



The Second Sunday of Easter

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April 7, 2024

Guest Speaker – Pastor Peter Kaltenbaugh

Assisted by: Lily Countryman

Trinity United Church of Christ

600 Main Street

Berlin, Pennsylvania

Preludes

Thine Is the Glory – Jason Payne
Offertory on “Restoration” – Tom Birchwood

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

It’s the Sunday after Easter; the lilies are gone.

And we are alone with our faith.

Thomas said: "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe." Easter is past, and we are alone with our faith.

On this Sunday after Easter, help us grow into the faith that we confessed and celebrated last week. Reveal evidence of your resurrection for the days when we feel that we are alone with our faith.

***Hymn No. 195**

Nothing But The Blood

Call to Confession

Gracious God, we need the light of your love to shine into the dark corners of our hearts. We humbly confess that at times we have walked in darkness and have said and done things that have caused us to hide from you and brought pain in the lives of those around us. We know that it is your will for us to be in fellowship with our brothers and sisters in Christ, but we confess a single-mindedness in our point of view and our lack of patience with others who think differently than we do. For our sins, we ask for your grace and that you might cleanse our hearts from all that separates us from each other and from you. May the new life of Easter be our guiding light.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Forgiveness

Lord of abiding Love and infinite Patience, be with us this day. We have come from times of stress, difficulties, as well as times of hope and joy. We bring to you our concerns and our fears, and you offer your healing mercies. We confess that we haven't thought a whole lot about you this week. But you, O God, have never stopped thinking about us. You have been with us in every moment, even when we were unaware. Your love is steadfast, and your grace is boundless. We receive your forgiveness and assurance. In the name of the Risen Son, Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen

***Response Gloria Patri**

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost: as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, 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.**

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

Generous Father, thank you that all things were created through you and for you, you are before all things, and in you, all things exist. The Bible says that we should bring our tithes and offerings into your storehouse and that you will respond by opening the windows of heaven and sending down blessing upon blessing. Accept the gifts we place before you now. May the peace of God reign in our lives, the love of God surround us, the Spirit of God empower us and the joy of God uphold us. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord, Amen.

The Lord's Prayer (using debts and debtors)

***Hymn No. 259**

Breathe On Me Breath Of God

Acts 4:32-35

32 Now the company of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one said that any of the things which he possessed was his own, but they had everything in common.

33 And with great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all.

34 There was not a needy person among them, for as many as were possessors of lands or houses sold them, and brought the proceeds of what was sold

35 and laid it at the apostles' feet; and distribution was made to each as any had need.

1 John 1:1, 2:1-2

1 That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked upon and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life—

2 the life was made manifest, and we saw it, and testify to it, and proclaim to you the eternal life which was with the Father and was made manifest to us—

3 that which we have seen and heard we proclaim also to you, so that you may have fellowship with us; and our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ.

4 And we are writing this that our joy may be complete.

5 This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him is no darkness at all.

6 If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not live according to the truth;

7 but if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin.

8 If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

9 If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just, and will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

10 If we say we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

1 My little children, I am writing this to you so that you may not sin; but if any one does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous;

2 and he is the expiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

John 20: 19-31

19 On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being shut where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you."

20 When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord.

21 Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I send you."

22 And when he had said this, he breathed on them, and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit.

23 If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

24 Now Thomas, one of the twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came.

25 So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord.” But he said to them, “Unless I see in his hands the print of the nails, and place my finger in the mark of the nails, and place my hand in his side, I will not believe.”

26 Eight days later, his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. The doors were shut, but Jesus came and stood among them, and said, “Peace be with you.”

27 Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side; do not be faithless, but believing.”

28 Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!”

29 Jesus said to him, “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet believe.”

30 Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book;

31 but these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in his name.

Sermon

“What you Do, Say or Think does make a Difference!”

Guest Speaker - Pastor Pete Kaltenbaugh

***Hymn No. 227**

Thine Is The Glory

***Benediction**

***Response – Sung with Dismissal**

***Going Forth**

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.**

Postlude Christ The Lord Is Risen Today – Victor Johnson

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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, Cynthia Kelly, Lois Krause, Debbi Luteri, Lois Saylor.

