

United In Christ Lutheran Church



Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

August 2, 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.

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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

In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Together, let us make confession to God.

Silence is kept for reflection

God of love,

you have chosen us as your beloved children.

**Yet we confess that we do not always wear the love you
have given us.**

We choose impatience over kindness.

We seek our own way instead of humility.

We allow fear to replace peace.

We struggle to forgive ourselves and one another.

Forgive us.

Clothe us again with your grace,

that we may reflect Christ's love in the world.

Amen.

Hear the good news!

God has chosen you.

In + Jesus Christ your sins are forgiven. You are clothed in compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, patience, and above all, love. Go in peace to wear the love God has first given you.

Amen.

OPENING HYMN

ELW 843

Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness



- 1 Praise the One who breaks the dark-ness with a lib - er - at - ing light;
- 2 Praise the One who blessed the chil - dren with a strong yet gen - tle word;
- 3 Praise the one true love in - car - nate: Christ, who suf - fered in our place;



praise the One who frees the pris - 'ners, turn - ing blind - ness in - to sight.
praise the One who drove out de - mons with a pierc - ing, two - edged sword.
Je - sus died and rose for man - y that we may know God by grace.



Praise the One who preached the gos - pel, heal - ing ev - 'ry dread dis - ease,
Praise the One who brings cool wa - ter to the des - ert's burn - ing sand;
Let us sing for joy and glad - ness, see - ing what our God has done.



calm - ing storms and feed - ing thou - sands with the ver - y bread of peace.
from this well comes liv - ing wa - ter quench - ing thirst in ev - 'ry land.
Praise the one re - deem - ing glo - ry; praise the One who makes us one.

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.
 ☩ 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

Let us pray.

Loving God, you have clothed us with your grace and called us your own. Teach us to wear compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience. Above all, help us wear love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. Strengthen us through your Spirit so that your love may be seen in our words, our actions, and our lives; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

FIRST READING

GENESIS 45:1-10

¹Then Joseph could no longer control himself before all those who stood by him, and he cried out, "Send everyone away from me." So no one stayed with him when Joseph made himself known to his brothers. ²And he wept so loudly that the Egyptians heard it, and the household of Pharaoh heard it. ³Joseph said to his brothers, "I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?" But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence.

⁴Then Joseph said to his brothers, "Come closer to me." And they came closer. He said, "I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. ⁵And now do not be distressed or angry with yourselves because you sold me here, for God sent me before you to preserve life. ⁶For the famine has been in the land these two years, and there are five more years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. ⁷God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth and to keep alive for you many survivors. ⁸So it was not you who sent me here but God; he has made me a father to Pharaoh and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. ⁹Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, 'Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me; do not delay. ¹⁰You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children's children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

COLOSSIANS 3:12-14

¹²Therefore, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. ¹³Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. ¹⁴Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL

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 sin-

ner.” 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.” ⁹Then Jesus said to him, “Today salvation has come to this house, because he, too, is a son of Abraham. ¹⁰For 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 487

What Feast of Love



1 What feast of love is of - fered here, what ban-quet come from heav - en?
 2 What light of truth is of - fered here, what cov - e - nant from heav - en?
 3 What wine of love is of - fered here, what crim-son drink from heav - en?



What food of ev - er - last-ing life, what gra - cious gift is giv - en?
 What hope of ev - er - last-ing life, what won-drous word is giv - en?
 What stream of ev - er - last-ing life, what pre - cious blood is giv - en?



This, this is Christ the king, the bread come down from heav - en.
 This, this is Christ the king, the sun come down from heav - en.
 This, this is Christ the king, the sweet - est wine of heav - en.



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

In Christ Jesus we meet the God who knows our weakness and bears the wounds of the world. Therefore, let us be bold as we pray, trusting that God draws near to those in any kind of need.

A brief silence

God of kindness, through Elijah and the widow, we learn about your love. Show us how to wear love through kindness today and always.

Prayers continue with each petition ending:

Lord in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

God, you create us to be so many different things. Most of all, you created us to be loved. May we know your love every moment of every day, and may we show your love to the world.
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.

