



**Sixth Sunday  
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***July 9, 2023***

***Guest Speaker –Pastor Dwayne Hay***

***Assisted By – Cora Wright***

***Trinity United Church of Christ***

***600 Main Street***

***Berlin, Pennsylvania***

## **Preludes**

**How Firm A Foundation – Jason Payne**  
**America, The Beautiful – Robert Thygeron**

## **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

### **Prayer**

**\*Hymn No 250**

**Come Holy Spirit**

### **A Call to Confession**

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

**If we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

Let us humble ourselves in God's presence.

### **Confession ( in unison)**

**Behold, my God, I come to Your sacrament of Confession to ask for forgiveness and to be restored to Your grace. You so loved us that You sent us Your only Son, and He is a shepherd willing to go searching after even one of His sheep. Guide me as I prepare to approach this sacrament. I would like to be free of guilt, to be pardoned, to have peace, and to be restored to You. Grant me all that is necessary for it to be so. Amen.**

### **Silent Confession**

### **Assurance of Forgiveness:**

Lord Jesus Christ, who gave the Holy Spirit to Your apostles so that whose sins they forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins they retain are retained, I give You thanks for providing me a way to be reconciled with You. You astonished those around You by saying "Your sins are forgiven." It is even more wonderful that in Your humility and providence, You allow Your apostles to exercise

the same powers on Your behalf. Therefore, let me now resolve to approach one of Your ordained ministers, to confess my sins sincerely, and receive absolution to be reunited with You once more. **Amen.**

**\*Affirmation of Faith**

Do you believe in God the Father?

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**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 to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended to heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.**

**\*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:**

Faithful Father, thank you that you give the gift of abundant, eternal life. You have said that you are a Good Father who gives us good gifts. Your generosity overflows to us. Everything we have is a gift from you. As we bring our offerings to you, we give back to you from the abundant blessings you have given us. May our gifts be acceptable in your sight, O Lord our God. Blessing and glory, wisdom and thanksgiving, honor, and power and strength, be unto you our God forever and ever. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord, Amen.

**The Lord's Prayer** (using debts and debtors)

## Hebrew Scripture - Genesis 24: 34-38 42-49 58-67

**34** So he said, "I am Abraham's servant.

**35** The Lord has greatly blessed my master, and he has become great; he has given him flocks and herds, silver and gold, menservants and maidservants, camels and asses.

**36** And Sarah my master's wife bore a son to my master when she was old; and to him he has given all that he has.

**37** My master made me swear, saying, 'You shall not take a wife for my son from the daughters of the Canaanites, in whose land I dwell;

**38** but you shall go to my father's house and to my kindred, and take a wife for my son.'

**42** "I came today to the spring, and said, 'O Lord, the God of my master Abraham, if now thou wilt prosper the way which I go,

**43** behold, I am standing by the spring of water; let the young woman who comes out to draw, to whom I shall say, "Pray give me a little water from your jar to drink,"

**44** and who will say to me, "Drink, and I will draw for your camels also," let her be the woman whom the Lord has appointed for my master's son.'

**45** "Before I had done speaking in my heart, behold, Rebekah came out with her water jar on her shoulder; and she went down to the spring, and drew. I said to her, 'Pray let me drink.'

**46** She quickly let down her jar from her shoulder, and said, 'Drink, and I will give your camels drink also.' So I drank, and she gave the camels drink also.

**47** Then I asked her, 'Whose daughter are you?' She said, 'The daughter of Bethuel, Nahor's son, whom Milcah bore to him.' So I put the ring on her nose, and the bracelets on her arms.

**48** Then I bowed my head and worshiped the Lord, and blessed the Lord, the God of my master Abraham, who had led me by the right way to take the daughter of my master's kinsman for his son.

**49** Now then, if you will deal loyally and truly with my master, tell me; and if not, tell me; that I may turn to the right hand or to the left."

**58** And they called Rebekah, and said to her, "Will you go with this man?" She said, "I will go."

**59** So they sent away Rebekah their sister and her nurse, and Abraham's servant and his men.

**60** And they blessed Rebekah, and said to her, “Our sister, be the mother of thousands of ten thousands; and may your descendants possess the gate of those who hate them!”

**61** Then Rebekah and her maids arose, and rode upon the camels and followed the man; thus the servant took Rebekah, and went his way.

**62** Now Isaac had come from Beer-lahai-roi, and was dwelling in the Negeb.

**63** And Isaac went out to meditate in the field in the evening; and he lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, there were camels coming.

