

The Fifth Sunday
after Pentecost

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July 2, 2023

Guest Speaker – Pastor Jay Shaffer

Assisted By – Matt Miller

Trinity United Church of Christ

600 Main Street

Berlin, Pennsylvania

Preludes

**The Star – Spangled Banner
Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory**

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

Prayer

***Hymn No 571**

My Country Tis of Thee

A Call to Confession

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

If we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Let us humble ourselves in God's presence.

Confession (in unison)

Almighty God, as we gather for worship this day, we give you thanks, for the freedoms which we enjoy. However, we must confess that sometimes we have misused our freedom to take advantage of others. We have denied the rights of many who are different from us in some way. We have judged others based on color, gender, or the country of origin. We admit that we love freedom for ourselves but that we sometimes limit it for others. Forgive us Lord when we fail to love others as we love ourselves. Teach us to be examples of love for all of your creation. Amen

Silent Confession

Assurance of Forgiveness:

***Response – Gloria Patri**

**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.**

*** 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**

Prayer of Dedication:

The Lord's Prayer (using debts and debtors)

Hebrew Scripture – Genesis 22: 1-14

1 After these things God tested Abraham, and said to him, “Abraham!” And he said, “Here am I.”

2 He said, “Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering upon one of the mountains of which I shall tell you.”

3 So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his ass, and took two of his young men with him, and his son Isaac; and he cut the wood for the burnt offering, and arose and went to the place of which God had told him.

4 On the third day Abraham lifted up his eyes and saw the place afar off.

5 Then Abraham said to his young men, “Stay here with the ass; I and the lad will go yonder and worship, and come again to you.”

6 And Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering, and laid it on Isaac his son; and he took in his hand the fire and the knife. So they went both of them together.

7 And Isaac said to his father Abraham, “My father!” And he said, “Here am I, my son.” He said, “Behold, the fire and the wood; but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?”

8 Abraham said, “God will provide himself the lamb for a burnt offering, my son.” So they went both of them together.

9 When they came to the place of which God had told him, Abraham built an altar there, and laid the wood in order, and bound Isaac his son, and laid him on the altar, upon the wood.

10 Then Abraham put forth his hand, and took the knife to slay his son.

11 But the angel of the Lord called to him from heaven, and said, “Abraham, Abraham!” And he said, “Here am I.”

12 He said, “Do not lay your hand on the lad or do anything to him; for now I know that you fear God, seeing you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me.”

13 And Abraham lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, behind him was a ram, caught in a thicket by his horns; and Abraham went and took the ram, and offered it up as a burnt offering instead of his son.

14 So Abraham called the name of that place The Lord will provide; as it is said to this day, “On the mount of the Lord it shall be provided.”

Epistle – Romans 6: 12-23

12 Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal bodies, to make you obey their passions.

13 Do not yield your members to sin as instruments of wickedness, but yield yourselves to God as men who have been brought from death to life, and your members to God as instruments of righteousness.

14 For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace.

15 What then? Are we to sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means!

16 Do you not know that if you yield yourselves to any one as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness?

17 But thanks be to God, that you who were once slaves of sin have become obedient from the heart to the standard of teaching to which you were committed,

18 and, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness.

19 I am speaking in human terms, because of your natural limitations. For just as you once yielded your members to impurity and to greater and greater iniquity, so now yield your members to righteousness for sanctification.

20 When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness.

21 But then what return did you get from the things of which you are now ashamed? The end of those things is death.

22 But now that you have been set free from sin and have become slaves of God, the return you get is sanctification and its end, eternal life.

23 For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Gospel – Matthew 10: 40-42

40 "He who receives you receives me, and he who receives me receives him who sent me.

41 He who receives a prophet because he is a prophet shall receive a prophet's reward, and he who receives a righteous man because he is a righteous man shall receive a righteous man's reward.

42 And whoever gives to one of these little ones even a cup of cold water because he is a disciple, truly, I say to you, he shall not lose his reward.”

**Special Music: Allison Zimmerman This Is My Country
God Bless America
Accompanied by Leanne Calvert**

Sermon

Free Will

***Hymn No. 376**

I Have Decided To Follow Jesus

Sacrament of Holy 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 up to God.

Let us give thanks to 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.

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Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Lord God of Sa - ba-oth; Heav-en and earth are

full, are full of the ma-jes-ty of Thy Glo - ry, Ho-san - na, ho -

san - na, ho-san-na in the high-est! Bless-ed is He that com-eth in the

crescendo *f*

name of the Lord, Ho-san - na, ho - san - na, ho-san - na in the high-est!

We remember that on that 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 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.

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 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 scattered, we may be the servant church of the servant Christ, in whose name we rejoice to pray. Amen.

