



Trinity Sunday

May 30, 2021

Trinity United Church of Christ

600 Main Street

Berlin, Pennsylvania

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Music of Preparation *Variations on “Melita”* – arr. D. Johnson

*The Star Spangled Banner

*The Pledge of Allegiance

*The Pledge to the Cross

I pledge allegiance to the cross of Christ, and to the faith for which it stands, one church, holy catholic and apostolic, with grace and salvation for all. I acknowledge all people to be my brothers and sisters in the mystical body of Christ, and I will treat all people as I would the living Christ. Amen.

*The Doxology *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow*

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
Praise Him all creatures here below,
Praise Him above the heavenly host,
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost! Amen.*

*The Psalter

Psalm 29

- ¹ Ascribe to the LORD, O heavenly beings,
ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.
- ² **Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name;
worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness.**
- ³ The voice of the LORD is over the waters;
the God of glory thunders,
the LORD, over many waters.
- ⁴ **The voice of the LORD is powerful;
the voice of the LORD is full of majesty.**
- ⁵ The voice of the LORD breaks the cedars;
the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon.
- ⁶ **He makes Lebanon to skip like a calf,
and Sirion like a young wild ox.**
- ⁷ The voice of the LORD flashes forth flames of fire.
- ⁸ **The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness;
the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.**
- ⁹ The voice of the LORD makes the deer give birth
and strips the forests bare,
and in his temple all cry, “Glory!”

**10 The LORD sits enthroned over the flood;
the LORD sits enthroned as king forever.**

11 May the LORD give strength to his people!
May the LORD bless his people with peace!

***Trinity Sunday Hymn: No. 262**

Holy, Holy, Holy

***Apostolic Greeting**

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

Morning Prayer

Our Savior's Prayer [using debts and debtors]

Blessing and Dismissal of Children to Sunday School

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

***The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ**

Matthew 3:1-17

Now there was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. ²This man came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher come from God, for no one can do these signs that you do unless God is with him."

³Jesus answered him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again² he cannot see the kingdom of God." ⁴Nicodemus said to him, "How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother's womb and be born?" ⁵Jesus answered, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. ⁶That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. ⁷Do not marvel that I said to you, 'You⁴ must be born again.' ⁸The wind⁵ blows where it wishes, and you hear its sound, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit."

⁹Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" ¹⁰Jesus answered him, "Are you the teacher of Israel and yet you do not understand these things? ¹¹Truly, truly, I say to you, we speak of what we know, and bear witness to what we have seen, but you⁶ do not receive our testimony. ¹²If I have told you earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you heavenly things? ¹³No one has ascended into heaven except he who

descended from heaven, the Son of Man.^{7 14} And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up.¹⁶ For God so loved the world,⁹ that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.¹⁷ For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

***The Apostles' Creed**

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, 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, is seated at the right hand of the Father, and will come again to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Proclamation of God's Word

“PD”

Trinity – A Mystery

The Saints in Action

***Hymn of Dismissal: No. 267**

Come, Thou Almighty King

***Sung Dismissal and Blessing**

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.

Give Him the glory, and the majesty, dominion, and authority.

Both now and forevermore, Amen!

***Going Forth**

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The Saints In Action

Next Sunday –

8:00 a.m. Worship

9:30 a.m. Worship – *Honoring Our Graduates*

9:45 a.m. Sunday School

Graduating Seniors – We will honor our graduating Seniors [High School and College] on Sunday, June 6th at the 9:30 a.m. service. If you have or know of a “graduating senior” please call the church office to provide the information. A gift will be given that day to those whom we recognize here at Trinity.

Croner Education Loan Fund – Applications are now available for all college students who would like to seek a “low” interest loan from the Croner Education Fund. Applications will be due to the church office by June 30th for the coming academic year. Funds will be disbursed directly to your educational institution.

Vacation Bible School will be **August 9-13 (change of date)** here at Trinity. This year we will be exploring the story of “Moses!” Amy Clark and Jean Hart are serving as directors. We are seeking “helpers” to guide students groups, crafts, music, and food! Please offer your talents to make this a memorable event of summer 2021! We missed out on VBS last year due to COVID-19, we feel safe enough to engage with the children this summer.

Children’s Clearances – The Church Office sent out letters requesting updated Children’s Clearances. If you received a letter, please fulfill the request as soon as possible. For those helping with VBS if you are not sure if you have a current clearance, please call the church office. Pam has all of the information. THANK YOU!

Consistory Announces Worship and Sunday School Schedule Change. . . The Consistory has decided that as of Father’s Day [June 20th] that the following schedule will become Trinity’s time of worship and study:

9:00 a.m. Sunday Worship
10:10 a.m. Sunday School

This schedule recognizes that we share our pastor with Zion Lutheran, Meyersdale and allows him time to greet following worship and travel safely to Meyersdale. The schedule change coincides with the Governor's Orders that businesses and other gathering places may now be filled to 100%. We encourage folks to wear their masks, however we will not mandate it. The decision of the Consistory was unanimous in choosing this schedule.

