



The Third Sunday
After Pentecost

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“Father’s Day”

June 18, 2023

Guest Speaker – Bill Deal

Trinity United Church of Christ

600 Main Street

Berlin, Pennsylvania

Preludes

**It Is Well with My Soul – Jeff Perks
I Need Thee Every Hour – Jason 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:

Welcome, you who are called as disciples of Christ! Is anything too wonderful for our God?

Nothing is too wonderful for God who saves us and calls us!

We remember the goodness of God who promised Abraham a multitude of descendants and then showed up at Abraham's door to announce that the promise would be fulfilled.

Nothing is too wonderful for God who promises and fulfills promises!

We remember the compassion of Jesus who noticed the distress of his neighbors and acted to bring them healing and wholeness.

Nothing is too wonderful for God who heals and restores the distressed!

We remember the invitation the Spirit extends to us to join in God's work of compassionate community building.

Nothing is too wonderful for God who empowers us to transform strangers into community through active love.

As we worship, may we receive the promise, the compassion, and the invitation to be disciples of Christ who join in God's work of making disciples for the transformation of our households, our community, and our world.

Because nothing is too wonderful for our God! Amen.

***Hymn No. 573**

God of Our Fathers

Confession Prayer:

You asked for my hands that you might use them for your purpose. I gave them for a moment then withdrew them for the work was hard.

You asked for my mouth to speak out against injustice. I gave you a whisper that I might not be accused.

You asked for my eyes to see the pain of poverty. I closed them for I did not want to see.

You asked for my life that you might work through me. I gave a small part that I might not get too involved.

Lord forgive my calculated efforts to serve you only when it is convenient for me to do so, only in those places where it is safe to do so, and only with those who make it easy to do so.

Lord, forgive me, renew me, send me out as a usable instrument that I might take seriously the meaning of your cross. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Forgiveness:

Listen to the good news - the kingdom of God is very near. As close as a child's laughter, as embracing as a father's love, as enfolding as a mother's caress.

We are God's people:

called, that we may follow;

gifted, that we may serve;

forgiven, that we might bring hope.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

***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.**

Scripture

Genesis 18:1-15, 21:1-7

- 1** And the LORD appeared to him by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the door of his tent in the heat of the day.
- 2** He lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, three men stood in front of him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent door to meet them, and bowed himself to the earth,
- 3** and said, “My lord, if I have found favor in your sight, do not pass by your servant.
- 4** Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree,
- 5** while I fetch a morsel of bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on—since you have come to your servant.” So they said, “Do as you have said.”
- 6** And Abraham hastened into the tent to Sarah, and said, “Make ready quickly three measures of fine meal, knead it, and make cakes.”
- 7** And Abraham ran to the herd, and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to the servant, who hastened to prepare it.
- 8** Then he took curds, and milk, and the calf which he had prepared, and set it before them; and he stood by them under the tree while they ate.
- 9** They said to him, “Where is Sarah your wife?” And he said, “She is in the tent.”
- 10** The LORD said, “I will surely return to you in the spring, and Sarah your wife shall have a son.” And Sarah was listening at the tent door behind him.
- 11** Now Abraham and Sarah were old, advanced in age; it had ceased to be with Sarah after the manner of women.

12 So Sarah laughed to herself, saying, "After I have grown old, and my husband is old, shall I have pleasure?"

13 The LORD said to Abraham, "Why did Sarah laugh, and say, 'Shall I indeed bear a child, now that I am old?'"

14 Is anything too hard for the LORD? At the appointed time I will return to you, in the spring, and Sarah shall have a son."

15 But Sarah denied, saying, "I did not laugh"; for she was afraid. He said, "No, but you did laugh."

1 The LORD visited Sarah as he had said, and the LORD did to Sarah as he had promised.

2 And Sarah conceived and bore Abraham a son in his old age at the time of which God had spoken to him.

3 Abraham called the name of his son who was born to him, whom Sarah bore him, Isaac.

4 And Abraham circumcised his son Isaac when he was eight days old, as God had commanded him.

5 Abraham was a hundred years old when his son Isaac was born to him.

6 And Sarah said, "God has made laughter for me; every one who hears will laugh over me."

7 And she said, "Who would have said to Abraham that Sarah would suckle children? Yet I have borne him a son in his old age."

Epistle

Romans 5:1-8

1 Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.

