



Fourth
Sunday
After
Pentecost

July 6, 2025

4th Sunday After Pentecost

Holy Communion

Guest Speaker – Pastor Peter Kaltenbaugh

Assisted by – Truitt & Callum Ogburn

Trinity United Church of Christ

600 Main Street

Berlin, Pennsylvania

Preludes

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

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: (based on I Peter 2:9-10)

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you. We are chosen by God
so that we may proclaim the mighty acts
of him who called us out of darkness
into his wonderful light.**

Once we were not a people,
but now we are the people of God.

**Once we had not received mercy,
but now we have received mercy.**

As servants of God, live as free people,
doing all that God asks of you,
knowing that as you worship him and call on his name
he will provide for your every need
and keep you safe in his arms.

**God's love is from everlasting to everlasting,
his righteousness endures forever.
Hallowed be his name. Amen**

***Hymn No. 573**

God of Our Fathers

Call to Confession

Before we hear the Word read and proclaimed, let us prepare our hearts through the confession of our individual and collective sins. You send us, God of the Great Commission, but we hedge and hesitate. Forgive our fear and our excuses.

Prayer of Invocation

Lord God - we thank you for bringing us together to this holy place to worship you and to pray and sing and to hear your word. Instruct us, we pray, with wisdom and lift up our hearts by your Spirit that we may worthily magnify your name and walk in the way your son, Christ Jesus our Lord, our brother, and our hope. We pray for your blessing - for your peace and for your strength - that we may be instruments of your healing and saving love and be overflowing vessels of your saving power. Hear our prayer and visit us in this hour. We ask it in Jesus's name. Amen.

Silent Confession

***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

Loving Father, thank you for the privilege of partnering with you and each other in the work of the ministry. We know that you will bless our efforts and contributions for the proclamation of the gospel and the building up of your church. Father, be pleased with our tithes and offerings today. Affirm your love, grace, and provision for each giver in our midst. Thank you for their heart for the ministry. Let them continue to give with cheerfulness and full trust that you will never fail them in their time of need. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer (using debts and debtors)

Scripture

Second Kings Chapter 5, VS 1-14

1 Naaman, commander of the army of the king of Syria, was a great man with his master and in high favor, because by him the Lord had given victory to Syria. He was a mighty man of valor, but he was a leper.

2 Now the Syrians on one of their raids had carried off a little maid from the land of Israel, and she waited on Naaman's wife.

3 She said to her mistress, "Would that my lord were with the prophet who is in Samaria! He would cure him of his leprosy."

4 So Naaman went in and told his lord, "Thus and so spoke the maiden from the land of Israel."

5 And the king of Syria said, "Go now, and I will send a letter to the king of Israel."

So he went, taking with him ten talents of silver, six thousand shekels of gold, and ten festal garments.

6 And he brought the letter to the king of Israel, which read, "When this letter reaches you, know that I have sent to you Naaman my servant, that you may cure him of his leprosy."

7 And when the king of Israel read the letter, he rent his clothes and said, "Am I God, to kill and to make alive, that this man sends word to me to cure a man of his leprosy? Only consider, and see how he is seeking a quarrel with me."

8 But when Elisha the man of God heard that the king of Israel had rent his clothes, he sent to the king, saying, "Why have you rent your clothes? Let him come now to me, that he may know that there is a prophet in Israel."

9 So Naaman came with his horses and chariots, and halted at the door of Elisha's house.

10 And Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying, "Go and wash in the Jordan seven times, and your flesh shall be restored, and you shall be clean."

11 But Naaman was angry, and went away, saying, "Behold, I thought that he would surely come out to me, and stand, and call on the name of the Lord his God, and wave his hand over the place, and cure the leper.

12 Are not Abana and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Could I not wash in them, and be clean?" So he turned and went away in a rage.

13 But his servants came near and said to him, "My father, if the prophet had commanded you to do some great thing, would you not have done it? How much rather, then, when he says to you, 'Wash, and be clean'?"

14 So he went down and dipped himself seven times in the Jordan, according to the word of the man of God; and his flesh was restored like the flesh of a little child, and he was clean.

Gospel:

Luke Chapter 10 VS 1-11, 16-20

1 After this the Lord appointed seventy others, and sent them on ahead of him, two by two, into every town and place where he himself was about to come.

