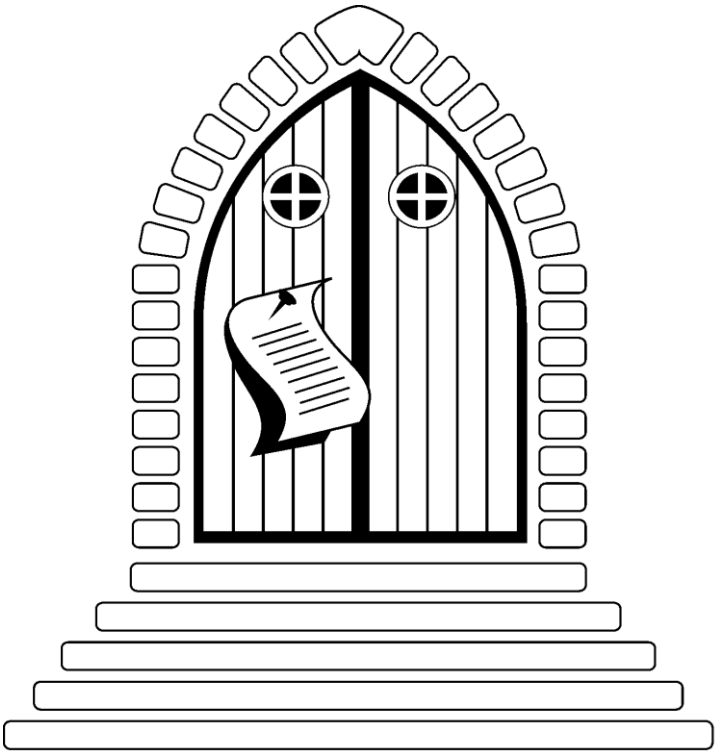
# United In Christ Lutheran Church



# REFORMATION SUNDAY

*October 25, 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**

**The Rev. Katy Moran: CELC Pastor**

**Terri Cromwell: Parish Administrator**
Office: 570-568-2254
Email: office@unitedinchristlutheran.net

**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,
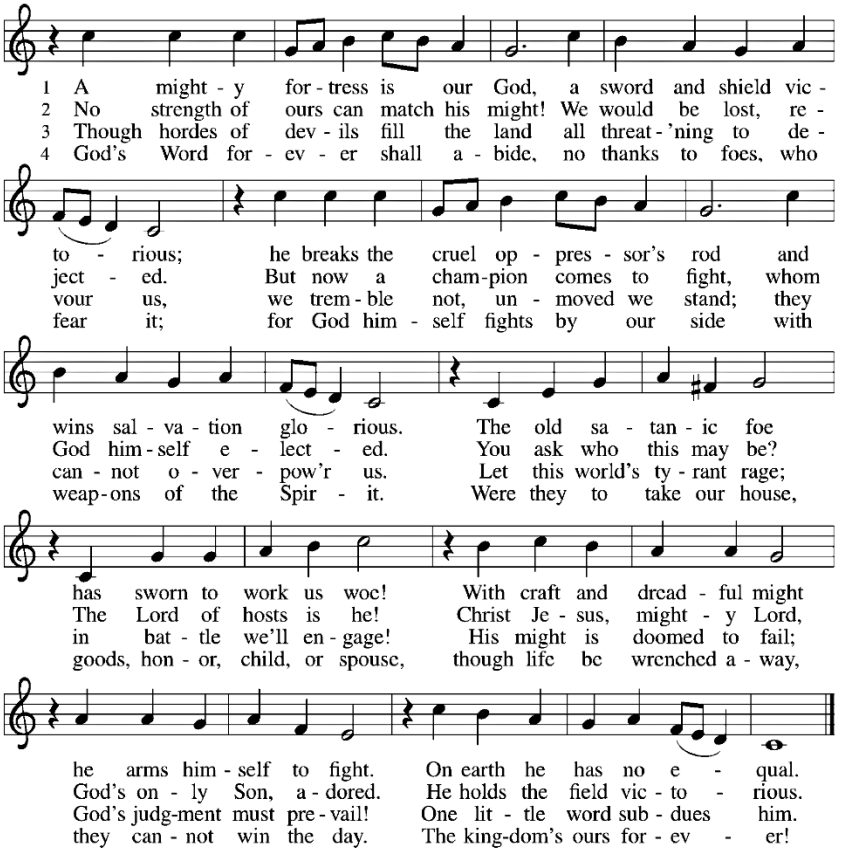
**We confess that we struggle to embody your goodness in the world and in our own hearts. Creation groans from overuse. Jealousy and bitterness strain our relationships. Indifference keeps us from seeking justice. Divisions disrupt your call to show genuine love to others. Turn our hearts back to you. 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.**

