



***Eleventh Sunday After Pentecost***

***August 13, 2023***

***Guest Speaker – Pastor Dwayne Hay***

***Assisted By – Jean Ann Darr***

***Trinity United Church of Christ***

***600 Main Street***

***Berlin, Pennsylvania***

## Preludes

**O God, Our Help In Ages Past – Jeff Perks  
Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise – Mark Hayes**

## Announcements

### Welcome

No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here at Trinity United Church of Christ

### Call to Worship

Come into the presence of God to be fed. Come to call on God, who is eager to answer.

**We gather to seek God's face. Let our eyes see all that is right and true.**

Incline your ears to hear all God would teach. Seek to experience God's steadfast love.

**We are here to receive God's blessing. God is our refuge in a frightening world.**

God is near to all who call and seek. Come to praise God and receive a blessing.

**Open all our senses to pay close attention, O God. We want to renew our covenant with the living God.**

### \*Hymn No 584

### It Is Good to Sing Thy Praises

### A Call to Confession

We cannot come before God unless we are first honest with ourselves about who we are, about the mistakes we make, and about how well or poorly we care for others. In this spirit, let us offer our prayer to God.

### Confession (in unison)

**God of mercy, this week we have done things against you and against each other. We have harmed the planet and its creatures. We are sorry. We are truly sorry. And we ask your forgiveness. Help us walk in the way of your love. Amen**

## **Silent Confession**

### **Assurance of Forgiveness:**

#### **\*Affirmation of Faith**

#### **The Apostle's 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**

**Thank you, God, for all you have given to satisfy our needs.  
You quench our thirst and alleviate our hungers when we turn  
to you. You turn scarcity into plenty and give us the  
opportunity to help others. May our offerings proclaim your  
goodness and mercy. May they be devoted to extending the  
beloved community of your people. Keep our words and  
actions attuned to your will, that we may offer to all what they  
need from your hand. All this we ask in the name of Jesus  
Christ who taught us to pray saying:**

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

### **Psalm 16**

**1 Preserve me, O God, for in thee I take refuge.**

**2 I say to the Lord, "Thou art my Lord;  
I have no good apart from thee."**

**3 As for the saints in the land, they are the noble,  
in whom is all my delight.**

**4 Those who choose another god multiply their sorrows;  
their libations of blood I will not pour out  
or take their names upon my lips.**

**5 The Lord is my chosen portion and my cup;  
thou holdest my lot.**

**6 The lines have fallen for me in pleasant places;  
yea, I have a goodly heritage.**

**7 I bless the Lord who gives me counsel;  
in the night also my heart instructs me.**

**8 I keep the Lord always before me;  
because he is at my right hand, I shall not be moved.**

**9 Therefore my heart is glad, and my soul rejoices;  
my body also dwells secure.**

**10 For thou dost not give me up to Sheol,  
or let thy godly one see the Pit.**

**11 Thou dost show me the path of life;  
in thy presence there is fulness of joy,  
in thy right hand are pleasures for evermore.**

### **Epistle – Romans 8: 18-30**

**18** I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us.

**19** For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God;

**20** for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of him who subjected it in hope;

**21** because the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and obtain the glorious liberty of the children of God.

**22** We know that the whole creation has been groaning in travail together until now;

**23** and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait for adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies.

**24** For in this hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what he sees?

**25** But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

**26** Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with sighs too deep for words.

**27** And he who searches the hearts of men knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

**28** We know that in everything God works for good with those who love him, who are called according to his purpose.

**29** For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the first-born among many brethren.

**30** And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified.

## **Gospel – Matthew 14: 13-21**

**13** Now when Jesus heard this, he withdrew from there in a boat to a lonely place apart. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns.

**14** As he went ashore he saw a great throng; and he had compassion on them, and healed their sick.

**15** When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, “This is a lonely place, and the day is now over; send the crowds away to go into the villages and buy food for themselves.”

