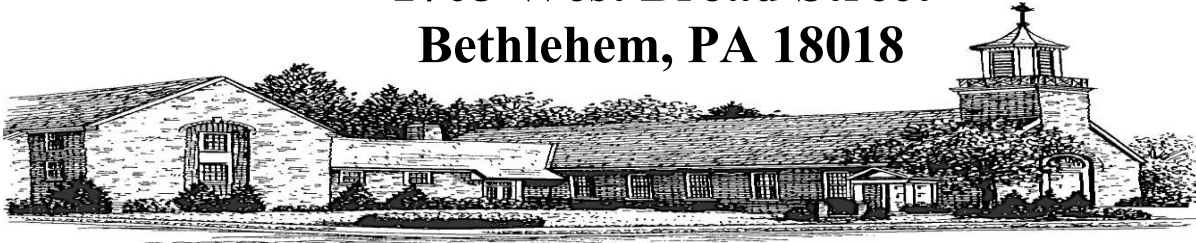


**BLESSED TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH
AT ROSEMONT**

**1705 West Broad Street
Bethlehem, PA 18018**



**LITURGY FOR THE CELEBRATION OF LIFE
THE TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
REFORMATION SUNDAY**

OCTOBER 26, 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 Kevin Remaly.
A warm welcome is extended to all.
Especially those who may be joining us for a first time.
Your presence enriches this gathering and contributes to
the creative evolution of the Blessed Trinity @ Rosemont community.
Thanks for the gift of you!
Today we observe Reformation Sunday and the 20th 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 With faith to face our challenges,
With love that casts out fear,
With hope to trust tomorrow,
We accept this day as the gift it is:
a reason for rejoicing.

LIGHTING OF THE ALTAR AND CARE CANDLES

The Altar and Care candles are lit.

Leader Let us come together in the presence of God
and in the presence of each other.
And let us celebrate the richness and diversity of life.

GATHERING MUSIC

*May the wonders of this world
stun us with their splendor
until we appreciate
that their goodness is richer than gold
and ought to be preserved as sacred treasure.
They are the original artwork of evolution
and the fingers of God.*

The assembly stands as they are able.

GATHERING HYMN Hymnal 504 Stanza 3 sung by the choir

A Mighty Fortress is Our God



1 A might - y for - tress is our God, a sword and shield vic -
2 No strength of ours can match his might! We would be lost, re -
3 Though hordes of dev - ils fill the land all threat - 'ning to de -
4 God's Word for - ev - er shall a - bide, no thanks to foes, who



to - rious; he breaks the cruel op - pres - sor's rod and
ject - ed. But now a cham - pion comes to fight, whom
your us, we trem - ble not, un - moved we stand; they
fear it; for God him - self fights by our side with



wins sal - va - tion glo - rious. The old sa - tan - ic foe
God him - self e - lect - ed. You ask who this may be?
can - not o - ver - pow'r us. Let this world's ty - rant rage;
weap - ons of the Spir - it. Were they to take our house,



has sworn to work us woe! With craft and dread - ful might
The Lord of hosts is he! Christ Je - sus, might - y Lord,
in bat - tle we'll en - gage! His might is doomed to fail;
goods, hon - or, child, or spouse, though life be wrenched a - way,



he arms him - self to fight. On earth he has no e - qual.
God's on - ly Son, a - dored. He holds the field vic - to - rious.
God's judg - ment must pre - vail! One lit - tle word sub - dues him.
they can - not win the day. The king - dom's ours for - ev - er!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor We pray: Illuminating God, each sunrise and sunset
reminds us of your constant presence. Awaken in each of us
the possibility for new life, new vision and renewed energy.

Assembly Amen! May it be so!

HYMN OF PRAISE

Assisting minister



Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

All



Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther,



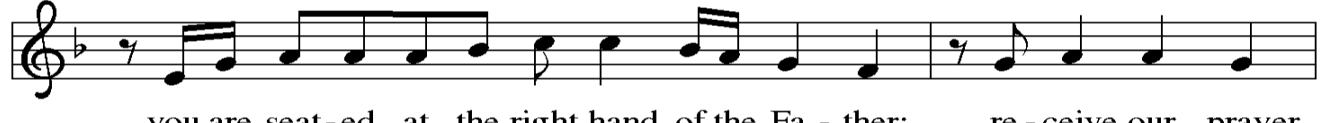
we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.



