

United In Christ Lutheran Church



Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

July 12, 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

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, whose compassion endures forever. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin to God.

Silence is kept for reflection

Compassionate God,

we confess to you all our sins. Our burden is heavy, and we cannot free ourselves. In your mercy, call us back to you. Your yoke is easy and your burden is light. Restore us to dwell in your peace. In Christ's name we pray. Amen

Jesus says, "Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest." In the name of God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, your sins are forgiven. Rest in God's love. **Amen.**



OPENING HYMN

ELW 533

Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty



1 O - pen now thy gates of beau - ty, Zi - on, let me en - ter there,
2 Gra - cious God, I come be - fore thee; come thou al - so un - to me;
3 Here thy praise is glad - ly chant-ed, here thy seed is du - ly sown;
4 Thou my faith in - crease and quick-en, let me keep thy gift di - vine;
5 Speak, O God, and I will hear thee, let thy will be done in - deed;



where my soul in joy - ful du - ty waits for God who an - swers prayer.
where we find thee and a - dore thee, there a heav'n on earth must be.
let my soul, where it is plant-ed, bring forth pre - cious sheaves a - lone,
how - so - e'er temp - ta - tions thick-en, may thy word still o'er me shine
may I un - dis - turbed draw near thee while thou dost thy peo - ple feed.



Oh, how bless-ed is this place, filled with so - lace, light, and grace!
To my heart, oh, en - ter thou, let it be thy tem - ple now!
so that all I hear may be fruit - ful un - to life in me.
as my guid-ing star through life, as my com-fort in all strife.
Here of life the foun - tain flows; here is balm for all our woes.

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.

I 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.

II 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.

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.

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,

and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty God, we thank you for planting in us the seed of your word. By your Holy Spirit help us to receive it with you, live according to it, and grow in faith and hope and love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

FIRST READING

ISAIAH 55:10-13

¹⁰For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven and do not return there until they have watered the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, ¹¹so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose and succeed in the thing for which I sent it. ¹²For you shall go out in joy and be led back in peace; the mountains and the hills before you shall burst into song, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands. ¹³Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress; instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle, and it shall be to the Lord for a memorial, for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSIVE READING

PSALM 65:9-13

⁹You visit the earth and water it; you greatly enrich it; the river of God is full of water; you provide the people with grain, for so you have prepared it.

¹⁰**You water its furrows abundantly, settling its ridges, softening it with showers, and blessing its growth.**

¹¹You crown the year with your bounty; your wagon tracks overflow with richness.

¹²**The pastures of the wilderness overflow; the hills gird themselves with joy;**

¹³the meadows clothe themselves with flocks; the valleys deck themselves with grain; they shout and sing together for joy.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL

MATTHEW 13:1-9, 18-23

¹That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. ²Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. ³And he told them many things in parables, saying: "Listen! A sower went out to sow. ⁴And as he sowed, some seeds fell on a path, and the birds came and ate them up. ⁵Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. ⁶But when the sun rose, they were scorched, and since they had no root, they withered away. ⁷Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. ⁸Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. ⁹If you have ears, hear!"

¹⁸"Hear, then, the parable of the sower. ¹⁹When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. ²⁰As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy, ²¹yet such a person has no root but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on ac-

count of the word, that person immediately falls away. ²²As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of this age and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. ²³But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty.”

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

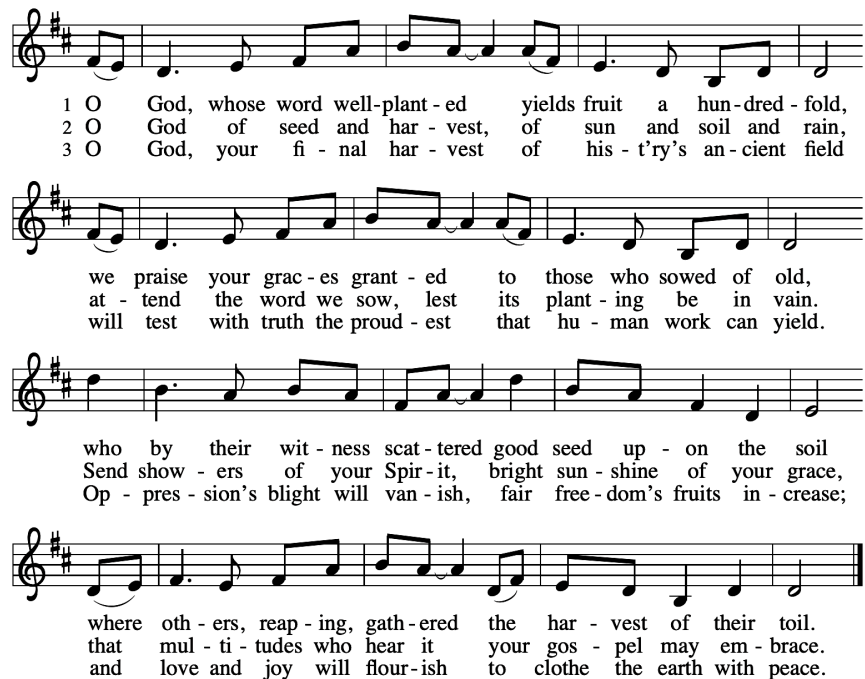
CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

