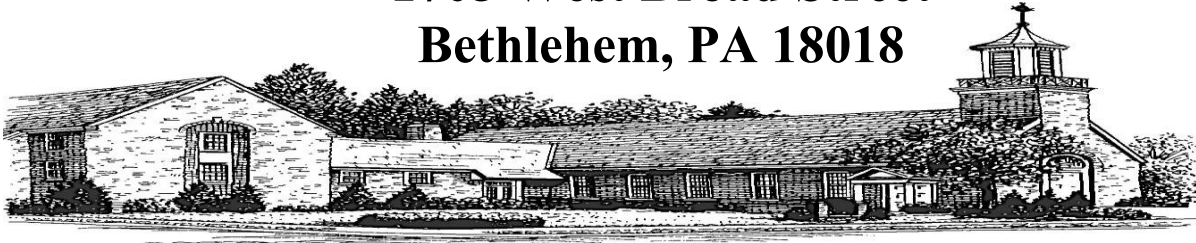


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AT ROSEMONT**

**1705 West Broad Street
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**LITURGY FOR THE CELEBRATION OF LIFE
THE FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
SAINT MATTHEW**

SEPTEMBER 21, 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.**

HYMN SING

WELCOME

Lector Good Morning. My name is Nancy Kostas.
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 15th 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.

The assembly stands as they are able.

GATHERING WORDS

Leader Love all Creation
The whole of it and every grain of sand
Love every leaf
Every ray of God's light
Love the animals
Love the plants
Love everything
If you love everything
You will perceive
The divine mystery in things
And once you have perceived it
You will begin to comprehend it ceaselessly
More and more everyday
And you will at last come to love the whole world
With an abiding universal love

GATHERING MUSIC Hymnal 655

Son of God, Eternal Savior



1 Son of God, e - ter - nal Sav - ior, source of life and truth and grace,
2 As you, Lord, have lived for oth - ers, so may we for oth - ers live.
3 Come, O Christ, and reign a - mong us, King of love and Prince of peace;
4 Son of God, e - ter - nal Sav - ior, source of life and truth and grace,



Word made flesh, whose birth a - mong us hal - lows all our hu - man race,
Free - ly have your gifts been grant-ed; free - ly may your ser - vants give.
hush the storm of strife and pas - sion, bid its cru - el dis - cords cease.
Word made flesh, whose birth a - mong us hal - lows all our hu - man race:



you our head, who, throned in glo - ry, for your own will ev - er plead:
Yours the gold and yours the sil - ver, yours the wealth of land and sea;
By your pa - tient years of toil-ing, by your si - lent hours of pain,
by your pray-ing, by your will-ing that your peo - ple should be one,



fill us with your love and pit - y, heal our wrong, and help our need.
we but stew-ards of your boun-ty held in sol - emn trust will be.
quench our fe-vered thirst of plea-sure, stem our self - ish greed of gain.
grant, oh, grant our hope's fru - i - tion: here on earth your will be done.

Text: Somerset C. Lowry, 1855–1932

Music: IN BABILONE, *Oude en Nieuwe Hollantse Boerenlities en Contradansen*, 1710

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor Generous God, you call us to serve you and not be ruled by wealth.
Guide us to use what we have with wisdom and compassion, so that our
lives may reflect your mercy and justice in the world.

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

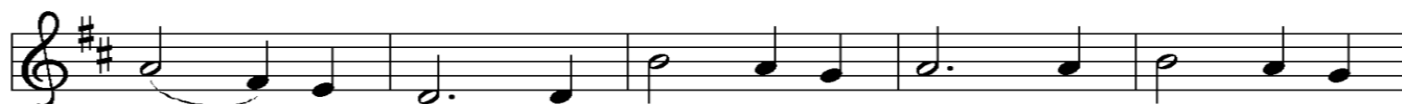


strength, and hon - or and bless-ing and glo - ry are his.

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.

FIRST READING Amos 8:4-7

Leader A reading from the book of Amos

⁴ Hear this, you who trample on the needy,
and bring to ruin the poor of the land,
⁵ saying, “When will the new moon be over
so that we may sell grain,
and the Sabbath,
so that we may offer wheat for sale?
We will make the ephah smaller and the shekel heavier
and practice deceit with false balances,
⁶ buying the poor for silver
and the needy for a pair of sandals
and selling the sweepings of the wheat.”
⁷ The Lord has sworn by the pride of Jacob:
Surely I will never forget any of their deeds.

Leader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people.

Assembly Thanks be to God.

