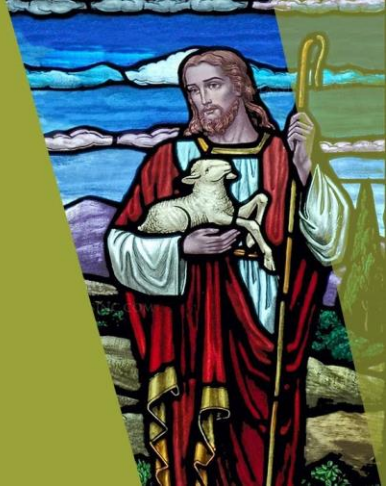


MY SHEEP
KNOW MY
VOICE

NINETEENTH
SUNDAY
AFTER
PENTECOST



Nineteenth Sunday After Pentecost

October 8, 2023

Guest Speaker – Dwayne Hay

Assisted By – Lily Countryman

Trinity United Church of Christ

600 Main Street

Berlin, Pennsylvania

Preludes

Variations on “Bum Ba Ya” - John Behnke
Gigue – Gordon Young

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

The God who frees us invites us to worship.

The God of law welcomes our loyal response.

The heavens are telling the glory of God.

The firmament proclaims God’s handiwork.

God is present with us, eager to speak to us.

Our Creator is here to test us and to keep us from sin.

The law of God is perfect, reviving the soul.

God’s decrees are sure, making wise the simple.

We tremble before God, yet are not afraid.

We are ready to listen to God’s word.

May our awe before God be pure and enduring.

May our thoughts and our words be acceptable to God.

Opening Prayer

O God, our rock, and our redeemer, enlighten us today through the ancient witness of your faithful people. Lead us to desire the guidance of your word. Remind us of your ordinances that are true and righteous altogether. May they shape our living and warn us when we are in error. We seek to honor your name, to divest ourselves of idols, to keep this day of rest and worship. Work with us to develop right relationships in our families and with all your children near and far, we pray in Jesus’ name. Amen.

*Hymn No. 18

Come, We That Love the Lord

Call to Confession:

Prayer of Confession:

O God, we have no righteousness of our own. We have bent and ignored your law. Your commandments inform us but do not transform. We give lip service to your law but seek to avoid its implication for our lives. We recognize some of our errors, but many are hidden from us. We devote our energies to accumulating possessions that function as idols in our lives. We depend on them more than we honor you. Save us, we pray, from great transgressions and help us to reorder our days. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon:

God is slow to anger and full of compassion.

He forgives all who humbly repent and trust in his Son as Savior and Lord.

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. **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.

In joy, we now offer our gifts to God.

***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**

Offertory Prayer:

Ruler of all space and time, we want to be faithful stewards in your vineyard. All that we have is yours. Our lives are in your hands. Help us to use well all that we here devote to the work of your church. Help us to manage well, to your honor and glory, all that we retain for ourselves. May we know heaven on earth because you hold first place in our priorities and our daily goal is to serve you. In the name of Jesus Christ who taught us to pray saying...

The Lord's Prayer (using debts and debtors)

Isaiah 5:1-7

1 Let me sing for my beloved
a love song concerning his vineyard:
My beloved had a vineyard
on a very fertile hill.

2 He dugged it and cleared it of stones,
and planted it with choice vines;
he built a watchtower in the midst of it,
and hewed out a wine vat in it;
and he looked for it to yield grapes,
but it yielded wild grapes.

3 And now, O inhabitants of Jerusalem
and men of Judah,
judge, I pray you, between me
and my vineyard.

4 What more was there to do for my vineyard,
that I have not done in it?
When I looked for it to yield grapes,
why did it yield wild grapes?

5 And now I will tell you
what I will do to my vineyard.

I will remove its hedge,
and it shall be devoured;
I will break down its wall,
and it shall be trampled down.

6 I will make it a waste;
it shall not be pruned or hoed,
and briers and thorns shall grow up;
I will also command the clouds
that they rain no rain upon it.

7 For the vineyard of the Lord of hosts
is the house of Israel,
and the men of Judah
are his pleasant planting;
and he looked for justice,
but behold, bloodshed;
for righteousness,
but behold, a cry!

