

United In Christ Lutheran Church



the good news is...

protection & care for
the vulnerable

Fourth Sunday in Lent

March 15, 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.*

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

Every week we come before God in confession, because every week we need to be reminded of God's abundant grace. Every week we need to be reminded of God's love. Every week we need to be reminded that we too can grow and change. Together let us enter into honesty as we seek transformation.

Silence is kept for self-reflection.

God said, "When a foreigner resides among you in your land, do not mistreat them."

Holy God, we confess, we have mistreated the immigrants in our land.

Jesus said, "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God."

We confess, we have clung to guns and war more than we have pursued peace.

God said, "When you gather the grapes of your vineyard, do not glean what is left; it shall be for the alien, the orphan, and the widow."

We confess, we have hoarded our resources and failed to care for our neighbors.

Jesus said, "Let the children come to me, and do not stop them."

We confess, we have gatekept the good news in unfair ways.

Fortunately for all of us, God also said, "Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name; you are mine." In the name of + Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. By God's grace, despite our sin and shortcomings, we are redeemed, claimed, forgiven, and loved.

Amen.

Bless Now, O God, The Journey

1 Bless now, O God, the jour - ney that all your peo - ple make,
 2 Bless so - journ - ers and pil - grims who share this wind - ing way;
 3 Di - vine e - ter - nal lov - er, you meet us on the road.

the path through noise and si - lence, the way of give and take.
 your hope burns through the ter - rors, your love sus - tains the day.
 We wait for lands of prom - ise where milk and hon - ey flow,

The trail is found in des - ert and winds the moun - tain round,
 We yearn for ho - ly free - dom while of - ten we are bound;
 but wait - ing not for plac - es, you meet us all a - round.

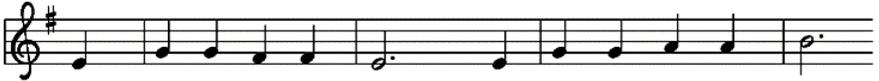
then leads be - side still wa - ters, the road where faith is found.
 to - geth - er we are seek - ing the road where faith is found.
 Our cov - e - nant is writ - ten on roads, as faith is found.

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.

Holy One, sometimes the simplest of your commands are the hardest for us to hear. You say, "Love your enemy; Turn the other cheek; Care for the widow and the orphan." And we want to know: How? When? Where? Today as we turn to you, open up space in us to simply hear your truth for what it is. Open up space in our hearts to dream new dreams, to imagine new realities, to draw closer to you and closer to love through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

FIRST READING

DEUTERONOMY 24:17-22

¹⁷“You shall not deprive a resident alien or an orphan of justice; you shall not take a widow’s garment in pledge. ¹⁸Remember that you were a slave in Egypt and the Lord your God redeemed you from there; therefore I command you to do this.

¹⁹“When you reap your harvest in your field and forget a sheaf in the field, you shall not go back to get it; it shall be left for the alien, the orphan, and the widow, so that the Lord your God may bless you in all your undertakings. ²⁰When you beat your olive trees, do not strip what is left; it shall be for the alien, the orphan, and the widow.

²¹“When you gather the grapes of your vineyard, do not glean what is left; it shall be for the alien, the orphan, and the widow. ²²Remember that you were a slave in the land of Egypt; therefore I am commanding you to do this.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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

MATTHEW 19:13-15

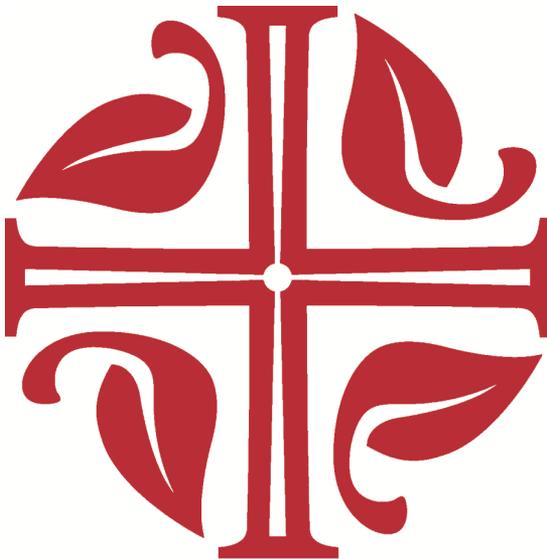
This is the Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 19th chapter.
Glory to you, O Lord.