*Hymn No. 572

America The Beautiful

*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

God Of Our Fathers

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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, Father Elijah Bremer, Rhonda Brown, Terry Coslic, Jim Coughenour, Tammy Coughenour, Pam Crooks, Ann Darrow, Elizabeth Deal, Monica Downard, John Durst, Art & Marlene Gotchen, Mary Jane Harding, Andrea (Shaulis) Harris, Larry Hay, Faye Hetrick, Barry 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, Peggy Stayrook, Kelly Tharp, Larry Tinkey, Adeline Vieregge, Robin Walker, Gerald Zorn

Prayers and Concerns:

Pastor Art Gotjen is scheduled for another surgery the end of June. Please join us in sending him your prayers, well wishes and cards to:

Art Gotjen, 1096 Sunset Dr, Somerset, PA 15501

The Saints In Action

TODAY –5th Sunday after Pentecost

9:00 a.m. Worship

10:10 Sunday School (Fellowship Hall Only)

Next Sunday – 6th Sunday after Pentecost

9:00 a.m. Worship

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

Giving From 06/25/23

	Rec	Budget	Over/Under
General	\$1808.00	\$3155.58	-\$1347.58
Ben	\$96.00	\$182.69	-\$86.69
Maint	\$91.00	\$163.46	-\$72.46
Mem	0.00		\$0.00
Total	\$1995.00	\$3501.73	-\$1506.73

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

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

Worship Attendance: 74

Sunday School: 12

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: Chris King (Board), Pam Bush (Camera)

Ushers: Larry Pritts, Ken Miller

Acolytes: Matt & Kaitlyn Miller

The Flowers on the altar in memory of her parents, Virgil & Harriet Vaughan, her brother, Virgil Vaughan, Jr., and Daniel Deaner by Bob & Colleen Glotfelty.

Bulletin is in honor of the Faithful Service provided by the Congregation of Trinity United Church of Christ of Berlin by our past Pastor, the Reverend Dr David A. Williams from July 1, 1997 through June 26, 2022.

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.

The Parsonage Conference Room Sunday School Class will be following this schedule in Fellowship Hall:

April 23-July 9: Culture Shock: A 12-part video series by Chip Ingram. Where do you stand on the issues of Truth, Abortion, The Environment, Sex, Homosexuality, Churches, and Politics? More importantly what does God say? More than ever before, believers must develop convictions based on research, reason, and biblical truth. It's equally important that believers are able (and willing) to communicate these convictions with the love and respect that reflects God's own heart. This study will help you to respond with love, even in the face of controversy. In the process, you'll discover the power of bringing light – not heat – to the core issues at the heart of society today. **Because there is a lot of interest in this class, we will be joining Tom Calvert's class in the Fellowship Hall and holding class there.**

This class is open to adults of **ALL AGES** and is led by Sue Coughenour. *Come join us!*

Sunday School for Nursery Through 5th Grade Only:

There will be no Sunday School for the Summer for the Nursery through 5th grade classes only. Sunday School will resume on Rally Sunday, September 10th. All other classes will continue to meet in the Social Room for the program of Culture Shock.

Church Picnic

The church picnic will be Sunday, July 23rd at 12 p.m. at the Grove. Please RSVP by obtaining a slip from the Vine Street entrance bulletin board or by calling the church office. Let's have a great turn out this year and share in some wonderful fellowship.

Living Waters Camp is offering various camps for June & July for all age groups. Please contact the Church Office for more details.

The Holy Trinity Lutheran Church is trying to form teams for softball over the summer. It would be for all ages. Please contact the Church Office if you are interested.

Berlin Community Day:

Mark your Calendars for **Saturday, July 22, 2023**, 9 am – 4 pm for Berlin Annual Community Day. We are coordinating our annual “Main Street” event with The Ice Cream Station’s “Christmas in July”. So far, we have Bluegrass/Gospel music, a Silent Auction, food vendors, a Kids Korner, and much more. **A portion of our proceeds will be donated to a local charity!**



70 Years and Counting!!!!

Bob & Bobbie Coughenour will be celebrating their **70th Wedding Anniversary** on July 9th, so let’s celebrate with them by having a Card Shower. Send your cards to 615 10th Ave Berlin, PA 15530 or drop them off at the church office!!!

Changes to upcoming Supply Minister assignments.

July 9	Dwayne Hay
July 16	Reverend James Vander Schuur
July 23	Pastor Jay Shaffer
July 30	Kaitlyn Coughenour
August 6	Pastor Jay Shaffer
August 13	Dwayne Hay
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.

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.



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Chorus



A Touch of Brass



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be available
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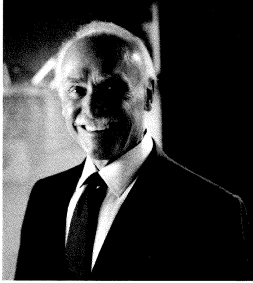


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Hugs and Kisses has been very busy lately! Most recently hosting a fun day of “Cornhole” fellowship!



Congratulations to the winner!!!!
Jason Clark
&
Thank You Hugs and Kisses!

It's not all fun and games!!!!



**Hugs & Kisses
provided
Community Service
by painting the
picnic tables at the
Community Grove!!**





We are delighted to have you with us today!

Have A Blessed Week!