Healing Concerns:

Mark Amyot, Melvin Baughman Family, Donnie Baxter,
Jim Benoit, Kathy Blough, Jessica Borosky Paige Boyer,
Father Elijah Bremer, Rhonda Brown, Ray Coleman,
Jim Coughenour, Tammy Coughenour, Pam Crooks,
Nancy Custer, Reon Engleka, Tory Foltz, John Foor,
Nancy Gindlesperger, Cheryl Glessner, Melodi Glessner, Art &
Marlene Gotchen, Andrea (Shaulis) Harris, Michael Harris, Larry
Hay, Brenda & Larry Leister, Jim Little, Joyce Miller,
Bonnie Murphy, Carl (Edison) Paul, Kathy Picking, James Robb,
Brett Sarver, Tammie Saylor, Nancy Schrock, Peggy Stayrook,
Betty Strasser, Larry Tinkey, Adeline Vieregge, Robin Walker,
Nancy Weighley, Gerald Zorn

The Saints In Action

TODAY- Second Sunday of Easter

9:00 a.m. Worship

10:10 a.m. Sunday School

“Congregational Meeting immediately following service.”

Monday – 7:00 p.m. Consistory Meeting

Next Sunday – Third Sunday of Easter

9:00 a.m. Worship

10:10 a.m. Sunday School

Giving From 03/31/2024

	Rec	Budget	Over/Under
General	\$4229.00	\$3155.58	\$1073.42
Ben	\$416.00	\$182.69	\$233.31
Maint	\$876.00	\$163.46	\$712.54
Mem	\$200.00		\$200.00
Total	\$5721.00	\$3501.73	\$2019.27

Also not included in Benevolence were Donations to Food Pantry of \$25.

Worship Attendance:158 + 14 Online = 172
No Sunday School

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

Ushers: Julie Petro, Pam Bush

Acolytes: Lily Countryman

Flowers on the altar are given in honor of our children and grandchildren 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.

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Changes to upcoming Supply Minister assignments.

April 14 Dave Creamer

April 21 Roberto Ochoa

April 28 Bill Deal

Sunday School

Join us, as we are currently involved, in a 10-week study on the Death and Resurrection of the Messiah. This is a video series by

Ray Vander Laan that takes us into the Holy Land and brings Scripture alive as we delve into the historical and cultural lives of that day. If you think you know that story of Easter, think again! Ray has a unique way of bringing new light to stories we have long treasured. So, if you have been thinking about joining Sunday School this is a great time to begin. Each session is its own lesson, and you can begin or give it a try at any point in these sessions. Sue Coughenour will be leading the class in the fellowship hall following the morning worship service. We always have good fellowship and discussion.

Call for a congregational meeting TODAY convening immediately after worship.

At the last consistory meeting we had a conversation about a recommendation from the property committee to upgrade the master bathroom in the parsonage while it is vacant, and prior to getting a new minister. It is also a great time to get volunteers from the church to help with the work before the spring rush of new construction. The consistory unanimously approved the recommendation; however, we will need congregational approval since the estimated cost is between 15 and 20 thousand dollars. We will be seeking, "A motion to approve the renovations to the master bathroom at a cost not to exceed \$20,000." Thank you for your prayers and thoughtful consideration in this matter. We hope to see you on the 7th following worship.

Our Annual Church Picnic is in need of someone to coordinate this event. If you would like to see this tradition continue, please consider stepping up to be in charge of making the arrangements. Our Hugs and Kisses are already doing a lot for our church, so perhaps we can find a more "senior" person to handle this. Please contact Kathy Spangler if you have questions or are interested.

Birthright of Somerset, Inc. is pleased to announce its Annual Birthright Award Contests. The Essay Award will be given to the 12th grade student who can best convey their response to the essay scenario as presented in the Award Criteria. The eligible student who wins the 1st place award will receive \$1000.00. A prize of \$750.00 will be awarded to the second-place winner. There is also a Design A T-Shirt contest open to 9th, 10th, 11th, 12th grades with a prize of \$1000.00 going to the winner and

\$750.00 for the second -place winner. Completed applications for both contests are due by Friday, April 15th. If you are interested, please contact the church office.