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.



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.

The assembly may be seated for the readings.

A READING Romans 3:19-28

Lector A reading from the book of Romans.

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.

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

Assembly Thanks be to God.

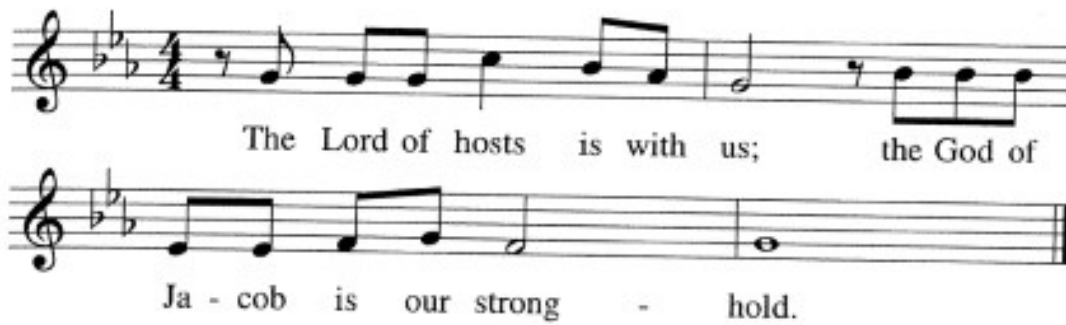
A READING FROM THE WORLD AROUND US

Lector A reading from the world around us.

The Maritime Circle

- We are grounded in a deep awareness of the holy within and around.
- We are challenged and committed to living the way of Jesus.
- We recognize the sacred interconnected and interdependent nature of all life.
- We are open to the wisdom of prophetic voices ancient and new.
- We seek to embody and proclaim that which is life affirming within our faith tradition.
- We are responding to the present global calling of all creation for love, respect and justice by evoking positive change collectively.

PSALMODY Psalm 46 – Michel Guimont



1 God is for us a refuge and strength,
a helper close at hand, in time of distress,
so we shall not fear though the earth should rock,
though the mountains fall into the depths of the sea;
even though its waters rage and foam,
even though the mountains be shaken by its waves. **R**

2 The waters of a river give joy to God's city,
the holy place where the Most High dwells.
God is within, it cannot be shaken;
God will help it at the dawning of the day.
Nations are in tumult, kingdoms are shaken;
God's voice roars forth, the earth shrinks away. **R**

3 Come, consider the works of the Lord,
the redoubtable deeds God has done on the earth.
putting an end to wars across the earth;
breaking the bow, snapping the spear;
[burning the shields with fire.]
"Be still and know that I am God,
supreme among the nations, supreme on the earth!" **R**

ANOTHER READING FROM THE WORLD AROUND US

Lector A reading from the world around us.

We Build Temples in the Heart by Patrick Murfin.

We have seen the great cathedrals, stone laid upon stone,
carved and cared for by centuries of certain hands;
seen the slender minarets soar from dusty streets
to raise the cry of faith to the One and Only God;
seen the placid pagodas where gilded Buddhas squat
amid the temple bells and incense.

We have seen the tumbled temples half-buried in the sands,
choked with verdant tangles,
sunk in corralled seas, and
old truths toppled and forgotten.

We have even seen the wattled huts,
the sweat lodge hogans,
the wheeled yurts,
and the Ice Age caverns
where unwritten worship
raised its knowing voices.

But here we build temples in our hearts.
Side by side we gather.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the



words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL John 8:31-36 (*Inclusive Text*)

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

Assembly Glory to you O God.

³¹ Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, “If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples, ³² and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free.” ³³ They 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’?”

³⁴ Jesus answered them, “Very truly, I tell you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. ³⁵ The slave does not have a permanent place in the household; the son has a place there forever. ³⁶ So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed.”

Pastor This is Good News from the Lord.

Assembly Thanks be to God.

The assembly is seated for the Sermon.

