



6TH SUNDAY AFTER
PENTECOST

July 20, 2025

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Pastor Dave Creamer

Assisted by – Colton Custer

Trinity United Church of Christ

600 Main Street

Berlin, Pennsylvania

Preludes

Amazing Grace – Diane Bish Meditation – Lloyd Larson

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 A Celebration of Service!

Let us Pray: We are grateful for the light you carry and the word you shared. We pray you carry the spirit wherever you go. That the end of this service begins another. Stay steadfast in your Faith, determined in Gods will, and Blessed in the Spirit. Amen

***Hymn No. 278**

Glorious Things of Thee are Spoken

Call to Confession

Jesus Said "You shall receive Power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you, Do not fear the power but seek its embrace of new life.

Confession

Heavenly Father, through your Spirit you offer us life, but we cling to old ways. Through the Spirit you offer us freedom, but we cling to our chains. Through the Spirit you offer us unity, but we build walls. Forgive us. Help us to accept your gifts, and move with courage into the world, we pray in the powerful name of Jesus. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon:

People of God let your soul leap up and dance! The Spirit is here and brings forgiving power, Rise up in a new life of the Spirit. Amen

**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

Heavenly Father, we humble ourselves before you. Grateful to share some of our gifts. We pray that you use our gifts, our time, our talent to do your will. Help us to serve you better. We pray that you Bless us with your Spirit, that it fills our homes and schools. That you make us a fruitful and productive people. We pray that you watch over and protect our military and first responders. Guide them in their tasks. With our Faith we lift to you our prayer list. We ask that you touch those in need of healing, that you comfort those that worry and are filled with anguish. We ask that you are never far from the ones that don't think they need you, those that wander and stray from you, please keep them safe. We are grateful most of all for our Savior Jesus Christ. His Grace and Peace anchors in the storms of life, we offer to you the prayer he first taught to us.

The Lord's Prayer (using debts and debtors)

Scripture

Genesis 18:1-12

1 And the Lord appeared to him by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the door of his tent in the heat of the day.

2 He lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, three men stood in front of him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent door to meet them, and bowed himself to the earth,

3 and said, "My lord, if I have found favor in your sight, do not pass by your servant.

4 Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree,

5 while I fetch a morsel of bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on—since you have come to your servant." So they said, "Do as you have said."

6 And Abraham hastened into the tent to Sarah, and said, "Make ready quickly three measures of fine meal, knead it, and make cakes."

7 And Abraham ran to the herd, and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to the servant, who hastened to prepare it.

8 Then he took curds, and milk, and the calf which he had prepared, and set it before them; and he stood by them under the tree while they ate.

9 They said to him, "Where is Sarah your wife?" And he said, "She is in the tent."

10 The Lord said, "I will surely return to you in the spring, and Sarah your wife shall have a son." And Sarah was listening at the tent door behind him.

11 Now Abraham and Sarah were old, advanced in age; it had ceased to be with Sarah after the manner of women.

12 So Sarah laughed to herself, saying, "After I have grown old, and my husband is old, shall I have pleasure?"

Epistle Lesson:

Colossians 1:15-28

15 He is the image of the invisible God, the first-born of all creation;
16 for in him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or authorities—all things were created through him and for him.
17 He is before all things, and in him all things hold together.
18 He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the first-born from the dead, that in everything he might be pre-eminent.
19 For in him all the fulness of God was pleased to dwell,
20 and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.
21 And you, who once were estranged and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds,
22 he has now reconciled in his body of flesh by his death, in order to present you holy and blameless and irreproachable before him,
23 provided that you continue in the faith, stable and steadfast, not shifting from the hope of the gospel which you heard, which has been preached to every creature under heaven, and of which I, Paul, became a minister.
24 Now I rejoice in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I complete what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the church,
25 of which I became a minister according to the divine office which was given to me for you, to make the word of God fully known,
26 the mystery hidden for ages and generations but now made manifest to his saints.
27 To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory.
28 Him we proclaim, warning every man and teaching every man in all wisdom, that we may present every man mature in Christ.

