



***Sixth Sunday of Easter***

***May 14, 2023***

***Guest Speaker – Rev. James Vander Schuur***

***Assisted By – Cora Wright***

***Trinity United Church of Christ***

***600 Main Street***

***Berlin, Pennsylvania***

**Preludes      Praise to the Lord, the Almighty – Jason Payne  
I Will Be Here – Steven Curtis Chapman**

## **Announcements**

### **Welcome**

No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here at Trinity United Church of Christ

### **\*Call To Worship**

Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised;  
**there is no end to his greatness.**

One generation shall praise your works to another  
**and shall declare your power.**

All your works praise you, Lord,  
**and your faithful servants bless you.**

They make known the glory of your kingdom  
**and speak of your power.**

My mouth shall speak the praise of the Lord:

**Let all flesh bless his holy name for ever and ever**

### **\*Hymn No. 560**

### **The Beauty of The Earth**

### **Prayer of Confession:**

**Heavenly Father, we read your Holy word and listen to those who proclaim your message of love and forgiveness.**

**However, like people of years ago, we fail to give it our full attention. We often do not take your word seriously. We like to chastise others who do not show love and mercy while we ourselves are sometimes guilty of the same offense. Forgive us Lord, for following the voices of this world instead of being attentive to you. Help us to center our lives on your love and grace each day. Amen**

### **Silent Confession**

### **Assurance of Forgiveness:**

We have offered our prayers and the Lord grants forgiveness.

**We rejoice that the Lord forgives all who turn their hearts to him.**

Let us praise our God!

**\*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**

**Prayer of Dedication:**

All good things come from you, O God, and with gratitude we return to you what is yours. You created all that is, and with love formed us in your image. When our love failed, your love remained steadfast. You gave your only Son, Jesus Christ, to be our Savior. All that we are and all that we have are a trust from you. And so, in gratitude for all your gifts, we offer you ourselves and all that we have, in union with Christ's offering for us. By your Holy Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

**Amen.**

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

**Scripture:**

**1 Samuel 1:20-24**

**20** and in due time Hannah conceived and bore a son, and she called his name Samuel, for she said, "I have asked him of the Lord."

**21** And the man Elkanah and all his house went up to offer to the Lord the yearly sacrifice, and to pay his vow.

**22** But Hannah did not go up, for she said to her husband, "As soon as the child is weaned, I will bring him, that he may appear in the presence of the Lord, and abide there for ever.

**23** Elkanah her husband said to her, "Do what seems best to you, wait until you have weaned him; only, may the Lord establish his word." So the woman remained and nursed her son, until she weaned him.

**24** And when she had weaned him, she took him up with her, along with a three-year-old bull, an ephah of flour, and a skin of

wine; and she brought him to the house of the Lord at Shiloh; and the child was young.

**Gospel**

**2 John 1: 4**

**4** I rejoiced greatly to find some of your children following the truth, just as we have been commanded by the father.

**3 John 1: 4**

**4** No greater joy can I have than this, to hear that my children follow the truth.

**\*Hymn No. 533**

**O Perfect Love**

**Sermon – “A Mother’s Prayers”  
Guest Speaker – Rev. James Vander Schuur**

**\*Hymn No. 536**

**Happy the Home When God Is There**

**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

**Trumpet Tune on  
“He Is Risen”  
David Laskey  
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**Those Remembered in prayer:**

God’s guidance and protection for Armed Forces.

**Shut Ins:**

Lew & Barb Berkley, Roy Bucher, Helen Diest, Mary Forespring, Cynthia Kelly, Lois Krause, Debbi Luteri, Lois Saylor.