Church Picnic – What do you think about having our annual Church Picnic in the Grove on July 18th. Let Tom Calvert or one of the HUGS & KISSES moms know your opinion.

Trinity Celebrates 250 Years of ministry in 2027. We are starting to think about this celebration and how to commemorate this very special anniversary. Would you be willing to work with a team to create a plan for honoring this anniversary? Speak with Pastor of your interest.

JB Schrock Playground

- On May 8th, the **Boy Scouts from Berlin Troop 135** scooped, shoveled, and spread landscape mulch that was donated by the **Berlin Brothersvalley School District**. We thank both organizations for their continued support of our park.
- Our **2021 Summer Program** will run from **June 14 - August 13, Monday - Friday, 9 am - 3 pm for ages 6-12**. [Please note: children under the age of 6 *MUST* be accompanied by an adult!] We will have weekly themes such as Summer Safety, America, Oceans, Space, etc.
- Our Playground Supervisor will be **Kristi Tataleba**. We welcome her back for her 3rd year with us!
- The **Summer Food Program** will be partnering with us again this year ~ they will be providing **free GRAB-N-GO lunches for ALL children, ages 2-18** [no paperwork required] on **Tuesdays and Fridays from 12:00 pm - 12:30 pm**. The Summer Food Program will run from **JUNE 6 - AUGUST 27**.

- Our facility is also available for **rentals** during the evenings and weekends. Please contact Kristi at 814-267-3883 to discuss details.
- **We need your help!** In order to bring the **safety of our playground "fall zones" up to code**, the board has extensively researched the best options of the various types of surface materials for durability, safety, cost-efficiency, and maintenance concerns. After that careful research, we voted on a pre-consumer, non-toxic, virgin rubber mulch that is made in the USA. We **have reached out to many local organizations who have generously donated to this project. We still have a ways to go to meet our goal and would appreciate any donations from community members, organizations, and businesses.**
- **We need people** - not just any people - but folks who **love the J B Schrock Community Park** and all it has meant to them and our community for decades. We need volunteers who would be willing to serve as **Board members**. We also need folks who would be willing to help with **projects** to maintain and beautify our building and grounds. We are also looking for **volunteers to come during our Summer Program** to share their knowledge & skills with the kids.

Thank you to everyone who has made the J B Schrock Community Park such a special place over the years!

Please feel free to contact **Linda Karchner at 570-599-2635** or **jbschrockplayground@gmail.com** with any questions.

Those Remembered in prayer:

God's guidance and protection for Armed Forces.

Shut Ins:

Roy Bucher, Helen Diest, Mary Forespring, Cynthia Kelly, Lois Krause, Deb Luteri, Lois Saylor, Dirkje Stellingwerf.

Healing Concerns:

Mark Amyot, Donnie Baxter, Lindsey Stotler Cioci, Pam Crooks, John Durst, Susan Durst, Wilma Durst, Jane Fisher, Linda Gallick, Janet Gindlesperger, Kathryn Grimm, Brenda Leister, Larry McCullen, Bayley Mull, Charles (& Glenda) Paul, Nancy Schrock, Tyler Seifert, Dwight Smith, Robin Walker, Heather Weighley, Nancy Weighley, John Will, Karen Will, Kimberly Kay Roos Zimmerman.

Giving From 5/23/2021

	Rec	Budget	Over/Under
General	\$2353.00	\$2434.93	-\$81.93
Ben	\$201.00	\$213.46	-\$12.46
Maint	\$206.00	\$163.46	\$42.54
Total	\$2760.00	\$2811.85	-\$51.85

Benevolence includes Food Pantry of \$15

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
These Days – Devotional

Hearing Amplifiers

Assisting in Worship

Sound: Tyler Gindlesperger, Pam Bush

The Flowers on the altar in honor of the wedding of our grandson, Stewart Trulick & Kristin Paul, by Reon & Sheron Engleka.

Bulletin in honor of and in memory of all military and veterans by Reon & Sheron Engleka.

