



Eighth Sunday after Pentecost
July 14, 2024
Guest Speaker – Dave Creamer
Assisted by Cora Wright

Trinity United Church of Christ
600 Main Street
Berlin, Pennsylvania

**Preludes Crown Him With Many Crowns – Mary McDonald
I Sing the Mighty Power of God – Anna Laura Page**

Welcome

No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here at Trinity United Church of Christ.

Greeting and Announcements

Call to Worship

The Earth is the lord's, and everything in it, and all who live in it.
For he founded it upon the seas and established it upon the waters.

Who may ascend the hill of the lord, who may stand in his holy place.

Those who have clean hands and pure heart, those who seek the lord.

Lift up your hearts, lift up your voice, our Lord is king of all.

Lift up your hearts, lift up your voice, our Lord comes in glory.

Hymn No. 2

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Call to Confession:

Together as brothers and sisters in faith we gather our voices. We call out for God to hear us. Confessing our faults we seek forgiveness, grace, and peace. Let us join in this confession.

Prayer of Confession

Heavenly Father, we pray for forgiveness. Proudful, boastful, thoughtless, we have sinned against you and our neighbors. Forgive us our sins. Help us to humble, kind, and caring. Strengthen our faith and give us the will to want to love our neighbors as ourselves. Guide us with the holy spirit. Steady us on our journey. Bless us with your loving Grace. Amen

Silent Confession

Assurance of Forgiveness

God hears each of us. Makes time for each of us. He knows our wrongs, he knows our best. When we ask, he forgives us. Amen

***Response**

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost: as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen.

***Affirmation of Faith**

The 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 into hades.
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 quick 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 life everlasting. Amen.**

Please Remain Standing

With Joy We Now Offer Our Gifts

*** Presentation of the Offering – Singing of the Doxology**

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him all creatures here below;
Praise him above ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost**

Offering Prayer

Heavenly Father, we humble ourselves before you. A blessed and grateful people. We want to share with you some of the abundance that you give to each of us. We ask that you use these gifts where you know they are needed best. Help our brothers and sisters in Christ. Heavenly father we lift up to you those on our prayer list, those in our hearts, those that we worry and care for. We ask for your healing and comforting touch. Be with those who don't know they need you. We pray for our troubled world; we pray for the things we don't understand. Heavenly Father let your will be done. Protect those who protect and care for us both near and abroad. Bless us dear lord with your Holy Spirit. Help us to be a fruitful and productive people and church. Steady us with your hand, guide us with your touch. Help us to make you proud. We are thankful for all these things, for answered prayers, and the gift of Grace your Son Jesus Christ brought for us. We offer to you the prayer he taught us to pray.

The Lord's Prayer (using debts and debtors)

Special Music

Trinity Youth Ringers
"Ring A Joyful Sound"

Cora Wright
Colton Custer
Kaitlyn Miller
Mekenna Tataleba

Lucy Wright
Jack Parrish
Elizabeth Hart

Scripture

2 Samuel 6:1-5

1 David again gathered all the chosen men of Israel, thirty thousand.

2 And David arose and went with all the people who were with him from Baale-judah, to bring up from there the ark of God, which is called by the name of the Lord of hosts who sits enthroned on the cherubim.

3 And they carried the ark of God upon a new cart, and brought it out of the house of Abinadab which was on the hill; and Uzzah and Ahio, the sons of Abinadab, were driving the new cart

4 with the ark of God; and Ahio went before the ark.

5 And David and all the house of Israel were making merry before the Lord with all their might, with songs and lyres and harps and tambourines and castanets and cymbals.

Epistle

Ephesians 1:3-14

3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places,

4 even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him.

5 He destined us in love to be his sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will,

6 to the praise of his glorious grace which he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved.

7 In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace

8 which he lavished upon us.

9 For he has made known to us in all wisdom and insight the mystery of his will, according to his purpose which he set forth in Christ

10 as a plan for the fulness of time, to unite all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth.

11 In him, according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to the counsel of his will,

12 we who first hoped in Christ have been destined and appointed to live for the praise of his glory.

13 In him you also, who have heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and have believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit,

14 which is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory.

