



***Pentecost Sunday  
May 24, 2026  
Pastor Dave Creamer  
Assisted by – Cohen Clark***

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

***“Please silence your cell phone”***

## **Preludes**

**Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory – Mary McDonald**

**I Vow to Thee, My Country – 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 Blessing of the Holy Spirit.**

**The Acts of the Apostles Chapter 2 vs 1-21**

1. When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place.
2. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting.
3. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them.
4. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.
5. Now there were devout Jews from every people under heaven living in Jerusalem.
6. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each.
7. Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?"
8. And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language?"
9. Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia,
10. Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes,
11. Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power."
12. All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?"

13. But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine."
14. But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Fellow Jews and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say.
15. 15. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning.
16. 16. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:
17. 17. 'In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams.
18. 18. Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy.
19. 19. And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist.
20. 20. The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day.
21. Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'"

## **Hymn No. 572**

## **America, The Beautiful**

### **Call to Confession**

Each of us is given a gift from the Spirit. All of us are offered Grace and Forgiveness. Both come from our request to God. Let us ask Jesus to forgive our sins.

### **Confession**

**Heavenly Father, hear our prayer. Open our hearts to the Spirit. Help us see its potential for us. Forgive our trespasses that cloud our way and forgive our sins that we can receive Jesus's Grace. Renew us so we can be fruitful and productive members in the body of Christ.**

### **Silent Confession**

### **Assurance of Pardon**

Blessed with the peace that Christ offers. Open to the Spirit and its guidance. Part of the body of Christ as here on Earth. Rejoice in forgiveness, and for that we give God the Glory.

**\* Response 66**

**To God Be The Glory**

**To God be the glory great things He hath done! So loved He the world that He gave us His Son, Who yielded His life an atonement for sin And opened the Life gate that all may go in. Praise the Lord, Praise the Lord, Let the earth hear His voice, Praise the Lord, Praise the Lord, Let the people rejoice! O come to the Father thru Jesus the Son And give Him the glory great things He hath done.**

**\*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:**

Gracious and loving God, we humble ourselves before you. We pray to you with our Faith. That the gifts we have to offer are turned into blessings to others by your divine power. It is with our Faith that we pray for others. We pray for shut-ins, we pray for the sick and lonely, we pray for the anxious and scared. Help us to help them, care for each part of the body of Christ. God, we pray that you fill us with the spirit. That a fire of service burns within us. We pray that we are open to receive the guidance of your Will. Jesus we pray that your love and grace fill our homes, settles in our lands and towns. That people pray to you for all that they do. That we strive to bring glory to God with all that we do. One in Christ let us share the Lord's Prayer;

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

#### **Scripture**

#### **The Hebrew Scripture Lesson from the Book of Numbers, Chapter 11, vs 24-30**

**24** So Moses went out and told the people the words of the Lord; and he gathered seventy men of the elders of the people, and placed them round about the tent.

**25** Then the Lord came down in the cloud and spoke to him, and took some of the spirit that was upon him and put it upon the seventy elders; and when the spirit rested upon them, they prophesied. But they did so no more.

**26** Now two men remained in the camp, one named Eldad, and the other named Medad, and the spirit rested upon them; they were among those registered, but they had not gone out to the tent, and so they prophesied in the camp.

**27** And a young man ran and told Moses, "Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp."

**28** And Joshua the son of Nun, the minister of Moses, one of his chosen men, said, "My lord Moses, forbid them."

**29** But Moses said to him, "Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the Lord's people were prophets, that the Lord would put his spirit upon them!"

**30** And Moses and the elders of Israel returned to the camp.

## **The Epistle Lesson from First Corinthians chapter 12, vs 4-13**

**4** Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit;

**5** and there are varieties of service, but the same Lord;

**6** and there are varieties of working, but it is the same God who inspires them all in every one.

**7** To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.

**8** To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit,

**9** to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit,

**10** to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the ability to distinguish between spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues.

**11** All these are inspired by one and the same Spirit, who apportions to each one individually as he wills.

**12** For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ.

**13** For by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and all were made to drink of one Spirit.

## **The Gospel of Jesus Christ from John Chapter 7, vs 37-39**

**37** On the last day of the feast, the great day, Jesus stood up and proclaimed, "If any one thirst, let him come to me and drink.

**38** He who believes in me, as the scripture has said, 'Out of his heart shall flow rivers of living water.' "

**39** Now this he said about the Spirit, which those who believed in him were to receive; for as yet the Spirit had not been given, because Jesus was not yet glorified.

