

**IT IS EASIER FOR A CAMEL
TO GO THROUGH THE EYE OF
A NEEDLE THAN FOR A
RICH MAN TO ENTER THE
KINGDOM OF GOD. - JESUS**



***Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 10, 2021***

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

Prelude

*The Doxology: No. 625

*Confession of Sin

Lord,
we look for You in the wrong places.
We put our trust in material things.
We worry about things we cannot change.
We wonder if You are even there at all.
For all the times we have doubted you, Lord, forgive us.
For all the ways we have neglected your Word
and ignored your people, forgive us.
Do not be far from us, Lord. There is no one else
we can turn to for help.
Renew our fickle hearts and help us put our trust in you.
We ask this by faith in your grace to work the miracle of
redemption in our lives through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

*Word of Pardon

*Hymn of Praise: No. 52

O God, Our Help in Ages Past

*Psalter

Psalm 19:7-14

- ¹² So teach us to number our days
that we may get a heart of wisdom.
- ¹³ Return, O LORD! How long?
Have pity on your servants!
- ¹⁴ Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love,
that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.
- ¹⁵ Make us glad for as many days as you have afflicted us,
and for as many years as we have seen evil.
- ¹⁶ Let your work be shown to your servants,
and your glorious power to their children.
- ¹⁷ Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us,
**and establish the work of our hands upon us;
yes, establish the work of our hands!**

Praise to You, O God of Mercy



1 Praise to you, O God of mer - cy: thanks be to you for -
 2 From of old you loved and sought us: thanks be to you for -
 3 Praise to you, O God of mer - cy: thanks be to you for -



ev - er! Rais - ing high the weak and low - ly:
 ev - er! Truth and jus - tice you have taught us:
 ev - er! Rais - ing high the weak and low - ly:



thanks be to you for - ev - er!
 thanks be to you for - ev - er!
 thanks be to you for -



Strong is your faith - ful-ness, strong is your love, re -



mem - b'ring your cov - e - nant of life with us.

Coda



ev - er! Thanks be to you for - ev - er!

Morning Prayer

***Gospel Hymn: 381**

Open My Eyes, That I May See

***Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ**

St. Mark 10:17-31

¹⁷ And as he was setting out on his journey, a man ran up and knelt before him and asked him, "Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" ¹⁸ And Jesus said to him, "Why do you call me good? No one is good except God alone. ¹⁹ You know the commandments: 'Do not murder, Do not commit adultery, Do not steal, Do not bear false witness, Do not defraud, Honor your father and mother.' " ²⁰ And he said to him, "Teacher, all these I have kept from my youth." ²¹ And Jesus, looking at him, loved him, and said to him, "You lack one thing: go, sell all that you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me." ²² Disheartened by the saying, he went away sorrowful, for he had great possessions.

²³ And Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, "How difficult it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!" ²⁴ And the disciples were amazed at his words. But Jesus said to them again, "Children, how difficult it is to enter the kingdom of God! ²⁵ It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich person to enter the kingdom of God." ²⁶ And they were exceedingly astonished, and said to him, "Then who can be saved?" ²⁷ Jesus looked at them and said, "With man it is impossible, but not with God. For all things are possible with God." ²⁸ Peter began to say to him, "See, we have left everything and followed you." ²⁹ Jesus said, "Truly, I say to you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or lands, for my sake and for the gospel, ³⁰ who will not receive a hundredfold now in this time, houses and brothers and sisters and mothers and children and lands, with persecutions, and in the age to come eternal life. ³¹ But many who are first will be last, and the last first."

***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,**

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”

Releasing the Clutter!

Prayer of Intercession

Lord's Prayer [using debts and debtors]

*Song of Commitment: Bulletin Page

Fill Me Now

*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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Pastor's Fall Bible Study – *Making Sense of Suffering*

In the past 18 months there has been much suffering around us. The horror of COVID-19, changes in employment, ongoing illness, and sudden death. I have been asked more than once “where is God in all of this mess?” I began to consider various scriptures and reading several texts from C.S. Lewis, Mike Yaconelli, and others. I will not be providing easy answers, rather

we will look to God's Word to provide us a framework to be "strengthen" to persevere in life. There will be no "platitudes," rather I might leave you with more questions than answers. One outcome I hope to provide is that we who are in Christ may be comforted with the promises of the Gospel to be courageous even in the midst of suffering.

