



20TH SUNDAY AFTER  
**PENTECOST**

***Sunday Morning Worship Service  
Trinity United Church of Christ  
Pastor Dave Creamer  
Assisted by Cora & Lucy Wright  
October 26, 2025***

***“Please silence your cell phone”***

**Preludes: Voluntary on “Engelberg” – Lloyd Larsen**  
**Trusting Jesus – Mary McDonald**

## Greeting and Announcements

## Call To Worship Based on Psalm 84, A joyful worship.

How lovely is Gods dwelling place, wherever he is found.

**His Temple, our homes, withing our hearts, each a sacred space.**

Where God holds court his presence shines, sing out in joy to the living God.

**In places where each sparrow finds a home, Gods Alters receive their gifts.**

Our heart, our strength, our every move lead to salvation of our eternal home.

**A day in Gods Court are grander than a thousand else ware,  
happy is everyone who trusts in God.**

**\*Hymn No. 3**

## Praise, My Soul, The King of Heaven

### Call to Confession:

The Apostle Paul tells to seek salvation. To run the race, to fight the good fight. To find the crown of righteousness we must lay our sins at the cross.

## Confession:

**Heavenly Father hear our prayer. You know our hearts, you see our faults, forgive us of our sins. Bless us with renewed determination, fill us with a determined Will, help us to live for your glory. Use our hearts, guide our hands, help us on our path, let us know our path.**

## Silent Confession

## **Assurance of Pardon:**

The Grace of Jesus is with us. The Spirit of God surrounds us. Take heart in the salvation we seek, be blessed with that redeeming power.

### **\*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**

Gracious God we bring to you, our gifts. We offer to you our praise, our thanks. You have given us more than we can imagine. We pray that we may be your people. Guided by your Will, seeking your Glory. We pray that you watch over our neighbors. Close or far, we pray for them, we ask that they may know the thankfulness and praise we have for you. We pray that you always look after us. Care and protect us keep us safe in this world and

grant us peace that you are near to us and our loved ones. With our Faith we lift up to you our prayer list. People and places that you know. We pray for your healing comfort, we ask that you mend body, heart, and mind. That each soul is warmed with your presence. Our greatest blessing is the love of your Son. His sacrifice forgives our sins. We offer to you the prayer he first gave to us:

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

**The Old Testament Scripture reading from the Book of Joel  
Chapter 2, vs 23-32.**

**23** "Be glad, O sons of Zion,  
and rejoice in the Lord, your God;  
for he has given the early rain for your vindication,  
he has poured down for you abundant rain,  
the early and the latter rain, as before.

**24** "The threshing floors shall be full of grain,  
the vats shall overflow with wine and oil.

**25** I will restore to you the years  
which the swarming locust has eaten,  
the hopper, the destroyer, and the cutter,  
my great army, which I sent among you.

**26** "You shall eat in plenty and be satisfied,  
and praise the name of the Lord your God,  
who has dealt wondrously with you.

And my people shall never again be put to shame.

**27** You shall know that I am in the midst of Israel,  
and that I, the Lord, am your God and there is none else.

And my people shall never again  
be put to shame.

**28** "And it shall come to pass afterward,  
that I will pour out my spirit on all flesh;  
your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,  
your old men shall dream dreams,  
and your young men shall see visions.

**29** Even upon the menservants and maidservants  
in those days, I will pour out my spirit.

**30** "And I will give portents in the heavens and on the earth, blood  
and fire and columns of smoke.

**31** The sun shall be turned to darkness, and the moon to blood, before the great and terrible day of the Lord comes.

**32** And it shall come to pass that all who call upon the name of the Lord shall be delivered; for in Mount Zion and in Jerusalem there shall be those who escape, as the Lord has said, and among the survivors shall be those whom the Lord calls.

