



***Twenty-First Sunday After Pentecost
October 22, 2023***

***Guest Speaker – Pastor Peter Kaltenbaugh
Assisted By – Cohen Clark***

***Trinity United Church of Christ
600 Main Street
Berlin, Pennsylvania***

Preludes

I Need Thee Every Hour – Marianne Kim
Softly and Tenderly – Marianne Kim

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** (based on Psalm 96)

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

Sing to the Lord a new song. Sing to the Lord all the earth.

Declare God's glory among the nations, God's marvelous works among all the peoples.

Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised. All other gods are but idols – but the Lord made the heavens and the earth, the sea and all that fills it.

Let everyone ascribe to the Lord's glory and strength.

Opening Prayer

Fill our worship with grace, Lord Jesus Christ, that every thought, word, and deed may be acceptable to you, our Rock and our Redeemer. **Amen.**

***Hymn No. 441**

Take Time to Be Holy

***Call to Confession:**

Prayer of Confession:

Wonderful and loving Father, we thank you for the most extraordinary gift of your Son, Lord Jesus. The greatest gift to all humankind, and so many still have not accepted Him. How could we not realize this gift and accept Him with all thanksgiving and love? Yet we continue to make other choices, and place so much before loving Him and serving Him! So we come searching for answers and hopefully, willing to give of ourselves. But some of us may question; How much does God want? What will I be left with? How shall I live? Father God, help me to quiet the world's voice, and listen to your call of love. Hear my confession and forgive and erase my sin. Help me understand: You will be all I need for eternity; everything else will be left behind. Hear me and know I speak from my heart!

Silent Confession

Assurance of Forgiveness:

While it is true that we have sinned, it is a greater truth that we are forgiven through God's love in Jesus Christ. To all who humbly seek the mercy of God I say, in Jesus Christ your sin is forgiven. **Thanks be to God.**



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:

**Merciful Father, we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you
have first given us— our selves, our time, and our
possessions—signs of your gracious love. Receive them for
the sake of him who offered himself for us— Jesus Christ,
our Lord. Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer (using debts and debtors)

Hebrew Scripture - Exodus 33:12-23

12 Moses said to the Lord, “See, thou sayest to me, ‘Bring up this people’; but thou hast not let me know whom thou wilt send with me. Yet thou hast said, ‘I know you by name, and you have also found favor in my sight.’”

13 Now therefore, I pray thee, if I have found favor in thy sight, show me now thy ways, that I may know thee and find favor in thy sight. Consider too that this nation is thy people.”

14 And he said, “My presence will go with you, and I will give you rest.”

15 And he said to him, “If thy presence will not go with me, do not carry us up from here.

16 For how shall it be known that I have found favor in thy sight, I and thy people? Is it not in thy going with us, so that we are distinct, I and thy people, from all other people that are upon the face of the earth?”

17 And the Lord said to Moses, “This very thing that you have spoken I will do; for you have found favor in my sight, and I know you by name.”

18 Moses said, “I pray thee, show me thy glory.”

19 And he said, “I will make all my goodness pass before you, and will proclaim before you my name ‘The Lord’; and I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will show mercy on whom I will show mercy.

20 But,” he said, “you cannot see my face; for man shall not see me and live.”

21 And the Lord said, “Behold, there is a place by me where you shall stand upon the rock;

22 and while my glory passes by I will put you in a cleft of the rock, and I will cover you with my hand until I have passed by;

23 then I will take away my hand, and you shall see my back; but my face shall not be seen.”

Epistle - 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

1 Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ:

Grace to you and peace.

2 We give thanks to God always for you all, constantly mentioning you in our prayers,

3 remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ.

4 For we know, brethren beloved by God, that he has chosen you;

5 for our gospel came to you not only in word, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction. You know what kind of men we proved to be among you for your sake.

6 And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for you received the word in much affliction, with joy inspired by the Holy Spirit;

7 so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia.