2 And he said to them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; pray therefore the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest.

3 Go your way; behold, I send you out as lambs in the midst of wolves.

4 Carry no purse, no bag, no sandals; and salute no one on the road.

5 Whatever house you enter, first say, 'Peace be to this house!'

6 And if a son of peace is there, your peace shall rest upon him; but if not, it shall return to you.

7 And remain in the same house, eating and drinking what they provide, for the laborer deserves his wages; do not go from house to house.

8 Whenever you enter a town and they receive you, eat what is set before you;

9 heal the sick in it and say to them, 'The kingdom of God has come near to you.'

10 But whenever you enter a town and they do not receive you, go into its streets and say,

11 'Even the dust of your town that clings to our feet, we wipe off against you; nevertheless know this, that the kingdom of God has come near.'

16 "He who hears you hears me, and he who rejects you rejects me, and he who rejects me rejects him who sent me."

17 The seventy returned with joy, saying, "Lord, even the demons are subject to us in your name!"

18 And he said to them, "I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven.

19 Behold, I have given you authority to tread upon serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy; and nothing shall hurt you.

20 Nevertheless do not rejoice in this, that the spirits are subject to you; but rejoice that your names are written in heaven."

***Hymn No. 571**

My Country, Tis of Thee

Sermon
"Little Matters"
Pastor Peter Kaltenbaugh

***Hymn No. 323**

Let Us Break Bread Together

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.

The Body

We remember that on the night of betrayal and desertion, Jesus took bread, gave 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."

The Blood

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."

***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. 572**

America, the Beautiful

***Benediction**

***Response – Sung with Dismissal**

Now Unto Him Who Is Able

**Now unto Him who is able to keep you from falling.
To make you stand in His presence blameless and with great
joy. To the only God our Savior, Jesus Christ our Lord.
Be the glory, and the majesty, dominion, and authority.
Both now and forevermore, Amen.**

***Going Forth**

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, 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, Father Elijah Bremer, Rhonda Brown,
Ray Coleman, Susan Constantino,
Tammy Coughenour, Renee Croushore, Eric Custer,
Tracy Dickey, Wilma Durst, 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, Laura Miller, Robert "Lee" Miller,
Carl (Edison) Paul, Doris Paul, Kathy Picking, Brian Robb, James
Robb, Brett Sarver, Tammie Saylor, Nancy Schrock, Curt Shaulis,
Missy Shaulis, Phyllis Stoy, Dawn Edmiston-Strasser, Larry
Tinkey, Robin Walker, Nancy Weighley, Gerald Zorn

Please keep Jeanne Hillegas and her family in your prayers due to
the passing of her mother, Doris Paul, last Sunday.

The Saints In Action

Today- 4th Sunday after Pentecost & Holy Communion

9:00 a.m. Worship

10:10 a.m. Sunday School

Next Sunday – 5th Sunday after Pentecost

9:00 a.m. Worship

10:10 a.m. Sunday School

Giving From 06/29/2025

	Rec	Budget	Over/Under
General	\$2232.00	\$3155.58	-\$923.58
Ben	\$165.00	\$182.69	-\$17.69
Maint	\$335.00	\$163.46	\$171.54
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Total	\$2732.00	\$3501.73	-\$769.73

Not included in Benevolence were Donations to Food Pantry of \$15.

Worship Attendance: 73

Sunday School: 12

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: Lori Gindlesperger, Chris King

Ushers: Leonard Gary and Jim Walker

Acolytes: Truitt and Callum Ogburn

Organ: Ann Slifco

Flowers on the altar are given in memory of Leland and Louise Witt by Tamra and Dan Forgan.

Bulletin 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

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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Pictorial Committee

Church Pictorial

We're creating a new church pictorial directory and want everyone to be included!

Photo sessions are:

Sunday, July 20th - 10:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Sunday, July 27th - 10:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Tuesday, July 29th - 5:00 p.m. -7:30 p.m.

Don't miss your chance to be part of our church family album!

If you have not yet registered for a photo session, please call: Lori Gindlesperger, 814-279-4709, as soon as possible.

Thank you for helping us build a beautiful pictorial!

