



***Fourth Sunday of Easter
May 11, 2025
Student Pastor - Dave Creamer
Assisted by – Vesper and Truitt Ogburn***

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

Preludes

**A Mighty Fortress is Our God – Jason Payne
Nearer, Still Nearer – Jason Payne**

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 From Psalm 16; Trust and Security in God.

Protect us God, in you we take refuge.

You are our God, we have no good apart from you.

We bless the Lord who gives us counsel, gives instructions to our hearts.

**We keep the Lord before us, He steadies us with his hand,
our Faith will not be moved.**

Our hearts are glad our soul rejoices!

**You show us the path of life, your presence there brings
fullness of joy. Amen!**

*** Hymn No. 462**

Savior Like a Shepherd Lead Us

Call to Confession

United as children of God, United in the Covenant of forgiveness with Jesus, lets unit our voices in confession.

Confession

**Heavenly Father, hear our prayer. Redeem us with your
grace. Renew us with your Love for us. Forgive us of our
sins. Strengthen us with your Spirt. Guide us with your
presence. Help us to do your Will.**

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

John tells us in Revelations that all are made clean by the blood of the lamb. In exchange for our sins Jesus can make us shine in dazzling white! For this we give God the Glory. Amen

***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. You bless us with bountiful gifts. These things we share with you. Place our gifts where your will needs them. Help us to use our hearts and hands for your glory. We ask that your presence bring peace from the chaos. Steady us with your touch and protect us as we journey on our path. Be with our military, help them in their task as they protect and serve. We pray that your Spirit is in our homes, that

we are a fruitful people, spreading your will. We pray for your Church, that we grow in your purpose, young or old help us to serve you in our ways. It is with our Faith and Love for you that we lift up our prayer list. We ask that you heal those on our hearts and minds. We are thankful for your mercy we are grateful for the Grace Jesus gives to us and we offer to you the prayer Jesus taught to us.

The Lord's Prayer (using debts and debtors)

Scripture:

The Acts of the Apostles: Acts Chapter 9, Versus 36-43

36 Now there was at Joppa a disciple named Tabitha, which means Dorcas. She was full of good works and acts of charity.

37 In those days she fell sick and died; and when they had washed her, they laid her in an upper room.

38 Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, hearing that Peter was there, sent two men to him entreating him, "Please come to us without delay."

39 So Peter rose and went with them. And when he had come, they took him to the upper room. All the widows stood beside him weeping and showing tunics and other garments which Dorcas made while she was with them.

40 But Peter put them all outside and knelt down and prayed; then turning to the body he said, "Tabitha, rise." And she opened her eyes, and when she saw Peter she sat up.

41 And he gave her his hand and lifted her up. Then calling the saints and widows he presented her alive.

42 And it became known throughout all Joppa, and many believed in the Lord.

43 And he stayed in Joppa for many days with one Simon, a tanner.

The Revelation of John: Revelations Chapter 5 versus 11-14

9 After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude which no man could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and tongues, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands,

10 and crying out with a loud voice, “Salvation belongs to our God who sits upon the throne, and to the Lamb!”

11 And all the angels stood round the throne and round the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God,

12 saying, “Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God for ever and ever! Amen.”

13 Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, “Who are these, clothed in white robes, and whence have they come?”

14 I said to him, “Sir, you know.” And he said to me, “These are they who have come out of the great tribulation; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

15 Therefore are they before the throne of God, and serve him day and night within his temple; and he who sits upon the throne will shelter them with his presence.

16 They shall hunger no more, neither thirst any more; the sun shall not strike them, nor any scorching heat.

17 For the Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of living water; and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”

The Gospel of John: John 10, Vs 22-30

22 It was the feast of the Dedication at Jerusalem;

23 it was winter, and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon.

24 So the Jews gathered round him and said to him, “How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Christ, tell us plainly.”

25 Jesus answered them, “I told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name, they bear witness to me;

26 but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep.

27 My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me;

28 and I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish, and no one shall snatch them out of my hand.

29 My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all, and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father's hand.

30 I and the Father are one.”

***Hymn No. 468**

The King of Love My Shepherd

**Sermon
“You Never Forget the Sound”
Dave Creamer**

**Hymn No. 229 (verses 1-3 only, No optional stanzas)
Our God Reigns**

***Benediction**

***Response – Sung with Dismissal**

***Going Forth**

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.**

Postlude:

This Little Light of Mine – Jason Krug

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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, Dennis Brant, Father Elijah Bremer, Rhonda Brown,
Ray Coleman, Susan Constantino, Tammy Coughenour, Eric
Custer, Tracy Dickey, Wilma Durst, Reon Engleka, Paul Gallick,
Nancy Gindlesperger, Marlene Gotchen, Dennis Griffith,
Karen Griffith, Andrea (Shaulis) Harris, Joe Harris, Michael Harris,
Joy Hay (Dwayne), Larry Hay, Marilyn Heiple, Gary Hillegas,
Barry Landis, Brenda Leister, Jim Little, Judy McCullen, Larry
McCullen, Cathy Meyers, Joyce Miller, Laura Miller, Robert "Lee"
Miller, Carl (Edison) Paul, Kathy Picking, Brian Robb, James
Robb, Brett Sarver, Tammie Saylor, Nancy Schrock, Curt Shaulis,
Phyllis Stoy, Dawn Edmiston-Strasser, Brooke Stutzman,
Larry Tinkey, Robin Walker, Nancy Weighley, Gerald Zorn

The Saints In Action

Today- 4th Sunday of Easter

9:00 a.m. Worship

10:10 a.m. Sunday School

Monday – 7:00 p.m. Consistory Meeting

Wednesday – 6:30 Trinity Bell Practice

Next Sunday –5th Sunday of Easter

9:00 a.m. Worship

10:10 a.m. Sunday School

Giving From 05/04/2025

	Rec	Budget	Over/Under
General	\$3260.00	\$3155.58	\$104.42
Ben	\$526.00	\$182.69	\$343.31
Maint	\$341.00	\$163.46	\$177.54
Mem			
Total	\$4127.00	\$3501.73	\$625.27

Not included in Benevolence were Donations to Food Pantry of \$10.

