

Twenty First Sunday after Pentecost

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God's work. Our hands.

*To all who are lonely and need fellowship; to all who are discouraged and need good news; to all who mourn and need comfort; to all who are tempted and need help; to all who are sinners and need forgiveness; to all who are complacent and need disturbing; to all who thirst for the water of life; to all who love Christ and would follow Christ, Dinkey Memorial Evangelical Lutheran Church opens its arms and bids you **welcome!***

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

NOISY OFFERING – to benefit East Penn Township Fire Company

GATHERING

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God,
who pours love into our hearts
and healing upon the earth.

Amen.

Confident that God justifies us by grace through faith,
let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Compassionate God,
**we confess that we struggle to embody your goodness
in the world and in our own hearts.**

Creation groans from overuse.

Jealousy and bitterness strain our relationships.

Indifference keeps us from seeking justice.

**Divisions disrupt your call to show genuine love
to others.**

Turn our hearts back to you.

**Restore our world and reconcile us to one another.
Renew us to live as your holy people,
following the way of Jesus Christ.
Amen.**

Hear this good news:

We have peace with God through ✝ Jesus Christ,
in whom there is no condemnation,
but only forgiveness and the promise of eternal life.
Receive freely this healing gift of grace.
Amen.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

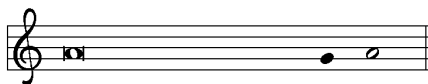
GATHERING SONG *We Come to You for Healing, Lord* (ELW 617)

GREETING

During this time, the presiding minister and the assembly greet each other.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
And also with you.

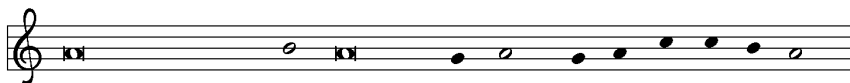
KYRIE



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



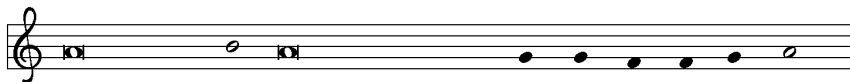
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord.

Lord have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra-cious Lord. A - - men.

CANTICLE OF PRAISE



Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



Lord God, heav-en-ly King, al - might-y God and Fa - ther, we



wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.



Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,



you take a-way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;



you are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther: re-ceive our prayer.



For you a-lone are the Ho - ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,



you a-lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,



in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

A brief silence is kept before the prayer.

Sovereign God, raise your throne in our hearts. Created by you, let us live in your image; created for you, let us act for your glory; redeemed by you, let us give you what is yours, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

WORD

FIRST READING: 2 Kings 5:9-14

The reading may be announced:

A reading from 2 Kings.

9 So Naaman came with his horses and chariots, and halted at the entrance of Elisha's house.

10 Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying, "Go, wash in the Jordan seven times, and your flesh shall be restored and you shall be clean."

11 But Naaman became angry and went away, saying, "I thought that for me he would surely come out, and stand and call on the name of the LORD his God, and would wave his hand over the spot, and cure the leprosy!

12 Are not Abana and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Could I not wash in them, and be clean?" He turned and went away in a rage.

13 But his servants approached and said to him, "Father, if the prophet had commanded you to do something difficult, would you not have done it? How much more, when all he said to you was, 'Wash, and be clean'?"

14 So he went down and immersed himself seven times in the Jordan, according to the word of the man of God; his flesh was restored like the flesh of a young boy, and he was clean.

The reading may be concluded:

The word of the Lord.

The assembly responds:

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 13

1 How long, O LORD? Will you forget me forever? How long will you hide your face from me?

**2 How long must I bear pain in my soul, and have sorrow in my heart all day long?
How long shall my enemy be exalted over me?**

3 Consider and answer me, O LORD my God! Give light to my eyes, or I will sleep the sleep of death,

4 and my enemy will say, "I have prevailed"; my foes will rejoice because I am shaken.

5 But I trusted in your steadfast love; my heart shall rejoice in your salvation.

6 I will sing to the LORD, because he has dealt bountifully with me.

SECOND READING: Acts 3:1-10

The reading may be announced:

A reading from Acts.

1 One day Peter and John were going up to the temple at the hour of prayer, at three o'clock in the afternoon.

2 And a man lame from birth was being carried in. People would lay him daily at the gate of the temple called the Beautiful Gate so that he could ask for alms from those entering the temple.

3 When he saw Peter and John about to go into the temple, he asked them for alms.

4 Peter looked intently at him, as did John, and said, "Look at us."

5 And he fixed his attention on them, expecting to receive something from them.

6 But Peter said, "I have no silver or gold, but what I have I give you; in the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, stand up and walk."

