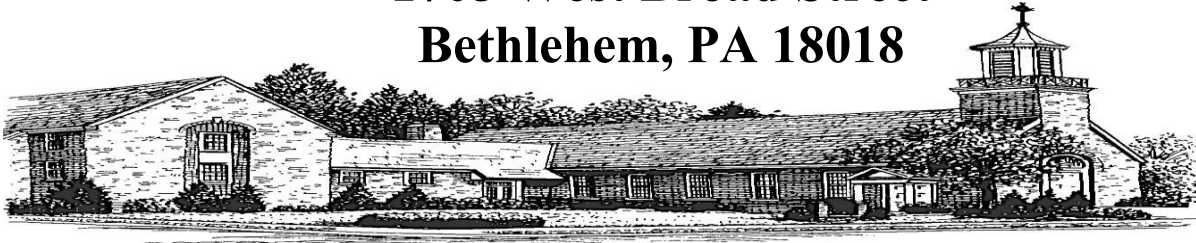


**BLESSED TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH
AT ROSEMONT**

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**LITURGY FOR THE CELEBRATION OF LIFE
THE SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
SAINT MICHAEL**

SEPTEMBER 28, 2025



St. Michael

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
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cultural background, sexual orientation, class,
physical or mental ability.**

WELCOME

Lector Good Morning. My name is Michel Lloyd.
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 16th 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

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.

GATHERING MUSIC *Gather Us In* - John Behnke (b. 1991)

The assembly stands as they are able.

GATHERING WORDS

Leader In these early days of Autumn,
we give thanks for the opportunity we have
to worship and celebrate this day.
May we be surrounded with a very real sense
of the sacred as we spend this time together.

GATHERING MUSIC Hymnal 532

Gather Us In



1 Here in this place the new light is stream-ing, now is the dark - ness
2 We are the young, our lives are a mys - t'ry, we are the old who
3 Here we will take the wine and the wa - ter, here we will take the
4 Not in the dark of build-ings con - fin - ing, not in some heav - en,



van - ished a - way; see in this space our fears and our dream-ings
yearn for your face; we have been sung through - out all of his - t'ry,
bread of new birth, here you shall call your sons and your daugh - ters,
light years a - way— here in this place the new light is shin - ing,



brought here to you in the light of this day.
called to be light to the whole hu - man race.
call us a - new to be salt for the earth.
now is the king - dom, and now is the day.



Gath - er us in, the lost and for - sak - en, gath - er us in, the
Gath - er us in, the rich and the haugh - ty, gath - er us in, the
Give us to drink the wine of com - pas - sion, give us to eat the
Gath - er us in and hold us for - ev - er, gath - er us in and



blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall a - wak - en,
proud and the strong; give us a heart, so meek and so low - ly,
bread that is you; nour-ish us well, and teach us to fash - ion
make us your own; gath - er us in, all peo - ples to - geth - er,



we shall a - rise at the sound of our name.
give us the cour - age to en - ter the song.
lives that are ho - ly and hearts that are true.
fire . . of love in our flesh and our bone.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor We pray: We bless you generous God: You show us how to give and receive; you make your presence known among us in the breaking of the bread and in the stranger who awaits a place at the table. Show us the way to make a place for all.

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 1 Timothy 6:6-10, 17-19

Lector A reading from the book of First Timothy.

⁶ Of course, there is great gain in godliness combined with contentment, ⁷ for we brought nothing into the world, so that we can take nothing out of it, ⁸ but if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these. ⁹ But those who want to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. ¹⁰ For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and in their eagerness to be rich some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains.

¹⁷ As for those who in the present age are rich, command them not to be haughty or to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches but rather on God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. ¹⁸ They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, ¹⁹ thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that really is life.

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

Assembly Thanks be to God.

PSALMODY Psalm 146 Christopher L. Webber, tune *St. Flavian*

Beyond all bounds, God's graciousness

And kindness still extend;

The Lord is ever slow to wrath,

His mercy has no end.

His mercy rests on all his works,

His love on everyone;

Your faithful servants bless you, Lord,

And all that you have done.

The glory of your kingdom and

Your power they proclaim;

That peoples all may know your power;

The splendor of your reign.

Through every age your throne remains,

Your kingdom will endure;

The Lord shows love in all his deeds,

And all his words are sure.

A READING FROM THE WORLD AROUND US

Lector A reading from the world around us.

Free and Easy by Venerable Lama Gendun Rinpoche

Happiness cannot be found through great effort and willpower,
but is already present, in open relaxation and letting go.

Don't strain yourself, there is nothing to do or undo.

Whatever momentarily arises in the body-mind has no real importance at all,
has little reality whatsoever.

Why identify with, and become attached to it,
passing judgment upon it and ourselves?

