

**Trinity Evangelical
Lutheran Church**



**Contemporary Worship
Service
October 18, 2026
21st Sunday after Pentecost**

Good Morning and Welcome! We invite you to worship with us often, and ask if you need any assistance! If you are visiting us today, please sign the Guest Register in the Narthex, please include your address and phone number. Please place your offering envelope in the plate in the Narthex. Thank You!

Remember in your prayers:

Lynn Wolfgang, Oscar & Angie Smith, Erika Zaiser, Betty Moore, Kathy Gamler, Bill Brensinger, Becky Yescavage, Kathy Sell, Donna Day, Elaine Dotterer, Anna Spencer, RuthAnn Goode, Pete Schmoyer, Linda Bewley, Marcia Auge, Vicki Mest, Nadine Lydic, Clair Burkhart, Carole Mest, Bob McElwee, Chester Heydt and LaRue Sheetz.

Friends & Family:

Michelle Hiriak, Linda Stark, LeeAnn Prince, Verna Pomar, Loraine Pruitt, Catherine Muth, Matt Weller, Geroe Bayer, Jason Spencer and Ruth Sassaman.

Families Of:

Larry Clemons, Scott Thomas and Heidi Clark.

Also members, relatives and friends in the community who are serving in the military including:

Christopher Heffner, Noah Heydt, Ben Rhode, Steven Herbst, David Crews, Jeff Lydic and Seth Kurtz.

Our sister congregation, the Marienkirche in Borna, Germany.
(Website: Kirche-bornaer-land.de)

Please note: Names of friends and family will be kept on the bulletin prayer list for one month. If still in need of prayers, these names will then appear in the newsletter prayer list. Names on the friends and family list will only be kept on the newsletter prayer list for one year. If you wish for names to remain longer, please speak to Pastor Gene, Linda Ritter or contact the Church Office. Thank you for helping us keep the prayer list current!

Members of the Worship Team

Angie Renninger	Guitar
Kurt Yescavage	Trumpet
Pastor Zaiser	Guitar

Vocals By:

Mardell Blanford
Sharon Renninger
Janice Sheetz

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This morning we will be receiving a Free Will Offering for the Eastern Berks Fire Dept.

The Altar Flowers are presented to the glory of God, by Mrs. Karen Irely, in Memory of her Husband Barry's Birthday.

The Bulletins are presented to the glory of God by Lois Schwager, in Memory of My Husband Ronald's Birthday.

The Eternal Flame Candle is presented to the glory of God by Sandy & Mark Yarnall, in Honor of Our Children, Liz, Mark Jr., and Michael.

- **Opening Song** "Open the Eyes of My Heart" Pg. 40

Announcements, Concerns, Praises: a time for congregation to lift up prayer requests and thanks.

- **Confession and Forgiveness**

P Loving God, we come before you this day to worship and praise you, yet we know that we have not always been the people you've wanted us to be. In our actions, our words, and our thoughts, we have often disappointed you by not loving and forgiving others as you would have us do. We come asking your forgiveness, knowing that you are merciful and loving, even when we are not.

C **Dear Lord, have mercy on us. Do not count our wrongs against us, but rather forgive us for the sake of your son, Jesus Christ. Refresh our spirits, so that we can serve you and others as we ought to. We pray this in Jesus' name. Amen.**

P Our Lord Jesus Christ died on the cross so that we might be forgiven. For his sake, God does not count our wrongs against us, but rather gives forgiveness and everlasting life to all who believe. Amen.

- **The 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.**

Worship Songs	“You’re the Source” Pg. 54
	“I Could Sing of Your Love Forever” Pg. 27
	“Meet with Me” Pg. 34

FIRST READING: Isaiah 45:1-7

¹ Thus says the LORD to his anointed, to Cyrus, whose right hand I have grasped to subdue nations before him and to strip kings of their robes, to open doors before him—and the gates shall not be closed: ² I will go before you and level the mountains; I will break in pieces the doors of bronze and cut through the bars of iron; ³ I will give you the treasures of darkness and riches hidden in secret places, so that you may know that it is I, the LORD, the God of Israel, who call you by your name. ⁴ For the sake of my servant Jacob and Israel my chosen, I call you by your name; I give you a title, though you do not know me. ⁵ I am the LORD, and there is no other; besides me there is no god. I arm you, though you do not know me, ⁶ so that they may know, from the rising of the sun and from the west, that there is no one besides me; I am the LORD, and there is no other. ⁷ I form light and create darkness, I make weal and create woe; I the LORD do all these things.

