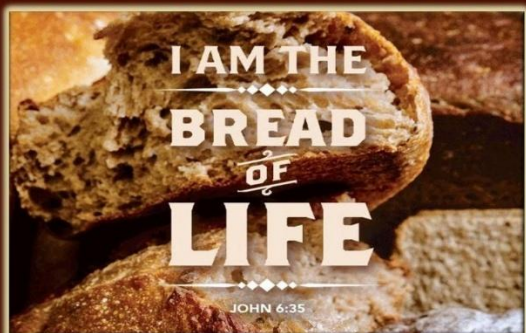


ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



August 24, 2025

11th Sunday After Pentecost

Pastor Dave Creamer

Assisted by – Cora & Lucy Wright

Trinity United Church of Christ

600 Main Street

Berlin, Pennsylvania

Preludes

Prelude on “Hyfrydol” – Jason Payne Beneath the Cross – Jason Payne

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 Isaiah 58 a Celebration of True Worship:

Then you shall call and the Lord will answer,
you shall cry for help and he will say here I am.

Remove the yoke from among you,

the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil.

Offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted,
then your light shall rise in the darkness, and your gloom like the noon day sun.

***Hymn No. 427**

Dear Lord and Father of Mankind

Call to Confession:

Grace is not something that can be touched, but it is felt with the peace of forgiveness. Let us seek forgiveness together.

Confession:

Heavenly Father hear our prayer. We sin with our thoughts, our words our deeds, things we have done, and things left undone. Forgive us. Help us to strong when we are weak and humble when we are proud. Help us to know your will and do all things for your glory.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon:

The Spirits guidance moves us forward with our Faith. Comforted in forgiving power, healed in Spirit, Rejoice in Gods blessings.

**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. A grateful people blessed by your gifts. We offer to you some of our abundance, we pray that your will is done with these gifts. We pray that your Spirit blesses our homes, our schools, our towns. We pray that we are a fruitful and productive people, making your will known. We pray for your protective care that it shields our military and first responders, keep them safe. We pray for our prayer list, we lift it up to you, we ask for the healing of body, mind, and soul. Help the lost hearts feel comfort, help us to let them know they are not alone. We are grateful for the Love of Jesus, his gift of Grace is our greatest hope. We offer to you the prayer he first taught to us.

The Lord's Prayer (using debts and debtors)

Special Music
Danny Conner

Scripture

Old Testament lesson from Isaiah Chapter 58 vs 13 and 14

13 “If you turn back your foot from the sabbath,
from doing your pleasure on my holy day,
and call the sabbath a delight
and the holy day of the Lord honorable;
if you honor it, not going your own ways,
or seeking your own pleasure, or talking idly;
14 then you shall take delight in the Lord,
and I will make you ride upon the heights of the earth;
I will feed you with the heritage of Jacob your father,
for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.”

**Epistle Lesson from the Book of Hebrews, Chapter 12 VS 14
to 18 and 28 to 29**

14 Strive for peace with all men, and for the holiness without
which no one will see the Lord.
15 See to it that no one fail to obtain the grace of God; that no
“root of bitterness” spring up and cause trouble, and by it the
many become defiled;
16 that no one be immoral or irreligious like Esau, who sold his
birthright for a single meal.
17 For you know that afterward, when he desired to inherit the
blessing, he was rejected, for he found no chance to repent,
though he sought it with tears.
18 For you have not come to what may be touched, a blazing fire,
and darkness, and gloom, and a tempest,
28 Therefore let us be grateful for receiving a kingdom that cannot
be shaken, and thus let us offer to God acceptable worship, with
reverence and awe;
29 for our God is a consuming fire.

The Gospel of Jesus Christ from the Book of Luke, Chapter 13 vs 10-17

10 Now he was teaching in one of the synagogues on the sabbath.

11 And there was a woman who had a spirit of infirmity for eighteen years; she was bent over and could not fully straighten herself.

12 And when Jesus saw her, he called her and said to her, “Woman, you are freed from your infirmity.”

13 And he laid his hands upon her, and immediately she was made straight, and she praised God.

14 But the ruler of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had healed on the sabbath, said to the people, “There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be healed, and not on the sabbath day.”

15 Then the Lord answered him, “You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the sabbath untie his ox or his ass from the manger, and lead it away to water it?

