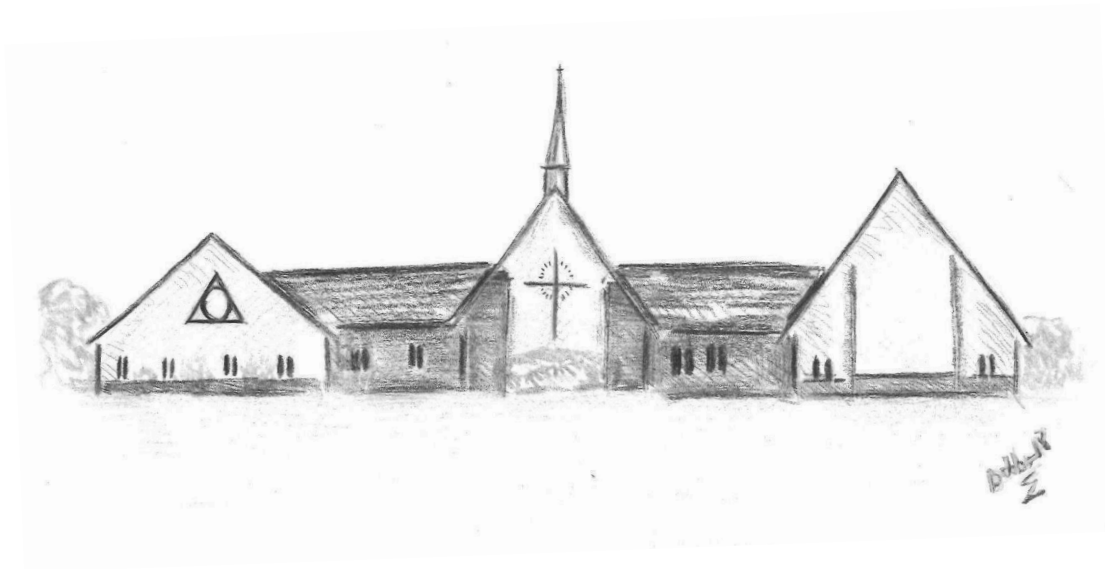


# **Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

## ***STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY***

### **October 12, 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**

*It's a miracle! Multiple miracles! The waters of holy baptism have healed us. The body and blood of Jesus in holy communion have made us clean. We have died with Christ and been raised with him. For all this we have returned to offer thanks. From this place we are sent on our way rejoicing to share the good news.*

## **ALTAR FLOWER SPONSORSHIP**

The Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God and in honor of  
our family's October birthdays & our wedding anniversary  
by Dan & Drina Ditzler.

## **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.

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

# WELCOME SONG

## ELW 692

### We Are an Offering

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The musical score is written on six staves in treble clef. It features a melody with various note values including eighth, quarter, and half notes, as well as rests. Triplet markings (a '3' over a group of notes) are present on the first, third, and sixth staves. The lyrics are printed below the notes, aligned with the corresponding musical phrases.

We lift our voic-es, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you: we are an  
of-fer-ing. Lord, use our voic-es, Lord, use our hands, Lord, use our  
lives, they are yours: we are an of-fer-ing. All that we have, all that we are,  
all that we hope to be, we give to you, we give to you.  
We lift our voic-es, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you:  
we are an of-fer-ing, we are an of-fer-ing.

Text: Dwight Liles, b. 1957  
Music: Dwight Liles  
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PM

## 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 678

God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending



- 1 God, whose giv-ing knows no end-ing, from your rich and end-less store:
- 2 Skills and time are ours for press-ing toward the goals of Christ, your Son:
- 3 Trea-sure, too, you have en-trust-ed, gain through pow'rs your grace con-ferred;



na-ture's won-der, Je-sus' wis-dom, cost-ly cross, grave's shat-tered door,  
all at peace in health and free-dom, rac-es joined, the church made one.  
ours to use for home and kin-dred, and to spread the gos-pel word.



gift-ed by you, we turn to you, of-f'ring up our-selves in praise;  
Now di-rect our dai-ly la-bor, lest we strive for self a-lone;  
O-pen wide our hands in shar-ing, as we heed Christ's age-less call,



thank-ful song shall rise for-ev-er, gra-cious do-nor of our days.  
born with tal-ents, make us ser-vants fit to an-swer at your throne.  
heal-ing, teach-ing, and re-claim-ing, serv-ing you by lov-ing all.

Text: Robert L. Edwards, 1915–2006

Music: RUSTINGTON, C. Hubert H. Parry, 1848–1918

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## **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 **Almighty and most merciful God, your bountiful goodness fills all creation. Keep us safe from all that may hurt us, that, whole and well in body and spirit, we may with grateful hearts accomplish all that you would have us do, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**
- P Please be seated.

# WORD

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

## **First Reading: James 1:17-26**

Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. In fulfillment of his own purpose he gave birth to us by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures.

You must understand this, my beloved brothers and sisters: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger, for human anger does not produce God's righteousness. Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls.

But be doers of the word and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like. But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act—they will be blessed in their doing.

