



***Twenty - Third Sunday after Pentecost***

***October 27, 2024***

***Guest Speaker – Dave Creamer***

***Assisted by Cohen Clark***

***Trinity United Church of Christ***

***600 Main Street***

***Berlin, Pennsylvania***

## **Preludes**

**How Firm A Foundation - Mark Hayes**  
**Bread of the World in Mercy Broken - Gilbert Martin**

## **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**

### **Call To Worship (Based on Psalm 34)**

I will bless the Lord at all times; his praise shall continually be on my lips.

**My soul makes its boast in the Lord, let the humble hear and be glad.**

Magnify the lord with me, let us exalt his name together.

**I sought the lord, and he answered me and delivered me from all my fears.**

Look to him and be radiant, let your faces shine!

**This poor soul cried and was heard by the Lord, Saved from my troubles.**

## **Hymn No. 267**

**Come, Thou Almighty King**

## **Call to Confession**

We gather and seek the forgiveness of our sins. If we cannot see salvation, we must cry out for it. When adversity is in the way we have to want it more. Let us confess our sins.

## **Confession**

**Heavenly Father, hear our cries. Our sins keep us from your will. Prevent us from serving our neighbor. Forgive us. Help us to be determined, relentless, unstoppable Christians.**

## **Silent Confession**

### **Assurance of Forgiveness**

God's forgiveness is here. The Grace of Jesus always surrounds us. By our request we are forgiven. The Spirit's comforting presence leads us onward. For this we should always rejoice.

### **\*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 come before you with our gifts. We offer them to you so your will is done. Guide this offering to those who need it and guide us to the task of serving them. We pray that you watch over your people. Be in the places that need your presence, the minds of those who need guidance, the hearts of those who are troubled. We lift up to you those on our prayer list. Find their needs, heal, and comfort them. Steady the caregivers, as parents or as children, guide us with your will. Be near to our military our first responders protect them as they protect us. We pray that your spirit is in our homes, in your church, and always with us. Heavenly Father we are forever grateful for the gift of your Son Jesus Christ. His Grace is our hope. It is through him that we are redeemed. Through him all things are done. We offer to you the prayer he taught us to pray.

Lord's Prayer (using debts and debtors)

## **Scripture**

### **Jeremiah 31: 7-9**

**7** And remain in the same house, eating and drinking what they provide, for the laborer deserves his wages; do not go from house to house.

**8** Whenever you enter a town and they receive you, eat what is set before you;

**9** heal the sick in it and say to them, 'The kingdom of God has come near to you.'

## **Epistle:**

### **Hebrews 7: 23-28**

**23** The former priests were many in number, because they were prevented by death from continuing in office;

**24** but he holds his priesthood permanently, because he continues forever.

**25** Consequently he is able for all time to save those who draw near to God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them.

**26** For it was fitting that we should have such a high priest, holy, blameless, unstained, separated from sinners, exalted above the heavens.

**27** He has no need, like those high priests, to offer sacrifices daily, first for his own sins and then for those of the people; he did this once for all when he offered up himself.

**28** Indeed, the law appoints men in their weakness as high priests, but the word of the oath, which came later than the law, appoints a Son who has been made perfect forever.

## **Gospel**

### **Mark 10: 46-52**

**46** And they came to Jericho; and as he was leaving Jericho with his disciples and a great multitude, Bartimaeus, a blind beggar, the son of Timaeus, was sitting by the roadside.

**47** And when he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to cry out and say, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!"

**48** And many rebuked him, telling him to be silent; but he cried out all the more, "Son of David, have mercy on me!"

**49** And Jesus stopped and said, "Call him." And they called the blind man, saying to him, "Take heart; rise, he is calling you."

**50** And throwing off his mantle he sprang up and came to Jesus.

**51** And Jesus said to him, "What do you want me to do for you?" And the blind man said to him, "Master, let me receive my sight."

**52** And Jesus said to him, "Go your way; your faith has made you well." And immediately he received his sight and followed him on the way.

