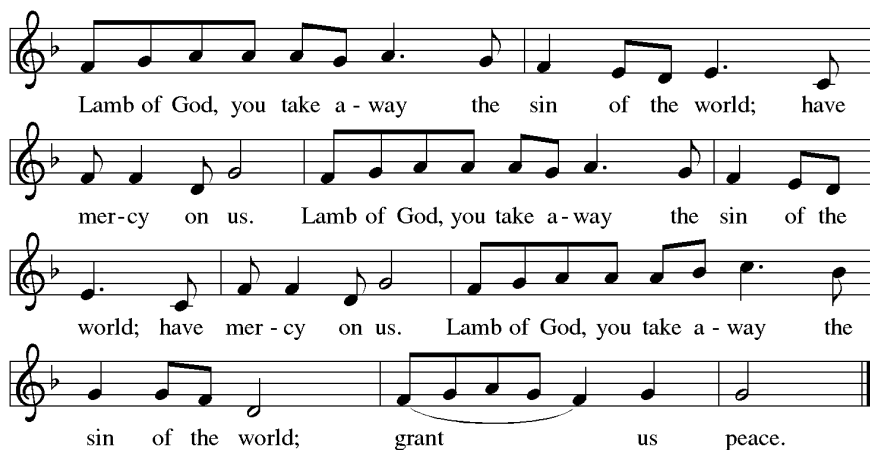
**Give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.**

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

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Come to the table of grace. Receive the gift of new life.

**Thanks be to God.**



## 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

*Refrain*

Sal - va-tion be-longs to our God and to Christ the Lamb for -  
 ev - er and ev - er. 1 Great and won-der-ful are your deeds, O  
 God of the u - ni - verse; just and true are your ways, O  
 Rul - er of all the na-tions. Who can fail to hon-or-you, Lord, and  
*Refrain*  
 sing the glo - ry of your name? Sal - va-tion be-longs to our  
 God and to Christ the Lamb for - ev - er and ev - er.  
 2 For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, and  
 bless-ed is the one whose name is the Word of God. All  
*Refrain*  
 praise and thanks to you, ho - ly God! Sal - va-tion be-longs to our  
 God and to Christ the Lamb for - ev - er and ev - er.



## POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray.

**Living One, in this feast you have made yourself known to us. Send us now to tell of your wonders, sing of your glory, and proclaim your risen life to a wounded and weary world. Amen**

## BENEDICTION

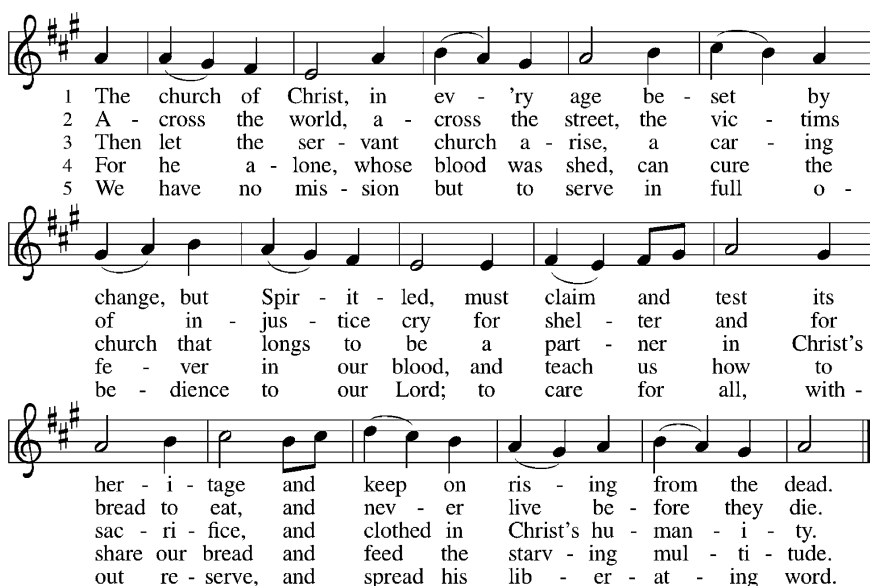
The triune God, who was, who is, and who is to come, Sovereign, ✠ Savior, and Spirit, light your way with resurrection dawn, now and always.