**16** Jesus said, “They need not go away; you give them something to eat.”

**17** They said to him, “We have only five loaves here and two fish.”

**18** And he said, “Bring them here to me.”

**19** Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass; and taking the five loaves and the two fish he looked up to heaven,

and blessed, and broke and gave the loaves to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds.

**20** And they all ate and were satisfied. And they took up twelve baskets full of the broken pieces left over.

**21** And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

**Special Music: “Gene Kennedy”**

**Sermon - Pastor Dwayne Hay  
“ Is Our God a God of Abundance? ”**

**\*Hymn No. 600                      If You Will Only Let God Guide You**

**\*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.**

**Postlude                      Come, Thou Almighty King – Mark Hayes**

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**Those Remembered in prayer:**

God’s guidance and protection for Armed Forces.

### **Shut Ins:**

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

### **Healing Concerns:**

Mark Amyot, Kay Barnard, Melvin & Bonnie Baughman, Donnie Baxter, Jim Benoit, Paige Boyer, Father Elijah Bremer, Rhonda Brown, Terry Coslic, Jim Coughenour, Tammy Coughenour, Pam Crooks, Elizabeth Deal, John Durst, Reon Engleka, Art & Marlene Gotchen, Andrea (Shaulis) Harris, Larry Hay, Faye Hetrick, Kerry Landis, Brenda & Larry Leister, Jim Little, Larry McCullen Jim McKenzie, Bonnie Murphy, Dalton Paul, Kathy Picking, James Robb, Lois Saylor, Nancy Schrock, Owen Shaulis, Tracey Smith, Mark Stahl, Peggy Stayrook, Larry Tinkey, Adeline Vieregge, Robin Walker, Harry Watkins, Gerald Zorn

### **The Saints In Action**

TODAY –11th Sunday after Pentecost

9:00 a.m. Worship

10:10 Sunday School (Fellowship Hall Only)

Monday – 7:00 p.m. Consistory Meeting

Next Sunday – 12th Sunday after Pentecost

9:00 a.m. Worship

10:10 a.m. Sunday School (Fellowship Hall Only)

### **Giving From 08/06/23**

	Rec	Budget	Over/Under
<b>General</b>	\$3642.00	\$3155.58	\$486.42
<b>Ben</b>	\$346.00	\$182.69	\$163.31
<b>Maint</b>	\$276.00	\$163.46	\$112.54
<b>Mem</b>	0.00		\$0.00
<b>Total</b>	\$4264.00	\$3501.73	\$762.27

Also not included in Benevolence were Donations to Food Pantry of \$15.

**Important Note:** Please be sure to make donations for Knotty Knotters directly through TUCC in order to receive donation credit.

**Worship Attendance: 65**

**Sunday School: 8**

***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:** Tom Croner (Board), Tyler Gindlesperger (Camera)

**Ushers:** John Wisler, Debbie Boyer

***The Flowers on the altar*** in honor of our children and grandchildren, The Trulicks, Paul, Michelle, Nick, Stew, Kristin, Aaron and Rebecca and The Englekas, Sean, Cathy, Shelby and Jayden by Reon & Sheron Engleka.

### ***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:**

*Tom Calvert, President, 814-267-3771*

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

*Sheron Engleka, 814-267-4166*



**Consistory Deacons:**

*Amy Clark, Julie Petro, Ann Slifco  
Leanna Coughenour, Gale Hay, Tom Croner  
Amanda Custer, Debbie Boyer, Gaye Maust*

**Church Office Hours – Tuesday through Thursday  
9:00 a.m. to 1 p.m.**

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**Email Bulletin**

We recently had some internet issues that removed some of our group lists. One of those was our bulletins that some of you had requested to receive via email. Please let us know if you are no longer receiving the bulletin in this format, as you had in the past. Thank you for your patience.

**Hard Copy Bulletin**

Weekly the office mails hard copy bulletins to some of our shut ins or prayer list individuals that are unable to attend church. If you wish to have a hard copy sent to someone you have placed on the prayer list, please let the office know.

