



***Sixth Sunday in Lent***

***April 2, 2023***

***Guest Speaker – Pastor Jay Shaffer***

***Assisted By – Cohen Clark***

***Trinity United Church of Christ***

***600 Main Street***

***Berlin, Pennsylvania***

## Preludes

**All Glory, Laud, and Honor – Mark Hayes  
Palm Sunday – Robert Huges**

## 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

O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;  
his steadfast love endures for ever!

**Let Israel say,**

**“His steadfast love endures for ever.”**

Open to me the gates of righteousness,  
that I may enter through them  
and give thanks to the LORD.

**This is the gate of the LORD;**

**the righteous shall enter through it.**

I thank thee that thou hast answered me  
and hast become my salvation.

**The stone which the builders rejected  
has become the head of the corner.**

This is the LORD's doing;  
it is marvelous in our eyes.

**This is the day which the LORD has made;  
let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

Save us, we beseech thee, O LORD!

O LORD, we beseech thee, give us success!

**Blessed be he who enters in the name of the LORD!**

**We bless you from the house of the LORD.**

The LORD is God,  
and he has given us light.

Bind the festal procession with branches,  
up to the horns of the altar!

**Thou art my God, and I will give thanks to thee;  
thou art my God, I will extol thee.**

29O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;  
for his steadfast love endures for ever!

**\*Hymn No. 173**

**“All Glory, Laud, and Honor”**

## **Call To Confession**

### **Confession:**

Lord, we confess that we, like our ancestors in faith, are often fascinated by popular people. We desire to see them and hear their words or songs. We want to say that we were in their presence. However, sometimes we fail to understand what their words and actions mean. We confess, Dear God, that even though we have heard your teachings and your commandments, we sometimes fail to follow them. Forgive us again for wanting to be called your followers without paying the price of love for others in your name. Amen.

### **Silent Confession:**

### **Assurance of Forgiveness**

God has heard our prayers and responds in love and mercy.

**We rejoice that God desires to wipe away our sin and renew us.**

Let us never forget to praise our God for our redemption.

**\*Hymn No. 623**

**Gloria Patri**

**\*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.**

## **\*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**

**The Lord's Prayer** (using debts and debtors)

**Hebrew Scripture:  
Isaiah 45:22-25**

**22** “Turn to me and be saved,  
all the ends of the earth!  
For I am God, and there is no other.  
**23** By myself I have sworn,  
from my mouth has gone forth in righteousness  
a word that shall not return:  
'To me every knee shall bow,  
every tongue shall swear.'  
**24** “Only in the LORD, it shall be said of me,  
are righteousness and strength;  
to him shall come and be ashamed,  
all who were incensed against him.  
**25** In the LORD all the offspring of Israel  
shall triumph and glory.”

**Epistle:  
Philippians 2: 5-11**

**5** Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus,  
**6** who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with  
God a thing to be grasped,  
**7** but emptied himself, taking the form of a servant, being born in  
the likeness of men.  
**8** And being found in human form he humbled himself and became  
obedient unto death, even death on a cross.  
**9** Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the  
name which is above every name,  
**10** that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and  
on earth and under the earth,

11 and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

**Gospel:**

**Matthew 21:1-11**

1 And when they drew near to Jerusalem and came to Bethphage, to the Mount of Olives, then Jesus sent two disciples,

2 saying to them, "Go into the village opposite you, and immediately you will find an ass tied, and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me.

3 If any one says anything to you, you shall say, 'The Lord has need of them,' and he will send them immediately."

4 This took place to fulfil what was spoken by the prophet, saying,

5 "Tell the daughter of Zion,

Behold, your king is coming to you, humble, and mounted on an ass, and on a colt, the foal of an ass."

6 The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them;

7 they brought the ass and the colt, and put their garments on them, and he sat thereon.

8 Most of the crowd spread their garments on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road.

9 And the crowds that went before him and that followed him shouted, "Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!"

10 And when he entered Jerusalem, all the city was stirred, saying, "Who is this?"

11 And the crowds said, "This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth of Galilee."

**\*Hymn No. 174**

**"Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"**

**Sermon:**

**"What A Parade"  
Pastor Jay Shaffer**

**\*Hymn No. 177**

**"What Wonderous Love Is This"**

**\*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**

**St. Theodulph – David Paxton**

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**Dates to Remember:**

**Holy Trinity will have a Maundy Thursday service at 7:00 p.m.  
Thursday April 6, 2023**

**Holy Trinity will host Community Good Friday at 7:00 p.m.  
April 7, 2023,  
Easter – April 9, 2023**



**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, Donnie Baxter, Jason Benning, Jim Benoit, Rhonda Brown, Terry Coslic, Jim Coughenour, Pam Crooks, Larry Custer, John Durst, Mary Jane Harding, Andrea (Shaulis) Harris, Larry Hay, Barry Landis, Brenda & Larry Leister, Bob Murphy, Bonnie Murphy, Doug Murphy, Harold Pritts, James Robb, Nancy Schrock, Greg Shaulis, Tracey Smith, Kelly Tharp, Larry Tinkey, Adeline Vieregge, Robin Walker, Caleb Wedding, Heather Weighley, Nancy Weighley, Gerald Zorn

### **Prayer List Update**

Once again, we are in need of your assistance in updating our prayer list of healing concerns. If you have placed someone on our list, please confirm that they are still in need of prayer or hopefully taken off thanks to God's power of healing and your prayers. Please contact the office to help us with this update.

