



***10th Sunday After Pentecost
Holy Communion
August 2, 2026***

***Pastor Dave Creamer
Assisted By: Liz Hart & Riley Beckwith***

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

“Please silence your cell phone”

Preludes

**Prelude on “Lancashire” – Jason Payne
My Faith Looks Up To Thee – Lloyd Larson**

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

***Hymn No. 274**

Break Thou the Bread of Life

Call to Confession

With determined prayer and diligence, we petition God. Let us call out together for forgiveness.

Confession

Heavenly Father, hear our prayer, Forgive us of our sins. Help us to set aside distractions and things we hold over you. Help us to let our lights shine!

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Lift up your hearts and let your light shine! Rejoice in the gift of Grace and celebrate in our savior’s love and 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**

We believe in the triune God. We recognize as our sole Head, Jesus Christ, the Son of God and the Saviour of men. We

acknowledge as brethren in Christ all who share in this confession. We look to the Word of God in the Scriptures, and to the presence and the power of the Holy Spirit, to proper the creative and redemptive work in the world. We claim as our own the faith of the historic Church expressed in the ancient creeds and reclaimed in the basic insights of the Protestant Reformers. We affirm the responsibility of the Church in each generation to make this faith its own in reality of worship, in honesty of thought and expression, and in purity of heart before God.

***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. We offer some of our gifts to others. We pray your will is done. We are grateful for the abundance you give to us. Surrounded by your creation we are blessed by the abundance of summer. Help us to appreciate these gifts and moments we have to enjoy them. We pray for our neighbors, friends and family, loved ones near and far. Heavenly Father we lift up to you our prayer list. With our faith we give to you the healing needs and comforting care required there. We pray that you bless us with your steadfast love. We pray that you keep watch over those that watch over us. Near or far, our military and first responders, protect them and shield them with your loving arms. We pray that you can find within each of us a servant. We pray that we are worthy of your endless Grace. We offer to you the prayer your son gave to us.

The Lord's Prayer (using debts and debtors)

The Old Testament Lesson From Isaiah Chapter 55:1-5

1 Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you that have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price.

2 Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food.

3 Incline your ear and come to me; listen, so that you may live. I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David.

4 See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples.

5 See, you shall call nations that you do not know, and nations that do not know you shall run to you, because of the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you.

The Epistle Lesson Is From Paul's Letter

Romans Chapter 9:1-5

1 I am speaking the truth in Christ—I am not lying; my conscience confirms it by the Holy Spirit—

2 I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart.

3 For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my own people, my kindred according to the flesh.

4 They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises;

5 to them belong the patriarchs, and from them, according to the flesh, comes the Messiah, who is over all, God blessed forever. Amen.

The Gospel of Jesus Christ

Matthew Chapter 14:13-21

13 Now when Jesus heard this, he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns.

14 When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their sick.

15 When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves."

16 Jesus said to them, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat."

17 They replied, "We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish."

18 And he said, "Bring them here to me."

19 Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds.

20 And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full.

21 And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

Special Music
"How Great Thou Art"
Allen Strasser

Message
"It Was For God's Glory"
Pastor Dave Creamer

***Hymn No. 323**

Let Us Break Bread Together

Sacrament of Communion

***Communion Prayer**

God be with you.

And also, with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to God.

Let us give thanks to the 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.

**Holy, Holy, Holy God of Love and majesty, the whole universe speaks of your glory, O God Most High.
Blessed is the one who come in the name of our God!
Hosanna in the highest!**

Please be seated.

The Body

We remember that on the night of betrayal and desertion, Jesus took bread, gave 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."

The Blood

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."

***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 scatter, we may be the servant church of the servant Christ, in whose name we rejoice to pray.
Amen.

*Hymn No. 436

Cleanse Me

*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

The King of Glory – Mary McDonald

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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, Debbie Chafin, Tim Clites,
Susan Constantino, LaVerne Coslic, Tammy Coughenour, Eric
Custer, Lauren Davis, Deneen Eutsey, Tracy Dickey, Judy

DiPasquale, Linda Gallick, Dennis Griffith, Karen Griffith, John Halverson, Andrea (Shaulis) Harris, Joe Harris, Michael Harris, Joy Hay (Dwayne), Larry Hay, Marilyn Heiple, Gary Hillegas, Karen Hittie, Barb Keyser, Bennett Keyser, Barry Landis, Brenda Leister, Wendy Leister, Richard Lilliston, Jim Little, Blair and Phylis Lyons, Judy McCullen, Larry McCullen, Joyce Miller, Laura Miller, Robert “Lee” Miller, Carl (Edison) Paul, Kathy Picking, Easton Prittts, Brian Robb, James Robb, Kayla Sarver, Tammie Saylor, Nancy Schrock, Curt Shaulis, Missy Shaulis, Dawn Edmiston-Strasser, Roger Stoy, Chuck Sullivan, Larry Tinkey, Audrey Twombly, Barbara and Peter Usher, Faye Walker, Robin Walker, Nancy Weighley, Echo Kincaid Yoder, Jim Zimmerman, Gerald Zorn