**The Gospel of Jesus Christ:
Luke 10:38-42**

38 Now as they went on their way, he entered a village; and a woman named Martha received him into her house.

39 And she had a sister called Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to his teaching.

40 But Martha was distracted with much serving; and she went to him and said, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to serve alone? Tell her then to help me."

41 But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are anxious and troubled about many things;

42 one thing is needful. Mary has chosen the good portion, which shall not be taken away from her."

Special Music

Just Brass

Scott Hulbert, Trumpet
Steve Landis, Trumpet
Erik Wagler, French Horn
Rick Showers, Trombone
Jason June, Tuba

"To God Be the Glory"
"Amazing Grace"

Message

"Priorities"

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***Hymn No. 52**

O God, Our Help in Ages Past

***Benediction**

***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**

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Those Remembered in prayer:

God's guidance and protection for Armed Forces.

Shut Ins:

Barb Berkley, Mary Jane Harding, Cynthia Kelly, Debbi Luteri,
Lillian Potter, Lois Saylor, Ruth Elaine Whitacre.

Healing Concerns:

Mark Amyot, Donnie Baxter, Jim Benoit, Brad Bowers,
Paige Boyer, Chris Brant, Father Elijah Bremer,
Rhonda Brown, Ray Coleman, Susan Constantino,
Tammy Coughenour, Renee Croushore, Eric Custer,
Tracy Dickey, Nancy Gindlesperger,
Marlene Gotchen, Dennis Griffith, Karen Griffith, Andrea (Shaulis)
Harris, Joe Harris, Michael Harris, Joy Hay (Dwayne), Kris Hay,
Larry Hay, Marilyn Heiple, Gary Hillegas, Barry Landis,
Brenda Leister, Jim Little, Blair and Phylis Lyons, Judy McCullen,
Larry McCullen, Joyce Miller, Laura Miller, Robert "Lee" Miller,
Carl (Edison) Paul, Kathy Picking, Brian Robb, James Robb,
Brett Sarver, Tammie Saylor, Nancy Schrock, Curt Shaulis,
Missy Shaulis, Phyllis Stoy, Dawn Edmiston-Strasser,
Larry Tinkey, Robin Walker, Nancy Weighley, Gerald Zorn

It's time once again to update our prayer list. If you have any information regarding the people on this list, please contact the church office with updates, removals, or any other information.

The Saints In Action

Today- 6th Sunday after Pentecost
9:00 a.m. Worship
10:10 a.m. Sunday School

10:00 a.m.- 12:30 p.m. Church Pictorial Pictures

Next Sunday – 7th Sunday after Pentecost

9:00 a.m. Worship

10:10 a.m. Sunday School – In Church Office

10:00 a.m.- 12:30 p.m. Church Pictorial Pictures

Giving From 0713/2025

	Rec	Budget	Over/Under
General	\$2465.00	\$3155.58	-\$690.58
Ben	\$380.00	\$182.69	\$197.31
Maint	\$425.00	\$163.46	\$261.54
Mem	\$100.00		
Total	\$3370.00	\$3501.73	-\$231.73

Not included in Benevolence were Donations to Food Pantry of \$25

Worship Attendance: 71

Sunday School: 9

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: Cohen Clark, Colton Custer (Pam Bush)

Ushers: Leonard Gary, Allen Strasser

Acolytes: Maelyn and Mason Fochtman

Organ: Amanda Custer

Flowers on the altar are in memory of loved ones by Ed and Shirley Reed

The Whole Congregation in Ministry and Assisted by

Dave Creamer, Student 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:

Sheron Engleka, 814-267-4166

Jim Darr, 814-483-0957

Allison Zimmerman, 814-267-4324

Consistory Deacons:

Pam Bush, Tom Croner (President) 814-442-6740, Amanda

Custer, Lori Gindlesperger, Jean Hart, Jeanne Hillegas,

Bill Landis, Julie Petro, Allen Strasser

Church Office Hours – Tuesday through Thursday

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

Church Office Phone: 814-267-3234

Mailing Address: PO Box 86, Berlin, PA 15530

Email: berlinucc@yahoo.com

Website: www.berlinucc.org

Pictorial Committee

Church Pictorial

We're creating a new church pictorial directory and want everyone to be included!