16 And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen years, be loosed from this bond on the sabbath day?”

17 As he said this, all his adversaries were put to shame; and all the people rejoiced at all the glorious things that were done by him.

Message
“Unexpected Gifts”
Pastor Dave Creamer

***Hymn No. 262**

Holy, Holy, Holy

***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

Spiritual – Jason Payne

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Those Remembered in prayer:

God's guidance and protection for Armed Forces.

Shut Ins:

Barb Berkley, Mary Jane Harding, Cynthia Kelly, Debbi Luteri,
Lillian Potter, Lois Saylor, Ruth Elaine Whitacre.

Healing Concerns:

Mark Amyot, Donnie Baxter, Jim Benoit, Brad Bowers,
Paige Boyer, Chris Brant, Rhonda Brown, Ray Coleman,
Susan Constantino, Tammy Coughenour,
Eric Custer, Tracy Dickey, Wilma Durst, Jeff Gavel,
Nancy Gindlesperger, 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, 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, Karol Saylor, Tammie Saylor, Nancy Schrock,
Curt Shaulis, Missy Shaulis, Phyllis Stoy,

Dawn Edmiston-Strasser, Larry Tinkey, Patsy and Dave Titus,
Robin Walker, Nancy Weighley, Gerald Zorn

Karol Saylor is home from Florida and doing rehab at Patriot Manor in Somerset for the next couple of weeks. The address is 495 W Patriot St., Room 104, Somerset PA 15501. Cards would make her day!

The Saints In Action

Today- 11th Sunday after Pentecost

9:00 a.m. Worship

10:10 a.m. Sunday School

Next Sunday –12th Sunday after Pentecost

9:00 a.m. Worship

10:10 a.m. Sunday School

Giving From 08/17/2025

	Rec	Budget	Over/Under
General	\$2092.00	\$3155.58	-\$1063.58
Ben	\$85.00	\$182.69	-\$97.69
Maint	\$200.00	\$163.46	\$36.54
Mem	\$50.00		
Total	\$2427.00	\$3501.73	-\$1124.73

Not included in Benevolence were Donations to Food Pantry of \$215

Worship Attendance: 65

Sunday School: 7

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
Recycling Boxes for Bulletins

Hearing Amplifiers
These Days – Devotional

Assisting in Worship

Sound: Jim Darr, Tom Croner

Ushers: Jim and Jean Ann Darr

Acolytes: Cora and Lucy Wright

Organ: Jean Ann Darr

Flowers on the altar are in memory of Charles & Mary Ester Smith by Nancy Bittner and family.

Bulletin dedicated to wishes for a safe deployment in September 2025 and return in June 2026 for the approximate 3,500 men and women Army soldiers of the 3rd Armored Brigade Combat Team, 3rd Infantry Division, which includes the 215th Brigade Support Battalion, Alpha “ACES” Distribution Company. The 3rd Armored Brigade Combat Team is being deployed to Poland and other European Countries as part of the United States commitment to NATO as part of Operation Atlantic Resolve.

The Whole Congregation in Ministry and Assisted by:

Dave Creamer, Student 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:

Sheron Engleka, 814-267-4166

Jim Darr, 814-483-0957

Allison Zimmerman, 814-267-4324

Consistory Deacons:

Pam Bush, Tom Croner (President) 814-442-6740, Amanda Custer, Lori Gindlesperger, Jean Hart, Jeanne Hillegas, Bill Landis, Julie Petro, Allen Strasser

Church Office Hours – Tuesday through Thursday

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

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Sunday School

Beginning September 21st, Sue Coughenour will begin a new in-depth study of the book of Daniel. Using Dr. Alan B. Stringfellow's method of studying Daniel, we will bring clarity and understanding to one of the most misunderstood books in Scripture. By embarking on this journey, believers will discover the influence that the book of Daniel had on the life and literature of the Jewish people throughout the biblical period and all the way to the writers of the New Testament, including Jesus Christ Himself, who often quoted from it. But nowhere is that influence seen as thoroughly as in the writings of the apostle John and parallels that exist with the book of Revelation. As in John's prophetic work, the book of Daniel describes in beautiful and marvelous language the glorious coming of our Lord, Jesus Christ. Like John, Daniel was sure and certain about the final triumph of the kingdom of God.

