



***Seventh Sunday After Pentecost***

***July 16, 2023***

***Guest Speaker – Rev James Vander Schuur***

***Assisted By – Cohen Clark***

***Trinity United Church of Christ***

***600 Main Street***

***Berlin, Pennsylvania***

## **Preludes**

**Crown Him With Many Crowns – Jason Payne  
In Memoriam – Lani Smith**

## **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

### **Prayer**

Heavenly Father, we come before you today with grateful hearts. As we gather together to worship you, we pray that you would fill this place with your presence.

### **\*Hymn No 382**

### **Be Thou My Vision**

### **A Call to Confession**

Who is this God whom we have come to worship?

**God is the creator of all.**

The creator of birds and trees, wind and sea?

**God is the creator of all things seen and unseen.**

Then let us worship the God of creation,

**the God of all things great and small**

### **Confession (in unison)**

**Forgive us, O God of love, and reconcile us to yourself and to one another. Teach us, O Creator God of love, that the earth and all its fullness are yours, the world and those who dwell in it. Call us yet again to safeguard the gift of life, through Christ, our Lord. Amen**

### **Silent Confession**

#### **Assurance of Forgiveness:**

Dear God, I know I am a sinner. I want to turn from my sins, and I ask for Your forgiveness. I believe that Jesus Christ is Your Son. I believe He died for my sins and that You raised Him to life. I want Him to come into my heart and to take control of my life. I want to trust Jesus as my Savior and follow Him as my Lord from this day forward. In Jesus' Name, **Amen.**

**\*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**

**Prayer of Dedication:**

As we bring our offerings to you, we give back to you from the abundant blessings you have given us. May our gifts be acceptable in your sight, O Lord our God. Blessing and glory, wisdom and thanksgiving, honor, and power and strength, be unto you our God forever and ever. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord, **Amen.**

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

## **Scripture – Genesis 25: 19-34**

**19** These are the descendants of Isaac, Abraham's son: Abraham was the father of Isaac,

**20** and Isaac was forty years old when he took to wife Rebekah, the daughter of Bethuel the Aramean of Paddan-aram, the sister of Laban the Aramean.

**21** And Isaac prayed to the Lord for his wife, because she was barren; and the Lord granted his prayer, and Rebekah his wife conceived.

**22** The children struggled together within her; and she said, "If it is thus, why do I live?" So she went to inquire of the Lord.

**23** And the Lord said to her, "Two nations are in your womb, and two peoples, born of you, shall be divided; the one shall be stronger than the other, the elder shall serve the younger."

**24** When her days to be delivered were fulfilled, behold, there were twins in her womb.

**25** The first came forth red, all his body like a hairy mantle; so they called his name Esau.

**26** Afterward his brother came forth, and his hand had taken hold of Esau's heel; so his name was called Jacob. Isaac was sixty years old when she bore them.

**27** When the boys grew up, Esau was a skilful hunter, a man of the field, while Jacob was a quiet man, dwelling in tents.

**28** Isaac loved Esau, because he ate of his game; but Rebekah loved Jacob.

**29** Once when Jacob was boiling pottage, Esau came in from the field, and he was famished.

**30** And Esau said to Jacob, "Let me eat some of that red pottage, for I am famished!" (Therefore his name was called Edom. )

**31** Jacob said, "First sell me your birthright."

**32** Esau said, "I am about to die; of what use is a birthright to me?"

**33** Jacob said, "Swear to me first." So he swore to him, and sold his birthright to Jacob.

**34** Then Jacob gave Esau bread and pottage of lentils, and he ate and drank, and rose and went his way. Thus Esau despised his birthright.

## **Epistle – Romans 8: 1-11**

- 1** There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.
- 2** For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set me free from the law of sin and death.
- 3** For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do: sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin, he condemned sin in the flesh,
- 4** in order that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.
- 5** For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit.
- 6** To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace.
- 7** For the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law, indeed it cannot;
- 8** and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.
- 9** But you are not in the flesh, you are in the Spirit, if in fact the Spirit of God dwells in you. Any one who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him.
- 10** But if Christ is in you, although your bodies are dead because of sin, your spirits are alive because of righteousness.
- 11** If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit which dwells in you.

