

11TH SUNDAY AFTER
PENTECOST

***11thth Sunday After Pentecost
August 9, 2026***

***Pastor Dave Creamer
Assisted By: Truitt and Callum Ogburn***

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

“Please silence your cell phone”

Preludes

Prelude on “Web” – Jason Payne
Trumpet Tune – Jason Payne

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

***Hymn No. 493**

It Is Well Within My Soul

Call to Confession

To walk on water, we just have to keep our eyes on Jesus. Never doubt he will save us. To be forgiven of our sins works the same way, keep our eyes on him and never doubt in his Grace. Let us all confess together.

Confession

Heavenly Father, hear our prayer. Forgive us of our sins. Forgive us when we doubt. Forgive us when we look away from you. Calm the waters around us when they make us afraid. Guide us to be worthy of Jesus’ Grace.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Jesus is always there. There to rescue us before we sink below the waves. Believe in his Love, his redeeming power, rejoice and give thanks, and always give God the Glory.

*** Response 66**

To God Be The Glory

To God be the glory great things He hath done! So loved He the world that He gave us His Son, Who yielded His life an atonement for sin And opened the Life gate that all may go in. Praise the Lord, Praise the Lord, Let the earth hear His voice, Praise the Lord, Praise the Lord, Let the people rejoice! O come to the Father thru Jesus the Son And give Him the glory great things He hath done.

***The Affirmation of Faith**

I believe that God is our Maker. His creation is a gift we all share. He blesses us each day. We love Him with all that we are.

I believe that Jesus Loves me, no matter what. He died for me. To save me from my sin. He gives me grace and forgiveness. His love is for everyone, no exception. Jesus wants us to treat everyone with that kind of love.

I believe that Gods' constant presence, His Holy Spirit, is always with me. His Spirit is powerful, loving, and strong. Always near to me.

I believe in my church. The people that make it more than a place. That God calls it to help everyone. Dependable and caring it shapes the world around it. God at work.

***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

Gracious and loving God, we humble ourselves before you. A grateful people we praise you for your wonderous gifts. We bring to you our offering. A small part of ourselves, we pray that you make these gifts a blessing to many. We pray for this world. For the people devastated by fire, flood, and loss. We pray that your will is done. That from ashes, mud, and grief you restore, create, and renew. We pray that your spirit fills our homes. That we carry your will to all the places we go. That we reflect your glory no matter the place or time. We thank you for the love of your Son, Jesus Christ. We pray that the Love Jesus gives sustains us. That he guides and teaches us each day. We offer to you the prayer he first taught to us.

The Lord's Prayer (using debts and debtors)

The Hebrew Scripture Lesson is from Genesis Chapter 37, vs 1-4, and 12-28.

1 Jacob dwelt in the land of his father's sojournings, in the land of Canaan.

2 This is the history of the family of Jacob.

Joseph, being seventeen years old, was shepherding the flock with his brothers; he was a lad with the sons of Bilhah and Zilpah, his father's wives; and Joseph brought an ill report of them to their father.

3 Now Israel loved Joseph more than any other of his children, because he was the son of his old age; and he made him a long robe with sleeves.

4 But when his brothers saw that their father loved him more than all his brothers, they hated him, and could not speak peaceably to him.

12 Now his brothers went to pasture their father's flock near Shechem.

13 And Israel said to Joseph, "Are not your brothers pasturing the flock at Shechem? Come, I will send you to them." And he said to him, "Here I am."

14 So he said to him, "Go now, see if it is well with your brothers, and with the flock; and bring me word again." So, he sent him from the valley of Hebron, and he came to Shechem.

15 And a man found him wandering in the fields; and the man asked him, "What are seeking?"

16 "I am seeking my brothers," he said, "tell me, I pray you, where they are pasturing the flock."

17 And the man said, "They have gone away, for I heard them say, 'Let us go to Dothan.'" So, Joseph went after his brothers and found them at Dothan.

18 They saw him afar off, and before he came near to them they conspired against him to kill him.

19 They said to one another, "Here comes this dreamer.

20 Come now, let us kill him and throw him into one of the pits; then we shall say that a wild beast has devoured him, and we shall see what will become of his dreams."

21 But when Reuben heard it, he delivered him out of their hands, saying, "Let us not take his life."

22 And Reuben said to them, “Shed no blood; cast him into this pit here in the wilderness, but lay no hand upon him”—that he might rescue him out of their hand, to restore him to his father.

23 So when Joseph came to his brothers, they stripped him of his robe, the long robe with sleeves that he wore;

24 and they took him and cast him into a pit. The pit was empty, there was no water in it.

25 Then they sat down to eat; and looking up they saw a caravan of Ishmaelites coming from Gilead, with their camels bearing gum, balm, and myrrh, on their way to carry it down to Egypt.

26 Then Judah said to his brothers, “What profit is it if we slay our brother and conceal his blood?

27 Come, let us sell him to the Ishmaelites, and let not our hand be upon him, for he is our brother, our own flesh.” And his brothers heeded him.

28 Then Midianite traders passed by; and they drew Joseph up and lifted him out of the pit and sold him to the Ishmaelites for twenty shekels of silver; and they took Joseph to Egypt.

