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April 23, 2023

Guest Speaker – Josh Spangler

Assisted By – Matt Miller

Trinity United Church of Christ

600 Main Street

Berlin, Pennsylvania

Preludes

Christ Is Alive – Jason Payne
Nearer, My God, To Thee – Marianne Kim

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

Jesus is with us while we walk on the road to our Emmaus.

We journey with Jesus on the road.

And yet we could not recognize Jesus

until we broke bread together,

At once, our eyes are opened, and we say:

Oh! Our hearts were burning for that familiar voice!

Christ is risen!

Christ is risen, indeed!

Praise God!

Alleluia!

***Hymn No. 170**

One Day

Confession of Sin:

Merciful God, look at our hearts. The words of prophets and apostles cut us to the heart, for we too have crucified Jesus. Even when Christ shows up as a stranger in our walk, like the apostles, we too sigh and say, "Don't you know anything?" Our hearts burn even while Jesus walks with us and we are blind to Christ's presence. Your prophets have shown us our guilt, ignorance, and arrogance and we look at one another and ask, "What should we do?" Can you forgive us, God?

Silent Confession:

Assurance of Forgiveness:

Let us remember how Peter said, "Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit." You have been born anew through the living and enduring word of God. This promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away,

everyone whom our God calls. Welcome this message, remembering your baptism: rejoice knowing that you are added to the number of believers.

Call to Offering (Psalm 116:1,12,14)

Servants of God, God has loosed our bonds. What can we offer to the One who has heard our cries and has saved us? What shall we return to God for all his bounty to us? Our gifts serve as vows to serve God, in the presence of all God's people and everywhere around the world.

***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 (1 Peter 1:18-19; Psalm 116:17-18)

Gracious God, through the precious lamb who is our Christ, you have redeemed us beyond the perishable silver and gold we now present to you. We pay our vows of devotion, offering you these sacrifices of thanksgiving. Amen

The Lord's Prayer (using debts and debtors)

Scripture:

Acts 2:14a, 36-41

14 But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say.

36 Therefore let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified."

37 Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, "Brothers, what should we do?"

38 Peter said to them, "Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

39 For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him.”

40 And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, “Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.”

41 So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added.

Psalter 116

1 I love the Lord because he has heard my voice and my supplications.

2 Because he inclined his ear to me, therefore I will call on him as long as I live.

3 The snares of death encompassed me; the pangs of Sheol laid hold on me; I suffered distress and anguish.

4 Then I called on the name of the Lord: “O Lord, I pray, save my life!”

12 What shall I return to the Lord for all his bounty to me?

13 I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord,

14 I will pay my vows to the Lord in the presence of all his people.

15 Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his faithful ones.

16 O Lord, I am your servant; I am your servant, the child of your serving girl. You have loosed my bonds.

17 I will offer to you a thanksgiving sacrifice and call on the name of the Lord.

18 I will pay my vows to the Lord in the presence of all his people,

19 in the courts of the house of the Lord, in your midst, O Jerusalem. Praise the Lord!

Gospel:

Luke 24:13-35

13 Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem,

14 and talking with each other about all these things that had happened.

15 While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them,

16 but their eyes were kept from recognizing him.

17 And he said to them, "What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?" They stood still, looking sad.

18 Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?"

19 He asked them, "What things?" They replied, "The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people,

20 and how our chief priests and Ones handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him.

21 But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place.

22 Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning,

23 and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive.

24 Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him."

25 Then he said to them, "Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared!

26 Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?"

27 Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

28 As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on.

29 But they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over." So he went in to stay with them.

30 When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them.

31 Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight.

32 They said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?"

33 That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together.

34 They were saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!"

35 Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

***Hymn No. 381**

"Open My Eyes That I May See"

Childrens Time

Sermon

Guest Speaker – Josh Spangler

***Hymn No. 354**

"Leaning On The Everlasting Arms"

***Benediction**

Fellow walkers along the way, As we continue our journeys, Be aware of the risen Christ in the ones who were once strangers, While you walk, while you eat, while you live, while you breathe, To testify to the living Christ among us all.

***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 Christ The Lord Is Risen Today – Victor Johnson

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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, Melvin & Bonnie Baughman, Donnie Baxter, Jim
Benoit, Father Elijah Bremer, Rhonda Brown, Terry Coslic, Jim
Coughenour, Pam Crooks, Larry Custer, Elizabeth Deal, John
Durst, Art & Marlene Gotchen, Mary Jane Harding, Andrea
(Shaulis) Harris, Larry Hay, Barry Landis, Brenda & Larry Leister,
Jim McKenzie, Judy McCullen, Bonnie Murphy, Doug Murphy,
Harold Pritts, James Robb, Lois Saylor,
Nancy Schrock, Tracey Smith, Kelly Tharp,

Larry Tinkey, Adeline Vieregge, Robin Walker, Nancy Weighley,
Harry & Jane Watkins, Gerald Zorn

Prayers to the Zorn family on the passing of Edward (Eddie) Zorn on April 17th. A military icon, Berlin Legend, family man, and friend to all.