Gospel

Mark 6: 14-29

14 King Herod heard of it; for Jesus' name had become known. Some said, "John the baptizer has been raised from the dead; that is why these powers are at work in him."

15 But others said, "It is Elijah." And others said, "It is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old."

16 But when Herod heard of it he said, "John, whom I beheaded, has been raised."

17 For Herod had sent and seized John, and bound him in prison for the sake of Herodi-as, his brother Philip's wife; because he had married her.

18 For John said to Herod, "It is not lawful for you to have your **brother's wife.**"

19 And Herodi-as had a grudge against him, and wanted to kill him. But she could not,

20 for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and kept him safe. When he heard him, he was much perplexed; and yet he heard him gladly.

21 But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his courtiers and officers and the leading men of Galilee.

22 For when Herodi-as' daughter came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his guests; and the king said to the girl, "Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will grant it."

23 And he vowed to her, "Whatever you ask me, I will give you, even half of my kingdom."

24 And she went out, and said to her mother, "What shall I ask?" And she said, "The head of John the baptizer."

25 And she came in immediately with haste to the king, and asked, saying, "I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter."

26 And the king was exceedingly sorry; but because of his oaths and his guests he did not want to break his word to her.

27 And immediately the king sent a soldier of the guard and gave orders to bring his head. He went and beheaded him in the prison,

28 and brought his head on a platter, and gave it to the girl; and the girl gave it to her mother.

29 When his disciples heard of it, they came and took his body, and laid it in a tomb.

Hymn No. 284 They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love

**Sermon – "Prides Foly"
Guest Speaker – Dave Creamer**

***Hymn No. 573**

God of Our Fathers

***Benediction**

***Response – Sung with Dismissal**

***Going Forth**

Now Unto Him Who Is Able

**Now unto Him who is able to keep you from falling.
To make you stand in His presence blameless and with great
joy.**

**To the only God our Savior, Jesus Christ our Lord.
Be the glory, and the majesty, dominion, and authority.
Both now and forevermore, Amen.**

Postlude

God of Our Fathers Mary McDonald

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Those Remembered in prayer:

God's guidance and protection for Armed Forces.

Shut Ins:

Barb Berkley, Roy Bucher, Helen Diest, Mary Forespring, Cynthia Kelly, Lois Krause, Debbi Luteri, Lois Saylor.

Healing Concerns:

Mark Amyot, Donnie Baxter, Jim Benoit, Kathy Blough,
Mandy Bockes, Paige Boyer,
Father Elijah Bremer, Rhonda Brown, Ray Coleman,
Tammy Coughenour, Pam Crooks,

Nancy Custer, Reon Engleka, Kathy Fox,
 Nancy Gindlesperger, Cheryl Glessner,
 Art & Marlene Gotchen,
 Andrea (Shaulis) Harris, Joe Harris, Michael Harris,
 Joy Hay (Dwayne),
 Larry Hay, Barry Landis, Brenda & Larry Leister, Jim Little,
 Cathy Meyers, Joyce Miller, Gwen Ottaviano, Carl (Edison) Paul,
 Kathy Picking, James Robb, Brett Sarver, Tammie Saylor,
 Nancy Schrock, Larry Tinkey, Adeline Vieregge, Diane Walker,
 Robin Walker, Jane Watkins, Nancy Weighley, Gerald Zorn

Please Update

Please let the office know of the status of anyone you have placed on the Prayer List.

The Saints In Action

TODAY- 8th Sunday after Pentecost

9:00 a.m. Worship

10:10 a.m. Sunday School

Next Sunday – 9th Sunday after Pentecost

9:00 a.m. Worship

10:10 a.m. Sunday School

Giving From 07/07/2024

	Rec	Budget	Over/Under
General	\$2781.00	\$3155.58	-\$374.58
Ben	\$285.00	\$182.69	\$102.31
Maint	\$245.00	\$163.46	\$81.54
Mem	\$400.00		\$0.00
Total	\$3711.00	\$3501.73	-\$190.73

Also not included in Benevolence were Donations to Food Pantry of \$40. Memorials include \$100 to Memorial Fund and \$300 to Handbell Music Fund.

Worship Attendance: 65 + 23 Online = 88

Sunday School: 9

Where You May Find . . .

