

United In Christ Lutheran Church



Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

October 11, 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

The Rev. Katy Moran: CELC 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

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, who pours love into our hearts and healing upon the earth.

Amen.

Confident that God justifies us by grace through faith, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection

Compassionate God,

We confess that we struggle to embody your goodness in the world and in our own hearts. Creation groans from overuse. Jealousy and bitterness strain our relationships. Indifference keeps us from seeking justice. Divisions disrupt your call to show genuine love to others. Turn our hearts back to you. Restore our world and reconcile us to one another. Renew us to live as your holy people, following the way of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Hear this good news: We have peace with God through ☩ Jesus Christ, in whom there is no condemnation, but only forgiveness and the promise of eternal life. Receive freely this healing gift of grace.

Amen.

Now We Join in Celebration



1 Now we join in cel - e - bra - tion at our Sav - ior's in - vi - ta - tion,
2 Lord, as round this feast we gath - er, fill our hearts with ho - ly rap - ture!
3 Lord, we share in this com - mu - nion as one fam - 'ly of God's chil - dren,



dressed no more in spir - it som - ber, clothed in - stead in joy and won - der;
For this bread and cup of bless - ing are for us the sure pos - sess - ing
rec - on - ciled through you, our broth - er, one in you with God our Fa - ther.



for the Lord of all ex - is - tence, put - ting off di - vine tran - scen - dence,
of your lov - ing deed on Cal - v'ry, of your liv - ing self, our vic - t'ry,
Give us grace to live for oth - ers, serv - ing all, both friends and strang - ers,



stoops a - gain in love to meet us, with his ver - y life to feed us.
pledge of your un - fail - ing pres - ence, fore - taste here of heav'n - ly glad - ness.
seek - ing jus - tice, love, and mer - cy till you come in fi - nal glo - ry.

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. A - bove the hills the an - gel hosts
 2. In heav'n, on earth reigns God Most High,
 3. Sing jus - tice, mer - cy, joy and peace,
 4. We wor - ship you, our thanks and bring,
 5. To Je - sus Christ, God's Son, our Lord,

Cantor
 Sing glo - ry! Glo - ry! Glo - ry! God's Love is come to
 Yet ten - der - ly God
 God's own good will grants
 We bow be - fore you
 The Lamb of God, E -

seek the lost. Give Glo - ry to God in the High - est! ____
 hears our cry.
 sin's re - lease.
 as we sing
 ter - nal Word,

PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God, living Spirit, you have not only redeemed us but drawn us into community and promised to use us to make a difference in the world. Open our ears to hear your invitation, open our eyes to see you working in the world, and fill our hearts with the courage to join you in that work, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

FIRST READING

1 CORINTHIANS 12:1-31

¹Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be ignorant. ²You know that when you were gentiles you were enticed and led astray to idols that could not speak. ³Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking by the Spirit of God ever says "Let Jesus be cursed!" and no one can say "Jesus is Lord" except by the Holy Spirit.

⁴Now there are varieties of gifts but the same Spirit, ⁵and there are varieties of services but the same Lord, ⁶and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. ⁷To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. ⁸To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, ⁹to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, ¹⁰to another the working of powerful deeds, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. ¹¹All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

¹²For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. ¹³For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

¹⁴Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. ¹⁵If the foot would say, “Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body. ¹⁶And if the ear would say, “Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body. ¹⁷If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? ¹⁸But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. ¹⁹If all were a single member, where would the body be? ²⁰As it is, there are many members yet one body. ²¹The eye cannot say to the hand, “I have no need of you,” nor again the head to the feet, “I have no need of you.” ²²On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, ²³and those members of the body that we think less honorable we clothe with greater honor, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect, ²⁴whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body,

giving the greater honor to the inferior member, ²⁵that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. ²⁶If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it.

²⁷Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it.

²⁸And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers, then deeds of power, then gifts of healing, forms of assistance, forms of leadership, various kinds of tongues.

