



***Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost  
August 18, 2024  
Guest Speaker – Pastor Peter Kaltenbaugh  
Assisted by: Cora Wright***

***Trinity United Church of Christ  
600 Main Street  
Berlin, Pennsylvania***

## **Prelude**

Prelude on “Hyfrydol” – Jason Payne  
Speak, O Lord – Jason Payne

## **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**

### **Call to Worship:**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,  
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

### **And also with you.**

Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly.

### **We are gathered to hear his word and to open ourselves to his Spirit.**

Teach and admonish one another in all wisdom, and with gratitude  
in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God.

### **We are here to help one another and to rejoice together in the goodness of the Lord.**

Whatever you do, in word or deed,  
do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus,  
giving thanks to God the Father through him.

## **Hymn No. 382**

## **Be Thou My Vision**

### **Call to Confession:**

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our  
sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

### **Prayer of Confession:**

**Heavenly Father, we know that You are a merciful and  
forgiving God. In coming to You, we are blessed with Your  
compassion and love. We are sinners, Lord. We have  
disobeyed You. Please forgive our shortcomings and  
ignorance. Replace them with abundance, peace, and  
steadfast devotion to You alone. We understand the mission  
You give us in caring and loving others, just as You have  
loved us. We pray that You help us remember our purpose**

**and steer away from evil. This we pray in the name of Jesus. Amen.**

### **Silent Confession**

#### **Assurance of Forgiveness**

The LORD is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love. He will not always accuse, nor will he harbor his anger forever; he does not treat us as our sins deserve or repay us according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his love for those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us.

#### **\*Response**

**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, Amen.**

#### **\*Affirmation of Faith**

#### **Response of Faith – Based on the Apostles Creed**

Do you believe in God the Father?

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**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 to the dead. 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 living and the dead.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.**

#### **Please Remain Standing**

With Joy We Now Offer Our Gifts

**\* 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**

Generous Father, thank you that all things were created through you and for you, you are before all things, and in you, all things exist. The Bible says that we should bring our tithes and offerings into your storehouse and that you will respond by opening the windows of heaven and sending down blessing upon blessing. Accept the gifts we place before you now. May the peace of God reign in our lives, the love of God surround us, the Spirit of God empower us, and the joy of God uphold us. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord, Amen.

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

**Scripture:  
Proverbs 9:1-6**

- 1** Wisdom has built her house, she has set up her seven pillars.
- 2** She has slaughtered her beasts, she has mixed her wine, she has also set her table.
- 3** She has sent out her maids to call from the highest places in the town,
- 4** "Whoever is simple, let him turn in here!" To him who is without sense she says,
- 5** "Come, eat of my bread and drink of the wine I have mixed.
- 6** Leave simpleness, and live, and walk in the way of insight."

**Epistle:**  
**Ephesians 5:15-20**

**15** Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise men but as wise,

**16** making the most of the time, because the days are evil.

**17** Therefore do not be foolish but understand what the will of the Lord is.

**18** And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery; but be filled with the Spirit,

**19** addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with all your heart,

**20** always and for everything giving thanks in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to God the Father.

**Gospel:**  
**John 6:51-58**

**51** I am the living bread which came down from heaven; if any one eats of this bread, he will live for ever; and the bread which I shall give for the life of the world is my flesh.”

**52** The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, “How can this man give us his flesh to eat?”

**53** So Jesus said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of man and drink his blood, you have no life in you;

**54** he who eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up at the last day.

**55** For my flesh is food indeed, and my blood is drink indeed.

**56** He who eats my flesh and drinks my blood abides in me, and I in him.

**57** As the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so he who eats me will live because of me.

**58** This is the bread which came down from heaven, not such as the fathers ate and died; he who eats this bread will live for ever.”



**Special Music  
Danny Conner  
“God Wants to Hear You Sing”**

**Sermon  
“Garbage In – Garbage Out”  
Guest Speaker – Pastor Pete Kaltenbaugh**

**\*Hymn No. 177                      ++What Wonderful Love Is This**

++(While we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Why, one will hardly die for a righteous man—though perhaps for a good man one will dare even to die. But God shows his love for us in that while we were yet sinners Christ died for us.)

