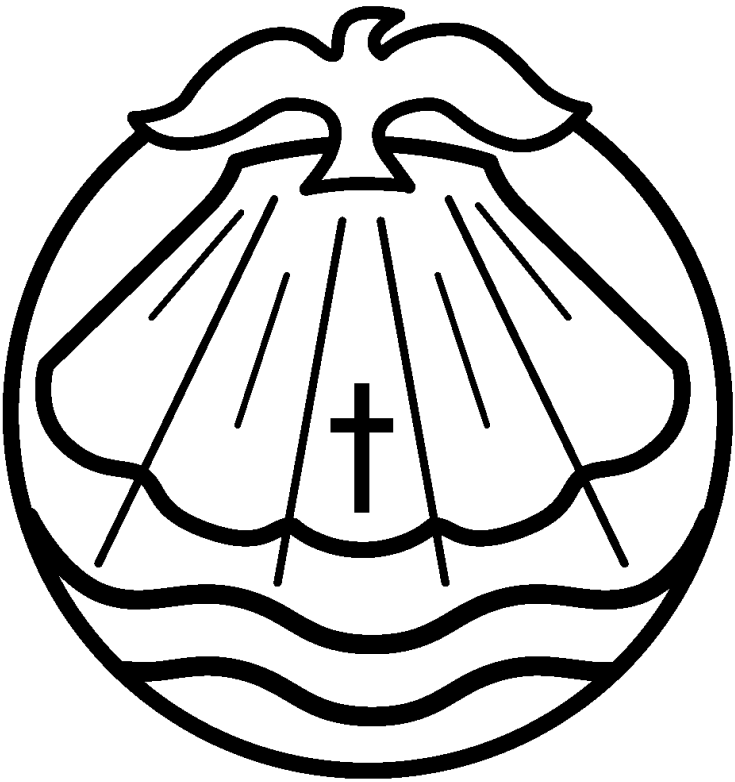
United In Christ Lutheran Church



Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

November 8, 2026
The Rev. Justin G. Lingenfelter

Welcome to our church!

We hope the service is meaningful, and uplifting,
and that you will experience God's presence here.

May God bless you during worship today.

LARGE PRINT BULLETINS
Please see a greeter.

ELEVATOR
Please see a greeter.

REST ROOMS
Downstairs across from the church office.

DIAPER CHANGING TABLE
In fellowship hall family restroom.

Visit us at www.unitedinchristlutheran.net

UNITED IN CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH STAFF

The Rev. Justin G. Lingenfelter: UIC Pastor

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United In Christ's Mission Statement:

Led by the Spirit, we follow Christ's call to honor
God and neighbor through worship, learning, service,
prayer, stewardship and invitation.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, 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,
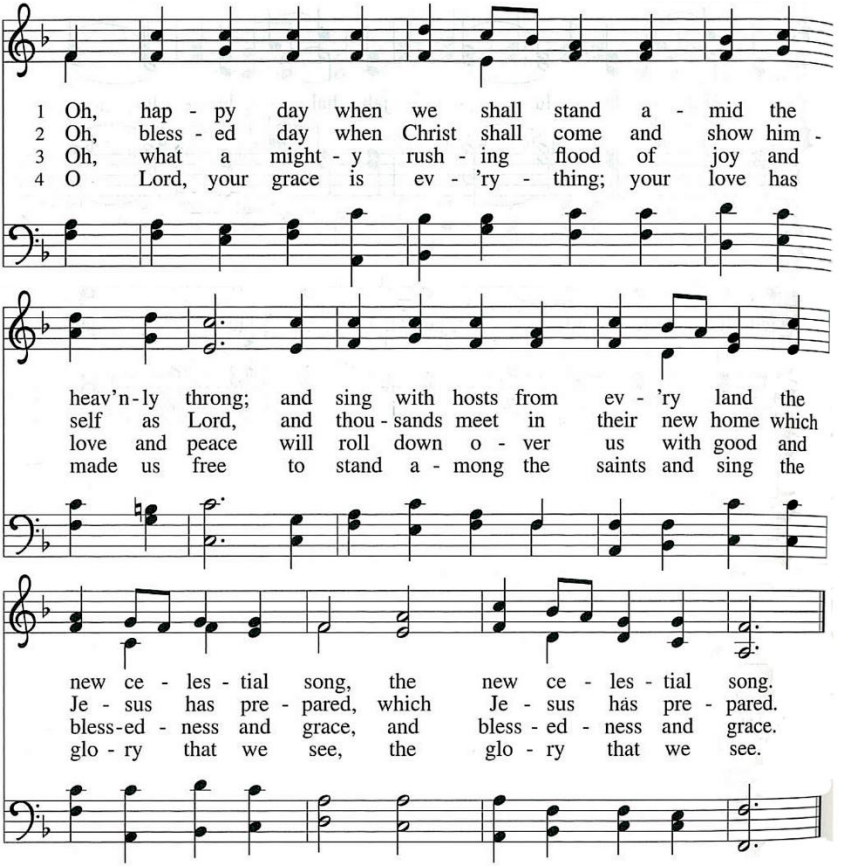
We confess that we struggle to embody your goodness in the world and in our own hearts. Creation groans from overuse. Jealousy and bitterness strain our relationships. Indifference keeps us from seeking justice. Divisions disrupt your call to show genuine love to others. Turn our hearts back to you. 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 441

