



Fourth Sunday After Pentecost

June 25, 2023

Guest Speaker – Rev. James Vander Schuur

Assisted By – Cora Wright

Trinity United Church of Christ

600 Main Street

Berlin, Pennsylvania

Preludes

**Son of God, Eternal Savior
Michael Burkhardt**

The Lord's My Shepherd – Jessie Seymour Irvine

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:

Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good,
for his steadfast love endures forever.

Give thanks to the God of gods,
for his steadfast love endures forever.

Give thanks to the Lord of lords,
for his steadfast love endures forever.

We bless your name. Bless your children as we gather to exalt you. We reject evil plots and sin in your name. We pray for your grace so that we may do good works in your name. Fill us with your power and glory. Open the floodgates of heaven and give us your rain of blessings.

Hugs & Kisses Vacation Bible School Presentation

Pray that our children are filled with the love of God. That they will know how deeply they are loved, and that love will overflow onto others.

Confession Prayer:

Almighty God, we enter your presence humbly, aware that we approach you from a world that chooses to walk in darkness, apart from you. Each one of us has ignored and even denied the enlightening power of Jesus Christ. We confess now our sins to you, God of power and might. Penetrate our darkness by the power of Christ's light, that we may live in the joy of knowing and loving you and each other.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Forgiveness:

Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. And all of us, with unveiled faces, seeing the glory of the Lord as though reflected in a mirror, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another, for this comes from the Lord, the Spirit.

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven and transformed! Praise be to God!

***Affirmation of Faith**

The United Church of Christ Statement of Faith

We believe in You, O God, Eternal Spirit, God of our Savior Jesus Christ, and our God, and to Your deeds we testify: You call the world into being, create persons in your own image, and set before each one the ways of life and death. You seek in holy love to save all people from aimlessness and sin.

You judge people and nations by your righteous will declared through prophets and apostles.

In Jesus Christ, the Man of Nazareth, our crucified and risen Savior, you have come to us and shared our common lot, conquering sin and death and reconciling the world to yourself.

You bestow upon us your Holy Spirit, creating and renewing the church of Jesus Christ, binding in covenant faithful people of all ages, tongues, and races.

You call us into your Church to accept the cost and joy of discipleship, to be your servants in the service of others, to proclaim the gospel to all the world and to resist the powers of evil, to share in Christ's baptism and eat at his table, to join him in his passion and victory.

You promise all who trust you forgiveness of sins and fullness of grace, courage in the struggle for justice and peace, your presence in trial and rejoicing, and eternal life in your realm which has no end.

Blessing and honor, glory and power be unto you. Amen.

Scripture

Genesis 21:8-21

8 And the child grew and was weaned; and Abraham made a great feast on the day that Isaac was weaned.

9 But Sarah saw the son of Hagar the Egyptian, whom she had borne to Abraham, playing with her son Isaac.

10 So she said to Abraham, "Cast out this slave woman with her son; for the son of this slave woman shall not be heir with my son Isaac."

11 And the thing was very displeasing to Abraham on account of his son.

12 But God said to Abraham, "Be not displeased because of the lad and because of your slave woman; whatever Sarah says to you, do as she tells you, for through Isaac shall your descendants be named.

13 And I will make a nation of the son of the slave woman also, because he is your offspring."

14 So Abraham rose early in the morning, and took bread and a skin of water, and gave it to Hagar, putting it on her shoulder, along with the child, and sent her away. And she departed and wandered in the wilderness of Beer-sheba.

15 When the water in the skin was gone, she cast the child under one of the bushes.

16 Then she went and sat down over against him a good way off, about the distance of a bowshot; for she said, "Let me not look upon the death of the child." And as she sat over against him, the child lifted up his voice and wept.

17 And God heard the voice of the lad; and the angel of God called to Hagar from heaven, and said to her, "What troubles you, Hagar? Fear not; for God has heard the voice of the lad where he is.

18 Arise, lift up the lad, and hold him fast with your hand; for I will make him a great nation.

19 Then God opened her eyes, and she saw a well of water; and she went and filled the skin with water and gave the lad a drink.

20 And God was with the lad, and he grew up; he lived in the wilderness and became an expert with the bow.

21 He lived in the wilderness of Paran; and his mother took a wife for him from the land of Egypt.

Psalms 86:1-10 16-17

1 Incline thy ear, O Lord, and answer me, for I am poor and needy.

2 Preserve my life, for I am godly; save thy servant who trusts in thee. Thou are my God;

3 Be gracious to me, O Lord, for to thee do I cry all the day.

4 Gladden the soul of thy servant, for to thee, O Lord, do I lift up my soul.

5 For thou, O Lord, art good and forgiving, abounding in steadfast love to all who call on thee.

6 Give ear, O Lord, to my prayer; hearken to my cry of supplication.

7 In the day of my trouble I call on thee, for thou dost answer me.

8 There is none like thee among the gods, O Lord, nor are there any works like thine.

9 All the nations thou hast made shall come and bow down before thee, O Lord, and shall glorify thy name.

10 For thou art great and doest wondrous things, thou alone art God.

16 Turn to me and take pity on me; give thy strength to thy servant, and save the son of thy handmaid.

17 Show me a sign of thy favor, that those who hate me may see and be put to shame because thou, LORD, hast helped me and comforted me.

