# Tenth Sunday after Pentecost



In-Person/Live Service

August 1, 2021

#### Welcome to St. Paul's Lutheran Church Tenth Sunday After Pentecost August 1, 2021



Future services will be recorded and aired on YouTube, Facebook, and MeTV.

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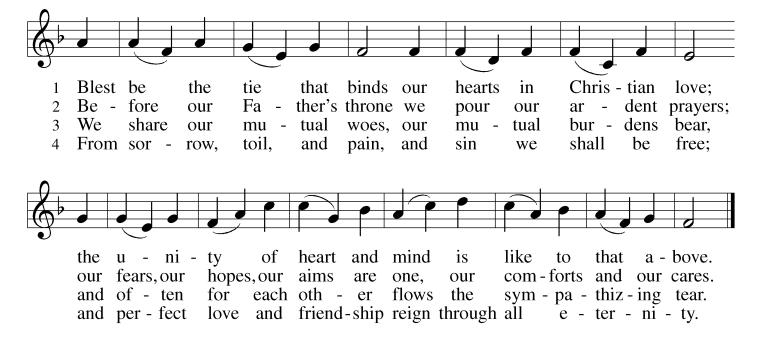
For DirecTV: Ch. 67; For Cable, Fios, and Dish: Ch. 5; For "Rabbit Ears": Ch. 67-1

#### Brief order for Confession and Forgiveness

- P In this season, we worship the Holy Trinity, + one God, who forgives all our sins, whose fire burns in our hearts and lives still today.
- C Amen
- P Seeking reconciliation with God and neighbor, let us remember the gift of baptism and confess our sin together. God of mercy,
- C we confess that we have sinned against you, against one another; we forgot to love as we have been loved. We are worried and distracted by many things, and we fail to love you above all else. Many times, we store up treasures for ourselves and turn away from our neighbors in need. Forgive us, for all that we've messed up, that we may live in the freedom of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.
- P When we were laid low by sin and guilt, God made us alive together with Christ, forgiving us all our trespasses by taking our sins to the cross. So rejoice in this good news: you are brought back to the Father who created you, forgiven by the Savior who died for you, and poured out over again by the Holy Spirit who walks with you in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit and all God's people said:
- C Amen

#### Opening Hymn: LBW 370

#### Blest Be the Tie That Binds



Text: John Fawcett, 1740-1817, alt.

Music: DENNIS, Johann G. Nägeli, 1774–1836, adapt.

#### Apostolic 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, eternal goodness, immeasurable love, you place your gifts before us; we eat and are satisfied. Fill us and this world in all its need with the life that comes only from you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
- C Amen.

#### First Reading: Ephesians 4:1-16

Christians share fundamental unity and diversity. Our unity consists in the one body, one Spirit, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, and one God. Our diversity is expressed in various forms of ministry whose goal is equipping the saints and building up Christ's one body.

I therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all. But each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ's gift. Therefore it is said, "When he ascended on high he made captivity itself a captive; he gave gifts to his people." (When it says, "He ascended," what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower parts of the earth? He who descended is the same one who ascended far above all the heavens, so that he might fill all things.) The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ. We must no longer be children, tossed to and fro and blown about by every wind of doctrine, by people's trickery, by their craftiness in deceitful scheming. But speaking the truth in love, we must grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by every ligament with which it is equipped, as each part is working properly, promotes the body's growth in building itself up in love.

- A The Word of the Lord
- C Thanks be to God.

#### Psalm 78:23-29 (read responsively)

God rained down manna from heaven; so mortals ate the bread of angels.

- A So God commanded the clouds above and opened the doors of heaven,
- C raining down manna upon them to eat and giving them grain from heaven.
- A So mortals ate the bread of angels; God provided for them food enough.
- C The LORD caused the east wind to blow in the heavens and powerfully led out the south wind,

- A raining down flesh upon them like dust and flying birds like the sand of the seas,
- C letting them fall in the midst of the camp and round about the dwellings.
- A So the people ate and were well filled, for God gave them what they craved.
- P The Holy Gospel according to John the Sixth Chapter.
- C Glory to you, O Lord.

#### Gospel: John 6:24-35

Many of the five thousand people Jesus fed in the wilderness continued to follow him throughout the countryside. Jesus challenges them to consider the real nature of their quest.

