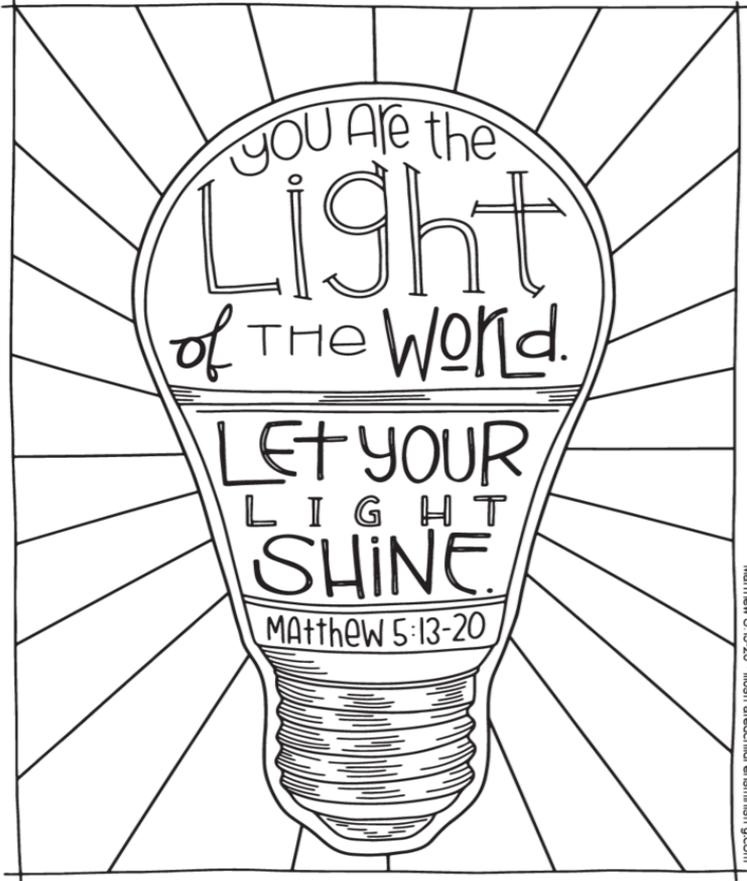


# United In Christ Lutheran Church



## Faith and Fun Sunday

February 8, 2026

*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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**Marilyn Gresh: Music Director**

### ***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

## GOSPEL STORY

### THIS LITTLE LIGHT OF MINE: CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, the Creator of heaven and earth, the Word who spoke life into being, the Wind stirring the waters.

**Amen.**

Let us turn in confession to the one who knows us completely.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Mighty God, lover of justice,

**you call us to life in community, but we have served our own interests at the expense of our neighbors.**

**We have sown deceit where honesty was needed. We say the right words, but our hearts are far from you.**

**Turn us to seek your face. Knit us together and give us the mind of Christ, that we may do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with you, our God. Amen.**

The former things have passed away, and new things God now declares: like a spring of water that never fails, God covers you in the righteousness of Christ, and forgives your sin in † Jesus' name. May the Spirit give you strength to live for others, and bless you with the gifts of peace.

**Amen.**

*This Little Light of Mine*

1 This lit - tle light of mine, I'm goin' - a let it shine;  
 2 Ev - 'ry - where I go, I'm goin' - a let it shine;  
 3 Je - sus gave it to me, I'm goin' - a let it shine;

oh, oh,

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let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.  
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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 in the high-est, 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.

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.

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

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Lord God, with endless mercy you receive the prayers of all who call upon you. By your Spirit show us the things we ought to do, and give us the grace and power to do them, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

## 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.

## GOSPEL READING

## MATTHEW 5:13-20

This is the Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 5<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>13</sup>“You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything but is thrown out and trampled under foot.

<sup>14</sup>“You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. <sup>15</sup>People do not light a lamp and put it under the bushel basket; rather, they put it on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. <sup>16</sup>In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

<sup>17</sup>“Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. <sup>18</sup>For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished.