**\*Benediction**

**\*Response – Sung with Dismissal**

**\*Going Forth\***

**Postlude**

**All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name – Anna Laura Page**

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**Those Remembered in prayer:  
God’s guidance and protection for Armed Forces.**

**Shut Ins:**

Barb Berkley, Roy Bucher, Helen Diest, Mary Forespring, Mary Jane Harding, Cynthia Kelly, Lois Krause, Debbi Luteri, Lois Saylor.

**Healing Concerns:**

Mark Amyot, Donnie Baxter, Jim Benoit, Paige Boyer, Father Elijah Bremer, Rhonda Brown, Ray Coleman, Tammy Coughenour, Pam Crooks, Nancy Custer, Reon Engleka, Nancy Gindlesperger, Art & Marlene Gotchen, Paul Gallick, Andrea (Shaulis) Harris, Joe Harris, Michael Harris, Joy Hay (Dwayne), Larry Hay, Peter Kaltenbaugh, Barry Landis, Brenda & Larry Leister, Jim Little, Cathy Meyers, Joyce Miller, Laura Miller, Robert "Lee" Miller, Carl (Edison) Paul, Kathy Picking, James Robb, Brett Sarver, Tammie Saylor, Nancy Schrock, Curt Shaulis, Brooke Stutzman, Larry Tinkey, Adeline Vieregge, Diane Walker, Robin Walker, Nancy Weighley, Lucy Wright, Allison Zimmerman, Gerald Zorn

**The Saints In Action**

TODAY- 13th Sunday after Pentecost

9:00 a.m. Worship

10:10 a.m. Sunday School

Next Sunday – 14th Sunday after Pentecost

9:00 a.m. Worship

10:10 a.m. Sunday School

**Giving From 08/11/2024**

	Rec	Budget	Over/Under
<b>General</b>	\$4285.00	\$3155.58	\$1129.42
<b>Ben</b>	\$395.00	\$182.69	\$212.31
<b>Maint</b>	\$75.00	\$163.46	-\$88.46
<b>Mem</b>			
<b>Total</b>	\$4755.00	\$3501.73	\$1253.27

Also not included in Benevolence were Donations to Food Pantry of \$15.

**Worship Attendance: 58 + 12 Online = 70**  
**Sunday School: 7**

***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

Hearing Amplifiers

Recycling Boxes for Bulletins

*These Days – Devotional*

**Assisting in Worship**

**Sound:** Pam Bush (Board), Tom Croner (Camera)

**Ushers:** Leanna Coughenour, Bill Landis

**Acolytes:** Cora Wright, Lucy Wright

**Organ:** Ann Slifco

**Flowers on the altar** in honor of our family, Scott, Lauren, Andy, Melissa, Kylan and Kamden by Mark & Lori Gindlesperger

***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:**

*Rus Ogburn, Vice President, 814-267-5650*

*Sheron Engleka, 814-267-4166*

*Jim Darr, 814-267-5260*



### **Consistory Deacons:**

*Pam Bush, Leanna Coughenour, Tom Croner (President) 814-442-6740, Amanda Custer, Jean Hart, Gale Hay, Bill Landis, Julie Petro, Ann Slifco*

### **Church Office Hours – Tuesday through Thursday 9:00 a.m. to 1 p.m.**

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

August 25 Dave Creamer

**September 1 Jay Shaffer**

September 8 Dave Creamer

September 15 Dave Creamer

**Bolded dates indicate communion.**

### **Sunday School**

Are you going through a difficult period of life? During these desert times, it's easy to think God has disappeared. Instead, discover that it's only when we are totally dependent on him that we find him closer than ever and can experience God's amazing grace and provision. Ray Vander Laan will take us on a trip in the desert to experience what it was like for the Israelites as they wandered in the desert to find the Promised Land. This seven-part series began August 11 and will be led by Sue Coughenour. Sunday School begins at 10:10 in the Fellowship Hall, everyone is invited to join in.

### **Rally Sunday**

Back to school means back to Sunday School! Join us for Rally Sunday on September 8th during the Sunday School hour for a light continental breakfast, games for all ages and a time of fellowship. We look forward to welcoming back children of all ages, and the adults also, as we begin the new Sunday School year. Join us at 10:10 am in the Fellowship Hall

**Sunday School Teachers** would like to make a Lego Room out of the part of the Nursery that has carpeting. There are Parables

and other Bible Lessons that can be taught using Legos. If anyone has any Legos or a Lego table or Lego storage options that they would like to donate to this project- please bring them and put them in the nursery downstairs. Thank you!