## OPENING HYMN ELW 504

### *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*

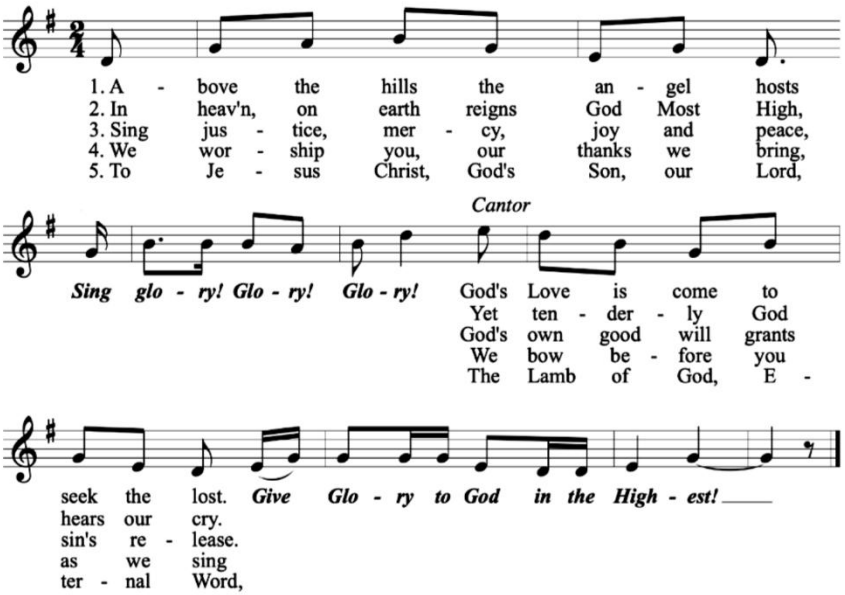



## APOSTOLIC GREETING

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




## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty God, gracious Lord, we thank you that your Holy Spirit renews the church in every age. Pour out your Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep them steadfast in your word, protect and comfort them in times of trial, defend them against all enemies of the gospel, and bestow on the church your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## FIRST READING Romans 3:19-28

19 Now we know that, whatever the law says, it speaks to those who
are under the law, so that every mouth may be silenced and the
whole world may be held accountable to God. 20 For no human will
be justified before him by deeds prescribed by the law, for through
the law comes the knowledge of sin.

[21]But now, apart from the law, the righteousness of God has been disclosed and is attested by the Law and the Prophets, [22]the righteousness of God through the faith of Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction, [23]since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; [24]they are now justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, [25]whom God put forward as a sacrifice of atonement by his blood, effective through faith. He did this to demonstrate his righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over the sins previously committed; [26]it was to demonstrate at the present time his own righteousness, so that he is righteous and he justifies the one who has the faith of Jesus.

[27]Then what becomes of boasting? It is excluded. Through what kind of law? That of works? No, rather through the law of faith. [28]For we hold that a person is justified by faith apart from works prescribed by the law.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## RESPONSIVE READING PSALMS 46

[1] God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

**[2] Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change, though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea,**

[3] though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble with its tumult. *Selah*

**[4] There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High.**

[5] God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be moved; God will help it when the morning dawns.

