



Trinity Sunday
First Sunday After Pentecost
“Graduation Sunday”
June 4, 2023
Guest Speaker – Pastor Steve Dinning
Assisted By – Lily Countryman

Trinity United Church of Christ
600 Main Street
Berlin, Pennsylvania

Preludes

**When Morning Gilds the Skies –
Anna Laura Page
El Shaddai – Lani Smith**

Announcements

Welcome

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

Call To Worship:

On this day of rest and gladness, we praise you, God of creation, for the dignity of work and the joy of play, for the challenge of witness and the invitation to delight at your table. Renew our hearts through your Sabbath rest, that we might be refreshed to continue in your work of restoring the world to wholeness.

Amen.

“Graduate Presentation”

Chloe Broadwater – Berlin Class of 2022

Jackson Hay – Penn College of Technology – Class of 2023

Morgan Twombly – Berlin Class of 2023

Dear Lord,

We pray that you give our children wisdom and direction in making decisions, and in each new situation and journey you have for them now. Teach them to listen closely to your voice, that they would have a heart to obey your word and have a desire for the right choices.

We pray that these we love so much would walk faithfully and diligently in all your ways. We ask that you make their footsteps firm, that your Word would be a constant lamp for their feet and a light to their path. May they sense the freshness of your Spirit in their lives in amazing ways, may they be strengthened and instilled with hope for the new roads you have in store.

We ask for your wisdom and clear direction over their lives, that you would give them understanding beyond their years. We ask you to open doors that need to be opened and close

every one that should be shut tight. Allow every gift and treasure you have placed in their lives to grow and flourish, to bring you glory.

In Jesus' name, Amen.

Hymn No. 292

God of Grace and God of Glory

Confession Prayer:

God of all creation, you loved us into being, yet we often flee our rightful place in your creation. We confess that we exploit the gifts you place around us and dominate the richness of the natural order. Forgive our greedy grasping. We confess our part in the devastation of our planet home, mirrored in the violence of cities, and the brokenness of hearts. Forgive and restore us, O God.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Forgiveness:

Our world, broken and scarred, still belongs to God.

He holds it together and gives us hope.

With the whole creation we wait for the purifying fire of judgment.

For then we will see the Lord face to face.

God will be all in all, righteousness and peace will flourish,
everything will be made new,

and every eye will see at last that our world belongs to God!

Hallelujah! Come, Lord Jesus.

*Affirmation of Faith

The Apostle's 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.**

***Hymn No. 32**

Holy, Holy, Lord, God Almighty

Scripture

Genesis 1:1-4

- 1** In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.
- 2** The earth was without form and void, and darkness was upon the face of the deep; and the Spirit of God was moving over the face of the waters.
- 3** And God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light.
- 4** And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness.

Psalm 8

- 1** O LORD, our Lord,
how majestic is thy name in all the earth!
Thou whose glory above the heavens is chanted
- 2** by the mouth of babes and infants,
thou hast founded a bulwark because of thy foes,
to still the enemy and the avenger.
- 3** When I look at thy heavens, the work of thy fingers,
the moon and the stars which thou hast established;
- 4** what is man that thou art mindful of him,
and the son of man that thou dost care for him?
- 5** Yet thou hast made him little less than God,
and dost crown him with glory and honor.
- 6** Thou hast given him dominion over the works of thy hands;
thou hast put all things under his feet,
- 7** all sheep and oxen,
and also the beasts of the field,
- 8** the birds of the air, and the fish of the sea,

whatever passes along the paths of the sea.

9 O LORD, our Lord,

how majestic is thy name in all the earth!

Epistle

2 Corinthians 13:11-13

11 Finally, brethren, farewell. Mend your ways, heed my appeal, agree with one another, live in peace, and the God of love and peace will be with you.

12 Greet one another with a holy kiss.

13 All the saints greet you.

Gospel

Matthew 28:16-20

16 Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them.

17 And when they saw him they worshiped him; but some doubted.

18 And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.

19 Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,

20 teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, to the close of the age."

Offering:

With joy, we offer our gifts to God as a sign of our deep devotion and covenant faithfulness.

***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

Prayer of Dedication:

Yours, Lord, is the greatness, the power and the glory, the victory and the majesty.

All that is in the heavens and in the earth is yours, and you rule over all.

Therefore, Lord, receive these offerings, our tangible expressions of love and gratitude.

Transform them into a source of life for many, so that your kingdom may grow in the hearts of all. In the name of Jesus. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer (using debts and debtors)

Sermon

Guest Speaker – Pastor Steve Dinning

***Hymn No. 12**

Holy God, We Praise Thy Name

Benediction

Lord of time and new beginnings, give us good judgment to know what new things to do for you this year, and grant us the inner strength to finish each job we begin; so may we fully know the joy of doing your will; so may your kingdom come on earth— through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

***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.**

Postlude

**“Praise To The Lord, The Almighty”
Wayne Kerr**

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Those Remembered in prayer:

God's guidance and protection for Armed Forces.

