

The Ninth Sunday After Pentecost



Trinity United Church
of Christ

***Ninth Sunday after Pentecost
July 21, 2024
Guest Speaker – Dave Creamer***

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

Preludes

**O God Beyond All Praising – Ann Laura Page
How Beautiful - Twila Paris**

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 Lord is my Shepard I shall not want.

He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters.

He restores my soul. He guides me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow death, I will fear no evil.

For you are with me, your rod, and your staff, they comfort me.

You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies, and my cup overflows.

Hymn No. 254

Heavenly Spirit, Gentle Spirit

Call to Confession:

We open our hearts to God. Exchanging our sin for Grace. Let us join together seeking salvation.

Prayer of Confession

Heavenly Father we have sinned. As hard as we try, we are not perfect. Forgive us, renew us in the Spirit, redeem us in your sight and strengthen our faith. Help us to rejoice with our brothers and sisters in Christ. Help us to serve others, so we may serve you.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Forgiveness

God is always listening. Whether we shout or whisper to ourselves He hears us call. Asking for forgiveness, believing in our hearts Jesus died and was raised for us, for our salvation, we can know we are forgiven.

***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

Heavenly Father, we humble ourselves before you. We are a blessed and grateful people. Our Faith compels us to give. Our time, our talents, our wealth. We pray that you use our gifts in places and times you know best. Help those around us, and those far away. Heavenly Father we ask for your care, comfort, and

healing presence for those on our prayer list. We lift up to you those on our hearts and minds. We pray for those that are shut in, and those that are shut out. Watch over those who protect and care for us here and abroad. Dear God, we pray for those who don't think they need our prayers. Bless us with the Spirit. Help us to be productive people. Bless our families, our communities, strengthen your church. As you guide us through dark valleys, and set us before an unjust world, help us to always serve you. We are ever grateful for your Son Jesus Christ, the grace he gave to us. The example he set before us. We offer to you the prayer he taught us to pray:

The Lord's Prayer (using debts and debtors)



Special Music
Susan Ferguson

Scripture
Jeremiah 23:1-6

- 1** "Woe to the shepherds who are destroying and scattering the sheep of my pasture!" declares the LORD.
- 2** Therefore this is what the LORD, the God of Israel, says to the shepherds who tend my people: "Because you have scattered my flock and driven them away and have not bestowed care on them, I will bestow punishment on you for the evil you have done," declares the LORD.
- 3** "I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the countries where I have driven them and will bring them back to their pasture, where they will be fruitful and increase in number.
- 4** I will place shepherds over them who will tend them, and they will no longer be afraid or terrified, nor will any be missing," declares the LORD.

5 "The days are coming," declares the LORD, "when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, a King who will reign wisely and do what is just and right in the land.

6 In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. This is the name by which he will be called: The LORD Our Righteous Savior.

Epistle

Ephesians 2:11-22

11 Therefore, remember that formerly you who are Gentiles by birth and called "uncircumcised" by those who call themselves "the circumcision" (which is done in the body by human hands) —

12 remember that at that time you were separate from Christ, excluded from citizenship in Israel and foreigners to the covenants of the promise, without hope and without God in the world.

13 But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far away have been brought near by the blood of Christ.

14 For he himself is our peace, who has made the two groups one and has destroyed the barrier, the dividing wall of hostility,

15 by setting aside in his flesh the law with its commands and regulations. His purpose was to create in himself one new humanity out of the two, thus making peace,

16 and in one body to reconcile both of them to God through the cross, by which he put to death their hostility.

17 He came and preached peace to you who were far away and peace to those who were near.

18 For through him we both have access to the Father by one Spirit.

19 Consequently, you are no longer foreigners and strangers, but fellow citizens with God's people and also members of his household,

20 built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the chief cornerstone.

