

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



2nd Sunday After Pentecost
Holy Communion
June 7, 2026
Pastor Dave Creamer
Assisted by – Truitt & Callum Ogburn

Trinity United Church of Christ
600 Main Street
Berlin, Pennsylvania

“Please silence your cell phone”

Preludes

Speak, O Lord – Jason Payne

I Need Thee Every Hour – 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

Asaph, sacrifice and true worship

Psalm 50:7-15

"Hear, O my people, and I will speak,

O Israel, I will testify against you.

I am God, your God.

**I do not reprove you for your sacrifices;
your burnt offerings are continually before me.**

I will accept no bull from your house,
nor he-goat from your folds.

**For every beast of the forest is mine,
the cattle on a thousand hills.**

I know all the birds of the air,
and all that moves in the field is mine.

**"If I were hungry, I would not tell you;
for the world and all that is in it is mine.**

Do I eat the flesh of bulls,
or drink the blood of goats?

**Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving,
and pay your vows to the Most High;**

and call upon me in the day of trouble;
I will deliver you, and you shall glorify me."

Hymn No. 568

God Of The Ages

Call to Confession

The motions we make will not save us. The words we say must have meaning. Our intent matters, join with me in seeking our faith.

Confession

Heavenly Father hear our prayer. Guide our actions to repent. Make each motion matter to you. Strengthen us with your Spirit so each thing we do is for your glory, great and small.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Going through the motions will not save us. Righteousness is not a destination, but a way of life. Rejoice in a loving and forgiving savior that accepts us as sinners. For that we give God the Glory.

*** 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.

***The 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.**

***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 bring to you offering. We pray you receive it, bless it, and make it a blessing to many. Help us to love our neighbor. Powerful God you know our hearts, you see our fears, we pray that you make whole the sick, strong the weak, and bring peace to the caregivers as they strive to serve you as they serve others. We pray that your presence is in this church, that we want to know your will, that the actions we take honor you with all that we are. We pray that the love of Jesus fills our homes. That it is his footsteps we follow. That we prosper in our tasks. We lift our voices together with the prayer Jesus gave to us.

The Lord's Prayer (using debts and debtors)

Hebrew Scripture Lesson from the prophet Hosea

Chapter 6:1-3, 5-6

1 "Come, let us return to the Lord;
for he has torn, that he may heal us;
he has stricken, and he will bind us up.

2 After two days he will revive us;
on the third day he will raise us up,
that we may live before him.

3 Let us know, let us press on to know the Lord;
his going forth is sure as the dawn;
he will come to us as the showers,
as the spring rains that water the earth."

5 Therefore I have hewn them by the prophets,
I have slain them by the words of my mouth,
and my judgment goes forth as the light.

6 For I desire steadfast love and not sacrifice,
the knowledge of God, rather than burnt offerings.

The Epistle Lesson from Paul's Letter to the Romans

Chapter 4:16-25

16 That is why it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants—not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham, for he is the father of us all,

17 as it is written, “I have made you the father of many nations”—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

18 In hope he believed against hope, that he should become the father of many nations; as he had been told, “So shall your descendants be.”

19 He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was as good as dead because he was about a hundred years old, or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb.

20 No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God,

21 fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised.

22 That is why his faith was “reckoned to him as righteousness.”

23 But the words, “it was reckoned to him,” were written not for his sake alone,

24 but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him that raised from the dead Jesus our Lord,

25 who was put to death for our trespasses and raised for our justification.

The Gospel of Jesus Christ from the book of Matthew

Chapter 9:9-13

9 As Jesus passed on from there, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax office; and he said to him, “Follow me.” And he rose and followed him.

10 And as he sat at table in the house, behold, many tax collectors and sinners came and sat down with Jesus and his disciples.

11 And when the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, “Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?”

12 But when he heard it, he said, “Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick.

13 Go and learn what this means, ‘I desire mercy, and not sacrifice.’ For I came not to call the righteous, but sinners.”

Message
“Who You Know”
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. 483**

Lead On, O King Eternal

***Benediction**

***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

Sing A New Song – Mary McDonald

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Those Remembered in prayer:

God's guidance and protection for Armed Forces.

