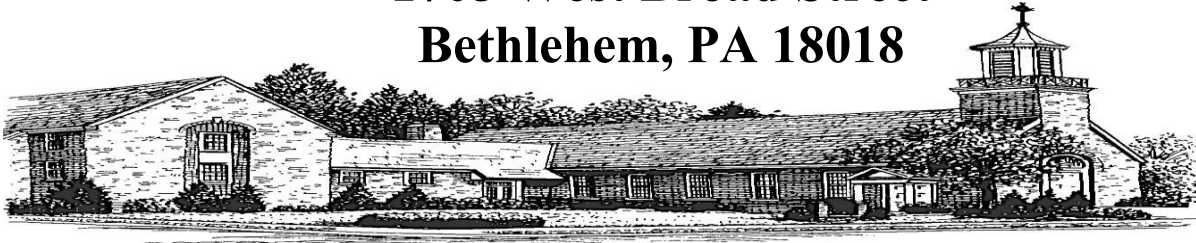


**BLESSED TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH
AT ROSEMONT**

**1705 West Broad Street
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**LITURGY FOR THE CELEBRATION OF LIFE
THE EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

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OCTOBER 12, 2025

OUR MISSION

Christ has called us together to do God's Work.

**Blessed Trinity Lutheran Church at Rosemont
is a safe place for all people to worship regardless of
race, creed, age, national origin,
cultural background, sexual orientation, class,
physical or mental ability.**

WELCOME

Lector Good Morning. My name is Dagny Danga-Storm.
A warm welcome is extended to all. Especially those who are gathering at BT@R for the first time or who have returned after an absence.
Your presence both enriches us and this time of celebration together.
Today we observe the 18th Sunday after Pentecost Sunday. Everything you need to follow along with the worship service can be found in your bulletin. Please join us for fellowship following the gathering.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING WORDS

Leader In the center of the whirlwind lies an eye.
Still.
Open.
Calm.

Before we come into the world,
it is though we live in that center -
no worries,
no storms,
only peace.

As we find our way in life,
even in the midst of chaos,
may we remember that center
and, as the need arises,
and it must,
may we hold
to the calm, open, stillness,
knowing it is home.
As those who walk the winds, we journey on.

LIGHTING OF THE ALTAR AND CARE CANDLES

The Altar and Care candles are lit.

Leader This flame is warm as the companionship of friends is warm.
Assembly Let us celebrate the richness and diversity of life.

We welcome Cynthia Geho as organist for this morning's service.

GATHERING MUSIC *We Come to You for Healing Lord*----Todd Kendall

The assembly stands as they are able.

GATHERING HYMN Hymnal 864

Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven



- 1 Praise, my soul, the God of heav - en; joy - ful - ly your trib-ute bring.
- 2 God be praised for grace and fa - vor to our fore-bears in dis-tress.
- 3 Frail as sum-mer's flow'r we flour - ish, blows the wind and it is gone;
- 4 An - gels sing in ad - o - ra - tion, in God's pres-ence, face to face.



Ran-somed, healed, re - stored, for - giv - en, ev - er - more God's prais-es sing.
God be praised, the same for - ev - er, slow to chide and swift to bless.
but, as mor - tals rise and per - ish, God en - dures un - chang - ing on.
Sun and moon and all cre - a - tion, all who dwell in time and space.



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Prais - es ev - er - last - ing ring!
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Glo - rious is God's faith - ful - ness!
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Praise the great E - ter - nal One!
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Praise with us the God of grace!

Text: Henry F. Lyte, 1793–1847; alt. Walter R. Bouman, 1927–2005
Music: PRAISE, MY SOUL, John Goss, 1800–1880

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor We pray:

Source of Life, inspire in us a true longing for holiness,
so we can sense you
in the depths of our being.

Assembly Amen! May it be so!

HYMN OF PRAISE

Refrain

Assisting minister



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.

All



1 Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo-ple of God. Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and



strength, and hon - or and bless-ing and glo - ry are his.

Refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.



2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God and join in the



hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless-ing and hon - or and glo - ry and



might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

Final refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain



has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

The assembly may be seated for the readings.

A READING 2 Timothy 2:8-15

Lector A reading from the book of Timothy.

