

# United In Christ Lutheran Church



*Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost*

September 14, 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.*

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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**

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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, our maker, our helper,  
and our keeper.

**Amen.**

Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin in the presence of  
God and of one another.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Merciful and loving God,

**We are your stiff necked people. We trample on the needy.  
We grumble about your grace to others. We turn away  
from the poor. Have mercy on us and forgive our sins.  
Rejoice over us as ones who were lost and have been  
found.**

Even when we are faithless, God remains faithful. Jesus Christ  
came into the world to save sinners. You who were lost have  
been found. In the name of † Jesus, your sins are forgiven.

**Amen.**



*Savior, Like a Shepherd, Lead Us*



1 Sav-ior like a shep-herd lead us; much we need your ten-der care.  
 2 We are yours; in love be-friend us, be the guard-ian of our way;  
 3 You have prom-ised to re-ceive us, poor and sin-ful though we be;  
 4 Ear-ly let us seek your fa-vor, ear-ly let us do your will;



In your pleas-ant pas-tures feed us, for our use your fold pre-pare.  
 keep your flock, from sin de-fend us, seek us when we go a-stray.  
 you have mer-cy to re-lieve us, grace to cleanse, and pow'r to free.  
 bless-ed Lord and on-ly Sav-ior, with your love our spir-its fill.



Bless-ed Je-sus, bless-ed Je-sus, you have bought us; we are yours.  
 Bless-ed Je-sus, bless-ed Je-sus, hear us chil-dren when we pray.  
 Bless-ed Je-sus, bless-ed Je-sus, ear-ly let us turn to you.  
 Bless-ed Je-sus, bless-ed Je-sus, you have loved us, love us still.



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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



☒ 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.

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

**II** 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.

**III** 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,

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## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

O God, overflowing with mercy and compassion, you lead back to yourself all those who go astray. Preserve your people in your loving care, that we may reject whatever is contrary to you and may follow all things that sustain our life in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

## FIRST READING

## 1 TIMOTHY 1:12-17

<sup>12</sup>I am grateful to Christ Jesus our Lord, who has strengthened me, because he considered me faithful and appointed me to his service, <sup>13</sup>even though I was formerly a blasphemer, a persecutor,

and a man of violence. But I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief,<sup>14</sup> and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus.<sup>15</sup> The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance: that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners—of whom I am the foremost.<sup>16</sup> But for that very reason I received mercy, so that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display the utmost patience as an example to those who would come to believe in him for eternal life.<sup>17</sup> To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## RESPONSIVE READING

## PSALM 51:1-10

<sup>1</sup>Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy, blot out my transgressions.

**<sup>2</sup>Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin.**

<sup>3</sup>For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me.

**<sup>4</sup>Against you, you alone, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight, so that you are justified in your sentence and blameless when you pass judgment.**

<sup>5</sup>Indeed, I was born guilty, a sinner when my mother conceived me.

**<sup>6</sup>You desire truth in the inward being; therefore teach me wisdom in my secret heart.**

<sup>7</sup>Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

**<sup>8</sup>Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones that you have crushed rejoice.**

<sup>9</sup>Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities.

**<sup>10</sup>Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me.**

## 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

## LUKE 15:1-10

This is the Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 15<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup>Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to him. <sup>2</sup>And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, “This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them.”

<sup>3</sup>So he told them this parable: <sup>4</sup>“Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? <sup>5</sup>And when he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. <sup>6</sup>And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found my lost sheep.’ <sup>7</sup>Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.

<sup>8</sup>“Or what woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? <sup>9</sup>And when she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.’ <sup>10</sup>Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

# CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

## SERMON

### HYMN OF THE DAY

ELW 779

#### *Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound*

A - maz - ing grace!— how sweet the sound— that  
'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and  
Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares I  
The Lord has prom - ised good to me; his  
When we've been there ten thou - sand years, bright

saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but  
grace my fears re - lieved; how pre - cious did that  
have al - read - y come; 'tis grace has brought me  
word my hope se - cures; he will my shield and  
shin - ing as the sun, we've no less days to

now am found; was blind, but now I see.  
grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved!  
safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.  
por - tion be as long as life en - dures.  
sing God's praise than when we'd first be - gun.