2 Through him we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in our hope of sharing the glory of God.

3 More than that, we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance,

4 and endurance produces character, and character produces hope,

5 and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit which has been given to us.

6 While we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly.

7 Why, one will hardly die for a righteous man—though perhaps for a good man one will dare even to die.

8 But God shows his love for us in that while we were yet sinners Christ died for us.

Gospel

Matthew 9:35-10:9-23

35 And Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every disease and every infirmity.

8 Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse lepers, cast out demons. You received without paying, give without pay.

9 Take no gold, nor silver, nor copper in your belts,

10 no bag for your journey, nor two tunics, nor sandals, nor a staff; for the laborer deserves his food.

11 And whatever town or village you enter, find out who is worthy in it, and stay with him until you depart.

12 As you enter the house, salute it.

13 And if the house is worthy, let your peace come upon it; but if it is not worthy, let your peace return to you.

14 And if any one will not receive you or listen to your words, shake off the dust from your feet as you leave that house or town.

15 Truly, I say to you, it shall be more tolerable on the day of judgment for the land of Sodom and Gomorrah than for that town.

16 “Behold, I send you out as sheep in the midst of wolves; so be wise as serpents and innocent as doves.

17 Beware of men; for they will deliver you up to councils, and flog you in their synagogues,

18 and you will be dragged before governors and kings for my sake, to bear testimony before them and the Gentiles.

19 When they deliver you up, do not be anxious how you are to speak or what you are to say; for what you are to say will be given to you in that hour;

20 for it is not you who speak, but the Spirit of your Father speaking through you.

21 Brother will deliver up brother to death, and the father his child, and children will rise against parents and have them put to death;

22 and you will be hated by all for my name's sake. But he who endures to the end will be saved.

23 When they persecute you in one town, flee to the next; for truly, I say to you, you will not have gone through all the towns of Israel, before the Son of man comes.

Offering:

***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:

God of our lives,

We want to be faith-full disciples of Jesus.

We are eager to let our lives witness to the love in which you've created us.

Now we pray you will accept our offering. And in response, we ask you to work in us. Help us grow ever more open to sharing what we've received from you with a hungry and hurting world. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer (using debts and debtors)

Special Music **Jesus Loves Me-Jason Payne**
Special Recording by Our Virtual Organist – Rick Kimmel

Sermon –
Guest Speaker – Bill Deal

***Hymn No. 58**

This Is My Father's World

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

Festive Trumpet Tune – David German

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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, Father Elijah Bremer, Rhonda Brown, Terry
Coslic, Jim Coughenour, Tammy Coughenour, Pam Crooks, Ann
Darrow, Elizabeth Deal, Monica Downard, John Durst,
Art & Marlene Gotchen, Mary Jane Harding, Andrea (Shaulis)
Harris, Larry Hay, Faye Hetrick, Barry Landis, Brenda & Larry
Leister, Jim Little, Larry McCullen Jim McKenzie, Bonnie Murphy,
James Robb, Lois Saylor,

Nancy Schrock, Tracey Smith, Peggy Stayrook, Kelly Tharp,
Larry Tinkey, Adeline Vieregge, Robin Walker, Gerald Zorn

Prayers and Concerns:

Pastor Art Gotjen is scheduled for another surgery the end of June. Please join us in sending him your prayers, well wishes and cards to:

Art Gotjen, 1096 Sunset Dr, Somerset, PA 15501

The Saints In Action

TODAY – 3rd Sunday after Pentecost

9:00 a.m. Worship

10:10 Sunday School (Fellowship Hall Only)

Monday – 7:00 p.m. Search Committee Meeting

Monday through Friday – Vacation Bible School

Next Sunday – 4th Sunday after Pentecost

9:00 a.m. Worship

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

Giving From 06/11/23

	Rec	Budget	Over/Under
General	\$2728.00	\$3155.58	-\$427.58
Ben	\$276.00	\$182.69	\$93.31
Maint	\$116.00	\$163.46	-\$47.46
Mem			
Total	\$3120.00	\$3501.73	-\$381.73

Also not included in Benevolence were Donations to Food Pantry of \$65 and Knotty Knotters of \$35.

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

Worship Attendance: 75

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: Amy & Jason Clark

Acolytes: Nathan Spangler

The Flowers on the altar in memory of Devon & June Landis, Larry Landis and Helen Landis Frye by Barry Landis.

