



***March 8, 2026  
"Third Sunday In Lent"***

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Assisted By Cora & Lucy Wright  
Trinity United Church of Christ  
600 Main Street  
Berlin, Pennsylvania***

***"Please silence your cell phone"***

**Prelude**

**For The Beauty of the Earth – Mark Hayes  
Wonderful Peace with Priere a Notre-Dame  
Marianne Kim**

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: From the 95<sup>th</sup> Psalm.**

Let us sing to the Lord, let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation.

**Let us come into his presence with Thanksgiving, we will make a joyful noise.**

Our God is great, we praise him above all else.

**In his hands are the depths of the Earth and Heights of the Mountains.**

The sea is his creation, the dry land he called to form.

**We will worship, we will praise, we will trust, we will obey!**

**Amen**

**Hymn No. 275**

**How Firm A Foundation**

**Call to Confession:**

Let us calm our minds and open our hearts. Let us ask to receive the blessings of Grace.

**Confession:**

**Merciful God, we confess our sins to you. Forgive us of our failings and make us new. Bless us with your spirit so its presence can strengthen our resolve. Help us dear Lord so we want to sin no more.**

## **Silent Confession**

### **Assurance of Pardon:**

Just as our days are filled with temptation, Gods mercy is timeless, and Jesus's grace unending. For that we give God the Glory!

**\*Response 66 Verse 1**

**To God Be The Glory**

**\*The 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.**

**\*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**

## **Offertory Prayer**

Heavenly Father, we humble ourselves before you. We bring to your gifts, grateful for each one, thankful for each moment, owing all to you. We pray that our gifts are an extension of your will, and that they are a blessing to others. We pray that your presence is near. That it fills our homes and schools. We pray that your spirit guides us. That as a people and a church we seek to know and to do your will. We pray that your healing mercy is with those on our prayer list. That you comfort us when we need strength. That you strengthen us when we are called to comfort. We pray that we can receive the living water that Christ offers. That we are thirsty for more than just a drink. That when we are at the well we can know his grace. We offer to you the prayer Jesus first taught to us.

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

## **The Hebrew Scripture Lesson is from the Book of Exodus Chapter 17, vs 1-6.**

- 1** From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the LORD commanded to where they camped, but there was no water for the people to drink.
- 2** The people quarreled with Moses, and said, "Give us water to drink." Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the LORD?"
- 3** But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?"
- 4** So Moses cried out to the LORD, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me."
- 5** The LORD said to Moses, "Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go.
- 6** I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink." Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel.

**The Epistle Lesson is from Paul's Letter to the Romans  
Chapter 5, vs 1-5 and 8.**

**1** Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,

**2** through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God.

**3** And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance,

**4** and endurance produces character, and character produces hope,

**5** and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

**8** But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us.

**The Gospel of Jesus Christ is from the Book of John Chapter 4, vs 5-29.**

**5** So he came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph.

**6** Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon.

**7** A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink."

**8** (His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.)

**9** The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?" (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.)

**10** Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water."

**11** The woman said to him, "Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water?"

**12** Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?"

**13** Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again,

**14** but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life.”

**15** The woman said to him, “Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water.”

**16** Jesus said to her, “Go, call your husband, and come back.”

**17** The woman answered him, “I have no husband.” Jesus said to her, “You are right in saying, ‘I have no husband’;

**18** for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!”

**19** The woman said to him, “Sir, I see that you are a prophet.

**20** Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem.”

**21** Jesus said to her, “Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem.

**22** You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews.

**23** But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him.

**24** God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.”

**25** The woman said to him, “I know that Messiah is coming” (who is called Christ). “When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us.”

**26** Jesus said to her, “I am he the one who is speaking to you.”

**27** Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, “What do you want?” or, “Why are you speaking with her?”

**28** Then the woman left her water jar and went back to the city. She said to the people,

**29** “Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?”

Hymn No. 493

It Is Well With My Soul

Message Title:  
"High Noon at the Well"  
Pastor Dave Creamer

Hymn No. 372

Living For Jesus

\*Benediction

\*Response – Sung with Dismissal

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

O Worship the King with Grand Choeur in F  
Marianne Kim

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Those Remembered in prayer:

God's guidance and protection for Armed Forces.

