



Do you think
that I have come
to bring peace to
the earth?

LUKE 12:51

TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

August 14, 2022

9:00 a.m.

St. Paul's Lutheran Church

Building Disciples

Growing in Faith

Serving in Christ's Name

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Welcome to all – especially visitors!!!

It is no accident that you are here today!

You are an answer to our prayer. We have been praying for you, and believe that God has brought you here because God wants to touch your life.

We welcome you in the name of the Risen Lord!

Holy Communion: All God’s Children are welcome to come to God’s Table! It is at the Table we receive Christ’s body and blood through the bread and wine. This holy meal renews and nourishes our spirit. Come and eat. If you are unable to walk up to the altar to receive communion, please let an usher know and Pastor will bring communion to you.

The prefilled glasses are grape juice.

Please remember to write any prayer requests for today in the prayer book in the Narthex.



ANNOUNCEMENTS and COMMUNITY TIME

PRELUDE & QUIET MEDITATION

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, whose steadfast love endures forever.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Merciful God,

we confess that we have not followed your path but have chosen our own way.

Instead of putting others before ourselves, we long to take the best seats at the table.

When met by those in need, we have too often passed by on the other side.

Set us again on the path of life.

Save us from ourselves and free us to love our neighbors. Amen.

Hear the good news!

God does not deal with us according to our sins but delights in granting pardon and mercy.

In the name of + Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven.

You are free to love as God loves. **Amen.**

GATHERING SONG ELW #511 “Thy Strong Word”

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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: O God, judge eternal, you love justice and hate oppression, and you call us to share your zeal for truth. Give us courage to take our stand with all victims of bloodshed and greed, and, following your servants and prophets, to look to the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 23:23-29

²³Am I a God near by, says the Lord, and not a God far off? ²⁴Who can hide in secret places so that I cannot see them? says the Lord. Do I not fill heaven and earth? says the Lord. ²⁵I have heard what the prophets have said who prophesy lies in my name, saying, “I have dreamed, I have dreamed!” ²⁶How long? Will the hearts of the prophets ever turn back—those who prophesy lies, and who prophesy the deceit of their own heart? ²⁷They plan to make my people forget my name by their dreams that they tell one another, just as their ancestors forgot my name for Baal. ²⁸Let the prophet who has a dream tell the dream, but let the one who has my word speak my word faithfully. What has straw in common with wheat? says the Lord. ²⁹Is not my word like fire, says the Lord, and like a hammer that breaks a rock in pieces?

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 82 (read responsively)

¹God stands to charge the divine council assembled,
giving judgment in the midst of the gods:

²**“How long will you judge unjustly,
and show favor to the wicked?”**

³Save the weak and the orphan;
defend the humble and needy;

⁴**rescue the weak and the poor;**

deliver them from the power of the wicked.

⁵They do not know, neither do they understand; they wander about in darkness;

all the foundations of the earth are shaken.

⁶**Now I say to you, ‘You are gods,
and all of you children of the Most High;**

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

⁸**Arise, O God, and rule the earth,
for you shall take all nations for your own.**

SECOND READING: Hebrews 11:29--12:2

²⁹By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as if it were dry land, but when the Egyptians attempted to do so they were drowned. ³⁰By faith the walls of Jericho fell after they had been encircled for seven days. ³¹By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had received the spies in peace.

³²And what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets—³³who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, ³⁴quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. ³⁵Women received their dead by resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to accept release, in order to obtain a better resurrection. ³⁶Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. ³⁷They were stoned to death, they were sawn in two, they were killed by the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, persecuted, tormented—³⁸of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, and in caves and holes in the ground.

³⁹Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised, ⁴⁰since God had provided something better so that they would not, apart from us, be made perfect.

^{12:1}Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, ²looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross,

disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (spoken)

C: Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia. Alleluia.

THE HOLY GOSPEL: Luke 12:49-56

The Holy Gospel according to Luke.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said:] ⁴⁹“I came to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! ⁵⁰I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what stress I am under until it is completed! ⁵¹Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division! ⁵²From now on five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three; ⁵³they will be divided:

father against son

and son against father,

mother against daughter

and daughter against mother,

mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law

and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.”

⁵⁴He also said to the crowds, “When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, ‘It is going to rain’; and so it happens. ⁵⁵And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, ‘There will be scorching heat’; and it happens. ⁵⁶You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?”

P: The Gospel of our Lord

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

YOUNG PEOPLE’S MESSAGE

SERMON

Pastor Pamela Illick

HYMN OF THE DAY ACS #927 “Christ is the Life”

APOSTLES' CREED

A: Let us confess our Christian faith in the words of the Apostle's Creed:

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.

THE PRAYERS

A: Trusting in God's extraordinary love, let us come near to the Holy One in prayer.

A brief silence.

