

United In Christ Lutheran Church



Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

August 9, 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

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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

BIBLE STORY

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 785

When Peace Like A River

1 When peace like a riv - er at - tend - eth my way, when
2 Though Sa - tan should buf - fet, though tri - als should come, let
3 He lives—oh, the bliss of this glo - ri - ous thought; my
4 Lord, has - ten the day when our faith shall be sight, the

sor - rows like sea bil - lows roll, what - ev - er my lot, thou hast
this blest as - sur - ance con - trol, that Christ hath re - gard - ed my
sin, not in part, but the whole, is nailed to his cross and I
clouds be rolled back as a scroll, the trum - pet shall sound and the

taught me to say, it is well, it is well with my soul.
help - less es - tate, and hath shed his own blood for my soul.
bear it no more. Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!
Lord shall de - scend; e - ven so it is well with my soul.

Refrain

It is well with my soul, it is well, it is well with my soul.
It is well with my soul,

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.

① 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.

② 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: SET SAIL

O God our defender, storms rage around and within us and cause us to be afraid. Rescue your people from despair, deliver your sons and daughters from fear, and preserve us in the faith of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



SCRIPTURE READING

MATTHEW 14:22-33

²²Immediately he made the disciples get into a boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. ²³And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, ²⁴but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. ²⁵And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea. ²⁶But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out in fear. ²⁷But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid."

²⁸Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." ²⁹He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus. ³⁰But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and, beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!" ³¹Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, "You of little faith, why did you doubt?" ³²When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. ³³And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON: WHAT'S IN THE WATER?

HYMN OF THE DAY

ELW 774

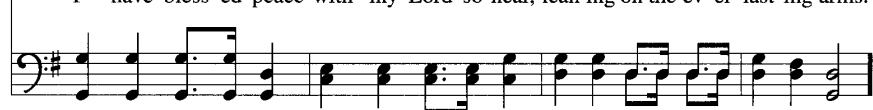
What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine



1 What a fel - low-ship, what a joy di - vine, lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms;
2 Oh, how sweet to walk in this pil-grim way, lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms;
3 What have I to dread, what have I to fear, lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms?



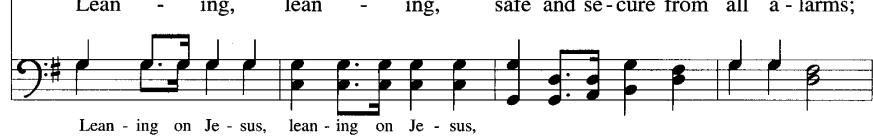
what a bless-ed-ness, what a peace is mine, lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms.
oh, how bright the path grows from day to day, lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms.
I have bless-ed peace with my Lord so near, lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms.



Refrain



Lean - ing, lean - ing, safe and se-cure from all a - larms;
Lean - ing on Je - sus, lean - ing on Je - sus,



lean - ing, lean - ing, lean-ing on the ev - er - last-ing arms.
lean - ing on Je - sus, lean - ing on Je - sus,



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

With bold trust in God's unfailing provision, we pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

Prayers continue with each petition ending:

Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

Receive our prayers and answer, O God, as you have promised.
All this we ask in the name of your Son, 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.*

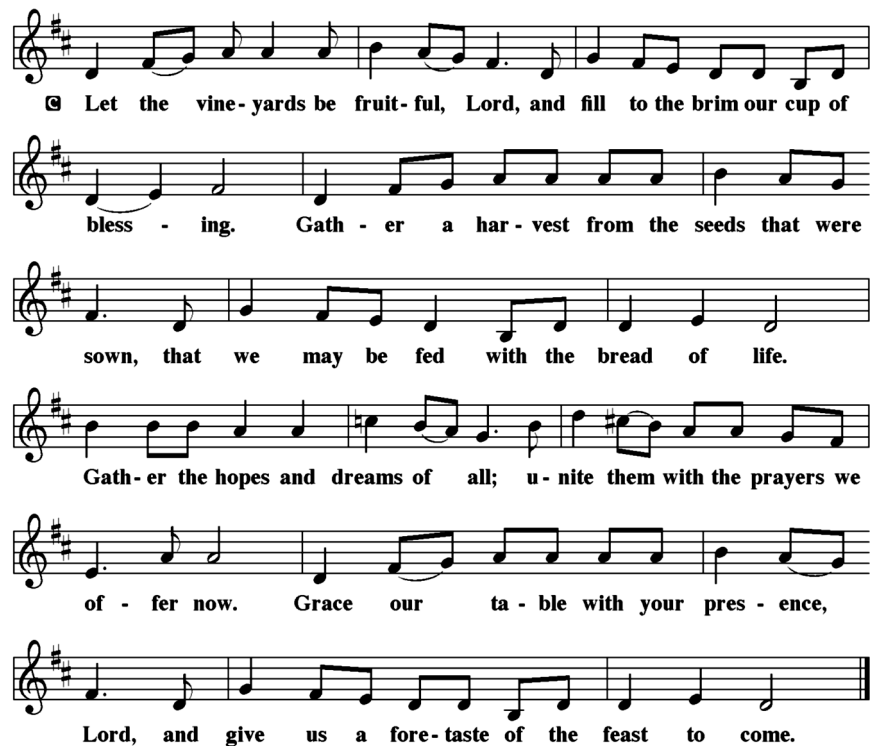
***Please fill out an Attendance Card,
and place the card in an offering plate.***

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



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: A PICK-ME-UP

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 for a single voice part on a treble clef staff. It begins with a common time signature (C). The melody is composed of eighth and quarter notes, with some phrases featuring longer note values. The lyrics are written below the staff, aligned with the notes. The score consists of five lines of music. The first line ends with a double bar line. The second line ends with a double bar line. The third line ends with a double bar line. The fourth line ends with a double bar line. The fifth line ends with a double bar line.