We are pleased to include a special section in the upcoming church pictorial honoring our Veterans. If you would like to have a photo included, please submit it to the church office or to Lori Gindlesperger no later than **August 15, 2025**. All submitted photos will be returned.

Additionally, we are collecting high-quality candid photographs from church events and activities that took place during **2024–2025**.

Sunday School

Tom Calvert resumed the summer series from last year while giving Sue Coughenour a much-needed break. It is the continuation of the Ray Vander Laan's "That the World May Know" DVD #12 Walking with God in the Desert. It's about Experiencing Living Water When Life is Tough.

Hugs & Kisses

Drive-In Movie, Friday July 18th – Details TBD. H&K will pay for the youth who attend.

Saturday, July 19th – Berlin Community Days 9AM-3PM-H&K doing a bake sale in front of the church. Please sign up to help and if you can't be there you can still donate baked goods which can be dropped off at the church Friday night or Saturday morning.

Sunday, August 10th - Altoona Curve Game 1 PM. Let Amanda Custer know if interested and how many tickets needed by August 1st. (814-483-4283) H&K will pay for youth.

Back and better than ever! Join us for a day filled with **fun, fellowship, and community spirit** at this year's **Berlin Community Day** on Main Street, July 19th, 9-3.

We're currently seeking:

- ~ **Craft, direct sales, rummage sale, and food vendors**
- ~ **Organizations willing to sponsor family-friendly activities**
- ~ **Donated baskets** for our **basket raffle** (All proceeds help cover event expenses like insurance, music, and facilities.)

Highlights include:

 **KIDS Korner**

 **Community Vendors & Yard Sales**

 **Live Music on the Diamond**

 **Basket Raffle**

 **NEW this year: Porta potties & large trash cans in convenient spots!**

Don't miss our float in the **Fireman's Block Party Parade!**

Interested vendors, please contact Tracey Koontz at 814-442-9821

Trinity will have a table with dressing, gravy and baked goods at the front entrance. Anyone wishing to donate baked goods can contact Jean Hart or any H&K member.

Hospice is currently looking for volunteers in our area. Our Mission Statement: Our Hospice services are designed to provide comfort care as well as spiritual and emotional support for people in the final phase of a terminal illness. If interested, please refer to the poster at the back door entrance for more information.

Blood Drive

Berlin Community Veteran's Home Association of Berlin
Social Hall – 419 Meadow St., Berlin
Monday, July 7th – 12:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Berlin Community Bible School

Hello, I'm Connie Jandik and I'm one of the coordinators for the Berlin Community Bible School. The work has begun for this year's VBS. We would like to invite you and your children to participate. How you ask?

1. Talk to your kid's ministry leader and your congregation about attending.
2. Volunteer – we can use any help you can give us.
3. We would like a pastor or youth leader to be present every night each taking a night to pray and interact with the kids.
4. Financially between the parade candy and flyer and VBS it adds up fast.
5. PRAYER IS ALWAYS A MUST, NEVER TOO MANY

The dates this year are July 21-25 at the Berlin Community Grove. If you have any questions, please call me at 814-267-3047, call or text 814-442-0365 or email: crjandik@gmail.com. Thank you.

Cleaning closets this summer? Kids growing too fast? Pius Springs Woman's Club will be hosting a "Back to School Swap" in August. Please donate gently used clothing, shoes and/or backpacks for our kids. Children's sizes 4T to 16 will be accepted as well as adult sizes. Please note that clothing should be clean and ready-to-wear. Clothing will be targeted to children in grades K - 12. Backpacks will also be accepted. The "swap" will be held in August, and all are invited to participate. A collection bin will be available at the Vine Street entrance.

Attention All Members of Congregation

We appreciate your participation in our announcements and worship services. We just would like to request that if you have an announcement, please request a microphone from the sound desk so that the live stream and the rest of the congregation can hear you. Your announcements, presentations and participation are important for us all.

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.



Church Picnic RSVP – July 13th – 12:00 p.m.
Community Grove

Please let us know if you plan to attend so we know how much chicken to order. This is potluck however, we provide chicken, drinks and tableware and you provide a covered dish. Either complete this form or feel free to contact the church office to let us know you are coming!

YES, I PLAN TO ATTEND THE CHURCH PICNIC

NUMBER ATTENDING: