

God is our refuge, strength and might,
our help in times of trouble.
We need not tremble at the sight
of mountains ground to rubble!
For though the mountains quake,
though coastlands shift and shake,
though oceans foam and rage,
though ends this present age,
forever God is with us.

Sola Scriptura

Solus Christus

Reformation

There is a river from whose streams
God's city drinks its gladness.
Each drop of sorrow God redeems,
dispelling mists of sadness.

God's glory lights its walls,
and darkness never falls.

God calls each one by name,
and they with joy exclaim,
"forever God is with us!"

Sola fide

Solo gratia

Soli Dei gloria

When our God speaks the mountains melt,
and dynasties are tumbled.

The dreams before which they once knelt
before their eyes have crumbled.
For God cannot ignore
the schemes to crush the poor.

God hears their groans and sighs,
and listens to their cries.
forever God is with them.

"Be still and know that I am God,
acclaimed by ev'ry nation.

The world will all my works applaud
and see my great salvation.

I make mad war to cease,
and lead the way to peace.

I shatter bow and spear,
and bring an end to fear.
forever I am with you!"



The Festival of Reformation Day
October 31, 2021

Prelude

Triptych on "St. Anne" - arr. David Lasky

Word of Welcome

***Psalter**

Psalm 46

- ¹ God is our refuge and strength,
a very present help in trouble.
- ² **Therefore we will not fear though the earth gives way,
though the mountains be moved into the heart of the
sea,**
- ³ though its waters roar and foam,
though the mountains tremble at its swelling. *Selah*
- ⁴ **There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,
the holy habitation of the Most High.**
- ⁵ God is in the midst of her; she shall not be moved;
God will help her when morning dawns.
- ⁶ **The nations rage, the kingdoms totter;
he utters his voice, the earth melts.**
- ⁷ The LORD of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our fortress. *Selah*
- ⁸ **Come, behold the works of the LORD,
how he has brought desolations on the earth.**
- ⁹ He makes wars cease to the end of the earth;
he breaks the bow and shatters the spear;
he burns the chariots with fire.
- ¹⁰ **"Be still, and know that I am God.
I will be exalted among the nations,
I will be exalted in the earth!"**
- ¹¹ The LORD of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our fortress.¹

***Hymn of Praise: No. 26**

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

***Confession of Sin**

Waken our hearts,

**O Lord, our God; make them ever watchful to serve You and
Your purposes. Trouble us with the smallness of our vision
and work. Trouble us with the greatness of Your command to**

¹ *The Holy Bible: English Standard Version*. (2016). (Ps 46:1–11). Wheaton, IL: Crossway Bibles.

make disciples of all nations. Trouble us with Your great love for sinners and our own slowness to make You our greatest love. Trouble us with the brevity of our lives and time, talent, and treasure not invested in eternity. Comfort us by drawing us to Yourself with the cords of Your unfailing mercy. Comfort us, O Lord, with the assurance of our salvation and unending glory with You when we suffer and are afflicted. Rekindle in us a renewed desire for the coming of Your glorious kingdom when all wrongs will be made right, when everything that is broken will be made whole, and when we will trade a cross for a crown. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen. ---Adapted from the Prayers of Martin Luther

***Word of Pardon**

Invitation

Enter In

Morning Prayer

***Gospel Hymn: No. 473**

Victory in Jesus

***Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ**

St. John 8:31-36

³¹ So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed him, "If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, ³² and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free." ³³ They answered him, "We are offspring of Abraham and have never been enslaved to anyone. How is it that you say, 'You will become free'?"

³⁴ Jesus answered them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who practices sin is a slave to sin. ³⁵ The slave does not remain in the house forever; the son remains forever. ³⁶ So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed. ²

***Affirmation of Faith**

The Apostles' Creed

**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,**

² *The Holy Bible: English Standard Version*. (2016). (Jn 8:31–36). Wheaton, IL: Crossway Bibles.

suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended into hades.
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 quick 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 life everlasting. Amen.

Proclamation of God's Word

“PD”

FREEDOM!

Prayer of Intercession

Lord's Prayer [using debts and debtors]

*Song of Commitment: No. 304

Lift High the Cross

*Sung Dismissal and Blessing

Now Unto Him Who Is Able

Now unto Him who is able to keep you from falling.
To make you stand in His presence blameless and with great joy.
To the only God our Savior, Jesus Christ our Lord.
Be the glory, and the majesty, dominion, and authority.
Both now and forevermore, Amen.

**Give Him the glory, and the majesty, dominion, and authority.
Both now and forevermore, Amen!**

*Going Forth

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Today is Reformation Day – the day in 1517 when Martin Luther placed 95 Thesis on the door of the castle church at Wittenberg. He called for “freedom” of God’s people to live by faith in the grace of Jesus Christ. It was the beginning of the Protestant Reformation of which Trinity Church has its heritage in. Historically this church was part of the German Reformed Church

of America. We are the oldest German Reformed Church west of the Alleghenies with our founding in 1777.