Far better to simply let the entire game happen on its own,
springing up and falling back like waves
without changing or manipulating anything
and notice how everything vanishes and reappears, magically,
again and again, time without end.

Only our searching for happiness prevents us from seeing it.
It's like a vivid rainbow which you pursue
without ever catching,
or a dog chasing its own tail.

Although peace and happiness
do not exist as an actual thing or place,
it is always available and accompanies you every instant.

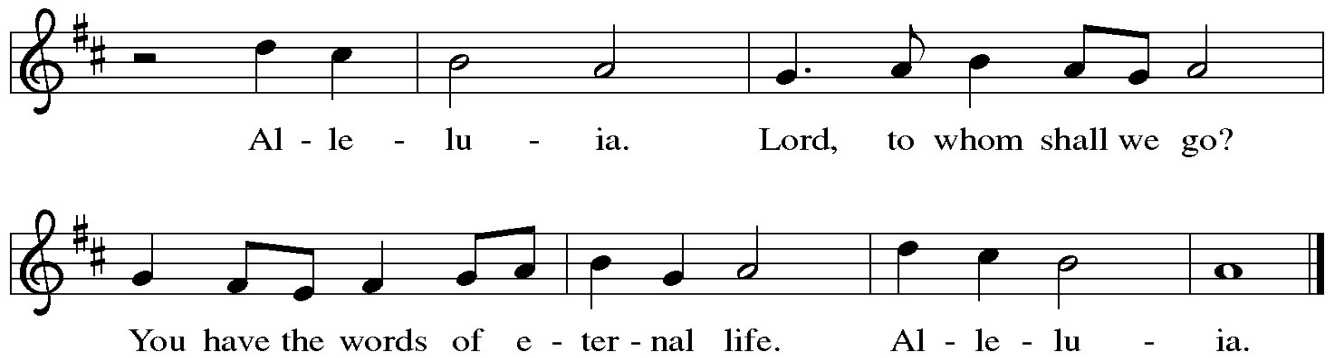
Don't believe in the reality of good and bad experiences;
they are like rainbows in the sky.

Wanting to grasp the ungraspable, you exhaust yourself in vain.
As soon as you open and relax this tight fist of grasping,
infinite space is there - open, inviting and comfortable.

Make use of this spaciousness, this freedom and natural ease.
Don't search any further looking for the great awakened elephant,
who is already resting quietly at home.

Nothing to do or undo,
nothing to force,
nothing to want,
and nothing missing -
Everything happens by itself.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL Luke 16:19-31

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

Assembly Glory to you O God.

[Jesus said:] “There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. ²⁰ And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, ²¹ who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man’s table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. ²² The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. ²³ In Hades, where he was being tormented, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. ²⁴ He called out, ‘Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am in agony in these flames.’ ²⁵ But Abraham said, ‘Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things and Lazarus in like manner evil things, but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. ²⁶ Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us.’ ²⁷ He said, ‘Then I beg you, father, to send him to my father’s house ²⁸ for I have five brothers—that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.’ ²⁹ Abraham replied, ‘They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.’ ³⁰ He said, ‘No, father Abraham, but if someone from the dead goes to them, they will repent.’ ³¹ He said to him, ‘If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.’ ”

Pastor This is Good News from the Lord.

Assembly Thanks be to God.

The assembly is seated for the Sermon.

THE SERMON

The assembly stands as able.

HYMN OF THE DAY

Hymnal 729

The Church of Christ, in Every Age



1 The church of Christ, in ev - 'ry age be - set by
2 A - cross the world, a - cross the street, the vic - tims
3 Then let the ser - vant church a - rise, a car - ing
4 For he a - lone, whose blood was shed, can cure the
5 We have no mis - sion but to serve in full o -



change, but Spir - it - led, must claim and test its
of in - jus - tice cry for shel - ter and for
church that longs to be a part - ner in Christ's
fe - ver in our blood, and teach us how to
be - dience to our Lord; to care for all, with -



her - i - tage and keep on ris - ing from the dead.
bread to eat, and nev - er live be - fore they die.
sac - ri - fice, and clothed in Christ's hu - man - i - ty.
share our bread and feed the starv - ing mul - ti - tude.
out re - serve, and spread his lib - er - at - ing word.

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The assembly may sit or kneel for prayer.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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CHOIR ANTHEM

THE OFFERTORY HYMN



Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of



bles-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.

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.

CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

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.

