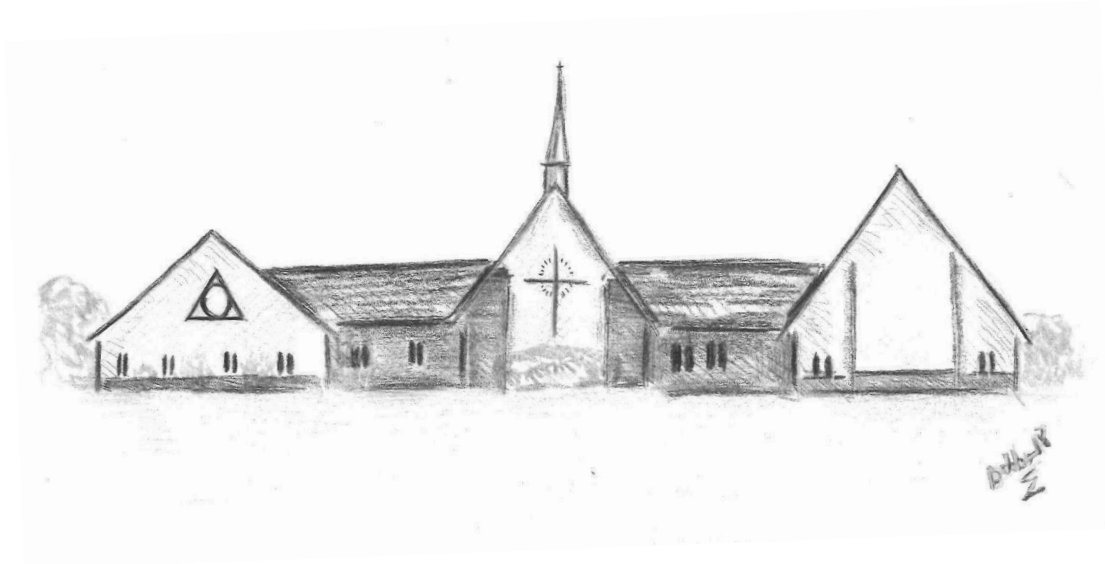


Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

October 5, 2025



OUR MISSION:

***To make disciples for Jesus Christ,
to baptize and to teach the faith,
that all may know the hope of Jesus Christ
and become responsible members of His church.***

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INTRODUCTION TO THE DAY

A little faith goes a long way is Jesus' point in the gospel. A mustard seed's-worth of faith has miraculous potential. The patience, tenacity, and endurance required for the life of faith are the blessings received in holy baptism, holy communion, and the word read and proclaimed in this assembly. Anticipate them. Receive them with thanksgiving.

PRELUDE MUSIC

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome to all who are visiting us today. Please complete a purple visitor's card which can be found on the clipboard in the pew chair in front of you, and place it in the offering plate. Thank you for taking the time to worship with us today.



The Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God and in celebration of Jordan's birthday by Meg Smith.

P Now, let our singing help us clear our hearts and minds for worship.

WELCOME SONG

ELW 512

Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil



Lord, let my heart be good soil, o-pen to the seed of your word.



Lord, let my heart be good soil, where love can grow and peace is un-der-stood.



When my heart is hard, break the stone a - way. When my heart is cold,



warm it with the day. When my heart is lost, lead me on your way.



Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart be good soil.

Text: Handt Hanson, b. 1950

Music: GOOD SOIL, Handt Hanson

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GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

P Please rise.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✙ one God,
our creator,
our protector,
our wellspring of life.

C **Amen.**

P Trusting that God receives our words and the meditations of our hearts, let us
confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P Merciful God,

C **you speak blessing and compassion into the world.**

**Forgive us for the ways we act
with judgment, cruelty, or indifference.**

We ignore the needs of our neighbors;

we resist your call to oppose injustice;

we give in to scarcity and fear;

we assume the worst about one another.

Cleanse us from our faults

and release us from their grasp.

Show us your lovingkindness.

Restore our hearts and repair your world,

that we may live in Christ's ways.

Amen.

P God proclaims these words of assurance:

“Do not fear, for I have redeemed you.

I have called you by name. You are mine.”

In ✙ Christ, you are forgiven.

In the Spirit, you are made free.

Refreshed by the waters of mercy,

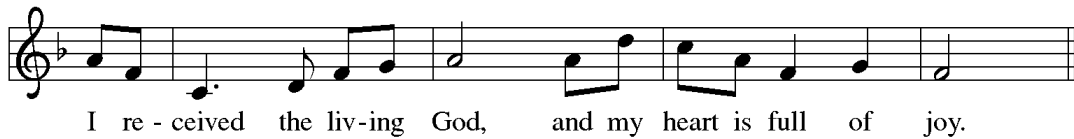
live anew as beloved children of God.