When the crowd saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were [beside the sea,] they themselves got into the boats and went to Capernaum looking for Jesus. When they found him on the other side of the sea, they said to him, "Rabbi, when did you come here?" Jesus answered them, "Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal." Then they said to him, "What must we do to perform the works of God?" Jesus answered them, "This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent." So they said to him, "What sign are you going to give us then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing? Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, 'He gave them bread from heaven to eat.'" Then Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world." They said to him, "Sir, give us this bread always." Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty."

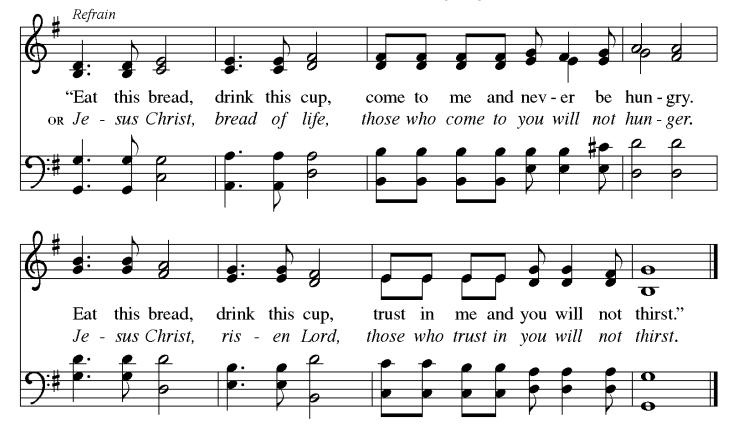
- P This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- C Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon: Pastor Chick Biegner

#### Hymn of the Day: WOV 709

#### Eat This Bread

Jesus Christ, Bread of Life



Text: Taizé Community

Music: BERTHIER, Jacques Berthier, 1923-1994

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#### Apostles' Creed

- A Let's confess the faith of the Church together using the Apostles' Creed:
- C 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

#### Prayers of the Church

A Rooted in Christ and sustained by the Spirit, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all of creation.

You call your church to be the body of Christ. Awaken all the baptized to the gifts you provide for carrying out the work of ministry. Where the church is divided, knit us together and restore the unity of the faith. Hear us, O God.

#### C Your mercy is great.

A You command the clouds above and cause the wind to blow in the heavens. Watch over deserts and wilderness places. Regenerate rainforests, defend species at risk of extinction, and strengthen the work of conservation organizations. Hear us, O God.

#### C Your mercy is great.

A You summon leaders to respond to the needs of your people. Instill those who govern with patience when confronted with grievances and perseverance in seeking what promotes the well-being of the community. Hear us, O God.

#### C Your mercy is great.

A You draw near to those who cry out for help. Feed those who are hungry, reassure those who are despairing, and accompany those who are imprisoned. We especially pray for the people on our Prayer List and those we name either silently or aloud. Rain down the true bread from heaven that gives life to the world. Hear us, O God.

#### C Your mercy is great.

A You receive all who come seeking a sign of grace. Make this congregation a place of hospitality for those accustomed to rejection. To those who have felt excluded here or elsewhere, prepare us to welcome them in the name of Christ. Hear us, O God.

#### C Your mercy is great.

A You provide food that endures for eternal life. Sustain us each day with the bread of life until we are gathered with all the saints and feast together at your heavenly banquet. Hear us, O God.

#### C Your mercy is great.

A We lift these and all our prayers to you, O God, confident in the promise of your saving love; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

#### C Amen.

#### Ways to Give to St. Paul's

With our return to in-person worship, we thought we would let you know about a couple of options you can use to continue tithing to St. Paul's:

- In-Person Worship: Continue to put your envelopes and cash in the plate
- Giving by Mail: If you are not be able to attend worship in person, please mail your donations payable to St. Paul's to the church office 4007 Main St., Eggertsville, NY 14226
- Online: On the St. Paul's website is a link to Online Giving which will allow you to donate either via PayPal or credit card. Click the Online Giving button and you will be taken to the site to set up an account, where to direct your donation, and the amount you want to donate. The website is: https://stpaulseggertsville.com/online-giving/
- P Let us pray.
- C God of grace, we give you thanks for all the blessings you have poured into our lives. Thank you for the opportunities to share those blessings through and beyond St. Paul's. Use the gifts we offer here today and in our planned giving to bless the world with your hope, your presence and your love. Amen

#### Dialogue and Preface

- P The Lord be 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 God thanks and praise.
- P It is indeed right and proper that we should at all times and in all places, offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, through Christ our Lord; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and speak their unending hymn:

#### Sanctus (spoken)

C 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.

#### Words of Institution

P 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.