**64** And Rebekah lifted up her eyes, and when she saw Isaac, she alighted from the camel,

**65** and said to the servant, “Who is the man yonder, walking in the field to meet us?” The servant said, “It is my master.” So she took her veil and covered herself.

**66** And the servant told Isaac all the things that he had done.

**67** Then Isaac brought her into the tent, and took Rebekah, and she became his wife; and he loved her. So Isaac was comforted after his mother's death.

## **Epistle – Romans 7: 15-25**

**15** I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate.

**16** Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good.

**17** So then it is no longer I that do it, but sin which dwells within me.

**18** For I know that nothing good dwells within me, that is, in my flesh. I can will what is right, but I cannot do it.

**19** For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do.

**20** Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I that do it, but sin which dwells within me.

**21** So I find it to be a law that when I want to do right, evil lies close at hand.

**22** For I delight in the law of God, in my inmost self,

**23** but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind and making me captive to the law of sin which dwells in my members.

**24** Wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from this body of death?

**25** Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord! So then, I of myself serve the law of God with my mind, but with my flesh I serve the law of sin.

**Gospel - Matthew 11: 16-19 25-30**

**16** “But to what shall I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the market places and calling to their playmates,

**17** ‘We piped to you, and you did not dance; we wailed, and you did not mourn.’

**18** For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, ‘He has a demon’;

**19** the Son of man came eating and drinking, and they say, ‘Behold, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!’ Yet wisdom is justified by her deeds.”

**25** At that time Jesus declared, “I thank thee, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that thou hast hidden these things from the wise and understanding and revealed them to babes;

**26** yea, Father, for such was thy gracious will.

**27** All things have been delivered to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and any one to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

**28** Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.

**29** Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.

**30** For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

**Special Music: Chris McClain  
Your Grace Amazes Me**

**Sermon**

**Pastor Dwayne Hay**

**\*Hymn No. 601**

**Lord, Dismiss Us Thy Our Blessing**

**\*Benediction**

**\*Response – Sung with Dismissal**

**Go Now in Peace**

**Go now in peace. Never be afraid.  
God will go with you each hour of ev'ry day.  
Go now in faith, steadfast, strong, and true.  
Know He will guide you in all you do.  
Go now in love, and show you believe.  
Reach out to others so all the world can see.  
God will be there watching from above.  
Go now in peace, in faith, and in love.  
Amen**

**Postlude                      Trumpet Processional in G – David German**

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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, Kay Barnard, Melvin & Bonnie Baughman, Donnie  
Baxter, Jim Benoit, Father Elijah Bremer, Rhonda Brown, Terry  
Coslic, Jim Coughenour, Tammy Coughenour, Pam Crooks,  
Elizabeth Deal, John Durst, Reon Engleka,  
Art & Marlene Gotchen, Andrea (Shaulis) Harris, Larry Hay, Faye  
Hetrick, Kerry Landis, Brenda & Larry Leister, Jim Little, Larry  
McCullen Jim McKenzie, Bonnie Murphy, Dalton Paul, Kathy  
Picking, James Robb, Lois Saylor,

Nancy Schrock, Owen Shaulis, Cliff Sleasman, Tracey Smith,  
Peggy Stayrook, Larry Tinkey, Adeline Vieregge, Robin Walker,  
Harry Watkins, 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 –6th Sunday after Pentecost

9:00 a.m. Worship

10:10 Sunday School (Fellowship Hall Only)

Monday – 7:00 p.m. Consistory

Next Sunday – 7th Sunday after Pentecost

9:00 a.m. Worship

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

**Giving From 07/02/23**

	Rec	Budget	Over/Under
<b>General</b>	\$2983.00	\$3155.58	-\$172.58
<b>Ben</b>	\$656.00	\$182.69	\$473.31
<b>Maint</b>	\$501.00	\$163.46	\$337.54
<b>Mem</b>	0.00		\$0.00
<b>Total</b>	\$4140.00	\$3501.73	\$638.27

Also not included in Benevolence were Donations to Food Pantry of \$25 and Knotty Knotters of \$25.00.

