



Welcome

**“Christ Came for All”**

**12<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

***Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost***

***August 11, 2024***

***Guest Speaker – Dan Croft***

***Assisted by: Cohen Clark***

***Trinity United Church of Christ***

***600 Main Street***

***Berlin, Pennsylvania***

## **Prelude**

In Christ Alone – Jason Payne  
Jesus Loves the Little Children – Mark Hayes

## **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:**

**To be in awe of God is the beginning of wisdom; Open our hearts, O God, to seek Your ways. As we gather together in worship, may we remember that each of us is made in God's image. We are vessels to be filled with love, knowledge, and insight, so that we might pour out mercy, compassion, and grace to all.**

### **Hymn No. 202**

### **Amazing Grace**

### **Call to Confession:**

### **Prayer of Confession:**

We all stumble, don't we? In our pursuit of pleasure or success, we sometimes forget kindness and justice. Here's a heartfelt confession: "Almighty God, we have failed to do justice. We have forgotten to be kind. Wake us up to see the violence, the injustice, and oppression in our world. Forgive us, help us to repent, and live into your ways of justice, peace, and mercy."

### **Silent Confession**

### **Assurance of Forgiveness**

**In Christ, God sent redemption for all.  
In Christ, God feeds our hungry souls.  
In Christ, God gives the cup of salvation  
to thirsty people.  
We give thanks to God for everything:  
forgiveness, hope, new life. Amen.**

**\*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**

**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.**

**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**

Lord Jesus, Our Savior and Redeemer, we come to you with hearts filled with gratitude for the abundant blessings you give us each day. We acknowledge that cheerful giving is not an obligation but a joyful act of worship. Help us understand that our giving is an expression of our deep love for you and our want to further your kingdom here on earth.

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

### **Scripture:** **Psalm 51**

**1** Have mercy on me, O God, according to thy steadfast love; according to thy abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.

**2** Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin!

**3** For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me.

**4** Against thee, thee only, have I sinned, and done that which is evil in thy sight, so that thou art justified in thy sentence and blameless in thy judgment.

**5** Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, and in sin did my mother conceive me.

**6** Behold, thou desirest truth in the inward being; therefore teach me wisdom in my secret heart.

**7** Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

**8** Fill me with joy and gladness; let the bones which thou hast broken rejoice.

**9** Hide thy face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities.

**10** Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me.

**11** Cast me not away from thy presence, and take not thy holy Spirit from me.

**12** Restore to me the joy of thy salvation, and uphold me with a willing spirit.

**13** Then I will teach transgressors thy ways, and sinners will return to thee.

**14** Deliver me from blood guiltiness, O God, thou God of my salvation, and my tongue will sing aloud of thy deliverance.

**15** O Lord, open thou my lips, and my mouth shall show forth thy praise.

**16** For thou hast no delight in sacrifice; were I to give a burnt offering, thou wouldst not be pleased.

**17** The sacrifice acceptable to God is a broken spirit;

a broken and contrite heart, O God, thou wilt not despise.

**18** Do good to Zion in thy good pleasure;  
rebuild the walls of Jerusalem,

**19** then wilt thou delight in right sacrifices,  
in burnt offerings and whole burnt offerings;  
then bulls will be offered on thy altar.

## **2 Samuel 9:1-10**

**1** And David said, "Is there still any one left of the house of Saul, that I may show him kindness for Jonathan's sake?"

**2** Now there was a servant of the house of Saul whose name was Ziba, and they called him to David; and the king said to him, "Are you Ziba?" And he said, "Your servant is he."

**3** And the king said, "Is there not still some one of the house of Saul, that I may show the kindness of God to him?" Ziba said to the king, "There is still a son of Jonathan; he is crippled in his feet."

**4** The king said to him, "Where is he?" And Ziba said to the king, "He is in the house of Machir the son of Ammiel, at Lo-debar."

**5** Then King David sent and brought him from the house of Machir the son of Ammiel, at Lo-debar.

**6** And Mephibosheth the son of Jonathan, son of Saul, came to David, and fell on his face and did obeisance. And David said, "Mephibosheth!" And he answered, "Behold, your servant."

**7** And David said to him, "Do not fear; for I will show you kindness for the sake of your father Jonathan, and I will restore to you all the land of Saul your father; and you shall eat at my table always."

**8** And he did obeisance, and said, "What is your servant, that you should look upon a dead dog such as I?"

**9** Then the king called Ziba, Saul's servant, and said to him, "All that belonged to Saul and to all his house I have given to your master's son.

**10** And you and your sons and your servants shall till the land for him, and shall bring in the produce, that your master's son may have bread to eat; but Mephibosheth your master's son shall always eat at my table." Now Ziba had fifteen sons and twenty servants.