ACS 975

O God, Whose Word Well-Planted



1 O God, whose word well-planted yields fruit a hundred-fold,
 2 O God of seed and harvest, of sun and soil and rain,
 3 O God, your final harvest of his t'ry's ancient field

we praise your graces granted to those who sowed of old,
 at-tend the word we sow, lest its planting be in vain.
 will test with truth the proudest that human work can yield.

who by their wit-ness scat-tered good seed up-on the soil
 Send show-ers of your Spir-it, bright sun-shine of your grace,
 Op-pres-sion's blight will van-ish, fair free-dom's fruits in-crease;

where oth-ers, reap-ing, gath-ered the har-vest of their toil.
 that mul-ti-tudes who hear it your gos-pel may em-brace.
 and love and joy will flour-ish to clothe the earth with peace.

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

Trusting in God's steadfast love for all God has made, let us pray
for the church, the world, and all of creation.

Prayers continue with each petition ending:

God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Grateful for your abundant provision and trusting in your goodness, we cast all our cares upon you, through the abundant grace
of Christ Jesus.

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

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

Together, let us pray.

Loving God, we offer at your table the gifts of our hearts.
Help us take heart in you and share freely of your love, so
that all creation can taste your abundance. We ask this in
the name of Jesus, through the Spirit abiding with us now
and forever. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

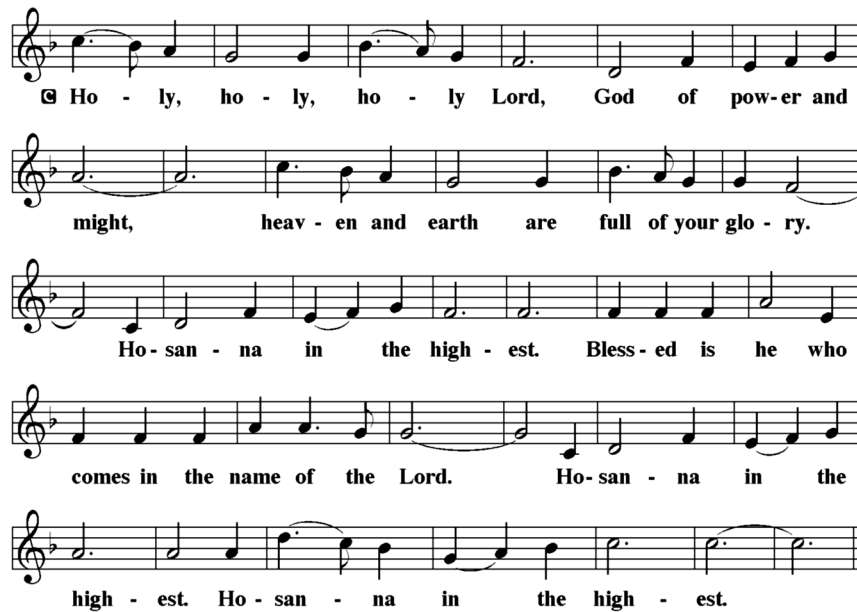
Lift up your hearts.

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:



The musical score is written on five staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The lyrics are: 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.

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.**

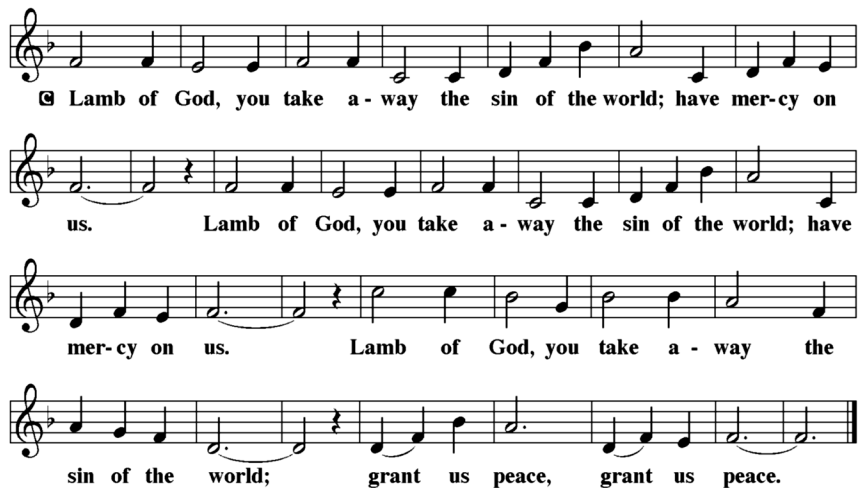
**Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.**

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

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Heaven has come near. Come, share in the feast!

