



***17thth Sunday After Pentecost
September 20, 2026***

***Pastor Dave Creamer
Assisted By: Colton Custer***

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

“Please silence your cell phone”

To God be the glory great things He hath done! So loved He the world that He gave us His Son, Who yielded His life an atonement for sin And opened the Life gate that all may go in. Praise the Lord, Praise the Lord, Let the earth hear His voice, Praise the Lord, Praise the Lord, Let the people rejoice! O come to the Father thru Jesus the Son And give Him the glory great things He hath done.

***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

Gracious God, our redeemer, and our guide. We offer you our tithing with our faith. With our belief in you we pray that you make these a blessing to those in need. God, you give us more than we imagine, you bless us, care for us, make us your own. We are humbled by your love. We pray that you hear our needs. That you heal and restore as only you can. Bring us peace, unite us in our cause to serve you. We pray with thanks for the love of Jesus

Christ. For His gifts, His peace, His Grace, God help us to walk with him. We offer to you the prayer that Jesus taught to us.

The Lord's Prayer (using debts and debtors)

"Special Music #1"
It Is Well Within My Soul
Gene Kennedy

**The Hebrew Scripture Lesson is from the book of Jonah,
Chapter 3 vs 10 to chapter 4 vs 11.**

10 When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil way, God repented of the evil which he had said he would do to them; and he did not do it.

1 But it displeased Jonah exceedingly, and he was angry.

2 And he prayed to the Lord and said, "I pray thee, Lord, is not this what I said when I was yet in my country? That is why I made haste to flee to Tarshish; for I knew that thou art a gracious God and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and repentest of evil.

3 Therefore now, O Lord, take my life from me, I beseech thee, for it is better for me to die than to live."

4 And the Lord said, "Do you do well to be angry?"

5 Then Jonah went out of the city and sat to the east of the city and made a booth for himself there. He sat under it in the shade, till he should see what would become of the city.

6 And the Lord God appointed a plant, and made it come up over Jonah, that it might be a shade over his head, to save him from his discomfort. So, Jonah was exceedingly glad because of the plant.

7 But when dawn came up the next day, God appointed a worm which attacked the plant, so that it withered.

8 When the sun rose, God appointed a sultry east wind, and the sun beat upon the head of Jonah so that he was faint; and he asked that he might die, and said, "It is better for me to die than to live."

9 But God said to Jonah, "Do you do well to be angry for the plant?" And he said, "I do well to be angry, angry enough to die."

10 And the Lord said, "You pity the plant, for which you did not

labor, nor did you make it grow, which came into being in a night, and perished in a night.

11 And should not I pity Nineveh, that great city, in which there are more than a hundred and twenty thousand persons who do not know their right hand from their left, and also much cattle?”

The Epistle lesson is from Paul’s letter to the Philippians Chapter 1 vs 21-30.

21 For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain.

22 If it is to be life in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me. Yet which I shall choose I cannot tell.

23 I am hard pressed between the two. My desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better.

24 But to remain in the flesh is more necessary on your account.

25 Convinced of this, I know that I shall remain and continue with you all, for your progress and joy in the faith,

26 so that in me you may have ample cause to glory in Christ Jesus, because of my coming to you again.

27 Only let your manner of life be worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that whether I come and see you or am absent, I may hear of you that you stand firm in one spirit, with one mind striving side by side for the faith of the gospel,

28 and not frightened in anything by your opponents. This is a clear omen to them of their destruction, but of your salvation, and that from God.

29 For it has been granted to you that for the sake of Christ you should not only believe in him but also suffer for his sake,

30 engaged in the same conflict which you saw and now hear to be mine.

The Gospel of Jesus Christ from the Book of Matthew Chapter 20 vs 1-16.

1 “For the kingdom of heaven is like a householder who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard.

2 After agreeing with the laborers for a denarius a day, he sent them into his vineyard.

3 And going out about the third hour he saw others standing idle in the marketplace;

4 and to them he said, 'You go into the vineyard too, and whatever is right I will give you.' So, they went.