¹³Then children were being brought to him in order that he might lay his hands on them and pray. The disciples spoke sternly to those who brought them, ¹⁴but Jesus said, “Let the children come to me, and do not stop them, for it is to such as these that the kingdom of heaven belongs.” ¹⁵And he laid his hands on them and went on his way.

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

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

SERMON



O God of Mercy, God of Light

1 O God of mer - cy, God of light, in love and
 2 You sent your Son to die for all, that our lost
 3 Teach us the les - son Je - sus taught: to feel for
 4 For all are kin - dred, far and wide, since Je - sus

mer - cy in - fi - nite, teach us, as ev - er
 world might hear your call; oh, hear us lest we
 those his blood has bought, that ev - 'ry deed and
 Christ for all has died; grant us the will, and

in your sight, to live our lives in you.
 stray and fall! We rest our hope in you.
 word and thought may work a work for you.
 grace pro - vide, to love them all in you.

5 In sickness, sorrow, want, or care,
 may we each other's burdens share;
 may we, where help is needed, there
 give help as though to you.

6 And may your Holy Spirit move
 all those who live to live in love,
 till you receive in heav'n above
 all those who live in you.

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

Reconciled by God's mercy and sustained by God's presence, let us pray for the world and its needs.

Prayers continue with each petition ending:

Hear us, O God,
Your mercy is great.

Receive our prayers, O God, through Jesus Christ, our strength and salvation.

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

Together, let us pray.

O God, maker of heaven and earth, your steadfast love embraces all creation. You send rain and sunshine to nourish the earth and bring forth its bounty. Through these gifts of bread and wine, draw us into the death and life of your Son, who calls us to bear witness to the good news of his saving work. We ask this in Jesus' name. 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, 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.

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

The Good News has been set at the table. Come! Feast on God's goodness and 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***

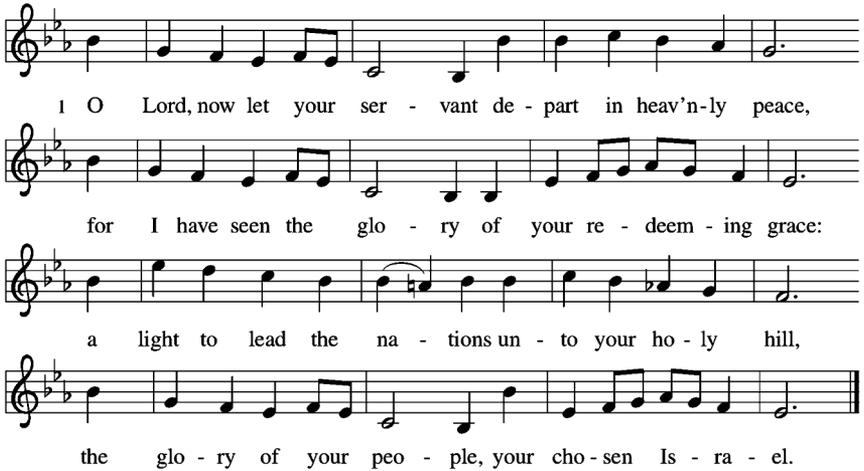
Music will accompany the distribution of communion.

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

Together, let us pray.

God of salvation, we give you thanks for this meal that restores our souls, reconciles us to you, and strengthens us for the journey. Through the body and blood of your Son, may we become Christ's body in the world, bearing witness to your good news for all creation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

BENEDICTION

As you leave this place, when you meet anger, speak with love. When you meet fear, speak with hope. When you meet pain, speak with gentleness. But no matter what, speak this good news. May almighty God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

Amen.

Go, My Children, with My Blessing

1 "Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, nev - er a - lone.
 2 "Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure.
 3 "Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour - ished, clos - er to me.