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***

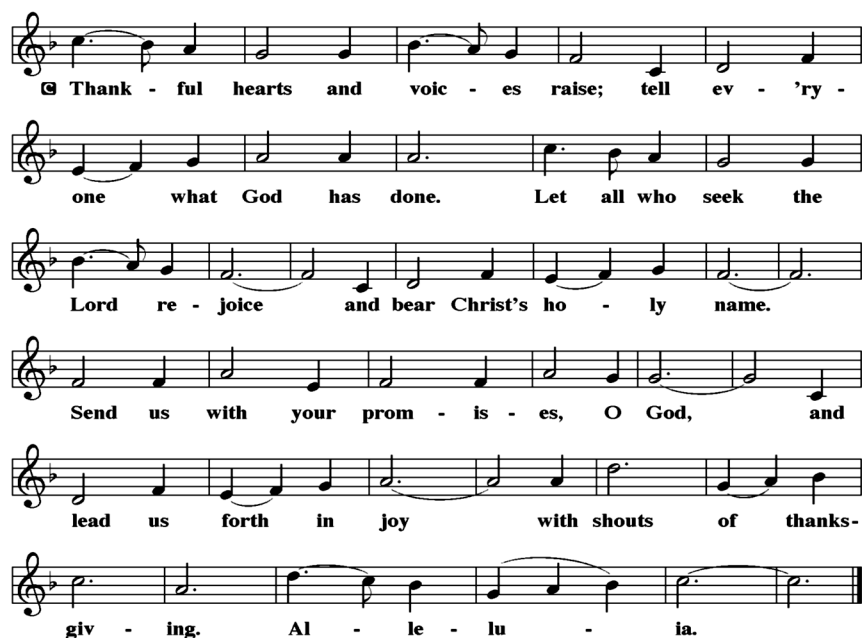
Music will accompany the distribution of communion.

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 all who seek the
Lord re - joice 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

Together, let us pray.

Compassionate God, through the gifts of bread and wine our hearts are filled with the abundance of your love. Strengthen us that we, through this holy meal, may share your love freely, as you have shared with us. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit nourishing us now and forever. Amen.

BENEDICTION

Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer, ☩ one God, bless, heal, and hold you today and always.

Amen.

SENDING HYMN

The Lord's Prayer (It's Yours) by Matt Maher

Father, let Your Kingdom come (hey, oh)

Father, let Your will be done

On Earth as in Heaven

Right here in my heart

Father, let Your Kingdom come

Father, let Your will be done

On Earth as in Heaven

Right here in my heart

Give us this day our daily bread

Forgive us, forgive us

As we forgive the ones who sinned against us,
forgive them

And lead us not into temptation

But deliver us from the evil one

Let Your kingdom come

Father, let Your Kingdom come (Holy, Holy)
Father, let Your will be done
On Earth as in Heaven (let it be done)
Right here in my heart

Father, let Your Kingdom come (Holy, Holy)
Father, let Your will be done
On Earth as in Heaven (let it be done)
Right here in my heart

Give us this day our daily bread
Forgive us, forgive us
As we forgive the ones who sinned against us,
forgive them
And lead us not into temptation
But deliver us from the evil one
Let Your kingdom come

It's Yours, it's Yours All Yours, all Yours
The kingdom, the power, the glory are Yours
It's Yours, it's Yours
All Yours, all Yours
Forever and ever the kingdom is Yours

It's Yours, it's Yours
All Yours, all Yours
The kingdom, the power, the glory are Yours
It's Yours, it's Yours
All Yours, all
Yours Forever and ever the kingdom is Yours

Father, let Your Kingdom come (Holy, Holy)
Father, let Your will be done
On Earth as in Heaven (let it be done)
Right here in my heart (here in my heart)

Father, let Your Kingdom come (Holy, Holy)
Father, let Your will be done
On Earth as in Heaven (let it be done)
Right here in my heart (here in my heart)
On Earth as in Heaven Right here in my heart

DISMISSAL

Heaven has come near. Go, share the good news.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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What's Happening at UIC