5 Going out again about the sixth hour and the ninth hour, he did the same.

6 And about the eleventh hour he went out and found others standing; and he said to them, 'Why do you stand here idle all day?'

7 They said to him, 'Because no one has hired us.' He said to them, 'You go into the vineyard too.'

8 And when evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his steward, 'Call the laborers and pay them their wages, beginning with the last, up to the first.'

9 And when those hired about the eleventh hour came, each of them received a denarius.

10 Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received a denarius.

11 And on receiving it they grumbled at the householder,

12 saying, 'These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.'

13 But he replied to one of them, 'Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for a denarius?'

14 Take what belongs to you, and go; I choose to give to this last as I give to you.

15 Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or do you begrudge my generosity?'

16 So the last will be first, and the first last."

"Special Music #2"

Sit Me On The Rock Joshua

Gene Kennedy

Message

"But I Don't Like Them"

Pastor Dave Creamer

***Hymn No. 560**

For The Beauty of the Earth

***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.**

Going Forth

Postlude

Voluntary on "Hyfrydol"- Jason Payne

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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, Paige Boyer,
Chris Brant, Rhonda Brown, Jeff Calvert, Debbie Chafin, Tim
Clites, Susan Constantino, LaVerne Coslic, Tammy Coughenour,
Eric Custer, Lauren Davis, Tracy Dickey,
Judy DiPasquale, Deneen Eutsey, Linda Gallick, Shirley Gary,
Dennis Griffith, Karen Griffith, John Halverson, Andrea (Shaulis)
Harris, Joe Harris, Michael Harris, Joy Hay (Dwayne), Larry Hay,
Marilyn Heiple, Gary Hillegas, Karen Hittie,
Barry Landis, Wendy Leister, Richard Lilliston, Jim Little,
Nick Lorson, Blair and Phylis Lyons, Judy McCullen,
Larry McCullen, Joyce Miller, Laura Miller, Robert "Lee" Miller,
Tom Nicholson, Carl (Edison) Paul, Easton Pritts, Brian Robb,
James Robb, Brett Sarver, Kayla Sarver, Tammie Saylor,**

Nancy Schrock, Curt Shaulis, Missy Shaulis, Trig Smith,
Dawn Edmiston-Strasser, Chuck Sullivan, Larry Tinkey,
Lilly Truszka, Audrey Twombly,
Barbara and Peter Usher,
Carl & Matthew Walker, Faye Walker,
Robin Walker, Nancy Weighley,
Echo Kincaid Yoder

Lilly Truszka is a two-year-old girl in Children's Hospital awaiting a heart transplant. On Wednesday she received an artificial heart which will hopefully give her more time while she awaits a new heart. There are posters at both entrances of the church promoting a chicken and rib fundraiser on Sunday, September 27th, at the Berlin VFW parking lot. Starts at 11:00 a.m. Please try to attend to help the family with the incredible expenses involved in Lilly's Heart Journey.

Larry Hay has been transferred to Maple Height Rehab Facility in Ebensburg. The address is 429 Manor Dr., Room 113 A, Ebensburg PA 15931. Please take a minute to drop him a card or call to keep his spirits up as he continues to seek answers regarding his health.

Condolence cards for Kathy Picking can be sent to Erin Custer at 109 Stewart St., Berlin, PA 15530

If you have any information on anyone on this list, please contact the office with updates.

The Saints In Action

TODAY- 17th Sunday after Pentecost

9:00 a.m. Worship

10:10 a.m. Sunday School

Rally Sunday – Children's Time – VBS style Sunday School

Monday: Consistory Meeting 6:30

Next Sunday – 18th Sunday after Pentecost

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

Recycling Boxes for Bulletins

Hearing Amplifiers

These Days – Devotional

Assisting in Worship

Sound: Lori Gindlesperger, Bill Landis

Ushers: Alissa Wright, Carrie Croner

Acolyte / Lector: Colton Custer

Organ: Amanda Custer

Flowers on the altar are in memory of my dear friend, Kathy Picking.

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*

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Adult Sunday School Update:

In Revelation 2 & 3, Jesus dictated, through John, seven letters to seven pastors in Asia Minor, which is modern day Turkey. While the churches were literal, they each also represented a specific time in church history leading up to Christ' second coming. God had a specific message for each church and each period of church history.