A: Arise, O God, and sustain your church. We pray for all who dedicate their lives to serving your people. Renew our commitment to our siblings in faith around the globe, and bless the work of our ecumenical and interfaith partners especially St. James Presbyterian Church. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

A: Arise, O God, and sustain your creation. We pray for all places affected by natural disasters especially the people in Kentucky suffering after the impact of severe flooding, the western United States where water is becoming scarce, and places where fires are burning uncontrollably. Transform the devastation of floods and fires into fertile ground for new life and growth. Fill heaven and earth with your life-giving Spirit. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

A: Arise, O God, and sustain the nations. We pray for all elected officials. Kindle in them a desire to administer your justice with mercy and compassion. Strengthen their resolve to defend those who are vulnerable and to stand publicly against all forms of oppression, hate and violence. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

A: Arise, O God, and sustain those who are oppressed. We pray for people harmed by racist discrimination, ableist discrimination, and all people discriminated against based on their gender identity or sexual

orientation. Rescue us from all systems that degrade our fellow human beings. Open our hearts to love one another as you love us. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

A: Arise, O God, and sustain this assembly. We pray for this community, celebrating with those who rejoice and weeping with those who weep especially And those we name in our hearts. In our joy and in our tears, be near us. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

A: Arise, O God, and make St. Paul's a place for those who are searching for a place where they will be welcomed and loved. Bless and guide the relationship that is building between St. Paul's and Zion Enola as we explore ways we may be able to work together. God of grace,

C: receive our prayer.

A: Surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, we remember the saints especially James Forgie, Gerald "Wimpy" Meek and Elma Hollars, who have gone before us. May we run with perseverance the race set before us until we find our rest in you. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

A: Receive the prayers of your children, merciful God, and hold us forever in your steadfast love; through Jesus Christ, our holy Wisdom.

C: Amen.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY PRAYER

A: Please join me in prayer:

C: God of abundance: you have set before us a plentiful harvest. As we feast on your goodness, strengthen us to labor in your field, and equip us to bear fruit for the good of all, in the name of Jesus. Amen.

THE PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

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.

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:

**C: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the
highest.**

In the night in which he was handed over,
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.

Remembering, therefore,
his life-giving death and glorious resurrection,
we await your promised life for all this dying world.

Breathe your Spirit on us and on this bread and cup:
carry us in your arms from death to life,
that we may live as your chosen ones,
clothed in the righteousness of Christ.

Through him all glory and honor is yours,
Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit,

in your holy Church,
both now and forever.

C: Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

P: Brought together by the Holy Spirit from all the spaces we are right now, we pray as Jesus taught us:

C: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P: In Christ's presence there is fullness of joy. Come to the banquet

DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

TABLE BLESSING

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve us in eternal life.

C: Amen.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

A: Life-giving God, through this meal you have bandaged our wounds and fed us with your mercy.

Now send us forth to live for others, both friend and stranger, that all may come to know your love. This we pray in the name of Jesus. Amen.

BLESSING

The God of peace, Father, ✝ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you, comfort you, and show you the path of life this day and always.

C: Amen.

SENDING HYMN ELW #805 "Lead On, O King Eternal!"

DISMISSAL

A: Go in peace. Love your neighbor.

C: Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE



Large print and children's activity bulletins are available in the Narthex or from an usher.

Immediate Prayer Requests should be written in the prayer notebook in the Narthex prior to the service. These will be included in the prayers during worship.

Altar Flowers and Bulletins are given to the glory of God and in celebration of Wendy and Nick Cekovich's 49th wedding anniversary.

Upcoming

August 17 - 7pm-8:30pm, Wine & Cheese Wednesday

August 21 - 9am, outdoor worship; backpack blessing

August 30 – Retirement Party for Pastor Anne & Debra Reeder, 7pm in the pavilion (please RSVP to Wendy!)

August 31 – 7pm-8:30pm, final Wine & Cheese Wednesday with cookout

September 11 – Rally Day

Blessing of the Backpacks – Next Sunday, August 21, make sure you bring your backpack or other symbol of your vocation (tool belt, brief case, computer bag, lunch bag) so that we can offer you a blessing as a new school year begins and fall activities and schedules resume. Then plan to stay for a “Cookies and Milk” Fellowship time.

LWR School Kits – BACK-TO-SCHOOL SALES HAVE STARTED! Check out Staples, Target, Office Depot, and/or Walmart. Remember that you can order supplies online and have them shipped to the church (6839 Wertzville Rd, Enola, PA 17025).

Thank you to those assisting with worship:

Assisting Minister: Mary Jane McMillan

Lector: Ann Gilbert

Altar Set-up/Clean-up: Denise Casella

Counters: Beverly Daum & Steve Casella

Monthly Ushers: Vicki Barnhart & Stew Trout

Building Lock-up: Beverly Daum

Musician: Denise Casella

Technology: Nick Cekovich

	August 21 Outdoor	August 28	Sept 4	Sept 11 (Rally Day)
Asst. Min.	Denise Casella	Steve Casella	Nick Cekovich	MaryJane McMillan
Lector	Steve Hoffmaster	Seana Miller	McKenna Stitzel	Vicki Barnhart
Altar s/u		Denise C.		Deb Stoner
Altar c/u	Vicki B.	Denise C.		MaryJane M.
Counters	Beverly D. & Mary Jane M.	Beverly D. & Steve C.	Duane Jumper & Steve C.	Duane Jumper & Trudy Getz
Ushers	Vicki Barnhart & Stew Trout		Duane Jumper & Mike Stoner	
Musician	Deb Reeder	Denise C.	Deb Reeder	Denise Casella
Lock-up	Beverly D.		Duane Jumper	
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