Shut Ins:

Mary Jane Harding, Cynthia Kelly,
Debbi Luteri, Lillian Potter, Lois Saylor

Healing Concerns:

Mark Amyot, Donnie Baxter, Jim Benoit,
Brad Bowers, Paige Boyer, Chris Brant, Rhonda Brown, Renee
Croushore, Susan Constantino, LaVerne Coslic, Tammy
Coughenour, Eric Custer, Lauren Davis, Tracy Dickey, Linda
Gallick, Dennis Griffith, Karen Griffith, Andrea (Shaulis) Harris,
Joe Harris, Michael Harris, Joy Hay (Dwayne), Kris Hay,
Larry Hay, Marilyn Heiple, Gary Hillegas, Don Hitte, Barb Keyser,
Bennett Keyser, Barry Landis, Brenda Leister, Wendy Leister,
Richard Lilliston, Jim Little, Blair and Phylis Lyons, Judy McCullen,
Larry McCullen, Joyce Miller, Kaitlyn Miller, Laura Miller, Robert
“Lee” Miller, Carl (Edison) Paul, Kathy Picking, Brian Robb, James
Robb, Kayla Sarver, Brett Sarver, Tammie Saylor, Nancy Schrock,
Curt Shaulis, Missy Shaulis, Roger Stoy, Dawn Edmiston-
Strasser, Larry Tinkey, Patsy and Dave Titus, Barbara and Peter
Usher, Faye Walker, Robin Walker, Nancy Weighley,
Echo Kincaid Yoder, Gerald Zorn

The Saints In Action

TODAY- 2nd Sunday after Pentecost

9:00 a.m. Worship

10:10 a.m. Sunday School

Next Sunday – 3rd Sunday after Pentecost
9:00 a.m. Worship
10:10 a.m. Sunday School
7:00 p.m. I Love America Concert

Attendance:

Worship: 87
Sunday School: 17

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: Lori Gindlesperger, Chris King

Ushers: Sue Coughenour, Bob Brown

Acolyte/Lector: Truitt & Callum Ogburn

Organ: Amanda Custer

Flowers on the altar are given in honor of Trinity UCC's graduating seniors and appreciation of the Trinity Congregation Family.

The Whole Congregation in Ministry and Assisted by

Dave Creamer, Pastor

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:

Sue Coughenour, 814-233-5413

Jim Darr, 814-483-0957

Allison Zimmerman, 814-267-4324

Consistory Deacons:

Pam Bush, Lori Gindlesperger, Jean Hart, Jeanne Hillegas,

Bill Landis (President) 814-521-6800, Allen Strasser, Amy Saylor,

Carrie Croner, Shawn Hart

Church Office Hours – Tuesday through Thursday

9:00 a.m. to 1 p.m.

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Sunday School

Tom Calvert will be teaching over the summer months.

Tom will be using the Ray Vander Laan videos.

These videos tour the land of Israel and brings their culture to light in the Scriptures to give them more meaning.

Hugs & Kisses

Sunday, June 28th- 3rd Annual Cornhole Tournament 5:00

PM. This event is for ALL AGES. H&K will provide hamburgers and hot dogs. Please bring a covered dish/drink, your lawn chair, and your best cornhole skills! Watch for a sign up at the Vine St entrance so that we have a count for meat. This is a great time for food, fun, and socializing so please plan to join us!

Community Life: Living Independence for the Elderly

There will be an Open House at Community Life, 118 Shaeli Drive, Somerset, PA 15501, Tuesday, June 9th from

11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Light refreshments will be available.

Contact Christie Fochtman, at 814-289-7213, is you are interested in attending.

Trinity Ladies Rummage Sale (Community Days)

Trinity Ladies will be holding a rummage sale on Saturday, July 18th from 9-3 during Community Days. We will be collecting items

on Tuesdays, June 30th , July 7th and July 14th from 10:30-4:00. You may also drop off items on Sundays before or after church. Items should be clean and gently used. You may put your items in the primary classroom downstairs. We also need help sorting and pricing things before the sale as well as during and after the sale to box up and donate what is left. We will also be selling stuffing and gravy, hot dogs and drinks in front of the church. If you are able to help, please contact Jean Hart at 814-442-2200.

