



***Tenth Sunday After Pentecost  
Holy Communion  
August 6, 2023  
Guest Speaker – Pastor Jay Shaffer  
Assisted By – Cohen Clark***

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

**Preludes**

**O God, Our Help In Ages Past – Jeff Perks  
Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise – Mark Hayes**

**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

**Prayer**

**\*Hymn No 25**

**Immortal, Invisible**

**A Call to Confession**

The Lord calls us to turn our hearts to him.

**When we are weighed down, with guilt and shame, for the errors of our ways the Lord offers us forgiveness when we turn to him.**

Let us humbly offer our prayers.

**Confession (in unison)**

**Almighty God, you offer love, mercy, and forgiveness, yet we are reluctant to come to you. We fear that you may cast us off as being unworthy or an insignificant part of your creation. Yet, you fed all those who came to hear your words of God's love. Remind us again, O God, that we and all people are your children. Feed us with your love and forgiveness. Strengthen us in spirit to share your message with others that they too might be fed with your words. Forgive us when we go astray and call us back to you. Amen.**

**Silent Confession**

**Assurance of Forgiveness:**

**\*Response – To God Be The Glory verse 1**

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**\*Affirmation of Faith**

**The Apostle's 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**

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

## **Hebrew Scripture – Genesis 32: 22-31**

**22** The same night he arose and took his two wives, his two maids, and his eleven children, and crossed the ford of the Jabbok.

**23** He took them and sent them across the stream, and likewise everything that he had.

**24** And Jacob was left alone; and a man wrestled with him until the breaking of the day.

**25** When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he touched the hollow of his thigh; and Jacob's thigh was put out of joint as he wrestled with him.

**26** Then he said, "Let me go, for the day is breaking." But Jacob said, "I will not let you go, unless you bless me."

**27** And he said to him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Jacob."

**28** Then he said, "Your name shall no more be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with men, and have prevailed."

**29** Then Jacob asked him, "Tell me, I pray, your name." But he said, "Why is it that you ask my name?" And there he blessed him.

**30** So Jacob called the name of the place Peniel, saying, "For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life is preserved."

**31** The sun rose upon him as he passed Peniel, limping because of his thigh.

## **Epistle – Romans 9: 1-5**

**1** I am speaking the truth in Christ, I am not lying; my conscience bears me witness in the Holy Spirit,

**2** that I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart.

**3** For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my brethren, my kinsmen by race.

**4** They are Israelites, and to them belong the sonship, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises;

**5** to them belong the patriarchs, and of their race, according to the flesh, is the Christ. God who is over all be blessed for ever. Amen.

## **Gospel – Matthew 14: 13-21**

**13** Now when Jesus heard this, he withdrew from there in a boat to a lonely place apart. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns.

**14** As he went ashore he saw a great throng; and he had compassion on them, and healed their sick.

**15** When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, “This is a lonely place, and the day is now over; send the crowds away to go into the villages and buy food for themselves.”

**16** Jesus said, “They need not go away; you give them something to eat.”

**17** They said to him, “We have only five loaves here and two fish.”

**18** And he said, “Bring them here to me.”

**19** Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass; and taking the five loaves and the two fish he looked up to heaven, and blessed, and broke and gave the loaves to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds.

**20** And they all ate and were satisfied. And they took up twelve baskets full of the broken pieces left over.

**21** And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

## **Special Music: “Just Brass”**

## **Sermon - Pastor Jay Shaffer “Confronting Love”**

## **Sacrament of Holy Communion**

*Jesus said: I am the bread of life. You who come to me shall not hunger; you who believe in me shall never thirst.*

***In company with all who hunger for spiritual food, we come to this table to know the risen Christ in the sharing of this life-giving bread.***

## Communion Prayer:

God be with you

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to God.**

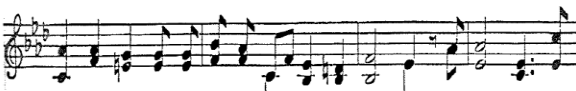
Let us give thanks to God Most High.