UPMC Family Hospice, formerly In Touch Hospice, will be holding a spring Grief Support Group beginning March 20 at our Somerset location, 314 S. Kimberly Avenue (Back Entrance of Hillman). The group is free and will run for 6 weeks. Please join us to share your feelings with others, who are grieving a loved one's death.

The Berlin Brethren Church will present a Recital, "A Kaleidoscope of Hymns", Sunday, April 21st, at 4:00 p.m. This event will include the Bell Choir and the Senior Choir and various musical talents.

Finding The Light In The Darkness

Three Seasons Community Church, Saturday April 13th, 7:00 p.m. Join us for a night of healing prayer, testimony and worship! Finding HOPE in despair, Finding LOVE after heartache, Finding PEACE in the broken, and Finding JOY after sadness. Questions – please contact Jenn Dickey 814-233-1931 or Jody Smith 814-279-5484. All are welcome. Come as you are.

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church Community Good Friday

Service generated \$154 in offerings which have been sent to the Bethlehem Experience! Thanks to everyone for their offering.

Live Streaming

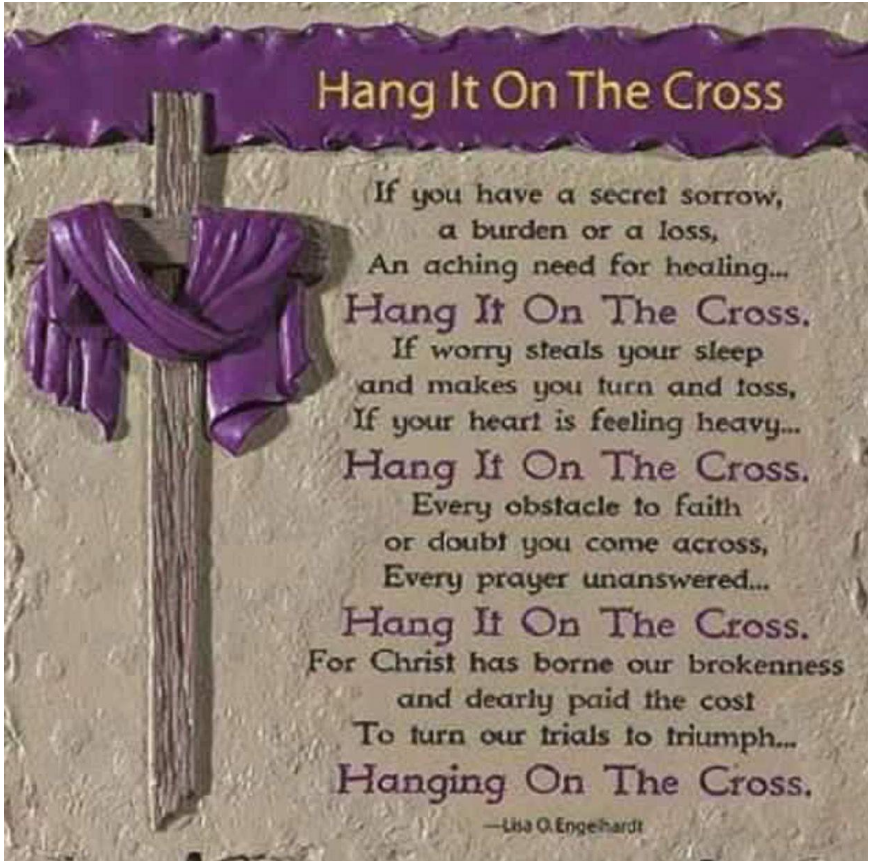
We have been notified by our live streaming company, that Facebook is continually making changes to its platform consequently impacting streaming users. Please remember that our live stream is also located on our website @berlinucc.org and YouTube.

Baby Grand Piano

Betty Strasser is looking for a baby grand piano. If you or anyone you know has one for sale, please contact Betty at 814-267-2598.

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.



**Blessings To You All For
“A Wonderful Week Ahead”**