If any think they are religious and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless.

L    The Word of the Lord.

C    **Thanks be to God.**

# RESPONSORIAL PSALM

## Psalm 100:1-5

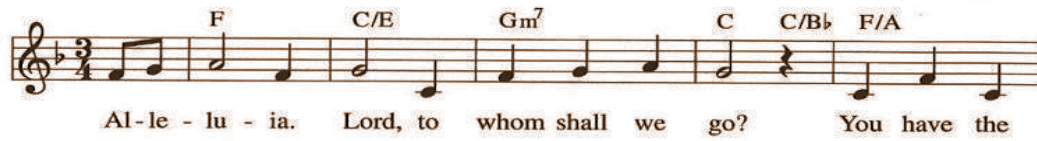
- L Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth.
- C Serve the LORD with gladness;  
come into his presence with singing.**
- L Know that the LORD is God.  
It is he who made us, and we are his;  
we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.
- C Enter his gates with thanksgiving  
and his courts with praise.  
Give thanks to him; bless his name.**
- L For the LORD is good;  
his steadfast love endures forever  
and his faithfulness to all generations.
- P Please rise.



# GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?



## **GOSPEL: Matthew 5:13-16**

**P** The holy gospel according to Matthew, the fifth chapter.

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

“You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything but is thrown out and trampled under foot.

“You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. People do not light a lamp and put it under the bushel basket; rather, they put it on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

**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 679

## For the Fruit of All Creation



1 For the fruit of all cre - a - tion, thanks be to God.  
2 In the just re - ward of la - bor, God's will is done.  
3 For the har - vests of the Spir - it, thanks be to God.



For these gifts to ev - 'ry na - tion, thanks be to God.  
In the help we give our neigh - bor, God's will is done.  
For the good we all in - her - it, thanks be to God.



For the plow - ing, sow - ing, reap - ing, si - lent growth while we are sleep - ing,  
In our world - wide task of car - ing for the hun - gry and de - spair - ing,  
For the won - ders that as - tound us, for the truths that still con - found us,



fu - ture needs in earth's safe - keep - ing, thanks be to God.  
in the har - vests we are shar - ing, God's will is done.  
most of all, that love has found us, thanks be to God.

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Music: AR HYD Y NOS, Welsh traditional

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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 Giving God, we come to you in thanksgiving, knowing all that we have is a gift from you. In faith and love, guide us as we pledge our financial intent to this mission. God of grace,

**C receive our prayer.**

L Gracious God, you lead your people to faith. Remind the church that your word flows into the world. By your Spirit, teach the church to share the word of God for the sake of the world. God of grace,

**C receive our prayer.**

L Creating God, you provided cleansing and healing waters for Naaman. Water the earth's lands in parched places. Restore clean water to all communities and guide the work of all who advocate for safe and abundant water supplies. God of grace,

**C receive our prayer.**

L Righteous One, you bring justice and wholeness throughout the world, and your righteousness endures forever. By your spirit, guide leaders of all nations and lands to right relationship with you and with one another. God of grace,

**C receive our prayer.**

L Merciful God, you know the needs of your people. Show mercy to those suffering in the world. Comfort those in need of your healing

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, Leslie, Carol, Melissa, & Sharon

For those in need of God's guidance, protection and strength:  
Adam

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** Life-giving God, you free us by your word. Help us, by your Spirit, to be transformed to live your word of freedom honestly and uprightly in our teaching, preaching, and serving. 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. The first staff contains the first line of the melody and lyrics: "Pe - ace to you! God's Pe - ace to you. I share Go - d's Peace with you". The second staff contains the second line of the melody and lyrics: "Pe - ace to you! God's Pe - ace to you. I share Go - d's Peace with you!". Chords are indicated above the notes: Bb, Eb, F7, Bb, Eb, F, Bb, Bb7 on the first staff, and Bb, Eb, F7, Bb, Gm, Gm/Eb, F, 1.Bb, 2.Eb Bb on the second staff.

♩ = 70 B $\flat$  E $\flat$  F $^7$  B $\flat$  E $\flat$  F B $\flat$  B $\flat$  $^7$

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

5 B $\flat$  E $\flat$  F $^7$  B $\flat$  Gm Gm/E $\flat$  F 1.B $\flat$  2.E $\flat$  B $\flat$

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

*God has blessed us in so many ways. We offer our gifts as a demonstration of our gratitude. And we pray God will use these resources to help us address the needs of our neighbors.*

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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

$\text{♩} = 65$   $\text{C}$  G Am F Dm<sup>7</sup> 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.