21 In him the whole building is joined together and rises to become a holy temple in the Lord.

22 And in him you too are being built together to become a dwelling in which God lives by his Spirit.

Gospel

Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

30 The apostles gathered around Jesus and reported to him all they had done and taught.

31 Then, because so many people were coming and going that they did not even have a chance to eat, he said to them, "Come with me by yourselves to a quiet place and get some rest."

32 So they went away by themselves in a boat to a solitary place.

33 But many who saw them leaving recognized them and ran on foot from all the towns and got there ahead of them.

34 When Jesus landed and saw a large crowd, he had compassion on them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd. So, he began teaching them many things.

53 When they had crossed over, they landed at Gennesaret and anchored there.

54 As soon as they got out of the boat, people recognized Jesus.

55 They ran throughout that whole region and carried the sick on mats to wherever they heard he was.

56 And wherever he went —into villages, towns or countryside — they placed the sick in the marketplaces. They begged him to let them touch even the edge of his cloak, and all who touched it were healed.

Hymn No. 258

We Are Gathered for Thy Blessing

Sermon

"I Don't Think It Is Going To Be Easy"

Guest Speaker – Dave Creamer

***Hymn No. 270**

Wonderful Words of Life

***Benediction**

***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

Go Out with Joy - Mary McDonald

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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, Paul Gallick,
Andrea (Shaulis) Harris, Joe Harris, Michael Harris,

Joy Hay (Dwayne), Larry Hay, Peter Kaltenbaugh, Barry Landis,
 Brenda & Larry Leister, Jim Little,
 Cathy Meyers, Joyce Miller, Carl (Edison) Paul, Kathy Picking,
 James Robb, Brett Sarver, Tammie Saylor,
 Nancy Schrock, Brooke Stutzman, 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- 9th Sunday after Pentecost
 9:00 a.m. Worship
 10:10 a.m. Sunday School

Next Sunday – 10th Sunday after Pentecost
 9:00 a.m. Worship
 10:10 a.m. Sunday School
 1:00 p.m. Church Picnic

Giving From 07/014/2024

	Rec	Budget	Over/Under
General	\$2931.00	\$3155.58	-\$224.58
Ben	\$360.00	\$182.69	\$177.31
Maint	\$200.00	\$163.46	\$36.54
Mem			
Total	\$3491.00	\$3501.73	-\$10.73

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

Worship Attendance: 65 + 23 Online = 81
Sunday School: 13

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: Colton Custer (Board), Pam Bush (Camera)

Ushers: Jean Ann Darr, Jim Darr

Acolytes: Nathan Spangler

Organ: Amanda Custer

Flowers on the altar: in memory of loved ones by Ed & Shirley Reed.

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 28 Bill Deal

August 4 Dave Creamer

August 11 Dan Croft

August 18 Peter Kaltenbaugh

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

We will resume in the fall, September 8th.

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!

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.

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.

If anyone is interested in singing with the Holy Lutheran choir on Heritage Sunday, please contact Maria Mowry at 814-932-1839. Call or text would be great.

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.

Faith Night At the Ice Cream Station

Saturday, August 10, 6-8 p.m.

“All For Him Worship Band”

“All For Him” Worship Band is a band of dedicated Christian women who love contemporary Christian music. They love to draw people into worship with them to encounter the Living Christ. They met through an interdenominational 3-day retreat, Tres Dias, and hail from different denominations and regions, with Jesus being the common thread. They have become spiritual sisters in Christ as they’ve served and worshipped together. It’s “All For Him”.

Hosted by Swell Ministry. In case of inclement weather, Faith Night will be moved to Swell Ministry located at 701 North St., Lot 2 (in the rear of the building), Berlin. Bring your own chairs.

Card Shower



Lois Saylor is turning 90 on August 4th.

Let's make her day by showering her with cards to celebrate this special occasion. Please send her cards to:
3911 Menoher Blvd., Johnstown PA 15905!
Happy Birthday LOIS!!!!

