***TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST***

***August 17, 2025 10:00 A.M.***

***GATHERING IN GOD’S NAME***

*Father God, we gather here in your name,*

*acknowledging that you are with us.*

*We thank you for your love and faithfulness,*

*and we praise you for your power and presence.*

**Piano Prelude** "Amazing Grace"           arranged James Koerts

**Organ Prelude** "Aria" Spohr

**Welcome and News of the Church Family**

**Responsive Call to Worship**

L: In love and joy God calls us together.

**P: And so, we meet this day, as friends, as neighbors, as sisters and brothers in Christ.**

L: Called together by God, we bring our offerings to God:

**P: Our songs, our hearts, our prayers, our lives.**

**A: Grateful for this opportunity to give and receive, let us worship God**

**\*Hymn of Praise #345 “**Blessed Assurance”

**Prayer of Confession**

**Loving God, help us. When we have run away, when we have turned our backs on love, when we have sought immediate satisfaction and not long-term healing, help us.**

**Merciful God, forgive us. When we have been selfish, when we have been mean, when we have closed our ears to the cries of others, forgive us.**

**Powerful God, heal us. When we are so broken we cannot move, when we don’t know how to stem the bleeding of our wounds, when we are too ashamed to seek community, heal us.**

**Give us the courage, the strength, and the hope to accept your grace and hear your call in Christ.**

**Amen.**

**Silent Prayer**

**Assurance of Grace**

**\*Gloria Patri** “Gloria Patri” Greatorex

**Children’s Message**

**Moment of Offering and Thanksgiving:**

**Prayer of Dedication**

**\*Doxology** “Doxology” Old Hundredth

**Special Music**

*Karla Snyder, vocal solo*

**Pastoral Prayer and the Lord’s Prayer**

***HEARING GOD’S WORD***

**First Scripture Reading** John 14: 1-7

**Hymn of Preparation #257 “**The Comforter Has Come”

**Second Scripture Reading** John 14: 8-14

**Meditation** Pastor Bill Spangler

***GOING IN GOD’S GRACE***

**\*Closing Hymn #26** “A Mighty Fortress is Our God **“**

\***Benediction** And let all God’s people say…**Alleluia, Amen**

**\*Organ Postlude** "Closing Voluntary" Albrecht Brede******

**Leading in Worship**

Pastor Bill Spangler

Rev. Dr. Catherine Craley

Organist Jim Sankey

**Nursery**

Children are always welcome in our worship service. We also have a nursery available during the 10:00 a.m. worship service.

**Adult Sunday School Class**

Join us for a Sunday Morning Adult Sunday School class from 9:00 a.m. – 9:45 a.m.  in the downstairs fellowship hall. All are welcome.

**“Get the Scoop”**

Want the "scoop" on Trinity’s Capital Campaign or the projects we have lined up for this summer? Click the "Get the Scoop" button in the Weekly Update. We will keep that information updated for you as we progress. You can also find this information on Trinity's website under the "About" page.

**Join Us for a Back to School Prayer Party**

Dr. Craley and the Mercer Ministerium invite you to join us as we pray together for our Mercer Mustang family next Sunday, August 24th. If you plan to attend, please let Dr. Craley know. We are hoping to have representatives from various churches in Mercer. Prayers for teachers, bus drivers, administrators and students will be offered by different participants. At 6:00 p.m. meet at the Elementary school for prayer. Caravan to the High School. Pray at the High School. End by 7:15 p.m.