## **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**

Gracious God, we come to you in prayer for the church, the world, and all in need.

*Prayers continue with each petition ending:*

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

We entrust these prayers to you, O God, in the name of Jesus Christ, our redeemer and friend.

**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.*

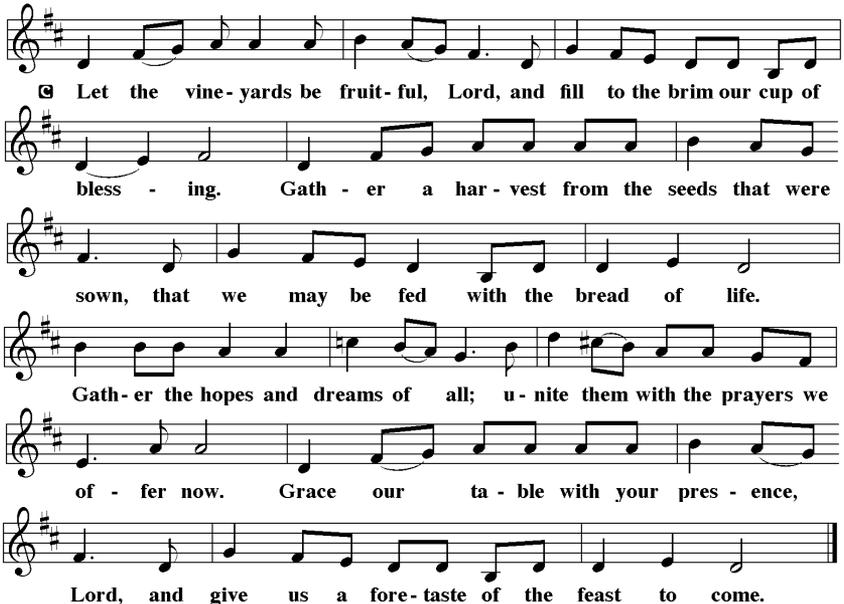
***Please fill out an Attendance Card,  
and place the card in an offering plate.***

## 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

Musical notation for the Offertory Hymn, consisting of six staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The lyrics are written below the notes.

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

## OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

**Lord of the harvest, we return to you a portion of what you have given to us. Turn us to set our hope not on the uncertainty of riches, but on you, who richly provides for us. Multiply what we have gathered to bless all who are suffering and in need, through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

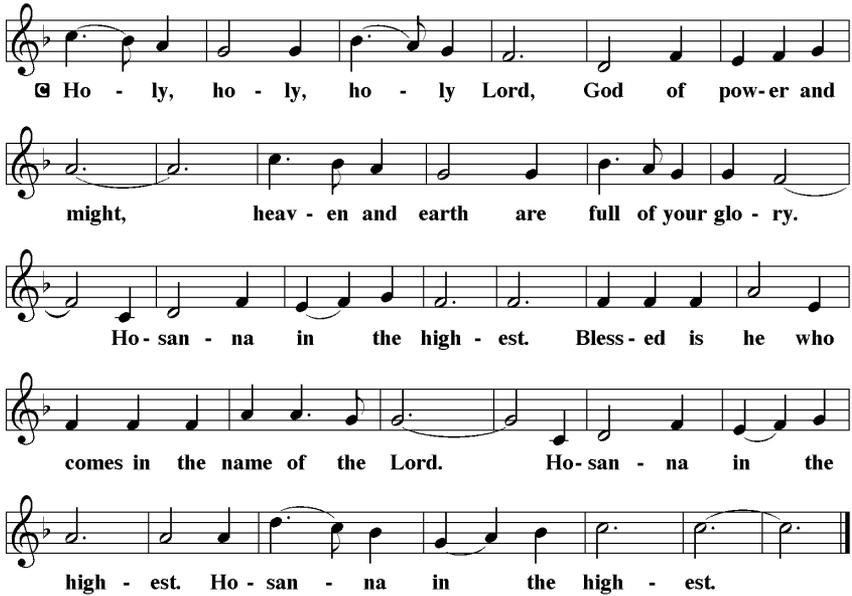
**We lift them to the Lord.**

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 triune, how majestic is your name in all the earth. Over the eons your merciful might evolved our home, a fragile tree of life. Here by your wisdom are both life and death, growth and decay, the nest and the hunt, sunshine and storm, darkness and light. Sustained by these wonders, we creatures of dust join in the ancient song: The earth is full of your glory.