## **Epistle:**

## **Romans 12:9-21**

- 9** Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good;  
**10** love one another with brotherly affection; outdo one another in showing honor.  
**11** Never flag in zeal, be aglow with the Spirit, serve the Lord.  
**12** Rejoice in your hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer.  
**13** Contribute to the needs of the saints, practice hospitality.  
**14** Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them.  
**15** Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep.  
**16** Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; never be conceited.  
**17** Repay no one evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all.  
**18** If possible, so far as it depends upon you, live peaceably with all.  
**19** Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave it to the wrath of God; for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord."  
**20** No, "if your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him drink; for by so doing you will heap burning coals upon his head."  
**21** Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

**Gospel:**

**John 8:9-21**

- 9** But when they heard it, they went away, one by one, beginning with the eldest, and Jesus was left alone with the woman standing before him.  
**10** Jesus looked up and said to her, "Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?"  
**11** She said, "No one, Lord." And Jesus said, "Neither do I condemn you; go, and do not sin again."  
**12** Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, "I am the light of the world; he who follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."  
**13** The Pharisees then said to him, "You are bearing witness to yourself; your testimony is not true."  
**14** Jesus answered, "Even if I do bear witness to myself, my testimony is true, for I know whence I have come and whither I am

going, but you do not know whence I come or whither I am going.

**15** You judge according to the flesh, I judge no one.

**16** Yet even if I do judge, my judgment is true, for it is not I alone that judge, but I and he who sent me.

**17** In your law it is written that the testimony of two men is true;

**18** I bear witness to myself, and the Father who sent me bears witness to me.”

**19** They said to him therefore, “Where is your Father?” Jesus answered, “You know neither me nor my Father; if you knew me, you would know my Father also.”

**20** These words he spoke in the treasury, as he taught in the temple; but no one arrested him, because his hour had not yet come.

**21** Again he said to them, “I go away, and you will seek me and die in your sin; where I am going, you cannot come.”



**Special Music**  
**Clarinet Solo – Dan Croft**

**Sermon**  
**“Forgive So That You May Be Forgiven”**

**\*Hymn No. 195**

**Nothing but The Blood of Jesus**

**\*Benediction**

The LORD bless you and keep you;  
the LORD make his face shine upon you  
and be gracious to you;  
the LORD turn his face toward you  
and give you peace.”

**\*Response – Sung with Dismissal**

**Surely the Presence of the Lord**

**Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place,  
I can feel His mighty power and His grace,  
I can hear the brush of angels' wings,  
I see glory on each face,  
Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.**

**\*Going Forth\***

**Postlude**

**Lancashire – Jason Payne**

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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, Carl (Edison) Paul, Kathy Picking, James Robb,  
Brett Sarver, Tammie Saylor, Nancy Schrock, Brooke Stutzman,  
Larry Tinkey, Adeline Vieregge, Diane Walker, Robin Walker,  
Nancy Weighley, Lucy Wright, Allison Zimmerman, Gerald Zorn



## The Saints In Action

TODAY- 12th Sunday after Pentecost

9:00 a.m. Worship

10:10 a.m. Sunday School

Wednesday – 7:00 p.m. Consistory Meeting

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### Giving From 08/04/2024

	Rec	Budget	Over/Under
<b>General</b>	\$1868.00	\$3155.58	-\$1287.58
<b>Ben</b>	\$245.00	\$182.69	\$62.31
<b>Maint</b>	\$145.00	\$163.46	-\$18.46
<b>Mem</b>			
<b>Total</b>	\$2258.00	\$3501.73	-\$1243.73

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

**Worship Attendance: 57 + 13 Online = 69**

**Sunday School: 6**

### ***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:** Cohen Clark (Board), Gaye Maust (Camera)

**Ushers:** Amy Clark, Jason Clark

**Acolytes:** Jason Clark

**Organ:** Amy Clark

**Flowers on the altar** in honor of our children and grandchildren and great grandchild, Paul, Michelle, Nick, Stew, Kristin, Lennon, Aaron, Rebecca Trulick, Sean, Cathy, Jayden Engleka, Shelby, Tom Welch.

### ***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 18 Peter Kaltenbaugh

August 25 Dave Creamer

**September 1 Jay Shaffer**

September 8 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 begins August 11th (today) and will be led by Sue Coughenour. Sunday School begins at 10:10 in the Fellowship Hall, everyone is invited to join in.

## **Youth Sunday School**

We will resume in the fall, September 8<sup>th</sup>.

**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!

## **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.**

**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.



Almighty God, you have given your only Son to be for us a sacrifice for sin, and also an example of godly life: Give us grace to receive thankfully the fruits of his redeeming work, and to follow daily in the blessed steps of his most holy life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen. 🇺🇸

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