Oh, Happy Day When We Shall Stand

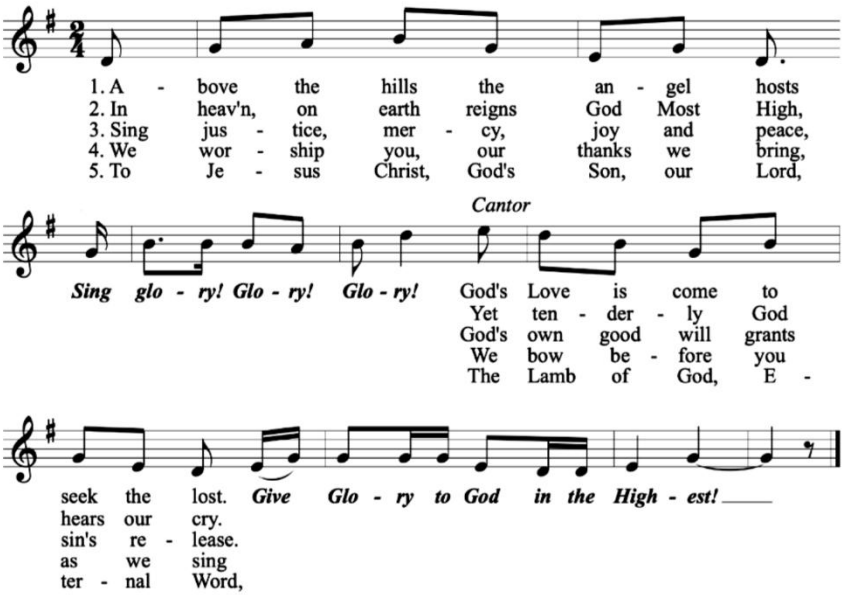


APOSTOLIC GREETING

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

O God of justice and love, you illumine our way through life with the words of your Son. Give us the light we need, and awaken us to the needs of others, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

FIRST READING AMOS 5:18-24

18 Woe to you who desire the day of the Lord!
Why do you want the day of the Lord?
It is darkness, not light,
19 as if someone fled from a lion
and was met by a bear
or went into the house and rested a hand against the wall
and was bitten by a snake.
20 Is not the day of the Lord darkness, not light,
and gloom with no brightness in it?

21 I hate, I despise your festivals,
and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies.
22 Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and grain offerings,
I will not accept them,
and the offerings of

wellbeing of your fatted animals I will not look upon. [23]Take away from me the noise of your songs; I will not listen to the melody of your harps. [24]But let justice roll down like water and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSIVE READING WISDOM 6:12-20

[12]Wisdom is radiant and unfading, and she is easily discerned by those who love her and is found by those who seek her.

[13]She hastens to make herself known to those who desire her.

