



16th Sunday after Pentecost

Setting 3

September 28, 2025

All members and guests, please fill out the Welcome Form found at the end of your row and pass it on to your neighbor. The pastoral and spiritual care of the members of Christ Church is very important to us. In order to care for all of you, we need to know who is present and who is not. So, please take a moment to sign the pad. The Welcome Forms will be picked up by the ushers at the end of the service.

WELCOME TO CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

Looking for a Church Home?

Mr. Rogers once asked, "Won't you be my neighbor?" Jesus asked, "Who is your neighbor?" At Christ Lutheran Church (CLC) - Zionsville, our answer to Jesus' question is EVERYONE, and to Mr. Rogers - YES.

God calls us to meet people wherever they are in their journey of faith – and that includes YOU!

At Christ Lutheran Church you are welcomed, just as you are:

- Single, committed, married, divorced, lost your partner, still looking or not.
- Every race, nationality, gender identity, gender expression, and sexual orientation
- Ready to join a group or prefer to sit back
- Regardless of knowing a little or a lot about Jesus
- Whether you have left the Church and are returning
- Whether you find yourself on this list or not

We are calling YOU neighbor! Join us!

Children in Worship

Children hold a special place in our congregation! We warmly invite children of all ages to join us in worship. We embrace their natural tendencies to giggle, poke, squirm, and swing their legs - it's all part of being a child and a precious gift to our community.

Our nursery is available from **10:30 to 11:30**, staffed by dedicated caregivers who will lovingly care for infants and toddlers. This allows parents to fully engage in worship, knowing their little ones are in safe hands. The nursery provides age-appropriate toys and a comforting environment, ensuring your child's needs are met while you worship with the congregation.

We respect and support each family's unique circumstances and preferences. Whether your child joins the main worship service or utilizes our nursery, we are here to accommodate and make everyone feel welcome and comfortable.

WELCOME

Please stand as you are able.

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

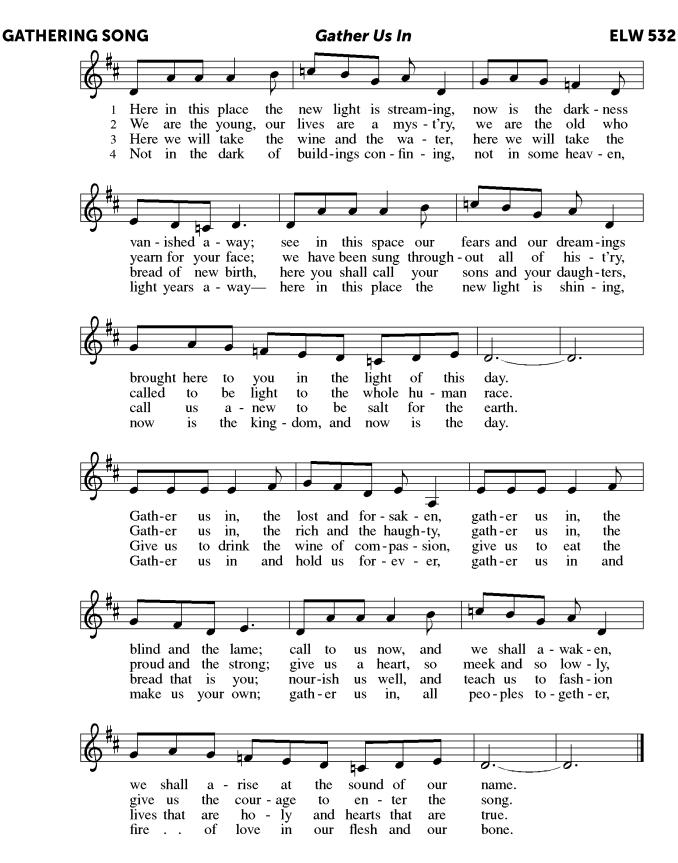
P Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, our maker, our helper, and our keeper. **C Amen.**

P Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P Merciful and loving God,
C we are your stiff-necked people.
We trample on the needy.
We grumble about your grace to others.
We turn away from the poor.
Have mercy on us and forgive our sins.
Rejoice over us as ones who were lost and have been found.
Amen.