C **Amen.**

GATHERING SONG

ELW 477

I Received the Living God



- 1 Je - sus said: I am the bread, knead - ed long to give you life;
- 2 Je - sus said: I am the way, and my Fa - ther longs for you;
- 3 Je - sus said: I am the truth; come and fol - low close to me.
- 4 Je - sus said: I am the life, far from whom no thing can grow,



you who will par - take of me need not ev - er fear to die.
so I come to bring you home to be one with us a - new.
You will know me in your heart, and my word shall make you free.
but re - ceive this liv - ing bread, and my Spir - it you shall know.

Text: Anonymous
Music: LIVING GOD, Anonymous

GREETING

- P** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- C** **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.

C **Benevolent, merciful God: When we are empty, fill us. When we are weak in faith, strengthen us. When we are cold in love, warm us, that with fervor we may love our neighbors and serve them for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.**

P Please be seated.

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

First Reading: Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4

Injustice and violence in the time leading up to the Babylonian exile move this prophet to lament: How can a good and all-powerful God see evil in the world and seemingly remain indifferent? God answers by proclaiming that the righteous will live by faith.

¹ The oracle that the prophet Habakkuk saw.

² O LORD, how long shall I cry for help,
and you will not listen?

Or cry to you “Violence!”
and you will not save?

³ Why do you make me see wrongdoing
and look at trouble?

Destruction and violence are before me;
strife and contention arise.

⁴ So the law becomes slack,
and justice never prevails.

The wicked surround the righteous;
therefore judgment comes forth perverted.

(Reading Continues on Next Page)

^{2:1} I will stand at my watchpost
and station myself on the rampart;
I will keep watch to see what he will say to me
and what he will answer concerning my complaint.

² Then the LORD answered me and said:

Write the vision;
make it plain on tablets,
so that a runner may read it.

³ For there is still a vision for the appointed time;
it speaks of the end and does not lie.

If it seems to tarry, wait for it;
it will surely come; it will not delay.

⁴ Look at the proud!
Their spirit is not right in them,
but the righteous live by their faithfulness.

L The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

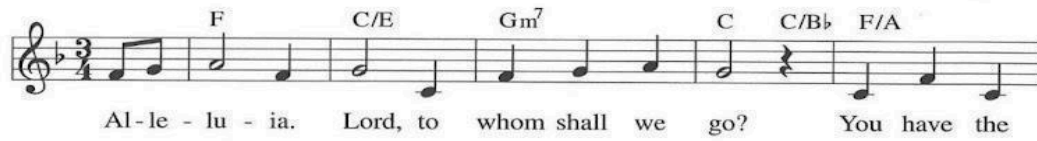
Psalm 37:1-9

- L ¹ Do not be provoked by evildoers;
do not be jealous of those who do wrong.
- C ² **For they shall soon wither like the grass,
and like the green grass fade away.**
- L ³ Put your trust in the LORD and do good;
dwell in the land and find safe pasture.
- C ⁴ **Take delight in the LORD,
who shall give you your heart's desire.**
- L ⁵ Commit your way to the LORD; put your trust in the LORD,
and see what God will do.
- C ⁶ **The LORD will make your vindication as clear as the light
and the justice of your case like the noonday sun.**
- L ⁷ Be still before the LORD and wait patiently.
Do not be provoked by the one who prospers,
the one who succeeds in evil schemes.
- C ⁸ **Refrain from anger, leave rage alone;
do not be provoked; it leads only to evil.**
- L ⁹ For evildoers shall be cut off,
but those who hope in the LORD shall possess the land.
- P Please rise.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

7

Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?



GOSPEL: Luke 17:1-10

P The holy gospel according to Luke, the seventeenth chapter.

C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

On the way to Jerusalem, Jesus instructs his followers about the power of faith and the duties of discipleship. He calls his disciples to adopt the attitude of servants whose actions are responses to their identity rather than works seeking reward.

Jesus said to his disciples: “Things that cause people to stumble are bound to come, but woe to anyone through whom they come. It would be better for them to be thrown into the sea with a millstone tied around their neck than to cause one of these little ones to stumble. So watch yourselves. “If your brother or sister sins against you, rebuke them; and if they repent, forgive them. Even if they sin against you seven times in a day and seven times come back to you saying ‘I repent,’ you must forgive them.”

