



***Pentecost Sunday
Memorial Day Weekend
May 28, 2023
Guest Speaker – Pastor Jay Shaffer
Assisted By – Cohen Clark***

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

Preludes

If My People's Hearts Are Humbled
Anna Laura Page
Rock of Ages, Cleft For Me – Diane Bish

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

The Proclamation – Acts 2: 1-21

1 When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place.

2 And suddenly a sound came from heaven like the rush of a mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting.

3 And there appeared to them tongues as of fire, distributed and resting on each one of them.

4 And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.

5 Now there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men from every nation under heaven.

6 And at this sound the multitude came together, and they were bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in his own language.

7 And they were amazed and wondered, saying, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?"

8 And how is it that we hear, each of us in his own native language?

9 Parthians and Medes and Elamites and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia,

10 Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes,

11 Cretans and Arabians, we hear them telling in our own tongues the mighty works of God."

12 And all were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?"

13 But others mocking said, "They are filled with new wine."

14 But Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who dwell in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and give ear to my words.

15 For these men are not drunk, as you suppose, since it is only the third hour of the day;

16 but this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel:

17 'And in the last days it shall be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams;

18 yea, and on my menservants and my maidservants in those days

I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy.

19 And I will show wonders in the heaven above and signs on the earth beneath,

blood, and fire, and vapor of smoke;

20 the sun shall be turned into darkness

and the moon into blood,

before the day of the Lord comes,

the great and manifest day.

21 And it shall be that whoever calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'

***Hymn No. 249**

“Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart”

A Call to Confession of 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:**

Dear Lord, today we celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit to the disciples and to all believers. Jesus promised that he would send the one who would be our counselor and comforter. However, we must confess that we often forget that your Spirit is with us. We get busy with our lives and often think we must carry our burdens alone. We fail to turn to you and embrace your grace and mercy. Forgive us again, O Lord, for the times when we only focused on our problems and our desires with little thought of others and of you. Help us to be receptive to hearing your word that can drive away our despair and move us to offer you our praise and service. May we never fail to embrace your love and declare our faith in you. Amen

Silent Confession

Assurance of Forgiveness:

***Response – Gloria Patri**

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
And to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be:
World without end. Amen.

***Affirmation of Faith**

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended

into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father (and the Son), who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. 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**

Prayer of Dedication:

The Lord's Prayer (using debts and debtors)

***Hymn No. 259**

“Breathe On Me, Breath of God”

Sermon

Now What?

***Hymn No. 323**

“Let Us Break Bread Together”

Sacrament of Holy Communion

Jesus said: I am the bread of life. You who come to me shall not hunger; you who believe in me shall never thirst.

In company with all who hunger for spiritual food, we come to this table to know the risen Christ in the sharing of this life-giving bread.

Communion Prayer:

God be with you

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to God.

Let us give thanks to God Most High.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Eternal God, who has created the heavens and the earth, giving breath to every living thing, we thank you for all the gifts of creation and for the gift of life itself. We thank you for making us in your own image, for forgiving us when we act as though you have no claim on us, and for keeping us in your steadfast care. We rejoice in Jesus Christ, the only one eternally begotten by you, who was born of your servant Mary and shared the joys and sorrows of life as we know it. We remember Christ's death, we celebrate Christ's resurrection, and, in the beloved community of your church, we await Christ's return at the end of history. We take courage from the abiding presence of your Holy Spirit in our midst.

We offer you our praise for women and men of faith in every age who stand as witnesses to your love and justice. With all the prophets, martyrs, and saints and all the company of heaven, we glorify you.

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Lord God of Sa - ba-oth; Heav-en and earth are

full, are full of the ma-jes-ty of Thy Glo - ry, Ho-san - na, ho -

san - na, ho-san-na in the high-est! Bless-ed is He that com-eth in the

name of the Lord, Ho-san - na, ho-san - na, ho-san - na in the high-est!

We remember that on that night of betrayal and desertion, Jesus took bread, gave you thanks, broke the bread, and gave it to the disciples, saying: This is my body which is broken for you. Do this in remembrance of me. In the same way, Jesus also took the cup, after supper, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me. By eating this bread and drinking this cup, we proclaim Christ's death, celebrate Christ's resurrection, and await Christ's coming again. **Amen. Come, Christ Jesus!**

Gracious God, we ask you to bless this bread and cup and all of us with outpouring of your Holy Spirit. Through this meal, make us the body of Christ, the church, your servant people, that we may be salt, and light, and leaven for the furtherance of your will in all the world.

Amen. Come Holy Spirit.

The Sharing of the Bread and Cup:

Through the broken bread we participate in the body of Christ. Through the cup of blessing, we participate in the new life Christ gives.

Resurrection Acclamation:

Alleluia! Fear not, I am the first and the last, and the living one.
I died, and behold I am alive for evermore. Alleluia!

Sharing the Elements:

The gifts of God for the people of God. Come, for all things are ready.

The body of Christ, the living bread.

Amen!

The blood of Christ, the saving cup.