**[6] The nations are in an uproar; the kingdoms totter; he utters his voice; the earth melts.**

[7] The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge. *Selah*

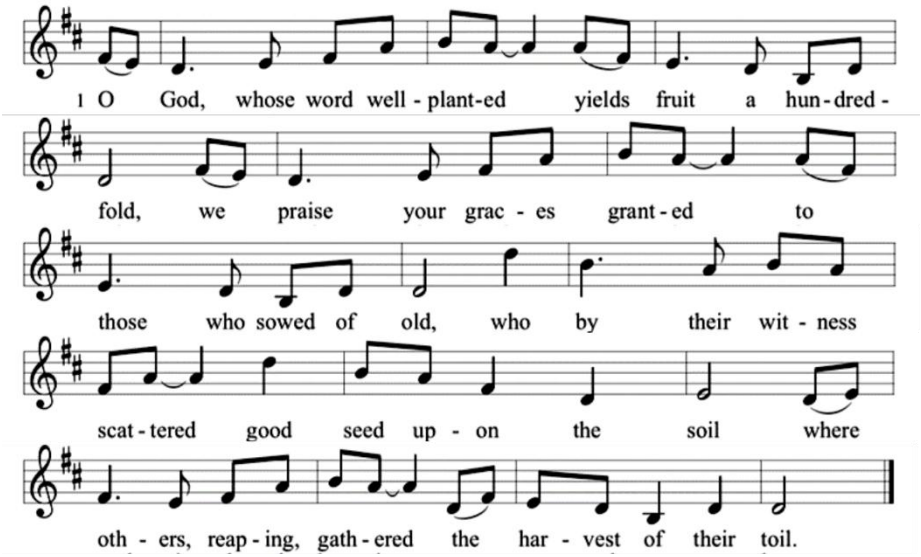
**[8] Come, behold the works of the Lord; see what desolations he has brought on the earth.**

[9] He makes wars cease to the end of the earth; he breaks the bow and shatters the spear; he burns the shields with fire.

**[10] "Be still, and know that I am God! I am exalted among the nations; I am exalted in the earth."**

[11] The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge. *Selah*

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



## GOSPEL JOHN 8:31-36

This is the Holy Gospel according to John, the 8th chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

31Then Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, "If you
continue in my word, you are truly my disciples, 32and you will know
the truth, and the truth will make you free." 33They answered him,
"We are descendants of Abraham and have never been slaves to
anyone. What do you mean by saying, 'You will be made free'?"
34Jesus answered them, "Very truly, I tell you, everyone who
commits sin is a slave to sin. 35The slave does not have a permanent
place in the household; the son has a place there forever. 36So if the
Son makes you free, you will be free indeed.

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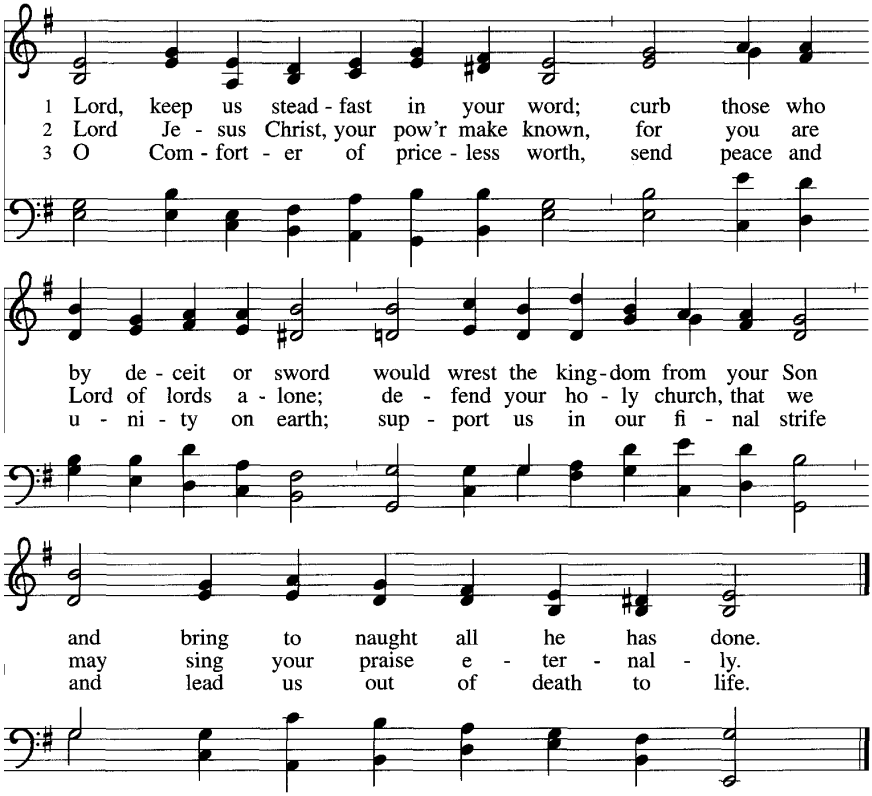
**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

