



14TH SUNDAY AFTER
PENTECOST

September 14, 2025
Pastor Dave Creamer
Assisted By Cohen Clark

Trinity United Church of Christ
600 Main Street
Berlin, Pennsylvania

Preludes

**I Sing the Mighty Power of God – Mark Hayes
In The Cross of Christ, I Glory – Mary McDonald**

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

Based on Psalm 51, When David Seeks Cleansing from God.

1 Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love;
according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.

**2 Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,
and cleanse me from my sin!**

3 For I know my transgressions,
and my sin is ever before me.

**4 Against God, have I sinned,
and done that which is evil in His sight,
so that you are justified in your sentence
and blameless in your judgment.**

5 Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity,
A sinner since my birth.

**6 You desire truth from within my being;
therefore, teach me wisdom in my secret heart.
Cleans me with righteousness, and I shall be clean;**

***Hymn No. 512**

My Savior's Love

Call to Confession:

There are times when we are the lost sheep. Searching for something we want wandering away from the path. Let us call out to the good Shepard for forgiveness.

Confession:

Heavenly Father hear our Prayer. Help us to find our path, to want to serve you. Help us to hear your guidance, to know your will. Forgive us of our sins and help us to want to sin no more.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon:

Each of us matter to God. Each one of us a little lamb carried back to the flock by the Grace Jesus gives. Each one of us saved by his Love.

***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. A thankful people, blessed in many ways, we share some of our gifts. We pray that our offering may be a blessing to others, that your will is done. We pray for a world we do not understand, we pray that it bends to your will, and you bring it peace as only you can. Protect and care for our military, comfort their families, give them all peace and strength. Father we pray that your spirit is in our schools and homes. That we make communities that prosper in your Glory. It is with our Faith that we lift up for your care the people on our prayer list. With that faith we ask for your healing touch and comforting presence. We pray that you mend bodies, hearts, and minds. We pray that you comfort weary souls and offer shelter to your flock, especially those that are lost. We pray for the care givers, the good neighbors, and give them patience and determination. Steady us all in our task to love one another. Blessed with his Grace, surrounded by his love, we are grateful for our savior Jesus. We offer to you the prayer he taught to us.

The Lord's Prayer (using debts and debtors)

The Old Testament Scripture from the book of Jeremiah, Chapter 23 vs 1-4

1 "Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture!" says the Lord.

2 Therefore thus says the Lord, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who care for my people: "You have scattered my flock, and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. Behold, I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the Lord.

3 Then I will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the countries where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply.

4 I will set shepherds over them who will care for them, and they shall fear no more, nor be dismayed, neither shall any be missing, says the Lord.

The Epistle Lesson from the Book of Timothy, Chapter 1 vs 12-17

12 I thank him who has given me strength for this, Christ Jesus our Lord, because he judged me faithful by appointing me to his service,

13 though I formerly blasphemed and persecuted and insulted him; but I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief,

14 and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus.

15 The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. And I am the foremost of sinners;

16 but I received mercy for this reason, that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display his perfect patience for an example to those who were to believe in him for eternal life.

17 To the King of ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory for ever and ever. Amen.

The Gospel of Jesus Christ from the Book of Luke, Chapter 15 vs 8-10

8 “Or what woman, having ten silver coins, if she loses one coin, does not light a lamp and sweep the house and seek diligently until she finds it?”

9 And when she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin which I had lost.’

10 Just so, I tell you, there is joy before the angels of God over one sinner who repents.”

Hymn No. 41

God Is So Good

Message
“Lost Pennies”
Pastor Dave Creamer

***Hymn No. 284 They’ll Know We Are Christians By Our Love**

***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

Jubilation – Jason Payne

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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, Marcy Brick, 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, Jim Little,
Blair and Phylis 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,
 Robin Walker, Nancy Weighley, Gerald Zorn

The Saints In Action

Today- 14h Sunday after Pentecost

9:00 a.m. Worship

10:10 a.m. Sunday School

Wednesday - Bell Practice – 6:30 p.m.

Next Sunday –15th Sunday after Pentecost

9:00 a.m. Worship

10:10 a.m. Sunday School

Giving From 09/07/2025

	Rec	Budget	Over/Under
General	\$3593	\$3155.58	\$437.42
Ben	\$240	\$182.69	\$57.31
Maint	\$190	\$163.46	\$26.54
Mem	\$0		
Total	\$4023	\$3501.73	\$521.27

Not included in Benevolence were Donations to Food Pantry of \$15

Worship Attendance: 81

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: Jim and Jean Ann Darr

Ushers: Leanna Coughenour, Allison Zimmerman

Acolytes: Avery and Isla Hillegas

Organ: Nancy Bittner

Flowers on the altar are in memory of Edna Mae Chappie (Grandma Mae) and in honor of Bob Chappie (Pap) by Dave, Missy, Mathew & Kaitlyn Miller

Special flowers in recognition of the Third Anniversary of Jean Ann Darr joining Trinity United Church of Christ as our Secretary and her dedication and the services she provides to our congregation.