**The earth is full of your glory.**

O God triune, you took on our flesh in Jesus our healer. In Christ you bring life from death; we remember his cross, we laud his resurrection. Broken like bread, he enlivens our body. Outpoured like wine, he fills the earth with goodness. Receiving this mystery, we mortals sing our song: The earth is full of your glory.

**The earth is full of your glory.**

We praise you for the heart of Jesus, so filled with your love for this earth.

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.

Gathered around this table, we your children unite in this song: the earth is full of your glory.

**The earth is full of your glory.**

O God triune, you create the worlds, you uphold the living, you embrace the dead. Send forth your Spirit and renew the face of the earth. Strengthen us for our journey with this meal, the body and blood of Christ. Give us a future that trusts in you and cares for your earth. Empowered by your promises, we rise from our deaths to praise you again: The earth is full of your glory.

**The earth is full of your glory. 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**

Jesus welcomes sinners and eats with them. Come to this meal of mercy.

**Thanks be to God.**

C 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***

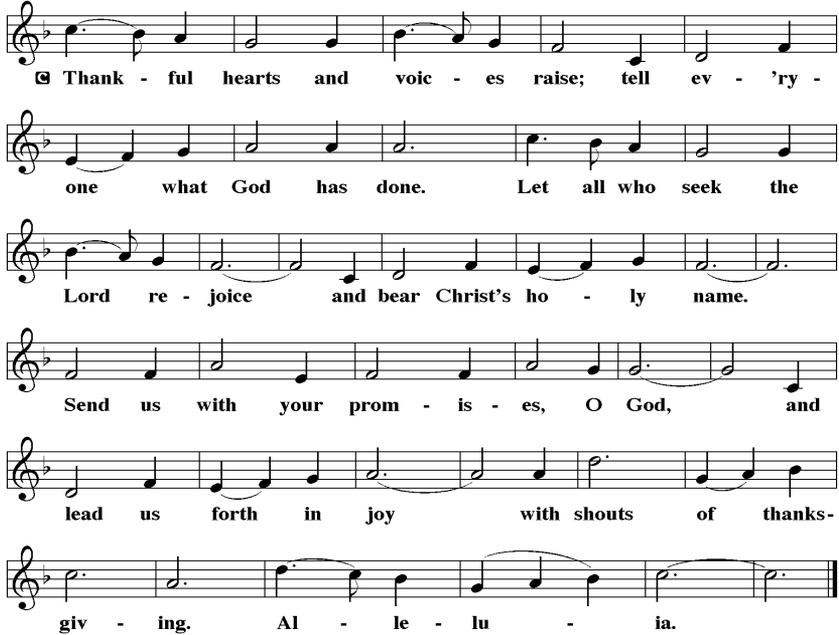
*Music will accompany the distribution of communion.*

## 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 - jice 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.

**O God, through this meal you have strengthened us and appointed us to be your servants. Send us to do good and to share our possessions with all in need. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.**

## BENEDICTION

The God of righteousness, who gives justice to the oppressed, who gives food to the hungry, who sets the prisoners free, ✚ bless you now and forever.

**Amen.**

*Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*



1 Come, thou Fount of ev - 'ry bless-ing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;  
2 Here I raise my Eb-en - e - zer: "Hith-er by thy help I've come";  
3 Oh, to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I'm con-strained to be;



streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas-ing, call for songs of loud - est praise.  
and I hope, by thy good plea-sure, safe - ly to ar - rive at home.  
let that grace now like a fet - ter bind my wan-d'ring heart to thee.