### **Shut Ins:**

Mary Jane Harding, Cynthia Kelly,  
Debbi Luteri, Lillian Potter, Lois Saylor

### **Healing Concerns:**

Mark Amyot, Donnie Baxter, Jim Benoit,  
Brad Bowers, Paige Boyer, Chris Brant, Rhonda Brown, Ray  
Coleman, Susan Constantino, LaVerne Coslic, Tammy  
Coughenour, Eric Custer, Lauren Davis, Tracy Dickey, Wilma  
Durst, Linda Gallick, Marlene Gotchen, Dennis Griffith, Karen  
Griffith, Andrea (Shaulis) Harris, Joe Harris, Michael Harris, Joy  
Hay (Dwayne), Kris Hay, Larry Hay, Marilyn Heiple, Gary Hillegas,  
Barry Landis, Brenda Leister, Wendy Leister, Richard Lilliston, Jim  
Little, Blair and Phylis Lyons, Judy McCullen, Larry McCullen,  
Joyce Miller, Robert "Lee" Miller, Carl (Edison) Paul,  
Kathy Picking, Easton Pritts, Brian Robb, James Robb, Brett  
Sarver, Tammie Saylor, Nancy Schrock, Curt Shaulis,  
Missy Shaulis, Dawn Edmiston-Strasser, Ron Tamblyn,  
Larry Tinkey, Patsy and Dave Titus, Barbara and Peter Usher,  
Faye Walker, Robin Walker, Nancy Weighley,  
Echo Kincaid Yoder, Gerald Zorn

### **The Saints In Action**

Today- 3rd Sunday in Lent

9:00 a.m. Worship

10:10 a.m. Sunday School

Thursday - 6:30 p.m. – Trinity Bell Choir Practice

Next Sunday – 4th Sunday in Lent

9:00 a.m. Worship

9:15 a.m. VBS Style Sunday School

10:10 a.m. Adult Sunday School

### **Online Giving (Tithe.ly)**

If you are giving through our recent online Tithe.ly and no longer need donation envelopes, please contact the office. There is a slight delay in the receipt of your online donations to the bank. Therefore, in order to give you a more accurate picture of our budget goals, we will be posting the giving information once a month as opposed to weekly. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact the office or Renee.



### **Giving From February 2026**

**This chart reflects our monthly budget.**

	Rec	Budget	Over/Under
<b>General</b>	\$11057.00	\$10417.50	\$639.50
<b>Ben</b>	\$1115.00	\$1041.67	\$73.33
<b>Maint</b>	\$935.00	\$1083.33	-\$148.33
<b>Mem</b>	\$0		
<b>Total</b>	\$13107.00	\$12542.50	\$564.50

Not included in Benevolence were donations to the Food Pantry of \$2295.

**Worship Attendance: 70**

**Sunday School: 22**

***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 & Jean Ann Darr

***Ushers:*** Ken Miller, Leonard Gary

***Acolytes:*** Cora & Lucy Wright

***Lectors:*** Cora & Lucy Wright

***Organ:*** Ann Slifco

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

**Bulletin is in recognition of** the ongoing military service of Captain Jacob K. Janicki, U.S. Army, Fort Hood, TX and is currently on a nine-month deployment to Poland and other European Countries as a part of the United States commitment to NATO as part of Operation Atlantic Resolve by Jacob's parents, Ken & Cindy Janicki and his grandparents Larry & Judy McCullen.

**The Whole Congregation in Ministry and Assisted by:**

*Dave Creamer, Pastor*

*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:**

*Sue Coughenour, 814-233-5413*

*Jim Darr, 814-483-0957*

*Allison Zimmerman, 814-267-4324*

**Consistory Deacons:**

*Pam Bush, Lori Gindlesperger, Jean Hart, Jeanne Hillegas, Bill*

*Landis (President) 814-521-6800, Allen Strasser, Amy Saylor,*

*Carrie Croner, Shawn Hart*

**Church Office Hours – Tuesday through Thursday**

**9:00 a.m. to 1 p.m.**

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## **Sunday School**

Adult Sunday School continues the study on the book of Romans. So far, we have learned our need for a savior, how we are saved (through faith in Christ Jesus alone), and the benefits God gives us in that salvation. Now we are ready to dive into chapters 6-16, which will show us how we should live in Christ Jesus. If you are not able to join us for Sunday School, we encourage you to read through the book of Romans during the Lent season. We have so much more than just eternal life through Christ and what better time to understand all he did for us on that cross? Sunday School meets in the Fellowship Hall at 10:10 a.m. Class taught by Sue Coughenour.