The apostles said to the Lord, “Increase our faith!” He replied, “If you have faith as small as a mustard seed, you can say to this mulberry tree, ‘Be uprooted and planted in the sea,’ and it will obey you.

“Suppose one of you has a servant plowing or looking after the sheep. Will he say to the servant when he comes in from the field, ‘Come along now and sit down to eat’?

Won’t he rather say, ‘Prepare my supper, get yourself ready and wait on me while I eat and drink; after that you may eat and drink’?

Will he thank the servant because he did what he was told to do?

So you also, when you have done everything you were told to do, should say, ‘We are unworthy servants; we have only done our duty.’ ”

P The gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to you, O Christ.**

P Please be seated.

SERMON

The Reverend Karen Nelson, Pastor

P Please rise.

SERMON HYMN

ELW 474 VERSES 1, 2 & 5

Bread of Life from Heaven

Refrain



Bread of life from heav-en, your blood and bod - y giv - en, we



eat this bread and drink this cup un - til you come a - gain.



1	Break	now	the	bread	of	Christ's	sac - ri - fice;	giv - ing
2	Seek	not	the	food	that	will	pass a - way;	set your
3	Love	as	the	one	who,	in	love for you,	gave him -
4	Dwell	in	the	one	who	now	dwells in you;	make your
5	Drink	of	this	cup	and	de - clare	his death;	eat this



thanks,	hun - gry	ones,	gath - er	round.	Eat,	all	of	you,	and	be		
hearts	on	the	food	that	en - dures.	Come,	learn	the	true	and	the	
self	for	the	life	of	the	world.	Come	to	the	one	who	is
home	in	the	life -	giv - ing	Word.	Know	on - ly	Christ,	Ho - ly			
bread	and	be - lieve	Eas - ter	morn;	trust	his	re - turn	and,	with			

Refrain



sat - is - fied;	in	Christ's	pres - ence	the	loaves	will	a - bound.
liv - ing	way,	that	the	full - ness	of	life	may be yours.
food for you,	that	your	hun - ger	and	thirst	be	no more.
One of God,	and	be - lieve	in	the	truth	you	have heard.
ev - 'ry	breath,	praise	the	one	in	whom	you are re - born.

Text: Susan R. Briehl, b. 1952

Music: ARGENTINE SANTO, BREAK NOW THE BREAD: Argentine traditional, refrain; Marty Haugen, b. 1950, stanzas
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APOSTLES' CREED

P Let us confess our faith with the words of the Apostles' Creed.

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

**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.**

**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.

P Please sit or kneel.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

L Let us pray.

Renewed in God's everlasting grace, let us pray for the church, the world, and all creation.

A brief silence.

L O God of the church, you give the church a treasure in Jesus Christ. Draw us into the gift of faith passed down from generation to generation. Remind your people that faith the size of a mustard seed is enough. God of grace,

C receive our prayer.

L O God of creation, you nourish the earth with grace and mercy. Bring favorable weather during the harvest season and sustain all creation along with all who labor in the field. Ensure the welfare of animal companions whose presence offers comfort, safety, and joy. God of grace,

C receive our prayer.

L O God of nations and communities, you govern and guard the world. Give leaders and people in authority a spirit of making just and righteous laws. Bring peace to countries affected by war and violence. God of grace,

C receive our prayer.

L O God of those in need, you care for those who are sick, oppressed, bereaved, lonely, and poor. Come to the help of all in need. Help us to trust that you will come to us at the right time.

We especially pray for those who are unable to be with us today: Sandy, Dot, Nancy & Diane.

For those in need of God's healing love and strength: Joan, Peggy, Marita, Anna, Tilly, Heather, Melodie, Margie, Charles, Steve, Mike, Ray, Rick, Christine, Susan, Georgia, Bob, Tom, Richie & Karen

For those in need of God's guidance, protection and strength.
In gratitude for God's abundance.

For those who are grieving the loss of a loved one.
For the Family of Al Rollin.

For those who serve and protect our nation: Jordan, Brian, Craig & Eve.

C God of grace,
receive our prayer.

L O God of this congregation, you nurture our faith. Thank you for those of all
ages who teach, lead, and learn in this congregation and beyond. Give growth
to the seeds of faith watered by faithful examples of baptismal living. God of
grace,
C **receive our prayer.**

L We offer our prayers, O God, trusting in your everlasting grace and mercy,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
C **Amen.**

SHARING OF THE PEACE

- P Please rise.
P The peace of Christ be with you always.
C **And also with you.**

While we sing, you may turn to those sitting closest to you to offer, and receive, the peace and reconciliation which is possible only through Christ.