GOSPEL: Matthew 22:15-22

Presentation of the Gospel by Heart

¹⁵ The Pharisees went and plotted to entrap [Jesus] in what he said. ¹⁶ So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, “Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one, for you do not regard people with partiality. ¹⁷ Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar or not?” ¹⁸ But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, “Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? ¹⁹ Show me the coin used for the tax.” And they brought him a denarius. ²⁰ Then he said to them, “Whose head is this and whose title?” ²¹ They answered, “Caesar’s.” Then he said to them, “Give therefore to Caesar the things that are Caesar’s and to God the things that are God’s.” ²² When they heard this, they were amazed, and they left him and went away.

Sermon

- Apostles Creed**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy
Spirit and born of the virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended into hell.**

**On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the
Father. He will come again 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**

Prayer of the People

Closing Songs “Shout to the North” Pg. 45
 “Light the Fire Again” Pg. 32

- **Mission Statement and Sending**

P People of Trinity, what is our mission?

C **We shall, as individuals and as a congregation, strive through word, worship, and witness to further the kingdom of God by knowing and sharing Christ’s Love in our hearts, in our homes, in His church, in the community, and in the world.**

- **Sending**

P Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

C **Amen**

A Special Thank You to all who came out and supported the Craft Show, it was a big success!!! Thank you also to the Men in the kitchen and to Dennis Schaeffer & Howard Shafer for arranging the tables and chairs in the Parish Hall and also a Big Thank You to Cathy Yoder for organizing this event and also to Sharon Renninger for organizing the Bake Sale. Many hands make light work!!!

A Special Thank You to Karen Irey for her help in the church office this week.

FOUND—3 Different Colored Ice Packs in the Freezer on the stage. Please take home if they belong to you.

Today is the deadline for the November Newsletter, please submit your information to Karen in the Church Office.

Prayer Listing: Any changes to the Prayer List, please see Linda Ritter, Pastor Gene or contact the church office, in order for the change to be made in the November Newsletter.

There will be a Finance Committee Meeting on Tuesday, October 20th at 7PM in the Parish Hall. All members please make plans to attend.

Pumpkins and Pizza event on Sunday, October 25th, 4:30-7:00pm. All ages welcome! Bring your family and friends! There is a sign up sheet posted in the narthex.

Halloween: Cookies and hot chocolate for neighborhood trick-or-treaters Saturday, October 31st 6PM-9PM. If you can help or provide cookies, please see Pastor Gene.

There will be a Miller Keystone Blood Drive at St. Joseph's Hill Church, Boyertown on Saturday, November 7th 8AM-2PM. Thank You for giving the gift of Life.

Hoagie Fundraiser" for the General Fund. 8" hoagies from Maurizio's Pizza (formerly Pappa Bernards) cost \$8.00. The hoagies will be ham, Italian and turkey (onion, no onion). There is a sign up sheet posted on the bulletin board. **Orders are due by Sunday, November 8th and pick up on Friday, November 13th — 11:00AM-11:30AM. Please make checks payable to Dennis Schaeffer. Any questions, please see Dennis Schaeffer. Thank You for your support. Thank you also to Dennis Schaeffer for organizing this fundraiser.**

Once again orders will be taken for Shoe Fly Pies, Sticky Buns & Funny Cakes. Orders will be accepted until Sunday, November 8th. The cost of the ShoeFly Pies & Funny Cakes—\$8.50 each, Sticky Buns Plain \$8.50, w/nuts \$9.00 each. Pies & Cakes will be delivered on Sunday, November 15th. To place an order please see Linda Brunner. All proceeds will go towards the General Fund. Thank You for your support and to Linda Brunner for organizing this Fundraiser!

St. John's Lutheran Church, Boyertown will be hosting a "Salute to Our Veterans" on Sunday, November 8th at 3PM. Featuring the Boyertown East & West Middle School Choir & Keynote Speaker: Commander John Greason, U.S. Coast Guard (Retired), Bronze Star Recipient.