### **The Epistle Lesson from the Second Letter of Paul to Timothy, Chapter 4, vs 6-8 and 16-18.**

**6** For I am already on the point of being sacrificed; the time of my departure has come.

**7** I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith.

**8** Henceforth there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will award to me on that Day, and not only to me but also to all who have loved his appearing.

**16** At my first defense no one took my part; all deserted me. May it not be charged against them!

**17** But the Lord stood by me and gave me strength to proclaim the message fully, that all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth.

**18** The Lord will rescue me from every evil and save me for his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory for ever and ever. Amen.

### **The Gospel of Jesus Christ from the Book of Luke, Chapter 18, vs 9-14.**

**9** He also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and despised others:

**10** "Two men went up into the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector.

**11** The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself, 'God, I thank thee that I am not like other men, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even like this tax collector.

**12** I fast twice a week, I give tithes of all that I get.'

**13** But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even lift up his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, 'God, be merciful to me a sinner!'

**14** I tell you; this man went down to his house justified rather than the other; for everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but he who humbles himself will be exalted."

**Hymn No.18**

**Come, We That Love The Lord**

**Message**

**"Justified In Prayer"**

**Pastor Dave Creamer**

**\*Hymn No. 2**

**Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing**

**\*Benediction**

**\*Response – Sung with Dismissal**

**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.**

**\*Going Forth**

**Postlude**

**Declare His Glory – Mary McDonald**

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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

### **Healing Concerns:**

Mark Amyot, Donnie Baxter, Jim Benoit, Brad Bowers,  
Paige Boyer, Chris Brant, Rhonda Brown,  
Ray Coleman, Susan Constantino, Tammy Coughenour,  
Eric Custer, Tracy Dickey, Wilma Durst, Jeff Gavel,  
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, Richard Lilliston,  
Jim Little, Blair and Phyllis Lyons, Judy McCullen, Larry McCullen,  
Joyce Miller, Robert "Lee" Miller, Carl (Edison) Paul,  
Kathy Picking, Easton Pritts, Brian Robb,  
James Robb, Brett Sarver, Karol Saylor, Tammie Saylor,  
Nancy Schrock, Curt Shaulis, Missy Shaulis, Phyllis Stoy,  
Dawn Edmiston-Strasser, Larry Tinkey, Patsy and Dave Titus,  
Barbara & Peter Usher Robin Walker,  
Nancy Weighley, Gerald Zorn

### **The Saints In Action**

Today- 20<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

9:00 a.m. Worship

10:10 a.m. Sunday School

**Tuesday 6:30 p.m. Bells in the sanctuary**

Next Sunday – 21<sup>st</sup> Sunday After Pentecost – All Saints

9:00 a.m. Worship

10:10 a.m. Sunday School

### **Giving From 10/19/2025**

|                | Rec       | Budget    | Over/Under |
|----------------|-----------|-----------|------------|
| <b>General</b> | \$2200.00 | \$3155.58 | -\$955.58  |
| <b>Ben</b>     | \$310.00  | \$182.69  | \$127.31   |

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| <b>Maint</b> | \$285.00  | \$163.46  | \$121.54  |
| <b>Mem</b>   | \$500.00  |           |           |
| <b>Total</b> | \$3295.00 | \$3501.73 | -\$706.73 |

Not included in Benevolence were Donations to Food Pantry of \$15 and Operation Christmas Child \$315

**Worship Attendance: 94**  
**Sunday School: 25**

***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:** Colton Custer, Pam Bush

**Ushers:** Pam Bush, Amanda Custer

**Acolytes:** Nathan Spangler

**Organ:** Amanda Custer

***Flowers on the altar are in honor of*** our family, Scott, Lauren, Andy, Melissa, Kylan and Kamden by Mark & Lori Gindlesperger

***The Whole Congregation in Ministry and Assisted by:***

*Pastor Dave Creamer*

*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.**

Church Office Phone: 814-267-3234

Mailing Address: PO Box 86, Berlin, PA 15530

Email: [berlinucc@yahoo.com](mailto:berlinucc@yahoo.com)

Website: [www.berlinucc.org](http://www.berlinucc.org)

### **Sunday School**

Adult Sunday School is currently doing an in-depth study on the book of Daniel. Come join us as we discover prophecy yet to be fulfilled. The class begins at 10:10 am in the Fellowship Hall and is led by Sue Coughenour.