The Nursery: *is on the lower level for children and their parent. A big screen TV is mounted in the room so that you may watch the service.*

At the Sanctuary Entrances. . .

Large Print Bulletins

Hearing Amplifiers

Recycling Boxes for Bulletins

These Days – Devotional

Assisting in Worship

Sound: Jim Darr (Board), Gaye Maust (Camera)

Ushers: Bob Brown, John Wisler

Acolytes: Cora and Lucy Wright

Organ: Nancy Bittner

Flowers on the altar: in honor of our children, Alissa and Josh and their families by Bob & Colleen Glotfelty

Bulletin is in memory of her daughter Kathy Jo Brant by Joyce Knotts.

The Whole Congregation in Ministry and Assisted by

Church Secretary: Pam Bush, Jean Ann Darr

Financial Secretary: Renee Gindlesperger

Chancel Choir Director Emeritus: Linda Gallick

Handbells: Jeanne Hillegas

Virtual Organist: Rick Kimmel

Consistory Elders:

Rus Ogburn, Vice President, 814-267-5650

Sheron Engleka, 814-267-4166

Jim Darr, 814-267-5260

Consistory Deacons:

Pam Bush, Leanna Coughenour, Tom Croner (President) 814-

442-6740, Amanda Custer, Jean Hart, Gale Hay, Bill Landis,

Julie Petro, Ann Slifco

**Church Office Hours – Tuesday through Thursday
9:00 a.m. to 1 p.m.**

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Changes to upcoming Supply Minister assignments.

July 21 Dave Creamer

July 28 Bill Deal

August 4 Dave Creamer

August 11 Dan Croft

Bolded dates indicate communion.

Sunday School

Tom will be teaching for the next couple of months doing Ray Vander Laan's video series entitled "With All Your Heart". It is a six-part series that will be a new video not previously seen in Sunday School.

Youth Sunday School

We will resume in the fall, September 8th.

Sunday School Teachers would like to make a Lego Room out of the part of the Nursery that has carpeting. There are Parables and other Bible Lessons that can be taught using Legos. If anyone has any Legos or a Lego table or Lego storage options that they would like to donate to this project- please bring them and put them in the nursery downstairs. Thank you!

Community VBS at the Grove

July 22-26 is in need of someone to handle Music, Games, Registration – both pre-registration and registration during the week at the grove. If you would be interested please contact Angie Klink at 814-442-9195. Questions may also be referred to Sheron Engleka.

Calling All Graduates

We are rounding up all the names of our Trinity family high school, college, or trade school graduates! Please help by contacting the office as soon as possible.

Bethlehem Experience

Planning is underway for the 5th biennial “Bethlehem Experience in Berlin PA. This year’s event will be held Sunday December 8th, on the Block Party Lot in Berlin. In an effort to cut down on the waiting time, we are planning to offer a “walk through” from 200-4:00 p.m. and a “drive through” from 5:30-8:00 p.m.

How can you help?

- 1) Pray that the people coming to the event experience Jesus and pray for favorable weather.
- 2) Donate funds to purchase supplies for building sets; pay for rental of sound/lighting systems.
- 3) Volunteer to help with making the sets, costumes, painting, etc.
- 4) Volunteer to serve as actors – we will need approximately 40 volunteers.
- 5) Volunteer to help with set up and tear down December 7-8

If you are able to donate, please make check payable to:
Bethlehem Experience, 500 South St., Berlin PA 15530

If anyone would like to volunteer, please contact one of the following:

Joanne Stoltzfus – 814-233-5905

Cheryl Hay – 814-267-5642

Angie Klink – 814-442-9195

Jeanette Landis – 814-267-3020

April Logue – 814-267-5072

Lorrie Shaw – 814-521-8852

J B Schrock Community Park 2024 Summer Food Program

The J B Schrock Community Park [500 South St., Berlin] will be hosting a free summer lunch program through the Pittsburgh Food Bank. This program is open to all children, ages 2-18, in the Berlin Brothersvalley School District; no paperwork or income guidelines are required.

"Grab-and-Go" lunches will be available June 10-August 16, on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, from 11:30 am-12:30 pm. Come to visit the playground & stay for lunch! Each lunch will include enough food for 2-3 days.