Trinity Ladies Meeting

Our next meeting is Monday, July 6th at 11:30 at the church. We will be having a covered dish lunch on the parsonage porch, then going to the church to sort things for the rummage sale. Come and join the fun!

Raised Garden Beds Thank you to all who helped build our raised garden beds. Now we need to fill them with soil so we can put plants and seeds in them by Memorial Day. This is a great project for young and old to work together. Please watch the Sunday bulletin for times and dates. Come join us as we work together to do God's work.

Berlin Community Center The Berlin Community Center is open every Tuesday from 10:30 AM to 4:00 PM. Come join us for some fun. We play cards, games, chess and have great conversations! We love learning new games, so bring your favorite game along with you! We also have lunch, goodies, coffee and drinks available. Stop by for some fun and fellowship.

The Community Room to Offer Free Chess Lessons

Research shows that playing chess helps children to develop both greater levels of creativity and stronger academic discipline. The Community Room, located at Trinity Church in Berlin, will be offering free chess instruction during school summer break this year. The only requirement is that a parent, grandparent, or other adult relative remains at the Community Room during the lessons. The Community Room offers different activities for any adult who does not want to watch the student instruction. Free coffee and tea is provided as well. There is no extended commitment required. Come in, check it out, and decide for yourself. We are pretty sure that you will find your time well spent this summer.

Please note: Lessons are free. Sign up day is June 2, from 11:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Location is at Trinity Church (Community Room), 600 Main St., Berlin. Instruction begins June 9, 2026 and is available through July 2026. For additional information, please feel free to stop by The Community Room any Tuesday in May, between 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Family Hospice is now recruiting volunteers. Volunteers have the rewarding privilege of supporting patients with life-limiting illnesses and their caregivers through a significant and inevitable season of life. Hospice volunteers make an impact in various ways, such as patient visits, caregiver relief, phone calls, support of grieving family members, clerical assistance, and more. Volunteer involvement is determined by the individual's skills, desires, and schedule. Volunteers are good listeners who display flexibility, understanding, and empathy. Specialized training is provided for new volunteers. For more information, please contact Volunteer Coordinator Catherine Zimmerman at 814-502-5948 or zimmermancp@upmc.edu.



“I LOVE AMERICA” a Choral Celebration presented by our community under the direction of Norman Menhorn accompanied by Rick Kimmel & Mary Anne Showers will be held **Sunday, June 14th, 7 PM at the Trinity United Church of Christ, Berlin.** We invite all to help us celebrate our country's **250th Anniversary!**

HVAC fundraising has begun

If you would like to contribute to the heating/air conditioning fund, please mark your offering envelope with HVAC; Heating or A/C. Tithe.ly users can also contribute using the Air Conditioning Fund drop-down option. If you have any questions, please contact Renee Gindlesperger.

Living Waters Camp & Conference Center

300 Camp Living Water Rd, Schellsburg, PA 15559

Trustin' Jesus! Summer Camps

Fishing Camp (\$160) June 28 to July 2 For grades completed: 5th to 12th. Spend time on our living waters while we learn about God's Creation

Primary (\$325) July 5 to 11 For grades completed: K-3rd. Begin a new adventure at camp, make new friends, and come to your new home away from home!

Elementary Camp (\$325) July 5 to 11 For grades completed: 4th-6th. Come spend a week learning about faith while getting fresh air and having a blast!

Junior-Senior High Camp (\$325) July 12 – 18 For grades completed: 7th-12th. Experience God in nature and have fun doing it!

Grandparent / Grandchild Camp (\$160) July 12 to 15 For children up to age 10. Cost includes one grandparent and one child. 40 for each additional child. Join us in a half week of activities, music, crafts and more with someone you love