PSALMODY Psalm 113 Michal Guimont



1. Praise, O servants of the Lord,
praise the name of the Lord!
May the name of the Lord be blessed
both now and for evermore!
From the rising of the sun to its setting
praised be the name of the Lord! **R**

2. High above all nations is the Lord,
above the heavens God’s glory.
Who is like the Lord, our God,

the one enthroned on high,
who stoops from the heights to look
down,
to look down upon heaven and earth? **R**

3. From the dust God lifts up the lowly,
from the dung heap God raises the poor
to set them in the company of rulers,
yes, with the rulers of the people. **R**

A READING FROM THE WORLD AROUND US

Lector A reading from the world around us.

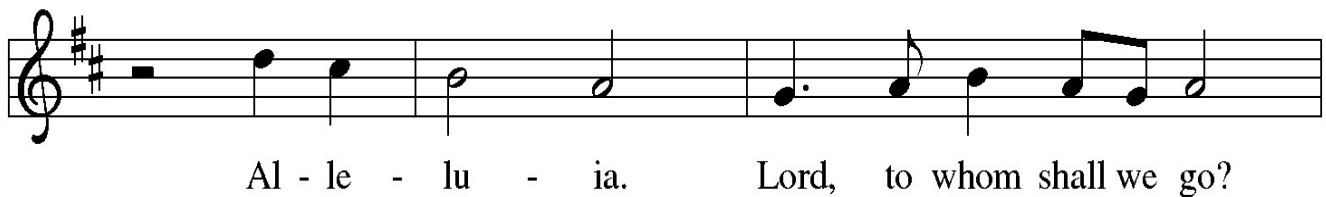
May every creature abound in well-being and peace.
May every being, weak or strong, the long and the small
The short, and the medium-sized, the mean, and the great
may every living being, seen or unseen, those dwelling far off,
those nearby, those already born, those waiting to be born,
may all attain inward peace.

Let no one deceive another
let no one despise another in any situation
Let no one, from Antipathy or hatred, wish evil to anyone at all.
Just as a mother, with her own life,
protects her only son from hurt
So within yourself foster a limitless concern
for every living creature.

Display a heart of boundless love for all the world
In all its height and depth and broad extent
Love, unrestrained, without hate or amenity.
Then as you stand or walk, sit or live,
until overcome by drowsiness,
Devote your mind entirely to this,
it is known as living here, life divine.

- *The Buddha.*

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL Luke 16:1-13

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

Assembly Glory to you O God.

¹ Then Jesus said to the disciples, "There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was squandering his property. ² So he summoned him and said to him, 'What is this that I hear about you? Give me an accounting of your management because you cannot be my manager any longer.' ³ Then the manager said to himself, 'What will I do, now that my master is taking the position away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. ⁴ I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes.' ⁵ So, summoning his master's debtors one by one, he asked the first, 'How much do you owe my master?' ⁶ He answered, 'A hundred jugs of olive oil.' He said to him, 'Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty.' ⁷ Then he asked another, 'And how much do you owe?' He replied, 'A hundred containers of wheat.' He said to him, 'Take your bill and make it eighty.' ⁸ And his master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly, for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. ⁹ And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth so that when it is gone they may welcome you into the eternal homes.

¹⁰ "Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much, and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. ¹¹ If, then, you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? ¹² And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own? ¹³ No slave can serve two masters, for a slave will either hate the one and love the other or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth."

Pastor This is Good News from the Lord.

Assembly Thanks be to God.

The assembly is seated for the Sermon.

THE SERMON

"For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil. Some people, eager for money, have wandered from the faith and pierced themselves with many griefs".

- 1 Timothy 6:10

"Money is like love; it kills slowly and painfully the one who withholds it and enlivens the other who turns it on his fellow man". - Khalil Gibran

The assembly stands as able.

HYMN OF THE DAY Hymnal 710

Let Streams of Living Justice

1 Let streams of liv - ing jus - tice flow down up - on the earth;
2 For heal - ing of the na - tions, for peace that will not end,
3 Your ci - ty's built to mu - sic; we are the stones you seek;
give free - dom's light to cap - tives, let all the poor have worth.
for love that makes us lov - ers, God grant us grace to mend.
your har - mo - ny is lan - guage; we are the words you speak.
The hun - gry's hands are plead - ing, the work - ers claim their rights,
Weave our var - ied gifts to - geth - er; knit our lives as they are spun;
Our faith we find in ser - vice, our hope in oth - ers' dreams,
the mourn - ers long for laugh - ter, the blind - ed seek for sight.
on your loom of time en - roll us till our thread of life is run.
our love in hand of neigh - bor; our home - land bright - ly gleams.
Make lib - er - ty a bea - con, strike down the i - ron pow'r;
O great weav - er of our fab - ric, bind church and world in one;
In - scribe our hearts with jus - tice; your way—the path un - tried;
a - bol - ish an - cient ven - geance: pro - claim your peo - ple's hour.
dye our tex - ture with your ra - diance, light our col - ors with your sun.
your truth—the heart of strang - er; your life—the Cru - ci - fied.