[14]One who rises early to seek her will have no difficulty, for she will be found sitting at the gate.

[15]To fix one's thought on her is perfect understanding, and one who is vigilant on her account will soon be free from care,

[16]because she goes about seeking those worthy of her, and she graciously appears to them in their paths and meets them in every thought.

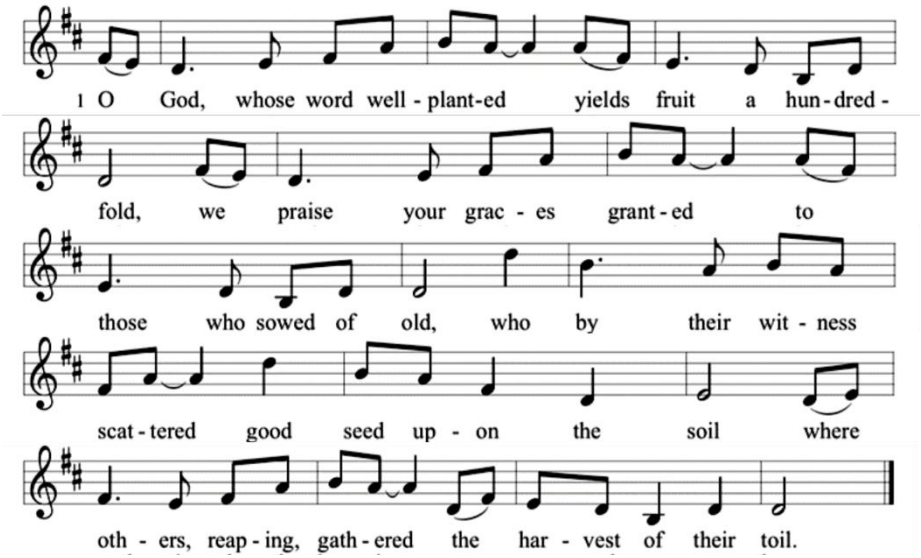
[17]The beginning of wisdom is the most sincere desire for Instruction,

[18]and concern for instruction is love of her, and love of her is the keeping of her laws, and giving heed to her laws is assurance of immortality,

[19]and immortality brings one near to God,

[20]so the desire for wisdom leads to a kingdom.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL MATTHEW 25:1-13

This is the Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 25th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

1"Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten young women
took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. 2Five of them
were foolish, and five were wise. 3When the foolish took their
lamps, they took no oil with them, 4but the wise took flasks of oil
with their lamps. 5As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them
became drowsy and slept. 6But at midnight there was a shout,
'Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' 7Then all
those young women got up and trimmed their lamps. 8The foolish
said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going
out.' 9But the wise replied, 'No! there will not be enough for you
and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for
yourselves.' 10And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came,
and those who were ready went with him into the wedding
banquet, and the door was shut. 11Later the other young women

came also, saying, ‘Lord, lord, open to us.’ [12]But he replied, ‘Truly I tell you, I do not know you.’ [13]Keep awake, therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.

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

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

10,000 Reasons 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

HOLY BAPTISM

In baptism our gracious heavenly Father frees us from sin and death by joining us to the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. We are born children of a fallen humanity; by water and the Holy Spirit we are reborn children of God and made members of the church, the body of Christ. Living with Christ and in the communion of saints, we grow in faith, love, and obedience to the will of God.

Doug, called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to be baptized into Christ?
response: I do.

Profession of Faith

I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?
Response: I renounce them.

Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?
Response: I renounce them.

Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?
Response: I renounce them.

Do you believe in God the Father?

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

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.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

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.

You have made public profession of your faith. Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in holy baptism:
to live among God's faithful people,
to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper,
to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed, to serve all people, following the example of Jesus, and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

Each person responds: I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.

People of God,
do you promise to support this sister and brother and pray for them in their life in Christ?

We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.

Thanksgiving at the Font

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight. Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family, and through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you set us free from the power of sin and death and raise us up to live in you.

Pour out your Holy Spirit, the power of your living Word, that those who are washed in the waters of baptism may be given new life. To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

Amen.