<sup>19</sup>Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. <sup>20</sup>For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**POINT IT OUT: MESSAGE**

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

**ELW 673**

*God Whose Almighty Word*

1 God, whose al - might - y word cha - os and dark - ness heard  
 2 Christ, who once came to bring, on your re - deem - ing wing,  
 3 Spir - it of truth and love, life - giv - ing, ho - ly dove,  
 4 Ho - ly and bless - ed three, glo - ri - ous Trin - i - ty,

and took their flight: hear us, we hum - bly pray, and where the  
 heal - ing and sight; health to the trou - bled mind, sight where il -  
 speed forth your flight; move on the wa - ter's face bear - ing the  
 Wis - dom, Love, Might: bound - less as o - cean's tide, roll - ing in

gos - pel day sheds not its glo - rious ray, let there be light.  
 lu - sions blind; oh, now to hu - man - kind let there be light.  
 lamp of grace, and in earth's dark - est place let there be light.  
 full - est pride, through the earth, far and wide, let there be light.

## 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

As God's beloved children united in Christ, let us pray for the church, the whole human community, and the well-being of the earth, our home.

*Prayers continue with each petition ending:*

Merciful God,  
**Receive our prayer**

Confident that the Holy Spirit receives our prayers and answers us, we commend all for whom we pray to God's loving-kindness made known to us in Christ Jesus our 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](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

Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right  
spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your pres - ence, and take  
not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re - store to me the joy of  
your sal - va - tion, and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

The image shows four staves of musical notation in G major, 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below each staff. The lyrics are: "Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your pres - ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re - store to me the joy of your sal - va - tion, and up - hold me with your free Spir - it."

# OFFERING PRAYER

Together let us pray.

**God of majesty, no eye has seen, no ear has heard what you have prepared for those who love you, yet in this meal you reveal the wideness of your mercy. Use what we have gathered to feed us with the reign of God come near, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

# TABLE FULL OF FLAVOR: THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

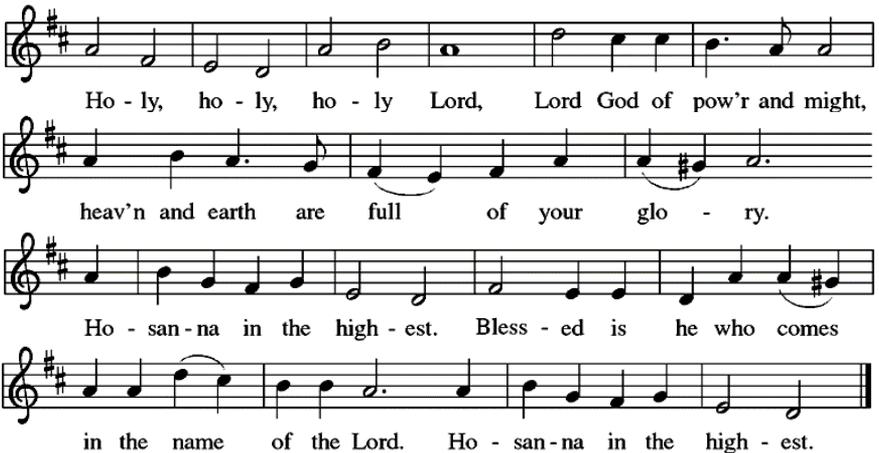
Lift up your hearts.

**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, 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.

Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory. In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son, who reached out to heal the sick and suffering, who preached good news to the poor, and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

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, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension, we await his coming in glory. Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food, the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord; to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, 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 THE TABLE

Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!  
Come to the table; taste and see.

**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***

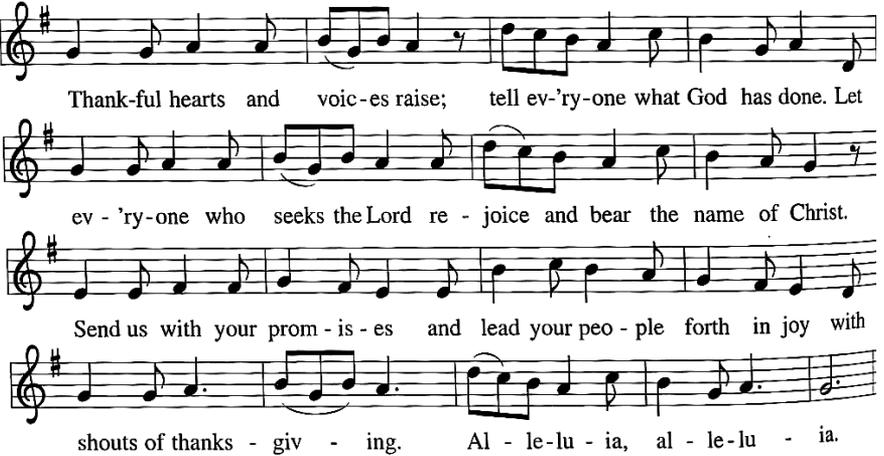
*Music will accompany the distribution of communion.*