²⁹Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work powerful deeds? ³⁰Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? ³¹But strive for the greater gifts. And I will show you a still more excellent way.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

I O God, whose word well - plant-ed yields fruit a hun-dred -
fold, we praise your grac - es grant - ed to
those who sowed of old, who by their wit - ness
scat - tered good seed up - on the soil where
oth - ers, reap - ing, gath - ered the har - vest of their toil.

GOSPEL

JOHN 17:20-26

This is the Holy Gospel according to John, the 1st chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

²⁰“I ask not only on behalf of these but also on behalf of those who believe in me through their word, ²¹that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. ²²The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, ²³I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me. ²⁴Father, I desire that those also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory, which you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world.

²⁵“Righteous Father, the world does not know you, but I know you, and these know that you have sent me. ²⁶I made your name known to them, and I will make it known, so that the love with which you have loved me may be in them and I in them.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

SERMON



HYMN OF THE DAY

10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord) by Matt Redman

Bless the Lord, O my soul
O my soul
Worship His holy name
Sing like never before
O my soul
I'll worship Your holy name

The sun comes up
It's a new day dawning
It's time to sing Your song again
Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me
Let me be singing when the evening comes

Bless the Lord, O my soul
O my soul
Worship His holy name
Sing like never before
O my soul I'll worship
Your holy name

You're rich in love and You're slow to anger
Your name is great and Your heart is kind
For all Your goodness I will keep on singing
10, 000 reasons for my heart to find

So bless the Lord, O my soul
O my soul
Worship His holy name
Sing like never before
O my soul
I'll worship Your holy name

And on that day when my strength is failing
The end draws near and my time has come

Still my soul will sing Your praise unending
10, 000 years and then forevermore (forevermore)

Bless the Lord, O my soul
O my soul
Worship His holy name
Sing like never before
O my soul
I'll worship Your holy name

Bless the Lord, O my soul
O my soul
Worship His holy name
Sing like never before
O my soul
I'll worship Your holy name
Yes I will, worship Your holy name
Lord, I'll worship Your holy name

Sing like never before
O my soul I'll worship Your holy name

Jesus, I will worship Your holy name
Worship Your holy name

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

Seeking the Spirit of God who makes all things new, we pray for the church and the world.

Prayers continue with each petition ending:

Hear us, O God,
your mercy is great.

Trusting in your boundless grace, O God, we lift up these spoken prayers and those in our hearts; through 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.

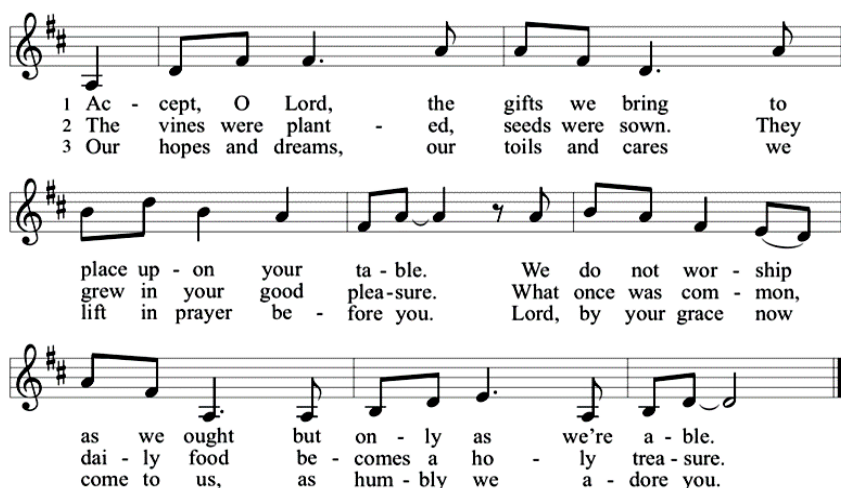
***Please fill out an Attendance Card,
and place the card in an offering plate.***

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 <http://www.unitedinchristlutheran.net/giving> by clicking on the green “Give Now” button.