## SERMON

## HYMN OF THE DAY ELW 517

### *Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word*




## 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.**

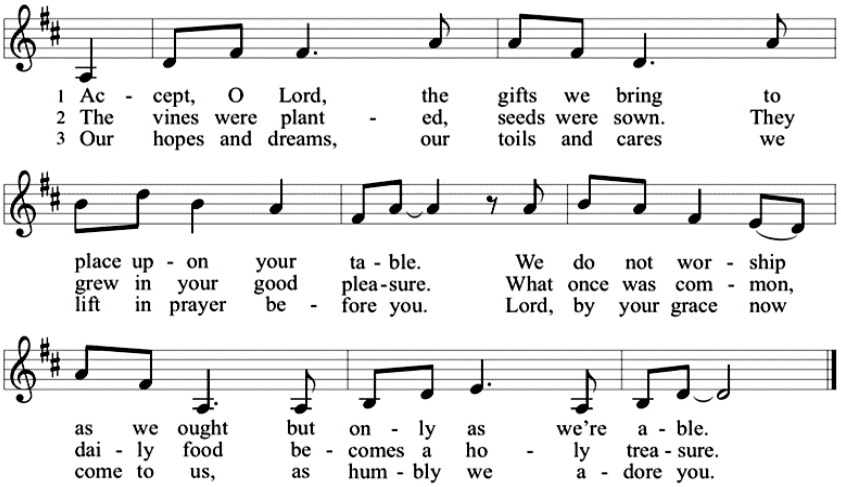
*The minister and congregation greet one another in the name of the Lord. Please share the peace at whatever level of physical contact with which you are comfortable.*

***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




## 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.**
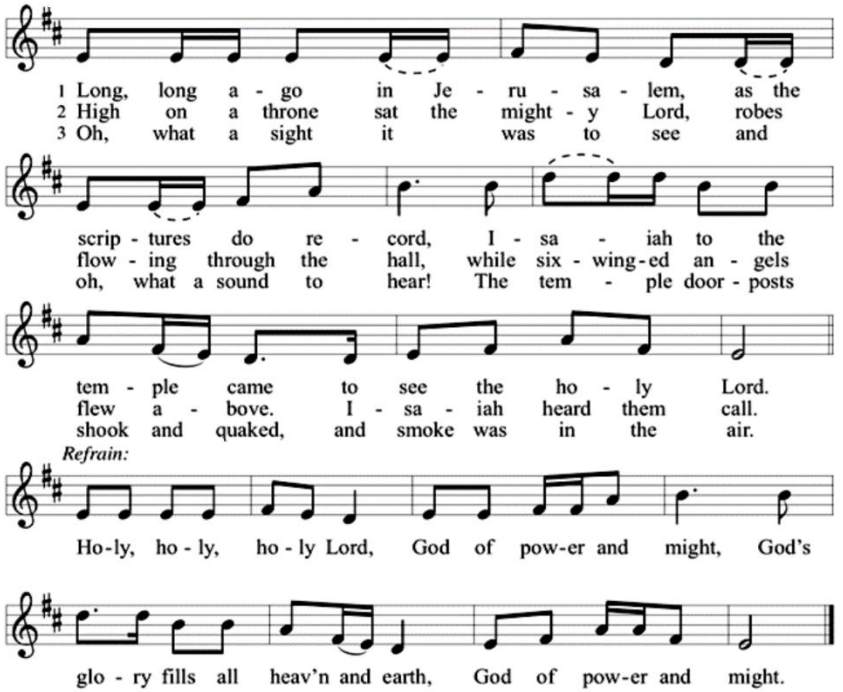
Lift up your hearts.

**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:



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

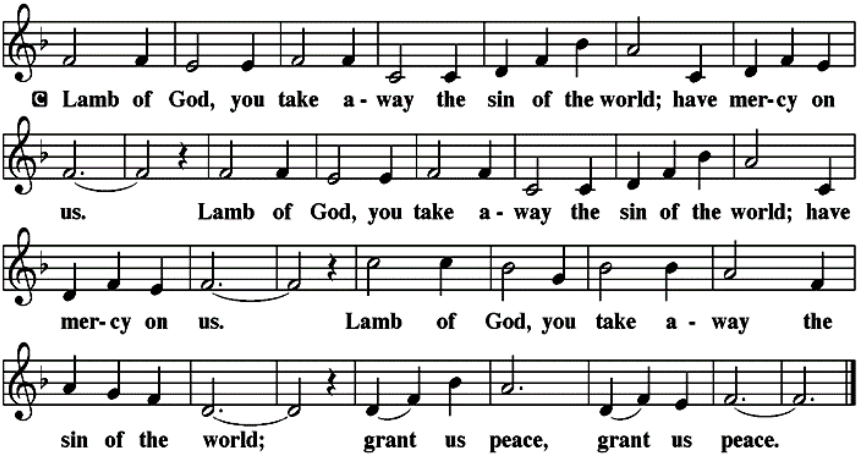
Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us saying:

