

**7th Sunday after  
Pentecost**



***Seventh Sunday after Pentecost  
Holy Communion  
July 7, 2024  
Guest Speaker – Dan Croft  
Assisted by Colton Custer***

***Trinity United Church of Christ  
600 Main Street  
Berlin, Pennsylvania***

**Preludes**

**The Star-Spangled Banner – Mary McDonald  
America, the Beautiful – Robert Thygerson**

**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**

Let us lift our eyes, for God is enthroned in the heavens

**We look to the Lord, for God is our source and our strength.**

Great is the Lord and greatly to be  
praised!

**We ponder God's steadfast love, a never-ending stream.**

God's name reaches to the ends of the earth!

**God will forever be our guide.**

Come, let us worship God!

**Hymn No. 276**

**Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation**

**Prayer of Confession**

**We are weary with the weight of our sin.**

**We carry not only the weight of our individual sins,  
but the weight of the sins of all humanity.**

**We confess that we have participated in patterns of injustice  
and have been complicit in actions of cruelty and violence.**

**We have been impudent and  
stubborn**

**when you call us to be obedient and faithful.**

**Stir our hearts that we may return to you  
with open and compassionate hearts.**

**Free us of our sin that we may be a new creation  
and follow you all the days of our life. Amen.**

## **Silent Confession**

### **Assurance of Forgiveness**

Hear again the good news: that Jesus' grace is sufficient for us all—

sufficient for us to be forgiven in his name.

Receive that grace and rejoice in the power to live in his strength.

**Thanks be to God!**

### **\*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**

Merciful God, in this time of reflection and offering, we acknowledge our weaknesses and limitations, knowing that it is through our struggles that we learn humility and dependence on you. As we bring forth our gifts, may we also bring our vulnerabilities, trusting in your grace to transform our weaknesses into strengths for the work of your kingdom. Amen.

**The Lord's Prayer** (using debts and debtors)

**Scripture**

**Romans 12: 17-21**

**17** Repay no one evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all.

**18** If possible, so far as it depends upon you, live peaceably with all.

**19** Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave it to the wrath of God; for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord."

**20** No, "if your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him drink; for by so doing you will heap burning coals upon his head."

**21** Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

## **Epistle**

### **2 Corinthian 12: 2-10**

**2** I know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows.

**3** And I know that this man was caught up into Paradise—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows—

**4** and he heard things that cannot be told, which man may not utter.

**5** On behalf of this man I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses.

**6** Though if I wish to boast, I shall not be a fool, for I shall be speaking the truth. But I refrain from it, so that no one may think more of me than he sees in me or hears from me.

**7** And to keep me from being too elated by the abundance of revelations, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan, to harass me, to keep me from being too elated.

**8** Three times I besought the Lord about this, that it should leave me;

**9** but he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.” I will all the more gladly boast of my weaknesses, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.

**10** For the sake of Christ, then, I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities; for when I am weak, then I am strong.

## **Gospel**

### **Mark 6: 1-13**

**1** He went away from there and came to his own country; and his disciples followed him.

**2** And on the sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue; and many who heard him were astonished, saying, “Where did this man get all this? What is the wisdom given to him? What mighty works are wrought by his hands!

**3** Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon, and are not his sisters here with us?” And they took offense at him.

**4** And Jesus said to them, “A prophet is not without honor, except in his own country, and among his own kin, and in his own house.”

5 And he could do no mighty work there, except that he laid his hands upon a few sick people and healed them.

6 And he marveled because of their unbelief.

And he went about among the villages teaching.

7 And he called to him the twelve, and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits.

8 He charged them to take nothing for their journey except a staff; no bread, no bag, no money in their belts;

9 but to wear sandals and not put on two tunics.

10 And he said to them, "Where you enter a house, stay there until you leave the place.

11 And if any place will not receive you and they refuse to hear you, when you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet for a testimony against them."

12 So they went out and preached that men should repent.

13 And they cast out many demons, and anointed with oil many that were sick and healed them.

**Hymn No. 43**

**Great Is Thy Faithfulness**

**Sermon – "Forgiveness"  
Guest Speaker – Dan Croft**

**Hymn No. 274**

**"Break Thou the Bread of Life"**

### **Sacrament of Communion**

Jesus said: I am the bread of life. You who come to me shall not hunger; you who believe in me shall never thirst.

**In company with all who hunger for spiritual food, we come to this table to know the risen Christ in the sharing of this life-giving bread.**

### **\*Communion Prayer**

God be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to God.**

Let us give thanks to the God Most High.

**It is right to give God Thanks and Praise.**

Eternal God, who has created the heavens and the earth, giving breath to every living thing, we thank you for all the gifts of creation and for the gift of life itself. We thank you for making us in your own image, for forgiving us when we act as though you have no claim on us, and for keeping us in your steadfast care.