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The assembly may sit or kneel for prayer.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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CHOIR ANTHEM *Bread of the World in Mercy Broken*

- Carlton R. Young (1926-2023)

THE OFFERTORY HYMN



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.

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.

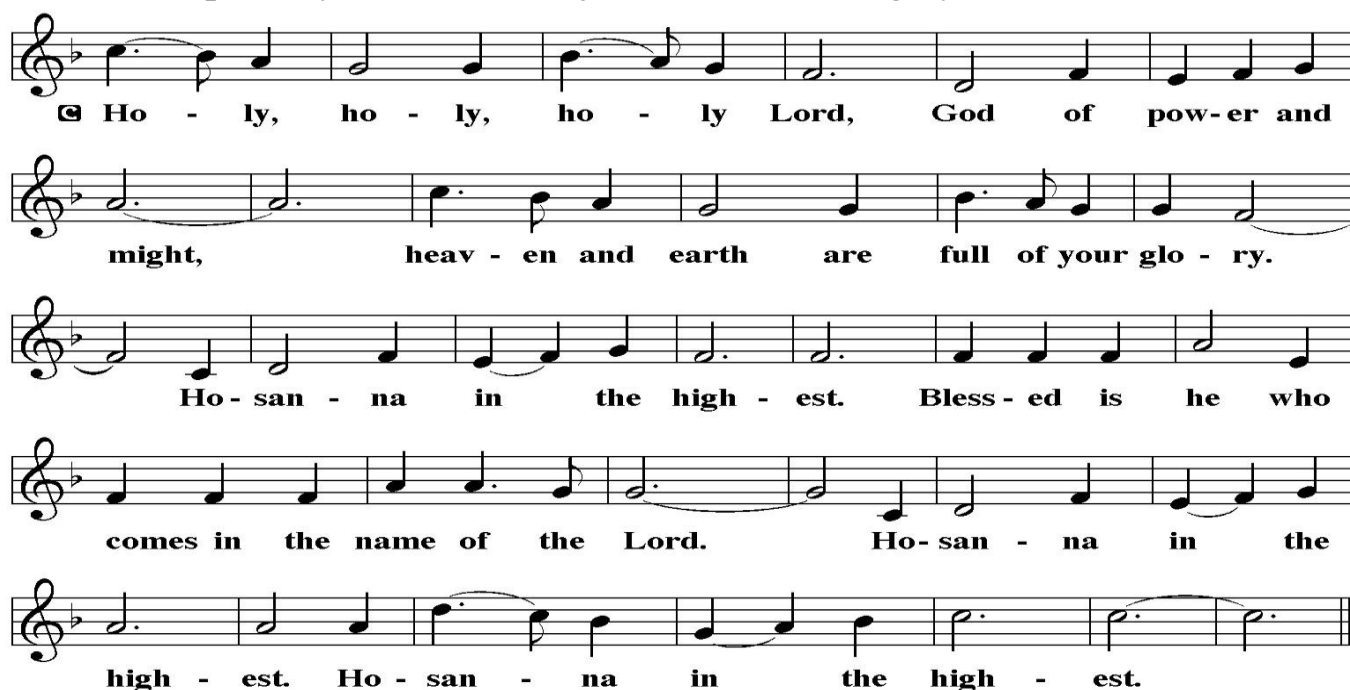
Pastor Let us give thanks to the God of peace.

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 Matthew 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