**Hymn No. 259**

**Breathe On Me, Breath of God**

**Message**  
**“You Never Know Until You Try “**  
**Pastor Dave Creamer**

**\*Hymn No. 257**

**The Comforter Has Come**

**\*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.**

**\*Going Forth**

**Postlude**

**The Star-Spangled Banner – Mary McDonald**

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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, Renee  
Croushore, Susan Constantino, LaVerne Coslic, Tammy  
Coughenour, Eric Custer, Lauren Davis, Tracy Dickey, Wilma  
Durst, Linda Gallick, Dennis Griffith, Karen Griffith, Andrea  
(Shaulis) Harris, Joe Harris, Michael Harris,  
Joy Hay (Dwayne), Kris Hay, Larry Hay, Marilyn Heiple,  
Gary Hillegas, Don Hitte, Barb Keyser, Bennett Keyser,  
Barry Landis, Brenda Leister, Wendy Leister, Richard Lilliston,  
Jim Little, Blair and Phylis Lyons, Judy McCullen, Larry McCullen,  
Joyce Miller, Kaitlyn Miller, Laura Miller, Robert "Lee" Miller, Carl  
(Edison) Paul, Kathy Picking, Brian Robb, James Robb, Kayla  
Sarver, Brett Sarver, Tammie Saylor, Nancy Schrock, Curt  
Shaulis, Missy Shaulis, Roger Stoy, Dawn Edmiston-Strasser,  
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- Pentecost Sunday

9:00 a.m. Worship

10:10 a.m. Sunday School

Wednesday – 6:30 p.m. Bell Practice

Next Sunday – Trinity Sunday

Trinity Bells & Graduation Sunday

9:00 a.m. Worship

10:10 a.m. Sunday School

### ***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:** Bill Landis, Cohen Clark

**Ushers:** Jason & Amy Clark

**Acolyte:** Avery & Isla Hillegas

**Lector:** Cohen Clark

**Organ:** Amy Clark

***Flowers on the altar are given in honor and in memory of all military and veterans by Reon & Sheron Engleka.***

***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** The Adult Sunday School Cass continues to meet on Sundays after the worship service in the Fellowship Hall. Currently we are studying the Holy Spirit, and its importance in making our churches thrive. Classes will be led by Sue Coughenour until the end of May when she takes a break over the summer. We would welcome volunteers to keep our class active throughout the summer months. Notify Sue or the church office if you are interested.

## **Hugs & Kisses**

**Sunday, June 7th - Visit homebound members.** Right after church we will meet in the basement to plan for travel/carpool and take members a small gift and hopefully play rainbow bells to help brighten their days. If you would like to participate, meet us downstairs. We need enough participants to be able to play bells, so please join us!

## **Sunday, June 28th- 3rd Annual Cornhole Tournament 5:00**

**PM.** This event is for ALL AGES. H&K will provide hamburgers and hot dogs. Please bring a covered dish/drink, your lawn chair, and your best cornhole skills! Watch for a sign up at the Vine St entrance so that we have a count for meat. This is a great time for food, fun, and socializing so please plan to join us!

## **Community Life: Living Independence for the Elderly**

There will be an Open House at Community Life, 118 Shaeli Drive, Somerset, PA 15501, Tuesday, June 9<sup>th</sup> from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Light refreshments will be available. Contact Christie Fochtman, at 814-289-7213, if you are interested in attending.

**Trinity Ladies Rummage Sale (Community Days)** As you do your spring cleaning, please consider donating gently used items that you no longer have a use for the rummage sale. These items can include clothing (all sizes), small household items, toys, small furniture (chairs, end tables, etc.) and home decor, etc. We will set a date when you can bring these items to the church, so watch the Sunday bulletin for the announcement.

## **Thank You from the Berlin Food Pantry**

On behalf of the Berlin Food Pantry, thank you for your financial support. This donation will assist in helping those who struggle to make ends meet within the greater Berlin and Shanksville School Districts. May God continue to share these blessings.

**Hoffman Homes, during the month of May**, we will be collecting items that they have informed us would be useful for them as well as our normal monetary donations through offerings. The specific items needed are: Gift cards in any amount for Dunkin' Donuts, Starbucks, Domino's Pizza, Rita's Italian Ice. Dairy Queen, Wendy's, Taco Bell, Panera Bread, Subway, McDonald's, Sheetz, Walmart, Target, Amazon and Five Below. Other items requested are: sensory toys, NO WIRE composition books/journals, gel pens, Adult & youth coloring books, drawing and construction paper. They could also use outdoor items such as, frisbees, volleyballs, playground balls, outdoor games, water balloons, squirters and sidewalk chalk. If you choose to donate, please leave your items at the Vine Street entrance.

