



***14thth Sunday After Pentecost
August 30, 2026***

***Pastor Dave Creamer
Assisted By: Cohen Clark***

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

“Please silence your cell phone”

Preludes

**O God, Our Help In Ages Past – Jeff Perks
Arioso – Lani Smith**

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

***Hymn No. 262**

Holy, Holy, Holy

Call to Confession

There are times when we are the lost sheep. Searching for something we want wandering away from the path. Let us call out to the good Shepard for forgiveness.

Confession

Heavenly Father hear our Prayer. Help us to find our path, to want to serve you. Help us to hear your guidance, to know your will. Forgive us of our sins and help us to want to sin no more.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Each of us matter to God. Each one of us a little lamb carried back to the flock by the Grace Jesus gives. Each one of us saved by his Love. 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.

**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 thankful people, blessed in many ways, we share some of our gifts. We pray that our offering may be a blessing to others, that your will is done. We pray for a world we do not understand; we pray that it bends to your will, and you bring it peace as only you can. Protect and care for our military, comfort their families, give them all peace and strength. Father, we pray that your spirit is in our schools and homes. That we make communities that prosper in your Glory. It is with our Faith that we lift up for your care the people on our prayer list. With that faith we ask for your healing touch and comforting presence. We pray that you mend bodies, hearts, and minds. We pray that you comfort weary souls and offer shelter to your flock, especially those that are lost. We pray for the care givers, the good neighbors, and give them patience and determination. Steady us all in our task to love one another.

Blessed with his Grace, surrounded by his love, we are grateful for our savior Jesus. We offer to you the prayer he taught to us.

The Lord's Prayer (using debts and debtors)

**The Hebrew Scripture Lesson is from Jeremiah
Chapter 15, vs 15-21**

15 O Lord, you know;
remember me and visit me,
and bring down retribution for me on my persecutors.
In your forbearance do not take me away;
know that on your account I suffer insult.

16 Your words were found, and I ate them,
and your words became to me a joy
and the delight of my heart,
for I am called by your name,
O Lord, God of hosts.

17 I did not sit in the company of merrymakers,
nor did I rejoice;
under the weight of your hand I sat alone,
for you had filled me with indignation.

18 Why is my pain unceasing,
my wound incurable,
refusing to be healed?
Truly, you are to me like a deceitful brook,
like waters that fail.

19 Therefore thus says the Lord:
If you turn back, I will take you back,
and you shall stand before me.
If you utter what is precious and not what is worthless,
you shall serve as my mouth.
It is they who will turn to you,
not you who will turn to them.

20 And I will make you to this people
a fortified wall of bronze;
they will fight against you,
but they shall not prevail over you,
for I am with you
to save you and deliver you,
says the Lord.

21 I will deliver you out of the hand of the wicked and redeem you from the grasp of the ruthless.

The Epistle Lesson is from Paul's Letter to the Romans Chapter 12, vs 9-21

9 Let love be genuine; hate what is evil; hold fast to what is good;
10 love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor.

11 Do not lag in zeal; be ardent in spirit; serve the Lord.

12 Rejoice in hope; be patient in affliction; persevere in prayer.

13 Contribute to the needs of the saints; pursue hospitality to strangers.

14 Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them.

15 Rejoice with those who rejoice; weep with those who weep.

16 Live in harmony with one another; do not be arrogant, but associate with the lowly;[do not claim to be wiser than you are.

17 Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all.

18 If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all.

19 Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God, for it is written, "Vengeance is mine; I will repay, says the Lord."

20 Instead, "if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink, for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads."

21 Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

The Gospel of Jesus Christ is from the Book of Matthew Chapter 16, vs 21-28

21 From that time on, Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes and be killed and on the third day be raised.

22 And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you."

23 But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a hindrance[h] to me, for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

The Cross and Self-Denial

24 Then Jesus told his disciples, "If any wish to come after me, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me.

25 For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it.

26 For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life?

27 "For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done.

28 Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom."