⁸ Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, a descendant of David—that is my gospel, ⁹ for which I suffer hardship, even to the point of being chained like a criminal. But the word of God is not chained. ¹⁰ Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, so that they may also obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, with eternal glory. ¹¹ The saying is sure:

If we have died with him, we will also live with him;

¹² if we endure, we will also reign with him;

if we deny him, he will also deny us;

¹³ if we are faithless, he remains faithful—

he cannot deny himself.

¹⁴ Remind them of this, and warn them before the Lord that they are to avoid wrangling over words, which does no good but only ruins those who are listening. ¹⁵ Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved by him, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly explaining the word of truth.

Lector Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

Assembly Thanks be to God.

PSALMODY Psalm 111 – Christopher L. Webber tune, *Old Hundredth*

1 Hallelujah! Amongst the just
My heart will give God thanks and praise;
His works are great, studied by all
Who take delight to know his ways.

2 His work is full of majesty,
Enduring splendor, righteousness;
Gracious is he, remember well
His works for they are marvelous.

3 To those who fear him, he gives food;
He shows the power of his hand
As, mindful of his covenant,
He gives to us the promised land.

4 His hands work justice, faithfulness,
And his commandments are all sure;
They all are done in equity
And truth, and ever they endure.

5 Redemption and eternal law
He sent us; holy is his Name;
Wisdom begins with fear of God;
His praise endures, always the same.



A READING FROM THE WORLD AROUND US

Lector Into the silence of our hopes and dreams,
words work upon us to break, crack, open us
to new understanding.

Lector A reading from the world around us.
Beatitudes of a Still-Seeking Christian by Kate Compston

Blessed are those who ask difficult questions:
they are honoring their God-given brains.

Blessed are those who don't have glib answers:
they offer a refreshing change.

Blessed are those who are not afraid to say
'I do not know for sure' or 'I could be wrong':
their integrity will be rewarded.

Blessed are those who do not judge others
by their sexual orientation, gender or beliefs:
God will cherish their compassion.

Blessed are those who respect different ways of praising God:
gifts will be given to them.

Blessed are those whose coming to faith was gentle
and unspectacular:
they are good to be with.

Blessed are those who listen quietly to others' hurts:
they will be known as sensitive friends.

Blessed are you when you are awed by the Mystery of God,
can find few words to describe your highest experiences,
and so love your neighbor that you can be supportively alongside others
while they take different paths from yours.

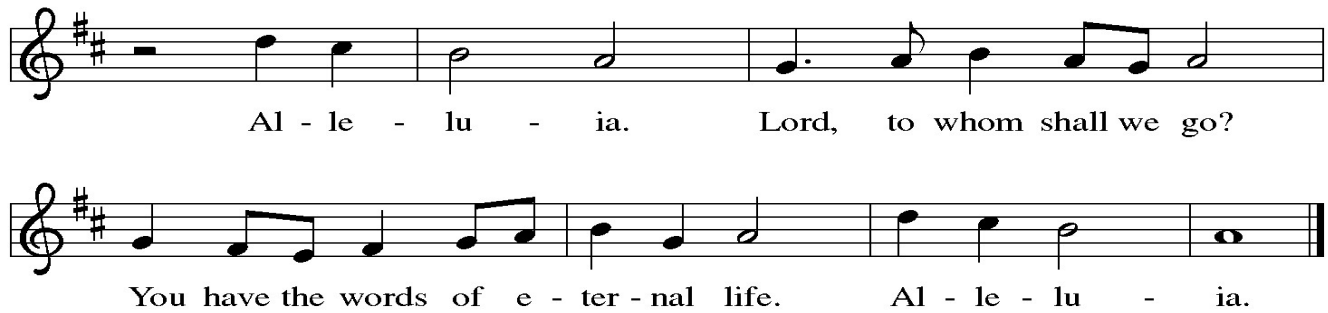
Some may tell you that you are not a proper Christian,
but you will be on the way to wholeness as a human being.



Teresa of Ávila

Let nothing disturb you,
Let nothing frighten you,
All things pass away:
God never changes.
Patience obtains all things.
He who has God
Finds he lacks nothing;
God alone suffices.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL Luke 17:11-19

Pastor Reading from the Holy Gospel + as written to us by Luke.

Assembly Glory to you O God.