Join the Adult Sunday school class on Sunday, September 20, 2026, as we begin a deep look into these two chapters in Revelation. Adult Sunday school begins at 10:10 am in the Fellowship Hall and all are welcome. If you have any questions, please contact Sue Coughenour.

A Message From Maria Mowry – Holy Trinity Lutheran Church

Hi there I'm a bit behind with things but I'm hoping we can get some of your church members together for a combined choir for Heritage Sunday. I will send you copy to print tonight for anyone interested. We will practice the next two Sundays after our 10:40 am service. So around 11:50/12. It is just an old-fashioned hymn. Nothing hard. And probably one evening practice if necessary the week of the service. If you could please let your members know I'd appreciate it so much. Thank you. Anyone my number who wants further info- 814-932-1839.

Maria Mowry

Berlin HTLC Music Director

(Copies of the music are on the sound desk)

Heritage Sunday Combined Service

October 4th, 10:40 a.m. we will be joining Holy Trinity at their church for this service. Communion will be served. Following the service is a potluck. Holy Trinity will be providing chicken tenders, rolls and drinks. A sign-up sheet is posted at the Vine Street entrance.

J B Schrock Community Park Fundraisers

We wrapped up a successful summer serving the children & families of our community — over 2,000 children's visits to the playground this year! Thank you to our director, Miss Kristi, and assistants Abby, Ali, Lexi, and Carlee for making it such a success, along with our new Board members and community volunteers. We are so grateful!

A few more fundraisers remain to help with upkeep, maintenance, and new features:

Wed, Oct 7, 11am–10pm – Give Back Day at Somerset Ruby Tuesday (15% back). Flyer needed — get one on Facebook or email jbschrockplayground@gmail.com.

Ongoing – Order Rada Cutlery online, code SHIPDEAL saves \$5 shipping on \$35+ orders: <https://bit.ly/RadaCutleryFundraiser>

VBS Sunday School – Today!!!!

We are going to "ROAR" into VBS Sunday School starting on September 20th with a Rally Day and Back to School Celebration starting in Church with Children's time. Children will go down to Sunday School after Children's time and enjoy VBS Style Sunday School until 11:00am. The next VBS Sunday School will be on October 18th, "When life is unfair... God is Good" Come join us for a lot of fun, learning, snacks, games, crafts and more!! Mark your calendars.

Lego Sunday School

This year we will be having a Lego Sunday School lesson on the 4th Sunday of the month. We will be teaching the parables using Legos. There will be singing, games, hands-on activities and a snack. Come join us as we learn about Jesus!

Hugs & Kisses

Late August/September- ongoing community service- we will be picking corn at a local farm and picking vegetables from the raised garden beds to take to the food pantry on Tuesday evenings. Watch for text messages when ready.

Next Sunday, September 27th 12 PM- meet at church for lunch and bring bikes/helmets for bike and hike on the trail afterwards. Come join us for some fresh air and exercise!

Trinity Ladies

We will be participating in the Historical Society's event on Sunday October 18. We will be selling food (what type, yet to be determined). We will need help making and selling these items. Please watch the bulletin for further information.

Hillegas Sugar Camp

Will be serving pancakes and sausage at the camp **TODAY,**
September 20th, from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. Cost is \$10.00

Good Will Donation Drive

Berlin Marching Band is having a fundraiser to purchase color guard uniforms and new banner for the marching band. Saturday, October 3rd from 8 am to 12 pm. Drop off location – Berlin VFW. Donate gently used items – clothing, shoes, household goods, small electronics, toys, books and more.

Pastoral Care: For those in need of pastoral care please contact Pastor Dave Creamer at 814-777-2280. If Dave is not available, please contact Tom Croner at 814-442-6740. If neither is available, contact Pam Bush at 541-990-0832.



Prayer for the Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

O almighty God,
you are the author of everlasting happiness.
Sustain and comfort us in all the trials of this present life,
and grant to us at last, in your presence,
fullness of joy, and pleasure for evermore;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

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