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

The Saints In Action

TODAY- 10th Sunday after Pentecost

9:00 a.m. Worship

10:10 a.m. Sunday School

1:00-3:00 p.m. – Bible Blast

5:00 p.m. – H&K Youth Outing Caddie Shak

Tuesday – Christian Ed Meeting – Fellowship Hall

Next Sunday – 11th 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: Chris King, Lori Gindlesperger

Ushers: Chris King, Ann Slifco

Acolyte/Lectors: Liz Hart, Riley Beckwith

Organ: Ann Slifco

Flowers on the altar are given in memory of Frank and Ruth Ream, and Frank Ream Jr. by Bill, Ann and Willie Slifco

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

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Sunday School

Tom Calvert will be teaching over the summer months.

Tom will be using the Ray Vander Laan videos.

These videos tour the land of Israel and brings their culture to light in the Scriptures to give them more meaning.

Trinity Ladies

Next meeting will be Monday, August 3rd at 11:30 a.m. at Cup of Soul. Come and enjoy the fun.

We'd also like to thank everyone who helped with the rummage sale. The proceeds will go toward fabric for prayer blankets.

Christian Ed will be meeting August 4th at 6:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall.

Unity is having a weekend at Living Waters Friday through Sunday, August 14-16. It is at the lodge. You can rent a room with 2 twin beds for \$60 per night or you can come down any time on Saturday and join in the fun. If you have a camper, you can bring that too for a fee. They suggest you bring your favorite games and a covered dish or munchies to share. We need to know by tomorrow, 8/3. Thank you so much! Jean Hart

Hugs & Kisses – TODAY!!!!!!

Sunday, August 2nd - Youth outing to Caddie Shak Family Fun Center in Donegal. We plan to go at 5:00 p.m. There are youth group deals for pizza/fun cards. More information/details to come at a later date.

Bible Blast – TODAY!!!!!!

Bring out your children, grandchild and the whole family to enjoy Bible Blast! This is a children's event with games, prizes, snacks, and fun fellowship; all with a Bible theme. It will be held rain or shine at the Trinity UCC on Sunday, August 2nd, from 1-3 pm. And the best part is that everything is free!

Pius Springs Woman's Club

Cleaning out closets this summer? Kids growing too fast? The Pius Spring Woman's Club is again collecting gently used, clean clothing, shoes, and backpacks for a Back-to-School Swap. Donations are needed by August 9. We welcome children's clothing sizes 4T–16, as well as adult sizes appropriate for students in grades K–12. Please make sure all items are clean and ready to wear.

The Back-to-School Swap will be held on August 15, 2026, at the Cup of Soul Annex, and everyone is welcome to participate. Together, we can help local children head back to school feeling prepared and confident.

There will be a collection box in the large Sunday School room and gather clothing as it's received.

Online Giving (Tithe.ly)

If you are giving through our recent online Tithe.ly and no longer need donation envelopes, please contact the office. Therefore, in order to give you a more accurate picture of our budget goals, we 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!

Card Shower For Lois Saylor

Lois has a birthday on August 4th and will turn **92!!!!** Bless her by sending a birthday card to her to celebrate this remarkable birthday! Her address is Room 246, Patriot Village, 495 West Patriot St., Somerset PA 15501

Berlin Brothersvalley Summer Food Program JB Schrock Community Park

Our local summer food program is providing free lunches to children in our community every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 11:30 am – 12:30 pm at J B Schrock Community Park [700 South St.] ~ running through August 14th.

Israel Tour Nov 21-30, 2026 Deadline SOON!

Pastor Tom and Deb Sprowls tour to Israel this Nov 21-30, 2026 has a few spots remaining. But the final deadline to sign up is by August 3rd! So, for complete information and application contact Pastor Sprowls immediately at tsprowsjr@comcast.net or (814) 243-4561. This is the Sprowls 4th trip to Israel, and all is well in Israel to make this trip an unforgettable Biblical life experience!

Pray for our school - "Footprints On Campus"

We are inviting you to pray around BBSD August 10-14, starting at 7pm. Stay as long as you're able, or make the days you're available. If you're wondering how you can specifically pray, there is a prayer guide available on the Vine Street bulletin board.

Joyful Sounds Christian Music Event

August 8th beginning at 4:00 p.m.

Joyful Church

2524 Garrett Shortcut Rd., Garrett PA

Live Music, Family Focused, Faith Filled, Good Food Trucks,
Great Time.

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.



Holy and Righteous God, hear the prayers we offer this day;
kindle the fire of your passion in us and baptize all creation with
your vision of justice and truth; through Jesus Christ our Savior.
Amen.

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