



***Thirteenth Sunday After Pentecost
August 27, 2023
Guest Speaker – Dan Croft***

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

Preludes

**The Power of the Cross with When I Survey
the Wondrous Cross - Jason Payne
Behold the Lamb – Jasom Payne**

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

Call to Worship

God makes the sun rise and set.

He is faithful from generation to generation.

God makes summer and winter come and go.

He is faithful from generation to generation.

God helps plants grow and flowers bloom.

He is faithful from generation to generation.

God gives us food to eat, places to live, and people to love us.

He is faithful from generation to generation.

God is always with us.

He is faithful from generation to generation.

God keeps his promises to us.

He is faithful from generation to generation.

Let us praise our faithful God.

Hymn No 381

Open My Eyes, That I May See

Prayer of Confession:

Eternal God, we confess that we have praised you with our lips but have not glorified you with our lives. Have mercy on us, we pray, for our weak faith that fades under pressure, for our quick enthusiasm that just as quickly dies, for the hopes we proclaim but do not pursue. Forgive us, Lord God, and give us new trust in your power, that we may live for justice and tell of your loving-kindness by our acts as by our words, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen

Silent Confession

Assurance of Forgiveness:

Return to the Lord your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love. In Christ, we are forgiven! Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!

***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**

Offertory Prayer

Meriful Father, we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us, ourselves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer (using debts and debtors)

Psalms 119: 105

105 Thy word is a lamp to my feet
and a light to my path.

Gospel – John 1: 9

9 The true light that enlightens every man was coming into the world.

Ephesians – Paul 5: 8-14

8 for once you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord;
walk as children of light

9 (for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true),

10 and try to learn what is pleasing to the Lord.

11 Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them.

12 For it is a shame even to speak of the things that they do in secret;

13 but when anything is exposed by the light it becomes visible, for anything that becomes visible is light.

14 Therefore it is said,

Special Music
Dan Croft

Sermon
“Jesus : The Light of the World”

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***Hymn No. 335**

Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus

***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.**

Postlude

“St Denio” - Jason Payne

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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, Bill Arandt, Kay Barnard, Melvin & Bonnie
Baughman, Donnie Baxter, Jim Benoit, Paige Boyer, Father Elijah
Bremer, Rhonda Brown, Terry Coslic, Jim Coughenour, Tammy
Coughenour, Pam Crooks, John Durst, Reon Engleka, Sheron
Engleka, Art & Marlene Gotchen, Andrea (Shaulis) Harris, Larry
Hay, Faye Hetrick, Kerry Landis, Brenda & Larry Leister, Jim
Little, Larry McCullen, Bonnie Murphy, Carl (Edison) Paul, Dalton

Paul, Kathy Picking, James Robb, Lois Saylor, Nancy Schrock, Owen Shaulis, Mark Stahl, Peggy Stayrook, Larry Tinkey, Adeline Vieregge, Robin Walker, Harry Watkins, Gerald Zorn

Additional prayers for Harry Watkins as he recovers from surgery followed by a fall and pneumonia. Harry is currently in Presbyterian Hospital in Pittsburg. If you can, please take the time to send a card to Harry (and Jane) at 218 Indigo Ln, Somerset, PA 15501

The Saints In Action

TODAY –13th Sunday after Pentecost

9:00 a.m. Worship

10:10 Sunday School (Fellowship Hall Only)

Next Sunday – 14th Sunday after Pentecost

9:00 a.m. Worship

10:10 a.m. Sunday School (Fellowship Hall Only)

Giving From 08/20/23

	Rec	Budget	Over/Under
General	\$1801.00	\$3155.58	-\$1354.58
Ben	\$176.00	\$182.69	-\$6.69
Maint	\$296.00	\$163.46	\$132.54
Mem	0.00		\$0.00
Total	\$2273.00	\$3501.73	-\$1228.73

Also not included in Benevolence were Donations to Food Pantry of \$15 and Knotty Knotters of \$200.

Worship Attendance: 60

Sunday School: 10

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

Recycling Boxes for Bulletins

Hearing Amplifiers

These Days – Devotional

Assisting in Worship

Sound: Jim Darr (Board), Tom Croner (Camera)

Ushers: Tom Calvert, Ann Slifco

Acolyte: Lily Countryman

The Flowers on the altar in honor of our family, Scott, Lauren, Andy, Melissa, Kylan and Kamden by Mark & Lori Gindlesperger.

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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Changes to upcoming Supply Minister assignments.

September 3 Jay Shaffer

September 10 Dwayne Hay

September 17 James Vander Schuur

September 24 Peter Kaltendbaugh

Bolded dates indicate “Communion” Sundays.

Benefits of Sunday School

Sunday school is a great way to get involved and learn about God. It provides many benefits, such as developing a closer relationship with God, learning new Bible stories, and building character. It also helps us build friendships within the church.