### **One Call Now Prayer List**

Please remember that we have the ability to request prayer for church members, families, friends and anyone in need of prayer. Never underestimate the power of prayer. One small prayer can change your life or someone's life dramatically. To request prayer calls, simply contact Pam, our secretary at 541-990-0832 or at the office during business hours. If you are not on the one call now prayer phone receipt list and would like to be, we can do that as well.

### **The Saints In Action**

TODAY – Sixth Sunday in Lent – Palm Sunday  
9:00 a.m. Worship  
10:10 Sunday School

Wednesday – 6:30 p.m. Trinity Bell Rehearsal  
Thursday – 7:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday Service Trinity Lutheran  
Friday – 7:00 p.m. Good Friday Combined Service Trinity Lutheran Church

Next Sunday – Easter Sunday  
9:00 a.m. Worship

10:10 Sunday School – Fellowship Hall Only  
No Parsonage Conference Room Sunday School

**Giving From 03/26/23**

	Rec	Budget	Over/Under
<b>General</b>	\$2788.50	\$3155.58	-\$367.08
<b>Ben</b>	\$75.00	\$182.69	-\$107.69
<b>Maint</b>	\$242.50	\$163.46	\$79.04
<b>Mem</b>	.00		
<b>Total</b>	\$3106.00	\$3501.73	-\$395.73

Not included in Benevolence are donations to Food Pantry of \$25

**Worship Attendance: 94**

**Sunday School: 38**

***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:** Lori Gindlesperger (Board), Chris King (Camera)

**Ushers:** Jason Clark, Ann Slifco

**Acolytes:** Maelyn Fochtman, Cohen Clark

***The Flowers on the altar*** in memory of our parents, Roy and Ruth Romesberg & John and Dorothy Hay, and Aunt Evelyn and Uncle Bill 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:***

*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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**The Parsonage Conference Room Sunday School Class will be following this schedule:**

**April 9: No Sunday School** on Easter Sunday.

**April 16: No class** as Sue Coughenour will be away. We invite you to join Tom Calvert's class this week.

**April 23-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!*

## **Hugs & Kisses**

**April 21<sup>st</sup> – Candy Bar Bingo – 6:00 p.m.** This is for ALL ages – Hugs & Kisses will provide pizza for dinner and the candy bars for the prizes. Please sign up at the entrance so that we have a count for pizza and feel free to bring a snack, drink, or dessert to share. Come and join us for the fun!

**May 7<sup>th</sup> – Brunch after Church** – We would like to try something new after Church. Since it's not lunch time, we would like to invite everyone to stay after Church for brunch and fellowship. There will be no Sunday School on this date. Everyone can bring food to share and Hugs & Kisses will set things up, heat up casseroles, etc, but we need **everyone's help** to make this a success. There will be a sign-up sheet at the entrance. Please come, eat, and fellowship with us!

**Next Hugs & Kisses Planning Meeting** – Tuesday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 6:30 p.m.

## **Good Friday Combined Service**

We have been invited to join the Brethren Church, Three Seasons Church, and the Lutheran Church in a combined service at the Lutheran Church, April 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. We will have members participating in the service and would like to have good representation of Trinity UCC.

## **Greeter Committee**

Now that Bob Brown has completed the Usher List (thank you for those willing to participate), we would like to begin a "Greeter" list once again. If you are interested in coordinating this list or

participating, please let us know. You may contact any Consistory member, Bob Brown, or the church office.

**Nancy Weighley** would like to thank everyone for their thoughts, prayers, and cards while she was in the hospital. She said it helped tremendously. She returned home on Tuesday and is doing well. So continued prayers for ongoing good reports.

**Allison Zimmerman** would like to thank everyone for their thoughts and prayers in her time of need. A special thank you to Pastor Jay Shaffer for checking in on her at the hospital.

**Congratulations** to Ryan & Cassie Albright (and Grandpa Larry & Grandma Gale) on the birth of their third girl Hayden on March 10<sup>th</sup>!

**Garrett United Methodist Church** would like to invite everyone to their annual Easter cantata, "O What a Savior", on Sunday April 16<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. 800 Walker St in Garrett.

**Trinity Trumpet** will go to press the third week of April. Please submit your information as soon as possible. We'd LOVE to hear news from you!!!

**Changes to upcoming Supply Minister assignments.**

In the newsletter we provided a list of our upcoming leaders in worship. These are subject to change so we will let you know of any changes as they occur through the weekly bulletin.

April 9      Bill Deal  
April 16     Steve Dinning  
April 23     Josh Spangler

**Pastoral Care:** For those in need of pastoral care please contact Tom Calvert, President of Consistory at 814-267-3771, 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.



**Hugs &  
Kisses  
Easter Egg  
Hunt &  
Party!**