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



**Worship Attendance: 71**  
**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:** Lori Gindlesperger(Board), Russ Hillegas (Camera)

**Ushers:** Jim Walker, Rus Ogburn

**Acolytes:** Cora Wright / Colton Custer

***The Flowers on the altar*** in memory of Leland & Louise Witt by Tamra and Dan Forgan.

**Bulletin** in memory of their daughter Kathy by Al & Joyce Knotts.

**Special Baskets:** In loving memory of our grandson Lucas by Pam & Larry Custer.

**70th Wedding Anniversary** for Bob & Bobbie Coughenour by Debbie and Brian Coughenour.

**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.**

Church Office Phone: 814-267-3234

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Email: [berlinucc@yahoo.com](mailto:berlinucc@yahoo.com)

Website: [www.berlinucc.org](http://www.berlinucc.org)

**Email Bulletin**

We recently had some internet issues that removed some of our group lists. One of those was our bulletins that some of you had requested to receive via email. Please let us know if you are no longer receiving the bulletin in this format, as you had in the past. Thank you for your patience.

**Hard Copy Bulletin**

Weekly the office mails hard copy bulletins to some of our shut ins or prayer list individuals that are unable to attend church. If you wish to have a hard copy sent to someone you have placed on the prayer list, please let the office know.

**The Parsonage Conference Room Sunday School Class** will be starting an in-depth study of I & II Peter on Sunday August 6<sup>th</sup>. This study will give you a look at how to get the most out of your Bible reading. The apostle Peter wrote two short letters that are

packed with so much that we need to hear in our culture today. Join us as we dig in and find many hidden treasures that you might miss in general reading. This class is open to adults of **ALL AGES** and is lead by Sue Coughenour. *Come join us!*

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### **Sunday School for Nursery Through 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Only:**

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

### **Church Picnic**

The church picnic will be Sunday, July 23<sup>rd</sup> at 12 p.m.at the Grove. Please RSVP by obtaining a slip from the Vine Street entrance bulletin board or by calling the church office. Let's have a great turn out this year and share in some wonderful fellowship.

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

### **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!**

This year our church will be participating in the Berlin Community Day. We will be serving stuffing with gravy, hot dogs, drinks and having a bake sale. Please consider donating some baked goods. We will also need volunteers to help man the booth. The proceeds from this will benefit church programs. Let's make this a great day! Please contact Jean Hart (814) 267-5667 or (814) 442-2200 if you would like to help.



### **70 Years and Counting!!!!**

Bob & Bobbie Coughenour will be celebrating their **70<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary** on July 9<sup>th</sup>, so let's celebrate with them by having a Card Shower. Send your cards to 615 10<sup>th</sup> Ave Berlin, PA 15530 or drop them off at the church office!!!

### **Changes to upcoming Supply Minister assignments.**

July 16 Reverend James Vander Schuur  
July 23 Pastor Jay Shaffer  
July 30 Kaitlyn Coughenour  
**August 6** Pastor Jay Shaffer  
August 13 Dwayne Hay  
August 20 Kaitlyn Coughenour  
August 27 Dan Croft

**Bolded dates indicate "Communion" Sundays.**

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.

### **A message from Holy Trinity Lutheran Church Sight and Sound**

We have purchased the tickets and reserved the bus for the showing on Tuesday, November 28, 2023, in Lancaster, PA for the 3:00 PM show.

The cost is \$110 per adult and \$90 for child ages 3-12. This includes your admission and the cost for the bus.

If you would like to reserve a spot, please call the church office at 814-267-5014.

Please note that payment will be due to reserve your ticket and seat on the bus.

It will be non-refundable unless you can find someone to attend in your place.

## **Berlin Community VBS – July 24<sup>th</sup> – July 28<sup>th</sup>**

As the Berlin Community VBS quickly approaches we wanted to reach out with a few updates.

Donations are still being accepted. Many gracious community members have asked if there are particular materials/physical items needed. The event includes a meal, but we are hopeful to be able to provide a snack for each attendee as well. We are asking for individually wrapped snacks and drinks - small bags of chips, graham crackers, goldfish crackers, juice boxes, etc. Monetary donations will be accepted to aid in the purchase of supplies as well.

For questions or to arrange for pickup of donations, please reach out to Angie Klink at 814-442-9195.

Year after year, we are so grateful for the goodness of God and the help of our community.

Registration forms may be found at the Vine St. entrance.

**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.



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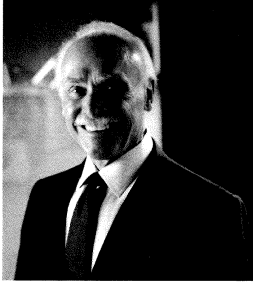


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