**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.**




## 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**
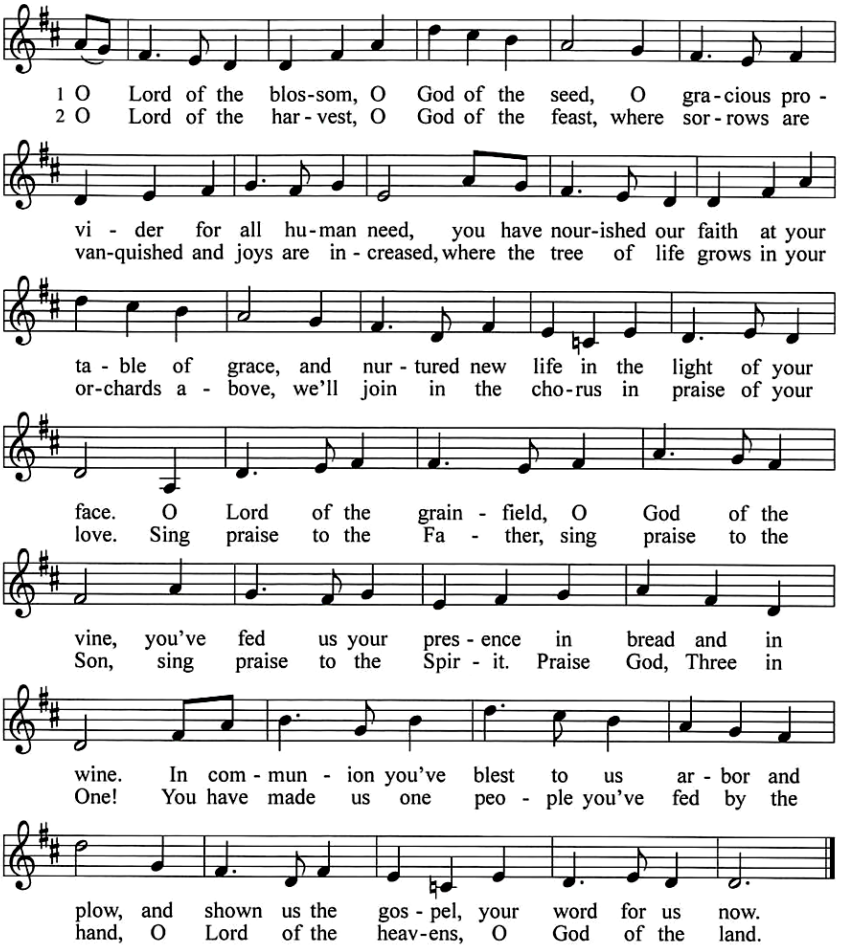
*Music will accompany the distribution of communion.*