## TABLE BLESSING

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  
ev - 'ry-one who seeks the Lord re - joice and bear the name of Christ.  
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

Together let us pray,

**Radiant God, we have seen your glory in the face of Jesus Christ. In the sacrament of his body and blood you have drawn us to your heart. Send us from this table with delight, that our lives may reflect the beauty of your love, and bear witness to all we have seen and heard, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

## **GOOD FOR THE NEIGHBORHOOD: BENEDICTION**

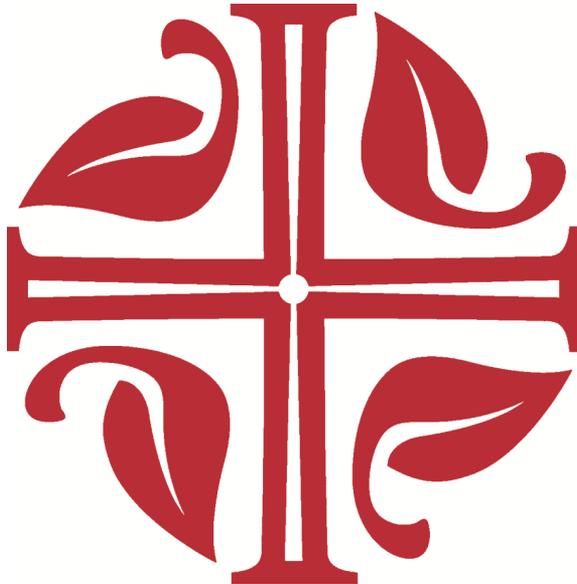
May the triune God, who has put a new song in your mouth and tuned your heart for praise † bless you now and forever.

**Amen.**

## **SOUPER BOWL PRAYER**

Gracious God, we give you thanks for the food we have to eat. Help us to remember that there are people in our community and around the world who do not have enough to eat. Help us remember that when we come together as a community in Christ we can truly make a difference in the lives of others. On this SOUPerbowl Sunday, use these gifts of food gathered here to meet our neighbors as a sign of your love and care. May they be received as the gifts of your city on the hill, moving forth with your blessing for the world. This we pray through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**Amen.**



*Christ, Be Our Light*

1 Long - ing for light, we wait in dark - ness. Long - ing for  
 2 Long - ing for peace, our world is trou - bled. Long - ing for  
 3 Long - ing for food, man - y are hun - gry. Long - ing for  
 4 Long - ing for shel - ter, man - y are home - less. Long - ing for  
 5 Man - y the gifts, man - y the peo - ple, man - y the



truth, we turn to you. Make us your own,  
 hope, man - y de - spair. Your word a - lone  
 wa - ter, man - y still thirst. Make us your bread,  
 warmth, man - y are cold. Make us your build - ing,  
 hearts that yearn to be - long. Let us be ser - vants



your ho - ly peo - ple, light for the world to see.  
 has pow'r to save us. Make us your liv - ing voice.  
 bro - ken for oth - ers, shared un - til all are fed.  
 shel - ter - ing oth - ers, walls made of liv - ing stone.  
 to one an - oth - er, signs of your king - dom come.



*Refrain*  
 Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the



dark - ness. Christ, be our light! Shine in your



church gath - ered to - day.

## DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Do justice. Love mercy.  
**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, Feb. 8      **SOUPER BOWL SUNDAY**  
**FAITH AND FUN SUNDAY**  
Worship, 10:00am  
Social Hour, 11:15am  
Outreach Mtg., 11:15am
- Tue, Feb. 10    OAKS Senior Center, 10:00am-1:00pm  
Boy Scouts, 6:45pm
- Wed, Feb. 11    Packing Milton Panther Packs, 6:00pm
- Fri, Feb. 13     Office Closed
- Sat, Feb. 14     Baby Steps Diaper Pantry, 10:00am-11:30am
- Sun, Feb. 15     Worship, 10:00am  
Social Hour, 11:15am  
Faith Lab @ UIC, 4:30pm-6:30pm



**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

The graphic features a central white cross with radiating lines, surrounded by colorful gears and a bar chart. A QR code is located in the upper right corner. The background is a light yellow with faint circuit-like patterns.

