



***7th Sunday of Easter
May 17, 2026
Pastor Dave Creamer
Assisted by – Cohen Clark***

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

“Please silence your cell phone”

Preludes

In Christ Alone – Jason Payne

Behold the Lamb – Jason Payne

Welcome

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: Taken from Psalm 68 praise and thanksgiving.

Let God rise up, let his enemies be scattered.

Let the righteous be joyful, let them exalt God, let them shout with joy.

Sing to God, sing praises to his name, let the joy of His will fill you.

Sing to God, all the nations of the Earth, sing praises to our God.

Our God is Awesome in our presence; he gives power and strength to his people.

In Gods will we are strong, in Gods Glory we sure, in Gods presence we rejoice.

Hymn No. 64

All Creatures Of Our God and King

“Children’s Time”

Led By Amanda Custer

Call to Confession

Jesus prayed for us. Knowing we lived in this world he asked God to protect us in the name of Jesus. Our saving Grace can be received in Confession.

Confession

Heavenly Father, hear our prayer. Let us walk with you. Help us to know Jesus as our savior. Forgive us of the sins that separate us from that love. Give us the power of the Spirit. To

live a life always seeking your will, wanting to live for your Glory.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Peter tells us that our God, full of Grace, by the love of Jesus for us will restore, support, strengthen, and establish us. To God be the power for ever and ever. For that we give God the Glory.

*** Response 66**

To God Be The Glory

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, we humble ourselves before you. We bring some of our gifts to this offering. We pray that you take these things and make them a blessing to others. We pray that your will is done. That the world we live in knows your presence. We ask that we give strength to the weak, hope to the downhearted, and peace to the anxious. We pray that your heal touch finds those on our prayer list. That in your time you restore us. We pray that Jesus is among us each day. That Jesus is welcome in our homes, journeys with us through our days, and that those around us know him through our actions. Hear the prayer he showed to us.

The Lord's Prayer (using debts and debtors)

Scripture

The Acts of the Apostles, Chapter 1, vs 6-14.

6 So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?"

7 He said to them, "It is not for you to know times or seasons which the Father has fixed by his own authority.

8 But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria and to the end of the earth."

9 And when he had said this, as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight.

10 And while they were gazing into heaven as he went, behold, two men stood by them in white robes,

11 and said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into heaven? This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

12 Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day's journey away;

13 and when they had entered, they went up to the upper room, where they were staying, Peter and John and James and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James the son of Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot and Judas the son of James.

14 All these with one accord devoted themselves to prayer, together with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with his brothers.

Epistle Lesson

Peters first letter to the church, Chapter 5, vs 6-11.

6 Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that in due time he may exalt you.

7 Cast all your anxieties on him, for he cares about you.

8 Be sober, be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour.

9 Resist him, firm in your faith, knowing that the same experience of suffering is required of your brotherhood throughout the world.

10 And after you have suffered a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, establish, and strengthen you.

11 To him be the dominion for ever and ever. Amen.

The Gospel of Jesus Christ from John Chapter 17, vs 1-11.

1 When Jesus had spoken these words, he lifted up his eyes to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify thy Son that the Son may glorify thee,

2 since thou hast given him power over all flesh, to give eternal life to all whom thou hast given him.

3 And this is eternal life, that they know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom thou hast sent.

4 I glorified thee on earth, having accomplished the work which thou gavest me to do;

5 and now, Father, glorify thou me in thy own presence with the glory which I had with thee before the world was made.

6 "I have manifested thy name to the men whom thou gavest me out of the world; thine they were, and thou gavest them to me, and they have kept thy word.

7 Now they know that everything that thou hast given me is from thee;

8 for I have given them the words which thou gavest me, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from thee; and they have believed that thou didst send me.

9 I am praying for them; I am not praying for the world but for those whom thou hast given me, for they are thine;

10 all mine are thine, and thine are mine, and I am glorified in them.

11 And now I am no more in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to thee. Holy Father, keep them in thy name, which thou hast given me, that they may be one, even as we are one.