### **Hugs & Kisses**

Sunday, August 25th-5 PM- Back to school picnic at the Custers' home 739 Plank Road Berlin. The Custer family will provide meat and drinks. All youth and their families are invited to bring a covered dish and camp chairs and come join in some fun before school starts. Please text Amanda (814-483-4283) with a count by August 20th if you plan to attend.

The group was on a mission for a service project of cleaning up fields after farmers have picked what they want. They did just that exactly!!!! This past Tuesday they visited the Croner farm and picked over 40 dozen ears of corn and brought it to the food pantry for distribution on Wednesday morning. What an amazing gift to those in need. They will be returning at least next Tuesday, (if not more) to do the same. Anyone is welcome to come out and play in the cornfield which we hear is a lot of fun besides doing Gods work by providing for those less fortunate. If you are interested in helping, please contact any member of the Hugs & Kisses Group. Bless you Hugs & Kisses....this was wonderful.

### **Special Mission Offering**

The special mission offering for the month of September will be the CFC. Caring for Churches / Caring for Clergy. This is an endowment fund that will be used by the mission grants committee of the Penn West Conference to support local churches at the rate of 90% and 10% will be allotted to the support of retired clergy in need.

### **St. Gregory's Annual Festival – MacDonalnton, PA – Sunday, September 1, 2024 –**

Family-style ham and turkey dinners with noodles and stuffing – served 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. – adults \$12.00 – children under 12 \$6.00 – games, bake sale, themed baskets, refreshments – fun for all ages – come and enjoy reminiscing with family and friends in our air-conditioned hall.

## **Heritage Sunday, October 6th, 2024**

Both the Council of Trinity Lutheran Church and our Consistory have graciously agreed to return an old tradition called Heritage Sunday. This is based on our common heritage beginning in 1777 when both congregations built one building for both congregations to share. The date selected and approved is October 6th, 2024. There will be no church or Sunday School at our church that Sunday. Church Service will be at 10:40am that Sunday at Trinity Lutheran Church, Berlin. Sunday School will be there also at 9:30am. The following year we, Trinity UCC, will then host Trinity Lutheran at our church. Please join in this celebration of our Common Heritage on Sunday, October 6th, 2024.

**If anyone is interested in singing with the Holy Lutheran choir on Heritage Sunday, please contact Maria Mowry at 814-932-1839. Call or text would be great.**

**Maria Mowry will start joint choir practices for Heritage Sunday music.**

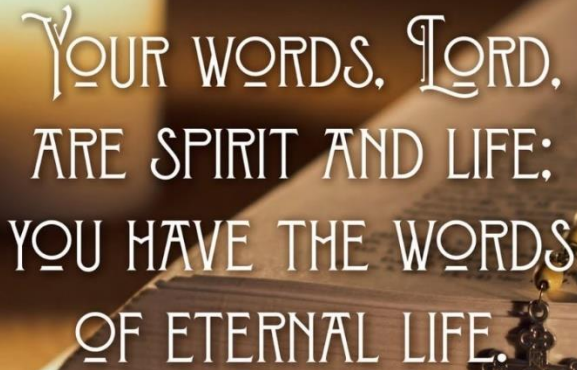
**At this point she has scheduled Sunday, August 25 following our 10:40 AM service.**

**The time should be approximately 11:30 AM.**

**Thank you!**

**Lois Saylor and her family** would like to thank each and every one who took the time to make Lois' 90th birthday a very special day with so many cards and best wishes! She was absolutely thrilled and read each one, enjoying them all. She felt so blessed by your kindness.

**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 Jay Shaffer at 814-483-0398.



YOUR WORDS, LORD,  
ARE SPIRIT AND LIFE;  
YOU HAVE THE WORDS  
OF ETERNAL LIFE.

O God,  
you are the well of life,  
and in your light, we shall see light.  
When we thirst, give us living water  
and enlighten our darkened minds with heavenly light;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Our Blessings for a Wonderful  
Week Ahead!**