Hoffman Homes provides residential treatment, therapeutic shelter transitional living, outpatient therapy and private licensed school services.

**Raised Garden Beds** Thank you to all who helped build our raised garden beds. Now we need to fill them with soil so we can put plants and seeds in them by Memorial Day. This is a great project for young and old to work together. Please watch the Sunday bulletin for times and dates. Come join us as we work together to do God's work.

**Berlin Community Center** The Berlin Community Center is open every Tuesday from 10:30 AM to 4:00 PM. Come join us for some fun. We play cards, games, chess and have great conversations! We love learning new games, so bring your favorite game along with you! We also have lunch, goodies, coffee and drinks available. Stop by for some fun and fellowship.

## **The Community Room to Offer Free Chess Lessons**

Research shows that playing chess helps children to develop both greater levels of creativity and stronger academic discipline. The Community Room, located at Trinity Church in Berlin, will be offering free chess instruction during school summer break this year. The only requirement is that a parent, grandparent, or other adult relative remains at the Community Room during the lessons. The Community Room offers different activities for any adult who does not want to watch the student instruction. Free coffee and tea is provided as well. There is no extended commitment required. Come in, check it out, and decide for yourself. We are pretty sure that you will find your time well spent this summer. Please note: Lessons are free. Sign up day is June 2, from 11:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Location is at Trinity Church (Community Room), 600 Main St., Berlin. Instruction begins June 9, 2026 and is available through July 2026. For additional information, please feel free to stop by The Community Room any Tuesday in May, between 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

**Family Hospice** is now recruiting volunteers. Volunteers have the rewarding privilege of supporting patients with life-limiting illnesses and their caregivers through a significant and inevitable season of life. Hospice volunteers make an impact in various ways, such as patient visits, caregiver relief, phone calls, support of grieving family members, clerical assistance, and more. Volunteer involvement is determined by the individual's skills, desires, and schedule. Volunteers are good listeners who display flexibility, understanding, and empathy. Specialized training is provided for new volunteers. For more information, please contact Volunteer Coordinator Catherine Zimmerman at 814-502-5948 or [zimmermancp@upmc.edu](mailto:zimmermancp@upmc.edu).



**“I LOVE AMERICA”** a Choral Celebration presented by our community under the direction of Norman Menhorn accompanied by Rick Kimmel & Mary Anne Showers will be held **Sunday, June 14<sup>th</sup>, 7 PM at the Trinity United Church of Christ, Berlin.** We invite all to help us celebrate our country's **250th Anniversary!**

### **Berlin Memorial Day Chicken BBQ**

Berlin Boy Scout Troop 135 will hold their annual chicken BBQ from 11:00 – 1:00 at the Berlin Community Grove May 25, 2026. A complete dinner with four sides- \$14, or halves only- \$8. Eat in or take out. This Memorial Day chicken dinner has been a tradition in the Berlin community since the 1970's. It is a major fund raiser for the Boy Scouts. Your support is appreciated.

### **HVAC fundraising has begun**

If you would like to contribute to the heating/air conditioning fund, please mark your offering envelope with HVAC; Heating or A/C. Tithe.ly users can also contribute using the Air Conditioning Fund drop-down option. If you have any questions, please contact Renee Gindlesperger.

### **Nathan Spangler Eagle Scout Service Project**

Nathan is a Life Scout from Boy Scout Troop 5151 in Shanksville. He is currently seeking donations to assist him with the successful execution of his Eagle Scout Project. He plans to build 12 turtle basket platforms and place them in Yellow Creek. Any donation to assist him reach his goal would be appreciated. You can do it either through the Tithe.ly or a check to Kathy.

## **Living Waters Camp & Conference Center**

300 Camp Living Water Rd, Schellsburg, PA 15559

### ***Trustin' Jesus! Summer Camps***

**Fishing Camp (\$160) June 28 to July 2** For grades completed: 5th to 12th. Spend time on our living waters while we learn about God's Creation

**Primary (\$325) July 5 to 11** For grades completed: K-3rd. Begin a new adventure at camp, make new friends, and come to your new home away from home!