P Even when we are faithless, God remains faithful. Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners. You who were lost have been found. In the name of \oplus Jesus, your sins are forgiven! **C Amen.**



Please be seated.

GREETING

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit is with you all.

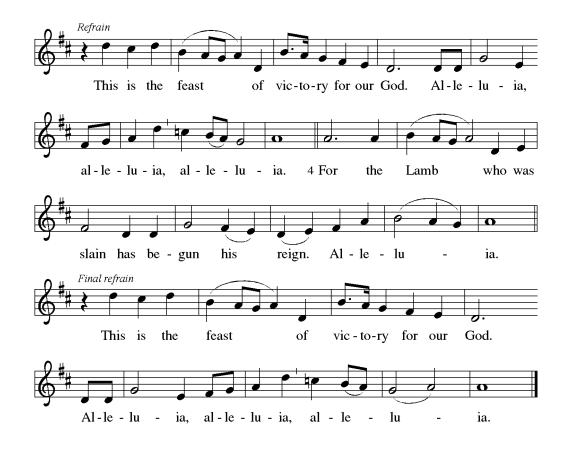
C And also with you.

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CANTICLE OF PRAISE





PRAYER OF THE DAY

P O God, rich in mercy, you look with compassion on this troubled world. Feed us with your grace, and grant us the treasure that comes only from you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

WORD

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

FIRST READING Amos 6:1a, 4-7

L A reading from Amos.

^{1a} Woe to those who are at ease in Zion and for those who feel secure on Mount Samaria.

⁴Woe to those who lie on beds of ivory and lounge on their couches and eat lambs from the flock and calves from the stall,

⁵ who sing idle songs to the sound of the harp and like David improvise on instruments of music,

⁶ who drink wine from bowls and anoint themselves with the finest oils but are not grieved over the ruin of Joseph!

⁷Therefore they shall now be the first to go into exile, and the revelry of the loungers shall pass away.

L Word of God, Word of life.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM 146

- L ¹Hallelujah! Praise the Lord, O my soul!
- C ² I will praise the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.
- L ³ Put not your trust in rulers, in mortals in whom there is no help.
- C ⁴ When they breathe their last, they return to earth, and in that day their thoughts perish.
- L ⁵ Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help, whose hope is in the Lord their God;
- C ⁶ who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them; who keeps promises forever;
- L ⁷ who gives justice to those who are oppressed, and food to those who hunger. The Lord sets the captive free.
- C ⁸ The Lord opens the eyes of the blind; the Lord lifts up those who are bowed down; the Lord loves the righteous.
- L ⁹ The Lord cares for the stranger; the Lord sustains the orphan and widow, but frustrates the way of the wicked.
- C ¹⁰ The Lord shall reign forever, your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. Hallelujah!

SECOND READING 1 Timothy 6:6-19

L A reading from 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.

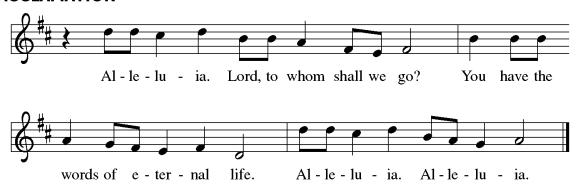
¹¹ But as for you, man of God, shun all this; pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness. ¹² Fight the good fight of the faith; take hold of the eternal life to which you were called and for which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. ¹³ In the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, I charge you ¹⁴ to keep the commandment without spot or blame until the manifestation of our Lord Jesus Christ, ¹⁵ which he will bring about at the right time—he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords. ¹⁶ It is he alone who has immortality and dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see; to him be honor and eternal dominion. Amen.

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.

L Word of God, Word of life.

C Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL Luke 16:19-31

P The holy gospel according to Luke.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said:] 19 "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. ²²The 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."