**Changes to upcoming Supply Minister assignments.**

August 20 Kaitlyn Coughenour

August 27 Dan Croft

**Bolded dates indicate “Communion” Sundays.**

A huge thank you to all of our pulpit supply participants and to Tom Croner and Rus Ogburn for reaching out to these wonderful people.

**September 10<sup>th</sup> is Sunday School Rally Sunday**, and it also happens to be Grandparents Day. So, kids grab your grandparents or someone special, and grandparents grab your grandchildren for a covered dish brunch after worship service that Sunday. Of course, parents are welcome too! There will be a brief program, crafts for the kids and lots of good fellowship and food.

Please mark your calendars and plan to come to this special meal on September 10<sup>th</sup> at approximately 10:05 a.m.

**There will be sign-up sheets at both entrances to let us know if you plan to attend so we can plan accordingly.**

**UPDATE: All adult Sunday School Classes will now be meeting as one** in the Fellowship Hall. Sue Coughenour will be starting an in-depth study of I & II Peter on Sunday, September 17<sup>th</sup> at 10:10 a.m. This study will give you a look at how to get the most out of your Bible reading. The apostle Peter wrote two short letters that are packed with so much that we need to hear in our culture today. Join us as we dig in and find many hidden treasures that you might miss in general reading. Please bring your Bible, a pen, and be ready to dive in. Hope to see you there!

### **Hugs & Kisses**

**August 16<sup>th</sup> 6:30 PM** – Youth to meet at the grove to help paint the inside of the pavilion as a community service project. Can bring extra brushes/rollers if you have them.

**August 27<sup>th</sup> 6:00 PM** – Back to School Campfire/Picnic at The Custers' House (739 Plank Rd) for all youth and their parents. Will provide meat, drinks, and tableware. **Please bring a covered dish and camp chairs. Text Amanda Custer at 814-483-4283 with a count if planning to attend.**

**October 22<sup>nd</sup> 7:00 PM** – Mac Powell and Friends Christian Concert at Word of Life Church in Greensburg. We need a group of 10 or more to get a group rate of \$18 per person. H&K will pay for any of our youth attending. Adults will self pay. **Please RSVP to Amy Clark by August 15<sup>th</sup> so that we can order tickets as a group.**

### **Christmas Program**

We are looking for a program director to head up the Christmas Program scheduled for 12/10/23. We can do adult/youth combined play this year with practice on 10/03/23 during Sunday School.

### **Food Pantry**

On behalf of the Berlin Food Pantry, thank you for your financial support. This donation will assist in helping those who struggle to

made ends meet within the greater Berlin and Shanksville School Districts. May God continue to share these blessing.

Sincerely, Berlin Food Pantry.

### **Berlin Community VBS**

Thank you for your generous donation to our community VBS. We had a GREAT week, and many seeds were sown in the hearts of the kids! Your donation helped to make our VBS extra special!

### **A message from Holy Trinity Lutheran Church**

#### **Sight and Sound**

We have purchased the tickets and reserved the bus for the showing on Tuesday, November 28, 2023, in Lancaster, PA for the 3:00 PM show.

The cost is \$110 per adult and \$90 for child ages 3-12. This includes your admission and the cost for the bus.

If you would like to reserve a spot, please call the church office at 814-267-5014.

Please note that payment will be due to reserve your ticket and seat on the bus.

It will be non-refundable unless you can find someone to attend in your place.

**A Special Tribute** for our active military and all living veterans has been given to us from the **Knotty Knotters**, Lutheran Church, Berlin. The Knotters will make throws for all of our active military and Veterans as a special ***“thank you for your service”*** to be given on Veterans Sunday.

Any active military or veterans that have not given their names to Sheron, please contact Sheron Engleka at 814-267-4166.



*Prayer for the  
New Week!*

Dear God, the new week has begun and we already feel the rush. Your Word says those who wait on you will run and not grow weary. As we run in the positions that you have placed us in, give us strength, peace, rest and the ability to see things as you do. In Jesus' name,  
**Amen.**

***Have a Blessed Week!***