**"Berlin Veterans Home** (located at 419 Meadow Street, Berlin) Fish Frys will be held, Friday, March 6, March 20, and April 3. The menu consists of fried or baked fish, baked potato or french fries, hush puppies, coleslaw and a roll. Desserts are also available for an additional fee. The cost is \$15.00 per person, children age 5-12 is \$7.00 and 4 and under are free. Serving is from 3 pm to 6 pm or when sold out. This is eat in or takeout is available and is open to the public."

## **Hugs & Kisses**

**Community Garden, Saturday, March 14th at 9 AM-** All hands on deck! We need your help in **building 2 raised garden beds** in the church lawn that we are going to use to plant fresh vegetables for the food pantry. Come and bring your tools to have a day of fun and fellowship! See you there!

**Saturday, March 28th- Winter Jam 2026** at Bryce Jordan Center, State College. This is America's largest annual Christian music tour. Admission at 5 PM, Show at 6 PM, \$15 at the door. If interested, let Amy Clark know if anyone wants to follow/go together as a group.

**There will be a Cross Walk** on Friday, April 3. We will gather at the Berlin Brothersvalley school sign at 5:50 p.m. The procession will start at 6:00 p.m. and anyone who would like to can take a turn carrying the cross. There will be several Biblical characters from the Easter Story joining us along the way. We will end the procession at the Berlin UCC church at 7:00 p.m. where the community Good Friday service will be held.

### **Trinity Ladies**

We will be having a rummage sale with Hug & Kisses in July during Belin Community Days. A you clean, please consider donating gently used items to our sale.

Looking for some fun and fellowship? Come join us when you can!!

**Join us for VBS Style Sunday School** ....for Nursery through Middle School. Everyone is welcome! Class will be the third Sunday of each month (March – June)

We will attend the beginning of the church service, participate in Children's Time, and then the class/program will take place downstairs at 9:15 a.m.

There will be Bible stories, songs, games, and crafts, (and snacks!)

Any questions, please contact Sheron Engleka, Kathy Spangler, or Nicole Parish.

## **Church Cookbook Fundraiser**

Years ago, our church members put together a cookbook that many people still use today. There is nothing better than tried and true recipes. Although it is in the early stages of planning, please consider submitting your favorite recipes to add to a new book. We have a lot of GREAT cooks out there so please share. Be sure to put your name on your recipe and any hints you may have in its preparation. You can put it in the offering plate, through the office door slot, hand it to a staff member or simply leave it on the sound board desk. Some of you have also been emailing your recipes! The baking is over, but the cooking isn't!!!! This should be lots of fun! Thank you to those who have submitted.....keep them coming!

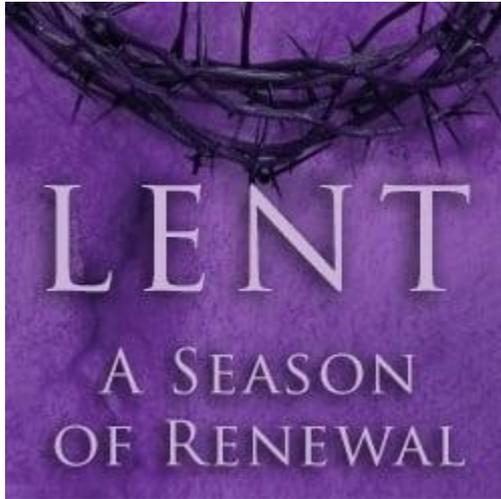
## **Berlin Community Room**

Is open in fellowship hall every Tuesday from 10:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. This hall is open to anyone from the public and EVERYONE is welcome! Join us for information sharing, fellowship and games. Please share this information.

**Congregational meeting** has been rescheduled for Sunday, March 22, regarding air conditioning for the church.

**Pastoral Care:** For those in need of pastoral care please contact Pastor Dave Creamer at 814-777-2280. If Dave is not available, please contact Tom Croner at 814-442-6740. If neither is available, contact Pam Bush at 541-990-0832.

Sermon Notes:



*Loving Father,  
So many times we turn away from you  
and always you welcome us back.  
Your mercy and love gives us confidence  
Thank you for the invitation to share, fast and pray  
so that you can form a new heart within us.  
Your powerful compassion for our weaknesses  
leads us to ask for mercy  
and await with great hope the Easter joy you share with us.*

**Thank You for Joining Us  
Have a Blessed Week Ahead**