Philippians 3:4b-14

4 Though I myself have reason for confidence in the flesh also. If any other man thinks he has reason for confidence in the flesh, I have more:

5 circumcised on the eighth day, of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law a Pharisee,

6 as to zeal a persecutor of the church, as to righteousness under the law blameless.

7 But whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for the sake of Christ. Indeed I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them as refuse, in order that I may gain Christ

9 and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own, based on law, but that which is through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith;

10 that I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death,

11 that if possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

12 Not that I have already obtained this or am already perfect; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own.

13 Brethren, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but one thing I do, forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead,

14 I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

Matthew 21:33-46

33 “Hear another parable. There was a householder who planted a vineyard, and set a hedge around it, and dug a wine press in it, and built a tower, and let it out to tenants, and went into another country.

34 When the season of fruit drew near, he sent his servants to the tenants, to get his fruit;

35 and the tenants took his servants and beat one, killed another, and stoned another.

36 Again he sent other servants, more than the first; and they did the same to them.

37 Afterward he sent his son to them, saying, ‘They will respect my son.’

38 But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, ‘This is the heir; come, let us kill him and have his inheritance.’

39 And they took him and cast him out of the vineyard, and killed him.

40 When therefore the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?”

41 They said to him, “He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and let out the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the fruits in their seasons.”

42 Jesus said to them, “Have you never read in the scriptures: ‘The very stone which the builders rejected has become the head of the corner; this was the Lord’s doing, and it is marvelous in our eyes’?”

43 Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a nation producing the fruits of it.”

45 When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they perceived that he was speaking about them.

46 But when they tried to arrest him, they feared the multitudes, because they held him to be a prophet.

***Hymn No. 231**

Jesus Shall Reign

Sermon

Guest Speaker: Dwayne Hay

***Hymn No. 516**

He's Everything to Me

***Benediction:**

Father God, we have come to the end of worship, and we want to thank you for enabling us to be here from the beginning to the end. Thank you for touching our lives in ways we cannot explain. You have taken us to your realms of glory, and we want to say thank you. As we depart to our homes and various destinations, we ask you to continue being with us. Let your Spirit see us through. In Jesus' name, we believe and pray, Amen.

***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 Procession – Richard Frey

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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, Bill Arandt, Melvin & Bonnie Baughman, Donnie Baxter, Jim Benoit, Paige Boyer, Father Elijah Bremer, Rhonda Brown, Clinton Clark, Ray Coleman, Jim Coughenour, Tammy Coughenour, Pam Crooks, Nancy Custer, John Durst, Reon Engleka, Art & Marlene Gotchen, Andrea (Shaulis) Harris, Larry Hay, Fae Hetrick, Cindy McCullen-Janicki, Brenda & Larry Leister, Jim Little, Larry McCullen, Bonnie Murphy, Carl (Edison) Paul, Kathy Picking, James Robb, Brett Sarver, Lois Saylor, Nancy Schrock, JoAnne Smith, Mark Stahl, Peggy Stayrook, Larry Tinkey, Paul Trulick, Adeline Vieregge, Robin Walker, Harry Watkins, Nancy Weighley, Gerald Zorn

The Saints In Action

TODAY –19th Sunday after Pentecost

9:00 a.m. Worship

10:10 Sunday School

Monday – 7:00 p.m. Consistory Meeting

Wednesday – 6:30 p.m. Trinity Bells

Next Sunday – 20th Sunday after Pentecost

9:00 a.m. Worship

10:10 a.m. Sunday School

Giving From 10/01/23

	Rec	Budget	Over/Under
General	\$3354.00	\$3155.58	\$198.42
Ben	\$180.00	\$182.69	-\$2.69
Maint	\$200.00	\$163.46	\$36.54
Mem	\$100.00		\$0.00
Total	\$3834.00	\$3501.73	\$232.27

Also not included in Benevolence were Donations to Food Pantry of \$40, and Operation Christmas Child of \$25, Adopt a Family of \$325

Worship Attendance: 71
Sunday School: 29

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

Ushers: Tom Croner, Amanda Custer

Acolyte: Lily Countryman

The Flowers on the altar are in memory of their parents, Sherman and Anna Berkley and Chalmers and Elizabeth Means, by Lewis and Barbara Berkley

The Bulletin has been provided in honor of their 62nd anniversary by Al & 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:

*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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Changes to upcoming Supply Minister assignments.