THE SERMON

The Edict of Milan

granted Christians legal recognition and freedom to worship, while also mandating the return of confiscated property, which marked a major privilege for the Christian Church. This official status and the associated wealth and power created a separation from their previous marginalized status and the poor, shifting some financial responsibility from the church to the wealthy and the state. While Constantine did not explicitly separate the church from the poor, his policies channeled state and wealthy private resources towards the church for charity, which allowed the church leadership and its structure to become more independent from the poor they served.

Constantinian privileges in 313

- **Legalization of Christianity:** The Edict of Milan ended state-sanctioned persecution, allowing Christians to worship freely without fear.
- **Property restitution:** The edict ordered the return of all confiscated churches, cemeteries, and other property, and state compensation for any new owners.
- **Legal status:** Christians gained the status of a legal corporation giving the Church legal rights and the ability to own property.
- **Financial support:** Constantine lavishly funded church buildings and provided funds to local churches for supporting the needy.
- **Shift in financial responsibility:** The state and wealthy individuals were encouraged to support the poor, reducing the church's direct responsibility for the poor's basic needs. Separation from the poor.
- **Increased wealth and power for the church:** The influx of state funds, confiscated property, and the ability to receive donations made the church financially independent from the poor it once relied on to support its operations.

HYMN OF THE DAY *By Grace We Have Been Saved*



1 By grace we have sinned been saved through faith and
 2 For all have sinned and fall - en short. God's
 3 God gave to earth a per - fect love through
 4 We know the wage of sin is death; thank
 5 Set free, we now have peace with God. Sal -



not by keep - ing law. God's saints be - lieved by
 plan, not one o - beyed. Christ has for all ful -
 Je - sus on the cross. While we were foes, Christ
 God, we shall re - vive. For just as Je - sus
 va - tion is se - cured. How beau - ti - ful the



what they heard and not by what they saw.
 filled the law. Be - lieve, con - fess, be saved.
 died for us. We gained by God's own loss.
 rose a - gain, we too are made a - live.
 feet of those who share this gos - pel word.



Oh, how I love Je - sus! Oh, how I love Je - sus!



Oh, how I love Je - sus, be - cause he first loved me!

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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CHOIR ANTHEM: *Christ Is Our Cornerstone* - Edgar Aufdemberge (1922-1978)

THE OFFERTORY HYMN

Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful *Offering Song*

The musical notation is written on five staves, each with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The lyrics are: "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 the dreams of all; u - nite them with the prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come." The music ends with a double bar line.

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
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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