**Special Music
Still Singing**

**Message
"From Hero to Zero"
Pastor Dave Creamer**

***Hymn No. 292**

God of Grace and God of Glory

***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

**Allegro Maestoso With Come,
Thou Fount of Every Blessing – Jeff Perks**

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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, Paige Boyer,
Chris Brant, Rhonda Brown, Debbie Chafin, Tim Clites, Susan
Constantino, LaVerne Coslic, Tammy Coughenour,
Eric Custer, Lauren Davis, Tracy Dickey,
Judy DiPasquale, Deneen Eutsey, Linda Gallick, Dennis Griffith,
Karen Griffith, John Halverson, Andrea (Shaulis) Harris,
Joe Harris, Michael Harris,
Joy Hay (Dwayne), Larry Hay,
Marilyn Heiple, Gary Hillegas, Karen Hittie,
Barry Landis, Wendy Leister,
Richard Lilliston, Jim Little, Nick Lorson,
Blair and Phylis Lyons, Judy McCullen, Larry McCullen, Joyce
Miller, Laura Miller,
Robert "Lee" Miller, Carl (Edison) Paul, Kathy Picking, Easton
Pritts, Brian Robb, James Robb, Brett Sarver, Kayla Sarver,
Tammie Saylor, Nancy Schrock, Curt Shaulis, Missy Shaulis,
Dawn Edmiston-Strasser, Chuck Sullivan,
Larry Tinkey, Audrey Twombly,
Barbara and Peter Usher,
Carl & Matthew Walker, Faye Walker,
Robin Walker, Nancy Weighley,
Echo Kincaid Yoder

**If you have any information on anyone on this list, please
contact the office with updates.**

The Saints In Action

TODAY- 14th Sunday after Pentecost

9:00 a.m. Worship

10:10 a.m. Sunday School

Next Sunday – 15th Sunday after Pentecost & Holy Communion

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: Pam Bush & Bill Landis

Ushers: Ken Miller & Leonard Gary

Acolyte/Lectors: Cohen Clark

Organ: Nancy Bittner

Flowers on the altar are given in honor of our family: Brandon, Autumn, Kyle, Rebecca, Avery, Isla, Brennan, Anna and Syrus by Russ & Jeanne Hillegas.

Special Flowers in memory of my sister Kay, who passed away 3 years ago by Karol Saylor.

Bulletin in memory of my husband, Al Knotts by Joyce Knotts.

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

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Adult Sunday School Update: Tom Calvert is currently teaching a Ray Vander Laan series on the life of Paul. These are great videos you should check out! The videos give you the back story of life in Paul's time, and challenges he faced that we don't see in the Bible. This series will end on September 13th. Following this Sue Coughenour will once again begin teaching. See the Fall church newsletter for some of the topics she will be discussing.

VBS Sunday School

We are going to "ROAR" into VBS Sunday School starting on September 20th with a Rally Day and Back to School Celebration starting in Church with Children's time. Children will go down to Sunday School after Children's time and enjoy VBS Style Sunday School until 11:00am. The next VBS Sunday School will be on October 18th, "When life is unfair... God is Good" Come join us for a lot of fun, learning, snacks, games, crafts and more!! Mark you calendars.

Hugs & Kisses

Late August/September- ongoing community service- we will be picking corn at a local farm and picking vegetables from the raised garden beds to take to the food pantry on Tuesday evenings. Watch for text messages when ready.

Trinity Ladies next meeting will be held Monday, September 14, at 11:30 a.m. at Cup of Soul. We will be discussing the food we will want to sell at the Historical Society's and Lions Club event.

We will be participating in the Historical Society's event on Sunday October 18. We will be selling food (what type, yet to be determined). We will need help making and selling these items. Please watch the bulletin for further information.

Sunday, September 27th 12 PM- meet at church for lunch and bring bikes/helmets for bike and hike on the trail afterwards. Come join us for some fresh air and exercise!

Blood Drive, Monday, August 31, 12:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. at the Berlin Community Veteran' Home Association of Berlin, Social Hall, 419 Meadow Street, Berlin, PA.

Three Seasons Church is hosting an opportunity for Moms and kids in our community, "You Are Rasing The Next Generation". If you are interested please contact the church office for more information.

Last Call for Recipes

We're making our final call for recipe submissions! Please send in your favorite recipes by the end of the month so we can include them. (You can take pictures of the recipe cards and not rewrite them and send them to the church email) Whether it's a family favorite, a go-to dish, or a special treat, we'd love to have it! Thank you for sharing your recipes and helping make this collection special.

Online Giving (Tithe.ly)

If you are giving through our recent online Tithe.ly and no longer need donation envelopes, please contact the office. Therefore, in order to give you a more accurate picture of our budget goals, we 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!

St. Gregory's Annual Festival

MacDonaldton, PA – Sunday, September 6, 2026

Family-style ham and turkey dinners with noodles and stuffing – served 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. – adults \$15.00 – children under 12 \$7.00 – children under 4 free - games, bake sale, themed baskets, refreshments – fun for all ages – come and enjoy reminiscing with family and friends in our air-conditioned hall. TAKE OUT AVAILABLE

Pastoral Care: For those in need of pastoral care please contact Pastor Dave Creamer at 814-777-2280. If Dave is not available, please contact Tom Croner at 814-442-6740. If neither is available, contact Pam Bush at 541-990-0832.



Heavenly Father,
We enter this new week with many tasks before us.
Strengthen our body, mind, and spirit so we may not grow
weary. Help us rise with determination and walk with
confidence in Your promises. Amen.

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