



Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

“Rally Sunday”

September 8, 2024

Guest Speaker – Dave Creamer

Trinity United Church of Christ

600 Main Street

Berlin, Pennsylvania

Preludes

Voluntary on “Hyfrydol” – Jason Payne
How Deep the Father’s Love For Us – Jason Payne

Welcome

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

2024 Fletcher Bible Presentation

This Year’s Recipients Are:

“Rylee Beckwith”
“Gabriella Louise McKenzie”
“Makenna L. Tataleba”

Call To Worship Based on Psalm 146

Praise the Lord!

I will praise the lord all my life I will sing praises to my God!

We will not put our trust in mortal men who cannot save us.

Blessed are they whose help is in the lord our God.

The maker of Heaven and Earth the Sea and everything in them,
the Lord remains Faithful forever.

The Lord sustains us watching over us caring for us.

Praise the lord!

Hymn No. 66

To God Be The Glory

Call to Confession

Like lost and hungry children, we seek the scraps under the lord’s table. Knowing we have sinned and knowing we can be saved. Let us reach out for the Grace Jesus Brings.

Prayer of Confession

Heavenly father we have sinned. To busy to care for our neighbors we look to our own needs. Forgive us. Help us to put our Faith into action. Help us to do the things the spirit calls us to do. Help us to act out with the love you give us.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Forgiveness

God wants us all to sit at his table. To share in his abundant Grace. As we reach out for salvation he meets in the middle, forgiving us, blessing us. For that we should always celebrate! Always be grateful!

***The Affirmation of Faith**

The Apostles' 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.**

Please Remain Standing

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**

Offering Prayer

Heavenly Father, we humble ourselves before you. Grateful to share the gifts you give us. Eager to be a part of your amazing plan. We thank you for this land, our homes, and the people you surround us with. Help us to care for each.

Dear Lord, we ask for your loving care. Your comforting presence in our lives. Your steadying hand on our shoulder. We bring to you the loved ones on our prayer list, the ones in our heart and on our minds. Help them, heal them. Strengthen the care givers. Help them have the strength and determination to have love and compassion, watch over them. Heavenly Father we pray that the young will always seek you and that the foundations of your love hold strong as they face the storms of life.

Protect the ones who watch over us, those near and those serving afar. We pray for a world we do not understand, Bless us with your Holy Spirit, our guide and comforter. Help us to put our faith into action. Drive us to do your will. Help us to be stewards of Love.

We are grateful for your Son Jesus Christ. Our savior and redeemer. May we always reach out for the gift of Grace he provides. We offer to you the prayer he taught us to pray. The Lord's Prayer (using debts and debtors)

Scripture

Isaiah 35:4-7a

- 4** Say to those with fearful hearts,
"Be strong, do not fear;
your God will come,
he will come with vengeance;
with divine retribution
he will come to save you."
- 5** Then will the eyes of the blind be opened
and the ears of the deaf unstopped.
- 6** Then will the lame leap like a deer,
and the mute tongue shout for joy.
Water will gush forth in the wilderness
and streams in the desert.
- 7** The burning sand will become a pool,
the thirsty ground bubbling springs.
In the haunts where jackals once lay,
grass and reeds and papyrus will grow.

Epistle

James 2:1-17

1 My brothers and sisters, believers in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ must not show favoritism.

2 Suppose a man comes into your meeting wearing a gold ring and fine clothes, and a poor man in filthy old clothes also comes in.

3 If you show special attention to the man wearing fine clothes and say, "Here's a good seat for you," but say to the poor man, "You stand there" or "Sit on the floor by my feet,"

4 have you not discriminated among yourselves and become judges with evil thoughts?

5 Listen, my dear brothers and sisters: Has not God chosen those who are poor in the eyes of the world to be rich in faith and to inherit the kingdom he promised those who love him?

6 But you have dishonored the poor. Is it not the rich who are exploiting you? Are they not the ones who are dragging you into court?

7 Are they not the ones who are blaspheming the noble name of him to whom you belong?

8 If you really keep the royal law found in Scripture, "Love your neighbor as yourself,"[a] you are doing right.

9 But if you show favoritism, you sin and are convicted by the law as lawbreakers.

10 For whoever keeps the whole law and yet stumbles at just one point is guilty of breaking all of it.

11 For he who said, "You shall not commit adultery,"[b] also said, "You shall not murder." [c] If you do not commit adultery but do commit murder, you have become a lawbreaker.

12 Speak and act as those who are going to be judged by the law that gives freedom,

13 because judgment without mercy will be shown to anyone who has not been merciful. Mercy triumphs over judgment.

Faith and Deeds

14 What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if someone claims to have faith but has no deeds? Can such faith save them?

15 Suppose a brother or a sister is without clothes and daily food.

16 If one of you says to them, "Go in peace; keep warm and well fed," but does nothing about their physical needs, what good is it?

17 In the same way, faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead.

Gospel

Mark 7:24-37

24 Jesus left that place and went to the vicinity of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know it; yet he could not keep his presence secret.