Spiritual growth

There are many reasons why Sunday school is important to many people. One of the most important reasons is that it helps people grow spiritually. Sunday school can help people learn about their faith and how to be better Christians. It can also help people learn about the Bible and the history of Christianity.

Socialization

There are many reasons why Sunday school is important in a child's development. Socialization is one of the most important aspects of a child's life (and adults). Sunday school helps children learn how to interact with others and develop relationships. It also teaches them about the Bible and religious beliefs.

Education

Sunday school is a tradition that has been around for centuries. Today, Sunday school is still a popular tradition, and many people enjoy participating in it. There are many reasons why Sunday school is important, and one of the most important reasons is that it helps children learn about God.

Please join us September 10th for Rally Sunday and make Sunday School a part of your week. See more on Rally Sunday in bulletin/newsletter.



September 10th is Sunday School Rally Sunday, and it also happens to be Grandparents Day. So, kids grab your grandparents or someone special, and grandparents grab your grandchildren for a covered dish brunch after worship service that Sunday. Of course, parents are welcome too! There will be a brief program, crafts for the kids and lots of good fellowship and food. Please mark your calendars and plan to come to this special meal on September 10th at approximately 10:05 a.m.

There will be sign-up sheets at both entrances to let us know if you plan to attend so we can plan accordingly.

UPDATE: All adult Sunday School Classes will now be meeting as one in the Fellowship Hall. Sue Coughenour will be starting an in-depth study of I & II Peter on Sunday, September 17th at 10:10 a.m. 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. Please bring your Bible, a pen, and be ready to dive in. Hope to see you there!

St Gregory's Annual Festival – MacDonalton, PA – Sunday, September 3, 2023 – Family Style – ham and turkey dinners with noodles and stuffing – served 11:00 a.m. to 2 p.m. – adults \$12.00 – children under 12 \$6.00 – games, bake sale, themed baskets, refreshments – fun for all ages – come and enjoy reminiscing with family and friends in our air-conditioned hall.

Operation Christmas Child

September 7th, 2023, Berlin Brethren Church, 6:30-8:00 p.m.

Come learn about Operation Christmas Child and meet Olesea Makarets who, at the age of 5, was a recipient of an Operation Christmas Child shoebox gift. To hear about God's love in her life, please join us for a special time of Olesea sharing her testimony.

Keystone Family Alliance

On July 16th Lydia Shaffer presented information about their successes working with Foster Parents. Consistory has designated **September** as a special offering to assist in the need of orphans and vulnerable children. Their focus is to bridge the gap between the desperate need in the child welfare system and

Pennsylvania churches. If you choose to donate to this cause, please mark your offering envelopes “Keystone Alliance”.

Hugs & Kisses

October 22nd 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 15th so that we can order tickets as a group.**

Christmas Program

We are looking for a program director to head up the Christmas Program scheduled for 12/10/23. We can do adult/youth combined play this year with practice on 10/03/23 during Sunday School.

A message from Holy Trinity Lutheran Church

Sight and Sound

We have purchased the tickets and reserved the bus for the show, “The Miracle of Christmas” 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.

Knotty Knotter Thank You

A special thank you to all who donated to the Knotty Knotters. Your donations will go a long way to spread God’s loved.

Thank you, Sheron Engleka.

J B Schrock Playground 75th Anniversary Celebration

Did you know that the J B Schrock Community Park has been operating as a playground since September 1948?? We are 75 years old this year!!

GENERATIONS of Berlin area residents have enjoyed our playground and have passed on the love of this little park to their families! And we want to CELEBRATE!!

Please join us for a special day of fun activities, live music, games, basket raffle fundraiser, and yes, a cakewalk!! Food will be available for purchase.

Join us at the playground on Saturday, September 2nd from 10 am - 2 pm.

*Parking is available at the Berlin Brethren Church, in the large lot just off Fletcher Street.

The Berlin Brethren Church is planning to present a Christmas cantata at their church on Sunday, December 24th at the 10:30 service. If anyone is interested in joining this group, please contact Norman or Joan Menhorn at (814) 289-3777 for more information.

Trinity Trumpet:

Our newsletter will start printing this week. Please submit any information (groups, committees, news, comments, and anything else you would like to share with our congregation for the months of September & October) this week. The deadline for the newsletter will be Monday, August 28th, as we will be going to print on Tuesday, the 29th. Remember, this is your newsletter, and we'd love to hear from you!

Hugs & Kisses

Pictured on the last page of your bulletin is the group from Hugs & Kisses that so generously have been giving their time to provide painting at the Grove! They had previously painted the benches and just finished the pavilion itself. Bless each and every one of you for donating your time to such a wonderful community project. You are truly a blessing representing our church family!



Have A Blessed Week!

