



***Third Sunday of Easter
Holy Communion
May 4, 2025
Student Pastor - Dave Creamer
Assisted by – Cohen Clark***

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

**Preludes I Know That My Redeemer Lives – Jason Payne
I Need Thee Every Hour – Marianne Kim**

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:

O Lord our God the Almighty how majestic is your name in all the Earth.

Our Gods Glory is set above the Heavens.

Like A simple wisdom from the mouth of babes Gods glory shines all around us.

We look to the Heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon the stars, they never fail.

Remind us to be mindful mortals, humans in your care, surrounded by your works.

O Lord our redeemer, how majestic is your name in all the Earth!

* Hymn No. 345

Blessed Assurance

Call to Confession

Together as children of God let's call out together for forgiveness. Let's celebrate our covenant of hope and grace with God.

Confession

Heavenly Father, our creator and redeemer, hear our prayers. Forgive us of the sins we commit, in thought word and deed. By actions we take and the things we leave undone. Renew us in your Spirit and help us to celebrate the gifts you give to each of us.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

God knew we needed his help. God knew we could not save ourselves. Rejoice in this Easter Season that Gods own Son gave himself for our sins. A living sacrifice, that gives us everlasting Grace.

**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. Sharing some of the gifts you have given to us. Accept these things and make them your will. God our creator and redeemer we pray for this world. Please bring peace to the chaos, comfort to those in need, and protection to those that serve us. We pray that your Spirit is near to us, our homes and families, help us to do your will, let our actions, great and small, be for your glory. With our Faith we lift up to you those on our prayer list. The people in our hearts, and those we worry about in our minds. Bless them with your love, care, healing touch, and assuring presence. Bring comfort to our shut ins, and shepherd back those that think they are shut out. We are grateful to receive the gift of Grace from our covenant with you. The sacrifice your Son gave for us is our greatest hope. We offer to you the prayer he first taught to us.

The Lord's Prayer (using debts and debtors)

Scripture:

The Acts of the Apostles: Acts Chapter 9 versus 1-9.

- 1** But Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest
- 2** and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any belonging to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem.
- 3** Now as he journeyed, he approached Damascus, and suddenly a light from heaven flashed about him.
- 4** And he fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?"
- 5** And he said, "Who are you, Lord?" And he said, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting;
- 6** but rise and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do."
- 7** The men who were traveling with him stood speechless, hearing the voice but seeing no one.
- 8** Saul arose from the ground; and when his eyes were opened, he could see nothing; so they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus.
- 9** And for three days he was without sight, and neither ate nor drank.

The Revelation of John: Revelations Chapter 5 versus 11-14

- 11** Then I looked, and I heard around the throne and the living creatures and the elders the voice of many angels, numbering myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands,
- 12** saying with a loud voice, "Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!"
- 13** And I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all therein, saying, "To him who sits upon the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might for ever and ever!"
- 14** And the four living creatures said, "Amen!" and the elders fell down and worshiped.

Gospel:

The Gospel: John Chapter 21 versus 1-19

1 After this Jesus revealed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberi-as; and he revealed himself in this way.

2 Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathana-el of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples were together.

3 Simon Peter said to them, "I am going fishing." They said to him, "We will go with you." They went out and got into the boat; but that night they caught nothing.

4 Just as day was breaking, Jesus stood on the beach; yet the disciples did not know that it was Jesus.

5 Jesus said to them, "Children, have you any fish?" They answered him, "No."

6 He said to them, "Cast the net on the right side of the boat, and you will find some." So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in, for the quantity of fish.

7 That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on his clothes, for he was stripped for work, and sprang into the sea.

8 But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, but about a hundred yards off.

9 When they got out on land, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish lying on it, and bread.

10 Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish that you have just caught."

11 So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred and fifty-three of them; and although there were so many, the net was not torn.

12 Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast." Now none of the disciples dared ask him, "Who are you?" They knew it was the Lord.

13 Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and so with the fish.

14 This was now the third time that Jesus was revealed to the disciples after he was raised from the dead.

15 When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon, son of John, do you love me more than these?" He said to

him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." He said to him, "Feed my lambs."

16 A second time he said to him, "Simon, son of John, do you love me?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." He said to him, "Tend my sheep."

17 He said to him the third time, "Simon, son of John, do you love me?" Peter was grieved because he said to him the third time, "Do you love me?" And he said to him, "Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep."

18 Truly, truly, I say to you, when you were young, you girded yourself and walked where you would; but when you are old, you will stretch out your hands, and another will gird you and carry you where you do not wish to go."

19 (This he said to show by what death he was to glorify God.) And after this he said to him, "Follow me."

Sermon
"Feed My Sheep"
Dave Creamer

***Hymn No. 323**

Let Us Break Bread Together

Sacrament of 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 to God.

