



***16thth Sunday After Pentecost
September 13, 2026***

***Pastor Dave Creamer
Assisted By: Cora & Lucy Wright***

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

“Please silence your cell phone”

Preludes

Every Time I Feel the Spirit- Jeff Perks
Give Me Jesus- Mark Hayes

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. 315**

Let Your Heart Be Broken

Call to Confession

Here as a congregation let us speak with one voice, one purpose. To receive an atonement for sins committed, and a purpose to sin no more.

Confession

Heavenly Father hear our prayer. You know our hearts, you see our sins, forgive us. Bless us with your Spirit, help us to know your will, keep us determined to sin no more.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Jesus brings a saving Grace, justifying us before God. It is up to us to use it. To put into action forgiveness and live like we are saved.

*** 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.

***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

Gracious God, gentle in your power and strong in your tenderness, you have brought us forth with your Glory. We pray that we are worthy of these gifts. We know we do not live by bread alone but by every word that comes from you. Feed our deep hunger, with Christ's living bread. We pray that you heal and comfort those in need as only you can. Guide the hands of the caretakers, give them compassion. Let everyone feel Jesus' Promise, that where 2 or more are gathered he is there. Let this congregation be a joyful company of your people so that with the faithful in every place and time we may praise and honor you. Let us pray as Christ our Savior has taught us,

The Lord's Prayer (using debts and debtors)

**The Hebrew Scripture Lesson is from
Genesis Chapter 50, vs 15-21.**

15 When Joseph's brothers saw that their father was dead, they said, "It may be that Joseph will hate us and pay us back for all the evil which we did to him."

16 So they sent a message to Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this command before he died,

17 'Say to Joseph, Forgive, I pray you, the transgression of your brothers and their sin, because they did evil to you.' And now, we pray you, forgive the transgression of the servants of the God of your father." Joseph wept when they spoke to him.

18 His brothers also came and fell down before him, and said, "Behold, we are your servants."

19 But Joseph said to them, "Fear not, for am I in the place of God?

20 As for you, you meant evil against me; but God meant it for good, to bring it about that many people should be kept alive, as they are today.

21 So do not fear; I will provide for you and your little ones." Thus, he reassured them and comforted them.

The Epistle Lesson is from Paul's Letter to the Romans Chapter 14, vs 1-12

1 As for the man who is weak in faith, welcome him, but not for disputes over opinions.

2 One believes he may eat anything, while the weak man eats only vegetables.

3 Let not him who eats despise him who abstains and let not him who abstains pass judgment on him who eats; for God has welcomed him.

4 Who are you to pass judgment on the servant of another? It is before his own master that he stands or falls. And he will be upheld, for the Master is able to make him stand.

5 One man esteems one day as better than another, while another man esteems all days alike. Let everyone be fully convinced in his own mind.

6 He who observes the day, observes it in honor of the Lord. He also who eats, eats in honor of the Lord, since he gives thanks to God; while he who abstains, abstains in honor of the Lord and gives thanks to God.

7 None of us lives to himself, and none of us dies to himself.

8 If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's.

9 For to this end Christ died and lived again, that he might be Lord both of the dead and of the living.

10 Why do you pass judgment on your brother? Or you, why do you despise your brother? For we shall all stand before the judgment seat of God;

11 for it is written,

“As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall give praise to God.”

12 So each of us shall give account of himself to God.

The Gospel Of Jesus Christ from the Book of Matthew Chapter 18, vs 21-35

21 Then Peter came up and said to him, “Lord, how often shall my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? As many as seven times?”

22 Jesus said to him, “I do not say to you seven times, but seventy times seven.

23 “Therefore, the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his servants.

24 When he began the reckoning; one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents;

25 and as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, with his wife and children and all that he had, and payment to be made.

26 So the servant fell on his knees, imploring him, ‘Lord, have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.’

27 And out of pity for him the lord of that servant released him and forgave him the debt.

28 But that same servant, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat he said, ‘Pay what you owe.’

29 So his fellow servant fell down and besought him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you.’

30 He refused and went and put him in prison till he should pay the debt.

31 When his fellow servants saw what had taken place, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place.

32 Then his lord summoned him and said to him, ‘You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you besought me;
33 and should not you have had mercy on your fellow servant, as I had mercy on you?’
34 And in anger his lord delivered him to the jailers, till he should pay all his debt.
35 So also my heavenly Father will do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother from your heart.”