Youth Advent Activity "It Takes A Village" Sunday, November 29th 4PM-6PM. Our goal is to create a winter gingerbread village. Items Needed: Used Cereal boxes, Small Dairy or OJ cartons, graham crackers and lots of stale Halloween candy (i.e. licorice, skittles, gummies, etc.). Also donations of stale candies, tubes of white frosting, grahams (outdated is ok...but whole crackers is a must.) Tiny candy canes or gumdrops would be nice too! Also a donation of a train set for the evening would be super too! There will be a sign up sheet posted on the bulletin board in the Narthex. Pizza, drinks and fruit will be on hand.

The Discipleship Committee will be arranging a date in December to do Christmas caroling at Walnut Woods in Boyertown. If you would like to help us "make a joyful noise unto the Lord" please add your name to the sign up sheet in the narthex or see a committee member. (Walnut Woods does prefer a weekday afternoon for activities). More information to follow once a date has been selected.

Trinity will again be participating with the Boyertown Area Multi-Service Angel Tree. More details to come....

Christmas Cantata "Hope Has Dawned, Noel" by Mary McDonald is Sunday, December 13th—10:30AM and the Snow Date and Encore Presentation will be Sunday, January 3rd at 3PM.

Coffee Hour will continue on non-communion Sundays, please volunteer to host Coffee Hour in order for this time of fellowship to continue. There is a Sign Up Sheet posted on the bulletin board in the Narthex.

You may sponsor Altar Flowers, the cost of the flowers has increased for (1) vase \$34.00 and (2) vases \$68.00, please contact Mary Snyder. If you wish to sponsor flowers and that date is not available, you can always sponsor an extra bouquet of flowers for \$40.00. When sponsoring flowers, please use a flower envelope found in the rack in the narthex or clearly mark the envelope "Flowers". If you sponsored flowers in the past but no longer wish to, please let Mary Snyder 610-473-8885 or the church office know. If you wish to sponsor the bulletins, the cost is \$15.00 to offset the cost of printing.

Trinity's Gift Card Program - Orders will be taken before and after the church service the first Sunday of the month and will be distributed at church the second Sunday of the month. Order forms for Redners, Giant, and Scrip will be available at church and the Scrip order form is also found on Trinity's website. **Please note:** Weis Markets cards (\$25, \$100) can be ordered through Scrip for those who physically shop at the store. **Weis cards cannot be used for online orders. KOHL'S GIFT CARDS CANNOT BE USED TO PAY YOUR KOHL'S CHARGE. We apologize for any inconvenience.** Payment must be submitted with your order; checks should be made out to Trinity Lutheran Church. **Be sure to include your phone number on your order form.**

HOSPITAL INPATIENT STAY: Please contact Pastor Gene if you are admitted to the hospital and would like a visit, due to privacy laws, the hospital no longer contacts the church.

Need a ride? We have volunteers in the congregation who are willing to provide transportation to medical appointments, etc., for those who can't find a ride. Please contact Pastor Gene 610-322-0901 if you need a ride or would like to volunteer as a driver.

Bibles are available in the rack in the Narthex for you to reference during worship. You may also take home to reference, please return when you are finished.

Devotionals are available in the rack in the Narthex. If you enjoy the devotionals, please make a donation to help offset the cost. Thank You.

Trinity's events for the upcoming week:

Sunday, October 18th- 8:00 Cont. Worship Serv.
 9:15 Sunday School
 10:30 Worship Service
 Tuesday, October 20th- 7:00 Finance Comm. Mtg.
 Wednesday, October 21st-6:30 TLC Stitchers
 7:00 Bible Study
 Thursday, October 22nd- 6:30 Sr. Choir Practice
 7:30 Cantata Practice
 Sunday, October 25th-**Reformation Sunday**
 9:15 Sunday School
 10:30 Worship Service
 w/Communion
 4:30 Youth Ministry
 Halloween Party

**Next Week's Worship Assistants:
 Sunday, October 25th:**

Assisting Minister: Diane McElwee
 Server: Linda Ritter
 Ushers: Howard Shafer* & Dennis Schaeffer
 Lector: Sharon Kemp
 Acolyte: Bob Eshbach

LAST WEEK'S STATISTICS: 10/11/2026

Attendance
Worship/S.S.
 49/9

Offerings
General Hunger
 \$4,235.00 \$60.00

Benevolence Bldg. Maint.
 0 \$150.00

A free-will offering is scheduled for the third Sunday of each month. They are as follows:

November 15 – Elf Bags (Multi-Service)

December – No free-will offering. Thank you for supporting the various Christmas giving opportunities.

