



5TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

July 13, 2025

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Pastor Dave Creamer

Assisted by – Cohen Clark

Trinity United Church of Christ

600 Main Street

Berlin, Pennsylvania

Preludes

**I Vow to Thee, My Country - Anna Laura Page
Fairest Lord Jesus – Douglas Wagner**

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: Based on Psalm 25, A prayer for Deliverance

To you O God I lift up my Soul.

O my God In you I Trust.

Make me know your ways, teach me your paths.

Lead me in your truth and teach me in your ways, you are the God of my salvation.

Bless us with your Mercy, Bless us with your steadfast Love,
Surround us with your care.

Do not remember the Sins of my youth, or of my transgressions, Remember me in your steadfast Love.

For the sake of your Goodness, Amen

***Hymn No. 97**

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

Call to Confession

The Apostle Paul tells us in Colossians our hope comes to us by the Spirit, in its words of Truth. That Gods Blessings and Forgiveness are for those who believe that Jesus came to save us from our Sins. Let us Pray.

Confession

Heavenly Father hear our prayer. You know our hearts and see our actions, forgive us of our sins. Bless us with your Spirit to help and guide us in our days. Help us to listen to your voice to follow your will and to be good Christians. Strengthen us with your Spirit so we can do more than we think we can. All in Jesus name.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon:

Paul prays for us that we may be made strong with all the strength that comes from Gods' glorious power. That we may have endurance and patience and always be Joyful, giving thanks for our Gifts. Especial knowing that through Jesus we have redemption and the forgiveness of sins. Amen

***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. A simple people grateful to share some of our gifts. We pray that your Will be done. We pray for this world and things we do not understand. Comfort those that suffer from the floods. Be near to those that

know loss, those that will live on without their loved ones. We pray that you bring peace to the anguish. Guide the first responders. Help them to be determined and compassionate in their task. Give them strength to finish their work. Help us to know your will. Guide us in the service of others. We pray with our Faith in you that our concerns and worries will not be lost. That your healing and comforting touch be on our Prayer list, our Shut ins, and the ones we worry for in our hearts. Let all these things we pray be done in Jesus' name, our savior and sanctifier. We offer to you the prayer he taught to us,

The Lord's Prayer (using debts and debtors)

Scripture

Old Testament Scripture: Deuteronomy Chapter 30 VS 9-14

9 The Lord your God will make you abundantly prosperous in all the work of your hand, in the fruit of your body, and in the fruit of your cattle, and in the fruit of your ground; for the Lord will again take delight in prospering you, as he took delight in your fathers,
10 if you obey the voice of the Lord your God, to keep his commandments and his statutes which are written in this book of the law, if you turn to the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul.

11 "For this commandment which I command you this day is not too hard for you, neither is it far off.

12 It is not in heaven, that you should say, 'Who will go up for us to heaven, and bring it to us, that we may hear it and do it?'

13 Neither is it beyond the sea, that you should say, 'Who will go over the sea for us, and bring it to us, that we may hear it and do it?'

14 But the word is very near you; it is in your mouth and in your heart, so that you can do it.

Epistle Lesson:

Colossians 1 vs 1-14

- 1** Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother,
2 To the saints and faithful brethren in Christ at Colossae:
Grace to you and peace from God our Father.
3 We always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, when we pray for you,
4 because we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love which you have for all the saints,
5 because of the hope laid up for you in heaven. Of this you have heard before in the word of the truth, the gospel
6 which has come to you, as indeed in the whole world it is bearing fruit and growing—so among yourselves, from the day you heard and understood the grace of God in truth,
7 as you learned it from Epaphras our beloved fellow servant. He is a faithful minister of Christ on our behalf
8 and has made known to us your love in the Spirit.
9 And so, from the day we heard of it, we have not ceased to pray for you, asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of his will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding,
10 to lead a life worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him, bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God.
11 May you be strengthened with all power, according to his glorious might, for all endurance and patience with joy,
12 giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified us to share in the inheritance of the saints in light.
13 He has delivered us from the dominion of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son,
14 in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

The Gospel of Jesus Christ: Luke 10 VS 25-35

- 25** And behold, a lawyer stood up to put him to the test, saying, “Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?”
26 He said to him, “What is written in the law? How do you read?”
27 And he answered, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself.”