OFFERTORY HYMN



1 Ac - cept, O Lord, the gifts we bring to
2 The vines were plant - ed, seeds were sown. They
3 Our hopes and dreams, our toils and cares we

place up - on your ta - ble. We do not wor - ship
grew in your good plea - sure. What once was com - mon,
lift in prayer be - fore you. Lord, by your grace now

as we ought but on - ly as we're a - ble.
dai - ly food be - comes a ho - ly trea - sure.
come to us, as hum - bly we a - dore you.

OFFERING PRAYER

Together, let us pray.

God of creation, you send rain and the earth springs forth abundantly. All blessings are from you: make us generous with what we have. Use our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts in service to you and in love to our neighbors, today and always. 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:

1 Long, long a - go in Je - ru - sa - lem, as the
2 High on a throne sat the might - y Lord, robes
3 Oh, what a sight it was to see and

scrip - tures do re - cord, I - sa - iah to the
flow - ing through the hall, while six - wing - ed an - gels
oh, what a sound to hear! The tem - ple door - posts

tem - ple came to see the ho - ly Lord.
flew a - bove. I - sa - iah heard them call.
shook and quaked, and smoke was in the air.

Refrain:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might, God's

glo - ry fills all heav'n and earth, God of pow - er and might.

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.**

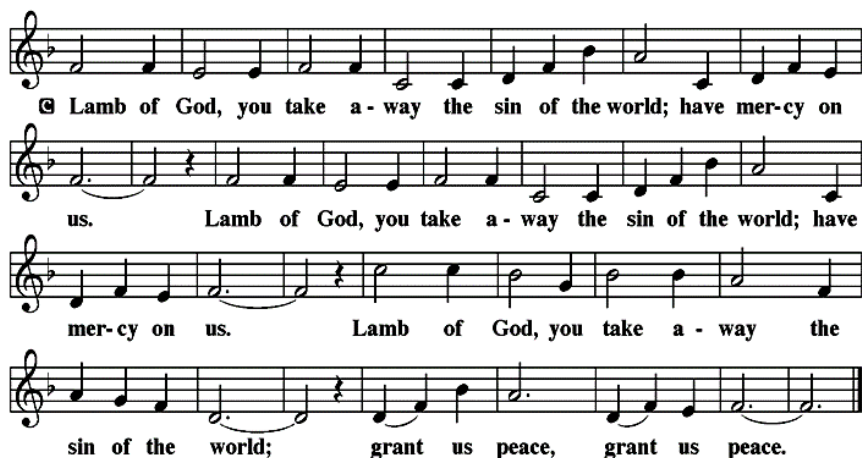
**Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.**

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

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Christ invites you to this table. All who are thirsty, all who are hungry, come!

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



1 O Lord of the blos-som, O God of the seed, O gra-cious pro -
2 O Lord of the har - vest, O God of the feast, where sor - rows are

vi - der for all hu-man need, you have nour-ish-ed our faith at your
van-quished and joys are in - creased, where the tree of life grows in your

ta - ble of grace, and nur - tured new life in the light of your
or-chards a - bove, we'll join in the cho-rus in praise of your

face. O Lord of the grain - field, O God of the
love. Sing praise to the Fa - ther, sing praise to the

vine, you've fed us your pres - ence in bread and in
Son, sing praise to the Spir - it. Praise God, Three in

wine. In com - mun - ion you've blest to us ar - bor and
One! You have made us one peo - ple you've fed by the

plow, and shown us the gos - pel, your word for us now.
hand, O Lord of the heav-ens, O God of the land.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Together, let us pray.

Sustaining God, with this bread and cup, you nourish us with mercy and abundant life. By your Spirit, send us from this table to serve a needy world. Make us living signs of your liberation, healing, and love, following the way of Jesus, in whose name we pray. Amen.

BENEDICTION

The God of love draw you into full accord and one mind, in the body of Christ Jesus.

Amen.

The God of hope grant you strength and joy in all circumstances through the interceding of the Spirit.

Amen.

The God of grace, ✠ bless you now and forever.

Amen.