October 15 James Vander Schuur

October 22 Peter Kaltendbaugh

October 29 Dottie Grew

November 5 Bill Deal

November 12 Jay Shaffer

Bolded dates indicate “Communion” Sundays.

UPDATE: All adult Sunday School Classes will now be meeting as one in the Fellowship Hall. Sue Coughenour will be starting an in-depth study of I & II Peter. 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.

Please bring your Bible, a pen, and be ready to dive in. Hope to see you there!

All Saints' Sunday

All Saints' Day is a Christian celebration that honors all the saints of the church, both known and unknown, who have attained heaven. It is a day to remember the faithfulness and example of the saints, and to ask for their intercession and guidance. This year All Saints' will fall on November 5th. If you would like to have your "Saint" who has passed be listed, please contact the church office.

It's that time once again!

Trinity Trumpet will start publishing this next week. There is a lot going on this time of year and it is imperative that we get that information to share with those that receive our newsletter. The deadline will be October 24th; however, it would be greatly appreciated if we could get the information as soon as possible. Committees, please share any information you might have. Once again, let us stress that this is your newsletter and input from anyone is welcome and encouraged.

Christmas Program

We are looking for a program director to head up the Christmas Program scheduled for 12/10/23. We can do adult/youth combined play this year with practice on 12/03/23 during Sunday School.

A message from Holy Trinity Lutheran Church

Sight and Sound

We have purchased the tickets and reserved the bus for the show, "The Miracle of Christmas" 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.

Community Life (Living Independence for the Elderly)

Is hosting an afternoon of Patsy Cline and Polka Music at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church (1845 N Center St., Somerset). October 13th from 2:00-4:00 p.m. Patsy Cline songs from Cathi Rhodes as well as Polka music from the Button Box Club Polka Band. Light refreshments, no cost to attend. Please RSVP to 412-229-5505 by October 10th to reserve your seat.

The Roof Garden Barbershop Chorus presents "Keep the Whole World Singing". With a special guest appearance by **Just Brass**. Sunday, October 15th, 2:00 p.m. Grace United Methodist Church, Felgar Rd., Somerset. Tickets available at the door: \$10.00 or contact L. Shober at (814) 267-4042.

TURKEY & BISCUITS!! The Berlin Brethren Bell Choir will be selling quarts of turkey/ gravy and biscuits on Sunday, October 22nd. Proceeds will benefit their organ fund. The cost is \$10 per quart, \$12 with biscuits. You may pre-order by calling Norman & Joan Menhorn @ 814-289-3777 or simply pick up that day from 9:30 AM - 12:30 PM.

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.

Knotty Knotters Thank You

Once again, thank you so much for your generous contributions to the Knotty Knotters!

It looks like no one will be retiring as a knotter anytime soon with all the supplies we will be able to purchase!

The Berlin Brethren Church is planning to present a Christmas cantata at their church on Sunday, December 24th at the 10:30 service. If anyone is interested in joining this group, please contact Norman or Joan Menhorn at (814) 289-3777 for more information.

Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes

With a deadline of November 13th, we will be gearing up for our shoebox collection in September and October. We have boxes available if you would like to start or possibly start collecting now. If you need further information, please contact Renee or the church office. We will have boxes available across from Fellowship Hall.

Adopt-A-Family

As a reminder, Adopt-A-Family will begin with a special collection during the month of October. We have been helping local families for over a decade by supporting them with essential gifts and food for the holiday season. Last year we helped 5 families make Christmas extra special by purchasing gifts for a total of 19 children. If you have any questions, please contact Julie Petro (814) 442-5124.

Thank you, Trinity UCC:

On behalf of the Berlin Food Pantry, thank you for your financial support. Your donations will assist in helping those who struggle to make ends meet within the greater Berlin and Shanksville School Districts. May God continue to share these blessing.

The Kerry Landis Family would like to thank everyone for the beautiful luncheon following Kerry's service.

Karol Saylor would like to thank everyone for the beautiful cards, thoughts and prayers following the passing of her twin sister, Kay Barnard.



Gracious God, we thank you for this beautiful day and pray for a wonderful week filled with your presence and blessings.

**Thank you for joining us in worship today.
We are happy to see you!**