



12TH SUNDAY AFTER
PENTECOST

Twelfth Sunday After Pentecost

August 20, 2023

Guest Speaker – Reverend Kaitlyn Coughenour

Assisted By – Cora Wright

Trinity United Church of Christ

600 Main Street

Berlin, Pennsylvania

Preludes

**In Christ Alone – Jason Payne
Speak, Oh Lord – Jason Payne**

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

We will give thanks to you, O Lord, with our whole heart; we will tell of all your wonderful deeds.

We will be glad and exult in you; we will sing praise to your name, O Most High.

Opening Hymn: Heart – N – Soul Barbershop Quartet

Prayer of Confession:

O Lord my God, in my sin I have avoided your call and command. My love for you is like a morning cloud, like the dew that goes away early. Have mercy on me; deliver me from judgment; bind up my wounds and revive me. You are the almighty God, who sent his Son into the world to save sinners. Hear my prayer of confession and bring me your pardon and peace, now and forever. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Forgiveness:

God the Creator brings you new life, forgives and redeems you. Take hold of this forgiveness and live your life in the Spirit of Jesus. **Amen.**

***Affirmation of Faith**

The Apostle's 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

**Blessed are you, God of all creation; through your goodness
we have these gifts to share. Accept and use our offerings for
your glory and for the service of your kingdom. Blessed be
God forever. Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer (using debts and debtors)

Hebrew Scripture – Genesis 45: 1-15

1 Then Joseph could not control himself before all those who stood by him; and he cried, "Make every one go out from me." So no one stayed with him when Joseph made himself known to his brothers.

2 And he wept aloud, so that the Egyptians heard it, and the household of Pharaoh heard it.

3 And Joseph said to his brothers, "I am Joseph; is my father still alive?" But his brothers could not answer him, for they were dismayed at his presence.

4 So Joseph said to his brothers, "Come near to me, I pray you." And they came near. And he said, "I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt.

5 And now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life.

6 For the famine has been in the land these two years; and there are yet five years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest.

7 And God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors

8 So it was not you who sent me here, but God; and he has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt.

9 Make haste and go up to my father and say to him, 'Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me, do not tarry;

10 Oyou shall dwell in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children's children, and your flocks, your herds, and all that you have;

11and there I will provide for you, for there are yet five years of famine to come; lest you and your household, and all that you have, come to poverty.'

12 And now your eyes see, and the eyes of my brother Benjamin see, that it is my mouth that speaks to you.

13 You must tell my father of all my splendor in Egypt, and of all that you have seen. Make haste and bring my father down here."

14 Then he fell upon his brother Benjamin's neck and wept; and Benjamin wept upon his neck.

15 And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them; and after that his brothers talked with him.

Psalm 133

1 Behold, how good and pleasant it is when brothers dwell in unity!

2 It is like the precious oil upon the head, running down upon the beard, upon the beard of Aaron, running down on the collar of his robes!

3 It is like the dew of Hermon,

which falls on the mountains of Zion!
For there the Lord has commanded the blessing,
life for evermore.

Epistle – Romans 11: 1-2, 29-32

1 I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin.

2 God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew. Do you not know what the scripture says of Elijah, how he pleads with God against Israel?

29 For the gifts and the call of God are irrevocable.

30 Just as you were once disobedient to God but now have received mercy because of their disobedience,

31 so they have now been disobedient in order that by the mercy shown to you they also may receive mercy.

32 For God has consigned all men to disobedience, that he may have mercy upon all.

Gospel – Matthew 15: (10-20), 21-28

10 And he called the people to him and said to them, “Hear and understand:

11 not what goes into the mouth defiles a man, but what comes out of the mouth, this defiles a man.”

12 Then the disciples came and said to him, “Do you know that the Pharisees were offended when they heard this saying?”

13 He answered, “Every plant which my heavenly Father has not planted will be rooted up.

14 Let them alone; they are blind guides. And if a blind man leads a blind man, both will fall into a pit.”

15 But Peter said to him, “Explain the parable to us.”

16 And he said, “Are you also still without understanding?

17 Do you not see that whatever goes into the mouth passes into the stomach, and so passes on?

18 But what comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart, and this defiles a man.

19 For out of the heart come evil thoughts, murder, adultery, fornication, theft, false witness, slander.

20 These are what defile a man; but to eat with unwashed hands does not defile a man.”

21 And Jesus went away from there and withdrew to the district of Tyre and Sidon.

22 And behold, a Canaanite woman from that region came out and cried, “Have mercy on me, O Lord, Son of David; my daughter is severely possessed by a demon.”

23 But he did not answer her a word. And his disciples came and **begged him, saying, “Send her away, for she is crying after us.”**

24 He answered, “I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.”

25 But she came and knelt before him, saying, “Lord, help me.”

26 And he answered, “It is not fair to take the children's bread and throw it to the dogs.”

27 She said, “Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table.”

28 Then Jesus answered her, “O woman, great is your faith! Be it done for you as you desire.” And her daughter was healed instantly.