Baptism

Doug, I baptize you in the name of the Father,

Water is poured on the candidate's head:

and of the Son,

Water is poured on the candidate's head:

and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Water is poured on the candidate's head:

Let us pray. We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your daughters and sons new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life. Sustain Doug with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

Amen.

Doug, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

Amen.

Welcome

Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

We rejoice with you in the life of baptism. Together we will give thanks and praise to God and proclaim the good news to all the world.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

May the peace of the Lord be with you always.
And also with you.

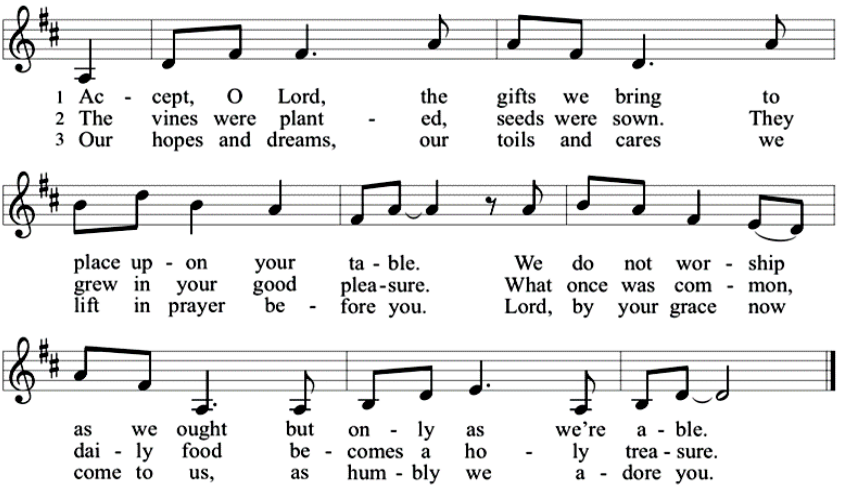
The minister and congregation greet one another in the name of the Lord. Please share the peace at whatever level of physical contact with which you are comfortable.

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.
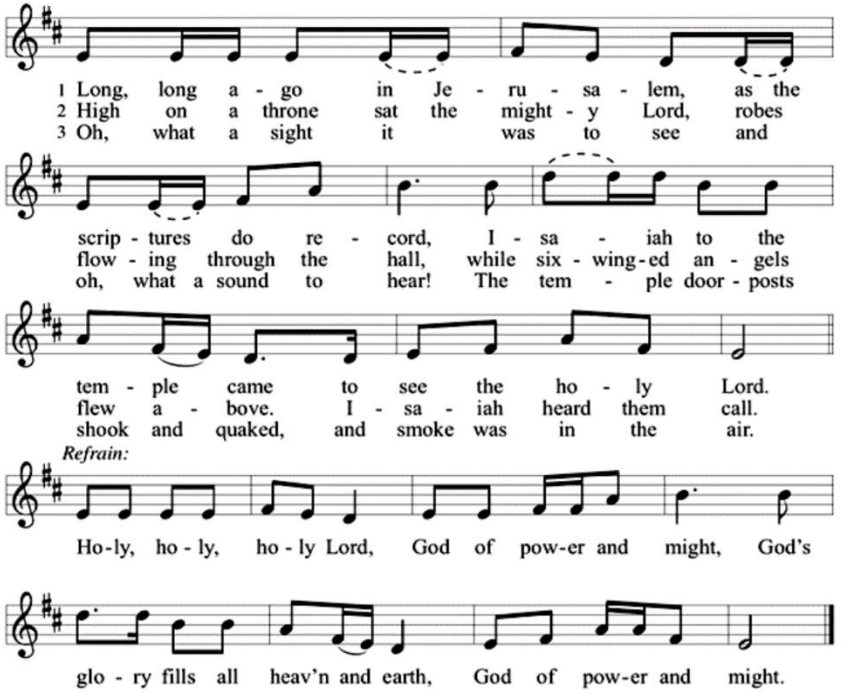
Lift up your hearts.