Worship Attendance: 79
Sunday School: 23

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 Darr, Pam Bush

Ushers: Sheron Engleka, Jean Ann Darr

Acolytes: Vesper and Truitt Ogburn

Organ: Amanda Custer

Flowers on the altar are given in memory of Devon and June Landis, Larry Landis and Helen Landis Frye and Kerry Landis by Barry Landis

Special Flowers on the alter in honors of the Mothers in our family: Judy T. McCullen, Cynthia L. McCullen-Janicki, Martha Tambllyn, and Shirley McCullen by Larry McCullen.

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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Hugs & Kisses

May 11th - Mother's Day - Youth will pass out scripture inspiration cards and pictures to the women during church.

Mother's Day Breakfast - Sunday, May 11 at Berlin Veterans Home, 413 Meadow Street, Berlin, from 9:00 am. to 1:00 pm. Breakfast will include ham, sausage links, bacon, hash browns and fried potatoes, scrambled eggs, pancakes, sausage gravy and biscuits, dessert and milk, juice, and coffee. Ages 13 and up \$13.00, ages 5-12 \$5.00, under 5 - free. The public is welcome so come and treat your Mom to a great breakfast.

Pictorial Committee

Signups for the church pictorial will be after church on Sunday, May 18th, June 1 and June 8th at the Vine Street entrance.

The dates for the pictorial pictures are:

Sunday, July 20 - 10:00am - 12:30pm,
Sunday, July 27 - 10:00am - 12:30pm
and Tuesday, July 29 - 5:00pm - 7:30pm

“Graduate Sunday”

We know it's a little early to be thinking about graduation, however, we are planning Graduate Sunday on June 8th. If you have family or friends graduating from high school or college this year, please contact the church office so that we can gather information for recognition of their accomplishments.

Trinity Bells

Remember that Trinity Bells will be ringing for the last time until fall on May 18th!!

Fundraiser Chicken BBQ

A fundraiser to support the Berlin Veteran Banners will be held at the American Legion on May 18th. Get ready to support a great cause and some good chicken starting at 11:00.

Unity UCC Chicken BBQ

Sunday, June 15th at the church social hall.

2074 Huckleberry Highway, Berlin

11:30 a.m. until sold out. Eat in or take out.

½ Chicken \$8.00

½ Chicken Dinner (two sides and a roll) \$10.00

Side options: macaroni salad, baked beans & green beans.

Hot Dogs - \$1.50

Sides - \$1.00

Desserts and Drinks will be available for separate purchase.

** On Friday June 13th, Saturday June 14th, and Sunday June 15th tickets will be available for purchase in the social hall for the Camp Committee's annual basket raffle which supports sending our local kids to Camp Living Waters! Winners will be drawn on Sunday afternoon (around 2:00 p.m.) and no need to be present to win

Hospice is currently looking for volunteers in our area. Our Mission Statement: Our Hospice services are designed to provide comfort care as well as spiritual and emotional support for people in the final phase of a terminal illness. If interested, please refer to the poster at the back door entrance for more information.

Berlin Community Bible School

Hello, I'm Connie Jandik and I'm one of the coordinators for the Berlin Community Bible School. The work has begun for this year's VBS. We would like to invite you and your children to participate. How you ask?

1. Talk to your kid's ministry leader and your congregation about attending.
2. Volunteer – we can use any help you can give us.
3. We would like a pastor or youth leader to be present every night each taking a night to pray and interact with the kids.
4. Financially between the parade candy and flyer and VBS it adds up fast.
5. PRAYER IS ALWAYS A MUST, NEVER TOO MANY

The dates this year are July 21-25 at the Berlin Community Grove. If you have any questions, please call me at 814-267-3047, call or text 814-442-0365 or email: crjandik@gmail.com. Thank you.

Parking

As a reminder, please remember that the last five spots on either side of Riverside Market (those closest to Main Street) are designated spots for us on Sundays. Additionally, the lot behind the bank (Riverside's big parking lot) is available for us as well. We appreciate Scott Etris letting us park there, so we need to respect the guidelines.

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 Dave Creamer, Student Pastor for Trinity at 814-777-2280. If Dave is not available, please contact Jay Shaffer at 814-483-0398.



God loves us. Of this we are sure.
We are no strangers to him.
He is near to us in all we do.
Let us not be strangers to one another
but people who build up one another
with the blessing of almighty God:
the Father who loves us,
his Son who leads us as our shepherd,
and the Holy Spirit who unites us.

There is no other name
by which we are saved
than the name of Jesus Christ,
crucified but risen from the dead.
May the risen Lord Jesus be always with you

Have A Blessed Week Ahead