Shut Ins:

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

Healing Concerns:

Mark Amyot, Melvin & Bonnie Baughman, Donnie Baxter, Jim Benoit, Father Elijah Bremer, Rhonda Brown, Terry Coslic, Jim Coughenour, Tammy Coughenour, Pam Crooks, Ann Darrow, Elizabeth Deal, Monica Downard, John Durst, Melodie Glessner, Art & Marlene Gotchen, Mary Jane Harding, Andrea (Shaulis) Harris, Larry Hay, Faye Hetrick, Barry Landis, Brenda & Larry Leister, Jim Little, Larry McCullen Jim McKenzie, Bonnie Murphy, Harold Pritts, James Robb, Lois Saylor, Nancy Schrock, Tracey Smith, Peggy Stayrook, Kelly Tharp, Larry Tinkey, Adeline Vieregge, Robin Walker, Gerald Zorn

Prayers and Concerns:

Pastor Art Gotjen is scheduled for another surgery the end of June. Please join us in sending him your prayers, well wishes and cards to:

Art Gotjen, 1096 Sunset Dr, Somerset, PA 15501

The Saints In Action

TODAY –Trinity Sunday

9:00 a.m. Worship

10:10 Sunday School (Fellowship Hall Only)

Next Sunday – 2nd Sunday after Pentecost

9:00 a.m. Worship

10:10 a.m. Sunday School (Fellowship Hall Only)

Giving From 05/28/23

	Rec	Budget	Over/Under
General	\$2032.00	\$3155.58	-\$1123.58
Ben	\$151.00	\$182.69	-\$31.69
Maint	\$171.00	\$163.46	\$7.54
Mem			
Total	\$2354.00	\$3501.73	-\$1147.73

Also not included in Benevolence were Donations to Food Pantry of \$15 and Knotty Knotters of \$300.

Important Note: Please be sure to make donations for Knotty Knotters directly through TUCC in order to receive donation credit.

Worship Attendance: 70

Sunday School: 22

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 (Board), Chris King (Camera)

Ushers: Ann Slifco, Gaye Maust

Acolytes: Lily Countryman

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

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:

Tom Calvert, President, 814-267-3771

Rus Ogburn, Vice President, 814-267-5650

Sheron Engleka, 814-267-4166

Consistory Deacons:

Amy Clark, Julie Petro, Ann Slifco

Leanna Coughenour, Gale Hay, Tom Croner

Amanda Custer, Debbie Boyer, Gaye Maust

Church Office Hours – Tuesday through Thursday

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

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The Parsonage Conference Room Sunday School Class will be following this schedule in Fellowship Hall:

April 23-July 9: Culture Shock: A 12-part video series by Chip Ingram. Where do you stand on the issues of Truth, Abortion, The Environment, Sex, Homosexuality, Churches, and Politics? More

importantly what does God say? More than ever before, believers must develop convictions based on research, reason, and biblical truth. It's equally important that believers are able (and willing) to communicate these convictions with the love and respect that reflects God's own heart. This study will help you to respond with love, even in the face of controversy. In the process, you'll discover the power of bringing light – not heat – to the core issues at the heart of society today. **Because there is a lot of interest in this class, we will be joining Tom Calvert's class in the Fellowship Hall and holding class there.**

This class is open to adults of **ALL AGES** and is led by Sue Coughenour. *Come join us!*

Sunday School for Nursery Through 5th Grade Only:

There will be no Sunday School for the Summer for the Nursery through 5th grade classes only. Sunday School will resume on Rally Sunday, September 10th. All other classes will continue to meet in the Social Room for the program of Culture Shock.

Search Committee:

Next committee meeting is scheduled for Monday, June 19th at 7:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall.

Hugs & Kisses:

Corn Hole Tournament – Sunday, June 25th at 4:00 parking lot behind church, unless rain then will be in the basement. H&K Youth will provide grilled hamburgers and hot dogs and those attending can bring side dishes. Come join us and have fun- you can play or just bring a lawn chair and enjoy as a spectator. There will be a prize for the winner! **Please sign up at the side entrance so we know how much meat to prepare.**

VBS will be the week of June 19-23rd. However, there are two other churches in the area that are doing VBS the same week, with the same theme. We have decided that we will be joining Beachdale Church of the Brethren for their VBS. It will be the week of June 19-23 from 6-8 p.m. Anyone interested in attending should call or text Amy Clark at 814-701-8361. Transportation can also be arranged if necessary. We are still planning to do a short

program on June 25th with the songs we learned during the week. If you have any questions, please let Amy know.

Living Waters Camp is offering various camps for June & July for all age groups. Please contact the Church Office for more details.

The Holy Trinity Lutheran Church is trying to form teams for softball over the summer. It would be for all ages. Please contact the Church Office if you are interested.

The Holy Trinity Lutheran Church VBS is June 26 – June 30, 2023.

Berlin Community Day:

Mark your Calendars for **Saturday, July 22, 2023**, 9 am – 4 pm for Berlin Annual Community Day. We are coordinating our annual “Main Street” event with The Ice Cream Station’s “Christmas in July”. So far, we have Bluegrass/Gospel music, a Silent Auction, food vendors, a Kids Korner, and much more. **A portion of our proceeds will be donated to a local charity!**

Changes to upcoming Supply Minister assignments.

June 4	Steve Dinning
June 11	Reverend James Vander Schuur
June 18	Bill Deal
June 25	Reverend James Vander Schuur
July 2	Jay Shaffer
July 9	Dwayne Hay
July 16	Reverend James Vander Schuur
July 23	Jay Shaffer
July 30	Kaitlyn Coughenour

A huge thank you to all of our pulpit supply participants and to Tom Croner and Rus Ogburn for reaching out to these wonderful people.

Thank You from Berlin Food Pantry

On behalf of the Berlin Food Pantry, thank you for your financial support. Your donations will assist in helping those who struggle to make ends meet within the greater Berlin and Shanksville School Districts.

May God continue to share these blessings.

A Special Tribute for our active military and all living veterans has been given to us from the **Knotty Knotters**, Lutheran Church, Berlin. The Knotters will make throws for all of our active military and Veterans as a special **“thank you for your service”** to be given on Veterans Sunday.

Any active military or veterans that have not given their names to Sheron, please contact Sheron Engleka at 814-267-4166.

“Honoring Our Graduates”

**Chloe
Broadwater**



Jackson Hay

**Morgan
Twombly**



Congratulations and may God guide you through your next adventure!

Blessings to you all for a wonderful week!