The Epistle Lesson Is From Paul’s Letter Romans Chapter 10: vs 5-15

5 Moses writes that the man who practices the righteousness which is based on the law shall live by it.

6 But the righteousness based on faith says, Do not say in your heart, “Who will ascend into heaven?” (that is, to bring Christ down)

7 or “Who will descend into the abyss?” (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead).

8 But what does it say? The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart (that is, the word of faith which we preach);

9 because, if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.

10 For man believes with his heart and so is justified, and he confesses with his lips and so is saved.

11 The scripture says, “No one who believes in him will be put to shame.”

12 For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and bestows his riches upon all who call upon him.

13 For, “every one who calls upon the name of the Lord will be saved.”

14 But how are men to call upon him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without a preacher?

15 And how can men preach unless they are sent? As it is written, “How beautiful are the feet of those who preach good news!”

The Gospel of Jesus Christ

Matthew Chapter 14: vs 22-33

22 Then he made the disciples get into the boat and go before him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds.

23 And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up on the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone,

24 but the boat by this time was many furlongs distant from the land, beaten by the waves; for the wind was against them.

25 And in the fourth watch of the night he came to them, walking on the sea.

26 But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, “It is a ghost!” and they cried out for fear.

27 But immediately he spoke to them, saying, “Take heart, it is I; have no fear.”

28 And Peter answered him, “Lord, if it is you, bid me come to you on the water.”

29 He said, “Come.” So Peter got out of the boat and walked on the water and came to Jesus;

30 but when he saw the wind, he was afraid, and beginning to sink he cried out, “Lord, save me.”

31 Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, “O man of little faith, why did you doubt?”

32 And when they got into the boat, the wind ceased.

33 And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, “Truly you are the Son of God.”

Special Music
“The Lord Is My Salvation”
“Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)”
Ally VanGilder

Message
“The Shortest Distance Between Two Points”
Pastor Dave Creamer

***Hymn No. 275**

How Firm A Foundation

***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

Jubilation – Jason Payne

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Those Remembered in prayer:

God's guidance and protection for Armed Forces.

Shut Ins:

Mary Jane Harding, Cynthia Kelly,
Debbi Luteri, Lillian Potter, Lois Saylor

Healing Concerns:

Mark Amyot, Donnie Baxter, Paige Boyer,
Chris Brant, Rhonda Brown, Debbie Chafin, Tim Clites,
Susan Constantino, LaVerne Coslic, Tammy Coughenour,
Eric Custer, Lauren Davis, Tracy Dickey,

Judy DiPasquale, Deneen Eutsey, Linda Gallick, Dennis Griffith,
Karen Griffith, John Halverson, Andrea (Shaulis) Harris,
Joe Harris, Michael Harris, Joy Hay (Dwayne), Larry Hay,
Marilyn Heiple, Gary Hillegas, Karen Hittie, Barb Keyser,
Bennett Keyser, Barry Landis, Wendy Leister, Richard Lilliston,
Jim Little, Nick Lorson, Blair and Phylis Lyons, Judy McCullen,
Larry McCullen, Joyce Miller, Laura Miller, Robert "Lee" Miller,
Carl (Edison) Paul, Kathy Picking, Easton Pritts, Brian Robb,
James Robb, Brett Sarver, Kayla Sarver, Tammie Saylor,
Nancy Schrock, Curt Shaulis, Missy Shaulis,
Dawn Edmiston-Strasser, Roger Stoy, Chuck Sullivan,
Larry Tinkey, Audrey Twombly,
Barbara and Peter Usher, Faye Walker, Robin Walker,
Nancy Weighley, Echo Kincaid Yoder, Jim Zimmerman,
Gerald Zorn

Pray for the family Brenda Leister due to her passing.

**If you have any information on anyone on this list, please
contact the office with updates.**

The Saints In Action

TODAY- 11th Sunday after Pentecost

9:00 a.m. Worship

10:10 a.m. Sunday School

Next Sunday – 12th Sunday after Pentecost

9:00 a.m. Worship

10:10 a.m. 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: Lori Gindlesperger, Colton Custer

Ushers: Leanna Coughenour, Allison Zimmerman

Acolyte/Lectors: Truitt and Callum Ogburn

Organ: Ann Slifco

Flowers on the altar are given in honor of our children, grandchildren and great grandchildren, **The Trulicks;** Paul, Michele, Nick, Stew, Kristin, Lennon, Aaron and Rebecca. **The Englekas;** Sean, Cathy and Jayden. **The Welchs;** Tom, Shelby and Lincoln. By Reon and Sheron Engleka

Special Flowers are in congratulations and honor of my husband, Tom Bush, being posthumously being inducted into the Somerset County Baseball Hall of Fame on August 8th by Pam Bush

The Whole Congregation in Ministry and Assisted by

Dave Creamer, 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:

Sue Coughenour, 814-233-5413

Jim Darr, 814-483-0957

Allison Zimmerman, 814-267-4324

Consistory Deacons:

*Pam Bush, Lori Gindlesperger, Jean Hart, Jeanne Hillegas,
Bill Landis (President) 814-521-6800, Allen Strasser, Amy Saylor,
Carrie Croner, Shawn Hart*

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Sunday School

Tom Calvert will be teaching over the summer months.