Wak - ing, sleep - ing, I am with you, you are my own.
 Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.
 Grow in love and love by serv - ing, joy - ful and free.

In my love's bap - tis - mal riv - er I have made you mine for - ev - er.
 Here you heard my dear Son's sto - ry, here you touched him, saw his glo - ry.
 Here my Spir - it's pow - er filled you, here my ten - der com - fort stilled you.

Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, you are my own."
 Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure."
 Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour - ished, joy - ful and free."

DISMISSAL

Go in peace! Tell the world something good!

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE



*Today's altar flowers are given
to the Glory of God
in memory of our friend Kay Hilkert
by Linda and Delroy Caris.*

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

What's Happening at UIC

- Sun, Mar. 15 **FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT**
Worship, 10:00am
Social Hour, 11:15am
Kay Hilkert Memorial Service, 12:30pm
Faith Lab @ UIC, 4:30pm
Deadline to order Easter Flowers
- Mon, Mar. 16 Cub Scouts, 6:30pm
Boy Scouts, 6:45pm
- Tue, Mar. 17 Council Meeting, 6:30pm
Lenten Study, 6:30pm
- Wed, Mar. 18 Soup Dinner @ CELC, 6:00pm
Holden Evening Prayer Service, 7:00pm
- Thu, Mar. 19 Lenten Brunch Group, 11:00am
Silver Moon Restaurant
- Fr, Mar. 20 Office Closed
Fellowship Hall Reserved
- Sat, Mar. 21 Fellowship Hall Reserved
Boy Scout Spaghetti Dinner, 4pm-6pm
- Sun, Mar. 22 **FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT**
Worship, 10:00am
Social Hour, 11:15am

UNITED IN CHRIST'S PRAYER LIST

PRAYER REQUESTS: Cheryl Stiber, Brandon Wirth, Judy Rishel, Mark Rabuck, Ron Baker, family and friends of Brenda Bowser, family and friends of Harold Danowsky Sr., Rose Stitzel, Jayne, Patrick Moseley, Bob Troxell, Eugene Bain, Annette Baker, 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

Michael Ketchem 3/15

Blayzze Baker 3/16



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



March 1

Queen Size Sheets/Pillow Cases

March 15

Queen Size Mattress Covers

March 8

Bed Pillows

March 22

Queen Size Blankets

*Bring new or gently used items to worship each Sunday!
All donations will go to support the mission of DIG Furniture Bank in Milton!*



the good news is...
a queen-sized bed

HAVE YOU SEEN?

**LOST
AND
FOUND**



Did you leave something at church? Check out the LOST AND FOUND bin on the shelf by the restroom in the fellowship hall.

Easter Flowers

Flowers are a beautiful gift to our Lord and a wonderful expression of our love for God and all he has given us!

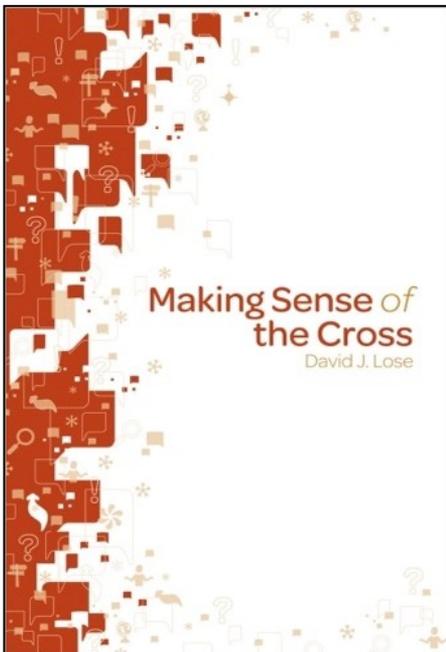


- \$3.50 Pansies, 4" pot
- \$11.25 Tulips, 6" pot
- \$11.25 Mini Daffodils, 6" pot
- \$14.50 Daffodils, 8" pot
- \$14.50 Lilies, 6" pot

Order Deadline: March 15th

Order forms are on the bulletin board in the fellowship hall.