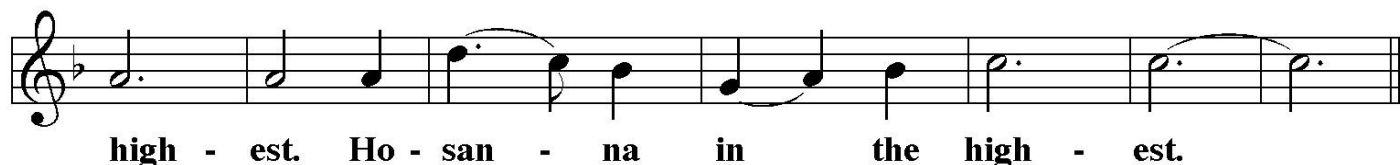
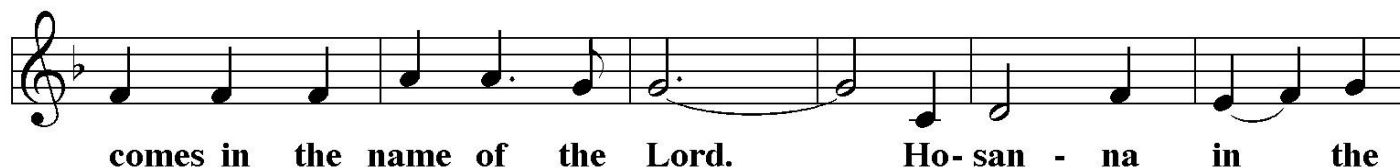
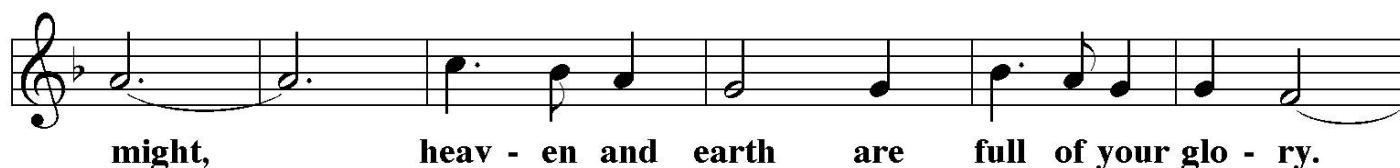
Pastor Let us give thanks to the God of peace.

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 Saint Michael and all the saints,
with the choirs of angels and all the hosts of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn ...



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

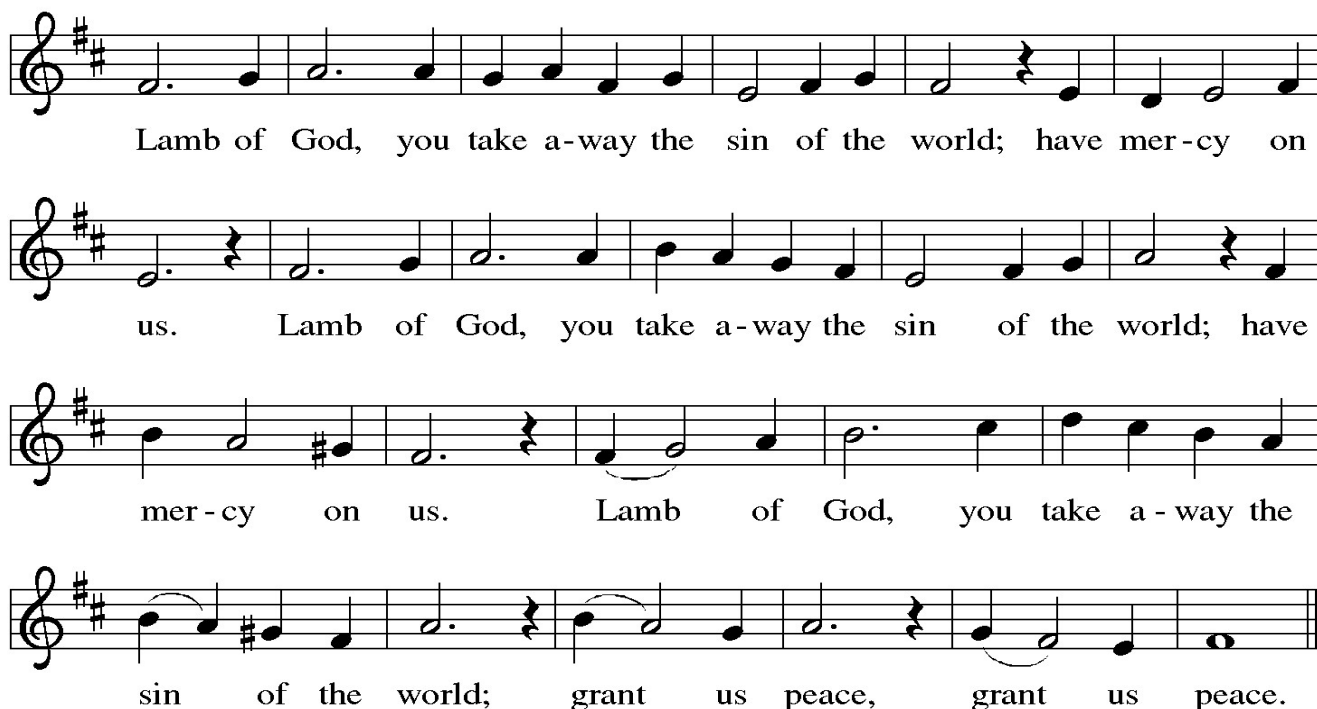
Pastor We break the bread of life,
and that life is the light of the world.
Assembly **God here among us,
Light in the midst of us,
Bring us to light and life.**

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.