And thank you:

The J.B. Schrock Community Playground Board of Directors extends their appreciation to you for your donation of \$25. Your continued support has helped us make many improvements so that the park is safer for the many children who visit each day. This summer we have also partnered with the Pittsburgh Food Bank and Camp Harmony to provide lunches every Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

Check our website to see the activities that are planned throughout the summer and join us in September to celebrate our 76th birthday.

Berlin Community Days July 20th

Allison Zimmerman is working on the board for Berlin Community Days. They are looking for baskets and donations to sell. If anyone is interested in helping, please contact Allison or April Logue (814) 267-5072.

Heritage Sunday, October 6th, 2024

Both the Council of Trinity Lutheran Church and our Consistory have graciously agreed to return an old tradition called Heritage Sunday. This is based on our common heritage beginning in 1777 when both congregations built one building for both congregations to share. The date selected and approved is October 6th, 2024. There will be no church or Sunday School at our church that Sunday. Church Service will be at 10:40am that Sunday at Trinity Lutheran Church, Berlin. Sunday School will be there also at 9:30am. The following year we, Trinity UCC, will then host Trinity Lutheran at our church. Please join in this celebration of our Common Heritage on Sunday, October 6th, 2024.

Hospice Volunteers Needed

Hospice volunteers come from all ages and walks of life, with an extraordinary love and compassionate concern for others. They contribute to the overall well-being of our patients, families, and UPMC Volunteers help Family Hospice and those we serve in many ways.

- Patient/family companionship
- Bereavement support
- Pet assisted visits
- Clerical
- Share musical talents
- Barber and hair stylist

All volunteers receive free training and orientation. If you are interested in becoming a volunteer with Family Hospice, call Daun, volunteer & bereavement coordinator at 814-515-6056.

Faith Night At the Ice Cream Station

Saturday, August 10, 6-8 p.m.

“All For Him Worship Band”

“All For Him” Worship Band is a band of dedicated Christian women who love contemporary Christian music. They love to draw people into worship with them to encounter the Living Christ. They met through an interdenominational 3-day retreat, Tres Dias, and hail from different denominations and regions, with Jesus being the common thread. They have become spiritual sisters in Christ as they’ve served and worshipped together. It’s “All For Him”.

Hosted by Swell Ministry. In case of inclement weather, Faith Night will be moved to Swell Ministry located at 701 North St., Lot 2 (in the rear of the building), Berlin. Bring your own chairs.

Pastoral Care: For those in need of pastoral care please contact Tom Croner, President of Consistory at 814-442-6740, who will arrange for a pastor to provide comfort and assurance in a time of crisis. If you need **immediate** pastoral care, contact Jay Shaffer at 814-483-0398.



Church Picnic Registration

The church picnic will be held at the Berlin Community Grove on Sunday, **July 28**, from 1-4 PM. Please bring a covered dish to share. Table service, chicken and drink will be provided. **RSVP by July 16th** to the church office or drop registration in the offering plate.

CHURCH PICNIC JULY 28, 2024

Name _____

Number attending _____

As a reminder, we still need people to sign up to help with the picnic on July 28th. The sign-up sheet is at the Vine Street entrance.

We currently have 17 people registered for the church picnic and it's just a couple of weeks away. We are trying to get a final count as soon as possible so that we know how many chickens to prepare. Please consider joining us for fellowship, games, great food and open pit BBQ chicken!!!

Can't wait to to see you there!!!



Here is how you can receive Christ:

Admit your need. (I am a sinner.)

Be willing to turn from your sins (repent) and ask for God's forgiveness.

Believe that Jesus Christ died for you on the cross and rose from the grave.

Through prayer, invite Jesus Christ to come in and control your life through the Holy Spirit. (Receive Jesus as Lord and Savior)

"Dear God, I know I am a sinner. I want to turn from my sins, and I ask for Your forgiveness. I believe that Jesus Christ is Your Son. I believe He died for my sins and that You raised Him to life. I want Him to come into my heart and to take control of my life. I want to trust Jesus as my Savior and follow Him as my Lord from this day forward. In Jesus' Name, amen."