# Happy Birthday

*Rick Whitesel 2/8*

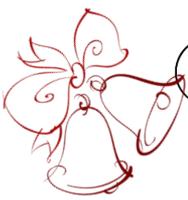
*Aaron Guffey 2/10*

*Maiya Hauck-Dabney 2/12*

*Eleanor Brouse 2/14*



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



# HAPPY Anniversary

*Mel and Nancy Baker 2/14/03*

*Dave and Michelle Davies 2/14/19*



## SERVING OPPORTUNITY

Packing food bags for  
**MILTON PANTHER PACKS**  
Wednesday, February 11 ~ 6pm-7pm  
ST ANDREW'S UMC  
102 Lower Market St, Milton



UNITED IN CHRIST  
  
*Valentine's Day*  
CARE PACKAGES



Let's give our college students a big warm hug by blessing them with Valentine's Day Care Packages. We can share with these students the message that United In Christ remains a constant in their lives and Jesus' love is always present!

UIC's college students are Owen Arndt, Mya Cromwell, Mae Haussmann, Colby Noll, Grant Rowe, and Sarah Sprengle.

**You can place "thinking of you" cards in the box in the Narthex. Please make sure you write their name on the card envelope.**

**Monetary donations, or gift cards, can be placed in the offering plate.** Please write "Valentine's" on your envelope. Monetary donations will be used to purchase gift cards for our 6 students.

***Deadline will be Sunday, February 16th.***



# Ash Wednesday Worship

Wednesday, February 18th at 7:00pm

United In Christ Lutheran Church  
1875 Churches Road  
Lewisburg, PA 17837



*"Remember that you are dust and  
to dust you shall return."*

# Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper!

Tuesday, February 17th @ 5:30pm

We'll bring the pancakes.  
You bring your favorite toppings!



## **NEWSLETTER DEADLINE MONDAY, FEBRUARY 16**

Any articles, events, photos, or thank you notes you'd like to have in the March Newsletter need to be in to the office by Monday, February 16.

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



Please email Terri in the office at  
[office@unitedinchristlutheran.net](mailto:office@unitedinchristlutheran.net) or  
call her at 570-568-2254



## **Baby Steps DIAPER PANTRY**

### **UPCOMING DIAPER PANTRY**

February 14, 2026 at 10-11:30am

1 bag (40 diapers) per child.

Newborn to size 6

Baby Steps Diaper Pantry is held on the second Saturday each month from 10-11:30 a.m. in United In Christ's fellowship hall. The pantry is open to caregivers of babies from the communities of Milton, Lewisburg, Mifflinburg, and Watsontown.



# Making Sense *of* the Cross

David J. Lose

Signup for the Lenten Study on Tuesday nights.  
Please indicate if you would like a book.

Books are \$15.

## LET'S GET SOCIAL!

Christ's Lutheran Church invites you to a

**WINTER DINNER SOCIAL**

February 21 at 6pm  
Scarlet D Tavern, Mifflinburg

**All Are Welcome**



# WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS

	Feb. 8	Feb. 15	Feb. 18
Worship Leader	Justin	Katy	Justin
Social Hour	S - Z	A - D	
Bread/Wine	M. Shearer	K. Sprengle	R. Baker
Altar Guild	M. Catherman	S. Keifer	T. Cromwell
Digital Host	T. Cromwell	D. Murphy	K. Guffey
Front Door Greeter	Catherman Family	L. Rabuck M. Rabuck	B. Swartz T. Swartz
Side Door Greeter	K. Baker	K. Guffey	T. McPherrin
Lector	D. Murphy	M. Shearer	J. Rutt
Ushers	K. Arndt D. Baker K. Baker K. Criswell	B. Guffey R. Kling S. McPherrin T. McPherrin	T. Cromwell L. Rabuck M. Rabuck M. Shearer
Communion Asst.	D. Davies S. Weiser	R. Sprengle R. Kling	ML Keifer B. Swartz
Guest Relations	M. Mertz	K. Noll	
Offering Counter	C. Shreck P. Hauck	T. Stitzel M. Rabuck	L. Rabuck K. 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**

**1875 Churches Rd. Lewisburg, PA 17837  
570-568-2254**

**WORSHIP WITH HOLY COMMUNION**  
Sundays at 10am

**THE REV. JUSTIN G. LINGENFELTER**

### **CHURCH OFFICE**

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