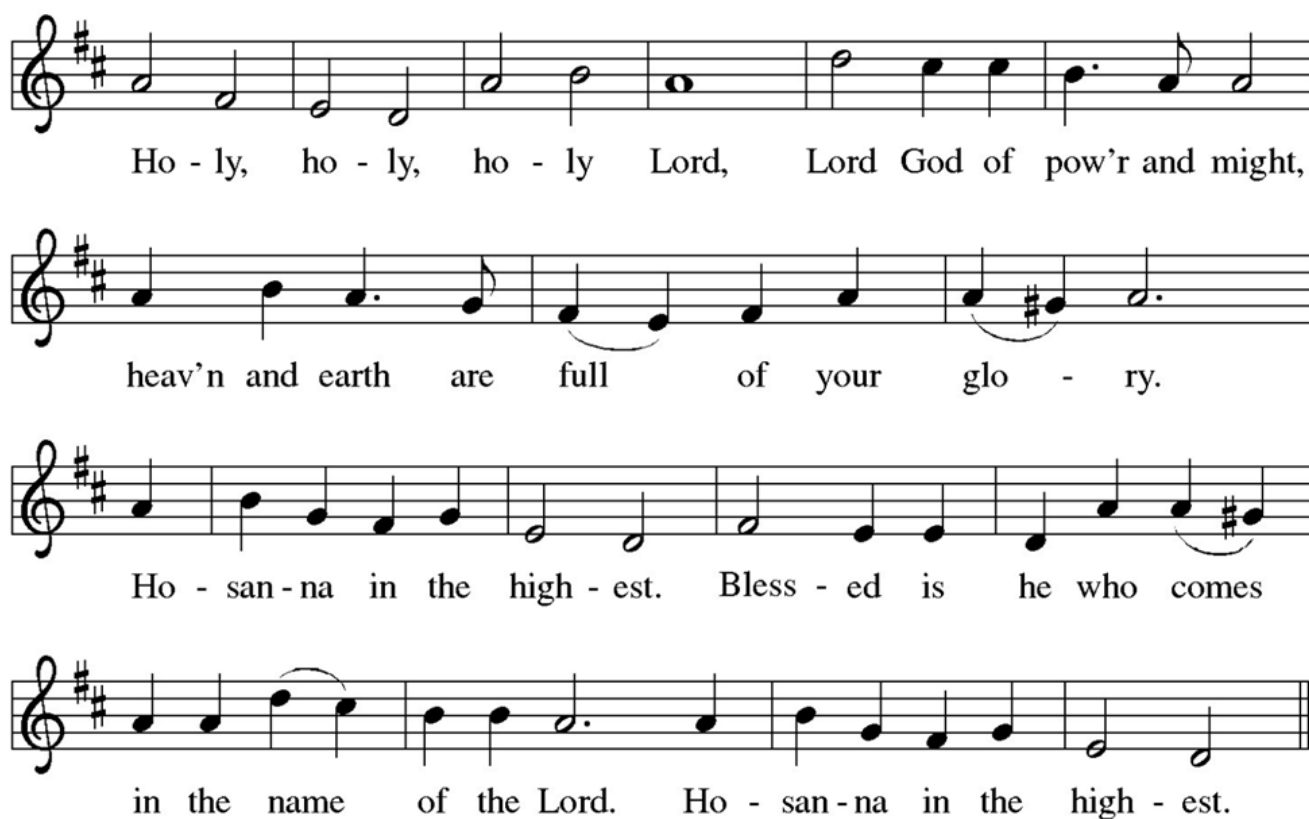
Pastor God's hope is in us.
Lift up your hearts.

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 In a city of a thousand strands,
laden with the sights and sounds of
God's colorful people,
we meet the creator and discover the mark of God
in both stranger and friend.
God of many names, we give you thanks that you are
uniting the people of the city .
In a city of forgotten people and lost stories
help us listen for your good news
amongst those left out or left behind in the busy rush.
Fill our hearts with an image of your son Jesus
who embraces and welcomes us all.
In the noise and in the silence, in the traffic, and at home
We give thanks for his liberating presence as we sing:



Pastor The city was crowded with people from all across the world,
the faithful gathered in Jerusalem to celebrate Passover:
the festival of freedom.
Jesus and his friends rented a room above a busy street,
and there they shared a last meal together.
In the quiet of the night Jesus took a piece of bread,
Gave thanks, broke it and said:
'This is my body which is given for you; do this to remember me.'
He meets the needs of a hungry city.
When everyone had finished eating
Jesus took a cup of Passover wine, gave thanks and said;
'This cup is the new covenant in my blood, do this to remember me.'
He quenches our thirst as we search for a holy city.

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.

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

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.

My Hope is Built on Nothing Less – Hymnal 597

Come Now, O Prince of Peace – Hymnal 247

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 all who seek the Lord re - joice and bear Christ's ho - ly name.



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 654

The Church's One Foundation



1 The church's one foun - da - tion is Je - sus Christ, her Lord;
2 E - lect from ev - 'ry na - tion, yet one o'er all the earth,
3 Though with a scorn - ful won - der this world sees her op - pressed,
4 Through toil and trib - u - la - tion and tu - mult of her war,
5 Yet she on earth has u - nion with God, the Three in One,



she is his new cre - a - tion by wa - ter and the word.
her char - ter of sal - va - tion one Lord, one faith, one birth:
by schisms . . rent a - sund - er, by her - e - sies dis - tressed,
she waits the con - sum - ma - tion of peace for - ev - er - more;
and mys - tic sweet com - mu - nion with those whose rest is won.



