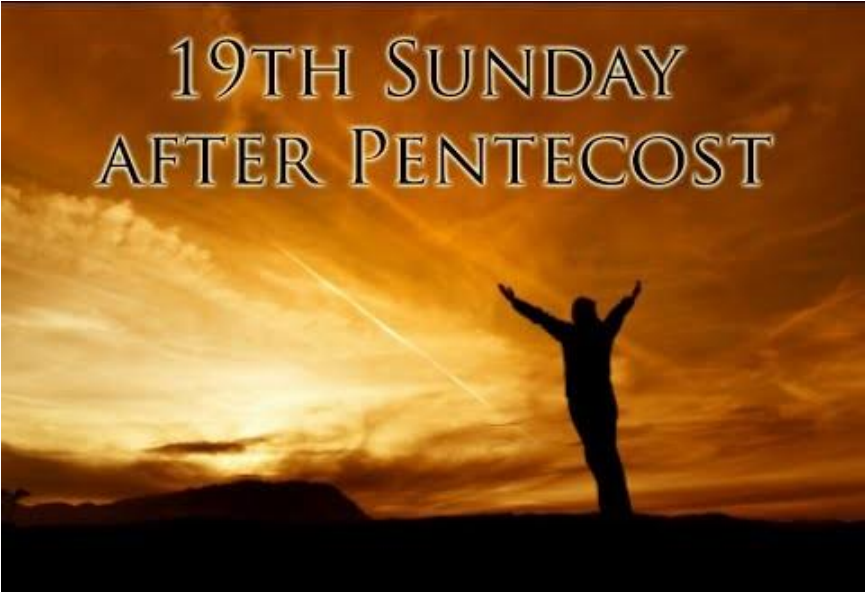


19TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



***Sunday Morning Worship Service
Trinity United Church of Christ
Pastor Dave Creamer
Assisted by Kaitlyn Miller
October 19, 2025***

“Please silence your cell phone”

**Preludes: Come, Christians, Join To Sing – Mary McDonald
Blessed Assurance – Mark Hayes**

Greeting and Announcements

Call To Worship Based On Psalm 119 A Celebration of Scripture

We cherish the Word, we celebrate the scripture, It is our Guide.

Your commandment makes us wise; it is always within us.

Focus on the Word, teach from its understanding.

We live in your ways; your Laws are our guide.

Stay on the path, know what it is to be righteous, keep the word close to your heart.

We will not turn away, the Word lights our path, we celebrate what is righteous.

***Hymn No. 292**

God of Grace and God of Glory

Call to Confession:

Paul tells us to train our hearts to be righteous. To be persistent whether the time is favorable or not. To trust in Salvation. Let us join in Confessing our faults.

Confession:

Heavenly Father Hear our prayer. You see our faults, you know our hearts, forgive us where we fall short to keep your commandments. We pray that you find with in us willing servants. Grant us your Spirit in our lives so we can want to sin no more.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon:

Jesus Christ brings the gift of Grace. We need to only accept it. Open your hearts and celebrate that your sin can be forgiven.

***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

Heavenly Father, we humble ourselves before you. We offer you our gifts of time talent and resources. We are thankful for all that you have given us. Accept our gifts and let your will be done. Help us in these times to trust in your Will. To know that you have a plan. That each of us are branches on your great vine, part of your great plan. Bless your church and make it fruitful. Help each of us to use your Spirit to be abundant in sharing your gifts and living lives for your Glory. We pray that you look to our prayer list. To heal and comfort as only you can. Be in each place that we worry for, let your presence follow us all. We are grateful most of all that Jesus Died for our sins. He is our greatest hope, our guide and our teacher. We offer to you the prayer he first taught to us;

The Lord's Prayer (using debts and debtors)

Special Music
Gene Kennedy
“Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus”
“How Great Is Our God”

The Old Testament Lesson
Genesis 32:22-31

22 The same night he arose and took his two wives, his two maids, and his eleven children, and crossed the ford of the Jabbok.

23 He took them and sent them across the stream, and likewise everything that he had.

24 And Jacob was left alone; and a man wrestled with him until the breaking of the day.

25 When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he touched the hollow of his thigh; and Jacob's thigh was put out of joint as he wrestled with him.

