



***8th Sunday After Pentecost
July 19, 2026***

***Pastor Dave Creamer
Assisted By: Cora & Lucy Wright***

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

“Please silence your cell phone”

Preludes

Prelude on “Hyfrydol” – Jason Payne Meditation – Lloyd Larson

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. 25

Immortal, Invisible

Call to Confession

Paul tells us that we are obligated to be led by the Spirit. That all who are led by the Spirit are Children of God. That we receive an inheritance of eternal life. Let us confess together.

Confession

Heavenly Father, hear our prayer. Bless us with your Spirit. Lead us to redemption. Guide us to the inheritance we share in Christ. Strengthen us with your Spirit to do your will.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

When we receive the Spirit, it frees us from the bonds of Sin. The Guilt and anguish Sin creates in us can no longer control us. We are free to live, and worship, and rejoice. For that we 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**

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 and loving God, you give us more than we can imagine. We are grateful for the gifts you provide. The places and people we cherish. We bring our gifts. We offer to you some of what we have. We pray that you bless this offering and make it an abundance of your will. Help us to have the faith, to believe, that you can create and restore and provide. As only you can. We pray that you care for us. That you watch over us. That you heal body, mind and soul. Help us to know that Jesus died for our sins. That he takes away the chains that hold us back from salvation. As brothers and sisters in Christ we share the prayer Jesus taught to us.

The Lord's Prayer (using debts and debtors)

The Old Testament lesson is from Genesis, Chapter 28 vs 10-19.

10 Jacob left and went toward Haran.

11 He came to a certain place and stayed there for the night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place.

12 And he dreamed that there was a stairway set up on the earth, the top of it reaching to heaven, and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it.

13 And the Lord stood beside him and said, "I am the Lord, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring,

14 and your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south, and all the families of the earth shall be blessed in you and in your offspring.

15 Know that I am with you and will keep you wherever you go and will bring you back to this land, for I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you."

16 Then Jacob woke from his sleep and said, "Surely the Lord is in this place—and I did not know it!"

17 And he was afraid and said, "How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven."

18 So Jacob rose early in the morning, and he took the stone that he had put under his head and set it up for a pillar and poured oil on the top of it.

19 He called that place Bethel.

The Epistle Lesson is from Paul's Letter to the Romans, Chapter 8 vs 12-17 (From the EEB)

12 So, my Christian friends, we must not obey what our weak human thoughts tell us to do. We no longer have to live like that.

13 If you agree to live in that way, you will die. Instead, you should let God's Spirit help you with his power. Then you can stop doing the wrong things that your bodies want to do. As a result, you will have life with God.

14 All those people who live with God's Spirit as their guide are God's children.

15 The Spirit that you have received from God does not make you serve him like slaves. That would make you afraid again. No. God's Spirit causes you to become God's children. As a result, we call God 'Abba, our Father.'

16 God's Spirit himself causes us to know that we are God's children. God's Spirit and our own spirits agree together that this is true.

17 Because we are God's children, we also know that we will receive good things from him. Those are the things that he has promised to give to his children. Together with Christ, we will receive the things that God has kept for him. That is true if we agree to suffer as Christ did. Then we will also enjoy life in heaven as Christ does.

The Gospel of Jesus Christ is from the Book of Matthew, Chapter 13 vs 24-30 and 36-43.

24 He put before them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field, **25** but while everybody was asleep an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat and then went away.

26 So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well.

27 And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, 'Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?'

28 He answered, 'An enemy has done this.' The slaves said to him, 'Then do you want us to go and gather them?'

29 But he replied, 'No, for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them.'

30 Let both of them grow together until the harvest, and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, 'Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.'

36 Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field."

37 He answered, "The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man;

38 the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one,

39 and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels.

40 Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age.

41 The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers,

42 and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

43 Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!

Special Music
Allen Strasser
“Abide With Me”

Message
“It is hard for us to tell.”
Pastor Dave Creamer

***Hymn No. 539**

O That Will Be Glory

***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

Postlude on “Hymn to Joy” – 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, Susan Constantino, LaVerne Coslic,
Tammy Coughenour, Eric Custer, Lauren Davis, Deneen Eutsey,
Tracy Dickey, Linda Gallick, Dennis Griffith, Karen Griffith, Andrea
(Shaulis) Harris, Joe Harris, Michael Harris, Joy Hay (Dwayne),
Larry Hay, Virginia Hay, Marilyn Heiple, Gary Hillegas,
Karen Hittie, Barb Keyser, Bennett Keyser, Barry Landis, Brenda
Leister, Wendy Leister, Richard Lilliston, Jim Little, Blair and
Phylis Lyons, Judy McCullen, Larry McCullen, Joyce Miller, Kaitlyn
Miller, Laura Miller, Robert "Lee" Miller, Carl (Edison) Paul,
Kathy Picking, Brian Robb, James Robb, Kayla Sarver,
Tammie Saylor, Nancy Schrock, Curt Shaulis, Missy Shaulis,
Dawn Edmiston-Strasser, Roger Stoy, Chuck Sullivan,
Larry Tinkey, Patsy and Dave Titus, Barbara and Peter Usher,
Faye Walker, Robin Walker, Nancy Weighley,
Echo Kincaid Yoder, Jim Zimmerman, Gerald Zorn

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

The Saints In Action

TODAY- 8th Sunday after Pentecost

9:00 a.m. Worship

10:10 a.m. Sunday School

Monday – 6:30 p.m. Consistory

Next Sunday – 9th 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

Hearing Amplifiers

Recycling Boxes for Bulletins

These Days – Devotional

Assisting in Worship

Sound: Bill Landis, Colton Custer

Ushers: Bill Landis, Jim Walker

Acolyte/Lectors: Cora and Lucy Wright

Organ: Amy Clark

Flowers on the altar are given in memory of loved ones by Ed and Shirley Reed.