## TABLE BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

**Amen.**

## POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE



## 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.**
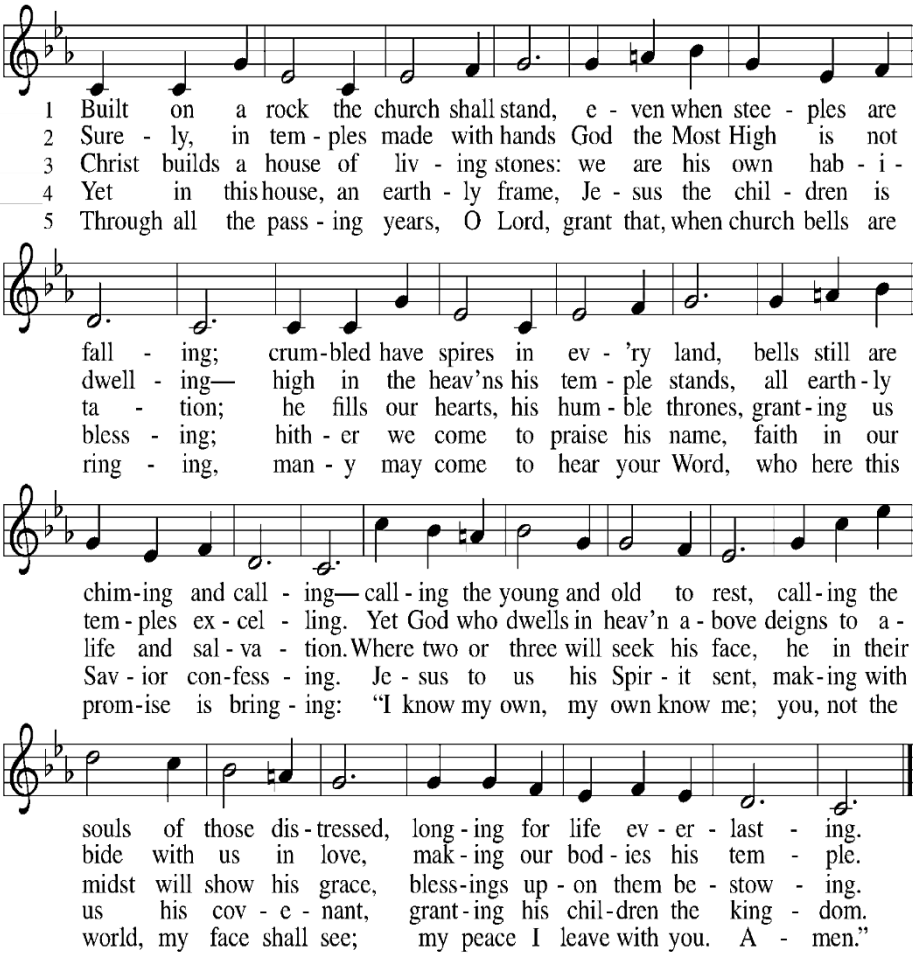
The God of grace, ☩ bless you now and forever.

**Amen.**



## SENDING HYMN ELW 652

### *Built on a Rock*



## DISMISSAL

Go out in joy. Be led forth in peace.
**Thanks be to God.**

## POSTLUDE



*Today's altar flowers are given*
*to the glory of God*
*by Kathy Guffey*
*in honor of Aaron and Beth's anniversary.*

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

# What's Happening at UIC

| | |
|---|---|
| Sun, Oct. 25 | **PASTOR APPRECIATION SUNDAY**<br>**REFORMATION SUNDAY**<br>Small Group: Catherman, 8:00am<br>Worship, 10:00am<br>Luncheon, 11:30am<br>Faith Lab @ UIC, 4:30pm |
| Mon, Oct. 26 | God's Monsters Bible Study @ CELC, 6:00pm<br>Cub Scouts, 6:30pm<br>Boy Scouts, 6:45pm |
| Tue, Oct. 27 | Pickleball Lewisburg Par, 9:00am<br>Ken Baker Visitation, 10:00am<br>Ken Baker Funeral, 11:00am<br>Small Group: Stitzel, 1:00pm<br>Council Meeting, 6:30pm<br>Boy Scouts, 6:45pm |
| Wed, Oct. 28 | Theology on Tap, 6:00pm |
| Fri, Oct. 30 | Office Closed |
| Sun, Nov. 1 | **ALL SAINT SUNDAY**<br>Worship, 10:00am<br>Social Hour, 11:30am<br>Faith Lab and Meal @ CELC, 4:30pm |

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# UNITED IN CHRIST'S PRAYER LIST

**PRAYER REQUESTS:** family and friends of Ken Baker, Cheryl Stiber, Nikk Wintersteen, 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 emailing office@unitedinchristlutheran.net or calling 570-568-2254.

Scripture instructs us to lift one another up in prayer. The prayer chain takes two forms: telephone or email. If you would like to be a part of the prayer chain, please let Terri Cromwell know. Make sure you tell her if you would like a phone call or an email.

## Happy Birthday

*Mel Baker 10/25*

## Happy Anniversary

*Aaron and Beth Guffey 10/28/17*

# 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.



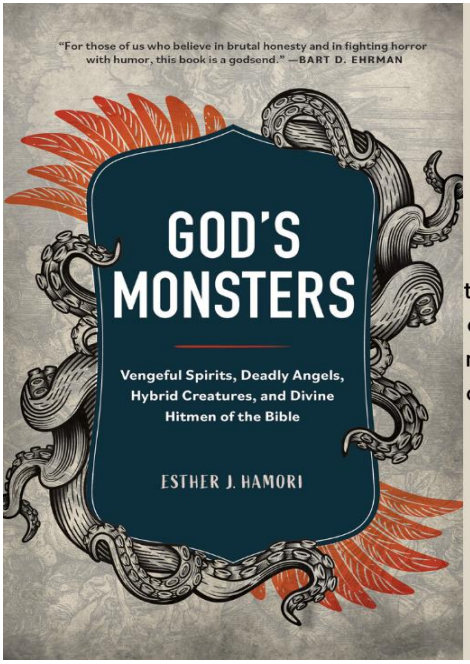
**Pastor Justin**

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Chipotle
Starbucks
Mod Pizza
Rusty Rail
Buffalo Wild Wings