Everyone is invited to join us in the Fellowship Hall following the morning worship service. Come give Sunday School a try - we are never too old, nor can we say we know enough about scripture to say it isn't for you.

In preparation of this class, please read the book of Daniel (only 12 chapters), and bring your Bible, pen and notebook to our first class. I think this will be one of our best studies yet!

Rally Sunday – September 7th

Please join us for Rally Day on September 7 during Sunday School to kick off the start of school and good fellowship. We will be having Ice Cream Sundays. Please sign-up sheet at the Vine Street entrance to ensure we have enough ice cream for everyone.

Christian Education

Rally Day – September 7th with an ice cream social. “Get The Scoop” about the upcoming Sunday School year, the Sunday School Leaders and your class! Sign-up sheet at Vine Street entrance.

Hugs & Kisses

Bike & Hike – September 14th.

Meet at Garrett Trail Head at 3:00 p.m. with your bike and helmet or good walking shoes.

UPMC Family Hospice will be offering free Grief Support Groups beginning in late September. The groups will run for six (6) weeks. If interested, please see the church office for more information.

Church World Services Hygiene Kits

Remember we still have bags at the entrances of the sanctuary with a list of things for the hygiene kits. Thank you to those who have already participated but remember to pick yours up if you haven't already done so. These are extremely important items to assist with shelters in disaster areas.

Mailboxes At Church

The mailboxes in the hallway between the kitchen and entrance have been relabeled. Please remember to pick up your mail if you have a mailbox and if you would like to leave communication for any of these groups, please utilize their mailbox. If the church is locked, absolutely feel free to leave information in the church office door slot. If you would like to see additional boxes, please let the office know. **Those of you with boxes, please remember to pick up your mail.**

Pastor Dave
Church Office
Financial Secretary
Consistory
Sextons

Hugs & Kisses
Bell Choir
Sunday School
Trinity Ladies
Organist

Christian Ed

Trinity Ladies Lunch

Trinity Ladies will not meet in September. Our next meeting (luncheon) will be on Monday, October 6th at Cup of Soul.

JB Schrock Community Park Update & Events

Thank you for supporting your local playground!

Our summer program wraps up on August 15, but the park remains open for family fun and rentals! Over 1,500 kids visited this summer, including local daycares. We've had a blast with

daily crafts, themed activities, and a wonderful team, headed by Miss Kristi and our teen staff from CareerLink/Tableland. The free summer food program was also a big success!

We're planning several fundraisers to support: Ongoing maintenance; New security cameras; Summer programming & improvements.

Community Bingo Nights

@ Borough Building – \$25 for 20 games

Doors Open: 6 PM | Games Start: 7 PM

Dates: Sept 19 • Oct 10 • Nov 7 • Dec 12

Food and drinks available for purchase

Annual Playground Birthday Bash

Date: Saturday, Sept 6 | Time: 10 AM – 2 PM

Activities include Cake Walks; Basket Raffles; Live Music; Face Painting; Kids' Games; Chicken halves [presale starting soon] & food for sale

Sporting Clay Shoot

Date: Sept 13

Proceeds support a new Pickleball Court

Details available on our Facebook page

Chili Cook-off

Date: October 25

More details coming soon!

RADA Cutlery Fundraiser-Shop online:

<https://bit.ly/RadaCutleryFundraiser>

Stay Connected:

Facebook: facebook.com/jbschrockplayground

Email: jbschrockplayground@gmail.com

(Contact: Linda Karchner, President)

Thank you from Pius Springs

Thank you! Our clothing swap was a success and it's because of the generosity of TUCC members and the community. Many families were able to gather needed clothing for toddlers through adults. All remaining items were donated to the BBSD Band for their upcoming fundraiser. Thank you for your continued support! Pius Spring Woman's Club

Trinity Trumpet

It's already time to start thinking about our newsletter which will be published this week.

As fall approaches the church gets very busy as you all know. Those of you who contribute regularly, we appreciate your ongoing support. We would really like to stress the fact that we'd love to hear from any and all members of our congregation.

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 Dave Creamer, Student Pastor for Trinity at 814-777-2280. If Dave is not available, please contact Jay Shaffer at 814-483-0398.



Hear our prayers, gracious Father, offered through the power of the Spirit; and for the sake of your dear Son, grant us all that is in accordance with your merciful will, to your glory and for the good of your people.
Amen

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