Photo sessions are:

Sunday, July 20th - 10:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Sunday, July 27th - 10:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Tuesday, July 29th - 5:00 p.m. -7:30 p.m.

Don't miss your chance to be part of our church family album!

If you have not yet registered for a photo session, please call: Lori Gindlesperger, 814-279-4709, as soon as possible.
Thank you for helping us build a beautiful pictorial!

We are pleased to include a special section in the upcoming church pictorial honoring our Veterans. If you would like to have a photo included, please submit it to the church office or to Lori Gindlesperger no later than **August 15, 2025**. All submitted photos will be returned.

Additionally, we are collecting high-quality candid photographs from church events and activities that took place during **2024–2025**.

Sunday School

Tom Calvert resumed the summer series from last year while giving Sue Coughenour a much-needed break. It is the continuation of the Ray Vander Laan's "That the World May Know" DVD #12 Walking with God in the Desert. It's about Experiencing Living Water When Life is Tough.

Hugs & Kisses

Sunday, August 10th – Altoona Curve Game 1 PM. Let Amanda Custer know if interested and how many tickets needed by August 1st. (814-483-4283) H&K will pay for youth.

New Tenant

We officially have our first tenant in parsonage living quarters! Please welcome Jean Hart as a welcome addition to the church, literally 😊.

That being said, please adhere to the "No Parking" signs in front of the garage as this will be her access to the garage.



Goodwill Donation Drive



**Support Berlin Students
Traveling to Europe in 2026!**



**DONATE YOUR GENTLY USED ITEMS -
CLOTHING, SHOES, HOUSEHOLD
GOODS, SMALL ELECTRONICS, TOYS,
BOOKS, AND MORE!**

SATURDAY

JULY 26

8 A.M. - NOON

DROP-OFF LOCATION

Berlin Borough Building
700 NORTH STREET
BERLIN, PA 15530

Can't make it on Saturday? Drop-off bins will also be available at the Borough Building Office from 9-4 July 21-25. Just go inside and ask for Traci. 😊



Let's work together to support student travel and community impact



Every item, bag, or box helps fund unforgettable learning experiences

Questions? Contact: rcourtney@bbsd.com

We will be collecting items to support the Berlin Students' travel next year. This is a great opportunity to get rid of that extra "stuff" you have collecting in your home. We will also be looking for help on that Saturday to transport everything to the borough building. Please contact Pam if you are interested in helping with that transportation.



Your donations to Goodwill are tax deductible. Thanks for choosing Goodwill.

Acceptable items: We accept these items, clean and in good working order, to be sold in our 10 retail stores to support job training and employment support services for individuals with disadvantages and disabilities, dislocated workers, youth, and other job seekers.

Accepted for Recycling: We accept these items for our recycling partnerships, items such as computers and computer equipment, which we recycle through the [Dell Reconnect Program](#)

Unacceptable Items: We cannot accept items in this column because we cannot sell them in our retail stores. And disposing of these items actually costs us money, and thereby reduces revenue to support our mission. Thank you for your cooperation.

Acceptable Items

Clothing
Curtains and drapes
Bedspreads and blankets
Purses
Shoes and boots
Dishes, cookware, glassware
Housewares
Jewelry
Toys, games, dolls
Antiques
Sporting goods
Office supplies
Office equipment
Pictures
Backpacks
Small appliances (mixers, etc.)
Radios, CD players
Records, tapes, videos
Small wooden/upholstered furniture

Acceptable for Recycling

Computers & Equipment
(working & nonworking)
Recycled through the Dell Reconnect Program
Books
Exercise Equipment

Unacceptable Items

Hazardous chemicals
Torn, soiled, stained, or broken items
Televisions
Food
Large appliances (stoves, fridges)
Air conditioners
Water heaters
Concrete, brick, stone, lumber
Auto parts and tires
Newspapers and magazines
Cosmetics
Swing sets
Nonworking electrical items
Hospital beds
Stereo consoles
Electric razors
Electrical items *without polarized plug*
Cribs, strollers, high chairs
Car seats
Walkers
Bottles and nipples
Accordion gates
Diaper pails
Anything on the CPSC Recall List*

**Goodwill of the Southern Alleghenies follows the Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) Guidelines. Any item listed on the CPSC List for recall cannot be accepted.*

Donate Stuff. Shop Often. Create Jobs. | www.GoGoodwill.org
Goodwill of the Southern Alleghenies | 540 Central Avenue, Johnstown, PA 15902 | (814) 536-3536

Hospice is currently looking for volunteers in our area. Our Mission Statement: Our Hospice services are designed to provide comfort care as well as spiritual and emotional support for people in the final phase of a terminal illness. If interested, please refer to the poster at the back door entrance for more information.