Thank you for your contributions to these special causes!



Earn up to 15% on Christmas presents, hostess gifts, and holiday entertaining

Give the gift that gives back

If you need a Christmas present, hostess gift, or groceries for holiday entertaining, gift cards are always a great choice – whether you shop using gift cards or give them as gifts. It's even more thoughtful because you're giving back to Trinity.



The Community Clothing Rack Schedule

1st Wednesday

Donations Accepted

2nd, 3rd & 4th Wednesdays

Shoppers Welcome

2nd Thursday

Shoppers Welcome

6:00PM-8:00PM

5th Wednesday

CLOSED

Hours

1:00PM-4:00PM

Summer Hours Only

June-August

9:00AM-12:00PM

Closed on all major holidays.

In the case of inclement weather,

Refer to Boyertown Area School district closure.

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Our mission is to serve Jesus Christ by providing
necessary clothing to the underserved.

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Readings for Personal Devotion



M Exodus 19:7-20
T Amos 9:5-15
W John 6:25-35
Th Song of Solomon 7:10--8:4
F Philippians 3:13--4:1
Sa Psalm 34

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Mrs. Karen J. Smith, Parish Secretary
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Open the Eyes of My Heart

By Paul Baloche

Open the eyes of my heart, Lord

Open the eyes of my heart

I want to see You

I want to see You

Open the eyes of my heart, Lord

Open the eyes of my heart

I want to see You

I want to see You

To see You high and lifted up

Shining in the light of Your glory

Pour out Your power and love

As we sing holy, holy, holy

Holy, holy, holy

You're the Source

By Matt Fraizer

You've kept watch over me since I was a child,
You've stayed close when my heart has gone
running wild.
You've welcomed me back again and again,
You've offered Your kindness, forgiven my sin.

Chorus:

You're the source of all the good gifts I know.
No one else can equal the love You show.
Though my praise for You often comes so slow,
How I long for my life with You to grow.

In Your actions You show the proof of Your care.
In Your presence comes comfort, You're
everywhere.
In Your mercy I find hope that will last,
In Your second life I am saved from the past.

Chorus

I Could Sing of Your Love Forever

By Martin Smith

Over the mountains and the sea.
Your river runs with love for me
And I will open up my heart,
and let the healer set me free
I'm happy to be in the truth,
And I will daily lift my hands
For I will always sing of when your love came
down.

I could sing of Your love forever
I could sing of Your love forever
I could sing of Your love forever
I could sing of Your love forever

(repeat from top)

Oh, I feel like dancing.
It's foolishness I know
But when the world has seen the light
They will dance with joy like we're dancing now.

I could sing of Your love forever
I could sing of Your love forever
I could sing of Your love forever
I could sing of Your love forever.

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Meet With Me

By Lamont Hiebert

I'm here to meet with You
Come and meet with me
I'm here to find You
Reveal Yourself to me

As I wait, You make me strong
As I long, You draw me to Your arms
As I stand and sing Your praise
You come, You come and You fill this place

Won't You come, won't You come and
fill this place

Shout to the North

by Martin Smith

Men of faith rise up and sing
Of the great and glorious King,
You are strong when you feel weak,
In your broken-ness, complete.

Chorus:

Shout to the north and the south,
Sing to the east and the west,
Jesus is Savior to all,
Lord of heaven and earth.

Rise up women of the truth
Stand and sing to broken hearts.
Who can know the healing power
Of our glorious King of love?

Chorus

Bridge:

We've been through fire; we've been through rain
We've been refined by the pow'r of His name
We've fallen deeper in love with You.
You've burned the truth on our lips.

Rise up church with broken wings;
Fill this place with songs again
Of our God who reigns on high.
By His grace again we'll fly.

Chorus

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Light the Fire Again

By Brian Doerksen

Don't let my love grow cold
I'm calling out, light the fire again
Don't let my vision die
I'm calling out, light the fire again.

You know my heart, my deeds
I'm calling out, light the fire again
I need your discipline
I'm call out, light the fire again

I am here to buy gold
Refined in the fire
Naked and poor
Wretched and blind I come
Clothe me in white
So I won't be ashamed
Lord, light the fire again.

