



**THE TENTH SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST**

***Tenth Sunday after Pentecost
August 14, 2022***

**Morning Prayer and Sermon
Guest Speaker: Josh Spangler**

**Trinity United Church of Christ
600 Main Street
Berlin, Pennsylvania**

Prelude **I Sing the Mighty Power of God – Mark Hayes**
Take My Life and Let it Be Consecrated – Jeff Parks

***Call to Worship**

Let us worship God, our light and our salvation.

The Lord is the stronghold of our lives.

We desire to live in God's house and to seek God in his holy temple.

We have come with shouts of joy, to sing and to make music to the Lord.

Let us worship God in spirit and in truth.

Teach us your ways and make straight our paths in this hour of worship and always.

***Hymn of Praise: No. 275**

How Firm a Foundation

Confession of Sin

Come and hear, all you who fear God, and I will tell what he has done for me. If I had cherished iniquity in my heart, the Lord would not have listened. But truly God has listened; he has given heed to the words of my prayer. Blessed be God, because he has not rejected my prayer or removed his steadfast love from me. In the strength of this assurance, let us confess our sins to God

Silence – Private Prayers of Confession

Holy and merciful God, in your presence we confess our sinfulness, our shortcomings, and our offenses against you. You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from your ways, in wasting your gifts, in forgetting your love. Have mercy on us, O Lord, for we are ashamed and sorry for all we have done to displease you. Forgive our sins, and help us to live in your light and walk in your ways, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

Word of Pardon

Hear the good news! Who is in a position to condemn? Only Christ, and Christ died for us, Christ rose for us, Christ reigns in power for us, Christ prays for us. Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone; a new life has begun. Know that you are forgiven, and be at peace. **Thanks be to God.**

Hebrews 11:29 – 12:2

29 By faith the people crossed the Red Sea as if on dry land; but the Egyptians, when they attempted to do the same, were drowned.

30 By faith the walls of Jericho fell down after they had been encircled for seven days.

31 By faith Rahab the harlot did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had given friendly welcome to the spies.

32 And what more shall I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets—

33 who through faith conquered kingdoms, enforced justice, received promises, stopped the mouths of lions,

34 quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight.

35 Women received their dead by resurrection. Some were tortured, refusing to accept release, that they might rise again to a better life.

36 Others suffered mocking and scourging, and even chains and imprisonment.

37 They were stoned, they were sawn in two, they were killed with the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, afflicted, ill-treated—

38 of whom the world was not worthy—wandering over deserts and mountains, and in dens and caves of the earth.

39 And all these, though well attested by their faith, did not receive what was promised,

40 since God had foreseen something better for us, that apart from us they should not be made perfect.

1 Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us,

2 looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

The Psalter

Psalm 82: 1-8

1 God has taken his place in the divine council;
in the midst of the gods he holds judgment:

**2 “How long will you judge unjustly
and show partiality to the wicked? *Selah***

3 Give justice to the weak and the fatherless;
maintain the right of the afflicted and the destitute.

**4 Rescue the weak and the needy;
deliver them from the hand of the wicked.”**

5 They have neither knowledge nor understanding,
they walk about in darkness;
all the foundations of the earth are shaken.

**6 I say, “You are gods,
sons of the Most High, all of you;**

7 nevertheless, you shall die like men,
and fall like any prince.”

**8 Arise, O God, judge the earth;
for to thee belong all the nations!**

The Word of God for the people of God!
Thanks be to God.

Special Music – Danny Conner – Vocal Soloist

Proclamation of God's Word

Guest Speaker – Josh Spangler

Luke 12: 49-56

49 “I came to cast fire upon the earth; and would that it were already kindled!

50 I have a baptism to be baptized with; and how I am constrained until it is accomplished!

51 Do you think that I have come to give peace on earth? No, I tell you, but rather division;

52 for henceforth in one house there will be five divided, three against two and two against three;

53 they will be divided, father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against her mother, mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law.”

54 He also said to the multitudes, “When you see a cloud rising in the west, you say at once, ‘A shower is coming’; and so it happens.

55 And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, ‘There will be scorching heat’; and it happens.

56 You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky; but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?

The Apostles Creed

Let us join together in professing the Christian faith as contained in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments.

**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 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.

Morning Prayer

Our Lord's Prayer [using *debts* and *debtors*]

*Hymn: No. 284 *They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love*

*Dismissal and Blessing

Sung Blessing with Dismissal

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 on God our Savior, Jesus Christ our Lord.
Be the glory, and the majesty, dominion, and authority.
Both now and forevermore, Amen.**

***Going Forth**

**Allegro Maestoso with Come thou Fount of Every Blessing
Jeff Parks**

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Those Remembered in prayer:

God's guidance and protection for Armed Forces.