28 And he said to him, “You have answered right; do this, and you will live.”

29 But he, desiring to justify himself, said to Jesus, “And who is my neighbor?”

30 Jesus replied, “A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and he fell among robbers, who stripped him and beat him, and departed, leaving him half dead.

31 Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him he passed by on the other side.

32 So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side.

33 But a Samaritan, as he journeyed, came to where he was; and when he saw him, he had compassion,

34 and went to him and bound up his wounds, pouring on oil and wine; then he set him on his own beast and brought him to an inn, and took care of him.

35 And the next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper, saying, ‘Take care of him; and whatever more you spend, I will repay you when I come back.’

Special Music

Allyson VanGuilder

“America the Beautiful”

“How Great Thou Art”

Message

“A Simple Commandment”

Pastor Dave Creamer

***Hymn No. 286**

Blest Be the Tie That Binds

***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: The Old-Time Religion – Gordon Young

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Those Remembered in prayer:

God's guidance and protection for Armed Forces.

Shut Ins:

**Barb Berkley, Mary Jane Harding, Cynthia Kelly, Debbi Luteri,
Lillian Potter, Lois Saylor, Ruth Elaine Whitacre.**

Healing Concerns:

**Mark Amyot, Donnie Baxter, Jim Benoit, Brad Bowers,
Paige Boyer, Chris Brant, Father Elijah Bremer,
Rhonda Brown, Ray Coleman, Susan Constantino,
Tammy Coughenour, Renee Croushore, Eric Custer,
Tracy Dickey, Wilma Durst, Nancy Gindlesperger,
Marlene Gotchen, Dennis Griffith, Karen Griffith, Andrea (Shaulis)
Harris, Joe Harris, Michael Harris, Joy Hay (Dwayne), Kris Hay,
Larry Hay, Marilyn Heiple, Gary Hillegas, Barry Landis,
Brenda Leister, Jim Little, Blair and Phylis Lyons, Judy McCullen,
Larry McCullen, Joyce Miller, Laura Miller, Robert "Lee" Miller,
Carl (Edison) Paul, Kathy Picking, Brian Robb, James Robb,
Brett Sarver, Tammie Saylor, Nancy Schrock, Curt Shaulis,
Missy Shaulis, Phyllis Stoy, Dawn Edmiston-Strasser,
Larry Tinkey, Robin Walker, Nancy Weighley, Gerald Zorn**

It's time once again to update our prayer list. If you have any information regarding the people on this list, please contact the church office with updates, removals, or any other information.

The Saints In Action

Today- 5th Sunday after Pentecost

9:00 a.m. Worship

10:10 a.m. Sunday School

12:00 p.m. Church Picnic at the Grove

Monday – 7:00 p.m. Consistory Meeting

Next Sunday – 6th Sunday after Pentecost

9:00 a.m. Worship

10:10 a.m. Sunday School – In Church Office

10:00 a.m.- 12:30 p.m. Church Pictorial Pictures

Giving From 07/06/2025

	Rec	Budget	Over/Under
General	\$3313.00	\$3155.58	\$157.42
Ben	\$225.00	\$182.69	\$42.31
Maint	\$275.00	\$163.46	\$111.54
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Total	\$3813.00	\$3501.73	\$311.27

Not included in Benevolence were Donations to Food Pantry of \$25 and Hugs & Kisses for church picnic.

Worship Attendance: 69

Sunday School: 7

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: Cohen Clark, Pam Bush

Ushers: Jeanne Hillegas, Ken Miller

Acolytes: Avery and Isla Hillegas

Organ: Nancy Bittner

Flowers on the altar are in honor of our children, Alissa and Josh and their families by Bob & Colleen Glotfelty.

Special Flowers in loving memory of our grandson, Lucas Hayman, our Angel in heaven by Pap Larry and Me Me Custer.

