



Ninth Sunday After Pentecost

July 30, 2023

Guest Speaker – Reverend Kaitlyn Coughenour

Trinity United Church of Christ

600 Main Street

Berlin, Pennsylvania

Preludes

How Firm A Foundation – Mark Hayes
Faith – 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

Call To Worship

Fill our worship with grace, Lord Jesus Christ, that every thought, word, and deed may be acceptable to you, our Rock and our Redeemer. **Amen.**

*Hymn No 250

Come Holy Spirit

Prayer of Confession:

Heavenly Father, we read your Holy word and listen to those who proclaim your message of love and forgiveness.

However, like people of years ago, we fail to give it our full attention. We often do not take your word seriously. We like to chastise others who do not show love and mercy while we ourselves are sometimes guilty of the same offense. Forgive us Lord, for following the voices of this world instead of being attentive to you. Help us to center our lives on your love and grace each day. Amen

Silent Confession

Assurance of Forgiveness:

The Lord hears our confession and freely forgives.

We know the love of God is beyond our imagination and we rejoice to be called his children.

Let us praise our loving God!

***Response – Gloria Patri**

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
And to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be:
World without end. Amen.**

***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**

Prayer of Dedication

**Blessed are you, God of all creation; through your goodness, we
have these gifts to share. Accept and use our offerings for your
glory and for the service of your kingdom. Bless be God forever.
Amen**

The Lord's Prayer (using debts and debtors)

Hebrew Scripture – Genesis 29: 15-28

15 Then Laban said to Jacob, “Because you are my kinsman, should you therefore serve me for nothing? Tell me, what shall your wages be?”

16 Now Laban had two daughters; the name of the older was Leah, and the name of the younger was Rachel.

17 Leah's eyes were weak, but Rachel was beautiful and lovely.

18 Jacob loved Rachel; and he said, “I will serve you seven years for your younger daughter Rachel.”

19 Laban said, “It is better that I give her to you than that I should give her to any other man; stay with me.”

20 So Jacob served seven years for Rachel, and they seemed to him but a few days because of the love he had for her.

21 Then Jacob said to Laban, “Give me my wife that I may go in to her, for my time is completed.”

22 So Laban gathered together all the men of the place, and made a feast.

23 But in the evening he took his daughter Leah and brought her to Jacob; and he went in to her.

24 (Laban gave his maid Zilpah to his daughter Leah to be her maid.)

25 And in the morning, behold, it was Leah; and Jacob said to Laban, “What is this you have done to me? Did I not serve with you for Rachel? Why then have you deceived me?”

26 Laban said, “It is not so done in our country, to give the younger before the first-born.

27 Complete the week of this one, and we will give you the other also in return for serving me another seven years.”

28 Jacob did so, and completed her week; then Laban gave him his daughter Rachel to wife.

Epistle – Romans 8: 26-39

26 Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with sighs too deep for words.

27 And he who searches the hearts of men knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

28 We know that in everything God works for good with those who love him, who are called according to his purpose.

29 For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the first-born among many brethren.

30 And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified.

31 What then shall we say to this? If God is for us, who is against us?

32 He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, will he not also give us all things with him?

33 Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies;

34 who is to condemn? Is it Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised from the dead, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us?

35 Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?

36 As it is written,

“For thy sake we are being killed all the day long; we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered.”

37 No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us.

38 For I am sure that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers,

39 nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Gospel – Matthew 13: 31-33, 44-52

31 Another parable he put before them, saying, “The kingdom of heaven is like a grain of mustard seed which a man took and sowed in his field;

32 it is the smallest of all seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches.”

33 He told them another parable. “The kingdom of heaven is like leaven which a woman took and hid in three measures of flour, till it was all leavened.”

44 “The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and covered up; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

45 “Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls,

46 who, on finding one pearl of great value, went and sold all that he had and bought it.

47 “Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net which was thrown into the sea and gathered fish of every kind;

48 when it was full, men drew it ashore and sat down and sorted the good into vessels but threw away the bad.

49 So it will be at the close of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous,

50 and throw them into the furnace of fire; there men will weep and gnash their teeth.

51 “Have you understood all this?” They said to him, “Yes.”

52 And he said to them, “Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like a householder who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.”