## **Gospel – John 4: 1-15**

- 1** Now when the Lord knew that the Pharisees had heard that Jesus was making and baptizing more disciples than John
- 2** (although Jesus himself did not baptize, but only his disciples),
- 3** he left Judea and departed again to Galilee.
- 4** He had to pass through Samaria.
- 5** So he came to a city of Samaria, called Sychar, near the field that Jacob gave to his son Joseph.
- 6** Jacob's well was there, and so Jesus, wearied as he was with his journey, sat down beside the well. It was about the sixth hour.
- 7** There came a woman of Samaria to draw water. Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink."

**8** For his disciples had gone away into the city to buy food.

**9** The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?" For Jews have no dealings with Samaritans.

**10** Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water."

**11** The woman said to him, "Sir, you have nothing to draw with, and the well is deep; where do you get that living water?"

**12** Are you greater than our father Jacob, who gave us the well, and drank from it himself, and his sons, and his cattle?"

**13** Jesus said to her, "Every one who drinks of this water will thirst again,

**14** but whoever drinks of the water that I shall give him will never thirst; the water that I shall give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life."

**15** The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, that I may not thirst, nor come here to draw."

### **Special Music: Trish Diamond**

**Sermon - Rev. Jim**

**"Women At The Well"**

**\*Hymn No. 433**

**Sweet Hour of Prayer**

### **\*Benediction**

Go forth in the name of the Lord. This is God's charge:  
We should believe in the name of his Son, Jesus Christ, and love one another, just as he commanded us.

**\*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**

**Lead On, Eternal Sovereign – Hal Hopson**

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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, Kay Barnard, Melvin & Bonnie Baughman, Donnie  
Baxter, Jim Benoit, Father Elijah Bremer, Rhonda Brown, Terry  
Coslic, Jim Coughenour, Tammy Coughenour, Pam Crooks,  
Elizabeth Deal, John Durst, Reon Engleka,  
Art & Marlene Gotchen, Andrea (Shaulis) Harris, Larry Hay, Faye  
Hetrick, Kerry Landis, Brenda & Larry Leister, Jim Little, Larry  
McCullen Jim McKenzie, Bonnie Murphy, Dalton Paul, Kathy  
Picking, James Robb, Lois Saylor,  
Nancy Schrock, Owen Shaulis, Cliff Sleasman, Tracey Smith,  
Mark Stahl, Peggy Stayrook, Larry Tinkey, Adeline Vieregge,  
Robin Walker,  
Harry Watkins, Gerald Zorn

**Prayers and Concerns:**

Pastor Art Gotjen underwent another surgery at the end of June. Please join us in sending him your prayers, well wishes and cards to:

Art Gotjen, 1096 Sunset Dr, Somerset, PA 15501

**The Saints In Action**

TODAY –7th Sunday after Pentecost

9:00 a.m. Worship

10:10 Sunday School (Fellowship Hall Only)

Next Sunday – 8th Sunday after Pentecost

9:00 a.m. Worship

10:10 a.m. Sunday School (Fellowship Hall Only)

Church Picnic – 12 p.m. at the Grove.

**Giving From 07/09/23**

	Rec	Budget	Over/Under
<b>General</b>	\$3516.51	\$3155.58	\$360.93
<b>Ben</b>	\$296.00	\$182.69	\$113.31
<b>Maint</b>	\$198.50	\$163.46	\$35.04
<b>Mem</b>	0.00		\$0.00
<b>Total</b>	\$4011.01	\$3501.73	\$509.28

Also not included in Benevolence were Donations to Food Pantry of \$15 and Knotty Knotters of \$150.00.

**Important Note:** Please be sure to make donations for Knotty Knotters directly through TUCC in order to receive donation credit.

**Worship Attendance: 89**

**Sunday School: 14**



## **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), Tom Croner (Camera)

**Ushers:** Carl Brick, Leonard Gary

**Acolytes:** Cohen Clark

***The Flowers on the altar*** in honor of our children, Alissa and Josh and their families by Bob & Colleen Glotfelty.

## ***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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**Email Bulletin**

We recently had some internet issues that removed some of our group lists. One of those was our bulletins that some of you had requested to receive via email. Please let us know if you are no longer receiving the bulletin in this format, as you had in the past. Thank you for your patience.

