



Sixth Sunday after
Pentecost

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June 30, 2024

Guest Speaker – Rev James Vander Schuur

Assisted by Cora Wright

Trinity United Church of Christ

600 Main Street

Berlin, Pennsylvania

Preludes

When, In Our Music, God is Glorified
Anna Laura Page
Faith – Mark Hayes

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

Come, let us sing for joy to the Lord;

let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation.

Let us come before the Eternal One with thanksgiving,
and extol God with music and song.

Hymn No. 43

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Prayer of Confession

Eternal God,

We have made space for you in this place at this time.

We have made space in the rhythm of our days

to worship you, to thank you, for your place in our lives.

But when we stop,

we realize that you have always been making the space for

us, making time for us, opening a place of love for us.

You made space for creation to explode, expand, and explore
being alive.

You loved each of us as we formed and grew and continue to
develop.

You call us and gather us and open up new possibilities for
the future.

So forgive us when we are distracted by our own busyness
and need.

Forgive us when we see the earth and its resources
as ours to exploit for short term gain.

Forgive us when we use other people as a means to our ends.

Forgive us when we lose our focus on you, your will and your
way.

**Loving God, calm us and capture our attention.
Welcome us into your belonging.
Assure us of our worth.
Lead us in love.
So may we know that we are forgiven
and be refreshed to be your people in the world,
in Jesus name, Amen**

Silent Confession

Assurance of Forgiveness

The Lord is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love. He will not always accuse, nor will he harbor his anger forever; he does not treat us as our sins deserve or repay us according to our inequities. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his love for those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us.

***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**

Response of Faith – Based on the Apostles Creed

Do you believe in God the Father?

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

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.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

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.

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

Generous God,
our offering is more than money,
and we offer you our time, our prayers, our skills,
and our commitment to you and your work.
To these we add our offerings of money,
whether put in a plate, tapped with a card, or made by bank transfer.
We give in these different ways
out of gratitude for all you have given to us,
and pray that they may be used
to make your presence known in the world. Amen

The Lord's Prayer (using debts and debtors)

Special Music – Dr Reeder

**“I Asked the Lord First”
“God Bless the USA”**

**Scripture:
Lamentations**

22 The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases,
his mercies never come to an end;

23 they are new every morning;
great is thy faithfulness.

Psalm 30

1 I will extol thee, O Lord, for thou hast drawn me up,
and hast not let my foes rejoice over me.

2 O Lord my God, I cried to thee for help,
and thou hast healed me.

3 O Lord, thou hast brought up my soul from Sheol,
restored me to life from among those gone down to the Pit.

4 Sing praises to the Lord, O you his saints,
and give thanks to his holy name.

5 For his anger is but for a moment,
and his favor is for a lifetime.

Weeping may tarry for the night,
but joy comes with the morning.

6 As for me, I said in my prosperity,
"I shall never be moved."

7 By thy favor, O Lord,
thou hadst established me as a strong mountain;
thou didst hide thy face,
I was dismayed.

8 To thee, O Lord, I cried;
and to the Lord I made supplication:

9 "What profit is there in my death,
if I go down to the Pit?

Will the dust praise thee?

Will it tell of thy faithfulness?

10 Hear, O Lord, and be gracious to me!
O Lord, be thou my helper!"

11 Thou hast turned for me my mourning into dancing;
thou hast loosed my sackcloth
and girded me with gladness,

12 that my soul may praise thee and not be silent.

O Lord my God, I will give thanks to thee for ever.

Gospel

2 Corinthians 8:7-15

7 Now as you excel in everything—in faith, in utterance, in knowledge, in all earnestness, and in your love for us—see that you excel in this gracious work also.

8 I say this not as a command, but to prove by the earnestness of others that your love also is genuine.

9 For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that by his poverty you might become rich.

10 And in this matter I give my advice: it is best for you now to complete what a year ago you began not only to do but to desire, **11** so that your readiness in desiring it may be matched by your completing it out of what you have.

12 For if the readiness is there, it is acceptable according to what a man has, not according to what he has not.

13 I do not mean that others should be eased and you burdened, **14** but that as a matter of equality your abundance at the present time should supply their want, so that their abundance may supply your want, that there may be equality.

15 As it is written, "He who gathered much had nothing over, and he who gathered little had no lack."

Gospel:

Mark 5:21-43

21 And when Jesus had crossed again in the boat to the other side, a great crowd gathered about him; and he was beside the sea.

22 Then came one of the rulers of the synagogue, Jairus by name; and seeing him, he fell at his feet,

23 and besought him, saying, "My little daughter is at the point of death. Come and lay your hands on her, so that she may be made well, and live."

24 And he went with him.

And a great crowd followed him and thronged about him.

25 And there was a woman who had a flow of blood for twelve years,

26 and who had suffered much under many physicians, and had spent all that she had, and was no better but rather grew worse.