Peace

The musical score for "Peace" is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of two flats (Bb and Eb). The tempo is marked as quarter note = 70. The score consists of two staves of music. The first staff contains the first line of the melody, and the second staff contains the second line. The lyrics are written below the notes, and the chords are written above the notes. The lyrics are: "Pe - ace to you! God's Pe - ace to you. I share Go - d's Peace with you - - -". The chords are: Bb, Eb, F7, Bb, Eb, F, Bb, Bb7. The second staff starts with a measure rest marked with a '5'. The chords for the second staff are: Bb, Eb, F7, Bb, Gm, Gm/Eb, F, 1.Bb, 2.Eb Bb.

Pe - ace to you! God's Pe - ace to you. I share Go - d's Peace with you - - -

Pe - ace to you! God's Pe - ace to you. I share Go - d's Peace with you!

- P Please be seated.

OFFERTORY MEDITATION MUSIC

OFFERING

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P Please rise.

OFFERING PRAYER

P Lord of the harvest,
we return to you a portion of what you have given to us.
Turn us to set our hope not on the uncertainty of riches,
but on you, who richly provides for us.
Multiply what we have gathered
to bless all who are suffering and in need,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

C **We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

P 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 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:

SANCTUS

$\text{♩} = 65$ C G Am F Dm⁷ G C G

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord Go - d of po - wer and might. Hea - ven and earth are

6 Am Em F Am G C G Am

full of your glo - ry Ho - sa - nna in the high - est! Bless - ed is He who comes

11 F Em F G C

i - n the name of the Lor - d Ho - sa - nna in the high - est!

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

P 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.

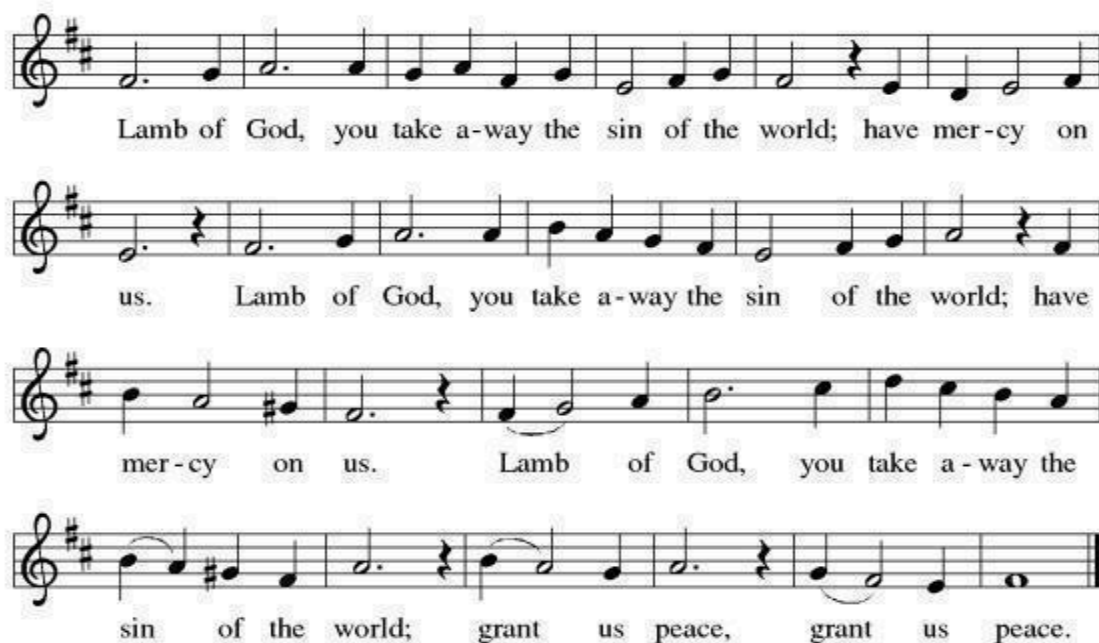
LORD'S PRAYER

P Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

**C 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.**

P Please be seated until the invitation.

LAMB OF GOD



COMMUNION

P The body of Christ, given for you.
The blood of Christ, shed for you.

C **Amen.**

To receive Holy Communion please come by the center aisle to the pastor to receive the bread (wafer) and then proceed to the communion assistant for intinction (dipping your wafer in the wine) and then eat, then return to your seat by the side aisle.

Non alcoholic wine is used at all services.

A gluten free wafer is available, simply tell the Pastor when you approach.

If you are not communing and desire a personal blessing please come to Pastor with your hands at your sides.

P Please rise.

COMMUNION BLESSING

P May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you forever in his grace.