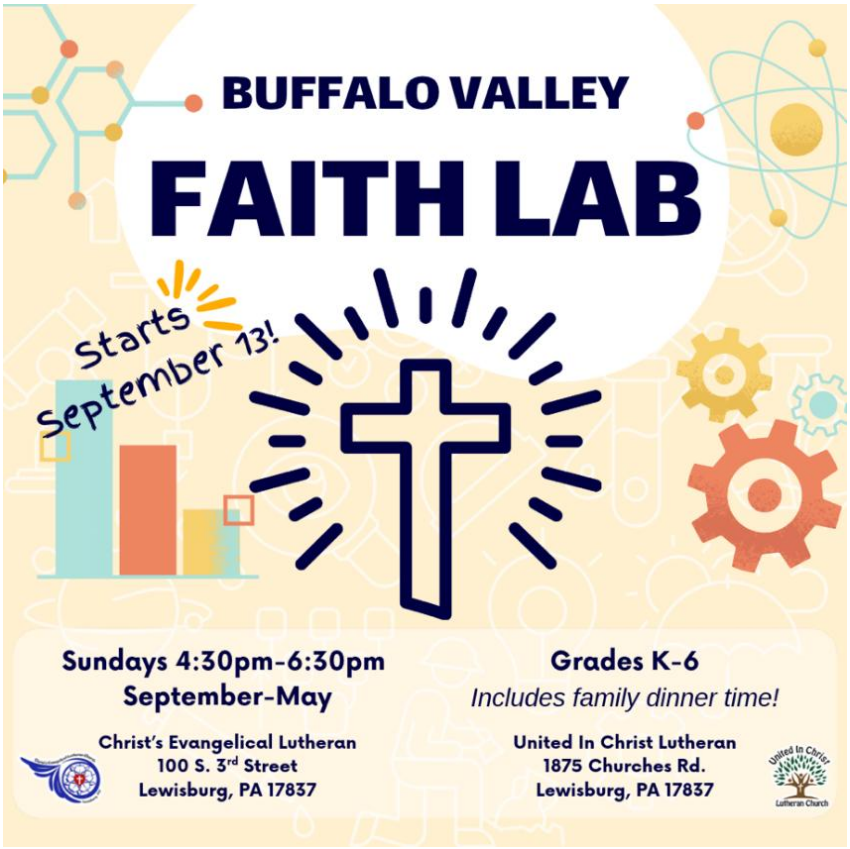
**Pastor Katy**

Giant
Target
Amazon
Walmart
Starbucks
Rusty Rail Brewery

PASTOR JUSTIN ~ PASTOR KATY ~




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.**

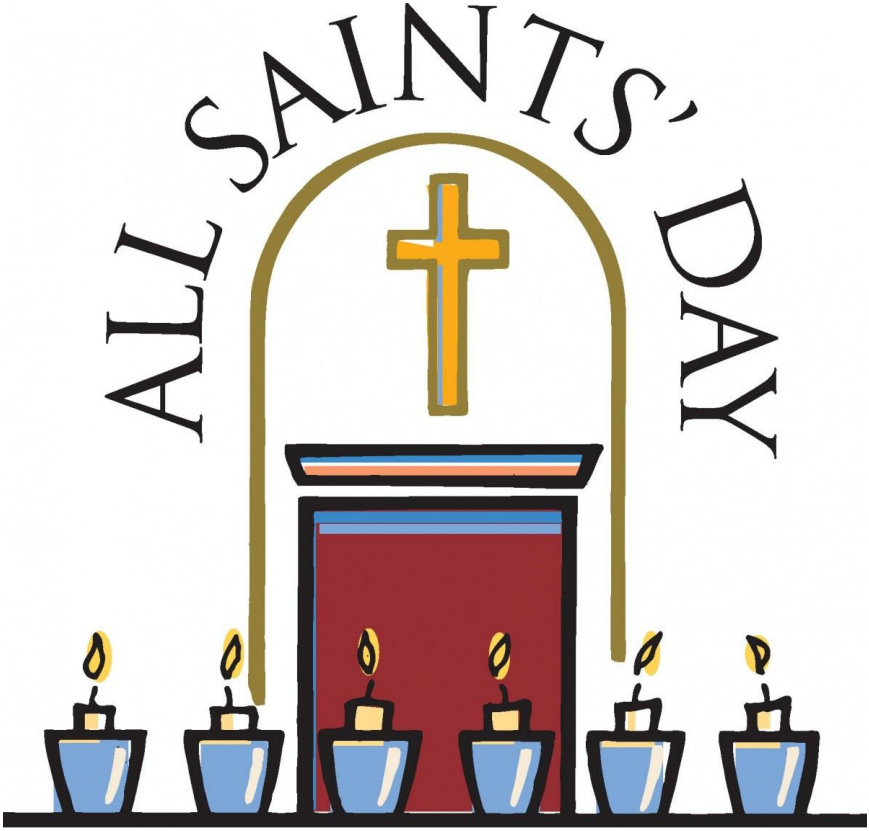






UIC is a polling location. The Fellowship Hall is reserved for the day. Don't forget to vote.

Visit www.411vote, a nonpartisan group, to see what will be on your ballot.




# November 1, 2026

*On ALL SAINTS SUNDAY we remember those who have died in the last year and those who have been born or baptized.*

*Family members and friends will be invited to light candles in memory of loved ones.*




# UIC AND MLC FUNDRAISER

## Saturday, Nov. 7th ~ 4pm-6pm

United In Christ and Milton Lutheran Church will be hosting an Empty Bowl Dinner (all you can eat soup, breads, and desserts) to help raise money for the Getting Ahead Foundation.

Getting Ahead in the Valley is a community initiative offered at no cost to interested families who are ready to begin moving toward freedom from poverty. It is a program that supports low income individuals as they work to build resources and achieve goals towards stability.

UIC is supplying the desserts. There is a signup sheet on the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall. Please signup or contact Terri in the office to signup!! MLC is supplying the soups and bread.

Please come out for this great fundraiser!! Skip making dinner and come out for an All You Can Eat dinner!!!

# OAKS
## SENIOR CENTER

Free Lunch

## Tuesday, November 10

Free Bingo

10:00am - 1:00pm

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

United In Christ Luthearn Church





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# Harvest Home Sunday