P The gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated

CHILDREN'S SERMON

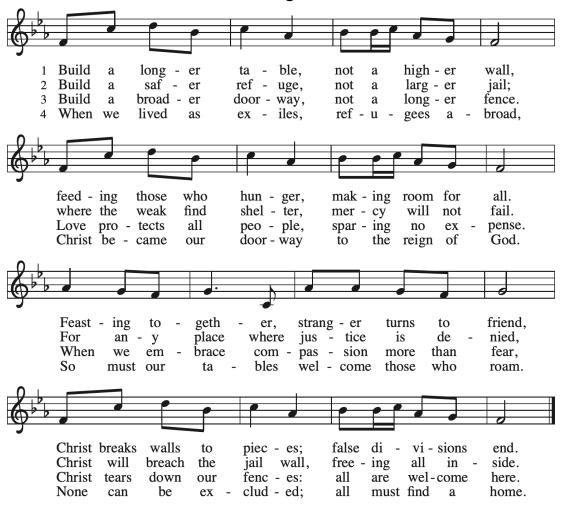
Jeannie Phillips

SERMON Hope Moran



Build a Longer Table

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Please be seated.

APOSTLES' CREED

AM Gathered together by the power of the Holy Spirit we confess our common faith:

- 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

^{*}Or, "he descended into hell," another translation of this text in widespread use. ** meaning the church universal

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

AM Gracious God, we come to you in prayer for the church, the world, and all in need.

A brief silence.

AM We pray for the church, that it would remain faithful to the gospel, always striving to serve the needs of those who are oppressed and rejecting the complacency that comes from wealth. God of grace,

C receive our prayer.

AM We pray for creation, that the nations work together to protect and restore the earth, preserving the beauty of the planet for future generations and honoring the gift of your creation. God of grace,

C receive our prayer.

AM We pray for those in positions of authority, that they govern with justice and compassion, recognizing the dignity of all people and working to promote peace and prosperity for all. God of grace,

C receive our prayer.

AM We pray for people in any need especially **Mike, Mimi, Ray, Janice, Tina, Marilyn, Charlotte, Dorothy** and for all those we now name in our hearts or in Your presence. Give them your assurance and courage when the path forward is not clear. Liberate us from all that binds us, lift us up when we are bowed down, and show us your love. God of grace,

C receive our prayer.

AM We pray for this congregation, that we would be strengthened to build a world where all can thrive. Incite us to advocate for fair wages and just policies, and guide us in building a community of mutual support. God of grace,

C receive our prayer.

AM We remember in thanksgiving the faithful departed. Inspire us by their example to love and serve our neighbors, and bring us to eternal life. God of grace,

C receive our prayer.

AM We entrust these prayers to you, O God, in the name of Jesus Christ, our redeemer and friend.

C Amen.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

AM The peace of the Lord is with you always.

C And also with you.

RECEIVING OUR OFFERINGS

God calls us to be generous stewards for the sake of our ministry near and far. You can support our ministry by placing an offering in the offering plate, mailing it to the church, giving online through our website, or the QR code. If you would like more details on direct deposit, please contact our office administrator for more information at office@clczionsville.org.



OFFERING



OFFERING PRAYER

AM 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.

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

DIALOGUE

P The Lord is with you.

C And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them to the Lord.

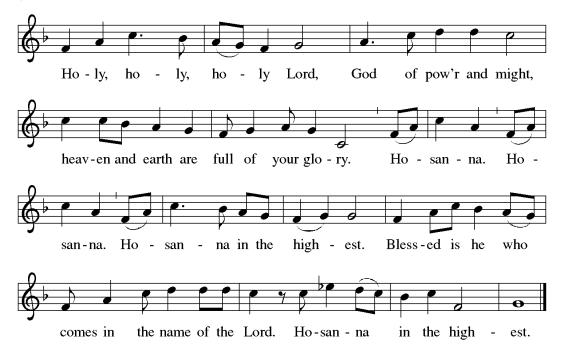
P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

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. You reveal your glory as the glory of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit: equal in majesty, undivided in splendor, one Lord, one God, ever to be adored in your eternal glory. 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:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



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.

C Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

P Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

C 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.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

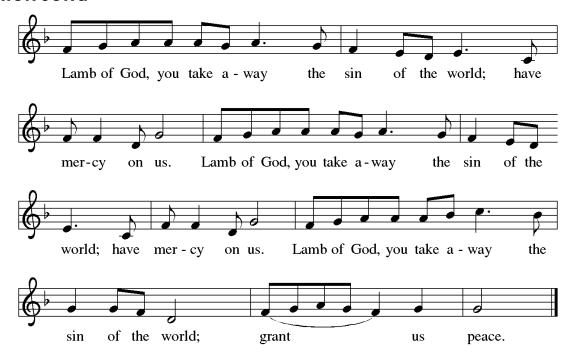
P Jesus welcomes sinners and eats with them. Come to this meal of mercy.

COMMUNION

All are welcome to participate in the Lord's Meal. If it's been years, or just a week, the bread and wine/juice and Jesus' presence in, with, and around them are for all. If you have questions about taking your first communion don't hesitate to ask.

Please come forward at the direction of the ushers. When you come forward you will receive a wafer from the Pastor or Assisting Minister and you will hear the words **the body of Christ, given for you**. Once you eat the wafer you are invited to take either wine or juice from the communion assistant and you will hear the words, **the blood of Christ, shed for you**. Once you've communed there is a small receptacle where the used communion cup can be placed.

COMMUNION SONG



PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

AM 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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please stand as you are able.

BLESSING

P The God of righteousness, who gives justice to the oppressed, who gives food to the hungry, who sets the prisoners free, + bless you now and forever.

C Amen.





Wipe a - way all tears, for the dawn draws near, and the world is a-bout to turn.

DISMISSAL

AM Go in peace. Do not lose heart.

C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE Holy Manna Held

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September 28, 2025

10:30 am Sunday Worship

Hope's Office Hours Week of: Sept 28

Church Office Open Hours Tues/Wed/Thurs 10am-2pm All other times by appointment.

Tues/Wed 10-2, Thurs (working from home). All other times by appointment. For a pastoral emergency, you may contact Hope at pastor@clczionsville.org or by her cell phone at 317-910-6080.

Looking Ahead...

Looking ahead to upcoming events, save the dates: October 5 - Glenn Tuffnell Birthday Reception October 11 - Fall Work Day November 1 - Lutherfest November 2 - Fall Blood Drive

OWLS - Today

OWLS will meet at MCL on 86th Street today after church. No reservations needed so we will meet there. If you will be late please let someone know to save you a seat. Any questions? Contact Linda Callecod at leachgray Callecod at <a href="mailto:leac

Adult Bible Study - Wednesday mornings

We began our Wednesday morning Bible study with Hope Moran, Interim Pastor, this week. It will meet weekly on Wednesday mornings at 10am in the Luther Room. The study is called "By Heart: A Look at Martin Luther's Small Catechism". Come for group discussion as we connect our life today to the biblical family, too. Questions? Contact Danielle Burrus at and historical context of the Small Catechism.

In The Loop Knit & Crochet Group - Sept 29

7:00 - 9:00 p.m. at Becky Porter's house Our group is busy getting scarves and hats sets ready for Becky Porter to take to the Indiana University Melvin and Bren Simon Comprehensive Cancer Center. The upcoming September 29 meeting will be our second-to-last meeting for 2025.

Please join us at Becky's house (2 Revere Run, Zionsville) as we work on projects and enjoy a friendly chat. Our group is growing and we welcome everyone, including family and friends from the Zionsville community and beyond. Please join us even if you are new to needlework and just want to give it a try. We can help you get started. Please let Becky know if you plan to attend on Monday evening. Her email address is rporter@iupui.edu.

COMING SOON!

October means Socktober at Christ Lutheran Church! Did you know that socks are the most valuable piece of clothing to people without permanent housing?