HYMNS DURING COMMUNION

We Come to the Hungry Feast – Hymnal 479

Let Us Break Bread Together – Hymnal 471

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 - joice 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 Lead us from death to life,
 from falsehood to truth.
 Lead us from despair to hope,
 from fear to trust.
 Let peace fill our hearts,
 our world, our universe.
 Let us dream together,
 pray together,
 work together,
 to build one world
 of peace and justice for all.

The Altar Candles and Care Candle are extinguished.

SENDING HYMN Hymnal 712

Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service



- 1 Lord, whose love in hum-ble ser - vice bore the weight of hu-man need,
- 2 Still your chil - dren wan-der home-less; still the hun - gry cry for bread;
- 3 As we wor-ship, grant us vi - sion, till your love's re - veal-ing light
- 4 Called by wor-ship to your ser - vice, forth in your dear name we go,



who up - on the cross, for - sak - en, worked your mer-cy's per - fect deed:
still the cap - tives long for free - dom; still in grief we mourn our dead.
in its height and depth and great-ness dawns up - on our quick-ened sight,
to the child, the youth, the a - ged, love in liv - ing deeds to show;



we, your ser - vants, bring the wor-ship not of voice a - lone, but heart;
As you, Lord, in deep com-pas - sion healed the sick and freed the soul,
mak-ing known the needs and bur - dens your com-pas-sion bids us bear,
hope and health, good-will and com - fort, coun - sel, aid, and peace we give,



con - se - crat - ing to your pur - pose ev - 'ry gift which you im - part.
by your Spir - it send your pow - er to our world to make it whole.
stir-ring us to ar - dent ser - vice, your a - bun-dant life to share.
that your ser - vants, Lord, in free-dom may your mer - cy know and live.

Text: Albert F. Bayly, 1901–1984

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WORDS OF BLESSING

Pastor May you walk in the light of God's love and laughter
all the moments of your nights and days.
And may the blessings of God, Father, + Son and Holy Spirit
be with you this day and always.

Assembly Amen. May it be so!

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.

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Till We Meet Again

September 28, 2025 - Worship 9:30am

Men's Breakfast

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

Sight & Sound Bus Trip Itinerary

Meet at the William Penn Park & Ride Lot C-1 (at the intersection of William Penn Highway and Route 33)

7:45am Load bus

8:00am Depart

10:15am Arrive at Sight & Sound

11:00am See *Noah*

1:45pm Leave Sight & Sound

2:30pm Arrive at Shady Maple (res at 2:45)

4:30pm Load bus

6:30pm Arrive back at the Park & Ride

This Week at BT@R

Sunday, September 28th:

9:30am Worship

11:15am God's Work Our Hands (Office)

Tuesday, September 30th:

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

7:00pm Scout Meeting (Lower-Level Hall)

Wednesday, October 1st:

7:45am Bus Trip (William Penn Park & Ride)

9:00am Christian Service Women

12:00pm Adult Study (Laros Hall)

Thursday, October 2nd:

6:00pm Adult Study (Laros Hall)

Saturday, October 4th:

9:00am Property Committee Meeting (Laros)

Sunday, October 5th:

9:30am Worship

Today's Worship Ministers

September 28, 2025

Acolyte – Jimmy Bleier

Altar Guild – Fran Heslin, Tracy Schellhaas, Donna Ken

Assisting Minister – Joe Bleier

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

Communion Assistants – Karen Favinger, Nancy Kostas

Counters – Pat Little, Mary Bender, Dolores Kennedy

Flower Delivery – Karen Favinger

Greeters – Ron & Sandy Horwath

Key Attendant – Barry Sterner

Lector – Michel Lloyd

Ushers – Dolores Kennedy, Pat & Ed Little

October 5, 2025

Acolyte – Sandy Butch

Altar Guild – Ron & Sandy Horwath, Joan Erb

Assisting Minister – Joe Bleier

Coffee Hour Hosts – Sandy Butch, Karen Schoch, Carolyn Galle, Karen Favinger, Louise Fielding

Communion Assistants – Kevin Remaly, Kenny Remaly

Counters –

Karen Koch, Sue Strawn, Cheryl Achey

Flower Delivery – Glenn Breidenbach

Greeters – Kenda Riley, Nancy Kostas

Key Attendant – Barry Sterner

Lector – Gina Brockway

Ushers – Nancy Kostas, Sue Strawn