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***

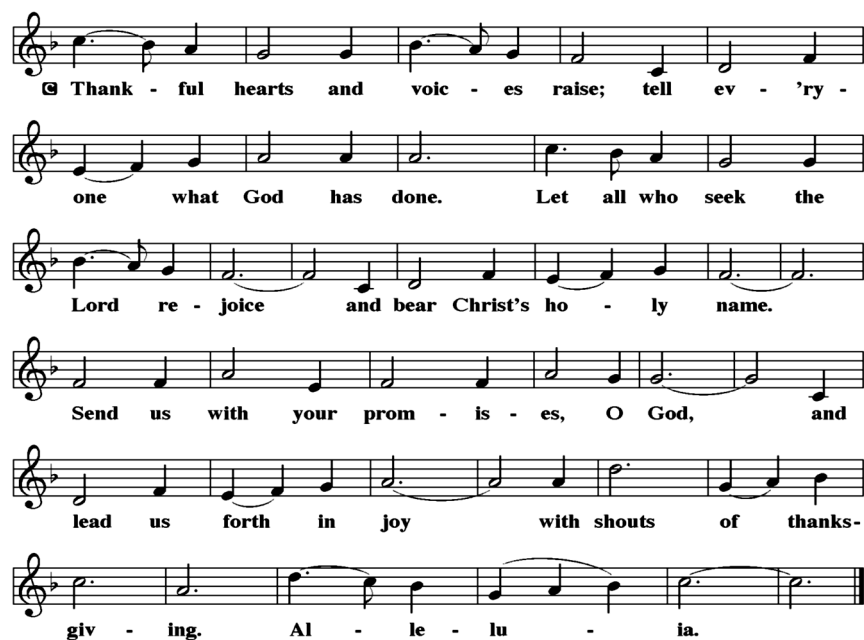
Music will accompany the distribution of communion.

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.

BACKPACK BLESSING: WORTH HOLDING ONTO

God of Wisdom, we give you thanks for schools and classrooms and for the teachers and students who fill them each day. We thank you for this new beginning, for new books and new ideas. We thank you for sharpened pencils, pointy crayons, and crisp blank pages waiting to be filled. We thank you for the gift of making mistakes and trying again.

Help us to remember that asking the right questions is often as important as giving the right answers. Help us remember to show our thanks for your gifts of learning by doing our best every day.

We ask that you bless our schools, teachers, classmates and friends. We ask that you bless those who prepare our lunches, those who drive us to school, and those who keep our schools clean and safe. We ask your blessing on this new school year, that it may be a time when we appreciate and fully use your gift of learning.

May these backpacks be a sign to those who carry them that they have everything they need to learn and grow this year in school and in Sunday School. May they be guided by your love.

Il this we ask in the name of Jesus, who as a child in the temple showed his longing to learn about you, and as an adult taught by story and example your great love for us.

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

What's Happening at UIC

- Sun, Aug. 9 **FAITH AND FUN SUNDAY**
Worship w/ Backpack Blessing, 10:00am
Outreach/Fellowship Meeting, 11:15am
- Mon, Aug. 10 Boy Scouts, 6:45pm
- Tue, Aug. 11 OAKS Senior Center, 10:00am-1:00pm
Boy Scouts, 6:45pm
- Fri, Aug. 14 Office Closed
- Sun, Aug. 16 Worship w/ Backpack Blessing, 10:00am

Happy Birthday

Ava Hauck-Dabney 8/12

Dave Baker 8/13

Herb Marsh 8/12

Steve Shearer 8/13

Installation Service of Rev. Felicia Swartz

Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church

4298 PA-204, Selinsgrove

Saturday, August 29th at 3pm

Reception to follow in the downstairs fellowship hall.

Handicap accessibility is available.

For those of you who are new to UIC,

Felicia grew up in this church.

Felicia is the daughter of Bob and Trudy Swartz!!

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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, August 11
10:00am – 1:00pm
Speaker: Union County Housing Authority
OAKS Senior Center is free.
Everyone is welcome to join us!

Free Lunch

Free Bingo

United In Christ Lutheran Church



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. 9	Aug. 16	Aug. 23
Worship Leader	Justin	Katy	Justin
Social Hour			Picnic
Bread/Wine	Jane M.	Michelle S.	Sharon W.
Altar Guild	Beth G.	Sue K.	Mary Lou K.
Digital Host	Michelle S.	Terri C.	Kathy G.
Greeter Front Door	Donna B. Jeff B.	Kathy G. Ted M.	Bob S. Trudy S.
Greeter Side Door	Ken N.	Rosemary K.	Terri C.
Lector		Brad C.	Beth G.
Usher	Bob S. Trudy S. Dave B. Karen B.	Michelle S. Kathy A. Ken C. Rosemary K.	Beth G. Terri C. Ted M. Shirley M.
Comm. Assist.	Jay H. Terri C.	Brad C. Dave B.	Mary Lou K. Michelle S.
Guest Relations	Ken N.	Jay H.	
Offering Counter	Celeste C. Kathy G.	Connie S. Jay H.	Michelle S. Jared R.

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.