Bulletin in memory of my daughter, Kathy Jo Brant by Joyce Knotts

The Whole Congregation in Ministry and Assisted by

Dave Creamer, Student 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:

Sheron Engleka, 814-267-4166

Jim Darr, 814-483-0957

Allison Zimmerman, 814-267-4324

Consistory Deacons:

Pam Bush, Tom Croner (President) 814-442-6740, Amanda

Custer, Lori Gindlesperger, Jean Hart, Jeanne Hillegas,

Bill Landis, Julie Petro, Allen Strasser

Church Office Hours – Tuesday through Thursday

9:00 a.m. to 1 p.m.

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Pictorial Committee

Church Pictorial

We're creating a new church pictorial directory and want everyone to be included!

Photo sessions are:

Sunday, July 20th - 10:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Sunday, July 27th - 10:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Tuesday, July 29th - 5:00 p.m. -7:30 p.m.

Don't miss your chance to be part of our church family album!

If you have not yet registered for a photo session, please call: Lori Gindlesperger, 814-279-4709, as soon as possible.

Thank you for helping us build a beautiful pictorial!

We are pleased to include a special section in the upcoming church pictorial honoring our Veterans. If you would like to have a photo included, please submit it to the church office or to Lori Gindlesperger no later than **August 15, 2025**. All submitted photos will be returned.

Additionally, we are collecting high-quality candid photographs from church events and activities that took place during **2024–2025**.

Sunday School

Tom Calvert resumed the summer series from last year while giving Sue Coughenour a much-needed break. It is the continuation of the Ray Vander Laan's "That the World May Know" DVD #12 Walking with God in the Desert. It's about Experiencing Living Water When Life is Tough.

Hugs & Kisses

Drive-In Movie, Friday July 18th – Details TBD. H&K will pay for the youth who attend.

Saturday, July 19th – Berlin Community Days 9AM-3PM-H&K doing a bake sale in front of the church. Please sign up to help

and if you can't be there you can still donate baked goods which can be dropped off at the church Friday night or Saturday morning.

Sunday, August 10th – Altoona Curve Game 1 PM. Let Amanda Custer know if interested and how many tickets needed by August 1st. (814-483-4283) H&K will pay for youth.

Back and better than ever! Join us for a day filled with **fun, fellowship, and community spirit** at this year's
Berlin Community Day
on Main Street, July 19th, 9-3.

We're currently seeking:

- ~ **Craft, direct sales, rummage sale, and food vendors**
- ~ **Organizations willing to sponsor family-friendly activities**
- ~ **Donated baskets** for our **basket raffle** (All proceeds help cover event expenses like insurance, music, and facilities.)

Highlights include:

-  KIDS Korner
-  Community Vendors & Yard Sales
-  Live Music on the Diamond
-  Basket Raffle
-  NEW this year: Porta potties & large trash cans in convenient spots!

Don't miss our float in the **Fireman's Block Party Parade!**

Interested vendors, please contact Tracey Koontz at 814-442-9821

Trinity will have a table with dressing, gravy and baked goods at the front entrance. Anyone wishing to donate baked goods can contact Jean Hart or any H&K member.

Hospice is currently looking for volunteers in our area. Our Mission Statement: Our Hospice services are designed to provide comfort care as well as spiritual and emotional support for people in the final phase of a terminal illness. If interested, please refer to the poster at the back door entrance for more information.

Berlin Community Bible School

Hello, I'm Connie Jandik and I'm one of the coordinators for the Berlin Community Bible School. The work has begun for this year's VBS. We would like to invite you and your children to participate. How you ask?

1. Talk to your kid's ministry leader and your congregation about attending.
2. Volunteer – we can use any help you can give us.
3. We would like a pastor or youth leader to be present every night each taking a night to pray and interact with the kids.
4. Financially between the parade candy and flyer and VBS it adds up fast.
5. PRAYER IS ALWAYS A MUST, NEVER TOO MANY

The dates this year are July 21-25 at the Berlin Community Grove. If you have any questions, please call me at 814-267-3047, call or text 814-442-0365 or email: crjandik@gmail.com. Thank you.

Berlin Brethren Church Vacation Bible School has invited anyone who would like to join them to come! They would love to have any of you that are interested. **It begins this evening at 5:15 p.m.** with a free meal! Activities begin at 6:00 until 8:00 every evening through Thursday.