**Elementary Camp (\$325) July 5 to 11** For grades completed: 4th-6th. Come spend a week learning about faith while getting fresh air and having a blast!

**Junior-Senior High Camp (\$325) July 12 – 18** For grades completed: 7th-12th. Experience God in nature and have fun doing it!

**Grandparent / Grandchild Camp (\$160) July 12 to 15** For children up to age 10. Cost includes one grandparent and one child. 40 for each additional child. Join us in a half week of activities, music, crafts and more with someone you love

**Our church will be presenting Bible Blast!** Where God's Word Meets Game time! This will be a community outreach event for the whole family to come and enjoy free games, prizes and snacks while they learn about God. **When: August 2, 2026 (date was changed) Time: 1:00-3:00 pm Where: In the TUC parking lot or Fellowship Hall in case of rain.** To make this outreach possible we will need many volunteers to be on hand the day of the event. We need volunteers to: Help with Games (7 games / 12 volunteers) Face Painters – at least 2 Prize Table Attendants – 2-3 volunteers Snack Table Attendants – 2-3 volunteers Information Table Attendants – 2-3 volunteers Set Up and Tear Down – many hands make light work. In addition, we will need someone to help construct some of the games, and someone to help paint the games. Other ways you can help is to donate money towards supplies for the event. And most importantly we need everyone to be praying for people to come and hear the word of God with open hearts. God can and will do wonderful things if everyone gets involved so please be praying on how you can help. For more information contact someone on the committee: Sue Coughenour, Jeanne Hillegas, Amy Saylor, Sheron Engleka, Lori Gindlesperger, and Jean Hart. Let them know if you are willing to help.

### **Post – 9/11 U.S. Armed Forces Memorial**

**Annual Memorial Ceremony – Sunday, May 24<sup>th</sup>, 4:00 p.m.**

Patriot Park – 6150 Lincoln Hwy, Stoystown PA 15563

Storyboard to be dedicated in honor of Military working dogs.

Keynote Speaker will be Lieutenant Colonel (Ret.) Jason Weigle.

Central City VFW Honor Guard, Bellwood Community Choir and local students will also be part of this inspiring ceremony.

## **Update on fire at Trinity UCC - Dorseyville**

Trinity in Dorseyville is celebrating the 175th anniversary of their congregation this year. Sadly, they were also celebrating the 150th anniversary of their historic sanctuary. As with any disaster of this kind the congregational members (and Pastor) are suffering from shock, loss, and grief. Our support from across the Conference makes a very real difference.

If you would like to help please consider participating in one of the following:

**Card shower:** Send a card of love and support from your congregation to the congregation of Trinity. The address is Trinity UCC, 3712 Saxonburg Blvd., Pittsburgh, PA 15238

**Monetary Donations:** We will hold all donations to be presented to Trinity Church at Annual Meeting. You can send a check made out to Keystone Conference and put Trinity UCC in the memo line. Mail to Keystone Conference, PO Box 6625, Harrisburg, PA 17112 OR you can donate though this link:

## **Church Cookbook Fundraiser**

As we begin to compile the recipes that some of you have so graciously submitted, we find that we are lacking recipes in several areas. The breakdown of divisions in the book are as follows:

- Appetizers/Snacks
- Soups/Salads
- Vegetables/Side Dishes
- Main Dishes
- Breads/Rolls
- Desserts
- Cookies/Candy
- Preserving
- This & That

There are still several people who have indicated that they would like to contribute (and we'd love you to) but we haven't heard from you yet! Let's make this the "Best Cookbook Ever"!

## **Graduation Sunday**

We will be recognizing our graduating seniors, Sunday, May 31<sup>st</sup>. Please let the office know **THIS WEEK** if you have a senior that you would like to recognize.

## **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.



## **Shut In Visitations**

There is a sign-up sheet at the Vine Street entrance bulletin board to sign up to visit our shut ins. Their names and addresses are on the list. Please just put the time and date that you can visit. Let's let our shut ins know we care!

**Sermon Notes:**

Prayer to the  
**HOLY SPIRIT**



**Come Holy Spirit  
and burn in us;  
Come Holy Wind  
and cleanse us;  
Come Holy Light  
and lead us;  
Come Holy Truth  
and teach us;  
Come Holy Power  
and free us;  
Come Holy Love  
and gently enfold us.**

*Amen*

**Thank You For Joining Us  
&  
Have A Blessed Week Ahead**