Thursday evenings for five weeks beginning September 23 at 7 p.m. in Fellowship Hall of Trinity Church Pastor Dave will offer teach on the following topics:

October 14 – *God's Purposes In Our Suffering*

October 21 – *Unexplained Tragedy*

October 28 – *Redeeming Suffering*

Bring your Bible, pen and paper and we will consider passages of scripture from Job, Isaiah, Luke, Exodus, 2 Corinthians, James, and more. Each week there will be an article to read but no other assignment will be required.

The Organ Dedication Concert for October 31 with Mr. Nicholas Bowden has been postponed and will be rescheduled later this year, hopefully!

The Saints In Action

TODAY –

9:00 a.m. Worship

10:10 a.m. Sunday School

Monday

7:00 p.m. Consistory Meeting

Wednesday –

6:30 p.m. Bell Choir Rehearsal

Thursday

7:00 p.m. Pastor's Fall Bible Study

Next Sunday – October 17

9:00 a.m. Worship

10:10 a.m. Sunday School

4:00 p.m. Confirmation Class Rake & Run

6:00 p.m. Confirmation Class & Family Pizza Dinner

6:45 p.m. Confirmation Class

Zion Lutheran Building Fundraiser

The Zion Lutheran church is doing a fundraiser for repairs. Enclosed in this Sunday bulletin is an order form. Would you help them to meet a fundraising goal by ordering and inviting others to order?! Marianna's Pizza & Subs. Orders due by October 31st with a delivery date to the Trinity Church of November 10th. Larger orders will be personally delivered by Pastor Dave.

Card Shower:

Helen Diest's 94th birthday is October 21. The Heritage has COVID cases and has now shut down indoor visits and we aren't permitted to take her out so it's just window visits. Let's make her birthday special by showering her with cards for her birthday. Thank you, Mark and Lori Gindlesperger.

Helen Diest
The Heritage
166 Siemon Drive
Somerset PA 15501

Giving From 10/2/21

	Rec	Budget	Over/Under
General	2096.00	\$2434.93	-\$338.93
Ben	\$100.00	\$213.46	-\$113.46
Maint	\$150.00	\$163.46	-\$13.46
Mem			
Total	\$2346.00	\$2811.85	-\$465.85

Benevolence includes Food Pantry of \$20.00.

Worship Attendance: 89

Sunday School: 16, 10 [Confirmation Class]



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, Dirkje Stellingwerf.

Healing Concerns:

Sally Altfather, Mark Amyot, Donnie Baxter, Abigayle Broadwater, Jim Coughenour, Pam Crooks, Linda Gallick, Dawn Gindlesperger, Barry Landis, Larry McCullen, Bayley Mull, Betty Murphy, Nancy Schrock, Avis Specht, Robin Walker, Harry and Jane Watkins, Heather Weighley, Nancy Weighley, Karen Will, Kimberly Kay Roos Zimmerman

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: Tyler Gindlesperger, Pam Bush

The Flowers on the altar in memory of their parents, Sherman and Anna Berkley and Chalmers and Elizabeth Means, by Lewis & Barbara Berkley

Special Flowers in memory of Taylor M. Landis by Barb & Bill Landis and brother Drew

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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Fill Me Now

Michael Hansen and Christina Peppin

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Hov - er o - ver, Ho - ly Spir - it
In my - self I'm full of weak - ness
Just one life I have for liv - ing.

5
Bathe my tremb - ling heart and brow
Can You use this life some - how?
In Your ser - vice send me out.

7
Fill me with Your awe - some pres - ence
Cleanse and com - fort, heal and teach - me.
Source of love, of faith and pow - er

10
Come, oh come, and fill me now. Fill me now,
Come, oh come, and
Come, oh, come, and

13
fill me now. Spir - it come and fill me now.
Fill me now, fill me now Spir - it come and

2

16

fill me now. 1. 2. fill me now.

21

fill me now. Spir - it come and fill me now.