

United In Christ Lutheran Church



Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost

November 16, 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.

LARGE PRINT BULLETINS

Please see a greeter.

ELEVATOR

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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

The Rev. Katy Moran: CELC 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, 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.

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



1. A - bove the hills the an - gel hosts
2. In heav'n, on earth reigns God Most High,
3. Sing jus - tice, mer - cy, joy and peace,
4. We wor - ship you, our thanks we bring,
5. To Je - sus Christ, God's Son, our Lord,



Sing glo - ry! Glo - ry! Glo - ry! God's Love is come to
Yet ten - der - ly God
God's own good will grants
We bow be - fore you
The Lamb of God, E -



seek the lost. *Give Glo - ry to God in the High - est!* _____
hears our cry.
sin's re - lease.
as we sing
ter - nal Word,

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without you nothing is strong, nothing is holy. Embrace us with your mercy, that with you as our ruler and guide, we may live through what is temporary without losing what is eternal, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

FIRST READING

2 THESSALONIANS 1:1-4

¹To the church of the Thessalonians in God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: ²Grace to you and peace from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

³We must always give thanks to God for you, brothers and sisters, as is right, because your faith is growing abundantly and the love of every one of you for one another is increasing. ⁴Therefore we ourselves boast of you among the churches of God for your steadfastness and faith during all your persecutions and the afflictions that you are enduring.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSIVE READING

PSALM 98

¹ O sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvelous things. His right hand and his holy arm have gotten him victory.

² The Lord has made known his victory; he has revealed his vindication in the sight of the nations.

³ He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel. All the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.

⁴ Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth; break forth into joyous song and sing praises.

⁵ Sing praises to the Lord with the lyre, with the lyre and the sound of melody.

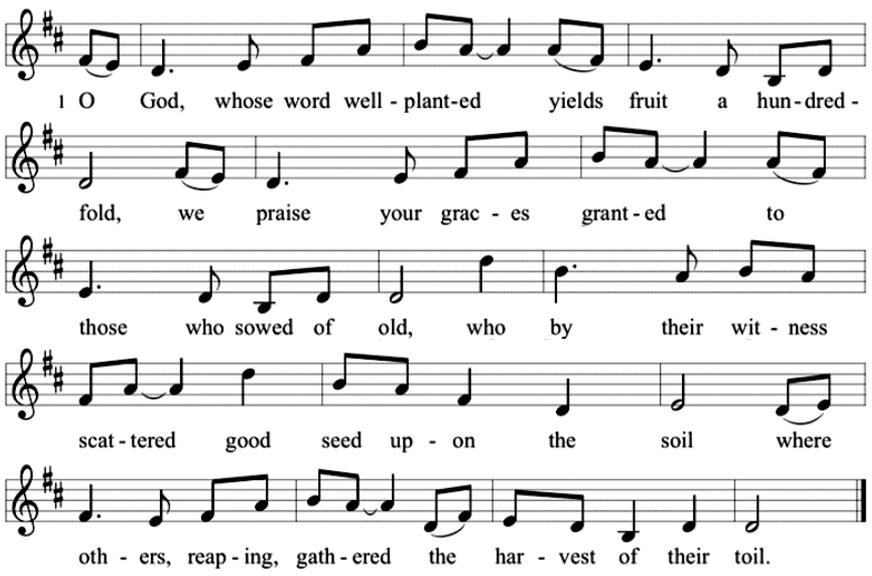
⁶ With trumpets and the sound of the horn make a joyful noise before the King, the Lord.

⁷ Let the sea roar and all that fills it, the world and those who live in it.

⁸ Let the floods clap their hands; let the hills sing together for joy

⁹ at the presence of the Lord, for he is coming to judge the earth. He will judge the world with righteousness and the peoples with equity.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



O God, whose word well - plant-ed yields fruit a hun-dred - fold, we praise your grac - es grant - ed to those who sowed of old, who by their wit - ness scat - tered good seed up - on the soil where oth - ers, reap - ing, gath - ered the har - vest of their toil.

GOSPEL READING

LUKE 19:1-10

This is the Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 19th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹He entered Jericho and was passing through it. ²A man was there named Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax collector and was rich. ³He was trying to see who Jesus was, but on account of the crowd he could not, because he was short in stature. ⁴So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore tree to see him, because he was going to pass that way. ⁵When Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, hurry and come down, for I must stay at your house today." ⁶So he hurried down and was happy to welcome him. ⁷All who saw it began to grumble and said, "He has gone to be the guest of one who is a sinner." ⁸Zacchaeus stood there and said to the Lord, "Look, half

of my possessions, Lord, I will give to the poor, and if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I will pay back four times as much.”⁹ Then Jesus said to him, “Today salvation has come to this house, because he, too, is a son of Abraham.”¹⁰ For the Son of Man came to seek out and to save the lost.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

ELW 471

Let Us Break Bread



1 Let us break bread to - geth-er on our knees;
2 Let us drink wine to - geth-er on our knees;
3 Let us praise God to - geth-er on our knees;



let us break bread to - geth-er on our knees.
let us drink wine to - geth-er on our knees.
let us praise God to - geth-er on our knees.