Let us give thanks to the God Most High.

It is right to give God Thanks and Praise.

Eternal God, who has created the heavens and the earth, giving breath to every living thing, we thank you for all the gifts of creation and for the gift of life itself. We thank you for making us in your own image, for forgiving us when we act as though you have no claim on us, and for keeping us in your steadfast care.

We rejoice in Jesus Christ, the only one eternally begotten by you, who was born of your servant Mary and shared the joys and sorrows of life as we know it.

We remember Christ's death, we celebrate Christ's resurrection, and, in the beloved community of your church, we await Christ's return at the end of history.

We take courage from the abiding presence of your Holy Spirit in our midst. We offer you our praise for women and men of faith in every age who stand as witnesses to your love and justice. With all the prophets, martyrs, and saints, and all the company of heaven, we glorify you.

Holy, Holy, Holy God of Love and majesty, the whole universe speaks of your glory, O God Most High.

**Blessed is the one who come in the name of our God!
Hosanna in the highest!**

Please be seated.

The Body

We remember that on the night of betrayal and desertion, Jesus took bread, gave thanks, broke the bread, and gave it to the disciples, saying: "This is my body which is broken for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

The Blood

In the same way, Jesus also took the cup, after supper, saying: "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

***Prayer of Thanksgiving**
Let us pray.

Eternal God, you have called your people from east and west and north and south to feast at the table of Jesus Christ. We thank you for Christ's presence and for the spiritual food of Christ's body and blood. By the power of your Holy Spirit, keep us faithful to your will. Go with us to the streets, to our homes, and to our places of labor and leisure that whether we are gathered or scatter, we may be the servant church of the servant Christ, in whose name we rejoice to pray.
Amen.

Hymn No. 43

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

***Benediction**

***Response – Sung with Dismissal**

***Going Forth**

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.

Postlude: Trumpet Tune on "The Day of Resurrection"
Jason Payne

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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, Dennis Brant, Father Elijah Bremer, Rhonda Brown,
Ray Coleman, Susan Constantino, Tammy Coughenour, Eric
Custer, Tracy Dickey, Wilma Durst, Reon Engleka, Paul Gallick,
Nancy Gindlesperger, Marlene Gotchen, Dennis Griffith,
Karen Griffith, Andrea (Shaulis) Harris, Joe Harris, Michael Harris,
Joy Hay (Dwayne), Larry Hay, Marilyn Heiple, Gary Hillegas,
Barry Landis, Brenda Leister, Jim Little, Judy McCullen, Larry
McCullen, Cathy Meyers, Joyce Miller, Laura Miller, Robert "Lee"
Miller, Carl (Edison) Paul, Kathy Picking, Brian Robb, James
Robb, Brett Sarver, Tammie Saylor, Nancy Schrock, Curt Shaulis,
Phyllis Stoy, Dawn Edmiston-Strasser, Brooke Stutzman,
Larry Tinkey, Robin Walker, Nancy Weighley, Gerald Zorn

The Saints In Action

Today- 3rd Sunday of Easter & Holy Communion

9:00 a.m. Worship

10:10 a.m. Sunday School

Wednesday – 6:30 Trinity Bell Practice

Next Sunday – 4th Sunday of Easter

9:00 a.m. Worship

10:10 a.m. Sunday School

Giving From 04/27/2025

	Rec	Budget	Over/Under
General	\$2002.00	\$3155.58	-\$1153.58
Ben	\$45.00	\$182.69	-\$137.69
Maint	\$200.00	\$163.46	\$36.54
Mem			
Total	\$2247.00	\$3501.73	-\$1254.73

Also, not included in Benevolence were Donations to Food Pantry of \$15, and Hoffman Homes \$200.

Worship Attendance: 67

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, Tom Croner

Ushers: Pam Bush, Amanda Custer

Acolytes: Cohen Clark, Liz Hart

Organ: Ann Slifco

Flowers on the altar are given in honor of our children, Vesper, Truitt, Callum and Revere Ogburn by Ruston & Jenna Ogburn

Special flowers on the altar are in memory of the Zimmerman family by Allison.

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

9:00 a.m. to 1 p.m.

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Hugs & Kisses

May 11th - Mother's Day - Youth will pass out scripture inspiration cards and pictures to the women during church.

Congregational Meeting, TODAY, May 4 to seek approval to rent the parsonage. The agreement is available in the office for review prior to the meeting.

Mother's Day Breakfast - Sunday, May 11 at Berlin Veterans Home, 413 Meadow Street, Berlin, from 9:00 am. to 1:00 pm. Breakfast will include ham, sausage links, bacon, hash browns and fried potatoes, scrambled eggs, pancakes, sausage gravy and biscuits, dessert and milk, juice, and coffee. Ages 13 and up \$13.00, ages 5-12 \$5.00, under 5 - free. The public is welcome so come and treat your Mom to a great breakfast.