**Hymn No. 199**

**Arise, My Soul, Arise**

## **Sermon**

**"It Prays to be Specific"**

**Guest Speaker –Dave Creamer**

**Hymn No. 116**

**Take the Name of Jesus with 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.**

**\*Going Forth**

**Postlude  
Larson**

**Voluntary on “Engelberg” - Lloyd**

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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, Ruth Elaine Whitacre.

### **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, Cindy McCullen Janicki, Peter  
Kaltenbaugh, Barry Landis, Brenda & Larry Leister, Jim Little,  
Larry McCullen, 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, Betty Strausser, Brooke Stutzman, Larry Tinkey, Adeline  
Vieregge, Robin Walker, Nancy Weighley, Lucy Wright, Allison  
Zimmerman, Gerald Zorn

### **The Saints In Action**

TODAY- 23rd Sunday after Pentecost

9:00 a.m. Worship

10:10 a.m. Sunday School

**Tuesday – Trinity Bell Practice 7:30 p.m.**

Next Sunday – 24th Sunday after Pentecost

Holy Communion

Trinity Bells

9:00 a.m. Worship

10:10 a.m. Sunday School

## Giving From 10/20/2024

	Rec	Budget	Over/Under
<b>General</b>	\$1781.00	\$3155.58	-\$1374.58
<b>Ben</b>	\$235.00	\$182.69	\$52.31
<b>Maint</b>	\$175.00	\$163.46	\$11.54
<b>Mem</b>	\$0.00		\$0.00
<b>Total</b>	\$2191.00	\$3501.73	-\$1310.73

Also not included in Benevolence were Donations to Food Pantry of \$15, Camp Living Water of \$30, Operation Christmas Child \$195 and Disaster/Hurricane Relief of \$75.

**Worship Attendance: 62 + 14 Online = 76**  
**Sunday School: 21**

### ***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:** Colton Custer (Board), Gaye Maust (Camera)

**Ushers:** Ann Slifco, Chris King

**Acolytes:** Nathan Spangler

**Organ:** *Amanda Custer*

**Flowers on the altar** in memory of her mother, Ruth Romesberg's birthday, by Larry & Gale Hay.

### ***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.**

Church Office Phone: 814-267-3234

Mailing Address: PO Box 86, Berlin, PA 15530

Email: [berlinucc@yahoo.com](mailto:berlinucc@yahoo.com)

Website: [www.berlinucc.org](http://www.berlinucc.org)

## **Changes to upcoming Supply Minister assignments.**

### **November 3 - Jay Shaffer**

November 10 - Dave Creamer

November 17 - Dave Creamer

November 24 - Dave Creamer

**Bolded dates indicate communion.**

### **Sunday School**

How do you approach prayer? Do you worry you are not doing it “correctly”? Do you see it as an obligation to check-off a to-do list? Do you think of it as a last resort – a kind of supernatural SOS when you need help? In this Pray First video Bible Study, Pastor Chris Hodges shares proven ways to help you spend time in conversation with God – and enjoy every minute of it. Pray First is a 6-part revolutionary study for anyone who wants to experience a dynamic, intimate prayer life with God, that begins on October 27th in the Fellowship Hall at 10:10 following worship service. Questions about this class may be directed to Sue Coughenour.

### **Adopt-A-Family**

We will be taking up a special collection during the month of November for our Adopt-A-Family Christmas project. We have been helping local families for over a decade by supporting them with essential gifts and food for the holiday season. If you would be interested in supporting this project, please make your donations to the church marking "Adopt-A-Family" on your offering envelopes. If you have any questions, please contact Julie Petro (814) 442-5124. Thanks.

**Trinity Bells** will be playing next Sunday, November 3rd.

### **Workday at Living Waters**

Saturday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>, will be a **Workday** at Living Waters. If you are interested, please contact Jason Clark, 814-442-8063.

