



***Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost***

***Holy Communion***

***August 4, 2024***

***Guest Speaker – Dave Creamer***

***Assisted by: Vesper & Truitt Ogburn***

***Trinity United Church of Christ***

***600 Main Street***

***Berlin, Pennsylvania***

## **Prelude**

**1<sup>st</sup> Prelude by Just Brass**

**A People United**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Prelude by Rick Kimmel**

**Mediation on “The Lord’s My Shepherd – Mary McDonald**

## **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**

### **Call to Worship:**

God gave a command to the skies above and opened the doors of heaven.

**He rained down manna for the people to eat, he gave them the grain of Heaven.**

Men ate the bread of angels; he sent them all the food they could eat.

**He let lose the East wind from the heavens, and lead forth the south wind by his power.**

He rained meat down on them like dust, flying birds like sand on the seashore.

**They ate till they had more than enough, he gave them what they craved!**

**Hymn No. 60**

**Morning Has Broken**

### **Call to Confession:**

Jesus is the bread of life! Sent by God to feed all his people. His sacrifice is a gift for us. His resurrection of our hope. Let us join, seeking the gift of forgiveness.

### **Prayer of Confession:**

**Heavenly Father, we have sinned. Try as we might we fail.**

**Anger we feel, things we say, things left undone. Forgive us.**

**We are grateful for the Bread of Life, thankful to be saved by**

**Jesus Grace. Help us to be better recipients of this grace.**

**Help us to share its good news with a hungry world.**

**Silent Confession  
Assurance of Forgiveness**

Like Mana from Heaven, we can have our fill of Grace. The bread of life never runs out. Reaching out to God, hungry for salvation, he forgives us. We rejoice.

**\*Response**

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost:  
as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world  
without end. Amen, Amen.**

**\*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.**

**Please Remain Standing**

With Joy We Now Offer Our Gifts

**\* 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. We have to offer but a small part of what you give us. We are blessed and grateful for all we have. We ask that you use these gifts, and your will is done.

Heavenly Father, we ask for your care. The struggles of life bring us sickness and suffering. Please bring your healing touch to those who are fighting through the things that harm and hurt us. Strengthen the ones who offer us care. Comfort us in our need. We lift to you those on our prayer list, the people in our hearts, the ones we don't know how to help.

Watch over the ones who watch over us. Our military and first responders. We pray for a world we don't understand.

Heavenly Father, bless us with the presence of your Holy Spirit. Fill us with resolve and determination to be better Christians, Help us to be fruitful and productive in doing your will. Strengthen your church.

We are grateful for the bread of life. The gift of Jesus, his examples, his teaching, help us to share the bread. Heavenly Father we offer to you now the prayer Jesus taught his disciples.

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



### **Special Music** **“Just Brass”**

**Kari Hostetter, Trumpet**  
**Erik Wagler, French Horn**  
**Jason June, Tuba**

**Steve Landis, Trumpet**  
**Rick Showers, Trombone**

### **“For The Glory”** **“America The Beautiful”**

**Scripture:**

**Exodus 16:2-4, 9-15**

**2** In the desert the whole community grumbled against Moses and Aaron.

**3** The Israelites said to them, "If only we had died by the LORD's hand in Egypt! There we sat around pots of meat and ate all the food we wanted, but you have brought us out into this desert to starve this entire assembly to death."

**4** Then the LORD said to Moses, "I will rain down bread from heaven for you. The people are to go out each day and gather enough for that day. In this way I will test them and see whether they will follow my instructions.

**9** Then Moses told Aaron, "Say to the entire Israelite community, 'Come before the LORD, for he has heard your grumbling.'"

**10** While Aaron was speaking to the whole Israelite community, they looked toward the desert, and there was the glory of the LORD appearing in the cloud.

**11** The LORD said to Moses,

**12** "I have heard the grumbling of the Israelites. Tell them, 'At twilight you will eat meat, and in the morning you will be filled with bread. Then you will know that I am the LORD your God.'"

**13** That evening quail came and covered the camp, and in the morning, there was a layer of dew around the camp.

**14** When the dew was gone, thin flakes like frost on the ground appeared on the desert floor.

**15** When the Israelites saw it, they said to each other, "What is it?" For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, "It is the bread the LORD has given you to eat."