Special Flowers in memory of their daughters, Joyce Custer and Jane Emerick, by Don & Nancy Custer.

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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Mailing Address: PO Box 86, Berlin, PA 15530

Email: berlinucc@yahoo.com

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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 following this schedule in Fellowship Hall:

June 18-July 9: Culture Shock: A 12-part video series by Chip Ingram. Where do you stand on the issues of Truth, Abortion, The Environment, Sex, Homosexuality, Churches, and Politics? More importantly what does God say? More than ever before, believers must develop convictions based on research, reason, and biblical truth. It's equally important that believers are able (and willing) to communicate these convictions with the love and respect that reflects God's own heart. This study will help you to respond with

love, even in the face of controversy. In the process, you'll discover the power of bringing light – not heat – to the core issues at the heart of society today. **Because there is a lot of interest in this class, we will be joining Tom Calvert's class in the Fellowship Hall and holding class there.**

This class is open to adults of **ALL AGES** and is led 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.

Search Committee:

Next committee meeting is scheduled for Monday, June 19th at 7:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall.

Hugs & Kisses:

VBS will be the week of June 19-23rd. However, there are two other churches in the area that are doing VBS the same week, with the same theme. We have decided that we will be joining Beachdale Church of the Brethren for their VBS. It will be the week of June 19-23 from 6-8 p.m. Anyone interested in attending should call or text Amy Clark at 814-701-8361. Transportation can also be arranged if necessary. We are still planning to do a short program on June 25th with the songs we learned during the week. If you have any questions, please let Amy know.

Corn Hole Tournament – Sunday, June 25th at 4:00 parking lot behind church, unless rain then will be in the basement. H&K Youth will provide grilled hamburgers and hot dogs and those attending can bring side dishes. Come join us and have fun- you can play or just bring a lawn chair and enjoy as a spectator. There will be a prize for the winner! **Please sign up at the side entrance so we know how much meat to prepare.**

Community Service:

Hugs & Kisses will be doing community service out at the Grove on Tuesday, June 27th at 6:00 p.m. They will be painting picnic tables. All are welcome. Please contact Amy Clark at 814-701-8361 if you are interested in helping. Thank you!

Church Picnic

The church picnic will be Sunday, July 23rd at 12 p.m. at the Grove. Enclosed you will find RSVP slips we need to be returned by July 16th. Please leave them in the offering plate, the church office, or any Hugs & Kisses committee member. Let's have a great turn out this year and share in some wonderful fellowship.

Living Waters Camp is offering various camps for June & July for all age groups. Please contact the Church Office for more details.

Berlin Community Day:

Mark your Calendars for **Saturday, July 22, 2023**, 9 am – 4 pm for Berlin Annual Community Day. We are coordinating our annual "Main Street" event with The Ice Cream Station's "Christmas in July". So far, we have Bluegrass/Gospel music, a Silent Auction, food vendors, a Kids Korner, and much more. **A portion of our proceeds will be donated to a local charity!**

Trinity Trumpet:

Is in publication this next week. We would appreciate information about activities from all committees for the upcoming months of July and August. It's always nice to hear from members of our congregation regarding news happening in your lives, so please feel free to share with us!!! This is YOUR newsletter!

Changes to upcoming Supply Minister assignments.

June 25	Reverend James Vander Schuur
July 2	Pastor Jay Shaffer
July 9	Dwayne Hay
July 16	Reverend James Vander Schuur
July 23	Pastor Jay Shaffer
July 30	Kaitlyn Coughenour
August 6	Pastor Jay Shaffer

August 13 Dwayne Hay
August 20 Kaitlyn Coughenour
August 27 Dan Croft

Bolded dates indication “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.

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.

Thank you from Knotty Knotters

“Dear Trinity United Church of Christ,

Thank you for the generous donations to the Knotty Knotters. It is very much appreciated.”.

Bulletin Bloopers

What is life without a little humor, right! Watch your announcements and bulletins beginning today for our new section “Bulletin Bloopers”. Feel free to contribute! Smile!

Trinity UCC Annual Picnic

July 23, 2023, 12:00 p.m., Community Grove

Please RSVP with this form by July 16th

Name: _____

Number of People: _____



Blessings to you all for a wonderful week!