25 In fact, as soon as she heard about him, a woman whose little daughter was possessed by an impure spirit came and fell at his feet.

26 The woman was a Greek, born in Syrian Phoenicia. She begged Jesus to drive the demon out of her daughter.

27 “First let the children eat all they want,” he told her, “for it is not right to take the children’s bread and toss it to the dogs.”

28 “Lord,” she replied, “even the dogs under the table eat the children’s crumbs.”

29 Then he told her, “For such a reply, you may go; the demon has left your daughter.”

30 She went home and found her child lying on the bed, and the demon gone.

Jesus Heals a Deaf and Mute Man

31 Then Jesus left the vicinity of Tyre and went through Sidon, down to the Sea of Galilee and into the region of the Decapolis.[h]

32 There some people brought to him a man who was deaf and could hardly talk, and they begged Jesus to place his hand on **him**.

33 After he took him aside, away from the crowd, Jesus put his fingers into the man’s ears. Then he spit and touched the man’s tongue.

34 He looked up to heaven and with a deep sigh said to him, “Ephphatha!” (which means “Be opened!”).

35 At this, the man’s ears were opened, his tongue was loosened and he began to speak plainly.

36 Jesus commanded them not to tell anyone. But the more he did so, the more they kept talking about it.

37 People were overwhelmed with amazement. “He has done everything well,” they said. “He even makes the deaf hear and the mute speak.”

Hymn No. 47

God Will Take Care of You

Sermon
“Faith in Motion”
Guest Speaker – Dave Creamer

Hymn No. 4

How Great Thou Art

***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.

***Going Forth**

Postlude Leaning on The Everlasting Arms – Jason Payne

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Those Remembered in prayer:

God's guidance and protection for Armed Forces.

Shut Ins:

Barb Berkley, Roy Bucher, Helen Diest, Mary Forespring, Mary Jane Harding, Cynthia Kelly, Lois Krause, Debbi Luteri, Lois Saylor.

Healing Concerns:

Mark Amyot, Donnie Baxter, Jim Benoit, Paige Boyer,
Father Elijah Bremer, Rhonda Brown, Ray Coleman,
Tammy Coughenour, Pam Crooks,
Nancy Custer, Wilma Durst, Reon Engleka,
Paul Gallick, Nancy Gindlesperger,
Marlene Gotchen, Karen Griffith,
Andrea (Shaulis) Harris, Joe Harris, Michael Harris,
Joy Hay (Dwayne), Larry Hay, Peter Kaltenbaugh, Barry Landis,
Brenda & Larry Leister, Jim Little, Cathy Meyers, Joyce Miller,
Laura Miller, Robert "Lee" Miller, Carl (Edison) Paul,
Kathy Picking, James Robb, Brett Sarver, Tammie Saylor, Nancy Schrock, Curt Shaulis, JoAnne Smith, Brooke Stutzman,
Larry Tinkey, Adeline Vieregge, Diane Walker, Robin Walker,
Nancy Weighley, Lucy Wright, Allison Zimmerman, Gerald Zorn

The Saints In Action

TODAY- 16th Sunday after Pentecost

9:00 a.m. Worship

10:10 a.m. Rally Sunday Fellowship

Monday – Consistory Meeting 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday – Trinity Bells Resume Practice 6:30 p.m.

Next Sunday – 17th Sunday after Pentecost
 9:00 a.m. Worship
 10:10 a.m. Sunday School

Giving From 09/01/2024

	Rec	Budget	Over/Under
General	\$2272.00	\$3155.58	-\$883.58
Ben	\$285.00	\$182.69	\$102.31
Maint	\$240.00	\$163.46	\$76.54
Mem	\$0.00		\$0.00
Total	\$2797.00	\$3501.73	-\$704.73

Also not included in Benevolence were Donations to Food Pantry of \$15 and Caring for Our Churches \$50

Worship Attendance: 63 + 14 Online = 77
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: Pam Bush (Board), Gaye Maust (Camera)

Ushers: Pam Bush, Julie Petro

Acolytes: Nathan Spangler

Organ: Nancy Bittner

Flowers on the altar in honor of our family: Brandon, Autumn, Kyle, Rebecca, Avery, Isla, Brennan, Anna and Syrus by Russ & Jeanne Hillegas

Bulletin in memory of Al Knotts by Joyce Knotts

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:

Rus Ogburn, Vice President, 814-267-5650

Sheron Engleka, 814-267-4166

Jim Darr, 814-267-5260

Consistory Deacons:

Pam Bush, Leanna Coughenour, Tom Croner (President) 814-

442-6740, Amanda Custer, Jean Hart, Gale Hay, Bill Landis,

Julie Petro, Ann Slifco

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 15 Dave Creamer

September 22 Steve Dinning

September 29 Steve Dinning

October 6 – Combined Service With Holy Trinity Lutheran Church

Bolded dates indicate communion.