Amen!

Prayer of Thanksgiving:

Let us pray.

Eternal God, you have called your people from east and west and north and south to feast at the table of Jesus Christ. We thank you for Christ's presence and for the spiritual food of Christ's body and blood. By the power of your Holy Spirit, keep us faithful to your will. Go with us to the streets, to our homes, and to our places of labor and leisure that whether we are gathered or scattered, we may be the servant church of the servant Christ, in whose name we rejoice to pray. Amen.

Hymn No. 601

“ Lord Dismiss Us With Thy 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

Postlude

Toccata on “Praise To The Lord, The Almighty”
Wayne Kerr

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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, Melvin & Bonnie Baughman, Donnie Baxter, Jim Benoit, Father Elijah Bremer, Rhonda Brown, Terry Coslic, Jim Coughenour, Tammy Coughenour, Pam Crooks, Larry Custer, Ann Darrow, Elizabeth Deal, Monica Downard, John Durst,

Medodie Glessner, 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, Harold Pritts, James Robb, Lois Saylor,
 Nancy Schrock,
 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 –Pentecost Sunday, Holy Communion

Memorial Day Weekend

9:00 a.m. Worship

10:10 Sunday School (Fellowship Hall Only)

Next Sunday – 1st Sunday after Pentecost

Graduation Sunday

9:00 a.m. Worship

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

Giving From 05/21/23

	Rec	Budget	Over/Under
General	\$2868.00	\$3155.58	-\$287.58
Ben	\$201.00	\$182.69	\$18.31
Maint	\$396.00	\$163.46	\$232.54
Mem	30.00		\$30.00
Total	\$3495.00	\$3501.73	-\$6.73

Also not included in Benevolence were Donations to Food Pantry of \$15 and Knotty Knotters of \$615.

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

Worship Attendance: 99

Sunday School: 25

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

Ushers: Bob Brown, Jean Ann Darr

Acolytes: Cohen Clark/ Colton Custer

The Flowers on the altar in honor of and in memory of all military and Veterans by Reon & Sheron Engleka

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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The Parsonage Conference Room Sunday School Class will be following this schedule in Fellowship Hall:

April 23-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.

Annual Conference Meeting:

The Annual Conference will be held at California University of Pennsylvania on June 9th and 10th. Trinity UCC is entitled to three lay delegates and one youth delegate. If anyone is interested in representing our church at this meeting as a delegate, please let the church office know. Registration forms will need to be filled out and sent in no later than May 31, 2023. Tom Croner is attending this meeting and will be going both days. If you would like a ride, please let Tom Croner know. The cost of the conference will be paid by the church.

Search Committee:

Next committee meeting is scheduled for Monday, June 19th at 7:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall.

Hugs & Kisses:

Corn Hole Tournament – Sunday, June 25th at 4:00 parking lot behind church, unless rain then will be in the basement. H&K Youth will provide grilled hamburgers and hot dogs and those attending can bring side dishes. Come join us and have fun- you can play or just bring a lawn chair and enjoy as a spectator. There will be a prize for the winner! **Please sign up at the side entrance so we know how much meat to prepare.**

Save the date – VBS will be the week of June 19-23rd. We need helpers as well as children to attend in order for us to continue to have VBS at our church as it is a lot of work for those who do the planning. So, kids invite your friends, grandparents invite your grandchildren etc. to save the date. More details to come later.

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

The Holy Trinity Lutheran Church is trying to form teams for softball over the summer. It would be for all ages. Please contact the Church Office if you are interested.

The Holy Trinity Lutheran Church VBS is June 26 – June 30, 2023.

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!**

Berlin Boy Scouts will have their traditional Memorial Day chicken BBQ at the Community Grove from 11: 00 – 1:00. Complete chicken dinners or halves only will be available to eat in or carry out. Your support is appreciated. Halves - \$8
Dinners - \$12

Patriot Park has reopened this season and is preparing to have a Memorial Ceremony, on Sunday, May 28th starting at 3 pm. We have a great guest speaker and special music. Please bring your own lawn chair or blanket.

Changes to upcoming Supply Minister assignments.

May 28	Pastor Jay Shaffer
June 4	Steve Dinning
June 11	Reverend James Vander Schurr
June 18	Bill Deal
June 25	Reverend James Vander Schurr

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 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.

Donations are needed for the Knotty Knotters at the Lutheran Church. The Knotters supply prayer shawls, Izzy dolls, dish clothes, walker caddies, chemo hats, baby hats, and throws for adults, children, babies, and veterans. In 2022 they gave away over 350 covers alone. It takes many hands to do the above work from many denominations. There are several members from our church that are very active with many hours of their time to spread the love of God to others. Any donations of money or material are used for the above projects. Please mark your donations for Knotty Knotters.

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Dear Lord, we pray for a good week this week. More than that, we pray for a blessed week. May we be a blessing to each person we encounter each day. And may we receive your blessing through others as well. We pray that we might see your loving hand at work throughout this week.

Blessings To You All