**Hard Copy Bulletin**

Weekly the office mails hard copy bulletins to some of our shut ins or prayer list individuals that are unable to attend church. If you wish to have a hard copy sent to someone you have placed on the prayer list, please let the office know.

**The Parsonage Conference Room Sunday School Class** will be starting an in-depth study of I & II Peter on Sunday August 6<sup>th</sup>. This study will give you a look at how to get the most out of your Bible reading. The apostle Peter wrote two short letters that are packed with so much that we need to hear in our culture today. Join us as we dig in and find many hidden treasures that you might miss in general reading. This class is open to adults of **ALL AGES** and is lead by Sue Coughenour. *Come join us!*

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**Sunday School for Nursery Through 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Only:**

There will be no Sunday School for the Summer for the Nursery through 5<sup>th</sup> grade classes only. Sunday School will resume on Rally Sunday, September 10<sup>th</sup>. All other classes will continue to meet in the Social Room for the program of Culture Shock.

## **Berlin Food Pantry**

**Thank you** for your financial support. This donation will assist in helping those who struggle to make ends meet within the greater Berlin and Shanksville School Districts.

## **Church Picnic**

The church picnic will be Sunday, July 23rd at 12 p.m. at the Grove. Please RSVP by obtaining a slip from the Vine Street entrance bulletin board or by calling the church office. Let's have a great turn out this year and share in some wonderful fellowship.

**Living Waters Camp** is offering various camps for June & July for all age groups. Please contact the Church Office for more details.

## **Berlin Community Day:**

Mark your Calendars for **Saturday, July 22, 2023**, 9 am – 4 pm for Berlin Annual Community Day. We are coordinating our annual "Main Street" event with The Ice Cream Station's "Christmas in July". So far, we have Bluegrass/Gospel music, a Silent Auction, food vendors, a Kids Korner, and much more. **A portion of our proceeds will be donated to a local charity!**

This year our church will be participating in the Berlin Community Day. We will be serving stuffing with gravy, hot dogs, drinks and having a bake sale. Please consider donating some baked goods. We will also need volunteers to help man the booth. The proceeds from this will benefit church programs. Let's make this a great day! Please contact Jean Hart (814) 267-5667 or (814) 442-2200 if you would like to help.

## **Changes to upcoming Supply Minister assignments.**

July 23      Pastor Jay Shaffer  
July 30      Kaitlyn Coughenour  
**August 6**   Pastor Jay Shaffer  
August 13   Dwayne Hay  
August 20   Kaitlyn Coughenour  
August 27   Dan Croft

**Bolded dates indicate “Communion” Sundays.**

A huge thank you to all of our pulpit supply participants and to Tom Croner and Rus Ogburn for reaching out to these wonderful people.

**A message from Holy Trinity Lutheran Church  
Sight and Sound**

We have purchased the tickets and reserved the bus for the showing 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.

**Berlin Community VBS – July 24<sup>th</sup> – July 28<sup>th</sup>**

As the Berlin Community VBS quickly approaches we wanted to reach out with a few updates.

Donations are still being accepted. Many gracious community members have asked if there are particular materials/physical items needed. The event includes a meal, but we are hopeful to be able to provide a snack for each attendee as well. We are asking for individually wrapped snacks and drinks - small bags of chips, grahams crackers, goldfish crackers, juice boxes, etc. Monetary donations will be accepted to aid in the purchase of supplies as well.

For questions or to arrange for pickup of donations, please reach out to Angie Klink at 814-442-9195.

Year after year, we are so grateful for the goodness of God and the help of our community.

Registration forms may be found at the Vine St. entrance.

**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.



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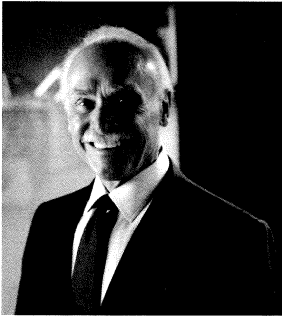
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today!***



***Have A Blessed Week!***