



***Twenty Sixth Sunday After Pentecost
November 26, 2023***

***Guest Speaker – Rev Jim Vander Schuur
Assisted by Lily Countryman***

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

Prelude Trumpet Tune on “Ash Grove” – Michael Helman
Rondeau on “Royal Oak” – Michael Helman

Announcements

Call to Worship

***Hymn No. 584**

It Is Good to Sing Thy Praises

Call to Confession:

Bless the LORD, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name. Bless the LORD, O my soul, and do not forget all his benefits— who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases, who redeems your life from the Pit, who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy, who satisfies you with good as long as you live so that your youth is renewed like the eagle’s.

Silent Confession:

Assurance of Forgiveness:

God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved— and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the ages to come he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus

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, Amen.

Response of Faith – Based on the Apostles Creed

Do you believe in God the Father?

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

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 to the dead. 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 living and the dead.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

With Joy We Now Offer Our Gifts

***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 the Offering

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. **Blessed be God forever. Amen.**

As our Lord taught us to pray: The Lord's Prayer [using debts and debtors]

Scripture: Psalm 100

1 Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the lands!

2 Serve the Lord with gladness!

Come into his presence with singing!

3 Know that the Lord is God!

It is he that made us, and we are his;

we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

4 Enter his gates with thanksgiving,

and his courts with praise!

Give thanks to him, bless his name!

5 For the Lord is good;

his steadfast love endures for ever,

and his faithfulness to all generations.

Ezekiel 34: 11-16, 20-24

11 "For thus says the Lord God: Behold, I, I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out.

12 As a shepherd seeks out his flock when some of his sheep have been scattered abroad, so will I seek out my sheep; and I will rescue them from all places where they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness.

13 And I will bring them out from the peoples, and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land; and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the fountains, and in all the inhabited places of the country.

14 I will feed them with good pasture, and upon the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and on fat pasture they shall feed on the mountains of Israel.

15 I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord God.

16 I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the crippled, and I will strengthen the weak, and the fat and the strong I will watch over; I will feed them in justice.

20 “Therefore, thus says the Lord God to them: Behold, I, I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep.

21 Because you push with side and shoulder, and thrust at all the weak with your horns, till you have scattered them abroad,

22 I will save my flock, they shall no longer be a prey; and I will judge between sheep and sheep.

23 And I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd.

24 And I, the Lord, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them; I, the Lord, have spoken.

Gospel:

Luke 17: 11-19

11 On the way to Jerusalem he was passing along between Samaria and Galilee.

12 And as he entered a village, he was met by ten lepers, who stood at a distance

13 and lifted up their voices and said, “Jesus, Master, have mercy on us.”

14 When he saw them he said to them, “Go and show yourselves to the priests.” And as they went they were cleansed.

15 Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice;

16 and he fell on his face at Jesus' feet, giving him thanks. Now he was a Samaritan.

17 Then said Jesus, “Were not ten cleansed? Where are the nine?”

18 Was no one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?”

19 And he said to him, “Rise and go your way; your faith has made you well.”

***Hymn No. 345**

Blessed Assurance

**“The Grateful Leper”
Rev Jim Vander Schuur**

***Hymn No: 600**

If You Will Only Let God Guide You

***Benediction**

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.

***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**

***Going Forth**

Postlude

Now Thank We All Our God – Michael Helman

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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, Melvin & Bonnie Baughman, Donnie Baxter, Jim Benoit, Paige Boyer, Father Elijah Bremer, Rhonda Brown, Clinton Clark, Ray Coleman, Jim Coughenour, Tammy Coughenour, Greg Croner, Pam Crooks, Nancy Custer, Reon Engleka, Tory Foltz, Nancy Gindlesperger, Art & Marlene Gotchen, Andrea (Shaulis) Harris, Michael Harris Larry Hay, Cindy McCullen-Janicki, Brenda & Larry Leister, Jim Little, Judy McCullen, Larry McCullen, Bonnie Murphy, Carl (Edison) Paul, Kathy Picking, Brian Reed, James Robb, Brett Sarver, Nancy Schrock, JoAnne Smith, Peggy Stayrook, Betty Strasser, Larry Tinkey, Paul Trulick, Adeline Vieregge, Robin Walker, Harry Watkins, Nancy Weighley, Gerald Zorn

The Saints In Action

TODAY – 26th Sunday after Pentecost
9:00 a.m. Worship
10:10 a.m. Hanging of the Greens

Wednesday – 6:30 p.m. Combined Bell Concert Practice

Next Sunday – December 3rd – 1st Sunday of Advent and Holy Communion

9:00 a.m. Worship
Congregational meeting following worship – No Sunday School

Next Sunday – December 3rd – **Community Bell Choir Concert**
2:00 p.m.