¹¹ On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. ¹² As he entered a village, ten men with a skin disease approached him. Keeping their distance, ¹³ they called out, saying, “Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!” ¹⁴ When he saw them, he said to them, “Go and show yourselves to the priests.” And as they went, they were made clean. ¹⁵ Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. ¹⁶ He prostrated himself at Jesus’s feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. ¹⁷ Then Jesus asked, “Were not ten made clean? So where are the other nine? ¹⁸ Did none of them return to give glory to God except this foreigner?” ¹⁹ Then he said to him, “Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well.”

Pastor This is Good News from the Lord.

Assembly Thanks be to God.

The assembly is seated for the Sermon.

THE SERMON

The Peace of Wild Things by Wendell Berry

When despair for the world grows in me,
and I wake in the night at the least sound,
in fear of what my life and my children’s life may be,
I go and lie down where the wood drake rests in his beauty on the water,
and the great heron feeds.

I come into the peace of wild things
who do not tax their lives with forethought
of grief. I come into the presence of still water.

And I feel above me the day-blind stars
waiting with their light. For a time
I rest in the grace of the world, and am free.

The assembly stands as able.

HYMN OF THE DAY Hymnal 617

We Come to You for Healing, Lord



1 We come to you for heal - ing, Lord, of
2 As once you walked through an - cient streets and
3 You touch us through phy - si - cians' skills, through
4 When nights are long with wake - ful - ness, through
5 We come to you, O lov - ing Lord, in



bod - y, mind, and soul, and pray that by your
reached toward those in pain, come, ris - en Christ, a -
nurs - es' gifts of care, and through the love of
days when strength runs low, grant us your gift of
our dis - tress and pain, in trust that through our



Spir - it's touch we may a - gain be whole.
mong us still with pow'r to heal a - gain.
faith - ful friends who lift our lives in prayer.
pa - tience, Lord, your calm - ing peace to know.
nights and days your grace will heal, sus - tain.

Text: Herman G. Stuempfle Jr., 1923–2007

Music: MARTYRDOM, Hugh Wilson, 1764–1824

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OFFERING MUSIC *The Lord's Prayer* – Albert Hay Mallotte

Tony Villani, soloist

The assembly may sit or kneel for prayer.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERING *The offering plates are at the front and back entrances.*

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THE OFFERTORY HYMN

The musical notation is written on five staves in a treble clef with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below each staff.

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. Grace our ta-ble
with your pres-ence, and give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.

**First you need only look:
Notice and honor the radiance of
Everything about you...
Play in this universe. Tend
All these shining things around you:
The smallest plant, the creatures and
objects in your care.
Be gentle and nurture. Listen...
As we experience and accept
All that we really are...
We grow in care. – Anne Hillman**

PRESENTATION

Pastor May our hearts be opened, our hands unclenched,
and our ears unclogged, that we may
feel and touch and taste and see
the breath and play of God around us.



THE PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS

Pastor Glory be to God who flows through all creation,
blessing us with gifts to share.

Assembly Blessed be God forever.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Pastor God's hope is in us.
Lift up your hearts.

Assembly We lift them up to God.

Pastor Let us give thanks to the God of peace.

Assembly It is right to offer thanks and praise.

Pastor 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.

By the witness of your saints
you show us the hope of our calling
and strengthen us to run the race set before us,
that we may delight in your mercy and rejoice with them in glory.

And so, with Saints Teresa and Ignatius and all the saints,
with the choirs of angels and all the hosts of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn ...

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,
 heav'n 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.

Pastor On 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.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and for ever.
Amen.**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Pastor We break the bread of life,
and that life is the light of the world.

Assembly **God here among us,
Light in the midst of us,
Bring us to light and life.**

THE INVITATION

Pastor Come to this table of grace. Here there are no barriers, no requirements, no tests of worthiness. No matter your faith, your doubts, or your background – All are welcome, all are loved, all are fed. Come, taste and see the goodness of God.

ALL ARE INVITED TO SHARE BREAD AND WINE

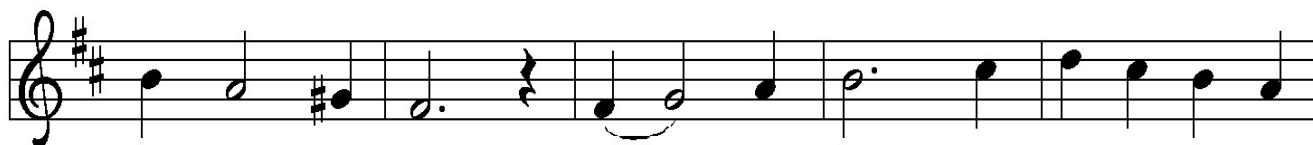
All are welcome to come and receive the bread and wine. There are gluten free wafers; ask the Pastor or Communion Assistants to provide one to you. A chalice of wine will be offered to you - simply touch the wafer to the wine. If you do not wish to take communion you may come forward for a blessing. If you are unable to come forward simply let an usher know and communion will be brought to you.