Tom will be using the Ray Vander Laan videos.

These videos tour the land of Israel and brings their culture to light in the Scriptures to give them more meaning.

Bible Blast Update

There were 15 children who were lavishly loved at the Bible Blast kid's event on August 2. Due to inclement weather, the event was held in the Fellowship Hall. Many of those children do not attend church on any regular basis, and they came away knowing that you can have fun in church. Plus, one Bible was wanted and taken home. A BIG thank you to all who volunteered, donated money and snacks, prayed, or any other support given. The hard work of preparing the games is done, and we are already thinking of ideas to make it better next year. Leftover snacks were donated to the playground, which were very much appreciated for their summer meal program.

Unity is having a weekend at Living Waters Friday through Sunday, August 14-16. It is at the lodge. You can rent a room with 2 twin beds for \$60 per night, or you can come down any time on Saturday and join in the fun. If you have a camper, you can bring that too for a fee. They suggest you bring your favorite games and a covered dish or munchies to share. We need to know by tomorrow, 8/3. Thank you so much! Jean Hart

Pius Springs Woman's Club

Cleaning out closets this summer? Kids growing too fast? The Pius Spring Woman's Club is again collecting gently used, clean clothing, shoes, and backpacks for a Back-to-School Swap. Donations are needed by August 9. We welcome children's clothing sizes 4T-16, as well as adult sizes appropriate for students in grades K-12. Please make sure all items are clean and ready to wear.

The Back-to-School Swap will be held on August 15, 2026, at the Cup of Soul Annex, and everyone is welcome to participate. Together, we can help local children head back to school feeling prepared and confident.

There will be a collection box in the large Sunday School room and gather clothing as it's received.

Online Giving (Tithe.ly)

If you are giving through our recent online Tithe.ly and no longer need donation envelopes, please contact the office. Therefore, in order to give you a more accurate picture of our budget goals, we If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact the office or Renee.

Trinity Trumpet

It's that time again. Trinity Trumpet will begin publishing the week of August 18th. Once again, we'd love to hear from you as this is YOUR newsletter. Committee members please provide as much information as possible as we head into fall activities.

Shut In Visitations

There is a sign-up sheet at the Vine Street entrance bulletin board to sign up to visit our shut ins. Their names and addresses are on the list. Please just put the time and date that you can visit. Let's let our shut ins know we care!

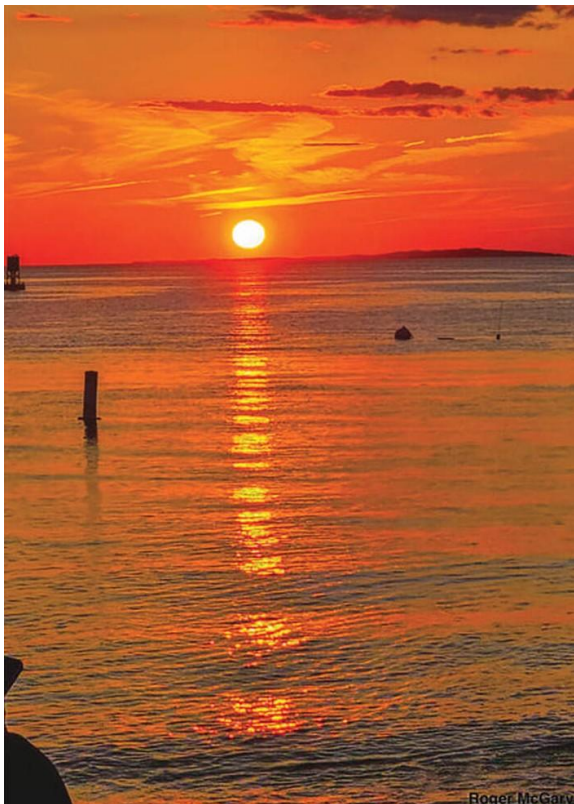
Berlin Brothersvalley Summer Food Program JB Schrock Community Park

Our local summer food program is providing free lunches to children in our community every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 11:30 am – 12:30 pm at J B Schrock Community Park [700 South St.] ~ running through August 14th.

Pray for our school - "Footprints On Campus"

We are inviting you to pray around BBSD August 10-14, starting at 7pm. Stay as long as you're able, or make the days you're available. If you're wondering how you can specifically pray, there is a prayer guide available on the Vine Street bulletin board. Meet at the middle school flagpole.

Pastoral Care: For those in need of pastoral care please contact Pastor Dave Creamer at 814-777-2280. If Dave is not available, please contact Tom Croner at 814-442-6740. If neither is available, contact Pam Bush at 541-990-0832.



Roger McGary

**Holy and compassionate God, you call to us before we are ready, you speak truth before we feel equipped, and you work healing even when others would rather wait. We gather today because you are faithful. Your mercy is older than our doubts, and your love is wider than our fears.
Amen.**

**Thank You For Joining Us
& Have A Blessed Week Ahead**