8 For not only has the word of the Lord sounded forth from you in Macedonia and Achaia, but your faith in God has gone forth everywhere, so that we need not say anything.

9 For they themselves report concerning us what a welcome we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols, to serve a living and true God,

10 and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead, Jesus who delivers us from the wrath to come.

Gospel - Matthew 22: 15-22

15 Then the Pharisees went and took counsel how to entangle him in his talk.

16 And they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are true, and teach the way of God truthfully, and care for no man; for you do not regard the position of men.

17 Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar, or not?"

18 But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "Why put me to the test, you hypocrites?"

19 Show me the money for the tax." And they brought him a coin.

20 And Jesus said to them, "Whose likeness and inscription is this?"

21 They said, "Caesar's." Then he said to them, "Render therefore to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's."

22 When they heard it, they marveled; and they left him and went away.

***Hymn No. 319**

We Bless the Name of Christ, the Lord

Sermon

"Giving To God"

Guest Speaker: Pastor Peter Kaltenbaugh

***Hymn No. 600**

If You Will Only Let God Guide You

***Benediction:**

May the grace of Christ, which daily renews us, and the love of God, which enables us to love all, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, which unites us in one body, make us eager to obey the will of God until we meet again, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

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

Leaning on the Everlasting– Marianne Kim

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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, Melvin & Bonnie Baughman, Donnie Baxter, Jim
Benoit, Paige Boyer, Father Elijah Bremer,
Rhonda Brown, Clinton Clark, Ray Coleman,
Jim Coughenour, Tammy Coughenour, Greg Croner,
Pam Crooks, Nancy Custer, John Durst, Reon Engleka,
Art & Marlene Gotchen, Andrea (Shaulis) Harris, Larry Hay,
Cindy McCullen-Janicki,
Brenda & Larry Leister, Jim Little, Judy McCullen, Larry McCullen,
Bonnie Murphy, Carl (Edison) Paul, Kathy Picking, James Robb,
Brett Sarver, Carl Saylor, Lois Saylor, Nancy Schrock, JoAnne

Smith, Peggy Stayrook, Larry Tinkey, Paul Trulick, Adeline Vieregge, Robin Walker, Harry Watkins, Nancy Weighley, Gerald Zorn

The Saints In Action

TODAY –21st Sunday after Pentecost
9:00 a.m. Worship
10:10 Sunday School

Wednesday – 6:30 p.m. Trinity Bells

Next Sunday – 22nd Sunday after Pentecost
9:00 a.m. Worship
10:10 a.m. Sunday School

Giving From 10/15/23

	Rec	Budget	Over/Under
General	\$2126.00	\$3155.58	-\$1029.58
Ben	\$81.00	\$182.69	-\$101.69
Maint	\$226.00	\$163.46	\$62.54
Mem	\$25.00		\$25.00
Total	\$2458.00	\$3501.73	-\$1043.73

Also not included in Benevolence were Donations to Food Pantry of \$15, Adopt-A-Family of \$630 and Operation Christmas Child of \$369.00.

Worship Attendance: 71
Sunday School: 33

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), Gaye Maust (Camera)

Ushers: Bob Brown, John Wisler

Acolyte: Nathan Spangler

The Flowers on the altar are in loving memory of her mother Ruth Romesberg's birthday, 10/24, 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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Changes to upcoming Supply Minister assignments.

October 29 Dottie Grew

November 5 Bill Deal

November 12 Jay Shaffer

November 19 Steve Dinning

November 26 Jim Vander Schuur

Bolded dates indicate “Communion” Sundays.