From heav'n he came and sought her to be his ho - ly bride;
one ho - ly name she bless - es, par - takes one ho - ly food,
yet saints their watch are keep - ing; their cry goes up: "How long?"
till with the vi - sion glo - rious her long - ing eyes are blest,
Oh, bless - ed heav'n - ly cho - rus! Lord, save us by your grace,



with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.
and to one hope she press - es with ev - 'ry grace en - dued.
and soon the night of weep - ing shall be the morn of song.
and the great church vic - to - rious shall be the church at rest.
that we, like saints be - fore us, may see you face to face.

WORDS OF BLESSING

Pastor May the love of God that shines in you
Shine brightly in the world wherever you go.

And the blessing of God
Father, Son and Holy Spirit
Bless you + and keep you always.

Assembly Amen! May it be so!

Today's altar flowers are a gift given by Edwina Monek in loving memory of her father Edward Novak.

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.



BT@R

FELLOWSHIP

Morning coffee and tea are now served.

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

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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Till We Meet Again

October 26, 2025 - Worship 9:30am

Thank You Card

Dear Blessed Trinity @ Rosemont
and Pastor Jack -

I wanted to thank you for all you did to
help the DeAngelis family after Tony Jr's
passing. Your kindness was so appreciated.
It helped us through a very difficult time.
Sincerely, Susan DeAngelis

Men's Breakfast

This Tuesday at 8am at The Palace
Restaurant. RSVP to Cliff Bengston
610-865-6670, cabswede@aol.com.

Bingo

Our next bingo will be on Saturday,
November 1st in the lower level hall. Doors
open at noon. Bingo starts at 1pm. \$25 per
person in advance, \$30 at the door. See
Kathy Remaly to sign up (610-442-0438).
Come join us for food, fellowship, and lots of
fun. If you have an item to donate to our
Tricky Tray, please contact Paula Dancho-
Kolman 610-570-7012.

Altar Guild

We'd like to thank all those who serve on
Altar Guild and would welcome anyone who
would like to serve. We especially need one
more person so that all the teams have three
people on them. Contact Mickey Curry for
more information 484-788-9355,
mmatuczinski@yahoo.com.

Today's Worship Ministers

October 26, 2025

Acolyte – Joe Bleier

Altar Guild – Dolores Kennedy, Pat Little,
Mary Bender

Assisting Minister – Nancy Kostas

Coffee Hour Hosts – Tracy Schellhaas,
Joni Schmidt, Loree Kuhns, Cheryl Achey,
Diane Case

Communion Assistants – Joan Erb
Helga Rimonneau

Counters – Pat Little, Mary Bender,
Dolores Kennedy

Flower Delivery – Karen Favinger

Greeters – Karen Koch, Sue Strawn

Key Attendant – Barry Sterner

Lector – Kevin Remaly

Ushers – George Baltz, Mike Horwath

November 2, 2025

Acolyte – Jimmy Bleier

Altar Guild – Cheryl Achey, Mickey Curry,
Gayle Nemeth

Assisting Minister – Nancy Kostas

Coffee Hour Hosts – Kathy Remaly,
Jody Fliter, Mary Mann, Kathy Pecuch,
Carol Lopez

Communion Assistants – Kenda Riley,
Dagny Danga-Storm

Counters – Karen Koch, Sue Strawn,
Dagny Danga-Storm

Flower Delivery – Christine Horoschock

Greeters – Cindy Kemp, Gayle Nemeth

Key Attendant – Barry Sterner

Lector – Helga Rimonneau

Ushers – Dolores Kennedy, Pat & Ed Little

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This Week at BT@R

Sunday, October 26th: Reformation Sunday

9:30am Worship

11:00am God's Work Our Hands Committee Meeting (Community Service Room)

Monday, October 27th:

7:00pm Dart Team Home (Lower Level Hall)

Tuesday, October 28th:

8:00am Men's Breakfast (The Palace Restaurant)

7:00pm Scout Meeting (Lower Level Hall)

Wednesday, October 29th:

9:00am Christian Service Women

Saturday, November 1st:

9:00am Property Committee Meeting (Laros Hall)

12:00pm Bingo (Lower Level Hall)

Sunday, November 2nd: Christ the King; Daylight Saving Time Ends

9:30am Worship

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