C **Amen.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P O God,
through this meal you have strengthened us
and appointed us to be your servants.
Send us to do good and to share our possessions
with all in need.
We ask this in Jesus' name.

C **Amen.**

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

BLESSING

P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious unto you.
The Lord look upon you with his favor, and give you his peace.
In the name of the Father, ✠ and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

SENDING SONG

WOV 702

I Am the Bread of Life

Leader or All



1 "I am the Bread of life. You who
2 "The bread that . . . I will give is my
3 "Un - less . . . you . . . eat of the
4 "I am the res - ur - rec - tion, . . .
5 Yes, Lord, . . . I be - lieve that . . .



come to me shall not hun - ger, and who be -
flesh for the life of the world, . . . and if you
flesh of the Son of Man . . . and . . .
I . . . am the life. . . If you be -
you . . . are the Christ, . . . the . . .



lieve in me shall not thirst. No one can come to
eat . . . of this bread, and you shall . . live for -
drink . . . of his blood, and drink . . . of his
lieve . . . in . . . me, e - ven . . though you
Son . . . of . . . God, who . . . have . . .



me un - less the Fa - ther beck - ons."
ev - er, . . . you shall live for - ev - er."
blood, you shall not have life with - in you."
die, . . . you shall live for - ev - er."
come in - to . . . the . . . world. . .

Refrain
All



"And I will raise you up, and I will raise you up,



and I will raise you up on the last day."

Text: Suzanne Toolan, RSM, b. 1927, based on John 6

Music: I AM THE BREAD, Suzanne Toolan, RSM

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DISMISSAL

P Go in peace. Do not lose heart.

C Thanks be to God.

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This Week at Trinity

Sunday, October 5: Part 2 of the Contemplative Photography workshop will be held at **11:15 am** in the parish hall; Blessing of Animals during Food Drive. Bring your furry, finned or feathered friends for a blessing from **1 to 3 pm**.

Monday, October 6: The Trinity Christian Book Club meets at Empire Diner on Ridge Pike for fellowship and a meal to discuss *Dinner with A Perfect Stranger* by David Gregory. The table will be ready at **6 pm** and the discussion starts at **7 pm**. Contact Peter Schell at 484-919-1473

Tuesday, October 7: The TAG Book Group meets at **11 am** to discuss *The Color of Water* by James McBride, and to begin choosing books for the coming year. Contact Heddy Martorelli at 610-247-6367

Thursday, October 9: The TAG Cards and Games group meets at **1 pm** in the narthex. Contact Linda Stone at 610-246-2853

Looking Ahead

- Stewardship Sunday is **October 12**. It's time to start thinking about how we will fund our 2026 mission by giving back a portion of what God has provided each of us. We will kick off the stewardship campaign with a **Pot-Luck Fellowship Lunch** which all are invited to attend. Use the sign-up in the Narthex to let us know who is coming, how many and what you will be bringing to the table. See you then!
- Plan to attend the *SEPA Synod Fall Learning Day: Who Is Our Neighbor?* on **Saturday October 18** 8:30 am to 12:15 pm at St. John Lutheran Church, 3101 Tyson Avenue, Philadelphia. The keynote address is "Serving All People in the Name of Jesus" and a workshop, "Striving for Justice and Peace", will include practical, hands-on opportunities for congregations to get involved in justice work. Contact Anne Meibohm (armeibohm@gmail.com) or Judy Flanigan (jhflanigan1@gmail.com) if you'd like to carpool.
- Boscov's Friends Helping Friends Day will be held on **October 22**. Purchase your discount shopping pass in the narthex on Sunday. 100% of your donation goes directly to Trinity. Contact Craig Moyer at 610-906-4078 or Ray Nyahay at 610-539-3734 for more information.
- For Pastoral emergencies please call 610-584-8411 extension 2 and leave a message for Pastor Nelson. This voicemail is being monitored for emergencies.



Serving Today 10/5	
Lector	Ann Dungan
Greeter	Jennifer DePaulis
Communion Assistants	Alma Nowmos & Peter Schell
Ushers	Linda Stone & Michael Martorelli
Coffee Hour	Lori Peltier & Anne Meibohm
Building Opener	Meg Smith
Altar Guild	Linda Stone
Counting Team	Rick & Chris Cole
Serving Sunday 10/12	
Guest Musician	Ashley Heister
Lector	Drina Ditzler
Greeter	Priscilla Myers
Communion Assistants	Francesca Burnett & Lynn Chialastri
Ushers	Peter & Lynne Schell
Coffee Hour	Janet & Conrad Fontaine
Building Opener	Jeff Shadle
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