

All Saints Sunday
Holy Communion
24th Sunday After Pentecost
November 8, 2026

Trinity United Church of Christ
600 Main Street
Berlin Pennsylvania

"Please silence your cell phone"

Preludes: **We Gather Together – Mary McDonald**
Thanksgiving Offertory – Phil Lehenbauer

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

Greeting and Announcements

All Saints Celebration
This is the Celebration of All Saints. We celebrate the Saints that have gone before us this past year. As is our tradition, the names of those remembered will be read, individually as the tower bell tolls, family members are invited to the chancel to light a candle in memory of their loved one. Following worship, the family is invited to take the votive candle and the white flower from the table to continue to remember and give thanks for a life well lived.

Celebration of Saints, a Reading from The Revelation of John, Chapter 7, vs 9-17.



Honoring and Remembering
Barbara Berkley
Kathy Picking
Gerald Zorn
Tina Foy

Hymn No. 546 **For All The Saints**

Call To Confession
John tells us that seeking forgiveness and living righteously earns us a white robe in the multitude that will stand before Gods Throne. Here on Earth Jesus Grace makes us special today, separates us from the world. It makes us Children of God. Let us Confess to God our sins.

Confession

Heavenly Father, hear our prayer. Forgive us of the things we do that separate us from you. Forgive us when we do not do your will. Guide us with your Spirit to love our neighbor as ourselves and to have the strength to want to sin no more.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon
So, we are Gods Children Now, and what we will become, has not yet been revealed. God's Love for us frees us from guilt and shame letting us grow and become Gods creation. We should celebrate that and always give God the glory. Amen

*** Response 66 To God Be The Glory**

To God be the glory great things He hath done! So loved He the world that He gave us His Son, Who yielded His life an atonement for sin And opened the Life gate that all may go in. Praise the Lord, Praise the Lord, Let the earth hear His voice, Praise the Lord, Praise the Lord, Let the people rejoice! O come to the Father thru Jesus the Son And give Him the glory great things He hath done.

***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, we humble ourselves before you. We pray that you receive our offering. We ask that you take our humble gifts and make them a blessing to many. We thank you for the lives we live, the people you surround us with, each gift we receive from you. We ask for your presence. That your comfort is near to those in need. Those that are shut in and those that feel shut out. We pray for your healing touch. With our faith we lift to you our prayer list. That you see too the people we worry for, the ones that are heavy

in our hearts. Remind us that grief and sorrow are no match for your divine love. We praise you this day for your Son Jesus Christ. The Lamb that took away our sins. We offer to you the prayer he gave to us.

The Lord's Prayer (using debts and debtors)

The Hebrew Scripture lesson is from
Joshua Chapter 3:7-17

7 And the Lord said to Joshua, "This day I will begin to exalt you in the sight of all Israel, that they may know that, as I was with Moses, so I will be with you.
8 And you shall command the priests who bear the ark of the covenant, 'When you come to the brink of the waters of the Jordan, you shall stand still in the Jordan.' "
9 And Joshua said to the people of Israel, "Come hither, and hear the words of the Lord your God."
10 And Joshua said, "Hereby you shall know that the living God is among you, and that he will without fail drive out from before you the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Hivites, the Perizzites, the Girgashites, the Amorites, and the Jebusites.
11 Behold, the ark of the covenant of the Lord of all the earth is to pass over before you into the Jordan.
12 Now therefore take twelve men from the tribes of Israel, from each tribe a man.
13 And when the soles of the feet of the priests who bear the ark of the Lord, the Lord of all the earth, shall rest in the waters of the Jordan, the waters of the Jordan shall be stopped from flowing, and the waters coming down from above shall stand in one heap."
14 So, when the people set out from their tents, to pass over the Jordan with the priests bearing the ark of the covenant before the people,
15 and when those who bore the ark had come to the Jordan, and the feet of the priests bearing the ark were dipped in the brink of the water (the Jordan overflows all its banks throughout the time of harvest),
16 the waters coming down from above stood and rose up in a heap far off, at Adam, the city that is beside Zarethan, and those flowing down toward the sea of the Arabah, the Salt Sea, were wholly cut off; and the people passed over opposite Jericho.

17 And while all Israel were passing over on dry ground, the priests who bore the ark of the covenant of the Lord stood on dry ground in the midst of the Jordan, until all the nation finished passing over the Jordan.

The Epistle lesson is from
First John Chapter 3:1-3

1 See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him.
2 Beloved, we are God's children now; it does not yet appear what we shall be, but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is.
3 And every one who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure.

The Gospel of Jesus Christ from
Matthew Chapter 23:1-12

1 Then said Jesus to the crowds and to his disciples,
2 "The scribes and the Pharisees sit on Moses' seat;
3 so practice and observe whatever they tell you, but not what they do; for they preach, but do not practice.
4 They bind heavy burdens, hard to bear, and lay them on men's shoulders; but they themselves will not move them with their finger.
5 They do all their deeds to be seen by men; for they make their phylacteries broad and their fringes long,
6 and they love the place of honor at feasts and the best seats in the synagogues,
7 and salutations in the market places, and being called rabbi by men.
8 But you are not to be called rabbi, for you have one teacher, and you are all brethren.
9 And call no man your father on earth, for you have one Father, who is in heaven.
10 Neither be called masters, for you have one master, the Christ.