The Saints In Action

TODAY – Third Sunday in Easter

9:00 a.m. Worship

10:10 Sunday School (Fellowship Hall Only)

Wednesday – 6:30 p.m. Trinity Bells Practice

Next Sunday – Fourth Sunday of Easter

9:00 a.m. Worship

10:10 Sunday School (Fellowship Hall Only)

No Parsonage Conference Room Sunday School

Giving From 04/16/23

	Rec	Budget	Over/Under
General	\$1801.00	\$3155.58	-\$1354.58
Ben	\$190.00	\$182.69	\$7.31
Maint	\$195.00	\$163.46	\$31.54
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Total	\$2186.00	\$3501.73	-\$1315.73

Not included in Benevolence are donations to Food Pantry of \$15

Worship Attendance: 74

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

Ushers: Jim Walker, Ken Miller

Acolytes: Matt & Kaitlyn Miller

The Flowers on the altar in memory and in honor of her great-grandparents and grandparents by Michele Romesburg

Bulletin is dedicated as a birthday remembrance for her grandfather, Daniel Weighley Sr., (April 26th) by Craig, Amanda, Knox & Tatum Stiffler

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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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!*

Hugs & Kisses

May 7th – Brunch after Church – We would like to try something new after Church. Since it's not lunch time, we would like to invite everyone to stay after Church for brunch and fellowship. There will be no Sunday School on this date. Everyone can bring food to share, and Hugs & Kisses will set things up, heat up casseroles, etc., but we need **everyone's help** to make this a success. There will be a sign-up sheet at the entrance. Please come, eat, and fellowship with us!

Next Hugs & Kisses Planning Meeting – Tuesday, May 2nd, 6:30 p.m.

Changes to upcoming Supply Minister assignments.

In the newsletter we provided a list of our upcoming leaders in worship. These are subject to change so we will let you know of any changes as they occur through the weekly bulletin.

April 23	Josh Spangler
April 30	Tom Calvert – Video Keynote speaker John Dorhauer
May 7	Bill Deal
May 14	Reverend James Vander Schurr
May 21	Bill Deal
May 28	Pastor Jay Shaffer

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.

Laurel Highlands Chorale Spring Concert

“From Stage to Screen” will be presented at the Somerset Church of the Brethren, Berlin Plank Road on Sunday, May 7th at 3:30 pm and Monday, May 8th at 7:00 p.m. Selections from the musical theatre stage and musical film screen will be presented. Director Jan Burkett and accompanist Rick Kimmel. Tickets are \$5.00 at the door or contact Dorene Friedline at 814-926-3610 or 814-442-0460.

Camp Living Waters 3rd Annual Fishing Tournament

May 6th & 7th, \$15 entry fee / children under 12 free.

Schedule of Events:

5/6 – Registration at 7:00 a.m.

5/6 – Shotgun start at 8:00 a.m., fishing until 6:00 p.m.

5/6 – Last call to turn in tags at 6:30 p.m.

5/7 – Fishing from 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

5/7 – Last call to turn in tags 3:30 p.m.

Fish for cash prizes! Big trout contest, 50/50, and other raffle prizes available. Fishing, sporting goods, food vendors on site.

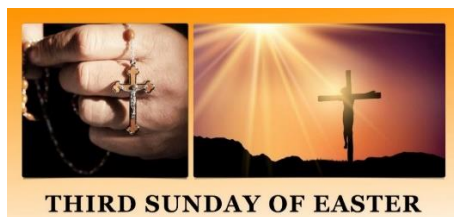
Cabin, tent, and trailer camping available by reservation, call 814-733-4212. Registration forms at Vine Street Entrance.

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.

Donations are needed for the Knotty Knotters at the Lutheran Church. The Knotters supply prayer shawls, Izzy dolls, dish clothes, walker caddies, chemo hats, baby hats, and throws for adults, children, babies, and veterans. In 2022 they gave away over 350 covers alone. It takes many hands to do the above work from many denominations. There are several members from our church that are very active with many hours of their time to spread the love of God to others. Any donations of money or material are used for the above projects. Please mark your donations for Knotty Knotters.



Risen Savior you walk with us daily, urging us to listen and understand, guiding us with your Spirit, and unlocking the scriptures. Help us to take time to be still, to seek your wisdom, to notice your resurrection light and to look upon you in your full glory.