#### Lord's Prayer

- P Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:
- 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



### <u>Holy Communion at St. Paul's</u> is celebrated every time we gather, and is open to all.

Please approach by the center aisle, receive the bread, take the wine and return to your seat via the side aisle. (\*Or remain in your seat and use the elements you picked up on the way into church.) Gluten-free wafers and grape juice are available. Simply request it from the assisting minister holding the wine. Children are welcome! Those who receive elsewhere may receive here. Children who do not yet receive may come for a blessing. If you have difficulty walking, communion will be brought to you at your seat.

#### Communion Blessing

- P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.
- C Amen.

#### Prayer After Communion

- P Jesus, Bread of life, you have set this table with your very self, and called us to the feast of plenty. Gather what has been sown among us, and strengthen us in this meal. Make us to be what we receive here, your body for the life of the world.
- C Amen.

#### **Benediction**

- P And now as you go on your way, may the Lord go with you. May he go before you to show you the way, behind you to encourage you, beside you to be your friend, above you to watch over you, and within you to give you peace. Go today celebrating in the name of the Father, the + Son, and the Holy Spirit, and all God's children said...
- C Amen.

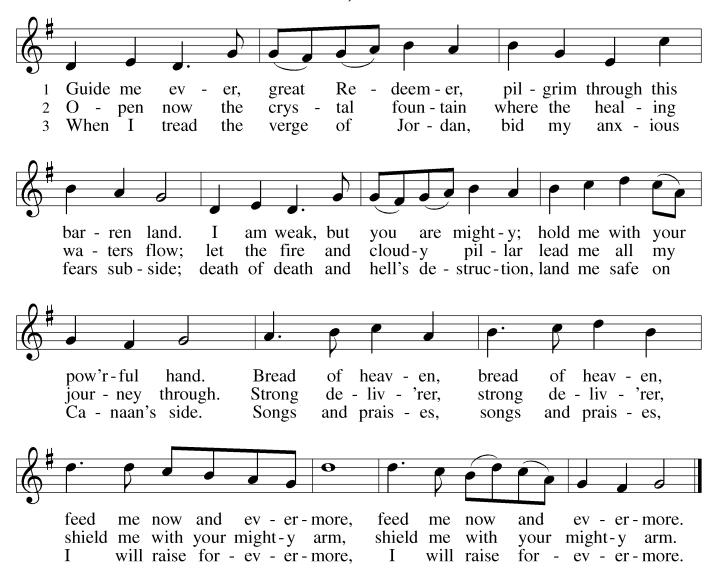
Closing Hymn: LBW 343 (on the following page)

#### Sharing the Peace and Sending

- P May you be unleashed, unleashed into the world, as we go in peace and serve the Lord!
- C Thanks be to God.



#### Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer



Text: William Williams, 1717–1791; tr. William Williams and Peter Williams, 1722–1796, alt. Music: CWM RHONDDA, John Hughes, 1873–1932

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### What's Happening This Week at St. Paul's: August 1-8, 2021

**TODAY:** 9:30-11:30 am: Daily Bread Food Truck (DBFT): Pastries with Emilie

10:00 am: WNY Church Unleashed: YouTube, Facebook, and MeTV

10:00 am: In-Person Worship and Communion

1:00 pm: Ray of Hope

**Thursday:** 3:-00-6:30 pm: Tiger's Den Food Pantry Open

7:00 pm: Emotional Sobriety Too Meeting

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Attendance last week: YouTube/Facebook/MeTV: 200+ In-Person: Offering: \$4,003.00

Prayer List: In our congregational family: (\* indicates new names or changes added this week)

Marion Alexander: Tennyson Court, #127 in Memory Care Unit, Williamsville, NY 14221

Neal DeLeo: Brothers of Mercy, 10570 Bergtold Road, Clarence, NY 14031

Richard Elliott: 34 Pino Alto Court, Williamsville, NY 14221

Claire Franke: Elderwood, 225 Bennett Road, #223, Cheektowaga, NY 14227

Chad Israel and Hayley Israel

Christopher Magin: 22 Dale Drive, Tonawanda, NY 14150

Dorothy Menth: 2330 Maple Road, Apt. 383, Williamsville, NY 14221

Dave Metz: Buffalo General Hospital

Grace Mols: Elderwood, 200 Bassett Road, Williamsville, NY 14221

Diane Siegel: 636 Evergreen Drive, Tonawanda, NY 14150 Alison Silsby: 4360 Peet Street, Middleport, NY 14105 David Wolf: P.O. Box 198, Clarence Center, NY 14032