Let All Things Now Living

1 Let all things now liv - ing a song of thanks - giv - ing to
2 God rules all the forc - es: the stars in their cours-es and

God the cre - a - tor tri - um - phant - ly raise,
sun in its or - bit o - be - dient - ly shine;

who fash - ioned and made us, pro - tect - ed and stayed us, who
the hills and the moun - tains, the riv - ers and foun - tains, the

still guides us on to the end of our days.
deeps of the o - cean pro - claim God di - vine.

God's ban - ners are o'er us, God's light goes be -
We too should be voic - ing our love and re -

fore us, a pil - lar of fire shin - ing forth in the night,
joic - ing; with glad ad - o - ra - tion a song let us raise

till shad - ows have van - ished and dark - ness is ban - ished, as
till all things now liv - ing u - nite in thanks - giv - ing: "To

for - ward we trav - el from light in - to light.
God in the high - est, ho - san - na and praise!"

DISMISSAL

Go out in joy. Be led forth in peace.

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, Oct. 11 Small Group: Catherman, 8:00am
Worship, 10:00am
Social Hour, 11:30am
Outreach/Fellowship Mtg., 11:30am
Fall Festival @ St. John's, 5:00pm
- Mon, Oct. 12 Office Closed
God's Monsters Bible Study @ CELC, 6:00pm
- Tue, Oct. 13 Pickleball Lewisburg Par, 9:00am
OAKS Senior Center, 10:00am-1:00pm
Small Group: Stitzel, 1:00pm
Small Group: Criswell/Guffey, 5:30pm
Boy Scouts, 6:45pm
- Wed, Oct. 14 Small Group: Guffey/Swartz, 6:00pm
- Thurs, Oct. 15 Small Group: Baker, 6:00pm
- Fri, Oct. 16 Office Closed
- Sat, Oct. 17 Truck-or-Treat @ MLC, 3:00-5:00pm
- Sun, Oct. 18 Small Group: Catherman, 8:00am
Worship, 10:00am
Social Hour, 11:30am
Faith Lab and Meal @ UIC, 4:30pm

UNITED IN CHRIST'S PRAYER LIST

PRAYER REQUESTS: Dave Wall, Katarina Beavor, Natalie Patterson, Delroy Caris, Nikk Wintersteen, Ken Baker and Family, family and friends of Dan McDavit, Michelle Davies, Diane Powers, Elwood Brown, Mark Rabuck, Jayne, Gigi Pray, Patrick Moseley, Bob Troxell, Eugene Bain, Annette Baker, Bob Keifer.

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

Happy Birthday

Ella Catherman 10/12

Happy Anniversary

Randy and Kristin Sprenkle 10/14/00

Tina and Jeff Snyder 10/15/94

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE MONDAY, OCTOBER 19

Any articles, events, photos, or thank you notes you'd like to have in the November Newsletter need to be in to the office by Monday, October 19.

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



Please email Terri in the office at
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call her at 570-568-2254



FALL FESTIVAL

St. John's Lutheran Church
70 S. Mill Road, Milton

Sunday, October 11
Food, Fellowship, and Games

Please signup at UIC
or contact
Terri in the office.





OAKS

SENIOR CENTER

Tuesday, October 13

10:00am - 1:00pm
Fall Pumpkin Craft

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

United In Christ Luthern Church





Free Lunch

Free Bingo

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TRUNK-OR-TREAT

UIC, CELC, and MLC will be hosting a Trunk-or-Treat on Saturday, October 17th at Milton Lutheran Church.

We need people to decorate trunks. Please sign-up at church or contact Terri in the office. See Pastor Katy if you need ideas on how to decorate a trunk, she has lots!

CANDY NEEDED

UIC will begin collecting candy to handout at Trunk-or-Treat. Please put your donations in the box in the Narthex.

PASTOR APPRECIATION

During Social Hour on October 25th we will be thanking Pastor Justin and Pastor Katy for all they do for us. Let's shower them with our appreciation and love. A basket for cards and letters will be on the table by the kitchen for each of them. If you would like to give them a gift, please see the list of their preferred places.