We rejoice in Jesus Christ, the only one eternally begotten by you, who was born of your servant Mary and shared the joys and sorrows of life as we know it.

We remember Christ's death, we celebrate Christ's resurrection, and, in the beloved community of your church, we await Christ's return at the end of history.

We take courage from the abiding presence of your Holy Spirit in our midst. We offer you our praise for women and men of faith in every age who stand as witnesses to your love and justice. With all the prophets, martyrs, and saints, and all the company of heaven, we glorify you.

**Holy, Holy, Holy God of Love and majesty, the whole universe speaks of your glory, O God Most High.  
Blessed is the one who come in the name of our God!  
Hosanna in the highest!**

**Please be seated.**

We remember that on the night of betrayal and desertion, Jesus took bread, gave you thanks, broke the bread, and gave it to the disciples, saying: "This is my body which is broken for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

In the same way, Jesus also took the cup, after supper, saying: "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

By eating this bread and drinking this cup, we proclaim Christ's death, celebrate Christ's resurrection, and await Christ's coming again.

**Amen. Come, Christ Jesus!**

Gracious God, we ask you to bless this bread and cup and all of us with the outpouring of your Holy Spirit. Through this meal,

make us the body of Christ, the church, your servant people, that we may be salt, and light, and leaven for the furtherance of your will in all the world.

**Amen. Come, Holy Spirit**

**Breaking Bread and Pouring Wine**

Through the broken bread we participate in the body of Christ. Through the cup of blessing, we participate in the new life Christ gives us.

**Resurrection Acclamation**

Alleluia! Fear not, I am the first and the last, and the living one. **I died, and behold I am alive for evermore. Alleluia!**

**Sharing of the Elements**

The gifts of God for the people of God. Come, for all things are ready.

The body of Christ, the living bread.

**Amen!**

The blood of Christ, the saving cup.

**Amen!**

**\*Prayer of Thanksgiving**

Let us pray.

**Eternal God, you have called your people from east and west and north and south to feast at the table of Jesus Christ. We thank you for Christ's presence and for the spiritual food of Christ's body and blood. By the power of your Holy Spirit, keep us faithful to your will. Go with us to the streets, to our homes, and to our places of labor and leisure that whether we are gathered or scatter, we may be the servant church of the servant Christ, in whose name we rejoice to pray.**

**Amen.**

**\*Hymn No. 556**

**Now Thank We All Our God**

**\*Benediction**

**\*Response – Sung with Dismissal**



## **\*Going Forth**

### **Go Now in Peace**

**Go now in peace. Never be afraid.  
God will go with you each hour of ev'ry day.  
Go now in faith, steadfast, strong, and true.  
Know He will guide you in all you do.  
Go now in love, and show you believe.  
Reach out to others so all the world can see.  
God will be there watching from above.  
Go now in peace, in faith, and in love.**

**Postlude     Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory – 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- 7th Sunday after Pentecost / Holy Communion  
 9:00 a.m. Worship  
 10:10 a.m. Sunday School

Monday Consistory Meeting

Next Sunday – 8th Sunday after Pentecost  
 9:00 a.m. Worship  
 10:10 a.m. Sunday School

**Giving From 06/30/2024**

	Rec	Budget	Over/Under
<b>General</b>	\$1792.00	\$3155.58	-\$1363.58
<b>Ben</b>	\$60.00	\$182.69	-\$122.69
<b>Maint</b>	\$75.00	\$163.46	-\$88.46
<b>Mem</b>	\$0.00		\$0.00
<b>Total</b>	\$1927.00	\$3501.73	-\$1574.73

Also not included in Benevolence were Donations to Food Pantry  
 of \$15

**Worship Attendance: 65 + 18 Online = 83**  
**Sunday School: 10**

***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:** Lori Gindlesperger (Board), Chris King (Camera)

**Ushers:** Sheron Engleka, Alissa Wright

**Acolytes:** Colton Custer

**Flowers on the altar in memory** of Leland & Louise Witt by Tamra & Dan Forgan.

**Bulletin is in honor** of the Faithful Service provided to the Congregation of Trinity United Church of Christ of Berlin by our past Pastor, the Reverend Dr. David A. Williams from July 1, 1997 through June 26, 2022.

***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 14	Dave Creamer
July 21	Dave Creamer
July 28	Bill Deal

**Bolded dated 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 8<sup>th</sup>.

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

**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 5<sup>th</sup> biennial “Bethlehem Experience in Berlin PA. This year’s event will be held Sunday December 8<sup>th</sup>, 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.

### **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.

**Blood Drive**, Monday, July 8, 12:30 p.m. to 6 p.m.  
Berlin Community Veterans' Home Association of Berlin. Social Hall, 419 Meadow Street, Berlin.

### **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.

**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 16<sup>th</sup>** to the church office or drop registration in the offering plate.

### **CHURCH PICNIC JULY 28, 2024**

**Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Number attending** \_\_\_\_\_