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

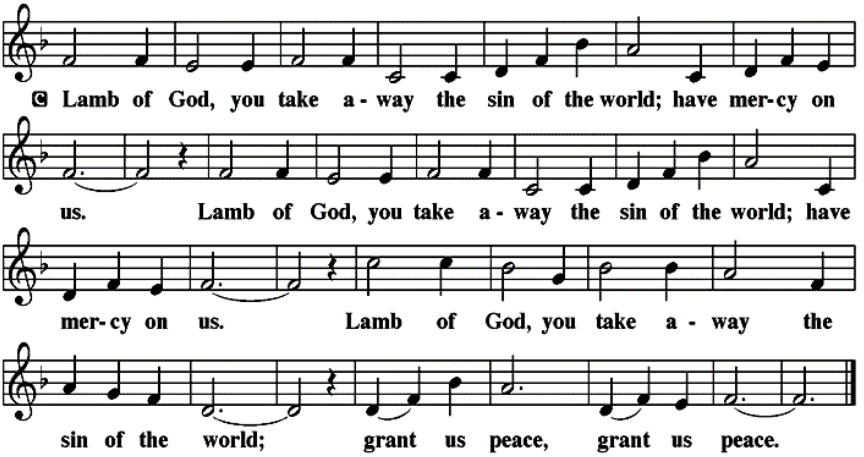
Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us saying:

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**
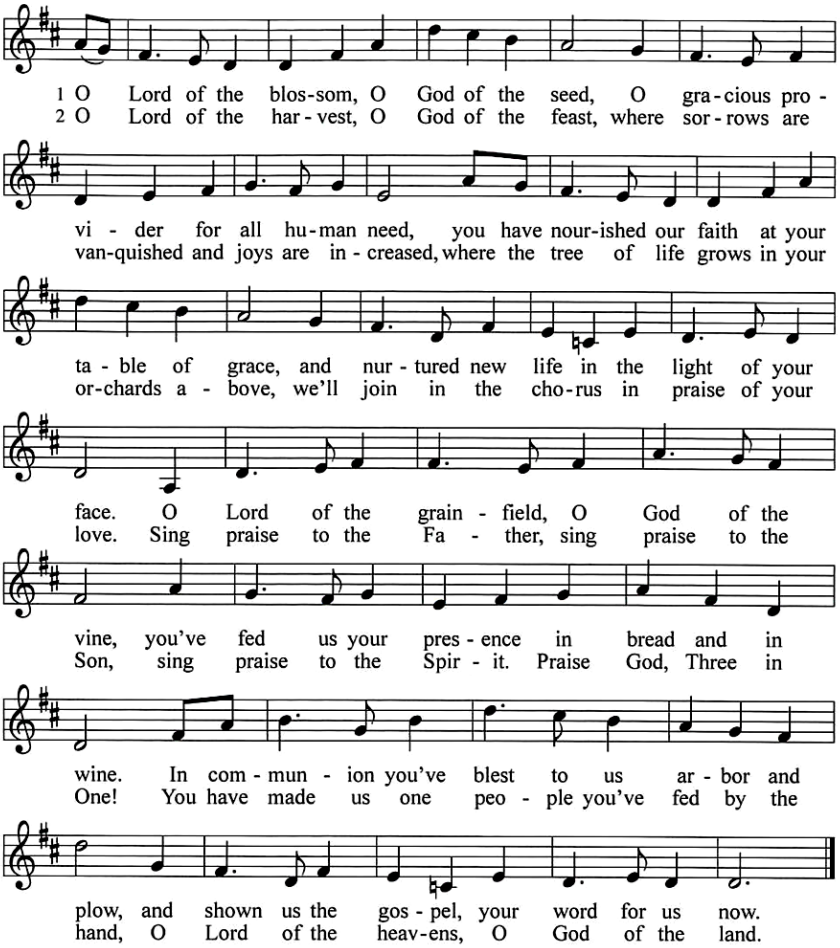
The blood of Christ, shed for you.
The communicant may say: **Amen**