HELP US FEED OUR COMMUNITY

## SUNDAY NOVEMBER 15

Collecting food items for Milton Panther Packs. Please place your items in the box in the Narthex.



We will be collecting individually sized food items for Milton Panther Packs which provides backpacks of food over the weekends, when school meals are not available. Every week there are over 250 children that take home food backpacks.

- Ramen Noodles
- Soup
- Mac and Cheese Cups
- Chef-Boyardee
- Oatmeal Packets
- Fruit Cups
- Applesauce Cups
- Creamy Peanut Butter (15 ounce)

*All can items must have pop-top lids*

United In Christ Lutheran Church

# WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS

| | Oct. 25 | Nov. 1 | Nov. 8 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Worship Leader | Justin | Justin | Justin |
| Social Hour | Luncheon<br>(sides & desserts) | S – Z | A – D |
| Bread/Wine | Sharon W. | Donne B. | Megan C. |
| Altar Guild | Mary Lou K. | Kathy G. | Megan C. |
| Digital Host | Beth G. | Danielle M. | Michelle S. |
| Greeter<br>Front Door | Rosemary K.<br>Ted M. | Cheryl R.<br>Dale R. | Bob S.<br>Trudy S. |
| Greeter<br>Side Door | Ken N. | George W. | Karen B. |
| Lector | Jared R. | Michelle S. | Vicky T. |
| Usher | Ted M.<br>Shirley M.<br>Terri C.<br>Rosemary K. | Ted. M<br>Shirley M.<br>Jane M.<br>Michelle S. | Bob S.<br>Trudy S.<br>Kathy A.<br>Dave B. |
| Comm.<br>Assist. | Mary Lou K.<br>Rosemary K. | Ted M.<br>Cheryl R. | Dave B.<br>Brad C. |
| Guest Relations | Ken N. | George W. | Jay H. |
| Offering<br>Counter | Celeste C.<br>Beth G. | Jared R.<br>Celeste C. | Connie S.<br>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

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