**Healing Concerns:**

Mark Amyot, Melvin & Bonnie Baughman, Donnie Baxter, Jim Benoit, Father Elijah Bremer, Rhonda Brown, Terry Coslic, Jim Coughenour, Tammy Coughenour, Pam Crooks, Larry Custer, Elizabeth Deal, John Durst, Art & Marlene Gotchen, Mary Jane Harding, Andrea (Shaulis) Harris, Larry Hay, Barry Landis, Brenda & Larry Leister, Jim Little, Larry McCullen Jim McKenzie, Bonnie Murphy, Harold Pritts, James Robb, Lois Saylor, Nancy Schrock, Tracey Smith, Peggy Stayrook, Kelly Tharp, Larry Tinkey, Adeline Vieregge, Robin Walker, Nancy Weighley, Gerald Zorn

**Thank You:**

Pastor Art Gotjen wants to extend his “**Thank You**” to everyone for all the cards and well wishes he received during the last several months. He is overwhelmed by the kindness our church has shown to him.

## The Saints In Action

TODAY –Sixth Sunday of Easter

9:00 a.m. Worship

10:10 Sunday School (Fellowship Hall Only)

Monday – 7 p.m. Search Committee Meeting

Wednesday – 6:30 p.m. Trinity Bells Practice

Next Sunday – Seventh Sunday of Easter

9:00 a.m. Worship

10:10 a.m. Sunday School

The Trinity Bells will be playing.

### Giving From 05/07/23

	Rec	Budget	Over/Under
<b>General</b>	\$3510.00	\$3155.58	\$354.42
<b>Ben</b>	\$80.00	\$182.69	-\$102.69
<b>Maint</b>	\$270.00	\$163.46	\$106.54
<b>Mem</b>	0.00		
<b>Total</b>	\$3860.00	\$3501.73	\$358.27

Also not included in Benevolence were Donations to Food Pantry of \$15 and Knotty Knotters of \$90. A donation was given to the Legacy Fund for the upgraded sound system.

**Important Note:** Please be sure to make donations for Knotty Knotters directly through TUCC in order to receive donation credit.

**Worship Attendance: 73**

**Sunday School: 0**

## **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 Darr (Board), Russ Hillegas (Camera)

**Ushers:** Amanda Custer, Sheron Engleka

**Acolytes:** Maelyn Fochtman/ Cora Wright

**The Flowers on the altar** in memory of Devon & June Landis, Larry Landis, and Helen Landis Frye by Barry Landis.

**Special Flowers** in honor of the mothers in our family: Judy T. McCullen, Cynthia L. McCullen-Janicki, Martha Tamblyn, and Shirley McCullen by Larry McCullen.

## ***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:**

*Tom Calvert, President, 814-267-3771*

*Rus Ogburn, Vice President, 814-267-5650*

*Sheron Engleka, 814-267-4166*

### **Consistory Deacons:**

*Amy Clark, Julie Petro, Ann Slifco*

*Leanna Coughenour, Gale Hay, Tom Croner*

*Amanda Custer, Debbie Boyer, Gaye Maust*

**Church Office Hours – Tuesday through Thursday  
9:00 a.m. to 1 p.m.**

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**The Parsonage Conference Room Sunday School Class will be following this schedule in Fellowship Hall:**

**April 23-July 9: Culture Shock:** A 12-part video series by Chip Ingram. Where do you stand on the issues of Truth, Abortion, The Environment, Sex, Homosexuality, Churches, and Politics? More importantly what does God say? More than ever before, believers must develop convictions based on research, reason, and biblical truth. It's equally important that believers are able (and willing) to communicate these convictions with the love and respect that reflects God's own heart. This study will help you to respond with love, even in the face of controversy. In the process, you'll discover the power of bringing light – not heat – to the core issues at the heart of society today. **Because there is a lot of interest in this class, we will be joining Tom Calvert's class in the Fellowship Hall and holding class there.**

This class is open to adults of **ALL AGES** and is led by Sue Coughenour. *Come join us!*

**Sunday School for Nursery Through 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Only:**

There will be no Sunday School for the Summer for the Nursery through 5<sup>th</sup> grade classes only. Sunday School will resume on Rally Sunday, September 10<sup>th</sup>. All other classes will continue to meet in the Social Room for the program of Culture Shock.