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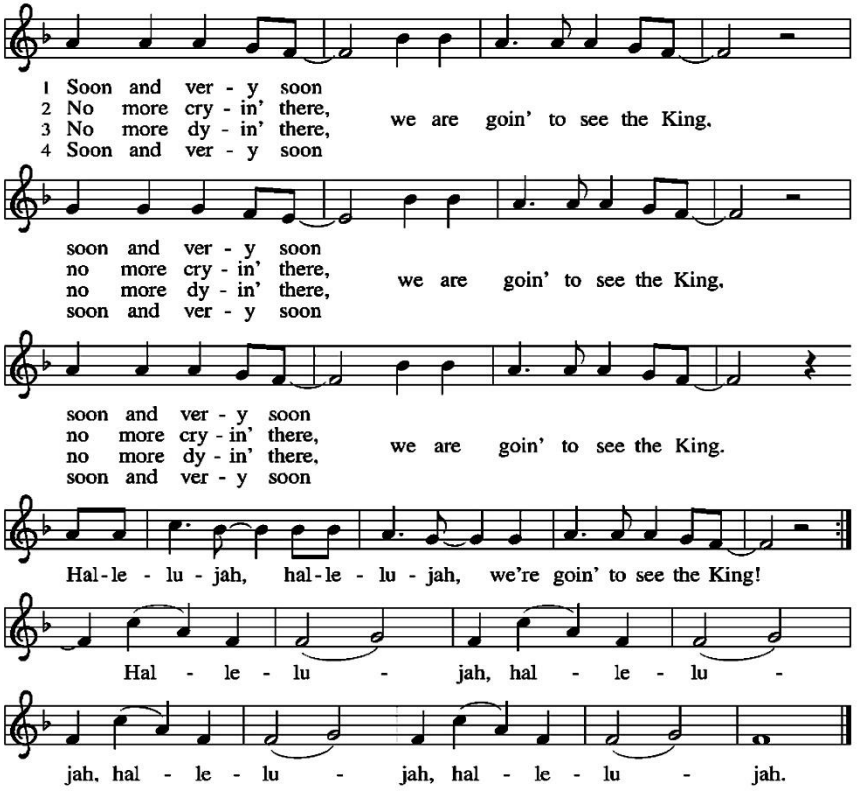
The God of grace, ☩ bless you now and forever.

Amen.



SENDING HYMN ELW 439

Soon and Very Soon



DISMISSAL

Go out in joy. Be led forth in peace.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

After worship, please join us in the fellowship hall to celebrate our new members, Cree Ann and Doug.

What's Happening at UIC

Sun, Nov. 8	**NEW MEMBER SUNDAY** Worship with baptism, 10:00am Social Hour, 11:30am Outreach/Fellowship Meeting, 11:30am Faith Lab and Meal @ CELC, 4:30pm
Mon, Nov. 9	Cub Scouts, 6:30pm Boy Scouts, 6:45pm
Tue, Nov. 10	OAKS Senior Center, 10:00am-1:00pm Small Group: Stitzel, 1:00pm Boy Scouts, 6:45pm
Wed, Nov. 11	Theology on Tap, 6:00pm
Fri, Nov. 12	Office Closed
Sat, Nov. 13	Diaper Pantry, 10:00am-11:30am
Sun, Nov. 14	**HARVEST HOME SUNDAY** Worship, 10:00am Social Hour, 11:30am Faith Lab and Meal @ CELC, 4:30pm

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UNITED IN CHRIST'S PRAYER LIST

PRAYER REQUESTS: family and friends of Eleanor Brouse, 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

Trudy Swartz 11/9
Donna Corazza 11/13

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE MONDAY, NOVEMBER 16

Any articles, events, photos, or thank you notes you'd like to have in the December Newsletter need to be in to the office by Monday, November 16.