“Special Music”
Cohen Clark
“You Say”
“The Saints Go Marching In”

Message
“The Unforgiving Servant”
Pastor Dave Creamer

***Hymn No. 358**

I Am Thine O Lord

***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

Blessed Assurance – Marianne Kim

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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, Jeff Calvert, Debbie Chafin, Tim
Clites, Susan Constantino, LaVerne Coslic, Tammy Coughenour,
Eric Custer, Lauren Davis, Tracy Dickey,
Judy DiPasquale, Deneen Eutsey, Linda Gallick, Shirley Gary,
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,
William Nicholson, Carl (Edison) Paul,
Easton Pritts, Brian Robb, James Robb, Brett Sarver, Kayla
Sarver, Tammie Saylor, Nancy Schrock, Curt Shaulis,
Missy Shaulis, Trig Smith, Dawn Edmiston-Strasser,
Chuck Sullivan, Larry Tinkey, Lily Truszka, Audrey Twombly,
Barbara and Peter Usher,
Carl & Matthew Walker, Faye Walker,
Robin Walker, Nancy Weighley,
Echo Kincaid Yoder

"Prayers to the family of Kathy Picking as she went home to the
Lord on Wednesday"

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

The Saints In Action

TODAY- 16th Sunday after Pentecost & Holy Communion

9:00 a.m. Worship

10:10 a.m. Sunday School

Tuesday – 6:30 p.m. Trinity Bell Practice

Next Sunday – 17th Sunday after Pentecost

9:00 a.m. Worship

10:10 a.m. Sunday School

VBS “Rally” Day – Children’s Time

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, Cohen Clark

Ushers: Sue Coughenour & Sheron Engleka

Acolytes: Cora & Lucy Wright

Lector: Cora & Lucy Wright

Organ: Jean Ann Darr

Flowers on the altar are in memory of Edna Mae Chappie (Grandma Mae) and in honor of Bob Chappie (Pap) by Dave, Missy, Matthew and Kaitlyn Miller.

Special flowers are in recognition of the Fourth Anniversary of Jean Ann Darr joining Trinity United Church of Christ Berlin, PA as our Secretary and her dedication and the services she provides to the Congregation.

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*

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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.

In Revelation 2 & 3, Jesus dictated, through John, seven letters to seven pastors in Asia Minor, which is modern day Turkey. While the churches were literal, they each also represented a specific time in church history leading up to Christ' second coming. God had a specific message for each church and each period of church history.

Join the Adult Sunday school class on Sunday, September 20, 2026, as we begin a deep look into these two chapters in Revelation. Adult Sunday school begins at 10:10 am in the Fellowship Hall and all are welcome. If you have any questions, please contact Sue Coughenour.

J B Schrock Community Park Fundraisers

We wrapped up a successful summer serving the children & families of our community — over 2,000 children's visits to the playground this year! Thank you to our director, Miss Kristi, and assistants Abby, Ali, Lexi, and Carlee for making it such a success, along with our new Board members and community volunteers. We are so grateful!

A few more fundraisers remain to help with upkeep, maintenance, and new features:

Sat, Sept 19, 10am–2pm – Annual Birthday Party at the Playground! Cake Walk, Basket Raffle, music, games, food & birthday cake available for purchase.

Wed, Oct 7, 11am–10pm – Give Back Day at Somerset Ruby Tuesday (15% back). Flyer needed — get one on Facebook or email jbschrockplayground@gmail.com.

Ongoing – Order Rada Cutlery online, code SHIPDEAL saves \$5 shipping on \$35+ orders: <https://bit.ly/RadaCutleryFundraiser>

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 your calendars.

Lego Sunday School

This year we will be having a Lego Sunday School lesson on the 4th Sunday of the month. We will be teaching the parables using Legos. There will be singing, games, hands-on activities and a snack. Come join us as we learn about Jesus!

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.

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!

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.

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.

From Shirley Gary

Thank you church family for your thoughts and prayers during my recent surgery. Your love, support and prayers mean so much to me.

Good Will Donation Drive

Berlin Marching Band is having a fundraiser to purchase color guard uniforms and new banner for the marching band. Saturday, October 3rd from 8 am to 12 pm. Drop off location – Berlin VFW. Donate gently used items – clothing, shoes, household goods, small electronics, toys, books and more.

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!

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.



The 16th Sunday after Pentecost

Blessings upon you, upon those you love
and those you shall never know.

Blessings upon your steps
and upon the vision of your eyes.

Blessings upon you in all circumstances;
joy and sorrow, for wisdom rests in them,
twin experiences with different faces.

Blessings be upon what lies before you,
the challenges and decisions,
the pain and the relief.

Blessings upon you, our friends in Christ.

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