Beginning on October 1, 2025, you will have the opportunity to place pairs of new and packaged men's socks in an outdoor collection container located on the sidewalk outside our church. Last year, our congregation and the Zionsville community donated exactly 1000 pairs of socks! Can we beat that number by 100 pairs in 2025? Start checking the sales flyers now and stock up on men's socks! Spread the word to your friends and flooot3@gmail.com

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Mike M. - for healing and peace during repeated hospitalizations, neighbor of Jeffers & Donna Mimi - for continued remission, friend of the Jeffers Ray & Janice - for healing & strength Tina - for hope, healing & strength Marilyn - for strength, courage, and peace Charlotte - (granddaughter of friend of Jeffer's) for peace & strength LCFS (Lutheran Child & Family Services Our members who are homebound- Dorothy Keller

Tuesday Morning Bible Study at 11:30am in Luther Room (meets 1st & 3rd Tuesdays of the month)

Women of the Bible: the Smart Guide to the Bible For this study, we suggest purchasing your book, but come whether or not you have a book. We encourage bringing your lunch or snack and drink; we study, talk, and eat! Those who would like to are invited to stay for the weekly prayer group that meets at 1:00pm Tuesdays. Come for one or both! We'd love to have you join us!

Tuesday Prayer Group at 1:00pm in Luther Room (meets weekly)

Join us for a time of prayer and devotion every week lifting any and all prayer concerns of the church and those you might have as well. God is listening!

Tuesday Evening Bible Study w/ Hope at 6:30pm in Youth Room (meets monthly, 2nd Tuesday of each month)

Our next meeting will be on October 14th. If you need childcare, contact Hope at pastor@clczionsville.org Hope to see you there!

Fall Work Day - Oct 11

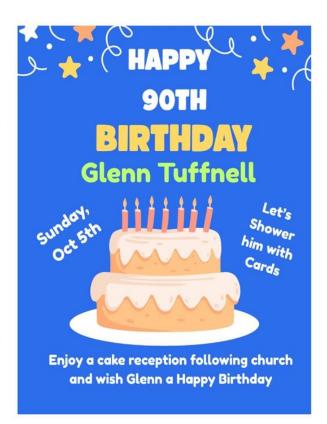
It will take place on Saturday, October 11th from 8am - 12pm. Those who are interested/able to help can RSVP at property@clczionsville.com.

Fall Christ Church Blood Drive - Nov 2

Calling all regular donors, occasional donors, new donors, and any of your friends and relatives who would like to make a donation. On November 2nd, we will have our fall Christ Church Blood Drive from 8:45am -1:00pm in the parking lot. We are hoping for a good turnout - there is always an ongoing need for blood. Sign up link is provided in the weekly Enews.

Altar Flower Sign-Up Chart

The Altar Flower Sign-Up Chart is on the Narthex bulletin board. The cost of the flowers is \$35 per arrangement. To pay for an ordered floral arrangement, either write a check and make it out to Christ Lutheran Church with the memo line "Flowers and the Date" or bring cash and place it in an envelope marked with your name, Altar Flowers and the Date. Either can be placed into the offering plate or in the safe in the office. Any questions? Contact Barb Burkhardt sparky8505@att.net or 317-371-6693



Welcome to Christ Lutheran Church!

CLC Governance Board has drafted a Welcome Statement that At Christ Lutheran Church you are welcomed, just as you are: serves as one of our guiding principles. This statement is housed on our website under the Who We Are page. We encourage you to keep this in mind every time you join us at church.

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SERVING US AT WORSHIP THIS SUNDAY

Interim Pastor: Hope Moran

Assisting Minister: JoAnne Tuffnell

Lector: Barbara Burkhardt

Communion Assistant: John Burkhardt

Acolyte: Cole Miller

Basket Holders: Eliza & Madeline Compton

Greeter: Margie Kilgus

Usher: Connie Niessink

Nursery: Deb Holbrook

Hospitality: Will Luczak, Candace Berger

Financial Assistants: Cindy Cannedy, Dawn Firmani

Altar Guild: Andi Hardesty, Gretchen Jeffers, Connie Steinhart

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