Our church will be presenting Bible Blast! Where God's Word Meets Game time! This will be a community outreach event for the whole family to come and enjoy free games, prizes and snacks while they learn about God. **When: August 2, 2026 (date was changed) Time: 1:00-3:00 pm Where: In the TUCC parking lot or Fellowship Hall in case of rain.** To make this outreach possible we will need many volunteers to be on hand the day of the event. We need volunteers to: Help with Games (7 games / 12 volunteers) Face Painters – at least 2 Prize Table Attendants – 2-3 volunteers Snack Table Attendants – 2-3 volunteers Information Table Attendants – 2-3 volunteers Set Up and Tear Down – many hands make light work. In addition, we will need someone to help construct some of the games, and someone to help paint the games. Other ways you can help is to donate money towards

supplies for the event. And most importantly we need everyone to be praying for people to come and hear the word of God with open hearts. God can and will do wonderful things if everyone gets involved so please be praying on how you can help. For more information contact someone on the committee: Sue Coughenour, Jeanne Hillegas, Amy Saylor, Sheron Engleka, Lori Gindlesperger, and Jean Hart. Let them know if you are willing to help.

Church Cookbook Fundraiser

As we begin to compile the recipes that some of you have so graciously submitted, we find that we are lacking recipes in several areas. The breakdown of divisions in the book are as follows:

- Appetizers/Snacks
- Soups/Salads
- Vegetables/Side Dishes
- Main Dishes
- Breads/Rolls
- Desserts
- Cookies/Candy
- Preserving
- This & That

There are still several people who have indicated that they would like to contribute (and we'd love you to) but we haven't heard from you yet! Let's make this the "Best Cookbook Ever"!

Nathan Spangler Eagle Scout Service Project Is COMPLETE!

Thanks to your support and Nathan's determination to complete this project twelve turtle basking platforms have been completed and placed in Yellow Creek. A turtle basking platform is a dry, elevated area placed inside an aquatic turtle's tank or pond so the turtle can climb out of the water, warm up, and absorb UVB light. Turtles are of great ecological importance. The extinction of turtles is driven primarily by human activities and environmental changes. Protecting nesting habitats, which is exactly what Nathan's project did is critical to preventing further declines and preserving the ecological roles turtles play. Be sure to note the pictures in the announcements today. This looked like a tough job! Thank you Nathan!

Unity Basket Raffle Fundraiser

Father's Day weekend, Friday June 19th 5:00-7:00 p.m.

Saturday June 20th 9:00-7:00 p.m. and Sunday June 21st 9:00-2:00 p.m. All proceeds benefit one of Unity's young members, Elliot Fairman, who is fighting Hodgkin's Lymphoma, and his family. Please come out and support him in this fight. Drawing for baskets is 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, do not need to be present to win. Contact Jeannie Custer (814-701-6281) or Ally Warren (814-444-2904) to coordinate basket donations or with questions.

On Saturday they will have burgers and more. On Sunday, they are also having a chicken BBQ at 11:30 a.m. until sold out. ½ Chicken \$10.00 , ½ Chicken with 2 sides and roll \$12.00, Hot Dogs \$1.50 and Sides \$1.00. Desserts and Drinks will be available for separate purchase. Tickets for the basket raffle will be available.

Online Giving (Tithe.ly)

If you are giving through our recent online Tithe.ly and no longer need donation envelopes, please contact the office. There is a slight delay in the receipt of your online donations to the bank. Therefore, in order to give you a more accurate picture of our budget goals, we will be posting the giving information once a month as opposed to weekly. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact the office or Renee.



Shut In Visitations

There is a sign-up sheet at the Vine Street entrance bulletin board to sign up to visit our shut ins. Their names and addresses are on the list. Please just put the time and date that you can visit. Let's let our shut ins know we care!

Planning and Scheduling Calendar

Monthly calendars have been posted on the Main Street entrance bulletin board. All committees please post dates of meetings and/or events on these calendars. In addition, please either leave a note in the church office mailbox at the Vine Street entrance indicating that you have done so or contact the office. The office will also post any requests that come through the office on your calendar as they occur. This combined effort will eliminate double booking in fellowship hall, the sanctuary or the church office conference room. It will also give everyone information and dates of events, meetings, etc. Thank you for your assistance.



Lord Jesus, You call us to follow You not only in moments of joy but also in the quiet, ordinary days where faith is tested and love is proven. Send us out from this place as Your hands and feet in the world.

May the Holy Spirit guide our steps, strengthen our resolve, and fill our hearts with peace that passes all understanding.

In Your holy name we pray,

Amen.

**Thank You For Joining Us
&
Have A Blessed Week Ahead**