Hymn No. 284

They Will Know We Are Christians By Our Love

Message

“One Last Question “

Pastor Dave Creamer

***Hymn No. 234**

Crown Him With Many Crowns

***Benediction**

***Response – Sung with Dismissal**

Surely the Presence of the Lord

**Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place,
I can feel His mighty power and His grace,
I can hear the brush of angels’ wings,
I see glory on each face,
Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.**

***Going Forth**

Postlude

Crown Him With Many Crowns – 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, Jim Benoit,
Brad Bowers, Paige Boyer, Chris Brant, Rhonda Brown, Renee
Croushore, Susan Constantino, LaVerne Coslic, Tammy
Coughenour, Eric Custer, Lauren Davis, Tracy Dickey, Wilma
Durst, Linda Gallick, Dennis Griffith, Karen Griffith, Andrea
(Shaulis) Harris, Joe Harris, Michael Harris,
Joy Hay (Dwayne), Kris Hay, Larry Hay, Marilyn Heiple,
Gary Hillegas, Don Hitte, Barb Keyser, Bennett Keyser,
Barry Landis, Brenda Leister, Wendy Leister, Richard Lilliston,
Jim Little, Blair and Phylis Lyons, Judy McCullen, Larry McCullen,
Joyce Miller, Kaitlyn Miller, Laura Miller, Robert "Lee" Miller, Carl
(Edison) Paul, Kathy Picking, Brian Robb, James Robb, Kayla
Sarver, Brett Sarver, Tammie Saylor, Nancy Schrock, Curt
Shaulis, Missy Shaulis, Roger Stoy, Dawn Edmiston-Strasser,
Larry Tinkey, Patsy and Dave Titus, Barbara and Peter Usher,
Faye Walker, Robin Walker, Nancy Weighley,
Echo Kincaid Yoder, Gerald Zorn

The Saints In Action

TODAY- 7th Sunday of Easter

9:00 a.m. Worship

10:10 a.m. Sunday School

Children's Time - VBS Sunday School

Monday – 6:30 p.m. Consistory Meeting

Wednesday – 6:30 p.m. Bell Practice

Next Sunday – Pentecost Sunday

9:00 a.m. Worship

10:10 a.m. Sunday School

Attendance May 10th

Worship: 72

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

Hearing Amplifiers

Recycling Boxes for Bulletins

These Days – Devotional

Assisting in Worship

Sound: Jim and Jean Ann Darr

Ushers: Deb Boyer, Amy Saylor

Acolyte/Lector Cohen Clark

Organ: Nancy Bittner

Flowers on the altar are given in memory of my grandparents, Virgil and Harriet Vaughan by Alissa Wright

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

Church Office Hours – Tuesday through Thursday

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

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Sunday School

The Adult Sunday School Class continues to meet on Sundays after the worship service in the Fellowship Hall. Currently we are studying the Holy Spirit, and its importance in making our churches thrive. Classes will be led by Sue Coughenour until the end of May when she takes a break over the summer. We would welcome volunteers to keep our class active throughout the summer months. Notify Sue or the church office if you are interested.

Hugs & Kisses

Sunday, June 7th - Visit homebound members. Right after church we will meet in the basement to plan for travel/carpool and take members a small gift and hopefully play rainbow bells to help brighten their days. If you would like to participate, meet us downstairs. We need enough participants to be able to play bells, so please join us!

Trinity Ladies Rummage Sale As you do your spring cleaning, please consider donating gently used items that you no longer have a use for the rummage sale. These items can include clothing (all sizes), small household items, toys, small furniture (chairs, end tables, etc.) and home decor, etc. We will set a date

when you can bring these items to the church, so watch the Sunday bulletin for the announcement.

Hoffman Homes, during the month of May, we will be collecting items that they have informed us would be useful for them as well as our normal monetary donations through offerings. The specific items needed are: Gift cards in any amount for Dunkin' Donuts, Starbucks, Domino's Pizza, Rita's Italian Ice. Dairy Queen, Wendy's, Taco Bell, Panera Bread, Subway, McDonald's, Sheetz, Walmart, Target, Amazon and Five Below. Other items requested are: sensory toys, NO WIRE composition books/journals, gel pens, Adult & youth coloring books, drawing and construction paper. They could also use outdoor items such as, frisbees, volleyballs, playground balls, outdoor games, water balloons, squirters and sidewalk chalk. If you choose to donate, please leave your items at the Vine Street entrance.