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

Church Office Hours – Tuesday through Thursday

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

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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.

Hugs & Kisses

Sunday, August 2nd - Youth outing to Caddie Shak Family Fun Center in Donegal. We plan to go at 5:00 p.m. There are

youth group deals for pizza/fun cards. More information/details to come at a later date.

Bible Blast

Meeting for all volunteers for the Bible Blast will be held on Thursday, July 23rd, at 6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. We will be going over your assignments and giving our new popcorn machine a trial run. Please have clearances done by this meeting.

How You Can Help....

As we near Bible Blast on August 2nd here are items we need donated:

Snack cakes like Little Debbie's, Hostess, etc.

Small snack size bags of chips, any brand

Small water bottles

Please place donations in the box labeled Bible Blast in the Vine Street entrance. We are planning enough for 100 kids.

We will also be doing Jingle Sundays in the month of July to help offset other expenses for this event.

We appreciate any help you can give us.

What's Happening.....

Bring out your children, grandchild and the whole family to enjoy Bible Blast! This is a children's event with games, prizes, snacks, and fun fellowship; all with a Bible theme. It will be held rain or shine at the Trinity UCC on Sunday, August 2nd, from 1-3 pm. And the best part is that everything is free!

DVD's are available for the "I Love America" Choral Concert. Please contact the church office if you are interested. A Free Will donation would be appreciated and will go to the Berlin Food Pantry along with the offering collected the night of the concert.

Berlin Community VBS, "Our Awesome God" will be held July 20-23, 6:00 - 7:30 p.m., at the J.B. Schrock Playground. Ages Pre-K – Grade 5. Stories, Music, Crafts & More. Please contact the church office, if interested, for a registration form.

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.

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.

Walk to Defeat ALS 2026

Saturday, July 25th at University of Pittsburgh at Johnstown. If you would like to participate in the walk or would like to donate, please reach out to either Jeremy Portash at 814-418-1646 or Jenny Portash at 814-279-1782.

Operation Christmas Child Fundraiser

By now, you should all have received and order form for the Marrianna's Sub & Pizza Fundraiser to support Operation Christmas Child. Please share with your friends and families and remember the deadline is Thursday, July 23 and the pick up date is here at Trinity Fellowship Hall on Saturday, August 1. If you need more order forms please don't hesitate to contact Renee Gindlesperger or the church office. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Israel Tour Nov 21-30, 2026 Deadline SOON!

Pastor Tom and Deb Sprowls tour to Israel this Nov 21-30, 2026 has a few spots remaining. But the final deadline to sign up is by August 3rd! So, for complete information and application contact Pastor Sprowls immediately at tsprowsjr@comcast.net or (814) 243-4561. This is the Sprowls 4th trip to Israel, and all is well in Israel to make this trip an unforgettable Biblical life experience!

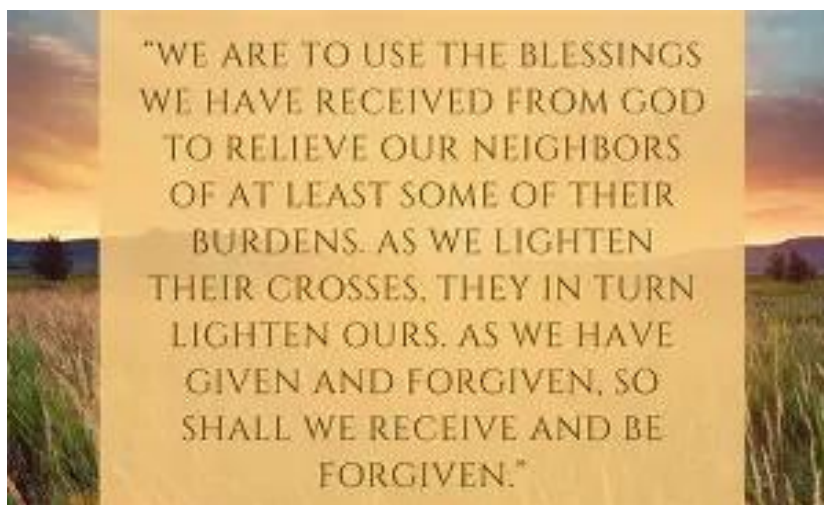
Planning and Scheduling Calendar

Monthly calendars have been posted on the Main Street entrance bulletin board. All committees please post dates of meetings and/or events on these calendars. In addition, please either leave a note in the church office mailbox at the Vine Street entrance indicating that you have done so or contact the office. The office will also post any requests that come through the office on your calendar as they occur. This combined effort will eliminate double booking in fellowship hall, the sanctuary or the church office conference room. It will also give everyone information and dates of events, meetings, etc. Thank you for your assistance.

As a reminder, please remember to communicate your scheduling with the office as we attempt to avoid double booking.

Parking At Riverside Market

Riverside Market is now closed on Sundays. Scott Etris says feel free to use any of the spots at the market for Sunday morning worship services.



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