Pastor's Ordination Anniversary – On this day in the sanctuary of Ragersville Zion United Church of Christ our pastor was ordained in the UCC in 1993. Prior to that he served as a pastor in the United Methodist Church beginning in 1987. We ask God to bless our pastor and his service to the church for many more years to come.

All Saints Sunday – November 7: We will remember those saints who have entered the Church Triumphant in this past year. Their names will be read, the Tower Bell tolled, and a candle lit on the communion table in their memory. We will also remember others who have gone before us in previous years, if you would like to have someone included, please submit that name[s] to the church office by November 3rd. The Trinity Handbells will play for worship that morning music given in memory of Lucas Hayman.

Veterans Sunday – November 14: Sheron Engleka is once again preparing the video presentation in memory and honor of those who have served our country. If you have someone to add to her presentation, please contact her directly.

Sound and Video System Upgrade – has been completed. If you are at home or away and have your electronic device, go to www.berlinucc.org or the church Facebook page to watch the service. It will also be saved to our YouTube Channel and will be available for viewing at later times.

Annual Congregational Meeting – The Consistory calls for the annual meeting of the congregation on Sunday, December 5th following worship to act upon the recommendation of the Nominating Committee, adopt the proposed 2022 Budget, and take up any other business of the congregation. The meeting will commence following the service at 10 a.m.

“Secret Pals” Program

We are gearing up for another round of the Secret Pals program beginning in November. The reveal from this past year is currently being planned for November 21st at 8:30 a.m. The applications

were included in our last newsletter as well as posted on our church community bulletin board.

“Secret Santa”

We want to begin collecting for Secret Santa beginning October 24th through November 21st. All proceeds will benefit families in the Berlin Community. Please submit donations in the offering plate indicating “Secret Santa” as the subject. If anyone is interested in shopping for the cause, please contact Julie Petro at (814) 442-5124.

The Saints In Action

TODAY –

9:00 a.m. Worship

10:10 a.m. Sunday School

Wednesday

6:30 p.m. Trinity Bells Rehearsal

Thursday

7:30 p.m. Christian Ed Meeting

Next Sunday – November 7 – **All Saints Sunday**

9:00 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion

10:10 a.m. Sunday School

6:30 p.m. Confirmation

Giving From 10/24/21

	Rec	Budget	Over/Under
General	3023.00	\$2434.93	\$588.07
Ben	\$355.00	\$213.46	\$141.54
Maint	\$180.00	\$163.46	\$16.54
Mem	50.00		
Total	\$3608.00	\$2811.85	\$746.15

Benevolence includes Food Pantry of \$15.00 and Adopt a Family (Secret Santa) \$10.00

Worship Attendance: 74

Sunday School: 16



Those Remembered in prayer:

God's guidance and protection for Armed Forces.

Shut Ins:

Lew & Barb Berkley, Roy Bucher, Helen Diest, Mary Forespring, Janet Gindlesperger, Cynthia Kelly, Lois Krause, Deb Luteri, Lois Saylor.

Healing Concerns:

Sally Altfather, Mark Amyot, Donnie Baxter, Abigayle Broadwater, Pam Crooks, Linda Gallick, Dawn Gindlesperger, Andrea Shaulis Harris, Barry Landis, Larry McCullen, Bonnie Murphy, Nancy Schrock, Avis Specht, Dirkje Stellingwerf, Robin Walker, Harry and Jane Watkins, Heather Weighley, Nancy Weighley, Karen Will, Kimberly Kay Roos Zimmerman

Thank you to all who sent cards to Helen Diest for her 94th birthday last week. They provided great enjoyment as all residents were confined to their rooms due to covid cases.

Mark & Lori Gindlesperger

Where You May Find . . .

The Nursery: *is on the lower level for children and their parent. A big screen TV is mounted in the room so that you may watch the service.*

At the Sanctuary Entrances. . .

Large Print Bulletins

Recycling Boxes for Bulletins

Hearing Amplifiers

These Days – Devotional

Assisting in Worship

Sound: Lori Gindlesperger, Chris King

Acolyte: Matt Miller

The Flowers on the altar in loving memory of Richard by Lois Saylor

The Whole Congregation in Ministry and Assisted by

Pastor: Rev'd Dr. David A. Williams

Church Secretary: Pam Bush

Financial Secretary: Renee Gindlesperger

Chancel Choir Director Emeritus: Linda Gallick

Handbells: Jeanne Hillegas

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Enter In

George Misulia

En-ter in, en-ter in, I am

3
free to en-ter in. In Your name in Your

6
blood, in Your Spir-it I come free-ly to the

9
throne of_ grace and wor-ship face to face:

12
Oh praise for liv-ing God. I am

15
free, I am free to en-ter in. En-ter

19
1. in. En-ter En-ter in. 2.

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