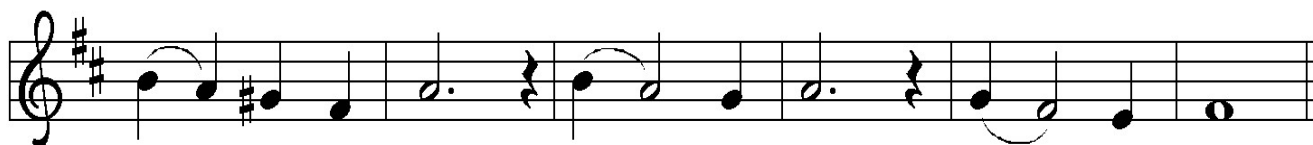
Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on



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.

HYMNS DURING COMMUNION

O Christ, the Healer, We Have Come – Hymnal 610

Healer of Our Every Ill – Hymnal 612

The assembly may stand as they are able.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Leader Risen Christ, whom we have seen with our eyes
and touched with our hands;
the word of life in whom our joy is complete:
send us out to declare your truth,
your unshakeable faith in the world you love.

Assembly Amen.

Thankful Hearts and Voices Raise



Thank-ful hearts and voic-es raise; tell ev-'ry-one what God has done. Let



ev - 'ry-one who seeks the Lord re - jice and bear the name of Christ.



Send us with your prom - is - es and lead your peo - ple forth in joy with



shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le-lu - ia, al - le-lu - ia.

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PARTING WORDS

Leader As we prepare to leave this sacred space
where we have worshipped together,
let us return to our work enlivened and renewed.
In our lives, may we know the holy meaning,
the mystery that breaks into it every moment.

Assembly **May we live at peace with our world
and at peace with ourselves.**

The Altar Candles and Care Candle are extinguished.

SENDING HYMN Hymnal 840

Now Thank We All Our God



1 Now thank we all our God with hearts and hands and voices,
2 Oh, may this bounteous God through all our life be near us,
3 All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given,



who wondrous things has done, in whom this world rejoices;
with ever joyful hearts, and blessed peace to cheer us,
the Son, and Spirit blest, who reign in highest heaven,



who, from our mothers' arms, has blest us on our way
and keep us all in grace, and guide us when perplexed,
the one eternal God, whom earth and heav'n adore;



with countless gifts of love, and still is ours to day.
and free us from all harm in this world and the next.
for thus it was, is now, and shall be ever more.

Text: Martin Rinkhart, 1586–1649; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878
Music: NUN DANKET ALLE GOTT, Johann Crüger, 1598–1662

WORDS OF BLESSING

Pastor We leave blessed by our connections
to one another, to the spirit of life.
Walk lightly that you see the life that is below your feet.
Spread your arms as if you had wings
and could dance through the air.
Feel the joy of the breath in your lungs
and the fire in your heart.
Live to love and be a blessing on this earth.
Go and may God's blessings, Father, Son and Holy Spirit
go with you + and remain with you always.

Thank you for worshiping with us at BT@R today.
We are grateful for your presence and pray that you were blessed
by the service.



FELLOWSHIP

Morning coffee and tea are now served.

You are invited upstairs to Laros Hall to share in this time of fellowship.

Today's Altar Flowers are a gift given by Kathy Pecuch to celebrate the upcoming 98th birthday of her mother Dorothy Seeds.

You are invited to keep this copy of the liturgy and take it home with you
to share with another member of your family, or with a friend



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1. Does gratitude keep us close with the giver of the gift?
2. Does recognizing the giver of a gift keep us using it in keeping with the giver's character and values?
3. Does gratitude keep us measuring the value of the gift as we take it into new pursuits and places?

All good gifts come from God. Maybe the attitude of gratitude keeps us focused on the source of life, love and each new day. Maybe when we acknowledge the source of love, we are more likely to share it with others. Maybe that is why gratitude is important enough for Jesus to lament it's lack.