Rally Sunday

Back to school means back to Sunday School! Join us for Rally

Sunday **TODAY** during the Sunday School hour for a light

continental breakfast, games for all ages and a time of fellowship.

We look forward to welcoming back children of all ages, and the adults also, as we begin the new Sunday School year. Join us at 10:10 am in the Fellowship Hall

Sunday School

Are you going through a difficult period of life? During these desert times, it's easy to think God has disappeared. Instead, discover that it's only when we are totally dependent on him that we find him closer than ever and can experience God's amazing grace and provision. Ray Vander Laan will take us on a trip in the desert to experience what it was like for the Israelites as they wandered in the desert to find the Promised Land. This seven-part series began August 11 and is led by Sue Coughenour. Sunday School begins at 10:10 in the Fellowship Hall, everyone is invited to join in.

Sunday School Teachers would like to make a Lego Room out of the part of the Nursery that has carpeting. There are Parables and other Bible Lessons that can be taught using Legos. If anyone has any Legos or a Lego table or Lego storage options that they would like to donate to this project- please bring them and put them in the nursery downstairs. Thank you!

Bethlehem Experience

Planning is underway for the 5th biennial "Bethlehem Experience in Berlin PA. This year's event will be held Sunday December 8th, on the Block Party Lot in Berlin. In an effort to cut down on the waiting time, we are planning to offer a "walk through" from 200-4:00 p.m. and a "drive through" from 5:30-8:00 p.m.

How can you help?

- 1) Pray that the people coming to the event experience Jesus and pray for favorable weather.
 - 2) Donate funds to purchase supplies for building sets; pay for rental of sound/lighting systems.
 - 3) Volunteer to help with making the sets, costumes, painting, etc.
 - 4) Volunteer to serve as actors – we will need approximately 40 volunteers.
 - 5) Volunteer to help with set up and tear down December 7-8
- If you are able to donate, please make check payable to:

Bethlehem Experience, 500 South St., Berlin PA 15530
If anyone would like to volunteer, please contact one of the following:

Joanne Stoltzfus – 814-233-5905
Cheryl Hay – 814-267-5642
Angie Klink – 814-442-9195
Jeanette Landis – 814-267-3020
April Logue – 814-267-5072
Lorrie Shaw – 814-521-8852

Veterans Sunday Preparation

In preparation for our annual Veterans Program, please submit and new or changes of information to Sheron Engleka prior to October 27. Sheron puts a lot of time and effort into this program so the sooner we get this information to her the better.

Heritage Sunday, October 6th, 2024

Both the Council of Trinity Lutheran Church and our Consistory have graciously agreed to return an old tradition called Heritage Sunday. This is based on our common heritage beginning in 1777 when both congregations built one building for both congregations to share. The date selected and approved is October 6th, 2024. There will be no church or Sunday School at our church that Sunday. Church Service will be at 10:40am that Sunday at Trinity Lutheran Church, Berlin. Sunday School will be there also at 9:30am. The following year we, Trinity UCC, will then host Trinity Lutheran at our church. Please join in this celebration of our Common Heritage on Sunday, October 6th, 2024.

Hospice Volunteers Needed

Hospice volunteers come from all ages and walks of life, with an extraordinary love and compassionate concern for others. They contribute to the overall well-being of our patients, families, and UPMC Volunteers help Family Hospice and those we serve in many ways.

- Patient/family companionship
- Bereavement support
- Pet assisted visits
- Clerical
- Share musical talents

- Barber and hair stylist

All volunteers receive free training and orientation. If you are interested in becoming a volunteer with Family Hospice, call Daun, volunteer & bereavement coordinator at 814-515-6056.

Blood Drive, Monday, September 9th 12:30 p.m. to 6 p.m.
Berlin Community Veterans' Home Association of Berlin. Social Hall, 419 Meadow Street, Berlin.

Thank you from the Baby Tory Foltz Family

“To Everyone Involved,

From the bottom of our hearts, thank you beyond words. Because of your efforts and donations like these, we were able to spend the time we needed with our sweet boy without having something else on our minds. Know that these acts of kindness and generosity were not taken for granted. God Bless you with the same peace, hope and love that you bring to the lives of others.

Taylor, Jess, Kaylee, Everly and Tory.”

Card Shower for Mary Jane Harding

As most of you know, Mary Jane is currently residing at Meadowview Nursing Facility. Her 86th birthday is September 12th and her family has asked that we make this birthday a little extra special by sending her birthday wishes in cards. We recently did this for Lois Saylor and it really meant a lot to her and her family. Let's let Mary Jane know that she's still part of our church family. Cards can be sent to Mary Jane Harding, 213 Sunset Rd., Berlin PA 15530.

Thank you from the Berlin Food Pantry

On behalf of the Berlin Food Pantry, thank you for your financial support of \$135.00. This donation will assist in helping those who struggle to make ends meet within the greater Berlin and Shanksville School Districts.

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 Jay Shaffer at 814-483-0398.

Sermon Notes

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.