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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Sunday School

Beginning September 14th, Sue Coughenour will begin a new in-depth study of the book of Daniel. Using Dr. Alan B. Stringfellow's method of studying Daniel, we will bring clarity and understanding to one of the most misunderstood books in Scripture. By embarking on this journey, believers will discover the influence that the book of Daniel had on the life and literature of the Jewish people throughout the biblical period and all the way to the writers of the New Testament, including Jesus Christ Himself, who often quoted from it. But nowhere is that influence seen as thoroughly as in the writings of the apostle John and parallels that exist with the book of Revelation. As in John's prophetic work, the book of Daniel describes in beautiful and marvelous language the glorious coming of our Lord, Jesus Christ. Like John, Daniel was sure and certain about the final triumph of the kingdom of God. Everyone is invited to join us in the Fellowship Hall following the morning worship service. Come give Sunday School a try - we are never too old, nor can we say we know enough about scripture to say it isn't for you.

In preparation of this class, please read the book of Daniel (only 12 chapters), and bring your Bible, pen and notebook to our first class. I think this will be one of our best studies yet!

Hugs & Kisses – Today!!!

Bike & Hike – September 14th.

Meet at Garrett Trail Head at 3:00 p.m. with your bike and helmet or good walking shoes.

Veterans Sunday

If there are any changes or additions to the veterans or those currently serving in the military, please contact Sheron Engleka at 814-267-4166 by October 19th. Thank you for your service.

Church World Services Disaster Kits

As we wind down our September mission of world disaster kits, moving forward to Operation Christmas Child in October, please note the sample kits on the altar and kit content instructions at the entrances. We still have time to make a difference with this faith in motion project.

Trinity Ladies Lunch

Our next meeting (luncheon) will be on Monday, October 6th at Cup of Soul at 11:30 a.m.

Bulletin Boards:

Please let the office know if you are posting information on the bulletin boards. Let us help you get the word out in the bulletin.

JB Schrock Community Park Update & Events

Thank you for supporting your local playground!

Our summer program wraps up on August 15, but the park remains open for family fun and rentals! Over 1,500 kids visited this summer, including local daycares. We've had a blast with daily crafts, themed activities, and a wonderful team, headed by Miss Kristi and our teen staff from CareerLink/Tableland. The free summer food program was also a big success!

We're planning several fundraisers to support: Ongoing maintenance; New security cameras; Summer programming & improvements.

Community Bingo Nights

@ Borough Building – \$25 for 20 games

Doors Open: 6 PM | Games Start: 7 PM

Dates: Sept 19 • Oct 10 • Nov 7 • Dec 12

Food and drinks available for purchase

Annual Playground Birthday Bash

Date: Saturday, Sept 6 | Time: 10 AM – 2 PM

Activities include Cake Walks; Basket Raffles; Live Music; Face Painting & More! Delicious food available for purchase.

Sporting Clay Shoot

Date: Sept 13

Proceeds support a new Pickleball Court

Details available on our Facebook page

Chili Cook-off

Date: October 25

More details are coming soon!

RADA Cutlery Fundraiser-Shop online:

<https://bit.ly/RadaCutleryFundraiser>

Stay Connected:

Facebook: [facebook.com/jbschrockplayground](https://www.facebook.com/jbschrockplayground)

Email: jbschrockplayground@gmail.com

(Contact: Linda Karchner, President)

Goodwill Donation Drive

Help the Berlin Marching Band purchase additional uniforms.
Saturday, September 20th, Drop Off Location Berlin VFW 8 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Donate your gently used items – Clothing, Shoes, Household Goods, Small Electronics, Toys, Books and MORE!

Questions? Contact Steve Landis at jestland@verizon.net

Berlin Area Historical Society presents “Pioneer Day” at Humble House (Log House) on October 11, 2025, from 2:00 to 6:00 p.m.

A variety of food will be provided by six local churches. Food may be purchased and eaten on-site or as take-out. Food will include ham pot pie, beef noodle soup, pigs in the blanket, sauerkraut, hot Italian sandwiches, apple dumplings, gobs, pumpkin rolls and beverages.

Demonstrations will be held inside and outside the Humble House. Everyone is welcome to attend this event.

Joyful Followers of Christ Bazaar

September 27th, 10:00-3:00 pm

2524 Garrett Shortcut Rd., Garrett PA

Live music, hayrides, food items, vendors/crafts/flea market items, kid’s activities and much more.

For more information call 717-262-8591

American Heritage Girls Troop PA-2415

Trail Life USA Troop PA-2415

Come try out a meeting and see what we’re all about!

3 Mondays in September, 8, 15, 22.

6:30 p.m. Berlin Brethren Church, 620 Main St, Berlin, PA 15530

For questions, call 814-267-3863.

The Berlin Brethren Church is sponsoring a weekend exploring the Biblical text with Dr. John Byron. It will be held on Saturday, September 27th at 6:30 p.m. and Sunday, September 28th at 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

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



Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful.
And kindle in them the fire of your love.
Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created.
And you will renew the face of the earth.

Through Christ our Lord.
Amen

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