11 He who is greatest among you shall be your servant;
12 whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and whoever humbles himself will be exalted.

Message
"The Opposite Is True"
Pastor Dave Creamer

***Hymn No. 323** **Let Us Break Bread Together**

Sacrament of Communion

***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. 563** **Count Your Blessings**

Benediction

***Response – Sung with Dismissal**

<u>Now Unto Him Who is Able</u>

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 **Now Thank We All Our God – Lloyd Larson**

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<u>Those Remembered in prayer:</u>

God's guidance and protection for Armed Forces.

Shut Ins:

Mary Jane Harding, Debbi Luteri, Lillian Potter, Lois Saylor, Audrey Twombly

Healing Concerns:

Mark Amyot, Donnie Baxter, Paige Boyer, Chris Brant, Rhonda Brown, Jeff Calvert, Debbie Chafin, Susan Constantino, LaVerne Coslic, Tammy Coughenour, Pastor Dave Creamer, Eric Custer, Lauren Davis, Tracy Dickey, Cathy Engleka, Deneen Eutsey, Linda Gallick, Shirley Gary, Dennis Griffith, Karen Griffith, John Halverson, Andrea (Shaulis) Harris, Joe Harris, Michael Harris, Joy Hay (Dwayne), Larry Hay, Marilyn Heiple, Scott Helmick, Gary Hillegas, Karen Hittie, Barry Landis, Wendy Leister, Richard Lilliston, Jim Little, Nick Lorson, Blair and Phylis Lyons, Judy McCullen, Larry McCullen, Joyce Miller, Laura Miller, Robert "Lee" Miller, Tom Nicholson, Carl (Edison) Paul, Easton Pritts, Brian Robb, James Robb, Brett Sarver, Kayla Sarver, Nancy Schrock, Curt Shaulis, Missy Shaulis, Allen Strasser, Dawn Edmiston-Strasser, Chuck Sullivan, Larry Tinkey, Lilly Truszka, Barbara and Peter Usher, Carl & Matthew Walker, Faye Walker, Robin Walker, Nancy Weighley

If you have any information on anyone on this list, please contact the office with updates.

The Saints In Action

TODAY- 24th Sunday after Pentecost
All Saints Sunday / Holy Communion
9:00 a.m. Worship
10:10 a.m. Sunday School
Operation Christmas Child Packing Party Following Worship

Wednesday – Trinity Bells 6:30 p.m.

Next Sunday - 25th Sunday after Pentecost
Veterans Program / VBS Children's Time
9:00 a.m. Worship
10:10 a.m. Sunday School

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, Chris King

Ushers: Leanna Coughenour, Allison Zimmerman

Acolyte: Nathan Spangler

Lectors: Liz Hart, Riley Beckwith

***Organ*:** Nancy Bittner

Flowers on the altar are in memory of Carl Saylor by Craig & Amy Saylor

The Whole Congregation in Ministry and Assisted by
Dave Creamer, Pastor
Church Secretaries: Pam Bush, Jean Ann Darr
Financial Secretary: Renee Gindlesperger
Chancel Choir Director Emeritus: Linda Gallick
Handbells: Jeanne Hillegas
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Adult Sunday School Update:
For the month of November, the Adult Sunday School Class will be looking at the three Fall Feasts of the Lord: Feast of Trumpets, Day of Atonement, and Feast of Tabernacles. Did you know that just as Passover is a foreshadowing of Christ on the cross, each of these festivals are foreshadowing's of Christ's second coming? It is so exciting to see how everything in the Old Testament points to Christ. Come and see for yourself!

The Seven Churches of Revelation
As many are unable to attend Sunday School, I thought I'd share a bit of what we have been studying. Revelation should be called The Revelation of Jesus Christ, as what John wrote down was revealed to him by the Risen Savior. Here we see a different Jesus than the one we see in the Gospels. Here he is the King of Glory, dressed in white, with eyes of fire and feet like fine brass and a voice like many waters. In fact, John, who walked with

Jesus, fell down in fear at the sight of this Christ Jesus. So, wouldn't you want to hear what this Jesus has to say to the churches today? In Revelation chapter 2 & 3 Jesus tells John to write down a message to 7 churches. Each of these churches were actual churches, found in large cities in what is now Turkey. Although many of the cities no longer remain, the message and warnings to each one is still very applicable today. Each church is given a greeting, a description of Christ – usually with an appearance appropriate for that church's actions, a reminder, a commendation, a complaint, and a warning (although some have no complaint and some have no commendation). A bit of the terminology can be confusing but have easy explanations. For example, when it says a message to the angel, it is referring to a message to the pastor. Some theorize that each church represents a different age of the church since Christ ascension to heaven, with Philadelphia and Laodicea being the churches of this current age. However, I find that we can learn what our church should look like and be doing by looking at each of the churches. Many of the things Jesus warns the churches about are sadly seen in many of our mainstream churches today. I strongly urge you to take time to read Revelation 1-3. If you have questions, I will gladly answer them. Or to really get a better understanding look up Gary Hamrick's messages on Revelation on YouTube. In Revelation 1:3 it says, "Blessed is the one who reads aloud the words of this prophecy and blessed are those who hear it and take to heart what is written in it, because the time is near."