Shut Ins:

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

Healing Concerns:

Sally Altfather, Mark Amyot, Donnie Baxter, Jim Benoit, Carol Boyer, Lois Boburchock, Rhonda Brown, Terry Coslic, Jim Coughenour, Pam Crooks, Larry Custer, Dana Dawson, John Durst, Alvin Harbaugh, Mary Jane Harding, Andrea (Shaulis) Harris, Larry Hay, Linda Johnson, Barry Landis, Holby McClucas, Jennifer Miller, Bob Murphy, Bonnie Murphy, Nancy Schrock, Avis Specht, Kelly Tharp, Larry Tinkey, Adeline Vieregge, Robin Walker, Caleb Wedding, Heather Weighley, Nancy Weighley, Gerald Zorn

Prayers to the Roos and Zimmerman families
in their loss of Kimberly Kay Roos

Prayer List Update

Once again, we are in need of your assistance in updating our prayer list of healing concerns. If you have placed someone on our list, please confirm that they are still in need of prayer or hopefully taken off thanks to God's power of healing and your prayers. Please contact the office to help us with this update.

The Saints In Action

Today –Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

9:00 a.m. – Worship

10:10 a.m. – Sunday School

5:30 p.m. – Sue Coughenour’s Sunday School Event

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Giving From 08/07//2022

	Rec	Budget	Over/Under
General	\$3394.00	\$2521.38	\$872.62
Ben	\$120.00	\$213.46	-\$93.46
Maint	\$210.00	\$163.46	\$46.54
Mem	80.00		
Total	\$3804.00	\$2898.30	\$825.70

Benevolence includes Food Pantry \$10

Worship Attendance: 62

Sunday School: 10

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 (Board), Pam Bush (Camera)

Acolyte: Matt Miller

The Flowers on the altar in honor of our children and grandchildren, The Trulicks: Paul, Michelle, Nick, Stew, Kristin, Aaron and Rebecca & The Englekas: Sean, Cathy, Shelby and Jayden by Reon & Sheron Engleka.

Altar Flowers

For those of you who are unable to pick up the orders that you make for the altar flowers, please make arrangements to have them picked up for you. If you are unable to make arrangements or choose not to, please contact the church office. We will deliver them to our shut ins or Meadowview nursing patients.

The Whole Congregation in Ministry and Assisted by

Church Secretary: Pam Bush

Financial Secretary: Renee Gindlesperger

Chancel Choir Director Emeritus: Linda Gallick

Handbells: Jeanne Hillegas

Virtual Organist: Rick Kimmel

Consistory Elders:

Tom Calvert, President, 814-267-3771

Rus Ogburn, Vice President, 814-267-5650

Alan Brick, 814-267-6628

Consistory Deacons:

Amy Clark, Jean Ann Darr, Ann Slifco

Leanna Coughenour, Gale Hay, John Wisler

Alissa Wright, Debbie Boyer, Gaye Maust

Church Office Hours – Tuesday through Thursday

9:00 a.m. to 1 p.m.

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Sunday School Teacher's Needed:

We are currently looking for Sunday School teachers for the following -classes – Grades 4-6 and Grades 7-12. If you are interested in serving please contact Sheron Engleka, Sue Coughenour, or Tom Calvert.

Mark your calendars! **Rally Sunday** is September 11th and hopefully this will be a day to get families to fully engage in church and Sunday school once more. Plans are in the works to make this a special day so watch the bulletin for more details. And please note! If anyone in your family is entering 5th grade this fall please contact the church office so we can have a Fletcher Bible ready to present to them this Sunday.

Bethlehem Experience is being held Sunday, December 11, 2022 and planning is underway. They are looking for volunteers to:

- 1) Help with making sets, costumes, painting, etc.
- 2) Serve as actors
- 3) Help with set up and tear down December 10-11
- 4) Help with lighting and sound systems

For more information, contact Joanne Stoltzfus at 814-233-5905 or email her at jks101@verizon.net

Today!!!! Hot dogs and marshmallows roasted over a campfire. Kids playing games. Adults enjoying a relaxing evening chatting by the fire. This is what you missed at **Sue Coughenour's Sunday school** event in July. But here's another chance to join in...August 14th, 5:30 pm at the home of Dave and Missy Miller. Just bring a lawn chair and a side dish to share. We'd love to have you join us! Please RSVP to Sue at 814-233-5413.

Thank you from the Roos and Zimmerman families:

The family of Kimberly Kay Roos would like to thank you for the cards, care and support during Kimberly's illness. Sadly, after a courageous two year battle she has joined our Lord in peace.

Thank you from the Luteri family:

Our lives have obviously been turned upside down. Only our Lord knows what lies ahead. One day at a time. What we do know is that without the visits, cards, calls and acts of kindness; before,

during and after, we would not have endured. Terry loved you all and had a special place in his heart for you as do each and everyone of our family. Our church family will be our strength as we move forward. Peace be with you and God bless you all.

Debbie Luteri & Family

Trinity Trumpet:

Remember, the cut off for newsletter information is next Sunday, August 21st. Please submit your requests by calling or emailing the office!!!

One Call and Prayer Requests: Your prayer requests may be directed to Pam Bush, our office secretary. If you are not able to reach her during office hours, her cell phone number is 541-990-0832.

Pastoral Care: For those in need of pastoral care please contact Tom Calvert, President of Consistory at 814-267-3771, who will arrange for a pastor to provide comfort and assurance in a time of crisis. If you need **immediate** pastoral care contact Jay Shaffer at 814-483-0398.



*“Alone we can do so little;
Together we can do so much”
~Helen Keller~*

*“With God’s Help We Can Do
So Much More”*