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

Please email Terri in the office at office@unitedinchristlutheran.net or call her at 570-568-2254

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

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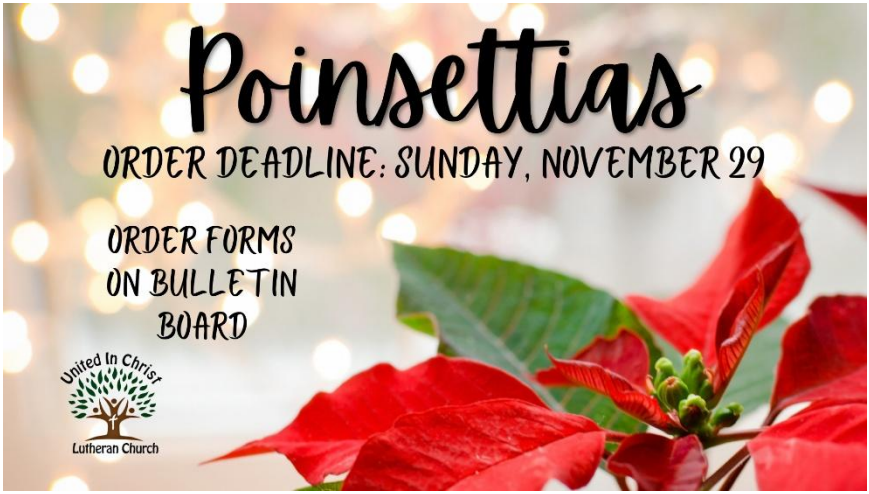
CONGREGATION MEETING



We are currently accepting nominations for council members. If you would like to nominate someone, or yourself, you may do so by either contacting a current member of council or Pastor Justin.

On Sunday, November 22th we will hold our annual congregational meeting. At the meeting we will vote on the 2027 spending plan proposal and elect council members. The meeting will take place immediately following worship service. All members are encouraged to attend. At the beginning of November, copies of the 2027 spending plan proposal will be in the fellowship hall on the bulletin board.


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Theology on Tap
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FAITH AND FUN SUNDAY

Join us for our next Faith and Fun worship service on **November 22nd at 10:00am!** This service is designed to get our kids up and about interacting with the liturgy and scripture throughout the service!

This service coincides with our global table celebration, so we encourage kids to bring their favorite kind of bread to share as part of the service!

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!



GOD'S GLOBAL TABLE

Join us for worship on **Sunday, November 22nd** as we celebrate the gift of God's table that unites us to our neighbors around the world! As part of this service, we will have breads from around the world to choose from during communion to help us recognize God's presence the among the vast array cultures that surround us! We invite you to bake or bring your own favorite bread from home to place on the table during worship and then share them together during a special fellowship hour following the service! See you there!





Social Hour is a time for us to stay connected with each other while enjoying a light snack. If your last name begins with one of the letters listed for that Sunday's Social Hour, please bring a snack to share and help to clean up afterwards.

"FISHERS OF MEN"

MEN'S BREAKFAST

WHEN: MONDAY, NOV. 16
TIME: 8:30 AM
WHERE: CHRIST'S LUTHERAN CHURCH
(LOWER CHURCH HALL)

Please see signup sheet on the bulletin board in the fellowship hall. Deadline: November 11th.

BE SURE TO SAY HELLO TO OUR "GUEST" COOK THAT MORNING



ALL MEN INVITED FOR GOOD FOOD & FELLOWSHIP

WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS

	Nov. 8	Nov. 15	Nov. 22
Worship Leader	Justin	Katy	Justin
Social Hour	A – D	E – K	L – R
Bread/Wine	Megan C.	Ken C.	wine only Sue K.
Altar Guild	Megan C.	Sue K.	Mary Lou K.
Digital Host	Michelle S.	Terri C.	Kathy G.
Greeter Front Door	Bob S. Trudy S.	Donna B. Jeff B.	Catherman Family
Greeter Side Door	Karen B.	Sandy B.	Bob K.
Lector	Vicky T.	Bob S.	Jay H.
Usher	Bob S. Trudy S. Kathy A. Dave B.	Karen B. Ken C. Rosemary K. Shirley M.	Terri C. Ted M. Jane M. Michelle S.
Comm. Assist.	Dave B. Brad C.	Michelle S. Bob S.	Celeste C. Terri C.
Guest Relations	Jay H.	Ted M.	Mike M.
Offering Counter	Connie S. Beth G.	Michelle S. Jared R.	Tim Stitzel Connie S.

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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