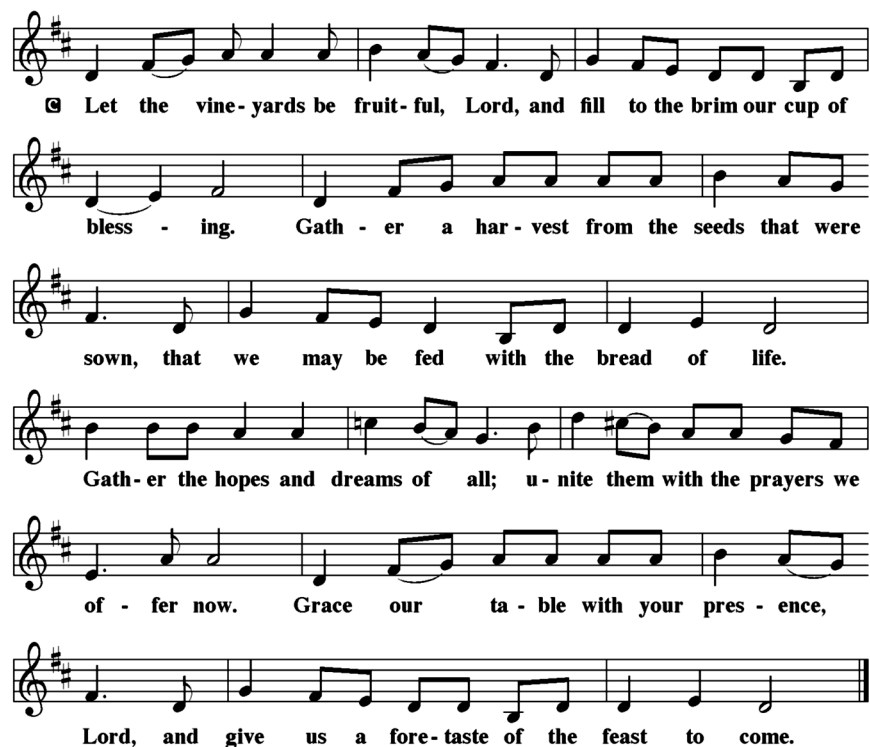
***Please fill out an Attendance Card,
and place the card in an offering plate.***

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.**

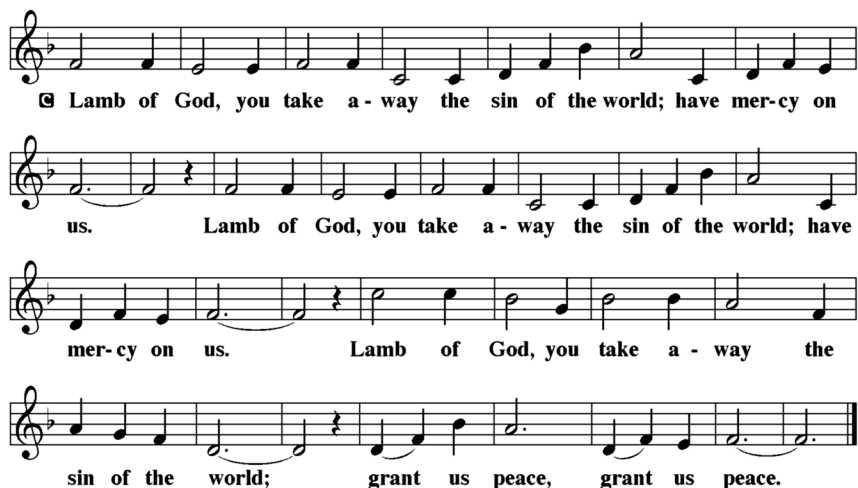
**Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.**

**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***

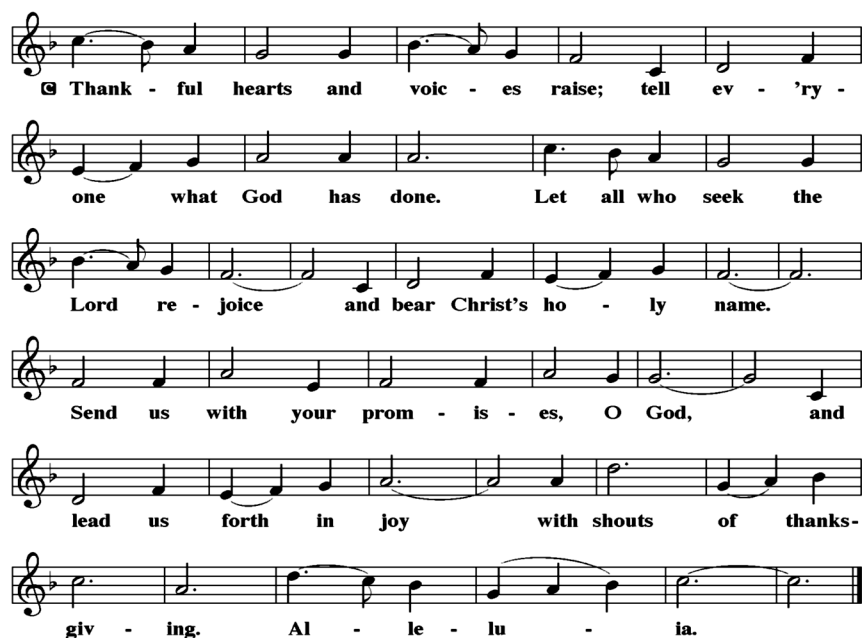
Music will accompany the distribution of communion.

