



***4th Sunday of Easter
April 26, 2026
Pastor- Dave Creamer
Assisted by – Colton Custer***

***Trinity United Church of Christ
600 Main Street
Berlin, Pennsylvania***

“Please silence your cell phone”

Preludes

**Praise to the Lord, the Almighty – John Leavitt
Love Will Be Our Home – Tim Doran**

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: 23 Psalm

1The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

2 **He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters.**

3 He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

4 **Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.**

5 Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.

6 **Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.**

Hymn No. 462

Savior Like a Shepherd Lead Us

Call to Confession

Christ himself bore our sins in his body on the cross. So that having died to sins we might live for righteousness. Let us confess together.

Confession

Heavenly Father, hear our prayers. For give us of our sins. Help us hear the voice of our Shepherd. Guide us to the gate that leads to salvation. Help us to help each other, as we journey on this path together.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

By Christ's wounds we are healed. We were led astray like sheep but have returned to the Shepherd and the guardian of our souls. For that we give God the Glory.

*** Response 66 Verse 1**

To God Be The Glory

***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. Bringing our gifts we return some our abundance to you. We pray that you help us accept that in this world it is your Will that is done. That these things we have to offer become a blessing to others. We pray for the presence of your Spirit. We pray that you help us to seek your guidance in all that we do. Help us to pray for others, hear us as we lift those on our prayer list up to you. Bring to them your healing power. Comfort them with your calming presence. Reassure them that your rod and staff protect them. Gracious God, we are grateful most of all for the blessing of your Son Jesus. We pray that Jesus, his grace, and peace fills our lives. Jesus, we pray that you help us on this journey. That you help us know the Shepherds voice. We offer to God the prayer you gave to us:

The Lord's Prayer (using debts and debtors)

Our Scripture Lesson From Acts of the Apostles Chapter 2, vs 42-47

42 And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

43 And fear came upon every soul; and many wonders and signs were done through the apostles.

44 And all who believed were together and had all things in common;

45 and they sold their possessions and goods and distributed them to all, as any had need.

46 And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they partook of food with glad and generous hearts,

47 praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.

Our Epistle Lesson from First Peter Chapter 2, vs 19-25

19 For one is approved if, mindful of God, he endures pain while suffering unjustly.

20 For what credit is it, if when you do wrong and are beaten for it you take it patiently? But if when you do right and suffer for it you take it patiently, you have God's approval.

21 For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, that you should follow in his steps.

22 He committed no sin; no guile was found on his lips.

23 When he was reviled, he did not revile in return; when he suffered, he did not threaten; but he trusted to him who judges justly.

24 He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed.

25 For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Guardian of your souls.

The Gospel Lesson From John Chapter 10, vs 1-10

1 "Truly, truly, I say to you, he who does not enter the sheepfold by the door but climbs in by another way, that man is a thief and a robber;

2 but he who enters by the door is the shepherd of the sheep.

3 To him the gatekeeper opens; the sheep hear his voice, and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out.

4 When he has brought out all his own, he goes before them, and the sheep follow him, for they know his voice.

5 A stranger they will not follow, but they will flee from him, for they do not know the voice of strangers."

6 This figure Jesus used with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

7 So Jesus again said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep.

8 All who came before me are thieves and robbers; but the sheep did not heed them.

9 I am the door; if any one enters by me, he will be saved, and will go in and out and find pasture.

10 The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.

Hymn No. 464

Shepherd of Love

**Message
“Static”**

Pastor Dave Creamer

***Hymn No. 468**

The King of Love My Shepherd Is

***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

Lift High the Cross – John Leavitt

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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, Wilma
Durst, Linda Gallick, Dennis Griffith, Karen Griffith, Andrea
(Shaulis) Harris, Joe Harris, Michael Harris,
Joy Hay (Dwayne), Kris Hay, Larry Hay, Marilyn Heiple,
Gary Hillegas, 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-4th Sunday of Easter
9:00 a.m. Worship
10:10 a.m. Sunday School

Wednesday – 6:30 Trinity Bell Practice

Next Sunday – 5th Sunday of Easter
Holy Communion
9:00 a.m. Worship
10:10 a.m. Sunday School

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 & Jean Ann Darr

Ushers: Lori Gindlesperger, Bill Landis

Acolyte/Lector Colton Custer

Organ: Ann Slifco

Flowers on the altar are given in memory of her great-grandparents and grandparents by Michele Romesberg.

Pink Candles on the alter are in recognition of the birth of Scott & Lauren Gindlesperger's twin girls.

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

The Adult Sunday School Class continues to meet Sundays after the worship service in the Fellowship Hall. Currently we are studying the Holy Spirit, and its importance in making our churches thrive. Classes will be led by Sue Coughenour until the end of May when she takes a break over the summer. We would welcome volunteers to keep our class active throughout the summer months. Notify Sue or the church office if you are interested.

Hugs & Kisses

Sunday, June 7th - Visit homebound members. Right after church we will meet in the basement to make a plan for travel/carpool and take members a small gift and hopefully play rainbow bells to help brighten their days. If you would like to participate, meet us downstairs. We need enough participants to be able to play bells, so please join us!

Trinity Ladies will meet on Monday, May 4 and Monday, June 1 at 11:30 AM at Cup of Soul. We will be discussing the Rummage Sale on July 18 at Berlin Community Days. Please come with any ideas for community outreach that you may have. We always have a good time, so come join the fun!

Trinity Ladies Rummage Sale As you do your spring cleaning, please consider donating gently used items that you no longer have a use for to the rummage sale. These items can include clothing (all sizes), small household items, toys, small furniture (chairs, end tables, etc.) and home decor, etc. We will set a date when you can bring these items to the church, so watch the Sunday bulletin for the announcement.

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.

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.

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

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!

Help Celebrate Our Nation's 250th Birthday by joining the community musical presentation of "I Love America" which will be presented on Sunday, June 14, 2026 at **Trinity United Church of Christ in Berlin**. Rehearsal will be held **Sunday afternoons from 2 PM – 3:30 PM** beginning **Sunday, April 12th**. If interested, please let Norman Menhorn know by emailing: normanmenhorn@gmail.com or phone 814-267-4073 or 233-6307. If leaving a message, please give me the following information~ name, email or phone number and what part you will be singing. Thank you!

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.

Nathan Spangler Eagle Scout Service Project

Nathan is a Life Scout from Boy Scout Troop 5151 in Shanksville. He is currently seeking donations to assist him with the successful execution of his Eagle Scout Project. He plans to build 12 turtle basket platforms and place them in Yellow Creek. Any donation to assist him reach his goal would be appreciated.

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 TUC 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.

Laurel Highlands Chorale - "Let Freedom Ring"

A patriotic concert honoring America's 250 years of independence and in memory of the events of September 11, 2001.

Somerset Church of the Brethren

606 Berlin-Plank Rd., Somerset

Sunday, May 3rd at 3:30 p.m. & Monday May 4th at 7:00 p.m.

Director – Jan Burkett

Accompanist – Stephanie Pesi

Tickets are \$5.00 and are available at the door or by calling

Doreen Friedline at 814-926-3610 or 814-442-0460



Sermon Notes:

Fourth Sunday of Easter



Loving Shepherd,

You call us each by name and lead us into green pastures of peace.

When the path feels uncertain, help us to hear Your voice above all others.

Guard our hearts from fear and guide our steps toward compassion and truth.

May we follow You with joy, serve others with kindness, and rest in the promise that You will never leave our side.

Through Christ our Lord, Amen.*

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