Berlin Community Bible School

Hello, I'm Connie Jandik and I'm one of the coordinators for the Berlin Community Bible School. The work has begun for this year's VBS. We would like to invite you and your children to participate. How you ask?

1. Talk to your kid's ministry leader and your congregation about attending.
2. Volunteer – we can use any help you can give us.
3. We would like a pastor or youth leader to be present every night each taking a night to pray and interact with the kids.
4. Financially between the parade candy and flyer and VBS it adds up fast.
5. PRAYER IS ALWAYS A MUST, NEVER TOO MANY

The dates this year are July 21-25 at the Berlin Community Grove. If you have any questions, please call me at 814-267-3047, call or text 814-442-0365 or email: crjandik@gmail.com. Thank you.

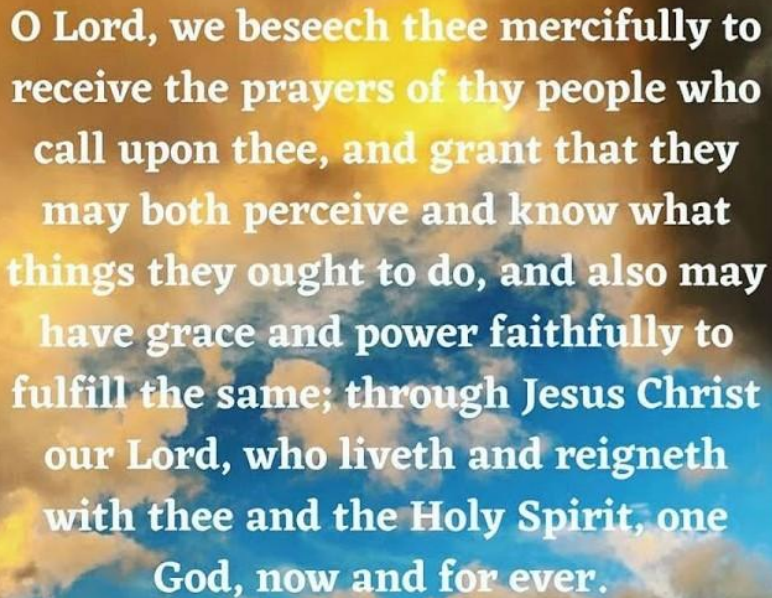
The Pius Springs Woman's Club "Back to School Swap" is planned for **August 10th. The donations we've received are greatly appreciated!** Please continue to donate gently used clothing, shoes and/or backpacks for our kids. Children's sizes 4T to 16 will be accepted as well as adult sizes. Please note that clothing should be clean and ready-to-wear. Clothing will be targeted to children in grades K - 12. **We currently have a shortage of boys' clothing.** Donations will be accepted through **August 3rd** in the bin in the large Sunday school classroom.

Church World Services Hygiene Kits

Remember we still have bags at the entrances of the sanctuary with a list of things for the hygiene kits. Thank you to those who have already participated but remember to pick yours up if you haven't already done so. These are extremely important items to assist with shelters in disaster areas.

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 Dave Creamer, Student Pastor for Trinity at 814-777-2280. If Dave is not available, please contact Jay Shaffer at 814-483-0398.

Sermon Notes:



O Lord, we beseech thee mercifully to receive the prayers of thy people who call upon thee, and grant that they may both perceive and know what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to fulfill the same; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

Prayer for the Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

O God, the Father almighty,
shine on us with the light of your knowledge,
and the fullness of all virtue,
that, while we seek for the gifts of learning,
we may never depart from you,
the Fountain of all wisdom;
through Jesus Christ,
your Son, our Lord.
Amen.

**Thank you for being here with us today
and have a blessed week ahead.**