A Bible Study The Trinity in the New Testament

Where do we get this idea? Did the early church just make it up? I freely admit that you won't find the word *Trinity* in the Bible. That may well trouble you and others, but I would like you to understand that the idea of "three-in-one" is strewn everywhere throughout the New Testament. Here are some of the passages that imply the concept of the Trinity:

Matthew 3:16-17	1 Corinthians 6:9-11	Hebrews 2:3-4
Matthew 28:19	1 Corinthians 12:4-6	Hebrews 3:6-7
Luke 1:35	2 Corinthians 1:21-22	Hebrews 6:4-6
Luke 1:67-69	2 Corinthians 3:3-4	Hebrews 9:14
John 14:16-17	2 Corinthians 5:5-10	Hebrews 10:12-15
John 14:26	2 Corinthians 13:14	Hebrews 10:29-31
John 15:26	Galatians 3:1-5	1 Peter 1:2
John 16:13-15	Galatians 3:11-14	1 Peter 3:18
John 20:21-22	Galatians 4:4-6	1 Peter 4:14-17
Acts 2:33	Ephesians 1:3-14	2 Peter 1:21-2:1
Acts 2:38-39	Ephesians 2:18	1 John 3:21-24
Acts 7:55	Ephesians 2:22	1 John 4:1-2
Acts 10:38	Ephesians 3:4-7	1 John 4:13-14
Acts 10:46-48	Ephesians 3:14-19	1 John 5:6-9
Acts 11:16-17	Ephesians 4:2-6	Jude 20-21
Romans 5:5-6	Ephesians 5:18-20	Revelation 1:4-5
Romans 8:3-4	Colossians 1:7-10	Revelation 1:9-10

Romans 8:8-11	1 Thessalonians 1:5-10	Revelation 2:7
Romans 8:16-17	1 Thessalonians 4:1-8	Revelation 2:26-29
Romans 14:17-18	1 Thessalonians 5:18-19	Revelation 3:5-6
Romans 15:16	2 Thessalonians 2:13-14	Rev. 3:12-13
Romans 15:17-19	1 Timothy 3:15-16	Revelation 5:6-7
1 Corinthians 2:8-10	2 Timothy 1:8-14	Revelation 14:12-13
1 Corinthians 2:12-16	Titus 3:4-8	Revelation 22:16-18

Feeling a bit overwhelmed by all of the above? I would suggest reading through 5 passages for 12 days and 6 passages for 2 days and in two weeks you can read through all 72 references provided.

Now as you read, I would like you to think about how the Triune God can change your life. This morning and next week, I will provide 5 practical ways that the triune God can change your life.

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Kent R. Wilson writes about the Trinity and Prayer. I thought it well written to be of encouragement on how to pray recognizing the unique roles that the Father, Son and Holy Spirit fulfill when we pray.

The voice calling in to the switchboard was obviously very uneasy: "I have an important matter that I would like to discuss with someone, but I, uhm, am not sure who I should talk to."

As Christians we often have the same problem with prayer. To whom should we pray? Should we address our prayers just to the Father, or is it all right to pray to the Son or the Holy Spirit as well?

This question is best answered by looking at the unique roles that the three members of the trinity play when it comes to prayer. God the Father occupies the seat of sovereignty and acts on behalf of His spiritual children. The Father desires that we approach Him with the warm, tender cry of a child—"Abba, Father." Jesus pointed His disciples to the Father when they spoke in prayer (Mt. 6:6, Mt. 6:9; Jn. 16:23), and always addressed the Father in His own prayers.

The Son's role in prayer is the Mediator, the High Priest and the Revealer of God. By His death for us, Jesus Christ opened the way to the Father and gave us His name to carry our concerns to

the Father in prayer (Jn. 14:13–14; Jn. 16:24–26). He became our eternal High Priest, interceding for us with the Father because He understands our concerns, giving us confidence to draw near to God (Heb. 4:14–16). There are a few prayers in the Bible that are addressed to the Son (Acts 7:59, 1 Cor. 1:2), although the normal practice of the apostles and the saints is to address the Father.

The Holy Spirit, as the third member of the trinity, acts as the Enabler and the Interceder in prayer. The Holy Spirit makes the believer aware of his status as a child of God (Ro. 8:15, Gal. 4:6). He motivates and empowers us as we "pray in the Spirit" (Eph. 6:18). The Spirit also comes alongside the believer in prayer and helps "carry the load" when he does not know what to ask or how to pray (Ro. 8:26–27).

There is no instance in the New Testament where a prayer is addressed to the Spirit, although there is also no passage that directly prohibits praying to the Spirit. However, the normal pattern of prayer for the New Testament believer, based on the unique roles of each member of the Trinity, is that prayer is to be addressed to the Father (the Source) in the name of Jesus Christ (the Mediator) with the enablement of the Holy Spirit (the Enabler).¹

¹ (1991). *Discipleship Journal, Issue 62 (March/April 1991)*.

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Each day, your family members can become part of history as they see, hear, touch, and even taste what it was like to live in the Bible-times wilderness! You'll explore the Israelite Camp tents, visit Moses [PD], take part in games, dance to lively Bible songs, and sample tasty tidbits make God's Word come alive with new meaning for all who participate!

Your Wilderness Escape Journey begins on Monday, August 9th through Friday August 13th. We will have family dinner "Alfresco" on the parking lot and parsonage yard beginning at 5:30 p.m. and VBS will begin at 6:15 p.m. in the Trinity sanctuary.

Sincerely,

Your Wilderness Escape VBS Director