TODAY - The Berlin Veterans' Home located at 419 Meadow Street, Berlin is having a Turkey Dinner Fundraiser, November 8, 12:00 (noon) until 4:00 pm or when sold out. The dinner will include turkey, mashed potatoes, corn, stuffing, gravy, dinner roll and dessert. This is Eat In or Take Out. The cost is $14.00 for adults and $7.00 for children 12 and under.

November 15th – Veterans Day Sunday
Please join us in honoring our Veterans past and present in this wonderful program hosted by Sheron Engleka. The Berlin Fife & Drum Corps and our virtual organist Rick Kimmel will be joining us live.

VBS Sunday School
Our next VBS (Children's Time) Sunday School will be held November 15th following our Veterans Day Presentation

The Berlin Lion's Club cordially invites the community to celebrate William "Bill" Landis as he is honored to receive the Lion's Club Outstanding Citizen of the Year Award. An open house for this special event will be held on Thursday, November 12th from 7:00-8:00 p.m. at the Berlin VFW. Cake and coffee will be provided. Sincerely, the Berlin Lion's Club.

The Berlin Community Center



The Berlin VFW Auxiliary Post 7295 will be hosting a fun afternoon of lunch and Bingo on Tuesday, November 17th at 1:00 p.m. Fun, Food & Prizes. Please spread the word and join us. It is the "Community" Center located in Fellowship Hall, and all are welcome!

Adopt-a-Family: Share the Joy of Christmas! Each year, our church family brings hope and joy to local families in need. Last year we provided essentials, toys, and grocery cards to **5 families, with a total of 13 children!** This year, we're trying something new with an **Angel Tree**, located downstairs by the Vine Street entrance, where you can choose an ornament and shop for a child's Christmas wish. Fundraising runs **November 15–December 13**, and all purchased, wrapped gifts must be returned by **December 20**. Prefer to donate instead? Monetary donations are always welcome, and volunteers will shop on your behalf. **Together, let's turn our church's generosity into Christmas magic for children who need it most!**

Hugs & Kisses
Friday, November 20th 5 PM- Game Night at the church. H&K will provide pizza and those attending can bring snacks and drinks to share. This is for ALL ages, so bring your favorite board games and join us for fun and fellowship. Watch for a sign-up sheet so we know how much pizza to purchase.
Sunday, December 13th - Christmas Play during church. Colton and Cora will be in charge again and we are looking forward to another great play with an inspiring message! "A Star Is Born"

Next H&K Meeting- Tuesday, November 17th 6:30 PM

Gingerbread House Contest 🎄🏠
The Pius Spring Women's Club invites you to join our Gingerbread House Contest on November 21st! Prizes will be awarded.
Build it. Decorate it. Enter it. Let the community decide! 💚🤍
Contact Lori Gindlesperger for information, gind1990@verizon.net

The Berlin Community Churches present "The Bethlehem Experience", Sunday, December 6, at the Belin Block Party Lot. Walk Through 2:30-3:30 p.m., Drive Through, 5:30-8:00 p.m.. Multiple Scenes, Actors, Live Animals and Music.

Laurel Highlands Chorale Concert – Celebrate Christmas!
Sunday, December 6th at 3:30 p.m.
Monday, December 7th at 7:00 p.m.
Somerset Church of the Brethren
606 Berlin Plank Rd., Somerset
Tickets are $5.00 and are available at the door or by calling Dorene Friedline at (814) 926-3610 or (814) 442-0460

Congregational Meeting will be held on December 6th to vote on the proposed budget for 2027 and the nominees for incoming consistory members for 2027. The meeting will take place following worship service. Please try to attend. You should have received a copy of the budget in your newsletter, however, there are additional copies at the back of the sanctuary.

Poinsettia Orders
You received an order form for this year's poinsettia orders. Additional copies are located at the back of the church. Please note that the cut-off date is November 30th but please try to get your orders in as soon as possible.

Pastoral Care: For those in need of pastoral care please contact Pastor Dave Creamer at 814-777-2280. If Dave is not available, please contact Tom Croner at 814-442-6740. If neither is available, contact Pam Bush at 541-990-0832.

Sermon Notes:



Prayer of Eternal Remembrance

Lord of eternity, we thank You for the saints whose lives reflected Your glory on earth. As we remember them today, fill our hearts with gratitude and peace. Help us honor their legacy by walking in faith, love, and obedience. May their example guide us to live lives worthy of the calling we have received, and may we find hope in the promise of eternal life in Christ Jesus.

Amen

Thank You For Joining Us
& Have A Blessed Week Ahead
God Bless You All