



July 27, 2025
7th Sunday After Pentecost
Pastor Dave Creamer
Assisted by – Cohen Clark

Trinity United Church of Christ
600 Main Street
Berlin, Pennsylvania

Preludes

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God – Jason Payne

Behold The Lamb – Jason Payne

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

From Psalm 138; Thanksgiving and Praise:

Give thanks to God with all our heart, sing out with endless praise!

We bow down before our God and give thanks for steadfast love and faithfulness.

Give thanks for God who strengthens our soul, who hears our prayers.

Let all the world praise Gods name, let it sing out in joy!

Give thanks, we are preserved, in times of trouble, in times of wrath.

Let God fulfill his purpose for me, let me become the work of His hands.

***Hymn No. 435**

What A Friend We Have in Jesus

Call to Confession

We are to Pray, to petition God. Let Him know our wants, to hear our needs. Let us speak to God as one.

Confession

Heavenly Father hear our prayer. Help us grow in Faith, help us to pray with determination, help us to pray from our hearts. For give us when fail, when we think, we do not need to pray, when we think we do not need you in our lives. Steady us with your Spirit and guide us to know your will, so it is done.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon:

“As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to walk in him, rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving” . Words from Paul in Colossians

***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.**

***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

Heavenly Father, we humble ourselves before you. Grateful to share some of our gifts so others can have their daily bread. We pray that your name is always kept holy, and our homes, schools, and communities prosper by your will. We pray that your kingdom comes. That this world will bow down and bend so you can bring calm and righteousness to it. We pray you give your healing touch to those in need and protective care to us as we serve you. We

pray that you do not bring us to a time of trial. God, we pray that you help us to forgive those who wrong us so our soul can be free of the burdens and guilt it carries. Help us to forgive ourselves and trust in the Grace of Jesus Christ. We offer to you the Prayer Jesus first taught to us.

The Lord's Prayer (using debts and debtors)

Scripture

Old Testament Lesson:

Hosea Chapter 1 VS 10

10 Yet the number of the people of Israel shall be like the sand of the sea, which can be neither measured nor numbered; and in the place where it was said to them, "You are not my people," it shall be said to them, "Sons of the living God."

Epistle Lesson:

Colossians Chapter 2 VS 6-15

6 As therefore you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so live in him,
7 rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.

8 See to it that no one makes a prey of you by philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the universe, and not according to Christ.

9 For in him the whole fulness of deity dwells bodily,

10 and you have come to fulness of life in him, who is the head of all rule and authority.

11 In him also you were circumcised with a circumcision made without hands, by putting off the body of flesh in the circumcision of Christ;

12 and you were buried with him in baptism, in which you were also raised with him through faith in the working of God, who raised him from the dead.

13 And you, who were dead in trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses,

14 having canceled the bond which stood against us with its legal demands; this he set aside, nailing it to the cross.

15 He disarmed the principalities and powers and made a public example of them, triumphing over them in him.

The Gospel of Jesus Christ:

Luke Chapter 11 VS 1-13

1 He was praying in a certain place, and when he ceased, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples."

2 And he said to them, "When you pray, say:

"Father, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come.

3 Give us each day our daily bread;

4 and forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive every one who is indebted to us; and lead us not into temptation."

5 And he said to them, "Which of you who has a friend will go to him at midnight and say to him, 'Friend, lend me three loaves;

6 for a friend of mine has arrived on a journey, and I have nothing to set before him';

7 and he will answer from within, 'Do not bother me; the door is now shut, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything'?

8 I tell you, though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, yet because of his importunity he will rise and give him whatever he needs.

9 And I tell you, Ask, and it will be given you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you.

10 For every one who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it will be opened.

11 What father among you, if his son asks for a fish, will instead of a fish give him a serpent;

12 or if he asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion?

13 If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"

Hymn No. 42

Seek Ye First

Message
“Perseverance in Prayer”
Pastor Dave Creamer

***Hymn No. 68 There’s A Wideness in God’s Mercy**

***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: Just Brass

Faith of Our Fathers

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Those Remembered in prayer:

God’s guidance and protection for Armed Forces.

Shut Ins:

**Barb Berkley, Mary Jane Harding, Cynthia Kelly, Debbi Luteri,
Lillian Potter, Lois Saylor, Ruth Elaine Whitacre.**

Healing Concerns:

**Mark Amyot, Donnie Baxter, Jim Benoit, Brad Bowers,
Paige Boyer, Chris Brant, Father Elijah Bremer,
Rhonda Brown, Ray Coleman, Susan Constantino,
Tammy Coughenour, Renee Croushore, Eric Custer,**

Tracy Dickey, Nancy Gindlesperger,
 Marlene Gotchen, Dennis Griffith, Karen Griffith, Andrea (Shaulis)
 Harris, Joe Harris, Michael Harris, Joy Hay (Dwayne), Kris Hay,
 Larry Hay, Marilyn Heiple, Gary Hillegas, Barry Landis,
 Brenda Leister, Jim Little, Blair and Phyllis Lyons, Judy McCullen,
 Larry McCullen, Joyce Miller, Laura Miller, Robert "Lee" Miller,
 Carl (Edison) Paul, Kathy Picking, Brian Robb, James Robb,
 Brett Sarver, Tammie Saylor, Nancy Schrock, Curt Shaulis,
 Missy Shaulis, Phyllis Stoy, Dawn Edmiston-Strasser,
 Larry Tinkey, Patsy and Dave Titus, Robin Walker,
 Nancy Weighley, Gerald Zorn

It's time once again to update our prayer list. If you have any information regarding the people on this list, please contact the church office with updates, removals, or any other information.