While the hope of end-less glo - ry fills my heart with joy and love,  
Je - sus sought me when a strang - er, wan-d'ring from the fold of God;  
Prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it; prone to leave the God I love.



teach me ev - er to a - dore thee; may I still thy good-ness prove.  
he, to res - cue me from dan-ger, in - ter - posed his pre - cious blood.  
Here's my heart, oh, take and seal it; seal it for thy courts a - bove.



## DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Do not lose heart.

**Thanks be to God.**

## POSTLUDE



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



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# What's Happening at UIC

- Sun, Sept. 14    Worship, 10:00am  
Social Hour, 11:15am  
Outreach Meeting, 11:15am
- Mon, Sept. 15    Cub Scouts, 6:30pm  
Boy Scouts, 6:45pm
- Tue, Sept. 16    Council Meeting, 6:30pm
- Wed, Sept. 17    Bonhoeffer Study, 6:30pm
- Fri, Sept. 19    Office Closed
- Sun, Sept. 21    **HARVEST HOME SUNDAY**  
Worship, 10:00am  
Social Hour, 11:15am  
Faith Lab @ UIC, 4:30pm  
October Newsletter Deadline

## SOCIAL HOUR RESUMES



Social Hour is a time for us to stay connected with each other while enjoying a light snack. If your last name begins with one of the letters listed for that Sunday's Social Hour, please bring a snack to share and help to clean up afterwards.

# UNITED IN CHRIST'S PRAYER LIST

**Please pray for:** family and friends of Dolly Bittner, Cathy Hoover, Diane Gottlieb, Patrick Moseley, Gigi Pray, 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)



# Happy Birthday

*Willow Lebarron 9/17*

*Sue Keifer 9/17*



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

# BUFFALO VALLEY FAITH LAB



Scan to sign up!

1st and 3rd Sundays of the Month  
4:30pm-6:30pm  
September-May  
Grades K-6  
Free family dinner!

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday @ Christ's Lutheran  
100 S. 3<sup>rd</sup> Street  
Lewisburg, PA 17837



3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday @ United In Christ  
1875 Churches Rd.  
Lewisburg, PA 17837



Wednesdays at 6:30pm  
September 10 - October 8

United In Christ Lutheran Church  
1875 Churches Road, Lewisburg

## BIBLE WITH BONHOEFFER



We will be collecting food for the Milton Panther Packs. Milton Panther Packs provides backpacks of food every weekend, when school meals are not available, for 347 children in the Milton School District. Items cannot be in glass and should be non-perishable foods that a child could open or prepare on their own. Food can be placed in the collection box in the Narthex.

# SEPTEMBER 21

**Oatmeal cups or packets**

**Individual cereal boxes**

**Ramen noodles**

**Soup, stew, chili  
(pop top lid)**

**Canned chicken or  
tuna (pop top lid)**

**Mac and cheese cups**

**Granola bar**

**Peanut butter crackers**

**Applesauce cups**

**Fruit snacks**

**Fruit roll-ups**

**Canned pasta  
(pop top lid)**

**Fruit cups**

**Pudding cups**

**Pop tarts**

**Breakfast bars**

# WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS

	Sept. 14	Sept. 21	Sept. 28
Worship Leader	Katy	Justin	Katy
Social Hour	E - K	Milton Lutheran Church	L - R
Bread/Wine	K. Guffey	S. Keifer	S. McPherrin
Altar Guild	ML Keifer	M. Catherman	B. Guffey
Digital Host	T. Cromwell	K. Guffey	M. Shearer
Front Door Greeter	M. Ketchem R. Whitesel	C. Robuck D. Robuck	B. Swartz T. Swartz
Side Door Greeter	L. Rabuck	K. Noll	G. Weiser
Lector	V. Tyrell	B. Guffey	D. Murphy
Ushers	T. Swartz B. Guffey K. Arndt D. Baker	K. Baker S. Brown K. Criswell T. Cromwell	R. Kling S. McPherrin K. Criswell J. Mertz
Communion Asst.	ML Keifer R. Sprenkle	R. Kling B. Swartz	T. Cromwell S. Weiser
Guest Relations	M. Mertz	K. Noll	T. McPherrin
Offering Counter	M. Rabuck M. Shearer	K. Guffey P. Hauck	C. Shreck 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**

**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  
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