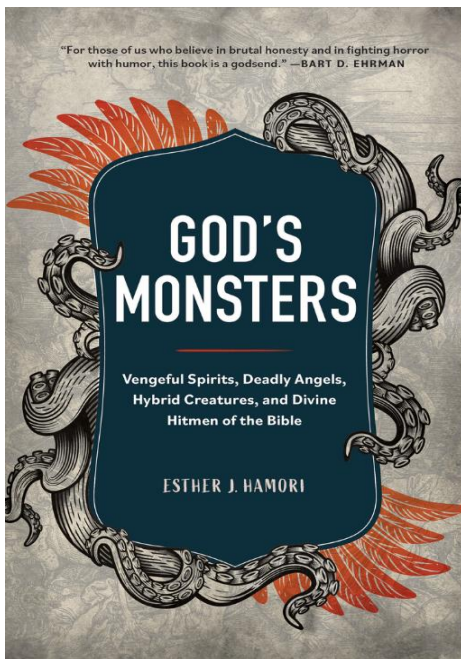


Pastor Justin

Target
Chipotle
Starbucks
Mod Pizza
Rusty Rail
Buffalo Wild Wings

Pastor Katy

Giant
Target
Amazon
Walmart
Starbucks
Rusty Rail Brewery



Join us this fall for a six-week study of God's Monsters! Together, we'll explore some of the weird, eerie, and downright strange creatures and beings found in the Bible, using Esther Hamori's book. We'll see what the text actually says about some of these beings, what they might reveal to us about God and faith, and what they might mean for us today. Come join the conversation, bring your questions, and discover the stranger side of Scripture! We will meet on Mondays at 6pm, beginning on September 21st.



FAITH LAB

Faith Lab serves as our collaborative faith formation programming with Christ's Lutheran that is designed for the whole family! Each time we gather, our students hear a story from scripture then see it come to life in a craft or activity together. During that time, parents (or any adults who want to join) are invited to stick around for a Bible study on the same story. Each gathering then concludes with free a family style meal for everyone in attendance!

We will meet at UIC in September and October.



UIC SMALL GROUP MINISTRY

Connecting the body of Christ

Programming begins this September!

Sign up for your group today!



This September UIC is launching a cohort of intentional small group ministries within the congregation! This is a new format of ministry where around five households will regularly gather together for a time of community building, fellowship, and mutual support. We will begin this Fall with five host groups taking place at different times with different hosts throughout the week, so sign up for the group that works best for you!

With this ministry, you are especially encouraged to sign up for a group with folks whom you have not gotten a chance to know well within the congregation! Part of our desire with this ministry is to get to know one another a little bit better so that there are fewer “less familiar” faces to us when we gather on a Sunday morning!

WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS

	Oct. 11	Oct. 18	Oct. 25
Worship Leader	Justin	Michelle	Justin
Social Hour	A – D	E – K	Luncheon (sides & desserts)
Bread/Wine	Jane M.	Michelle S.	Sharon W.
Altar Guild	Beth G.	Kathy G.	Mary Lou K.
Digital Host	Danielle M.	Terri C.	Beth G.
Greeter Front Door	Karen B. Sandy B.	Donna B. Jeff B.	Rosemary K. Ted M.
Greeter Side Door	Bob K.	George W.	Ken N.
Lector	Beth G.	Danielle M.	Jared R.
Usher	Jane M. Michelle S. Bob S. Trudy S.	Kathy A. Dave B. Karen B. Ken C.	Ted M. Shirley M. Terri C. Rosemary K.
Comm. Assist.	Terri C. Dave D.	Cheryl R. Bob S.	Mary Lou K. Rosemary K.
Guest Relations	Mike M.	Ted M.	Ken N.
Offering Counter	Connie S. Jared R.	Tim S. Jay H.	Celeste C. Beth G.

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.



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WORSHIP WITH HOLY COMMUNION

Sundays at 10:00am

THE REV. JUSTIN G. LINGENFELTER

CHURCH OFFICE

Open Monday – Thursday

8:00am – 2:00pm

VISIT US AT

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