The Saints In Action

Today- 7th Sunday after Pentecost

9:00 a.m. Worship

10:10 a.m. Sunday School

10:00 a.m.- 12:30 p.m. Church Pictorial Pictures

Next Sunday – 8th Sunday after Pentecost

9:00 a.m. Worship

10:10 a.m. Sunday School – In Church Office

Giving From 0720/2025

	Rec	Budget	Over/Under
General	\$2599.00	\$3155.58	-\$556.58
Ben	\$400.00	\$182.69	\$217.31
Maint	\$275.00	\$163.46	\$111.54
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Total	\$3274.00	\$3501.73	-\$227.73

Not included in Benevolence were Donations to Food Pantry of \$315 and Flood Relief of \$25

Worship Attendance: 69

Sunday School: 7

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: Cohen Clark, Pam Bush

Ushers: Julie Petro, Pam Bush

Acolytes: Liz Hart, Rylee Beckwith

Organ: Nancy Bitter

Flowers on the altar are in appreciation of the Berlin Lions Club and Trinity United Church of Christ and the love they both show to the community as a whole.

Bulletin in honor of all the current and past Members of our Armed Forces, including Active Duty, Reservist and National Guard

The Whole Congregation in Ministry and Assisted by

Dave Creamer, Student Pastor

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:

Sheron Engleka, 814-267-4166

Jim Darr, 814-483-0957

Allison Zimmerman, 814-267-4324

Consistory Deacons:

Pam Bush, Tom Croner (President) 814-442-6740, Amanda

Custer, Lori Gindlesperger, Jean Hart, Jeanne Hillegas,

Bill Landis, Julie Petro, Allen Strasser

Church Office Hours – Tuesday through Thursday

9:00 a.m. to 1 p.m.

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A Big Thank You from Trinity Ladies and Hugs and Kisses to everyone who donated food and time to last Saturday's bake sale! They made \$600 (!!!!) which will be split between the two groups.

Pictorial Committee

Church Pictorial

We're creating a new church pictorial directory and want everyone to be included!

Photo sessions are:

Sunday, July 27th - 10:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Tuesday, July 29th - 5:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Don't miss your chance to be part of our church family album!

If you have not yet registered for a photo session, please call: Lori Gindlesperger, 814-279-4709, as soon as possible.

Thank you for helping us build a beautiful pictorial!

We are pleased to include a special section in the upcoming church pictorial honoring our Veterans. If you would like to have a photo included, please submit it to the church office or to Lori Gindlesperger no later than **August 15, 2025**. All submitted photos will be returned.

Additionally, we are collecting high-quality candid photographs from church events and activities that took place during **2024–2025**.

Sunday School

Tom Calvert resumed the summer series from last year while giving Sue Coughenour a much-needed break. It is the continuation of the Ray Vander Laan's "That the World May Know" DVD #12 Walking with God in the Desert. It's about Experiencing Living Water When Life is Tough.

Hugs & Kisses

Sunday, August 10th – Altoona Curve Game 1 PM. Let Amanda Custer know if interested and how many tickets needed by August 1st. (814-483-4283) H&K will pay for youth.

Hospice is currently looking for volunteers in our area. Our Mission Statement: Our Hospice services are designed to provide comfort care as well as spiritual and emotional support for people in the final phase of a terminal illness. If interested, please refer to the poster at the back door entrance for more information.

The Pius Springs Woman's Club "Back to School Swap" is planned for **August 10th**. **The donations we've received are greatly appreciated!** Please continue to donate gently used clothing, shoes and/or backpacks for our kids. Children's sizes 4T to 16 will be accepted as well as adult sizes. Please note that clothing should be clean and ready-to-wear. Clothing will be targeted to children in grades K - 12. **We currently have a shortage of boys' clothing.** Donations will be accepted through **August 3rd** in the bin in the large Sunday school classroom.

Church World Services Hygiene Kits

Remember we still have bags at the entrances of the sanctuary with a list of things for the hygiene kits. Thank you to those who have already participated but remember to pick yours up if you haven't already done so. These are extremely important items to assist with shelters in disaster areas.

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 Dave

Creamer, Student Pastor for Trinity at 814-777-2280. If Dave is not available, please contact Jay Shaffer at 814-483-0398.

Sermon Notes:



Prayer for the Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

O Christ, the power of God and the wisdom of God,
direct us by your grace that we may never stand in the way of
sinners,
but by your power always run with a free heart
in the way of your commandments;
through your mercy, O our God,
you are blessed,
and live and govern all things,
now and forever.
Amen.

**Thank You for Joining Us
Have a Blessed Week Ahead**