Giving From 11/19/2023

	Rec	Budget	Over/Under
General	\$1400.00	\$3155.58	-\$1755.58
Ben	\$124.00	\$182.69	-\$58.69
Maint	\$246.00	\$163.46	\$82.54
Mem	\$170.00		
Total	\$1940.00	\$3501.73	-\$1731.73

Benevolence includes Donations to Food Pantry of \$35 and Adopt a Family of \$50, Operation Christmas Child \$530

Worship Attendance: 66

Sunday School: 20

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: Tom Croner (Board), Pam Bush (Camera)

Ushers: Leanna Coughenour, Larry Pritts

Acolytes: Lily Countryman

Flowers on the altar in honor of her parents and in memory of her grandparents by Michele Romesberg.

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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Combined Bell Choir Concert

Berlin Brethren Church, Holy Trinity Lutheran Church and Trinity United Church of Christ will combine the powerful sounds of their bell choirs on December 3rd at 2:00 p.m. here at Trinity!!! This collaboration of the three church bell choirs is one concert you don't want to miss!

Congregational Meeting

Our annual meeting will be held December 3rd. The agenda will include minutes from our previous meeting, budget, election of new consistory members and old/new business.

Offering Envelopes

Offering envelopes for 2024 will be available for pickup on Sunday, November 26th and December 3rd. Any remaining boxes will be mailed. Please help us cut postage costs by picking up your boxes or making arrangements for them to be picked up.

Changes to upcoming Supply Minister assignments.

December 3 Steve Dinning

December 10 DeWayne Hay

December 17 Jim Vander Schuur

December 24 Peter Kaltenbaugh (Both Services)

December 31 David Ackerman

Bolded dates indicate "Communion" Sundays.

Adult Sunday School Class has begun an in-depth Bible study of I & II Peter. Please feel free to join us at any point in this study as we are enjoying good discussion and gaining new insights from Scripture. The class meets each Sunday after Worship Service in the Fellowship Hall and is taught by Sue Coughenour. Jean Hart makes sure we are well supplied with beverages and sweet treats. Come give Sunday School a try; you might be surprised at how much you enjoy our time together. *Please note that due to*

*conflicts with other things happening in fellowship hall, there will be no Sunday School **Sunday December 3rd**.*

For those who attend Sunday School, we will be having Hanging of the Greens on Sunday, November 26th during the class time. This will include a covered-dish brunch, with sign-up sheets at both entrances. We hope all the youth and children will come to help decorate the Fellowship Hall for the Christmas season. This is always a fun event as the children love seeing all the memorable decorations made and donated over the years.

Hugs & Kisses

Sunday, December 17th- Church Christmas Play - any youth interested in participating, please contact Amanda Custer at 814-483-4283 or Kathy Spangler at 814-279-2336 ASAP. We need you! Even if just a small part or to play rainbow bells. We are planning on practicing during Sunday School (10-11AM) December 3rd and 10th with a dress rehearsal Saturday December 16th- time TBD.

Food Pantry Santa's Workshop

The Food Pantry is having their annual Santa's Workshop which involves the collection of gifts for children that are less fortunate. Trinity will be collecting children's gifts for this workshop until November 28, in the church, the office or the Brethren Church. If you would prefer to take them directly to the playground, on November 29, please do so. That is the day they will be collecting from all areas.

United Church of Christ Disabilities Ministries

is on a mission to make UCC churches Accessible to All (A2A) The first step in this process was completing a church building and program accessibility audit. The audit is designed to examine the attitudes and physical structures of our church for accessibility by people with physical, mental, and developmental disabilities. The purpose is to make our faith community welcoming and inclusive of everyone into all aspects of the life of the church. The audit is a guide which helps to determine what work has already been done and what areas need to be improved. It was not an all-inclusive list and some items do not apply to our setting. This topic was brought to consistory and Amanda Custer has volunteered to head up the

process along with the property committee. There are goals to be completed within the next year, 3 years, and 5 years. In future newsletters and bulletins, you may be seeing educational materials regarding different disability categories and how we are addressing these in our church and our community as part of this process. If you have any specific questions, please see Amanda Custer.

Live Streaming Options

From time to time, despite our efforts to provide you with reliable streaming services, we encounter problems. We are still investigating the reason we did have our Veterans Program live stream to Facebook. There are two other options for viewing which is our actual website at berlinucc.org or YouTube under Trinity United Church of Christ, Berlin PA.

Veterans Program Disks

Each veteran or those that are serving received quilts and cards at Veterans Sunday. For those that were unable to attend and/or would like a CD of the service, please contact the office and we will see that you get a copy.

Living Waters Youth Rally

Living Waters Camp and Conference Center will be hosting the 2023 Winter Youth Rally from Friday, December 1 to Sunday December 3, 2023. The theme this year is: "Church: The Imagination Station." The youth rally is for children grades 7 to 12 and the cost is \$30 per child. We anticipate about 25 or more youth to gather together. Let's all connect in this memory-making weekend and experience the beauty of God's creation. To sign up for Youth Rally register on the camp's website <https://livingwaterscamp.org>, Camp Living Waters Facebook or complete the registration form on the Vine Street bulletin board.

Pastoral Care: For those in need of pastoral care please contact Tom Calvert, President of Consistory at 814-267-3771, who will arrange for a pastor to provide comfort and assurance in a time of crisis. If you need **immediate** pastoral care, contact Jay Shaffer at 814-483-0398.



Have a Blessed Week!