Gospel

Matthew 10:24-39

24 A disciple is not above his teacher, nor a servant above his master;

25 it is enough for the disciple to be like his teacher, and the servant like his master. If they have called the master of the house Be-elzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household.

25 "So have no fear of them; for nothing is covered that will not be revealed, or hidden that will not be known.

27 What I tell you in the dark, utter in the light; and what you hear whispered, proclaim upon the housetops.

28 And do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell.

29 Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? And not one of them will fall to the ground without your Father's will.

30 But even the hairs of your head are all numbered.

31 Fear not, therefore; you are of more value than many sparrows.

32 So every one who acknowledges me before men, I also will acknowledge before my Father who is in heaven;

33 but whoever denies me before men, I also will deny before my Father who is in heaven.

34 Do not think that I have come to bring peace on earth; I have not come to bring peace, but a sword.

35 For I have come to set a man against his father, and a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law;

36 and a man's foes will be those of his own household.

37 He who loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and he who loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me;

38 and he who does not take his cross and follow me is not worthy of me.

39 He who finds his life will lose it, and he who loses his life for my sake will find it.

Offering:

. *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:

Tender God, you show compassion and mercy to those who call upon you. We seek your healing touch and follow your call. We offer ourselves and our assets to you. We pray that this offering draws us closer to you.

The Lord's Prayer (using debts and debtors)

**Sermon –
Guest Speaker – Rev. Jim Vander Schuur**

Hymn No. 250

Come, Holy Spirit

Benediction:

The Lord bless you and keep you;
the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you;
the Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you
peace. **Amen**

***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

Old Hundredth – Fred Bock

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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, Ann Darrow, Elizabeth Deal, Monica Downard, John Durst, 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, Dalton Paul, Kathy Picking, James Robb, Lois Saylor, Nancy Schrock, Owen Shaulis, 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 – 4th Sunday after Pentecost

9:00 a.m. Worship

10:10 Sunday School (Fellowship Hall Only)

Tuesday – 6:00 p.m. Hugs & Kisses Community Grove

Next Sunday – 5th Sunday after Pentecost

9:00 a.m. Worship

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

Giving From 06/18/23

	Rec	Budget	Over/Under
General	\$1829.00	\$3155.58	-\$1326.58
Ben	\$248.00	\$182.69	\$65.31
Maint	\$351.00	\$163.46	\$187.54
Mem			
Total	\$2428.00	\$3501.73	-\$1073.73

Also not included in Benevolence were Donations to Food Pantry of \$10 and Knotty Knotters of \$25.

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: 21

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: Tyler Gindlesperger (Board), Gaye Maust (Camera)

Ushers: Chris King, Leanna Coughenour

Acolytes: Maelyn Fochtman, Cora Wright

The Flowers on the altar in honor of our grandchildren, Avery, Isla, Brennen, Anna and Syrus by Russ & Jeanne Hillegas

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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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 following this schedule in Fellowship Hall:

June 25-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.

Hugs & Kisses:

Corn Hole Tournament – TODAY at 4:00

Community Service:

Hugs & Kisses will be doing community service out at the Grove on Tuesday, June 27th at 6:00 p.m. They will be painting picnic tables. All are welcome. Please contact Amy Clark at 814-701-8361 if you are interested in helping. Thank you!

Church Picnic

The church picnic will be Sunday, July 23rd at 12 p.m. at the Grove. The RSVP slip is located on the last page of the bulletin. Please RSVP by July 16th. Please leave them in the offering plate, the church office, or any Hugs & Kisses committee member. 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!**



70 Years and Counting!!!!

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

Changes to upcoming Supply Minister assignments.

July 2 Pastor Jay Shaffer
July 9 Dwayne Hay
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.

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.

Bulletin Bloopers

What is life without a little humor, right! Watch your announcements and bulletins for our new section "Bulletin Bloopers". Feel free to contribute! Smile!



Trinity UCC Annual Picnic

July 23, 2023, 12:00 p.m., Community Grove

Please RSVP with this form by July 16th

Name: _____

Number of People:



O Lord, our God,
you have commanded us
to speak righteousness,
and to judge fairly;
Grant that no sin may be found in our mouths,
nor wickedness in our minds,
but that, from pure hearts,
we may speak those things that are right;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Have a Blessed Week!!