Today is the deadline to order flowers.



LENTEN STUDY

Join us for the start of a new Lenten study series: *Making Sense of the Cross!* Beginning on **Tuesday, February 24th** at **6:30pm**, we will gather weekly with neighbors from CELC and MLC here at UIC for a video series that explores how the cross has been understood over time and how we

Spaghetti

SATURDAY, MARCH 21

4PM-6PM

United In Christ Lutheran Church
1875 Churches Road, Lewisburg

**Boy Scout
Troop 600
Annual Fundraiser**



**\$10.00
Takeout Only**

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**





We are collecting candy for the Easter Egg Hunt. Please place your candy donations in the box in the Narthex.

Please no chocolates as they tend to melt in the eggs because of the sun

We will meet in the Fellowship Hall on **Friday, April 3 at 9:00am** to fill all the plastic eggs. Come on out and help!

**NEWSLETTER DEADLINE
MONDAY, MARCH 23**

Any articles, events, photos, or thank you notes you'd like to have in the April Newsletter need to be in to the office by Monday, March 23.

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

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



Easter Breakfast

Sunday, April 5th
8:30am

**Bring your family
and join us Easter morning
for a potluck breakfast.**



ALTAR FLOWERS

Cost is \$35.

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



UNITED IN CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

Holy Week Worship

JOIN US AS WE JOURNEY THROUGH DEATH INTO LIFE

MAUNDY THURSDAY: 4/2 ~ 6:30 PM

GOOD FRIDAY: 4/3 ~ 6:30 PM

EASTER SUNRISE: 4/5 ~ 6:30 AM

EASTER SUNDAY: 4/5 ~ 10:00 AM

EVERY SUNDAY AT 10AM · 1875 CHURCHES ROAD, LEWISBURG

LET US KNOW



Please let us know when you are in the hospital or have an upcoming surgery. Call the church office at 570-568-2254 to let us know. Please do not assume that if you tell someone in church that the office or pastor will find out. Because of confidentiality issues, it's best if you contact Pastor Justin or the church office directly.

IMPORTANT LINKS

For easy access, bookmark these pages on your computer or add the page to your tablet or smartphone's home screen.

UIC's website: www.unitedinchristlutheran.net

Sermons and Bulletins: Print the Sunday bulletin so you can follow along. You can also view past sermons. Bulletins appear on website the morning of that day's worship.

www.unitedinchristlutheran.net/worship

Church Calendar: Stay up-to-date on everything that's happening at UIC and Sunday's Worship Volunteers are listed each week under each "worship" event.

www.unitedinchristlutheran.net/calendar

Online Giving: www.unitedinchristlutheran.net/giving/

Newsletter Archive: Read current and past newsletters.

www.unitedinchristlutheran.net/newsletter

Facebook Page: www.facebook.com/unitedinchristlutheran

Facebook Group: www.facebook.com/groups/UICLC/



WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS

	March 15	March 22	March 29
Worship Leader	Justin	Katy	Justin
Social Hour	A - D	E - K	L - R
Wine	K. Criswell	K. Guffey	S. Keifer
Altar Guild	ML Keifer	T. Cromwell	M. Catherman
Digital Host	B. Guffey	D. Murphy	M. Shearer
Front Door Greeter	C. Robuck D. Robuck	Catherman Family	B. Swartz T. Swartz
Side Door Greeter	K. Guffey	R. Kling	K. Baker
Lector	R. Baker	D. Davies	B. Catherman
Ushers	K. Baker D. Baker B. Swartz T. Swartz	K. Arndt D. Baker K. Baker T. Cromwell	K. Criswell B. Guffey R. Kling J. Mertz
Communion Asst.	D. Baker B. Catherman	T. Cromwell D. Davies	ML Keifer R. Kling
Guest Relations	M. Mertz	K. Noll	TBD
Offering Counter	B. Guffey R. Baker	K. Guffey J. Rutt	M. Shearer R. Baker

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

CHURCH OFFICE

Open Mon. - Thur. 8:00am - 2:00pm
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