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

As God draws us together, let us celebrate the wardrobe God gives us.

**God has given us hands to be kind.
And feet to walk humbly.**

When life is not what we expected...

God invites us to pause and breathe.

When we make mistakes and hurt one another...

God releases us and embraces us in forgiveness and love.

Let love be our all-purpose garment!

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

Go in peace. Wear God's love.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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What's Happening at UIC

Sun, Aug. 2	Worship, 10:00am
Mon, Aug. 3	Boy Scouts, 6:45pm
Tue, Aug. 4	Worship & Music Meeting, 11:00am Boy Scouts, 6:45pm
Wed, Aug. 5	Theology on Tap, 6:00pm
Fri, Aug. 7	Office Closed Delivery from Food Bank
Sat, Aug. 8	Diaper Pantry, 10:00am-11:30am
Sun, Aug. 9	BACKPACK SUNDAY FAITH AND FUN SUNDAY Worship, 10:00am Outreach/Fellowship Meeting, 11:15am

Happy Birthday

Amy Danowsky 8/2

UNITED IN CHRIST'S PRAYER LIST

PRAYER REQUESTS: Brent, Luke Vann, Michelle Davies, Dan and Gloria McDavit, Diane Powers, Elwood Brown, Ken Baker, 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?

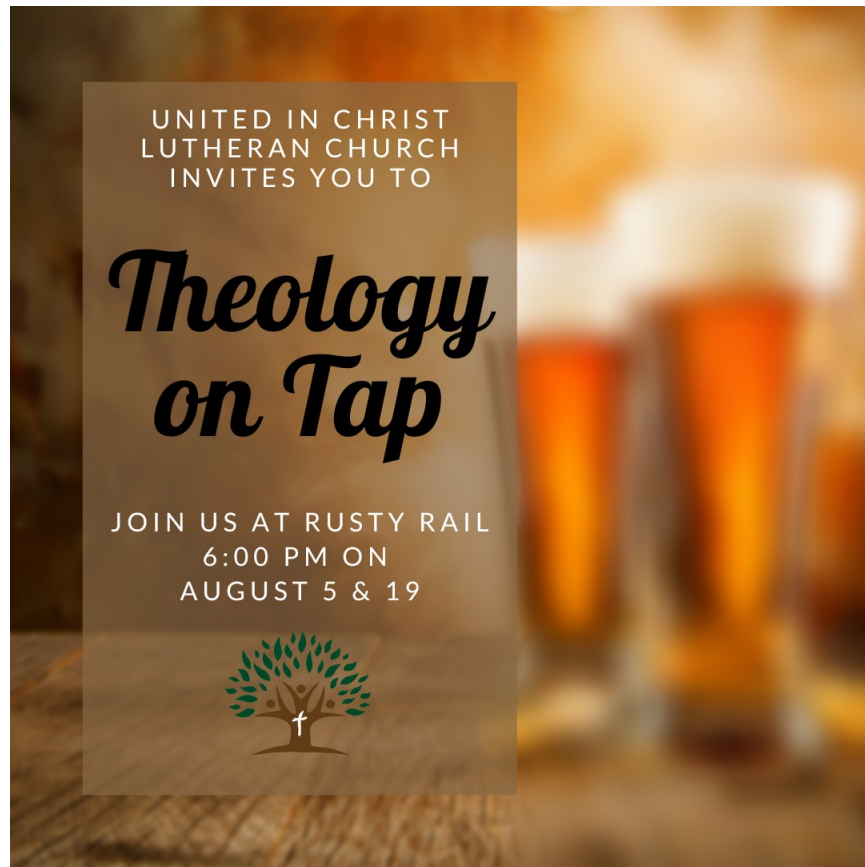
Submit your prayer request by calling 570-568-2254 or emailing it to office@unitedinchristlutheran.net.