**Special Music:
Heart-N-Soul Barbershop Quartet
“A Medley of Gospel Music”**

**Sermon - Reverend Kaitlyn Coughenour
“Reluctance”**

***Hymn No. 103**

Blessed Be the Name

***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

O Church, Arise – Jason Payne

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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, Paige Boyer, Father Elijah Bremer, Rhonda Brown, Terry Coslic, Jim Coughenour, Tammy Coughenour, Pam Crooks, Elizabeth Deal, John Durst, Reon Engleka, Sheron Engleka, Art & Marlene Gotchen, Andrea (Shaulis) Harris, Larry Hay, Faye Hetrick, Kerry Landis, Brenda & Larry Leister, Jim Little, Larry McCullen, Bonnie Murphy, Dalton Paul, Kathy Picking, James Robb, Lois Saylor, Nancy Schrock, Owen Shaulis, Tracey Smith, Mark Stahl, Peggy Stayrook, Larry Tinkey, Adeline Vieregge, Robin Walker, Harry Watkins, Gerald Zorn

Prayers to the Jim McKenzie family in Jim's passing on August 13th.

Additional prayers for Harry Watkins as he recovers from surgery followed by a fall and pneumonia. Harry is currently in Presbyterian Hospital in Pittsburg. If you can, please take the time to send a card to Harry (and Jane) at 218 Indigo Ln, Somerset, PA 15501

The Saints In Action

TODAY –12th Sunday after Pentecost

9:00 a.m. Worship

10:10 Sunday School (Fellowship Hall Only)

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Giving From 08/13/23

	Rec	Budget	Over/Under
General	\$1880.00	\$3155.58	-\$1275.58
Ben	\$201.00	\$182.69	\$18.31
Maint	\$196.00	\$163.46	\$32.54
Mem	0.00		\$0.00
Total	\$2277.00	\$3501.73	-\$1224.73

Also not included in Benevolence were Donations to Food Pantry of \$110 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: 64

Sunday School: 11

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: Jim Darr (Board), Pam Bush (Camera)

Ushers: Gaye Maust, Jean Ann Darr

Acolytes: Cora Wright/ Colton Custer

The Flowers on the altar in memory of Charles & Mary Esther Smith by Nancy Bittner and family.

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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Changes to upcoming Supply Minister assignments.

August 27 Dan Croft

September 3 Jay Shaffer

September 10 Dwayne Hay

Bolded dates indicate “Communion” Sundays.

September 10th is Sunday School Rally Sunday, and it also happens to be Grandparents Day. So, kids grab your grandparents or someone special, and grandparents grab your grandchildren for a covered dish brunch after worship service that Sunday. Of course, parents are welcome too! There will be a brief program, crafts for the kids and lots of good fellowship and food. Please mark your calendars and plan to come to this special meal on September 10th at approximately 10:05 a.m.

There will be sign-up sheets at both entrances to let us know if you plan to attend so we can plan accordingly.

UPDATE: All adult Sunday School Classes will now be meeting as one in the Fellowship Hall. Sue Coughenour will be starting an in-depth study of I & II Peter on Sunday, September 17th at 10:10 a.m. 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. Please bring your Bible, a pen, and be ready to dive in. Hope to see you there!

St Gregory's Annual Festival – MacDonalton, PA – Sunday, September 3, 2023 – Family Style – ham and turkey dinners with noodles and stuffing – served 11:00 a.m. to 2 p.m. – adults \$12.00 – children under 12 \$6.00 – games, bake sale, themed baskets, refreshments – fun for all ages – come and enjoy reminiscing with family and friends in our air-conditioned hall.

Hugs & Kisses

August 27th 6:00 PM – Back to School Campfire/Picnic at The Custers' House (739 Plank Rd) for all youth and their parents. Will provide meat, drinks, and tableware. **Please bring a covered dish and camp chairs. Text Amanda Custer at 814-483-4283 with a count if planning to attend.**

October 22nd 7:00 PM – Mac Powell and Friends Christian Concert at Word of Life Church in Greensburg. We need a group of 10 or more to get a group rate of \$18 per person. H&K will pay for any of our youth attending. Adults will self-pay. **Please RSVP**

to Amy Clark by August 15th so that we can order tickets as a group.

Christmas Program

We are looking for a program director to head up the Christmas Program scheduled for 12/10/23. We can do adult/youth combined play this year with practice on 10/03/23 during Sunday School.

A message from Holy Trinity Lutheran Church Sight and Sound

We have purchased the tickets and reserved the bus for the show, "The Miracle of Christmas" 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.

Dear Congregation of Trinity United Church of Christ,

We would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to all who have donated funds to Holy Trinity Lutheran Knotty Knotters.

Your donations have certainly helped to cover the cost of the Veterans Day covers we are working on and will help us to continue our important mission work.

As always, we are blessed.

Holy Trinity Lutheran Knotty Knotters

J B Schrock Playground 75th Anniversary Celebration

Did you know that the J B Schrock Community Park has been operating as a playground since September 1948?? We are 75 years old this year!!

GENERATIONS of Berlin area residents have enjoyed our playground and have passed on the love of this little park to their families! And we want to CELEBRATE!!

Please join us for a special day of fun activities, live music, games, basket raffle fundraiser, and yes, a cakewalk!! Food will be available for purchase.

Join us at the playground on Saturday, September 2nd from 10 am - 2 pm.

*Parking is available at the Berlin Brethren Church, in the large lot just off Fletcher Street.

Trinity Trumpet:

Our newsletter will start publishing this week. Please submit any information (groups, committees, news, comments, and anything else you would like to share with our congregation for the months of September & October) this week. The deadline for the newsletter will be Monday, August 28th, as we will be going to print on Tuesday, the 29th. Remember, this is your newsletter, and we'd love to hear from you!



MAY THE BLESSINGS OF THIS DAY
RADIATE THROUGH YOUR SMILE, BE
HELPFUL THROUGH YOUR HANDS, AND
SHINE THROUGH YOUR HEART.

And Throughout the Week!