## **Hugs & Kisses**

**Sunday, November 3rd** - 5 PM - Candy Bar Bingo - H&K providing pizza, those attending can bring a snack or drink to share. Watch for a sign up sheet so we have a count for pizza. This is for ALL ages. Join us for some fun!

**Saturday, November 9th** - 9 AM - Service Project - Clean up at the IOOF Cemetery - bring your rakes, etc. Many hands make light work.

**All church and community members** are invited to an afternoon of conversation and prayer for our nation at Holy Trinity on Sunday, November 3, 2024, at 2:00 PM.

## **Blood Drive**

Monday, November 4th, 12:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m., Berlin Community Veterans Home Association of Berlin, Social Hall, 419 Meadow Street Berlin.

## **Thank You**

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

## **Hurricane Milton Relief**

“In less than two weeks, Florida has faced yet another disaster—Hurricane Milton. As we work to understand the full extent of the damage, the United Church of Christ continues its longstanding commitment to stand with communities through their recovery long after the headlines have faded. You can help. As we respond to Hurricane Milton and continue relief efforts for Hurricane Helene, we invite you to give to the Hurricanes 2024 Appeal. Your gift will make a direct impact, providing relief to those suffering, rebuilding homes, and helping restore communities. Together, we can extend the support and hope so desperately needed during this time. Thank you for your compassion and generosity. Our heartfelt thanks to all who have already donated to support the victims of the recent Hurricane Helene. Your generosity is making a real difference in the lives of those affected by these devastating events.” To make a gift to this appeal and/or to learn more about our response, please visit Hurricane Helene relief - United Church of Christ ([ucc.org](http://ucc.org)).

**The Holy Trinity Lutheran Church** is looking for old/and or used Bibles to send to the people who have suffered from the hurricanes and it's ok if you have written in them. Please drop them off at the church office or bring them to church and put them on the pews in the Choir Loft. Thank you!

## **Bethlehem Experience**

Planning is underway for the 5<sup>th</sup> biennial “Bethlehem Experience in Berlin PA. This year’s event will be held Sunday December 8<sup>th</sup>, 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

## **Caring for Churches, Caring for Clergy**

We are excited about the progress that is being made in the Caring for Churches, Caring for Clergy campaign of the Penn West Conference of the United Church of Christ! We hope to raise \$500,000.00, with \$450,000.00 being directed toward our Mission Grants program and \$50,000.00 being directed toward the Pension Boards (United Church Board for Ministerial Assistance) Generations of Service Campaign. The Generations of Service campaign helps with financial assistance to current and future retirees, development of leadership programs, and improvements toward the financial wellness of those in ministry. The Penn West Conference Mission Grants program provides grants to local churches for operational expenses, programs that reach out to help meet community needs, and initiatives that strengthen churches. We anticipate and expect that this program will also help with new church starts and church growth initiatives in our Conference's life. So far, we are excited to share that we have raised \$423,163.83 in pledges and gifts toward the campaign!

At our last Consistory meeting we discussed the above request and approved making it our mission effort for September. Please consider contributing to CFC this month, and hopefully we can help Penn West reach their goal of \$500,000 before they conclude the effort in December.

**Care Committee** conversations are continuing as Jay Shaffer has shared with us a manual for setting up and organizing a committee. Thanks to those who have reached out with thoughts, shared interest, and ideas of how God is calling us to serving our members and those in need. If you would like to learn more, please reach out to Tom Croner or call the office.

**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.





**Samaritan's Purse sends gift-filled Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes to children in need around the world together with the message of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.**

The month of October is our opportunity to collect donations in the form of items, which will be explained today by Renee, and monetary donations for shipping costs. Last year we packed 150 boxes from our church alone, which were combined with other churches and the communities surrounding us. We will have a packing party on November 17th following church services and encourage you to participate. Potato Soup/Chili and other refreshments will be provided. The boxes will then be transferred to the Berlin Brethren church for distribution to the shipping center in Baltimore. We will have jingle cans available for your monetary contributions and boxes for you to take home to pack. Please consider participating in this worthwhile Christmas project.