26 Then he said, “Let me go, for the day is breaking.” But Jacob said, “I will not let you go, unless you bless me.”

27 And he said to him, “What is your name?” And he said, “Jacob.”

28 Then he said, “Your name shall no more be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with men, and have prevailed.”

29 Then Jacob asked him, “Tell me, I pray, your name.” But he said, “Why is it that you ask my name?” And there he blessed him.

30 So Jacob called the name of the place Peniel, saying, “For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life is preserved.”

31 The sun rose upon him as he passed Penuel, limping because of his thigh.

The Epistle Lesson from Paul's Second Letter to Timothy
Timothy Chapter 3:14 and Chapter 4:5

14 I hope to come to you soon, but I am writing these instructions to you so that,

5 for then it is consecrated by the word of God and prayer.

The Gospel of Jesus Christ

Luke 18:1-8

- 1** And he told them a parable, to the effect that they ought always to pray and not lose heart.
- 2** He said, "In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor regarded man;
- 3** and there was a widow in that city who kept coming to him and saying, 'Vindicate me against my adversary.'
- 4** For a while he refused; but afterward he said to himself, 'Though I neither fear God nor regard man,
- 5** yet because this widow bothers me, I will vindicate her, or she will wear me out by her continual coming.' "
- 6** And the Lord said, "Hear what the unrighteous judge says.
- 7** And will not God vindicate his elect, who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long over them?
- 8** I tell you, he will vindicate them speedily. Nevertheless, when the Son of man comes, will he find faith on earth?"

Message

"Wrestling With Angels"

Pastor Dave Creamer

***Hymn No. 297**

I Love to tell the Story

***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

Declare His Glory – Mary McDonald

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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

Healing Concerns:

Mark Amyot, Donnie Baxter, Jim Benoit, Brad Bowers,
Paige Boyer, Chris Brant, Rhonda Brown,
Ray Coleman, Susan Constantino, Tammy Coughenour,
Eric Custer, Tracy Dickey, Wilma Durst, Jeff Gavel,
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, Richard Lilliston,
Jim Little, Blair and Phylis Lyons, Judy McCullen, Larry McCullen,
Joyce Miller, Robert "Lee" Miller, Carl (Edison) Paul,
Kathy Picking, Easton Pritts, Larry Pritts, Brian Robb,
James Robb, Brett Sarver, Karol Saylor, Tammie Saylor,
Nancy Schrock, Curt Shaulis, Missy Shaulis, Phyllis Stoy,
Dawn Edmiston-Strasser, Larry Tinkey, Patsy and Dave Titus,
Barbara & Peter Usher Robin Walker,
Nancy Weighley, Gerald Zorn

The Saints In Action

Today- 19th Sunday after Pentecost

9:00 a.m. Worship

10:10 a.m. Sunday School

No Bell Rehearsal Wednesday

Next Sunday – 19th Sunday After Pentecost

9:00 a.m. Worship

10:10 a.m. Sunday School

Giving From 10/12/2025

| | Rec | Budget | Over/Under |
|----------------|-----------|-----------|------------|
| General | \$3139.88 | \$3155.58 | -\$15.70 |
| Ben | \$220.00 | \$182.69 | \$37.31 |
| Maint | \$345.00 | \$163.46 | \$181.54 |
| Mem | \$410.00 | | |
| Total | \$4114.88 | \$3501.73 | \$203.15 |

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

Worship Attendance: 76
Sunday School: 23

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: Jim Darr, Pam Bush

Ushers: Pam Bush, Allen Strasser

Acolytes: Kaitlyn Miller

Organ: Ann Slifco

Flowers on the altar are in loving memory of her Mother Ruth Romesberg's birthday (10/24) by Larry & Gale Hay

The Whole Congregation in Ministry and Assisted by:

Pastor Dave Creamer

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.

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Sunday School

Adult Sunday School is currently doing an in-depth study on the book of Daniel. Come join us as we discover prophecy yet to be fulfilled. The class begins at 10:10 am in the Fellowship Hall and is led by Sue Coughenour.

Hugs & Kisses

October TBD – Yard/Leaf cleanup for homebound.

Today Hugs and Kisses will be having a ham, potatoes, and green bean soup sale after church on October 19th. One quart of soup and 6 dinner rolls for \$10..