Pictorial Committee

The Pictorial Committee is working on getting pictures of the different activities and committees of our church for the pictorial directory. These are the following dates:

Confirmation Class – May 7th 6:00 p.m.

Sunday School – May 11th 10:00 a.m.

Consistory – May 12th 7:00 p.m.

Laurel Highlands Chorale

The Laurel Highlands Chorale will present their annual spring concert – “In All Kinds of Weather” on Sunday May 4th at 3:30 p.m. and Monday, May 5th at 7:00 p.m. The concert will be held at the Somerset Church of Brethren, Berlin Plank Road.

The chorale is under the direction of Jan Burkett and is accompanied by Stephanie Pesi. Intermission music will be provided by members of the chorale and will feature one of our newest members, Dr. Dave Reeder. We will also have our own special “weatherman” to guide us through the concert!

Tickets are \$5.00 and will be available at the door, or from any chorale member. Please contact Dorene Friedline at (814) 926-3610 or (814) 442-0460 for tickets or more information.

Watch for details in various news releases, posters, and newspaper ads.

Thank you – we look forward to seeing you there! We promise we’ll sing regardless of the weather.

Birthright of Somerset

Dear Pastor and Congregation of Trinity UCC,

Thank you for participating in the 2024 Birthright Giving Tree Drive. The many baby items donated by your church mean so much to our clients and their babies. The donations allow us to provide a layette of new baby items for each Birthright Baby born throughout the year.

“Graduate Sunday”

We know it’s a little early to be thinking about graduation, however, we are planning Graduate Sunday on June 8th. If you have family or friends graduating from high school or college this year, please contact the church office so that we can gather information for recognition of their accomplishments.

Newsletter Calendar Corrections

Our newsletter went out this past week and unfortunately our program that lists birthdays and anniversaries appears to have had a “glitch” and sadly forgot a couple of memorable dates! Please correct your calendars to reflect Sheron Engleka and Callum Ogburn’s birthdays on June 16th and add Josh & Alisha (Coulter)’s last name on June 30th. We apologize for the exclusion of these important items.

Trinity Bells

Remember that Trinity Bells will be ringing for the last time until fall on May 18th!!

Fundraiser Chicken BBQ

A fundraiser to support the Berlin Veteran Banners will be held at the American Legion on May 18th. Get ready to support a great cause and some good chicken starting at 11:00.

Unity UCC Chicken BBQ

Sunday, June 15th at the church social hall.

2074 Huckleberry Highway, Berlin

11:30 a.m. until sold out. Eat in or take out.

½ Chicken \$8.00

½ Chicken Dinner (two sides and a roll) \$10.00

Side options: macaroni salad, baked beans & green beans.

Hot Dogs - \$1.50

Sides - \$1.00

Desserts and Drinks will be available for separate purchase.

** On Friday June 13th, Saturday June 14th, and Sunday June 15th tickets will be available for purchase in the social hall for the Camp Committee’s annual basket raffle which supports sending our local kids to Camp Living Waters! Winners will be drawn on Sunday afternoon (around 2:00 p.m.) and no need to be present to win

Hospice is currently looking for volunteers in our area. Our Mission Statement: Our Hospice services are designed to provide comfort care as well as spiritual and emotional support for people in the final phase of a terminal illness. If interested, please refer to the poster at the back door entrance for more information.

Berlin Community Bible School

Hello, I'm Connie Jandik and I'm one of the coordinators for the Berlin Community Bible School. The work has begun for this year's VBS. We would like to invite you and your children to participate. How you ask?

1. Talk to your kid's ministry leader and your congregation about attending.
2. Volunteer – we can use any help you can give us.
3. We would like a pastor or youth leader to be present every night each taking a night to pray and interact with the kids.
4. Financially between the parade candy and flyer and VBS it adds up fast.
5. PRAYER IS ALWAYS A MUST, NEVER TOO MANY

The dates this year are July 21-25 at the Berlin Community Grove. If you have any questions, please call me at 814-267-3047, call or text 814-442-0365 or email: crjandik@gmail.com. Thank you.

Parking

As a reminder, please remember that the last five spots on either side of Riverside Market (those closest to Main Street) are designated spots for us on Sundays. Additionally, the lot behind the bank (Riverside's big parking lot) is available for us as well. We appreciate Scott Etris letting us park there, so we need to respect the guidelines.

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.

Blessings for the New Week

May your week
ahead be filled with:

Blessings of
Good Health,
Strength,
Friendship,
Kindness,
Compassion
and Love.



Motivational Quotes & Videos

May God bless you
and your loved ones
and keep you safe.

Have a Blessed Week!