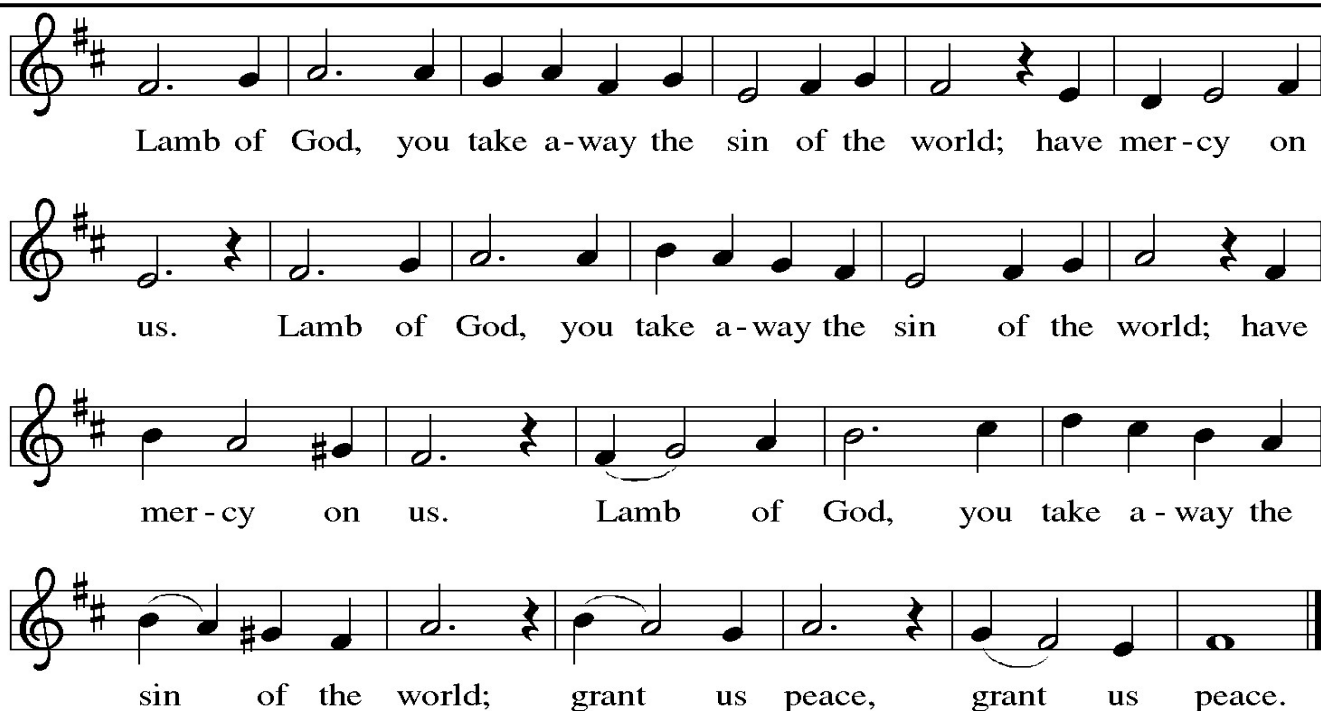
Pastor We break the bread of life,
and that life is the light of the world.
Assembly **God here among us,
Light in the midst of us,
Bring us to light and life.**

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 Give Thee but Thine Own – Hymnal 686

As Saints of Old – Hymnal 695

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 Go as far as your courage takes you,
for you cannot go beyond the reach of God.
Give as extravagantly as you may,
for you cannot spend all the riches of God.
Care as lavishly as you are able,
for you cannot exhaust the love of God.
Keep journeying as a servant,
for God will always be with you.

Assembly **Amen! May it be so!**

The Altar Candles and Care Candle are extinguished.

SENDING HYMN Hymnal 669

Rise Up, O Saints of God!



- 1 Rise up, O saints of God! From vain am - bi - tions turn;
- 2 Speak out, O saints of God! De - spair en - gulf's earth's frame;
- 3 Rise up, O saints of God! The king - dom's task em - brace;
- 4 Give heed, O saints of God! Cre - a - tion cries in pain;
- 5 Com - mit your hearts to seek the paths which Christ has trod;



Christ rose tri - um - phant that your hearts with no - bler zeal might burn.
as heirs of God's bap - tis - mal grace, the word of hope pro - claim.
re - dress sin's cru - el con - se - quence; give jus - tice larg - er place.
stretch forth your hand of heal - ing now, with love the weak sus - tain.
and, quick - ened by the Spir - it's pow'r, rise up, O saints of God!

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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.

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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If you love friends, you will serve your friends.
If you love community, you will serve your community.
If you love money, you will serve your money.
And if you love only yourself, you will serve only yourself.
And you will have only yourself. – *Stephen Colbert*

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Till We Meet Again

September 21, 2025 - Worship 9:30am

Bingo Recap

We made \$4,520 at bingo! We will be donating \$1,000.00 to Second Harvest of Lehigh Valley. A grateful thank you to all who participated at our Sept 13th bingo!

Church Building Closed

Due to safety concerns with the construction of our new atrium, the entire church building will be closed next week 9/22-9/26, Monday through Friday. Pastor Jack and Leigh will be working from home so emails and phone messages will still be monitored and responded to. All activities are suspended. *The Universal Christ* Adult Study start dates will be postponed until October 1st and 2nd.

This Week at BT@R

Sunday, September 21st:

9:30am Worship

10:45am Social Activities Meeting (Nave)

Tuesday, September 23rd:

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

Sunday, September 28th:

9:30am Worship

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

Today's Worship Ministers

September 21, 2025

Acolyte – Joe Bleier

Altar Guild – Fran Heslin, Tracy Schellhaas, Donna Ken

Assisting Minister – Tony Villani

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

Communion Assistants – Joe Bleier, Jimmy Bleier

Counters – Donna Machin, Tom Starrett, Bill Schellhaas

Flower Delivery – Christine Horoschock

Greeters – Cindy Kemp, Mary Bender

Key Attendant – Barry Sterner

Lector – Nancy Kostas

Ushers – Jean Finn, Kathy Gerhard

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

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