The Pius Springs Woman's Club "Back to School Swap" is planned for **August 10th**. **The donations we've received are greatly appreciated!** Please continue to donate gently used clothing, shoes and/or backpacks for our kids. Children's sizes 4T to 16 will be accepted as well as adult sizes. Please note that clothing should be clean and ready-to-wear. Clothing will be targeted to children in grades K - 12. **We currently have a shortage of boys' clothing.** Donations will be accepted through **August 3rd** in the bin in the large Sunday school classroom.

1813 Bible

We recently received an 1813 bible donated by Mrs. Sandra Suhri in memory of her father, Mr. George Walters. Mr. Walters was a member of this congregation (verified from the 1952 church roster). Mr. Walters was a long-time barber in the community. His shop was located on the Northwest corner of the lower diamond at the intersection of Main and Diamond Street. It is a very

interesting piece of history. If you are interested in looking at it, we have it in a fireproof cabinet in the church office. Feel free to stop by during business hours.

Berlin Food Pantry

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

Community Foundation for The Alleghenies

On behalf of the Foundation, thank you for your recent gift in support of the St. Paul's United Church of Christ – Dolly Parton Imagination Library Fund. At the Community Foundation, we advocate for everyone to embrace philanthropy in support of the causes that are closest to their hearts. Each fund that the Community Foundation oversees helps support this mission by allowing us to match the needs of our region with the passions of our donors.

We value your dedication to our community and your confidence in the Community Foundation to help support your giving.

Pastoral Care: For those in need of pastoral care please contact Tom Croner President of Consistory at 814-442-6740, who will arrange for a pastor to provide comfort and assurance in a time of crisis. If you need **immediate** pastoral care, contact Dave Creamer, Student Pastor for Trinity at 814-777-2280. If Dave is not available, please contact Jay Shaffer at 814-483-0398.

Make us Worthy--Mother Teresa

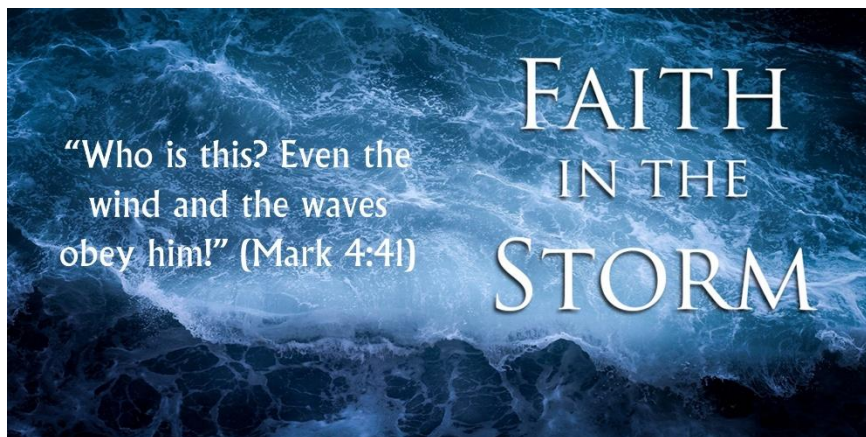
Make us worthy, Lord,
To serve others throughout the world
Who live and die
In poverty or hunger,
Give them, through our hands,
this day their daily Bread,
and by our understanding love,
give peace and joy.
Amen.

May almighty God fill you with the knowledge of God's will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding.

May you lead lives worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him, as you bear fruit in every good work and as you grow in the knowledge of God.

May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from God's glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully giving thanks to God in the name of Jesus, our Lord and Savior. Amen.

Sermon Notes:



“Who is this? Even the
wind and the waves
obey him!” (Mark 4:41)

FAITH IN THE STORM

Prayer for the Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

O Christ, our Lord and our eternal Redeemer,
as we follow you and share in your sufferings,
fill us with your Holy Spirit,
that we subdue the old self to the new,
and the new self to you,
and at last share the glory of your resurrection;
through your mercy, O our God,
you are blessed,
and live and govern all things,
now and forever.
Amen.

**Thank you for being here with us today
and have a blessed week ahead.**