Special Music: Ryan Gerney

**Sermon - Rev Kaitlyn Coughenour
"Small and Insignificant"**

***Hymn No. 600**

If You Will Only Let God Guide You

***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

Trumpet Tune – Jeff Perks

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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, Cliff Sleasman, Tracey Smith, Mark Stahl, Peggy Stayrook, Larry Tinkey, Adeline Vieregge, Robin Walker, Harry Watkins, Gerald Zorn

The Saints In Action

TODAY –9th Sunday after Pentecost

9:00 a.m. Worship

10:10 Sunday School (Fellowship Hall Only)

Next Sunday – 10th Sunday after Pentecost & Communion

9:00 a.m. Worship

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

Giving From 07/23/23

	Rec	Budget	Over/Under
General	\$2060.00	\$3155.58	-\$1095.58
Ben	\$286.00	\$182.69	\$103.31
Maint	\$176.00	\$163.46	\$12.54
Mem	0.00		\$0.00
Total	\$2522.00	\$3501.73	-\$979.73

Also not included in Benevolence were Donations to Food Pantry of \$20 and Knotty Knotters of \$300.

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

Worship Attendance: 64

Sunday School: 13

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: Lori Gindlesperger (Board), Russ Hillegas (Camera)

Ushers: Amanda Custer, Sheron Engleka

Acolytes: Nathan Spangler

The Flowers on the altar in memory of loved ones by Ed and Shirley Reed.

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.

The Parsonage Conference Room Sunday School Class will be starting an in-depth study of I & II Peter on Sunday, September 10th. 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!*

Sunday School for Nursery Through 5th Grade Only:

There will be no Sunday School for the Summer for the Nursery through 5th grade classes only. Sunday School will resume on Rally Sunday, September 10th. All other classes will continue to meet in the Social Room for the program of Culture Shock.

Changes to upcoming Supply Minister assignments.

August 6 Pastor Jay Shaffer
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.

**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.

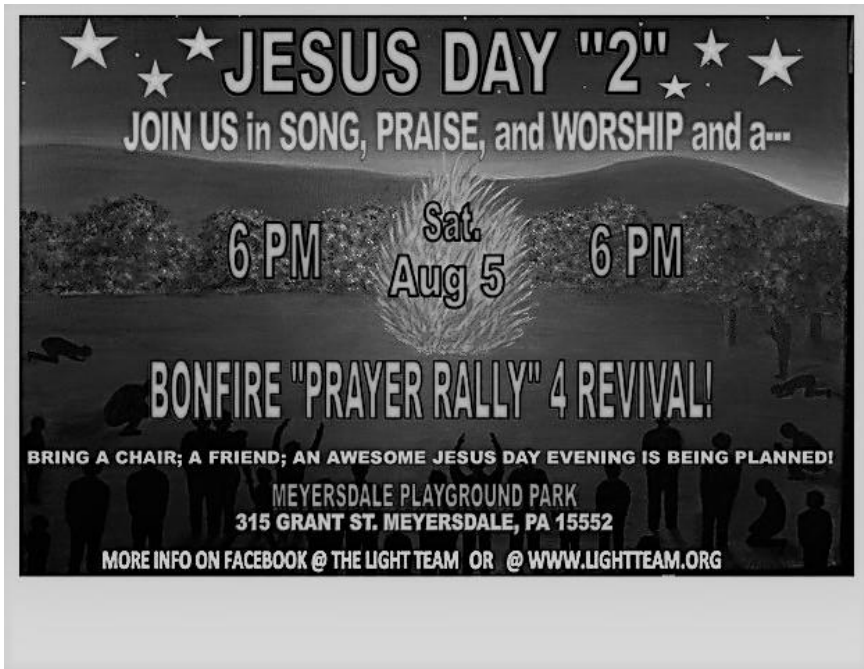
The cost is \$110 per adult and \$90 for child ages 3-12. This includes your admission and the cost for the bus.

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.

Please see below information about **Jesus Day "2"** that is being planned for Saturday, August 5, 2023, at 6 PM in Meyersdale, PA.



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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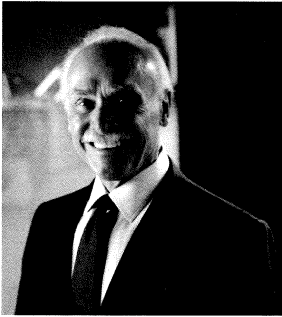
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Have a Blessed Week!