7 And he took him by the right hand and raised him up; and immediately his feet and ankles were made strong.

8 Jumping up, he stood and began to walk, and he entered the temple with them, walking and leaping and praising God.

9 All the people saw him walking and praising God,

10 and they recognized him as the one who used to sit and ask for alms at the Beautiful Gate of the temple; and they were filled with wonder and amazement at what had happened to him.

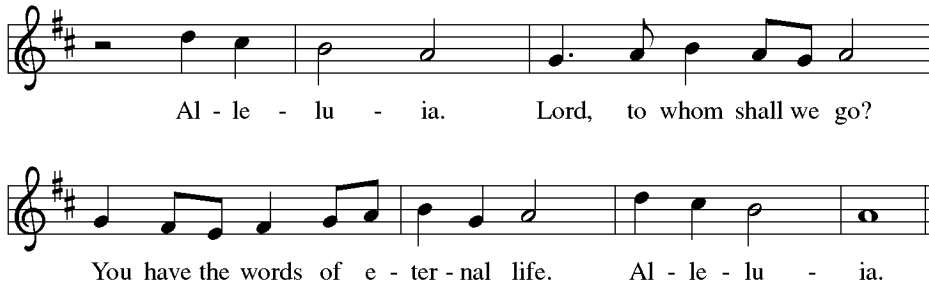
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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL: Mark 1:21-28

The gospel is announced.

The holy gospel according to Mark.

Glory to you, O Lord.

21 They went to Capernaum; and when the sabbath came, he entered the synagogue and taught.

22 They were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes.

23 Just then there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit,

24 and he cried out, "What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are, the Holy One of God."

25 But Jesus rebuked him, saying, "Be silent, and come out of him!"

26 And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying with a loud voice, came out of him.

27 They were all amazed, and they kept on asking one another, "What is this? A new teaching-- with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him."

28 At once his fame began to spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee.

The gospel concludes:

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Laying on of Hands and Anointing

Those who wish to receive the laying on of hands and anointing may come to the front of the sanctuary and, if possible, kneel. The minister lays both hands on each person's head and recites a prayer, after which the minister dips a thumb in oil, makes the sign of the cross on the person's forehead, and says a blessing.

There is a station located at the front left of the sanctuary at the baptismal font. There are prayer rocks in the water for anyone who wishes to take one. Another station is located in the lounge. There are candles on the table that can be lit as you offer a prayer to God. Please make use of these stations throughout the laying on of hands.

After all have returned to their places, the minister prays:

As you are anointed with this oil,
may God bless you with the healing power of the Holy Spirit.

May God forgive you your sins,
release you from suffering,
and restore you to wholeness and strength.

May God deliver you from all evil,
preserve you in all goodness,
and bring you to everlasting life,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

HYMN OF THE DAY *There Is a Balm in Gilead* (ELW 614)

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 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**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Seeking the Spirit of God who makes all things new, we pray for the church and the world.

A brief silence.

Living and true God, you inspire us to share the message of the gospel. Give your spirit of love to seminarians and those beginning their lives in ordained ministry. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We give you thanks for the majesty of our oceans. Protect the abundant life within them and sustain all those who work to preserve them. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We seek your wisdom in all things. Direct all who hold positions of authority around the world, that they act with compassion, seeking the good of all. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We pray for all people who work in dangerous or degrading environments. Grant them safety and courage, and heal all those who are injured, sick, or suffering (*especially*). Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We ask your blessing on those who do the quiet, unseen work of the church. Encourage them in their work of faith and labor of love. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

We thank you for our ancestors who have been called home to you. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Trusting in your boundless grace, O God, we lift up these spoken prayers and those in our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**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.

MUSICAL SELECTION: “Healer of My Soul” (writer – John Michael Talbot) –
 Dinkey “Voices in Song”

OFFERING

Give Thanks

Give thanks with a grate-ful heart, give thanks to the Ho-ly One,
 give thanks be-cause he's giv-en Je-sus Christ, his Son.
 Give thanks with a grate-ful heart, give thanks to the Ho-ly One,
 give thanks be-cause he's giv-en Je-sus Christ, his Son.

And now let the weak say, "I am strong," let the poor say, "I am
rich," be-cause of what the Lord has done for us. And
now let the weak say, "I am strong," let the poor say, "I am
rich," be-cause of what the Lord has done for us. Give thanks!

Last time

Text: Henry Smith

Music: GIVE THANKS, Henry Smith

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OFFERING PRAYER

God of creation,
you send rain and the earth springs forth abundantly.
All blessings are from you;
make us generous with what we have.
Use our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts
in service to you and in love to our neighbors,
today and always.
Amen.

SENDING

BLESSING

The God of love
draw you into full accord and one mind,
in the body of Christ Jesus.
Amen.

The God of hope
grant you strength and joy in all circumstances
through the interceding of the Spirit.

Amen.

The God of grace

✝ bless you now and forever.

Amen.