Sun, July 12	Worship, 10:00am Crosscutters Baseball Game, 4:00pm
Mon, July 13	Boy Scouts, 6:45pm
Tue, July 14	OAKS Senior Center, 10:00am-1:00pm Boy Scouts, 6:45pm
Fri, July 17	Lewisburg Lunch Program Office Closed
Sun, July 19	CHRISTMAS IN JULY Worship, 10:00am

Happy Birthday

Mae Haussmann 7/13

Mark Haussmann 7/14

Rose Stitzel 7/16

Jay Holmes 7/17

UNITED IN CHRIST'S PRAYER LIST

PRAYER REQUESTS: Michelle Davies, Dan and Gloria McDavit, Diane Powers, Elwood Brown, Ken Baker, Brandon Wirth, Mark Rabuck, Jayne, Gigi Pray, 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.



OAKS

SENIOR CENTER

Tuesday, July 14
10:00am – 1:00pm
Buffalo Valley Lutheran Village Presentation

Free Lunch

Free Bingo

OAKS Senior Center is free.
Everyone is welcome to join us!

United In Christ Lutheran Church



1875 Churches Road, Lewisburg ~ 570-568-2254



**Deadline to signup for Summer Day
Camp is July 13th.**



Join us on Sunday, July 19th to celebrate God's unexpected arrival at the most unexpected of times! So break out your favorite (or experimental) cookie recipes and join us as we join in our favorite Christmas Carols and hear the Christmas Story anew this Sunday in worship!

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.





Back to School Drive

Help us support Milton students in need!

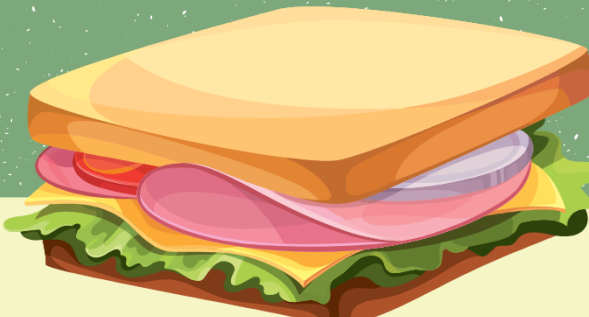
Backpacks and supplies will be blessed during worship on Sunday, August 9.

Place items in Back to School Drive box in Fellowship Hall.

- Backpacks
- Notebooks
- Crayons
- Pencils
- Markers
- Binders
- Rulers
- Pencil Boxes



LEWISBURG LUNCH PROGRAM

FRIDAY, JULY 17 ~ SEE RUBY FOR THE TIME

UIC will put together bagged meals for kids. Please see Ruby Baker for the time to be there. Meet at Lewisburg Pentecostal Church, 2822 Buffalo Rd, Lewisburg.

ALTAR FLOWERS



Altar flowers are a beautiful gift to our Lord and a wonderful expression of our love for God. It honors loved ones and gives thanks for special people and events in our lives.

The cost is \$35.

You may take your flowers home with you after service.

Flower Chart is located in the Fellowship Hall.

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



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Sermons and Bulletins: Print the Sunday bulletin so you can follow along at home. You can also view past sermons.
www.unitedinchristlutheran.net/worship

Church Calendar: Stay up-to-date on everything that's happening at UIC.
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

	July 5	July 12	July 19	July 26
Worship Leader	Justin	Justin	Justin	Katy
Social Hour			A-Z Cookies	Luncheon (provided)
Bread/Wine	Megan C.	Ken C.	Kathy G.	Sue K.
Altar Guild	Megan C.	Sue K.	Mary Lou K.	Terri C.
Digital Host	Terri C.	Kathy G.	Danielle M.	Beth G.
Front Door Greeter	Karen B. Kathy G.	Donna B. Jeff B.	Catherman Family	Mary Lou K. Trudy S.
Side Door Greeter	Ken N.	Bob K.	George W.	Ted M.
Lector	Celeste C.	Danielle M.	Jared R.	Bob S.
Ushers	Kathy A. Dave B. Karen B. Beth G.	Terri C. Ken C. Shirley M. Ted M.	Jane M. Bob S. Trudy S. Kathy A.	Dave B. Karen B. Ken C. Terri C.
Communion Asst.	Bob S. Sharon W.	Dave B. Brad C.	Terri C. Ted M.	Mary Lou K. Cheryl R.
Guest Relations	Ken N.	Jay H.	George W.	Ted M.
Offering Counter	Ruby B. Tim S. Holmes & Conrad	Kathy G. Pam H. Holmes & Conrad	Jared R. Connie S. Holmes & Conrad	Beth G. Ruby B. -----

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.