All Saints Sunday will be observed on November 2. We celebrate the Saints that have gone before us this past year. They will be honored, as will we, with our Trinity Bell Choir.

Thank you to everyone who helped to prepare and serve food at **Pioneer Day!** Our community was blessed.

Thank you from the **Berlin Food Pantry** for your financial support. Your donations assist in helping those who struggle to make ends meet withing the greater Berlin and Shanksville School Districts.

May God continue to share these blessings.

Veterans Sunday

If there are any changes or additions to the veterans or those currently serving in the military, please contact Sheron Engleka at 814-267-4166 by October 19th. Thank you for your service.

Church World Services Disaster Kits

Is an ongoing (year-round) ministry mission. As we now make way for Operation Christmas child as our October mission, always keep the need for disaster kits in mind as disasters do not have an expiration date.

Church Cookbook Fundraiser

Years ago, our church members put together a cookbook that many people still use today. There is nothing better than tried and true recipes. Although it is in the early stages of planning, please consider submitting your favorite recipes to add to a new book. We have a lot of GREAT cooks out there so please share. Be sure to put your name on your recipe and any hints you may have in its preparation. You can put it in the offering plate, through the office door slot, hand it to a staff member or simply leave it on the sound board desk. This should be lots of fun!



Operation Christmas Child

Want to Participate but don't want to shop.....Great News:

Send the Gospel to the Ends of the Earth Without Leaving Home

Shoebox gifts built online go to the ends of the earth to children in some of the hardest-to-reach places—whether deep jungles, city slums, steep mountainsides, or one of more than 1,000 remote Pacific islands. Many of these areas are resistant to the Gospel, for cultural or religious reasons, and are home to some people who have never heard the Name of Jesus Christ.

When you Build a Shoebox Online, it provides believers in remote regions a creative way to share the Good News in a culturally sensitive manner. Online boxes are carefully prepared, abiding by strict customs regulations to safeguard partners who will deliver the gifts, as well as the boys and girls who receive them. Jesus said, “Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations” (Matthew 28:19). Help fulfill the Great Commission and take the Gospel to the ends of the earth by building a shoebox online today!

Cost to build an online box is only \$30 and that includes quality items and the shipping fee.

Check out one of these links:

<https://build-a-shoebox.samaritanspurse.org/view/2c49c382-fca4-4730-bf36-02c9f17fafa3>



JB Schrock Community Park Update & Events Community Bingo Nights

@ Borough Building – \$25 for 20 games
Doors Open: 6 PM | Games Start: 7 PM
Dates: Oct 10 • Nov 7 • Dec 12
Food and drinks available for purchase

Chili Cook-off This Next Saturday, October 25th

RADA Cutlery Fundraiser-Shop online:

<https://bit.ly/RadaCutleryFundraiser>

Stay Connected:

Facebook: [facebook.com/jbschrockplayground](https://www.facebook.com/jbschrockplayground)

Email: jbschrockplayground@gmail.com

(Contact: Linda Karchner, President)

Living Waters

The LW Board met on Sunday, September 21. The date has been set for Fall Workday - Saturday, October 25 9:00. The property committee will be planning several projects. Everyone is invited and lunch will be provided.

Congregational Meeting December 7th

An early reminder the the annual Congregational Meeting will be held on the first Sunday of December following worship services. Tentative Agenda will be our proposed budget and selection of new incoming Consistory members and recognition of outgoing members. The proposed budget will be included in the upcoming newsletter.

Speaking of Newsletter

Publishing will begin this next week and will go to press the following week. The holidays are a very busy time, so we ask that all committees and parishioners submit as much information as possible as soon as possible. As always, we encourage everyone to participate in "YOUR" newsletter. Remember the last newsletter asked you to share your "Presence of God" stories. We have heard several since that publication, but we'd love to share your story with everyone.

Pastoral Care: For those in need of pastoral care please contact, Dave Creamer, Pastor for Trinity at 814-777-2280. If Dave is not available, please contact Pam Bush at 541-990-0832 or Jay Shaffer at 814-483-0398



Almighty and everlasting God, in Christ you have revealed your glory among the nations: Preserve the works of your mercy, that your Church throughout the world may persevere with steadfast faith in the confession of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

**Thank You for Joining Us
Have a Blessed Week Ahead**