SENDING SONG *Healer of Our Every Ill* (ELW 612)

DISMISSAL

The worship has ended. Let the service begin.

Go out in joy. Be led forth in peace.

Thanks be to God.

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DINKEY MEMORIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

October 18, 2026

The Altar Flowers are sponsored today by Donna & Joe Kluk in honor of their 50th wedding anniversary on October 30, 2026.

The Bulletins are sponsored today by Irene Wenner in memory of her father, Herman Steigerwalt.

The Week Ahead:

Today	9:00AM	21 th Sunday after Pentecost Worship
	10:15AM	Sunday School
Wednesday	9:00AM	Morning Prayer
	6:30PM	Council Meeting
Thursday	9:30AM	Bible Study
Sunday	9:00AM	Reformation Sunday Worship
	10:15AM	Sunday School

Office Hours:

Monday, Thursday, Friday 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM
(610)377-4242

HAPPY BIRTHDAY! October 18 to October 24

10/18 Ronald Miller

10/18 Daryl Walbert

10/19 Evan Fardella

10/19 Jordon Graver

10/19 Harper Lower

10/19 Armell McFarland

10/20 Dallas Biegley

10/20 Kendall Bonser

10/20 Nora Bonser

10/20 Sherri Bowman

10/20 Toni Leiby

10/21 Darrin Arndt

10/21 Michael Bowman

10/21 Luella Ware

10/24 Emerick McArdle

10/24 Joan Reinheimer

Giant Gift Cards: If you would like to purchase any Giant Gift Cards please see Kathy Steigerwalt. We receive 5% from each gift card sold.

Fundraising: Dinkey is selling Streak free cloths; \$5 each. Please contact Jan in the office if interested.

Cookbooks: The Dinkey cookbooks have arrived and are ready for purchase, \$15 per cookbook. Please see Karen Schleicher.

Fundraising: Dinkey is selling Boscov's cards for \$5. On October 21, 2026, you will get 25% off everything you buy in store or online. Please see Karen Schleicher

Spaghetti Dinner: Dinkey will be having a spaghetti dinner on Tuesday, November 3, 2026 from 4 PM to 7PM. Adults are \$12, children 5 to 12 are \$8, 4 and under are free.

Free Thanksgiving Meal: Dinkey, St John's, Zion Stone, St Peter's and Ben Salem are sponsoring a free Thanksgiving meal on Saturday, November 21, 2026, with drive thru pick up at Ben Salem Leighton from 1:00-3:00 PM. You must pre-register by calling Nancy Meiser at (570)205-9267 between November 2nd and November 16th.

Fundraising: Dinkey will be selling filling; \$9 a quart, \$35 a pan. Orders due by November 3, 2026. Please call Linda (484)464-3705 or the church office (610)377-4242. Pick up is Monday, November 23, 2026 from 2:00 to 5:00 PM and Tuesday, November 24, 2026 from 4:00 to 6:00 PM.

Dylan and Gavin's Rainbow is pleased to announce that we will once again host a special **2026 Children's Remembrance Candle Lighting and Dinner**. This will once again be held in Luther Hall, Trinity Lutheran Church, 3rd and Iron Streets in Lehighton. Doors will open at 2:30 and dinner will be served at 3:00 p.m. The candle lighting ceremony and slideshow will follow immediately after dinner.

MILITARY PERSONNEL FROM OR ASSOCIATED WITH DINKEY MEMORIAL

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Darwin Berger

Arlene Bisbing

Sheila Flickinger

Tess Hinger

Stephen Hoffman

Linda Markell

Debbie Meckel

Gordon Scherer

Patty Schleicher

Alice Scitney

Darwin Strohl

Debra Strohl

SICK/HOSPITALIZED/SPECIAL NEEDS MEMBERS AND FRIENDS

Faith Beck

Sherri Bowman

Lauren Dugan

Candy Everett

Louise Everett

Ann German

Brenda German

Dick German

Joseph Gorman

Madisynn Hawk

Barbara Niehoff Janco

Sandy Keller

Joe Kluk

Deb Koch

Jim Koch

Deb Lilly

Armell McFarland

Robert Miller

Emily Persinger

Barry Ruth

Karen Schleicher

Kenny Schleicher

Tanner Schleicher

Cindy Shipwash

Georgine Shupp

Carol Steber

Kathy Steigerwalt

Patti Walck

Jason Wetzell

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

Ministers:

The Congregation

Pastor:

Reverend Anthony Pagotto

Licensed Lay Minister:

Kimberly Gerhard

“Kimberly Gerhard, a Licensed Lay Minister, has been authorized by the Bishop of the Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod to provide pastoral services in this congregation.”