**It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

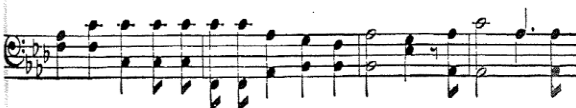
**Holy God, our loving creator, close to us as breathing and distant as the farthest star, we thank you for your constant love for all you have made. We thank you for all that sustains life, for all people of faith in every generation who have given themselves to your will, especially for Jesus Christ, whom you have sent from your own being has our Savior. We praise you for Christ's birth, life, death, and resurrection, and for the calling forth of your church for its mission in the world. Gifted by the presence of your Holy Spirit, we offer ourselves to you as we unite our voices with the entire family of your faithful people everywhere:**



Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Lord God of Sa - ba-oth; Heav-en and earth are



full, are full of the ma-jes-ty of Thy Glo - ry, Ho-san - na, ho -



san - na, ho-san-na in the high-est! Bless-ed is He that com-eth in the

*crescendo* *f*

name of the Lord, Ho-san - na, ho - san - na, ho-san - na in the high-est!

Merciful God, as sisters and brothers in faith, we recall anew these words and acts of Jesus Christ. Now as they were eating, Jesus took bread, and blessed, and broke it, and gave it to the disciples and said: “Take eat: This is my body.”

Jesus took a cup, and after giving thanks, gave it to the disciples and said: “Drink of it, all of you; for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins.”

We remember Christ’s promise not to drink of the fruit of the vine again until the heavenly banquet at the close of history, and we say boldly what we believe:

**Christ had died, Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

Come, Holy Spirit, come. Bless this bread and bless this fruit of the vine. Bless all of us in our eating and drinking at this table that our eyes may be opened, and we may recognize the risen Christ in our midst, in each other, and in all for whom Christ died. **Amen.**

## **Breaking Bread and Pouring Wine:**

Through the broken bread we participate in the body of Christ.  
Through the cup of blessing we participate in the new life Christ gives.

## **Resurrection Acclamation:**

Alleluia! Christ our Passover is offered for us.

**Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!**

## **Sharing The Elements**

The gifts of God for the people of God. Come, for all things are ready.

Eat this, for it is the body of Christ, broken for you.

**Amen!**

Drink this, for it is the blood of Christ, shed for you.

**Amen!**

## **\*Prayer of Thanksgiving:**

**We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us at your table by granting us the presence of Jesus Christ. Strengthen our faith, increase our love for one another, and send us forth into the world in courage and peace, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

**\*Hymn No. 47**

**God Will Take Care of You**

**\*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.  
Amen**

**Postlude**

**Come, Thou Almighty King – Mark Hayes**

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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, Kay Barnard, Melvin & Bonnie Baughman, Donnie  
Baxter, Jim Benoit, Paige Boyer, Father Elijah Bremer, Rhonda  
Brown, Terry Coslic, Jim Coughenour, Tammy Coughenour, Pam  
Crooks, Elizabeth Deal, John Durst, Reon Engleka,  
Art & Marlene Gotchen, Andrea (Shaulis) Harris, Larry Hay,  
Faye Hetrick, Kerry Landis, Brenda & Larry Leister, Jim Little,  
Larry McCullen Jim McKenzie, Bonnie Murphy, Dalton Paul,  
Kathy Picking, James Robb, Lois Saylor,

Nancy Schrock, Owen Shaulis, Tracey Smith, Mark Stahl, Peggy Stayrook, Larry Tinkey, Adeline Vieregge, Robin Walker, Harry Watkins, Gerald Zorn

**The Saints In Action**

TODAY –10th Sunday after Pentecost & Communion  
9:00 a.m. Worship  
10:10 Sunday School (Fellowship Hall Only)

Next Sunday – 11th Sunday after Pentecost  
9:00 a.m. Worship  
10:10 a.m. Sunday School (Fellowship Hall Only)

**Giving From 07/23/23**

	Rec	Budget	Over/Under
<b>General</b>	\$2021.00	\$3155.58	-\$1134.58
<b>Ben</b>	\$171.00	\$182.69	-\$11.69
<b>Maint</b>	\$326.00	\$163.46	\$162.54
<b>Mem</b>	0.00		\$0.00
<b>Total</b>	\$2518.00	\$3501.73	-\$983.73

Also not included in Benevolence were Donations to Food Pantry of \$40.