### **Hugs & Kisses**

October TBD – Yard/Leaf cleanup for homebound.

**All Saints Sunday** will be observed on November 2. We celebrate the Saints that have gone before us this past year. They will be honored, as will we, with our Trinity Bell Choir.

### **Veterans Sunday – November 9th**

Thank you for your service.

And thank you Berlin Fife and Drum Corps for joining us.

### **Confirmation Class**

The next confirmation class will be held October 29<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. in fellowship hall.

### **Church World Services Disaster Kits**

Is an ongoing (year-round) ministry mission. As we now make way for Operation Christmas child as our October mission, always keep the need for disaster kits in mind as disasters do not have an expiration date.



## **Operation Christmas Child**

Want to Participate but don't want to shop.....Great News:

### **Send the Gospel to the Ends of the Earth Without Leaving Home**

Shoebox gifts built online go to the ends of the earth to children in some of the hardest-to-reach places—whether deep jungles, city slums, steep mountainsides, or one of more than 1,000 remote Pacific islands. Many of these areas are resistant to the Gospel, for cultural or religious reasons, and are home to some people who have never heard the Name of Jesus Christ.

When you Build a Shoebox Online, it provides believers in remote regions a creative way to share the Good News in a culturally sensitive manner. Online boxes are carefully prepared, abiding by strict customs regulations to safeguard partners who will deliver the gifts, as well as the boys and girls who receive them. Jesus said, “Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations” (Matthew 28:19). Help fulfill the Great Commission and take the Gospel to the ends of the earth by building a shoebox online today!

Cost to build an online box is only \$30 and that includes quality items and the shipping fee.

Check out one of these links:

**<https://build-a-shoebox.samaritanaspurse.org/view/2c49c382-fca4-4730-bf36-02c9f17fafa3>**



## **Adopt A Family**

Adopt a Family will be our mission for the month of November in addition to Birthright of Somerset Giving Tree Drive. For more information, please contact Julie Petro at 814-442-5124

## **JB Schrock Community Park Update & Events**

### **Community Bingo Nights**

@ Borough Building – \$25 for 20 games

Doors Open: 6 PM | Games Start: 7 PM

Dates: Nov 7 • Dec 12

Food and drinks available for purchase

### **RADA Cutlery Fundraiser-Shop online:**

<https://bit.ly/RadaCutleryFundraiser>

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(Contact: Linda Karchner, President)

## **Congregational Meeting December 7<sup>th</sup>**

An early reminder the annual Congregational Meeting will be held on the first Sunday of December following worship services.

Tentative Agenda will be our proposed budget and selection of new incoming Consistory members and recognition of outgoing members. The proposed budget will be included in the upcoming newsletter.

## **Speaking of Newsletter**

Our newsletter will go to press this week. **Please submit any information by Wednesday.** The holidays are a very busy time, so we ask that all committees and parishioners submit as much information as possible as soon as possible. As always, we encourage everyone to participate in “YOUR” newsletter. Remember the last newsletter asked you to share your “Presence of God” stories. We have heard several since that publication, but we’d love to share your story with everyone.

**Pastoral Care:** For those in need of pastoral care please contact, Dave Creamer, Pastor for Trinity at 814-777-2280. If Dave is not

available, please contact Pam Bush at 541-990-0832 or Jay Shaffer at 814-483-0398



**Gracious and loving God, You call us to trust in Your mercy and walk in Your ways. As we gather in Your presence, open our hearts to Your Word and guide us to live as faithful disciples. May our worship bring glory to Your name and renew our spirits for the week ahead. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

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