Music Director:

Colleen Rudelitsch

Greeters:

Frey

Acolytes:

Logan Riley

Lectors:

Jan Schwartz

Worship Participants for October 25, 2026:

Greeters:

Wetzel

Acolytes:

Blake Schleicher
Bryn Schleicher

Lectors:

Kurt Steigerwalt

Communion Assistants:

Joanne Koons
Elijah Pagotto

We Come to You for Healing, Lord

1 We come to you for heal - ing, Lord, of
 2 As once you walked through an - cient streets and
 3 You touch us through phy - si - cians' skills, through
 4 When nights are long with wake - ful - ness, through
 5 We come to you, O lov - ing Lord, in

bod - y, mind, and soul, and pray that by your
 reached toward those in pain, come, ris - en Christ, a -
 nurs - es' gifts of care, and through the love of
 days when strength runs low, grant us your gift of
 our dis - tress and pain, in trust that through our

Spir - it's touch we may a - gain be whole.
 mong us still with pow'r to heal a - gain.
 faith - ful friends who lift our lives in prayer.
 pa - tience, Lord, your calm - ing peace to know.
 nights and days your grace will heal, sus - tain.

Text: Herman G. Stuempfle Jr., b. 1923

Music: MARTYRDOM, Hugh Wilson, 1764–1824

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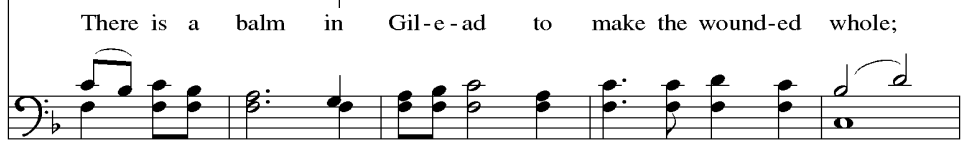
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There Is a Balm in Gilead

Refrain



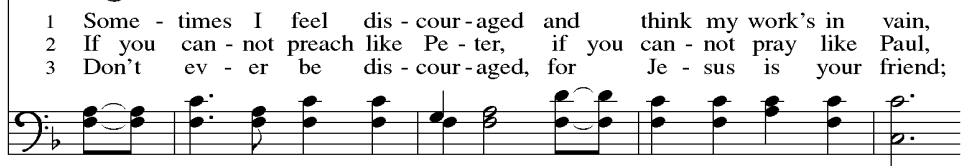
There is a balm in Gil-e-ad to make the wound-ed whole;




there is a balm in Gil-e-ad to heal the sin-sick soul.



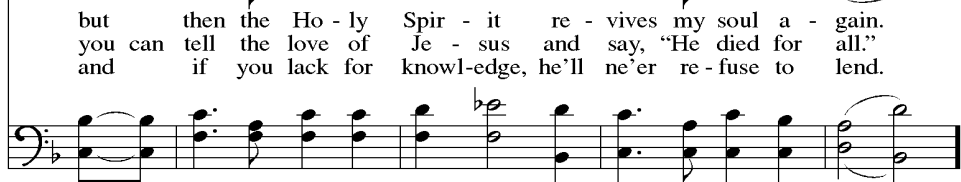

1 Some - times I feel dis - cour-aged and think my work's in vain,
 2 If you can - not preach like Pe - ter, if you can - not pray like Paul,
 3 Don't ev - er be dis - cour-aged, for Je - sus is your friend;



Refrain



but then the Ho - ly Spir - it re - vives my soul a - gain.
 you can tell the love of Je - sus and say, "He died for all."
 and if you lack for knowl-edge, he'll ne'er re - fuse to lend.



Text: African American spiritual
 Music: BALM IN GILEAD, African American spiritual

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Healer of Our Every Ill

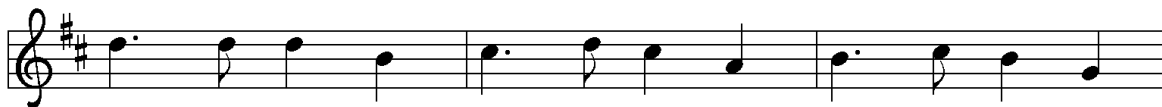
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Heal - er of our ev - 'ry ill, light of each to - mor - row,



give us peace be - yond our fear, and hope be - yond our sor - row.



- 1 You who know our fears and sad - ness, grace us with your
- 2 In the pain and joy be - hold - ing how your grace is
- 3 Give us strength to love each oth - er, ev - 'ry sis - ter,
- 4 You who know each thought and feel - ing, teach us all your

Refrain



peace and glad - ness; Spir - it of all com - fort, fill our hearts.
still un - fold - ing, give us all your vi - sion, God of love.
ev - 'ry broth - er; Spir - it of all kind - ness, be our guide.
way of heal - ing; Spir - it of com - pas - sion, fill each heart.

Text: Marty Haugen, b. 1950

Music: HEALER OF OUR EVERY ILL., Marty Haugen

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