Hoffman Homes provides residential treatment, therapeutic shelter transitional living, outpatient therapy and private licensed school services.

Raised Garden Beds Thank you to all who helped build our raised garden beds. Now we need to fill them with soil so we can put plants and seeds in them by Memorial Day. This is a great project for young and old to work together. Please watch the Sunday bulletin for times and dates. Come join us as we work together to do God's work.

Berlin Community Center The Berlin Community Center is open every Tuesday from 10:30 AM to 4:00 PM. Come join us for some fun. We play cards, games, chess and have great conversations! We love learning new games, so bring your favorite game along with you! We also have lunch, goodies, coffee and drinks available. Stop by for some fun and fellowship.

The Community Room to Offer Free Chess Lessons

Research shows that playing chess helps children to develop both greater levels of creativity and stronger academic discipline. The Community Room, located at Trinity Church in Berlin, will be offering free chess instruction during school summer break this year. The only requirement is that a parent, grandparent, or other adult relative remains at the Community Room during the lessons.

The Community Room offers different activities for any adult who does not want to watch the student instruction. Free coffee and tea is provided as well. There is no extended commitment required. Come in, check it out, and decide for yourself. We are pretty sure that you will find your time well spent this summer. Please note: Lessons are free. Sign up day is June 2, from 11:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Location is at Trinity Church (Community Room), 600 Main St., Berlin. Instruction begins June 9, 2026 and is available through July 2026. For additional information, please feel free to stop by The Community Room any Tuesday in May, between 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Family Hospice is now recruiting volunteers. Volunteers have the rewarding privilege of supporting patients with life-limiting illnesses and their caregivers through a significant and inevitable season of life. Hospice volunteers make an impact in various ways, such as patient visits, caregiver relief, phone calls, support of grieving family members, clerical assistance, and more. Volunteer involvement is determined by the individual's skills, desires, and schedule. Volunteers are good listeners who display flexibility, understanding, and empathy. Specialized training is provided for new volunteers. For more information, please contact Volunteer Coordinator Catherine Zimmerman at 814-502-5948 or zimmermancp@upmc.edu.

Sunday, June 28th- 3rd Annual Cornhole Tournament 5:00 PM. This event is for ALL AGES. H&K will provide hamburgers and hot dogs. Please bring a covered dish/drink, your lawn chair, and your best cornhole skills! Watch for a sign up at the Vine St entrance so that we have a count for meat. This is a great time for food, fun, and socializing so please plan to join us!



“I LOVE AMERICA” a Choral Celebration presented by our community under the direction of Norman Menhorn accompanied by Rick Kimmel & Mary Anne Showers will be

held **Sunday, June 14th, 7 PM at the Trinity United Church of Christ, Berlin.** We invite all to help us celebrate our country's **250th Anniversary!**

Berlin Memorial Day Chicken BBQ

Berlin Boy Scout Troop 135 will hold their annual chicken BBQ from 11:00 – 1:00 at the Berlin Community Grove May 25, 2026. A complete dinner with four sides- \$14, or halves only- \$8. Eat in or take out. This Memorial Day chicken dinner has been a tradition in the Berlin community since the 1970's. It is a major fund raiser for the Boy Scouts. Your support is appreciated.

HVAC fundraising has begun

If you would like to contribute to the heating/air conditioning fund, please mark your offering envelope with HVAC; Heating or A/C. Tithe.ly users can also contribute using the Air Conditioning Fund drop-down option. If you have any questions, please contact Renee Gindlesperger.

Nathan Spangler Eagle Scout Service Project

Nathan is a Life Scout from Boy Scout Troop 5151 in Shanksville. He is currently seeking donations to assist him with the successful execution of his Eagle Scout Project. He plans to build 12 turtle basket platforms and place them in Yellow Creek. Any donation to assist him reach his goal would be appreciated. You can do it either through the Tithe.ly or a check to Kathy.

