



Fourth Sunday after
Epiphany

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Holy Communion

February 2, 2025

Student Pastor – Dave Creamer

Assisted by – Vesper & Truitt Ogburn

Trinity United Church of Christ

600 Main Street

Berlin, Pennsylvania

Prelude When, In Our Music, God Is Glorified – Anna Laura Page
Faith – Mark Hayes

Announcements

Call to Worship from Psalm 71;

Take refuge in the Lord, he protects with his Grace.

In your righteousness deliver us, rescue us from sin.

Call out with troubles, call out with sorrows, Gods' ear will always hear.

Be for us a rock, a fortress, a refuge from the world.

Call out to God with hope, call out to God with trust, his guiding hand is always near.

Praise God! Praise God! Praise God!

“Recognition of our Scouts”
Cohen Clark – Eagle Scout
Carter McClain – Cub Scout Bear
Nathan Spangler – Star Scout

***Hymn No. 26**

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

Call to Confession

Gathered here together we can share our faults. As a community we can acknowledge we sin. Together we can pray to lift each other up, to help each other to be Christians.

Confession

Heavenly Father hear our prayer. Forgive us of our sins. Guide us to know your love. Help us to end childish ways. Help us to grow in faith, so we can do your will. Strengthen our resolve to be better Christians. Help us to lift up our neighbors and care for each other.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Forgiveness

In First Corinthians Paul tells us that Gods Love never ends. As we strive to cast off our childish ways and grow to become fuller Christians, God is there along the way. Forgiving us when we mess up and encouraging us when we succeed.

***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 God, hear our prayer. As your love shines down on us, blessing us with a life surrounded by people who love and care for us, we share with you some of what we have. Our time, talents and resources, things we can offer to you. We pray that you use them, and your will is done. We pray for our world. Help us to care for it, to be stewards of it, to love our neighbors. We pray that your spirit be in our homes. We pray that you care for our families and help us to grow in your love. We ask that you look to those on our prayer list. We pray that you heal and comfort those in need. We pray that you guide us to say and do the things that care takers need to do. Watch over those that turn away from you. We pray dear lord for those that serve. The ones that hear a call to be our help here on Earth. Strengthen their resolve, give them determination, help us all to be grateful for all they do. We are thankful most of all for your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ. We offer to you now the prayer he taught us to pray;

Our Lord's Prayer [using debts and debtors]

Scripture:

Jeremiah, Chapter 1, vs 4-10

4 Now the word of the Lord came to me saying,

5 "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations."

6 Then I said, "Ah, Lord God! Behold, I do not know how to speak, for I am only a youth."

7 But the Lord said to me, "Do not say, 'I am only a youth'; for to all to whom I send you shall go, and whatever I command you shall speak."

8 Be not afraid of them, for I am with you to deliver you, says the Lord."

9 Then the Lord put forth his hand and touched my mouth; and the Lord said to me,

"Behold, I have put my words in your mouth.

10 See, I have set you this day over nations and over kingdoms,

to pluck up and to break down,
to destroy and to overthrow,
to build and to plant.”

Epistle:

First Corinthians, Chapter 13, vs 1-13

1 If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal.

2 And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing.

3 If I give away all I have, and if I deliver my body to be burned, but have not love, I gain nothing.

4 Love is patient and kind; love is not jealous or boastful;

5 it is not arrogant or rude. Love does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful;

6 it does not rejoice at wrong, but rejoices in the right.

7 Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

8 Love never ends; as for prophecies, they will pass away; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will pass away.

9 For our knowledge is imperfect and our prophecy is imperfect;

10 but when the perfect comes, the imperfect will pass away.

11 When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child; when I became a man, I gave up childish ways.

12 For now we see in a mirror dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall understand fully, even as I have been fully understood.

13 So faith, hope, love abide, these three; but the greatest of these is love.

**Gospel:
Luke, Chapter 4, vs 21-30**

21 And he began to say to them, “Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.”

22 And all spoke well of him, and wondered at the gracious words which proceeded out of his mouth; and they said, “Is not this Joseph's son?”

23 And he said to them, “Doubtless you will quote to me this proverb, ‘Physician, heal yourself; what we have heard you did at Caperna-um, do here also in your own country.’ ”

24 And he said, “Truly, I say to you, no prophet is acceptable in his own country.

25 But in truth, I tell you, there were many widows in Israel in the days of Elijah, when the heaven was shut up three years and six months, when there came a great famine over all the land;

26 and Elijah was sent to none of them but only to Zarephath, in the land of Sidon, to a woman who was a widow.

27 And there were many lepers in Israel in the time of the prophet Elisha; and none of them was cleansed, but only Naaman the Syrian.”

28 When they heard this, all in the synagogue were filled with wrath.

29 And they rose up and put him out of the city, and led him to the brow of the hill on which their city was built, that they might throw him down headlong.

30 But passing through the midst of them he went away.

Hymn No. 379

Take My Life and Let It Be

**Sermon
“Just Like We Always Do”
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.

The Body

We remember that on the night of betrayal and desertion, Jesus took bread, gave 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."

The Blood

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."

***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. 450

Lord, Speak To Me, That I May Speak

***Benediction**

***Response – Sung with Dismissal**

Surely the Presence of the Lord

**Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place,
I can feel His mighty power and His grace,
I can hear the brush of angels' wings,
I see glory on each face,
Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.**

Going Forth

Postlude Trumpet Processional in G – David German

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Those Remembered in prayer:

God's guidance and protection for the Armed Forces.