\*Larry Woodward: GreenFields, 5949 Broadway, Room C119, Lancaster, NY 14086

*Prayer List: In our and extended family:* Bill Siegel and his family in the passing of Bill's brother, Tom Siegel (a former member, who was baptized, confirmed, and married at St. Paul's); Helen Gibson in the passing of her father-in-law; Ira Striejewske; Thomas Maier

#### ST. PAUL'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

*In-Person Worship:* 10:00 am. Reservations are no longer required. Anyone who has received their full dosage of the Covid vaccine does not have to wear a face mask in church, and may sit where they are comfortable. Those who have yet to receive their full Covid vaccination, we ask you wear your face mask in church until you are seated, and continue to sit six feet apart. The Sunday 10:00 am worship service is also being livestreamed on St. Paul's YouTube page.

**WNY Church Unleashed:** If you cannot join us for in-person worship, please continue to worship with us as WNY Church Unleashed on Sunday mornings at 10:00 am on WBBZ, YouTube, or Facebook.

*Tigers Den Food Pantry:* The Food Pantry is open to anyone in need in zip code 14226 or by referral. The August Pantry hours are Thursday 8/5 and 8/19 from 3:00 pm to 6:30 pm, and Saturday 8/14 and 8/28 from 9:00 am-12:30 pm. Donations for August are: juice, tissues, paper towels, shampoo, and hand soap.

*Daily Bread Food Truck:* The Daily Bread Food Truck has officially kicked off the 2021 Season! Starting July 18th, that big beautiful truck will be parked outside St. Paul's on Main Street EVERY Sunday from 9:30-11:30 am serving yummy coffee and pastries. The original "get one, give



one" mission is back in action, so remember that for every meal purchased, one meal is given. There are many opportunities this summer to get involved, as well. We need help in the kitchen! We would love to add you to the team! Contact Katie at 716-835-0407 or email dailybread4007@gmail.com

Lutheran Charities Golf Classic: If you are interested in participating in the 23 Annual Lutheran Charities Golf Classic at Glen Oak Golf Club, 115 Smith Street, East Amherst, NY 14051, on Monday, August 9, 2021, please see Page 15 for registration information. SPACE is LIMITED!!



*Memorial Service for Dolores Shearer:* There will be a memorial service for Dolores Shearer on Saturday, August 21 at 10:00 am at Zion Lutheran Church, 9535 Clarence Center Road, Clarence Center, NY.



#### Congregational Basket Auction!

Raise funds for Lutheran Charities!
Pick a theme and fill a basket
to be raffled at our golf classic!

Please call or email Lutheran Charities to arrange for pick-up.

Pampered Mom

Griller's Delight

For the Golfer

Baby Shower

Get Ready for School

Green Thumb

Family Fitness

Summer Fun

Baker's Basket

Do-it-Yourself

Gone Fishing

Backyard Camping

For the Dogs (or Cats!)

Arts and Crafts

Sports Themed

Spring Cleaning

Picnic Basket

Spirit of Buffalo

Ethnic Cuisine

Curl up and Read

Office Supplies

Game Night

Lottery

Car Care

Coffee & Tea Assortment

Chocolate Lovers

Jams & Jellies

Night at the Movies

Wine & Cheese

Craft Beer Sampler

Tailgate Party

Holiday Theme

Breakfast Basket

Fondue Party

College Care Package

Knitting/Sewing

Sundae Fixings

...or your own great idea!



6540 Main Street, Williamsville, NY 14221 716-632-2623 info@wnylutherancharities.org www.wnylutherancharities.ora Registration for our annual Golf Classic is now open! Come spend the day with us for fun and fundraising, compete for unique prizes and awards, enter our basket raffle, and enjoy lunch and dinner included in the registration fee. 100% of funds raised goes directly to the agencies that we support so you can golf to your heart's content knowing you are making a difference in the lives of Western New Yorkers!

## Lutheran Charities Golf Classic

\$125.00 per person \$500.00 per foursome

10:00 a.m. - Registration begins 10:00 a.m. - Driving Range Open 11:00 a.m. - Lunch 12:00 noon - Shotgun Start 6:00 p.m. (approx.) - Dinner and Awards

Putting, Closest to Pin, Longest Drive Men's, Women's and Mixed winners for each

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#### + St. Paul's Mission +

# To empower others with the Good News of Jesus Christ. We do that by: Seeking Connections, Enriching Faith, Nourishing Lives, and Demonstrating Love in God's Name.

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