



***August 31, 2025
12th Sunday After Pentecost
Pastor Dave Creamer***

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

Preludes

**Prelude on “Coronation” – Jason Payne
Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus with Wonderful Peace
Ron Sprunger**

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 Psalm 112, The Blessings of the Righteous.

Praise the Lord, happy are those who fear the Lord, and delight in his commandments.

Their descendants will be mighty in the land; the upright will be blessed.

Blessed houses and lands, the righteous endure forever.

The righteous are like a light in the darkness, gracious and merciful.

Generous and kind the righteous will be remembered.

The righteous will never be moved or swayed, they will be remembered forever.

***Hymn No. 560**

For the Beauty of the Earth

Call to Confession:

Cautious of our pride, we come to Grace with humility. Hoping to be called forward by God to the table of the forgiven let us pray together in one voice.

Confession:

Heavenly Father, hear our prayer. Bless us with forgiveness. Help us to be humble in our Grace, welcoming others to our faith. Protect us from our pride and help us to sin no more.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon:

Unable to save ourselves Jesus is there to redeem us. As humble servants we accept the gifts of the father, the guidance of the Spirit, and the love of the Son.

***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

God, our father in heaven, we bring to you our gifts. We ask that these things we bring may be gifts to others. That our talents are used to bring your Will to Earth. That our hands and feet are in motion for you and our actions are for your Glory. We pray that your Spirit is never far, that it is in us, around us, and guiding us to be productive people. We pray that your protective arms shield our military and first responders, that your loving presence is with their families. We pray for your healing touch and comforting

presence, that those on our prayer list can be healed in body, mind, and spirit. We pray for the lost, the angry, the weary. God we know you are there for them, help us to help them see your light and the salvation that it brings. We pray for the caretakers. We ask that you strengthen them in their duties, bless them in their selfless care for others. We are grateful for the gift of your Son, Jesus Christ. We pray that His lessons and examples shape us in every way. We offer you the prayer he taught us to pray.

The Lord's Prayer (using debts and debtors)

Special Music
Dan Croft

Scripture

Old Testament Scripture Lesson from Sirach Chapter 10, vs 12-18

- ¹² The beginning of human pride is to forsake the Lord;
the heart has withdrawn from its Maker.
- ¹³ For the beginning of pride is sin,
and the one who clings to it pours out abominations.
Therefore the Lord brought upon them unheard-of calamities
and destroyed them completely. ^[a]
- ¹⁴ The Lord overthrew the thrones of rulers
and enthroned the lowly in their place.
- ¹⁵ The Lord plucked up the roots of the nations ^[b]
and planted the humble in their place.
- ¹⁶ The Lord laid waste the lands of the nations
and destroyed them to the foundations of the earth.
- ¹⁷ He removed some of them and destroyed them
and erased the memory of them from the earth.
- ¹⁸ Pride was not created for human beings
or violent anger for those born of women.

Epistle Lesson from the Book of Hebrews, Chapter 13 VS 1-8

1 Let brotherly love continue.

2 Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for thereby some have entertained angels unawares.

3 Remember those who are in prison, as though in prison with them; and those who are ill-treated, since you also are in the body.

4 Let marriage be held in honor among all, and let the marriage bed be undefiled; for God will judge the immoral and adulterous.

5 Keep your life free from love of money, and be content with what you have; for he has said, "I will never fail you nor forsake you."

6 Hence we can confidently say,

"The Lord is my helper,

I will not be afraid;

what can man do to me?"

7 Remember your leaders, those who spoke to you the word of God; consider the outcome of their life, and imitate their faith.

8 Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and for ever.

The Gospel of Jesus Christ from the Book of Luke, Chapter 14 vs 7-14

7 Now he told a parable to those who were invited, when he marked how they chose the places of honor, saying to them,

8 "When you are invited by any one to a marriage feast, do not sit down in a place of honor, lest a more eminent man than you be invited by him;

9 and he who invited you both will come and say to you, 'Give place to this man,' and then you will begin with shame to take the lowest place.

10 But when you are invited, go and sit in the lowest place, so that when your host comes he may say to you, 'Friend, go up higher'; then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at table with you.

11 For every one who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted."

12 He said also to the man who had invited him, "When you give a dinner or a banquet, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your kinsmen or rich neighbors, lest they also invite you in return, and you be repaid.

13 But when you give a feast, invite the poor, the maimed, the lame, the blind,

14 and you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you. You will be repaid at the resurrection of the just.”

Message
“The Power of Humility”
Pastor Dave Creamer

***Hymn No. 76**

O For a Thousand Tongues

***Benediction**

***Response – Sung with Dismissal**

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.

***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, 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- 12th Sunday after Pentecost

9:00 a.m. Worship

10:10 a.m. Sunday School

Wednesday - Bell Practice – 6:30 p.m.

Next Sunday –13th Sunday after Pentecost

Holy Communion

9:00 a.m. Worship

10:10 a.m. Sunday School

Giving From 08/24/2025

	Rec	Budget	Over/Under
General	\$1330	\$3155.58	-\$1825.58
Ben	\$207	\$182.69	\$24.31
Maint	\$380	\$163.46	\$216.54
Mem	\$		
Total	\$1917	\$3501.73	-\$1584.73

Not included in Benevolence were Donations to Food Pantry of \$25

Worship Attendance: 66
Sunday School: 11

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 & Jean Ann Darr

Ushers: Debbie Boyer and Jean Hart

Acolytes: Nathan Spangler

Organ: Nancy Bittner

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

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

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

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Sunday School

Beginning September 14th, 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!

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.

Trinity Ladies Lunch

Trinity Ladies will not meet in September. Our next meeting (luncheon) will be on Monday, October 6th at Cup of Soul at 11:30 a.m.

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 & More! Delicious food available for purchase.

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)

American Heritage Girls Troop PA-2415

Trail Life USA Troop PA-2415

Come try out a meeting and see what we're all about!

3 Mondays in September, 8, 15, 22.

6:30 p.m. Berlin Brethren Church, 620 Main St, Berlin, PA 15530

For questions, call 814-267-3863.

The Berlin Brethren Church is sponsoring a weekend exploring the Biblical text with Dr. John Byron. It will be held on Saturday, September 27th at 6:30 p.m. and Sunday, September 28th at 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

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.



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