



**EIGHTH SUNDAY**  
*After Pentecost*

***Eighth Sunday After Pentecost***

***July 23, 2023***

***Guest Speaker – Pastor Jay Shaffer***

***Assisted By – Vesper/Truitt Ogburn***

***Trinity United Church of Christ***

***600 Main Street***

***Berlin, Pennsylvania***

**Preludes**                      **When Morning Gilds the Skies – Jason Payne**  
**This Is My Father's World – Diane Bish**

## **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 1**    **Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee**

## **A Call to Confession**

### **Confession (in unison)**

Lord, of all people, we come before you this day to confess that we have sinned by thought, word, and deed. We often sit in judgement of others, and are quick to point out their sins, and shortcomings. However, we expect others to ignore our sins and our errors. We have often hurt others by our attitudes of superiority and condemnation. Forgive us, O God, and help us to be more loving and forgiving. May we learn to walk with you, seeking the good in all others. This we ask in Jesus name. **Amen.**

### **Silent Confession**

#### **Assurance of Forgiveness:**

The Lord hears our prayers and grants us mercy.

**We rejoice that when we turn our hearts to God we are given new life through Jesus Christ.**

Let us praise our God!

#### **\*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 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**

**Prayer of Dedication**

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

## **Hebrew Scripture – Genesis 28: 10-19**

**10** Jacob left Beer-sheba, and went toward Haran.

**11** And he came to a certain place, and stayed there that 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 to sleep.

**12** And he dreamed that there was a ladder set up on the earth, and the top of it reached to heaven; and behold, the angels of God were ascending and descending on it!

**13** And behold, the Lord stood above it 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 descendants;

**14** and your descendants 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 by you and your descendants shall all the families of the earth bless themselves.

**15** Behold, 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 that of which I have spoken to you.”

**16** Then Jacob awoke 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 which he had put under his head and set it up for a pillar and poured oil on the top of it.

**19** He called the name of that place Bethel; but the name of the city was Luz at the first.

## **Epistle – Romans 8: 12 – 25**

**12** So then, brethren, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh.

**13** for if you live according to the flesh you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body you will live.

**14** For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God.

**15** For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the spirit of sonship. When we cry, “Abba! Father!”

**16** it is the Spirit himself bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God,

**17** and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with him in order that we may also be glorified with him.

**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.

## **Gospel – Matthew 13: 24-30, 36-43**

**24** Another parable he put before them, saying, “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field;

**25** but while men were sleeping, his enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and went away.

**26** So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared also.

**27** And the servants of the householder came and said to him, ‘Sir, did you not sow good seed in your field? How then has it weeds?’

**28** He said to them, ‘An enemy has done this.’ The servants said to him, ‘Then do you want us to go and gather them?’

**29** But he said, ‘No; lest in gathering the weeds you root up the wheat along with them.

**30** Let both grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Gather 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 came to him, saying, “Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field.”

**37** He answered, “He who sows the good seed is the Son of man;

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

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

**40** Just as the weeds are gathered and burned with fire, so will it be at the close of the age.

**41** The Son of man will send his angels, and they will gather out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers,

**42** and throw them into the furnace of fire; there men will weep and gnash their teeth.

**43** Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. He who has ears, let him hear.

**Special Music: James Davis  
“At The Cross”**

**Sermon - Pastor Jay**

**Grace & Patience**

**\*Hymn No. 296**

**We've A Story to Tell to The Nations**

**\*Benediction**

**\*Response – Sung with Dismissal**

**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.  
Amen**

**Postlude**

**Jesus Loves the Little Children - 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, 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, Cliff Sleasman, Tracey Smith, Mark Stahl, Peggy Stayrook, Larry Tinkey, Adeline Vieregge, Robin Walker, Harry Watkins, Gerald Zorn

**Prayers and Concerns:**

Pastor Art Gotjen underwent another surgery at 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 –8th Sunday after Pentecost

9:00 a.m. Worship

10:10 Sunday School (Fellowship Hall Only)

12:00 p.m. Church Picnic

Next Sunday – 9th Sunday after Pentecost

9:00 a.m. Worship

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

### Giving From 07/16/23

	Rec	Budget	Over/Under
<b>General</b>	\$2262.00	\$3155.58	-\$893.58
<b>Ben</b>	\$66.00	\$182.69	-\$116.69
<b>Maint</b>	\$41.00	\$163.46	-\$122.46
<b>Mem</b>	0.00		\$0.00
<b>Total</b>	\$2269.00	\$3501.73	-\$1132.73

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: 87**

**Sunday School: 15**

## **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:** Gaye Maust (Board), Tyler Gindlesperger (Camera)

**Ushers:** Julie Petro, Tom Croner

**Acolytes:** Vesper/Truitt Ogburn

**The Flowers on the altar** in Appreciation of the Berlin Lions Club and Trinity United Church of Christ of Berlin & the love they both show to the community as a whole.

**Bulletin** in honor of all the current and past Members of our Armed Forces, including Active Duty, Reservist and National Guard.

## ***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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Website: [www.berlinucc.org](http://www.berlinucc.org)

### **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 starting an in-depth study of I & II Peter on Sunday, September 10<sup>th</sup>. The date has been changed to the week that Sunday School will begin again for children and youth. 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. This class is open to adults of **ALL AGES** and is lead by Sue Coughenour. *Come join us!*

### **Sunday School for Nursery Through 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Only:**

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

## **.Changes to upcoming Supply Minister assignments.**

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.

### **Berlin Community VBS – July 24<sup>th</sup> – July 28<sup>th</sup>**

As the Berlin Community VBS quickly approaches we wanted to reach out with a few updates.

Donations are still being accepted. Many gracious community members have asked if there are particular materials/physical items needed. The event includes a meal, but we are hopeful to be able to provide a snack for each attendee as well. We are asking for individually wrapped snacks and drinks - small bags of chips, grahams crackers, goldfish crackers, juice boxes, etc. Monetary donations will be accepted to aid in the purchase of supplies as well.

For questions or to arrange for pickup of donations, please reach out to Angie Klink at 814-442-9195.

Year after year, we are so grateful for the goodness of God and the help of our community.

Registration forms may be found at the Vine St. entrance.

**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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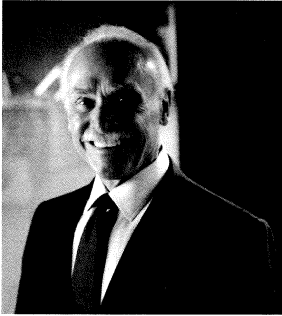
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today!***



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