When I fall on my knees, with my face to the ris - ing



sun, O Lord, have mer-cy on me.

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

Gathered with one voice, we offer our prayers 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 offer these and all our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your grace and unyielding love; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **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

1 Ac - cept, O Lord, the gifts we bring to
2 The vines were plant - ed, seeds were sown. They
3 Our hopes and dreams, our toils and cares we

place up - on your ta - ble. We do not wor - ship
grew in your good plea - sure. What once was com - mon,
lift in prayer be - fore you. Lord, by your grace now

as we ought but on - ly as we're a - ble.
dai - ly food be - comes a ho - ly trea - sure.
come to us, as hum - bly we a - dore you.

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. Amen

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

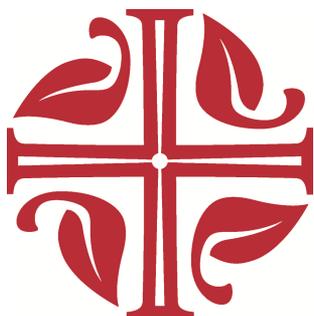
Lift up your hearts.

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; 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:



1 Long, long a - go in Je - ru - sa - lem, as the
 2 High on a throne sat the might - y Lord, robes and
 3 Oh, what a sight it was to see and

scrip - tures do re - cord, I - sa - iah to the
 flow - ing through the hall, while six - wing - ed an - gels
 oh, what a sound to hear! The tem - ple door - posts

tem - ple came to see the ho - ly Lord.
 flew a - bove. I - sa - iah heard them call.
 shook and quaked. and smoke was in the air.

Refrain

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might, God's
 glo - ry fills all heav'n and earth, God of pow - er and might.

Holy God, you alone are holy, you alone are God.

The universe declares your praise: beyond the stars; beneath the sea; within each cell; with every breath.

We praise you, O God.

Generations bless your faithfulness: through the water; by night and day; across the wilderness; out of exile; into the future.

We bless you, O God.

We give you thanks for your dear Son: at the heart of human life; near to those who suffer; beside the sinner; among the poor; with us now.

We thank you, O God.

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.

Remembering his love for us on the way, at the table, and to the end, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

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

We pray for the gift of your Spirit: in our gathering; within this meal; among your people; throughout the world.

Blessing, praise, and thanks to you, holy God, through Christ Jesus, by your Spirit, in your church, without end.

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.

☩ 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.

COMMUNION HYMN



One bread, one bod-y, one Lord of all; one cup of



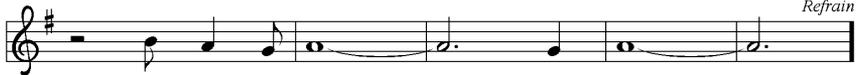
bles-sing which we bless, and we, though man-y



through-out the earth, we are one bod - y in this one Lord.



1	Gen - tile	or	Jew,	ser - vant	or	free,
2	Man - y	the	gifts,	man - y	the	works,
3	Grain for	the	fields,	scat - tered	and	grown,



wom - an	or	man,	no	more.
one in	the	Lord	of	all.
gath - ered	to	one	for	all.

Refrain

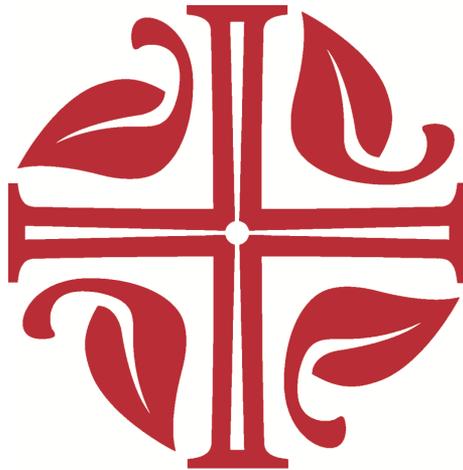


TABLE BLESSING

May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

Amen.

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE

1 O Lord of the blos-som, O God of the seed, O gra-cious pro -
2 O Lord of the har-vest, O God of the feast, where sor-rows are

vi - der for all hu-man need, you have nour-ished our faith at your
van-quis-hed and joys are in - creased, where the tree of life grows in your

ta - ble of grace, and nur - tured new life in the light of your
or-chards a - bove, we'll join in the cho-rus in praise of your

face. O Lord of the grain - field, O God of the
love. Sing praise to the Fa - ther, sing praise to the

vine, you've fed us your pres - ence in bread and in
Son, sing praise to the Spir - it. Praise God, Three in

wine. In com - mun - ion you've blest to us ar - bor and
One! You have made us one peo - ple you've fed by the

plow, and shown us the gos - pel, your word for us now.
hand, O Lord of the heav-ens, O God of the land.