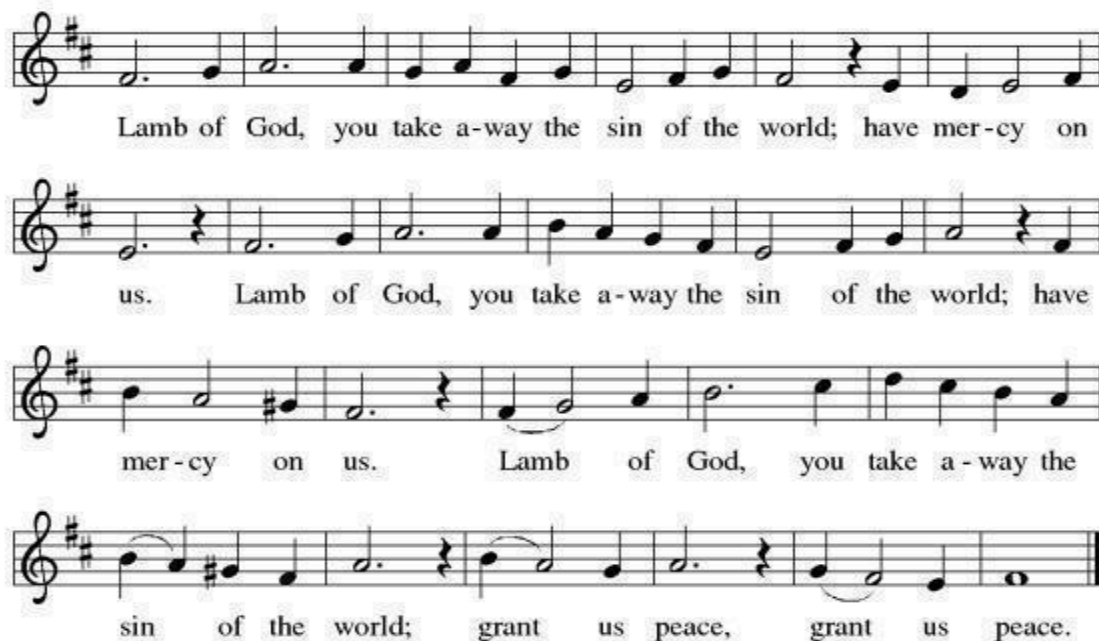
## LORD'S PRAYER

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

ELW 543

## Go, My Children, with My Blessing



1 "Go, my chil - dren, with my bless-ing, nev - er a - lone.  
2 "Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure.  
3 "Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour-ished, clos - er to me.



Wak - ing, sleep - ing, I am with you, you are my own.  
Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.  
Grow in love and love by serv-ing, joy - ful and free.



In my love's bap-tis - mal riv - er I have made you mine for-ev - er.  
Here you heard my dear Son's sto - ry, here you touched him, saw his glo - ry.  
Here my Spir - it's pow - er filled you, here my ten - der com-fort stilled you.



Go, my chil - dren, with my bless-ing, you are my own."  
Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure."  
Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour-ished, joy - ful and free."

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Music: AR HYD Y NOS, Welsh traditional

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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 12:** Today is Stewardship Sunday. It's a special time for all of us to express our gratitude for the blessings in our lives and to make a commitment to invest in our mission for 2026. All members should have received pledge materials at your homes this week. If you didn't, there will be extra pledge cards in the Narthex. Please return all pledge cards by November 2 when Pastor Karen will pray over our commitments. If you are a live stream worshiper or a guest and feel called to support our mission during this time of stewardship, click "donate" on our website. Plan to stay for the Fall Luncheon immediately following worship.

**Tuesday, October 14:** Peanut Butter and Jelly sandwich making in the kitchen at 12 noon. The sandwiches are given to the Missionary Sisters of Norristown for distribution at their soup kitchen and to the homeless community in Philadelphia. Contact Linda Stone at 610-246-2853

## **Looking Ahead**

- 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. Keynote presenter: The Rev. Emily Harkins will lead an hour-long workshop titled: Serving All People In The Name of Jesus. Workshop presenter: Ms. Julia Frank will be leading an hour-long workshop on “Striving for Justice and Peace” which 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.
- Mark your calendar: Reformation Sunday is October 26. Don't forget to wear red.
- For Pastoral emergencies please call 610-584-8411 extension 2 and leave a message for Pastor Nelson. This voicemail is being monitored for emergencies.



<b>Serving Today 10/12</b>	
<b>Guest Musician</b>	<b>Ashley Heister</b>
<b>Lector</b>	<b>Drina Ditzler</b>
<b>Greeter</b>	<b>Priscilla Myers</b>
<b>Communion Assistants</b>	<b>Francesca Burnett &amp; Lynn Chialastri</b>
<b>Ushers</b>	<b>Peter &amp; Lynne Schell</b>
<b>Coffee Hour</b>	<b>Janet &amp; Conrad Fontaine</b>
<b>Building Opener</b>	<b>Jeff Shadle</b>
<b>Altar Guild</b>	<b>Priscilla Myers</b>
<b>Counting Team</b>	<b>Rick &amp; Chris Cole</b>
<b>Serving Sunday 10/19</b>	
<b>Guest Musician</b>	<b>Ashley Heister</b>
<b>Lector</b>	<b>Alma Nowmos</b>
<b>Greeter</b>	<b>Sally Jeffries</b>
<b>Communion Assistants</b>	<b>Chris &amp; Rick Cole</b>
<b>Ushers</b>	<b>Ann Dungan &amp; Rick Cole</b>
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