Shut Ins:

Barb Berkley, Roy Bucher, Mary Forespring, Mary Jane Harding, Cynthia Kelly, Lois Krause, Debbi Luteri, Lois Saylor, Ruth Elaine Whitacre.

Healing Concerns:

Mark Amyot, Donnie Baxter, Jim Benoit, Paige Boyer, Father Elijah Bremer, Rhonda Brown, Ray Coleman, Tammy Coughenour, Wilma Durst, Reon Engleka, Paul Gallick, Nancy Gindlesperger, Marlene Gotchen, Karen Griffith, Andrea (Shaulis) Harris, Joe Harris, Michael Harris, Joy Hay (Dwayne), Larry Hay, Cindy McCullen Janicki, Peter Kaltenbaugh, Barry Landis, Brenda & Larry 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, Brooke Stutzman, Larry Tinkey, Robin Walker, Nancy Weighley, Rick Work, Allison Zimmerman, Gerald Zorn

With the passing of JoAnne Smith, please keep her family in your prayers.

Prayer List Update

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

Prayer Calls:

If you are not receiving our one call prayer calls, please contact the office. The number that calls is an "877" number. This may appear to be spam. If your phone is blocking spam calls, this may be one reason why. If you prefer to receive the calls on your cell vs. landline we would like to know that as well.

The Saints In Action

TODAY – 4th Sunday after Epiphany & Holy Communion
9:00 a.m. Worship
10:10 a.m. Sunday School

Wednesday – 6:30 Trinity Bell Practice

Next Sunday – 5th Sunday after Epiphany
9:00 a.m. Worship
10:10 a.m. Sunday School

Giving From 01/26/25

	Rec	Budget	Over/Under
General	\$2870.00	\$3155.58	-\$285.58
Ben	\$300.00	\$182.69	\$117.31
Maint	\$335.00	\$163.46	\$171.54
Mem	\$125.00		\$125.00
Total	\$3630.00	\$3501.73	\$128.27

Not included in Benevolence were Donations to Food Pantry/Souper Bowl of \$895

Worship Attendance: 75
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: Pam Bush & Tom Croner

Ushers: Ken Miller, Leonard Gary

Acolytes: Vesper & Truitt Ogburn

Organ: Ann Slifco

Flowers on the altar in memory of Carolyn McGinn by Mike Fogle.

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, Jean Hart, Bill Landis,

Julie Petro

Church Office Hours – Tuesday through Thursday

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

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Trinity Bells will resume practice this Wednesday

Trip to Sight and Sound

There are **2** tickets available for the show June 26th, 2025. The current price is Adults \$184 and children 12 and younger \$132. Final Price will less after a fundraiser in January. Cost includes the bus, dinner, and the show. If you are interested in attending contact Vanessa Gardner, vgard59@gmail.com, reach out on Unity UCC's Face Book, or talk to Pastor Dave (cell 814-777-2280)

Sunday School

Who is God?

A true, intimate relationship with God is not based on our own ideas about what God is like. If we really desire to know God, we must approach Him based on the knowledge of who He reveals Himself to be in His Word. Join Dr. Steven J. Lawson in this in-depth study as he articulates a biblical understanding of fifteen divine attributes and explores how a right understanding of God can affect every aspect of our lives. This 16-week adult Sunday School series will begin on December 22nd and be led by Sue Coughenour.

Adopt A Family

Thank you so much for your continued kindness and support for our students and their families during the Christmas season. It warms our hearts to see them wearing their new outfits when returning from break and the confidence they gain because of your generosity. Thank you so much, Danille Hay.

The Souper Bowl Competition is underway. There will be two winners again this year, so we will have to be on our game and regain our #1 spot as we lost it last year. The four quarters of the competition will be the four Sundays in January and the two Sundays in February before the actual Super Bowl. If making monetary donations, please mark your envelope "Souper Bowl" and make your check payable to Trinity UCC.

Food Pantry

Plastic bags are currently needed for the Berlin Food Pantry, so a collection bin has been placed in the Fellowship Hall. We will continually be collecting bags, as there is also a need for plastic bags for a homeless ministry. Bin is located by the organ in the Fellowship Hall. Please do not give us bags that are soiled.

Meals on Wheels of Somerset County needs volunteers to deliver meals in Berlin and the surrounding area on Mondays. If you would be interested and want more information, contact Meals on Wheels at 814-443-2787 or Rose Shaffer, Berlin driver coordinator, at 814-267-5310.

Hugs & Kisses – February 16th

Hugs & Kisses will be hosting a brunch after church. This will be a potluck for EVERYONE!!! There will be a sign-up sheet at the Vine Street entrance. Please come and fellowship with us! There will be no Sunday school on that date.

Berlin Community Ladies Bible Study

Beginning February 4th at Cup of Soul. Tuesdays from 10:00 am to 11:30 am. For more information, please contact Gail Stolfus 814-279-4089 or Jeannette Landis 814-267-3020.

Faith Lutheran Church Soup Sale

Faith Lutheran church is taking orders for homemade soups – from our freezer to yours: Beef Vegetable, Ham n Bean, and Cream of Potato, \$8 quart; \$4 pint – with all proceed going to assist our “neighbors” who are still suffering from recent disasters. Advance orders only until February 7th, pick up on February 23rd from 10:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Place your orders by phone: 814-483-3197. Faith Lutheran is located at 6567 Glades Pick Rd., Somerset.

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.



Dear Lord, Bless our week. We know we will encounter challenges and pressure, but do not allow it to get to us. Do not allow the bustle of the week to become an issue of bad circumstance for us. Cover us with the blood of Jesus and help us with the desire to stay motivated.

Have a Blessed Week!!