Adult Sunday School Class

The Adult Sunday School Class has begun an in-depth Bible study of I & II Peter. Please feel free to join us at any point in this study as we are enjoying good discussion and gaining new insights from Scripture. The class meets each Sunday after Worship Service in the Fellowship Hall and is taught by Sue Coughenour. Jean Hart makes sure we are well supplied with beverages and sweet treats. Come give Sunday School a try; you might be surprised at how much you enjoy our time together. *Please note that due to conflicts with other things happening in fellowship hall, Sunday school will not be held November 5th, November 12th, November 24th and December 3rd.*

Living Waters is having a workday on Saturday, November 4 starting at 9:00am. Youth groups are invited to spend the weekend, starting Friday night, at no charge. Lunch is provided on Saturday. Please contact Pastor Jay Shaffer if you have any questions at 814-483-0398.

Thank You from Keystone Family Alliance: On behalf of those we serve, thank you for partnering financially with Keystone Family Alliance. Your donation will make a difference in the lives of orphans and vulnerable children and the families that support them. We are grateful for your partnership!

Keystone Family Alliance invites you to join churches and individuals in Somerset County for Stand Sunday on November 12 at 6:30pm. at Kaufman Church (916 Miller Picking Rd., Davidsville). This hands-on event for the entire family will open your eyes to the needs in the child welfare system, the challenges and joys of fostering, and give you insight into how you can come alongside and make a difference, even if it is not through fostering or adopting yourself. Questions? Reach out to Lydia Shaffer lydia@keyfam.org.

All Saints' Sunday

Each year on the first Sunday of November – All Saints Sunday – we celebrate and give thanks for those who have completed their earthly journey since the previous All Saints Day and who now rest in God's glorious kingdom prepared for all who believe in Jesus Christ.

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 by Monday, October 23, or see Pam at the Sound Board today.**

We will be joined by the Trinity Bell Choir to assist in honoring the Saints' of the Church.

It's that time once again!

Trinity Trumpet is in publication 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.

The Somerset Association Fall Meeting will be held at Unity UCC, November 12, 2:30 – 5:00. They will be electing committee positions and there will be a one-hour presentation by Penn West Conference officers on the possible merger of the four Pa Conferences. Anyone with interests or concerns are encouraged to attend & participate in the discussion.

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. **Payment must be received by October 20th.**

TODAY!!

TURKEY & BISCUITS!! The Berlin Brethren Bell Choir will be selling quarts of turkey/ gravy and biscuits on Sunday, October 22nd. The 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.

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.

Beachdale Church

Hi! Wanted to reach out with an invitation to your congregation joining us in singing a Christmas cantata. It really is a beautiful program with a wonderful message. We practice Wednesday evenings from 7-8 and will perform on the last Sunday in November (first week of advent) at 7 pm. We would love the fellowship and could really use some help too:) Any age-men and women welcome!

Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes

With a deadline of November 13th, we will be having a Pizza/Packing party following on November 5th in fellowship hall following our church service. There will not be Adult Sunday School that Sunday but all of you that normally attend that class are welcome to assist with the packing! Many hands make light work. The shoeboxes will be moved to the Sanctuary following the packing and we will be praying over the boxes at the following Sunday service.

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.

Veterans Sunday, November 12th

The entire congregation here at Trinity, as well as family and friends, are encouraged to join us for a very special service on this Sunday. Sheron Engleka will be presenting her annual tribute video accompanied by the Berlin Fife and Drum Corps, Rick Kimmel will be playing live on the organ, Pastor Jay Shaffer will be preaching, and a reception honoring our Veterans will follow the church service in fellowship hall.

We want to designate time to appreciate the sacrifice of those who are serving, have served, and lost their lives in wars to defend our nation.



A Special Message to our Youth!

Want something to do during church services? Want to serve God and your church? Want to learn how to operate the sound and recording system in the sanctuary so we all can hear the message being shared with us during services? There is no age requirement for this offer, just a willingness to learn and to serve! If your answer is yes, just contact Tom Croner or Pam Bush to get the process started.



Berlin Community Veteran's Home Association of Berlin is holding a Blood Drive Monday, November 6, 12:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. in the Social Hall , 419 Meadow Street, Berlin.



Have a Blessed Week!