27 She had heard the reports about Jesus and came up behind **him in the crowd and touched his garment.**

28 For she said, "If I touch even his garments, I shall be made **well.**"

29 And immediately the hemorrhage ceased; and she felt in her body that she was healed of her disease.

30 And Jesus, perceiving in himself that power had gone forth from him, immediately turned about in the crowd, and said, "Who touched my garments?"

31 And his disciples said to him, “You see the crowd pressing around you, and yet you say, ‘Who touched me?’ ”

32 And he looked around to see who had done it.

33 But the woman, knowing what had been done to her, came in fear and trembling and fell down before him, and told him the whole truth.

34 And he said to her, “Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace and be healed of your disease.”

35 While he was still speaking, there came from the ruler's house some who said, “Your daughter is dead. Why trouble the Teacher any further?”

36 But ignoring what they said, Jesus said to the ruler of the synagogue, “Do not fear, only believe.”

37 And he allowed no one to follow him except Peter and James and John the brother of James.

38 When they came to the house of the ruler of the synagogue, he saw a tumult, and people weeping and wailing loudly.

39 And when he had entered, he said to them, “Why do you make a tumult and weep? The child is not dead but sleeping.”

40 And they laughed at him. But he put them all outside and took the child's father and mother and those who were with him, and went in where the child was.

41 Taking her by the hand he said to her, “Talitha cumi”; which means, “Little girl, I say to you, arise.”

42 And immediately the girl got up and walked (she was twelve years of age), and they were immediately overcome with amazement.

43 And he strictly charged them that no one should know this, and told them to give her something to eat.

***Hymn No. 343**

Be Still and Know

Sermon

Guest Speaker – Rev James Vander Schuur

***Hymn No. 382**

Be Thou My Vision

***Benediction**

May the Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you; and may the Lord turn his face toward you and give you peace.”

***Response – Sung with Dismissal**

***Going Forth
Surely the Presence of the Lord**

**Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place,
I can feel His mighty power and His grace,
I can hear the brush of angels' wings,
I see glory on each face,
Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.**

Postlude

Trumpet Processional In G - David German

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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,
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, Brenda & Larry Leister, Jim Little, Cathy Meyers,

Joyce Miller, Frank Meyers, Gwen Ottaviano, Carl (Edison) Paul,
 Eli Penny, 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- 6th Sunday after Pentecost

9:00 a.m. Worship

10:10 a.m. Sunday School

Next Sunday –7th Sunday after Pentecost & Holy Communion

9:00 a.m. Worship

10:10 a.m. Sunday School

Giving From 06/23/2024

	Rec	Budget	Over/Under
General	\$2465.00	\$3155.58	-\$690.58
Ben	\$230.00	\$182.69	\$47.31
Maint	\$680.00	\$163.46	\$516.54
Mem	\$0.00		\$0.00
Total	\$3375.00	\$3501.73	-\$126.73

Also not included in Benevolence were Donations to Food Pantry
 of \$15, Tory Foltz of \$50 and JB Schrock Community Park of \$25.

Worship Attendance: 73 + 18 Online = 91

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), Russ Hillegas (Camera)

Ushers: Amanda Custer, Jean Ann Darr

Acolytes: Cora/Lucy Wright

Organ: Ann Slifco

Flowers on the altar in memory of her parents, Virgil & Harriet Vaughan, her brother, Virgil Vaughan, Jr. by Bob & Colleen Glotfelty.

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 7	Dan Croft
July 14	Dave Creamer
July 21	Dave Creamer
July 28	Bill Deal

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

Will resume in the fall, September 8th.

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. Included in your bulletin, please find a sign-up sheet for **RSVP to the picnic**. We will need to start determining how many people will be attending.

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!

Join us **June 30th TODAY** for Faith Night for the Johnstown Mill Rats Baseball Team at Point Stadium. Game is at **3:00 PM**, gates open at 1:00 PM for a praise band and other activities before the game. We need a group of 10+ to get the discounted rate of \$4/ticket. Anyone can attend and H&K will pay for any youth that attends.

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.

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED TO PICK UP MEALS AND HELP TO DISTRIBUTE THEM!!

Required volunteer meeting at the Playground [500 South St., Berlin] on Thursday, May 30th from 6:30pm-7:30pm.

NEW COORDINATOR: KRISTI TATALEBA - call/text 814-701-1971

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

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 16th** to the church office or drop registration in the offering plate.

CHURCH PICNIC JULY 28, 2024

Name _____

Number attending _____

Cornhole Tournament Results!

Congratulations Jason Clark!
“Two Time Winner – Cornhole Champion”
~Thank You Hugs & Kisses~



Dear Lord,

Thank You for another year where we get to remember and celebrate this day of freedom. We ask that You allow all of our celebrations to be done in a safe and peaceful manner. Please protect us from any harm and break every evil scheme or plan of the enemy on this day. Help us as a nation not to quarrel with one another but to stand together in peace and unity.