**Amen.**

## SENDING HYMN

**ELW 729**

### *The Church of Christ, in Every Age*



1 The church of Christ, in ev - 'ry age be - set by  
2 A - cross the world, a - cross the street, the vic - tims  
3 Then let the ser - vant church a - rise, a car - ing  
4 For he a - lone, whose blood was shed, can cure the  
5 We have no mis - sion but to serve in full o -

change, but Spir - it - led, must claim and test its  
of in - jus - tice cry for shel - ter and for  
church that longs to be a part - ner in Christ's  
fe - ver in our blood, and teach us how to  
be - dience to our Lord; to care for all, with -

her - i - tage and keep on ris - ing from the dead.  
bread to eat, and nev - er live be - fore they die.  
sac - ri - fice, and clothed in Christ's hu - man - i - ty.  
share our bread and feed the starv - ing mul - ti - tude.  
out re - serve, and spread his lib - er - at - ing word.

## DISMISSAL

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

Go in peace. In Christ you are made new. Alleluia! Alleluia!

**Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

## POSTLUDE



*Today's altar flowers are given  
to the Glory of God  
in memory Carl and Joan Weiner  
by Cheryl Koons.*

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

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**Please remember to pickup  
your June Newsletter today!**

**Additional copies are on the  
Welcome Table in the Narthex.**

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# What's Happening at UIC

Sun, May 25	Worship, 10:00am Social Hour, 11:15am
Mon, May 26	<b>MEMORIAL DAY</b> Office Closed
Thu, May 29	Office Closed Orangeville Manor Visit
Fri, May 30	Office Closed
Sun, June 1	Worship, 10:00am Social Hour, 11:15am

## Happy Birthday

*Becky Carl 5/26*

*Judy Rishel 5/27*

*Emmalene Koch 5/28*

*Emily Haussmann 5/29*

*BJ Koch 5/29*

*Kodakyan Olds 5/30*

*Charlie Dinsmore 5/31*



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

# UNITED IN CHRIST'S PRAYER LIST

**PRAYER REQUESTS:** Bonnie Katherman, Zach Smith, Rick Diamond, Dan and Gloria McDavitt, Landon Warren-Lee, Patrick Moseley, Gigi Pray, Tina Snyder, Samantha Caris, Ted McPherrin, Bob Troxell, Eugene Bain, Annette Baker, Carol Troxell, 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).

# Strawberry FESTIVAL

JUNE 8<sup>TH</sup> 🍓 2pm-4pm  
Front Lawn of Christ's Lutheran Church, Lewisburg  
(Rain location - Atrium)

A close-up photograph of a white bowl filled with a dessert. It appears to be a scoop of vanilla ice cream or whipped cream topped with a generous amount of fresh strawberries and a thick, glossy strawberry sauce. The bowl is set against a blurred background of more strawberries.



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## ORANGEVILLE MANOR DRIVE FOR HOMELESS VETERANS

Collecting items from  
May 4 - May 25

Razors  
Shaving Cream  
Coffee  
(Folger's or Maxwell House)  
Powdered Coffee Creamer

Shampoo/Conditioner  
Spray Deodorant  
Body Wash  
Wash Cloths  
Snack Items



**PLACE ITEMS IN BOX IN NARTHEX**



## PENTECOST

*Outpouring of the Holy Spirit*

Pentecost Sunday is on June 8th.

UNITED IN CHRIST  
LUTHERAN CHURCH  
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6:00 PM ON  
MAY 14<sup>TH</sup> AND 28<sup>TH</sup>



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# WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS

	May 25	June 1	June 8
Worship Leader	Michelle	Katy	Justin
Social Hour	S - Z	A - D	E - K
Bread/Wine	K. Sprenkle	K. Guffey	S. Weiser
Altar Guild	B. Guffey	K. Guffey	T. Cromwell
Digital Host	T. Cromwell	T. Cromwell	K. Guffey
Front Door Greeter	M. Ketchem R. Whitesel	C. Robuck D. Robuck	B. Swartz T. Swartz
Side Door Greeter	L. Rabuck	G. Weiser	K. Baker
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Offering Counter	L. Rabuck C. Shreck	P. Hauck L. Rabuck	M. Rabuck M. Shearer

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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