**Epistle:**

**Ephesians 4:1-16**

**1** As a prisoner for the Lord, then, I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received.

**2** Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love.

**3** Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace.

**4** There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to one hope when you were called;

**5** one Lord, one faith, one baptism;

**6** one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.

**7** But to each one of us grace has been given as Christ apportioned it.

**8** This is why it says: "When he ascended on high, he took many captives and gave gifts to his people."

**9** What does "he ascended" mean except that he also descended to the lower, earthly regions ?

**10** He who descended is the very one who ascended higher than all the heavens, in order to fill the whole universe.)

**11** So Christ himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers,

**12** to equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up

**13** until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ.

**14** Then we will no longer be infants, tossed back and forth by the waves, and blown here and there by every wind of teaching and by the cunning and craftiness of people in their deceitful scheming.

**15** Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will grow to become in every respect the mature body of him who is the head, that is, Christ.

**16** From him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work.

### **Gospel:**

#### **John 6:24-35**

**24** Once the crowd realized that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they got into the boats and went to Capernaum in search of Jesus.

**25** When they found him on the other side of the lake, they asked him, "Rabbi, when did you get here?"

**26** Jesus answered, "Very truly I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw the signs I performed but because you ate the loaves and had your fill.

**27** Do not work for food that spoils, but for food that endures to eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For on him God the Father has placed his seal of approval."

**28** Then they asked him, "What must we do to do the works God requires?"

**29** Jesus answered, "The work of God is this: to believe in the one he has sent."

**30** So they asked him, "What sign then will you give that we may see it and believe you? What will you do?"

**31** Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written: 'He gave them bread from heaven to eat.' "

**32** Jesus said to them, "Very truly I tell you, it is not Moses who has given you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven.

**33** For the bread of God is the bread that comes down from heaven and gives life to the world."

**34** "Sir," they said, "always give us this bread."

**35** Then Jesus declared, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never go hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.

**Sermon**  
**"Bread That Endures"**  
**Guest Speaker – Dave Creamer**

**Sacrament of Communion**

Jesus said: I am the bread of life. You who come to me shall not hunger; you who believe in me shall never thirst.

**In company with all who hunger for spiritual food, we come to this table to know the risen Christ in the sharing of this life-giving bread.**

**\*Communion Prayer**

God be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to God.**

Let us give thanks to the God Most High.  
**It is right to give God Thanks and Praise.**

Eternal God, who has created the heavens and the earth, giving breath to every living thing, we thank you for all the gifts of creation and for the gift of life itself. We thank you for making us in your own image, for forgiving us when we act as though you have no claim on us, and for keeping us in your steadfast care.

We rejoice in Jesus Christ, the only one eternally begotten by you, who was born of your servant Mary and shared the joys and sorrows of life as we know it.

We remember Christ's death, we celebrate Christ's resurrection, and, in the beloved community of your church, we await Christ's return at the end of history.

We take courage from the abiding presence of your Holy Spirit in our midst. We offer you our praise for women and men of faith in every age who stand as witnesses to your love and justice. With all the prophets, martyrs, and saints, and all the company of heaven, we glorify you.

**Holy, Holy, Holy God of Love and majesty, the whole universe speaks of your glory, O God Most High.  
Blessed is the one who come in the name of our God!  
Hosanna in the highest!**

**Please be seated.**

We remember that on the night of betrayal and desertion, Jesus took bread, gave you thanks, broke the bread, and gave it to the disciples, saying: "This is my body which is broken for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

In the same way, Jesus also took the cup, after supper, saying: "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

By eating this bread and drinking this cup, we proclaim Christ's death, celebrate Christ's resurrection, and await Christ's coming again.



**Amen. Come, Christ Jesus!**

Gracious God, we ask you to bless this bread and cup and all of us with the outpouring of your Holy Spirit. Through this meal, make us the body of Christ, the church, your servant people, that we may be salt, and light, and leaven for the furtherance of your will in all the world.

**Amen. Come, Holy Spirit**

**Breaking Bread and Pouring Wine**

Through the broken bread we participate in the body of Christ. Through the cup of blessing, we participate in the new life Christ gives us.

**Resurrection Acclamation**

Alleluia! Fear not, I am the first and the last, and the living one. **I died, and behold I am alive for evermore. Alleluia!**

**Sharing of the Elements**

The gifts of God for the people of God. Come, for all things are ready.

The body of Christ, the living bread.

**Amen!**

The blood of Christ, the saving cup.

**Amen!**

**\*Prayer of Thanksgiving**

Let us pray.