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

**Worship Attendance: 69**  
**Sunday School: 8**

## **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:** Chris King (Board), Gaye Maust (Camera)

**Ushers:** Alyssa Wright, Bob Brown

**Acolytes:** Cohen Clark

**The Flowers on the altar** in memory of Frank & Ruth Ream, and Frank Ream, Jr. by Bill, Ann, and Willie Slifco.

## ***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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**Email Bulletin**

We recently had some internet issues that removed some of our group lists. One of those was our bulletins that some of you had requested to receive via email. Please let us know if you are no longer receiving the bulletin in this format, as you had in the past. Thank you for your patience.

**Hard Copy Bulletin**

Weekly the office mails hard copy bulletins to some of our shut ins or prayer list individuals that are unable to attend church. If you wish to have a hard copy sent to someone you have placed on the prayer list, please let the office know.

**Changes to upcoming Supply Minister assignments.**

August 13 Dwayne Hay

August 20 Kaitlyn Coughenour

August 27 Dan Croft

**Bolded dates indicate “Communion” Sundays.**

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.

**Thank you:**

Jean Hart would like to thank everyone who contributed to the bake sale for the Berlin Community Day. It was a huge success. The profit will be split between the Hugs & Kisses and also the Happy Cookers to put towards a new stove.

**Sunday School will resume on Rally Sunday, September 10<sup>th</sup>.**

**The Parsonage Conference Room Sunday School Class** will be starting an in-depth study of I & II Peter on Sunday, September 10<sup>th</sup>. The date has been changed to the week that Sunday School will begin again for children and youth. This study will give you a look at how to get the most out of your Bible reading. The apostle Peter wrote two short letters that are packed with so much that we need to hear in our culture today. Join us as we dig in and find many hidden treasures that you might miss in general reading. This class is open to adults of **ALL AGES** and is lead by Sue Coughenour. *Come join us!*

### **Hugs & Kisses**

**August 16<sup>th</sup> 6:30 PM** – Youth to meet at the grove to help paint the inside of the pavilion as a community service project. Can bring extra brushes/rollers if you have them.

**August 27<sup>th</sup> 6:00 PM** – Back to School Campfire/Picnic at The Custers' House (739 Plank Rd) for all youth and their parents. Will provide meat, drinks, and tableware. **Please bring a covered dish and camp chairs. Text Amanda Custer at 814-483-4283 with a count if planning to attend.**

**October 22<sup>nd</sup> 7:00 PM** – Mac Powell and Friends Christian Concert at Word of Life Church in Greensburg. We need a group of 10 or more to get a group rate of \$18 per person. H&K will pay for any of our youth attending. Adults will self pay. **Please RSVP to Amy Clark by August 15<sup>th</sup> so that we can order tickets as a group.**

## **A message from Holy Trinity Lutheran Church Sight and Sound**

We have purchased the tickets and reserved the bus for the showing on Tuesday, November 28, 2023, in Lancaster, PA for the 3:00 PM show.

The cost is \$110 per adult and \$90 for child ages 3-12. This includes your admission and the cost for the bus.

If you would like to reserve a spot, please call the church office at 814-267-5014.

Please note that payment will be due to reserve your ticket and seat on the bus.

It will be non-refundable unless you can find someone to attend in your place.

**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.



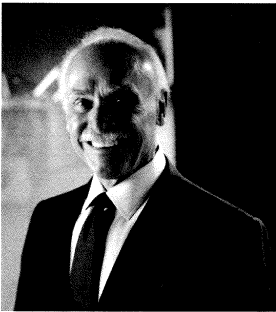
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