On behalf of the **Berlin Food Pantry**, thank you for your financial support. Your donations will assist in helping those who struggle to make ends meet within the greater Berlin & Shanksville School Districts.

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.

Next Sunday!!!!



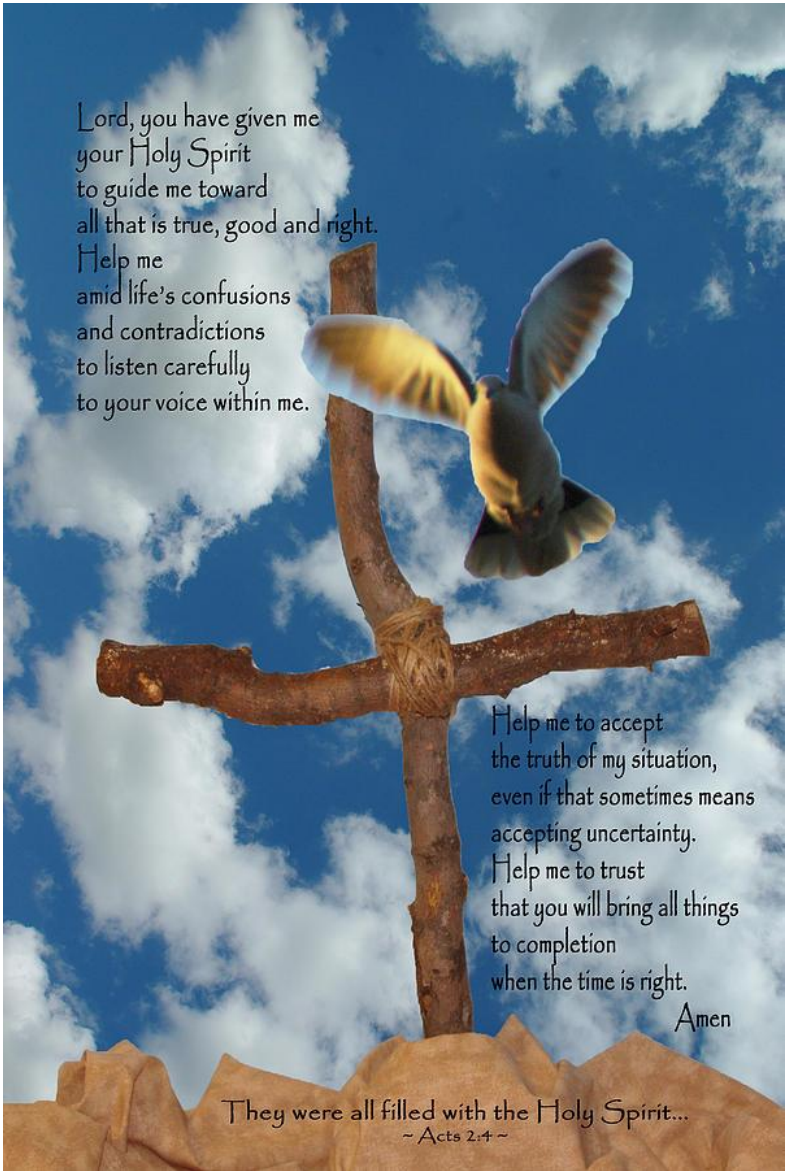
Church Picnic Registration

CHURCH PICNIC JULY 28, 2024, 1:00-4:00

Name _____

Number attending _____

**You can let us know today but the chicken
has to be ordered this week for the final
count!!!!**



Lord, you have given me
your Holy Spirit
to guide me toward
all that is true, good and right.
Help me
amid life's confusions
and contradictions
to listen carefully
to your voice within me.

Help me to accept
the truth of my situation,
even if that sometimes means
accepting uncertainty.
Help me to trust
that you will bring all things
to completion
when the time is right.
Amen

They were all filled with the Holy Spirit...
~ Acts 2:4 ~

Blessings For A Wonderful Week Ahead!