**Eternal God, you have called your people from east and west and north and south to feast at the table of Jesus Christ. We thank you for Christ's presence and for the spiritual food of Christ's body and blood. By the power of your Holy Spirit, keep us faithful to your will. Go with us to the streets, to our homes, and to our places of labor and leisure that whether we are gathered or scatter, we may be the servant church of the servant Christ, in whose name we rejoice to pray.**

**Amen.**

**\*Hymn No. 601**

**"Lord Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing"**

**\*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 #1**

**“Hero” – Just Brass**

**Postlude #2**

**Postlude on “Coronation” – Jason Payne**

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**Those Remembered in prayer:**

God's guidance and protection for Armed Forces.

**Shut Ins:**

Barb Berkley, Roy Bucher, Helen Diest, Mary Forespring, Cynthia Kelly, Lois Krause, Debbi Luteri, Lois Saylor.

**Healing Concerns:**

Mark Amyot, Donnie Baxter, Jim Benoit,  
Mandy Bockes, Paige Boyer,  
Father Elijah Bremer, Rhonda Brown, Ray Coleman,  
Tammy Coughenour, Pam Crooks,  
Nancy Custer, Reon Engleka, Kathy Fox,  
Nancy Gindlesperger, Cheryl Glessner,  
Art & Marlene Gotchen, Paul Gallick,  
Andrea (Shaulis) Harris, Joe Harris, Michael Harris,

Joy Hay (Dwayne), Larry Hay, Peter Kaltenbaugh, Barry Landis,  
 Brenda & Larry Leister, Jim Little,  
 Cathy Meyers, Joyce Miller, Carl (Edison) Paul, Kathy Picking,  
 James Robb, Brett Sarver, Tammie Saylor,  
 Nancy Schrock, Brooke Stutzman, Larry Tinkey, Adeline  
 Vieregge, Diane Walker, Robin Walker, Jane Watkins, Nancy  
 Weighley, Lucy Wright, Allison Zimmerman, Gerald Zorn

**Please Update**

Please let the office know of the status of anyone you have placed on the Prayer List.

**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

**Giving From 07/028/2024**

	Rec	Budget	Over/Under
<b>General</b>	\$2392.00	\$3155.58	-\$763.58
<b>Ben</b>	\$65.00	\$182.69	-\$117.69
<b>Maint</b>	\$365.00	\$163.46	\$201.54
<b>Mem</b>			
<b>Total</b>	\$2822.00	\$3501.73	-\$676.73

Also not included in Benevolence were Donations to Food Pantry of \$65.

**Worship Attendance: 64 + 13 Online = 77**  
**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:** Lori Gindlesperger (Board), Chris King (Camera)

**Ushers:** Ann Slifco, Chris King

**Acolytes:** Vesper Ogburn, Truitt Ogburn

**Organ:** Ann Slifco

**Flowers on the altar** in memory of Frank & Ruth Ream, and Frank Ream, Jr. by Bill, Ann and Willie Slifco

***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:**

*Rus Ogburn, Vice President, 814-267-5650*

*Sheron Engleka, 814-267-4166*

*Jim Darr, 814-267-5260*

**Consistory Deacons:**

*Pam Bush, Leanna Coughenour, Tom Croner (President) 814-*

*442-6740, Amanda Custer, Jean Hart, Gale Hay, Bill Landis,*

*Julie Petro, Ann Slifco*

## **Church Office Hours – Tuesday through Thursday**

**9:00 a.m. to 1 p.m.**

Church Office Phone: 814-267-3234

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

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

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

August 11 Dan Croft

August 18 Peter Kaltenbaugh

August 25 Dave Creamer

**September 1 Jay Shaffer**

**Bolded dates indicate communion.**

### **Sunday School**

Tom will be teaching for the next couple of months doing Ray Vander Laan's video series entitled "With All Your Heart". It is a six-part series that will be a new video not previously seen in Sunday School.

### **Youth Sunday School**

We will resume in the fall, September 8<sup>th</sup>.

**Sunday School Teachers** would like to make a Lego Room out of the part of the Nursery that has carpeting. There are Parables and other Bible Lessons that can be taught using Legos. If anyone has any Legos or a Lego table or Lego storage options that they would like to donate to this project- please bring them and put them in the nursery downstairs. Thank you!

### **Bethlehem Experience**

Planning is underway for the 5<sup>th</sup> biennial "Bethlehem Experience in Berlin PA. This year's event will be held Sunday December 8<sup>th</sup>, on the Block Party Lot in Berlin. In an effort to cut down on the waiting time, we are planning to offer a "walk through" from 200-4:00 p.m. and a "drive through" from 5:30-8:00 p.m.

How can you help?

- 1) Pray that the people coming to the event experience Jesus and pray for favorable weather.
- 2) Donate funds to purchase supplies for building sets; pay for rental of sound/lighting systems.

- 3) Volunteer to help with making the sets, costumes, painting, etc.
- 4) Volunteer to serve as actors – we will need approximately 40 volunteers.
- 5) Volunteer to help with set up and tear down December 7-8

If you are able to donate, please make check payable to:

Bethlehem Experience, 500 South St., Berlin PA 15530

If anyone would like to volunteer, please contact one of the following:

Joanne Stoltzfus – 814-233-5905

Cheryl Hay – 814-267-5642

Angie Klink – 814-442-9195

Jeanette Landis – 814-267-3020

April Logue – 814-267-5072

Lorrie Shaw – 814-521-8852

### **J B Schrock Community Park 2024 Summer Food Program**

The J B Schrock Community Park [500 South St., Berlin] will be hosting a free summer lunch program through the Pittsburgh Food Bank. This program is open to all children, ages 2-18, in the Berlin Brothersvalley School District; no paperwork or income guidelines are required.

"Grab-and-Go" lunches will be available June 10-August 16, on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, from 11:30 am-12:30 pm. Come to visit the playground & stay for lunch! Each lunch will include enough food for 2-3 days.

### **Heritage Sunday, October 6th, 2024**

Both the Council of Trinity Lutheran Church and our Consistory have graciously agreed to return an old tradition called Heritage Sunday. This is based on our common heritage beginning in 1777 when both congregations built one building for both congregations to share. The date selected and approved is October 6th, 2024.

There will be no church or Sunday School at our church that Sunday. Church Service will be at 10:40am that Sunday at Trinity Lutheran Church, Berlin. Sunday School will be there also at 9:30am. The following year we, Trinity UCC, will then host Trinity Lutheran at our church. Please join in this celebration of our Common Heritage on Sunday, October 6th, 2024.

If anyone is interested in singing with the Holy Lutheran choir on Heritage Sunday, please contact Maria Mowry at 814-932-1839. Call or text would be great.

**Maria Mowry will start joint choir practices for Heritage Sunday music.**

**At this point she has scheduled Sunday, August 18 and August 25 following our 10:40 AM service.**

**The time should be approximately 11:30 AM.**

### **Hospice Volunteers Needed**

Hospice volunteers come from all ages and walks of life, with an extraordinary love and compassionate concern for others. They contribute to the overall well-being of our patients, families, and UPMC Volunteers help Family Hospice and those we serve in many ways.

- Patient/family companionship
- Bereavement support
- Pet assisted visits
- Clerical
- Share musical talents
- Barber and hair stylist

All volunteers receive free training and orientation. If you are interested in becoming a volunteer with Family Hospice, call Daun, volunteer & bereavement coordinator at 814-515-6056.

### **Faith Night At the Ice Cream Station**

Saturday, August 10, 6-8 p.m.

“All For Him Worship Band”

“All For Him” Worship Band is a band of dedicated Christian women who love contemporary Christian music. They love to draw people into worship with them to encounter the Living Christ. They met through an interdenominational 3-day retreat, Tres Dias, and hail from different denominations and region, with Jesus being the common thread. They have become spiritual sisters in Christ as they’ve served and worshipped together. It’s “All For Him”.

Hosted by Swell Ministry. In case of inclement weather, Faith Night will be moved to Swell Ministry located at 701 North St., Lot 2 (in the rear of the building), Berlin. Bring your own chairs.

**Basket Party:**

Kenneth W. Hause Sr., passed away on June 8<sup>th</sup> of this year. To help with medical expenses please contact his daughter Tonia Hause, 814-417-4839. Basket party will be held at Berlin Community Grove, 8/10, 12:00 to 5:00.

**Pastoral Care:** For those in need of pastoral care please contact Tom Croner, President of Consistory at 814-442-6740, who will arrange for a pastor to provide comfort and assurance in a time of crisis. If you need **immediate** pastoral care, contact Jay Shaffer at 814-483-0398.



**Blessings For a Wonderful  
Week Ahead!**