Our church will be presenting Bible Blast! Where God's Word Meets Game time! This will be a community outreach event for the whole family to come and enjoy free games, prizes and snacks while they learn about God. **When: August 2, 2026 (date was changed) Time: 1:00-3:00 pm Where: In the TUC parking lot or Fellowship Hall in case of rain.** To make this outreach possible we will need many volunteers to be on hand the day of the event. We need volunteers to: Help with Games (7 games / 12 volunteers) Face Painters – at least 2 Prize Table Attendants – 2-3 volunteers Snack Table Attendants – 2-3 volunteers Information Table Attendants – 2-3 volunteers Set Up and Tear Down – many hands make light work. In addition, we will need someone to help construct some of the games, and someone to help paint the

games. Other ways you can help is to donate money towards supplies for the event. And most importantly we need everyone to be praying for people to come and hear the word of God with open hearts. God can and will do wonderful things if everyone gets involved so please be praying on how you can help. For more information contact someone on the committee: Sue Coughenour, Jeanne Hillegas, Amy Saylor, Sheron Engleka, Lori Gindlesperger, and Jean Hart. Let them know if you are willing to help.

Post – 9/11 U.S. Armed Forces Memorial

Annual Memorial Ceremony – Sunday, May 24th, 4:00 p.m.

Patriot Park – 6150 Lincoln Hwy, Stoystown PA 15563

Storyboard to be dedicated in honor of Military working dogs.

Keynote Speaker will be Lieutenant Colonel (Ret.) Jason Weigle.

Central City VFW Honor Guard, Bellwood Community Choir and

local students will also be part of this inspiring ceremony.

Update on fire at Trinity UCC - Dorseyville

Trinity in Dorseyville is celebrating the 175th anniversary of their congregation this year. Sadly, they were also celebrating the 150th anniversary of their historic sanctuary. As with any disaster of this kind the congregational members (and Pastor) are suffering from shock, loss, and grief. Our support from across the Conference makes a very real difference.

If you would like to help please consider participating in one of the following:

Card shower: Send a card of love and support from your congregation to the congregation of Trinity. The address is Trinity UCC, 3712 Saxonburg Blvd., Pittsburgh, PA 15238

Monetary Donations: We will hold all donations to be presented to Trinity Church at Annual Meeting. You can send a check made out to Keystone Conference and put Trinity UCC in the memo line. Mail to Keystone Conference, PO Box 6625, Harrisburg, PA 17112 OR you can donate though this link:

Church Cookbook Fundraiser

As we begin to compile the recipes that some of you have so graciously submitted, we find that we are lacking recipes in several areas. The breakdown of divisions in the book are as follows:

- Appetizers/Snacks
- Soups/Salads
- Vegetables/Side Dishes
- Main Dishes
- Breads/Rolls
- Desserts
- Cookies/Candy
- Preserving
- This & That

There are still several people who have indicated that they would like to contribute (and we'd love you to) but we haven't heard from you yet! Let's make this the "Best Cookbook Ever"!

Graduation Sunday

We will be recognizing our graduating seniors, Sunday, May 31st. Please let the office know **THIS WEEK** if you have a senior that you would like to recognize.

Online Giving (Tithe.ly)

If you are giving through our recent online Tithe.ly and no longer need donation envelopes, please contact the office. There is a slight delay in the receipt of your online donations to the bank. Therefore, in order to give you a more accurate picture of our budget goals, we will be posting the giving information once a month as opposed to weekly. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact the office or Renee.



Shut In Visitations

There is a sign-up sheet at the Vine Street entrance bulletin board to sign up to visit our shut ins. Their names and addresses are on the list. Please just put the time and date that you can visit. Let's let our shut ins know we care!

Air Conditioning Project

As you can see, the air conditioning installation crew has been working hard to get our air conditioning completed before the warm weather begins. Please understand that we are currently in a construction zone and they are making every effort to not disrupt our Sunday services. Please bear with us. It will be worth it in the long run.





The Seventh Sunday of Easter

Lord Jesus,

You prayed that we might be one,
even as You are one with the Father.
Bind us together in Your truth,
keep us steadfast in Your word,
and send us into the world as bearers of Your light.
May our lives proclaim Your glory until You come again.
You have called us to wait in hope and to live in love.
Send us out with courage,
strengthened by Your Spirit,
to serve You in all we do,
until the day we see You face to face.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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