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.



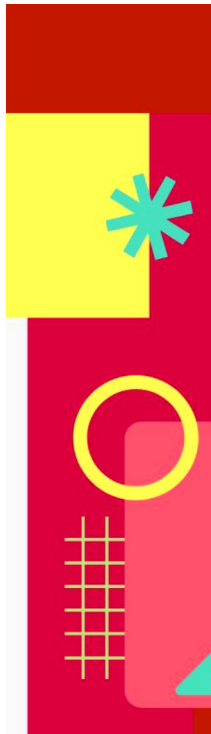
Join us for Theology on Tap! We will be meeting at Rusty Rail on August 5th and 19th. Bring your questions to put in the stein, grab your drink of choice, and be ready to dive into them together as a group—we might not settle on an answer, but we can at least try! We will meet at 6:00 pm to grab food, drinks, and socialize a bit before starting discussion once we are settled. You can let us know you're coming through the sign-up sheets, or you can email Pastor Justin or Pastor Katy.



Join us for our next Faith and Fun worship service on **August 9th at 10:00am!** This service is designed to get our kids up and about interacting with the liturgy and scripture throughout the service!

As part of this service, we will hold our annual Backpack Blessing as our students prepare for the new school year! Be sure to bring those new backpacks with you to worship that day!

This is also a *fantastic* service for inviting friends and family! The more the merrier on this day fueled by the Spirit! Come and see!




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




OAKS

SENIOR CENTER

Tuesday, August 11
10:00am - 1:00pm

Speaker: Union County Housing Authority

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

United In Christ Luthern Church

Free Lunch

Free Bingo



1875 Churches Road, Lewisburg ~ 570-568-2254



We're taking a Sunday field trip! Mark your calendars to join us for worship at **Central Oak Heights on Sunday, August 23rd at 10:00am!**

We have rented a golf cart for the day, so rest assured we will get you where you need to be for worship that morning! We hope you will join us for this fun excursion off the hill!

Be sure to stick around afterwards for our annual church picnic! Bring a covered dish to go with the grilled chicken graciously prepared by the Shearer family!

As a bonus, Central Oak Heights is opening up the pool for our use, so anyone who would like is welcome to bring swim attire as well! Don't miss out on the fun!



UIC CHURCH PICNIC

Sunday, August 23rd



Join us for a full day of fun at Central Oak Heights!
Worship will begin at 10am, followed by a church picnic. There is also a pool so bring your swimsuit if you'd like to get in.
Please signup at church or call the office to RSVP for the picnic.
Please bring a covered dish to share and a camp chair!

For those with mobility needs, a golf cart will pick you up at your car and take you where you need to be all day.

Central Oak Heights
75 Heritage Road, West Milton

The church will be supplying BBQ Chicken, water, plates, silverware, napkins, and cups. Please bring something to share. You can signup at church or contact Terri in the office so we can get a head count for the picnic.

The church is also renting a 4-person golf cart for the day for anyone with mobility needs. We will have a driver for the golf cart. The golf cart can pick you up at your car and transport you anywhere you need to go during the day!! If you have any questions please contact Terri in the office.

WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS

	Aug. 2	Aug. 9	Aug. 16
Worship Leader	Justin	Justin	Katy
Social Hour			
Bread/Wine	Shirley M.	Jane M.	Michelle S.
Altar Guild	Kathy G.	Beth G.	Sue K.
Digital Host	Danielle M.	Michelle S.	Terri C.
Greeter Front Door	Rose S. Karen B.	Donna B. Jeff B.	Kathy G. Ted M.
Greeter Side Door	Bob K.	Ken N.	Rosemary K.
Lector	Vicky T.		Brad C.
Usher	Rosemary K. Ted M. Shirley M. Jane M.	Bob S. Trudy S. Dave B. Karen B.	Michelle S. Kathy A. Ken C. Rosemary K.
Comm. Assist.	Bob S. Sharon W.	Jay H. Terri C.	Brad C. Dave B.
Guest Relations	Mike M.	Ken N.	Jay H.
Offering Counter	Tim S. Jay H.	Celeste C. Kathy G.	Connie S. Jay H.

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.