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.

SENDING HYMN

ELW 494

For the Bread Which has Broken

1 For the bread which you have bro - ken, for the wine which you have poured,
2 By this prom - ise that you love us, by your gift of peace re - stored,
3 With the saints who now a - dore you, seat-ed at the heav'n - ly board,
4 In your ser - vice, Lord, de - fend us; in our hearts keep watch and ward;

for the words which you have spo - ken, now we give you thanks, O Lord.
by your call to heav'n a - bove us, hal - low all our lives, O Lord.
may the church still wait - ing for you keep love's tie un - bro - ken, Lord.
in the world to which you send us let your king - dom come, O Lord.

The musical score consists of two systems of music. Each system has a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature is one flat (B-flat major or D minor). The first system contains the first four lines of lyrics, and the second system contains the remaining lyrics.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Do not lose heart.

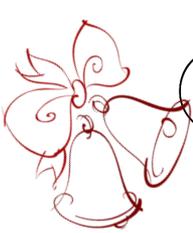
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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

What's Happening at UIC

- Sun, Nov. 16 Worship, 10:00am
 Social Hour, 11:15am
 Faith Lab @ UIC, 4:30pm
- Mon, Nov. 17 Cub Scouts, 6:30pm
 Boy Scouts, 6:45pm
- Tue, Nov. 18 Orangeville Manor Bingo and Meal, 10:00am
 Council Meeting, 6:30pm
- Fri, Nov. 21 Office Closed
- Sun, Nov. 23 Worship, 10:00am
 Social Hour, 11:15am
 December Newsletter Deadline



HAPPY
Anniversary

Tom and Marilyn Gresh 10/18/69



Happy Birthday

Mike Baker 11/19

Elizabeth Divers 11/22



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

UNITED IN CHRIST'S PRAYER LIST

Please pray for: Emma, Dan McDavitt, Rick Diamond, Bert Keefer, Sam Rice Jr., Pam Packer, Penny Golder, Connie Shreck, Vicki Bowersox, family and friends of Rick Guffey, Bertie Danowsky, Patrick Moseley, Gigi Pray, Ted McPherrin, Bob Troxell, Eugene Bain, Annette Baker, 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 about 4 weeks.



**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!**

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



3rd Sunday @ United In Christ
1875 Churches Rd.
Lewisburg, PA 17837



CONGREGATION MEETING

We are currently accepting nominations for council members. If you would like to nominate someone, or yourself, you may do so by either contacting a current member of council or Pastor Justin.

On **Sunday, November 23rd** we will hold our **annual congregational meeting**. At the meeting we will vote on the 2026 spending plan proposal and elect council members. The meeting will take place immediately following worship service. All members are encouraged to attend.

The 2026 spending plan proposal can be found in the fellowship hall on the bulletin board.

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 23

Any articles, events, photos, or thank you notes you'd like to have in the December Newsletter need to be in to the office by Sunday, November 23rd.

Worship Volunteers, please give the office any dates in December which you will not be available.



Please email Terri in the office at office@unitedinchristlutheran.net or call her at 570-568-2254



ORANGEVILLE MANOR DRIVE
FOR HOMELESS VETERANS

Collecting items from
November 2 - November 16

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



PLACE ITEMS IN BOX IN NARTHEX



Use our partner
number when you
donate to
CommunityAid!

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YOU'RE INVITED!

CHRISTMAS CRAFT WORKSHOP

SATURDAY, December 6 | 3:00PM

United In Christ Lutheran Church
1875 Churches Road, Lewisburg, PA



Sponsored by:



Crafts! Cocoa! Cookies! Carols!



ALTAR FLOWERS

Cost is \$35.

Flower Chart is in the Fellowship Hall. You may take your flowers home after worship.



WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS

	Nov. 16	Nov. 23	Nov. 30
Worship Leader	Justin	Justin	Justin
Social Hour	God's Global Table	E - K	L - R
Bread/Wine	Everyone	D. Byerly	K. Criswell
Altar Guild	T. Cromwell	K. Guffey	S. Keifer
Digital Host	B. Guffey	T. Cromwell	K. Guffey
Front Door Greeter	B. Swartz T. Swartz	D. Byerly J. Byerly	K. Baker S. Brown
Side Door Greeter	G. Weiser	K. Guffey	ML Keifer
Lector	D. Murphy	B. Guffey	J. Rutt
Ushers	M. Shearer B. Swartz T. Swartz K. Arndt	D. Baker K. Baker S. Brown K. Criswell	B. Guffey R. Kling S. McPherrin T. McPherrin
Communion Asst.	ML Keifer R. Kling	D. Murphy T. McPherrin	C. Robuck M. Shearer
Guest Relations	M. Mertz	K. Noll	M. Rabuck
Offering Counter	K. Guffey R. Stitzel	P. Hauck T. Stitzel	M. Rabuck B. Guffey

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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