**Annual Conference Meeting:**

The Annual Conference will be held at California University of Pennsylvania on June 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>. Trinity UCC is entitled to three lay delegates and one youth delegate. If anyone is interested in representing our church at this meeting as a delegate, please let the church office know. Registration forms will need to be filled out and sent in no later than May 31, 2023. Tom Croner is attending this meeting and will be going both days. If you would like a ride, please let Tom Croner know. The cost of the conference will be paid by the church.



**Graduation Sunday:**

Please notify the church office about anyone graduating from High School, Trade School, or College for Graduation Sunday, tentatively, Sunday, June 4<sup>th</sup>.

**Search Committee:**

The Search Committee is in the process of being finalized. It should be ready in a few weeks.

**Hugs & Kisses:**

**Corn Hole Tournament – Sunday, June 25<sup>th</sup> at 4:00** parking lot behind church, unless rain then will be in the basement. H&K Youth will provide grilled hamburgers and hot dogs and those attending can bring side dishes. Come join us and have fun- you can play or just bring a lawn chair and enjoy as a spectator. There will be a prize for the winner! **Please sign up at the side entrance so we know how much meat to prepare.**

**Save the date – VBS will be the week of June 19-23<sup>rd</sup>.** We need helpers as well as children to attend in order for us to continue to have VBS at our church as it is a lot of work for those who do the planning. So, kids invite your friends, grandparents invite your grandchildren etc. to save the date. More details to come later.

**Next H&K Planning Meeting – Tuesday, May 23<sup>rd</sup> at 6:30** please come as we really need helpers to plan events and make them successful!

**Living Waters Camp** is offering various camps for June & July for all age groups. Please contact the Church Office for more details.

**The Holy Trinity Lutheran Church** is trying to form teams for softball over the summer. It would be for all ages. Please contact the Church Office if you are interested.

**The Holy Trinity Lutheran Church** VBS is June 26 – June 30, 2023.

### **Berlin Community Day:**

Mark your Calendars for **Saturday, July 22, 2023**, 9 am – 4 pm for Berlin Annual Community Day. We are coordinating our annual “Main Street” event with The Ice Cream Station’s “Christmas in July”. So far, we have Bluegrass/Gospel music, a Silent Auction, food vendors, a Kids Korner, and much more. If you are interested in helping feel free to join us at our next meeting, Monday, May 22 at 1 pm at the Cup of Soul Café. Please contact Tracey Koontz, Vendor Coordinator, 814-442-9821 to sign up. **A portion of our proceeds will be donated to a local charity!**

### **Changes to upcoming Supply Minister assignments.**

In the newsletter we provided a list of our upcoming leaders in worship. These are subject to change so we will let you know of any changes as they occur through the weekly bulletin.

May 14	Reverend James Vanderschurr
May 21	Bill Deal
May 28	Pastor Jay Shaffer
June 4	Steve Dinning
June 11	Reverend James Vanderschurr
June 18	Bill Deal
June 25	Reverend James Vanderschurr

A huge thank you to all of our pulpit supply participants and to Tom Croner and Rus Ogburn for reaching out to these wonderful people.

**The Trinity Bells** will be playing, Sunday, May 21<sup>st</sup>.

**A Special Tribute** for our active military and all living veterans has been given to us from the **Knotty Knotters**, Lutheran Church, Berlin. The Knotters will make throws for all of our active military and Veterans as a special **“thank you for your service”** to be given on Veterans Sunday.

Any active military or veterans that have not given their names to Sheron, please contact Sheron Engleka at 814-267-4166.

Donations are needed for the Knotty Knotters at the Lutheran Church. The Knotters supply prayer shawls, Izzy dolls, dish clothes, walker caddies, chemo hats, baby hats, and throws for adults, children, babies, and veterans. In 2022 they gave away over 350 covers alone. It takes many hands to do the above work from many denominations. There are several members from our church that are very active with many hours of their time to spread the love of God to others. Any donations of money or material are used for the above projects. Please mark your donations for Knotty Knotters.

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### **Knotty Knotters Veteran Quilts**





*Have a Blessed Week!*