



## **Fifth Sunday of Easter**

**May 2, 2021**

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

**Music of Preparation**      *Assurance with Jesu, Joy* – J. N. Beck

**\*Easter Hymn: No. 226**

*The Day of Resurrection*

**\*Apostolic Greeting**

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

**And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

Alleluia. Christ is risen!

**The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

**Morning Prayer**

**Our Savior's Prayer** [using **debts** and **debtors**]

### **WE HEAR GOD'S WORD**

**Epistle of John**

**1 John 4:7-21**

<sup>7</sup> Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God. <sup>8</sup> Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love. <sup>9</sup> In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him. <sup>10</sup> In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. <sup>11</sup> Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. <sup>12</sup> No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God abides in us and his love is perfected in us.

<sup>13</sup> By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. <sup>14</sup> And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent his Son to be the Savior of the world.

<sup>15</sup> Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God. <sup>16</sup> So we have come to know and to believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and whoever abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him. <sup>17</sup> By this is love perfected with us, so that we may have confidence for the day of judgment, because as he is so also are we in this world. <sup>18</sup> There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear. For fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not been perfected in love. <sup>19</sup> We love because he first loved us. <sup>20</sup> If anyone says, "I love God," and hates his brother, he is a liar; for he who does not love his brother whom he has seen cannot love God whom he has not

seen. <sup>21</sup> And this commandment we have from him: whoever loves God must also love his brother.

## **Blessing and Dismissal of Children to Sunday School**

**\*Gospel Acclamation: No. 345**

*Blessed Assurance*

**\*The Gospel for Good Shepherd Sunday      St. John 15:1-8**

“I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. <sup>2</sup> Every branch in me that does not bear fruit he takes away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes, that it may bear more fruit. <sup>3</sup> Already you are clean because of the word that I have spoken to you. <sup>4</sup> Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me. <sup>5</sup> I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing. <sup>6</sup> If anyone does not abide in me he is thrown away like a branch and withers; and the branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. <sup>7</sup> If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. <sup>8</sup> By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples.

**\*The Apostles' Creed**

Let us join together in professing the Christian faith as contained in the Scriptures of the Old & New Testaments.

Do you believe in God?

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, 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, is seated at the right hand of the Father, and will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

Do you believe in the Holy Ghost?

**I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,**

the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.  
Amen.

**The Saints in Action**

**Proclamation of God's Word**

“PD”

***Deep Truth***

**\*Hymn of Dismissal: No. 404**

***The Solid Rock***

**\*Sung Dismissal and Blessing**

***Now Unto Him Who Is Able***

Now unto Him who is able to keep you from falling.  
To make you stand in His presence blameless and with great joy.  
To the only God our Savior, Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Be the glory, and the majesty, dominion, and authority.  
Both now and forevermore, Amen.

**Give Him the glory, and the majesty, dominion, and authority.  
Both now and forevermore, Amen!**

**\*Going Forth**

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**The Saints In Action**

Wednesday

6:30 p.m. Handbells

Next Sunday – Sixth Sunday of Easter – Mother's Day

8:00 a.m. Worship

9:30 a.m. Worship

9:45 a.m. Sunday School

**Graduating Seniors** – We will honor our graduating Seniors [High School and College] on Sunday, June 6<sup>th</sup> at the 9:30 a.m. service. If you have or know of a “graduating senior” please call the church office to provide the information. A gift will be given that day to those whom we recognize here at Trinity.

**Croner Education Loan Fund** – Applications are now available for all college students who would like to seek a “low” interest loan from the Croner Education Fund. Applications will be due to the church office by June 30<sup>th</sup> for the coming academic year. Funds will be disbursed directly to your educational institution.

**Trinity Music Sunday** with the Trinity Bells will be Sunday, May 16<sup>th</sup> at both services. A musical message for the day.

**Vacation Bible School** will be June 14-18 here at Trinity. This year we will be exploring the story of “Daniel!” Amy Clark and Jean Hart are serving as directors. We are seeking “helpers” to guide students groups, crafts, music, and food! Please offer your talents to make this a memorable event of summer 2021! We missed out on VBS last year due to COVID-19, we feel safe enough to engage with the children this summer.

**Children’s Clearances** – The Church Office sent out letters requesting updated Children’s Clearances. If you received a letter, please fulfill the request as soon as possible. For those helping with VBS if you are not sure if you have a current clearance, please call the church office. Pam has all of the information. THANK YOU!

**Penn West Annual Meeting – June 12** from 9 a.m. to 12 Noon. Our own Tom Croner will complete his two year term as moderator that day. Tom has the distinction of being the ZOOM Moderator of the Conference. There have been no in person meetings of the Conference during his term, all meetings have been conducted by ZOOM. We are seeking 1 person to “attend” via ZOOM for this meeting. The church will cover the costs of registration of \$20.00. Please speak with Pastor Dave or Tom Calvert if you are willing to serve.

**Church Picnic** – What do you think about having our annual Church Picnic in the Grove on July 18<sup>th</sup>. Let Tom Calvert or one of the HUGS & KISSES moms know your opinion.

**Trinity Celebrates 250 Years** of ministry in 2027. We are starting to think about this celebration and how to commemorate this very special anniversary. Would you be willing to work with a team to

create a plan for honoring this anniversary? Speak with Pastor of your interest.

**Pastor at St. Augustine's** – PD will be leaving following worship today for the Annual Chapter meeting at the House of St. Augustine's in Oxford, Michigan. He will return to Berlin on Tuesday afternoon.

**Meals on Wheels** of Somerset County is in need of help. We are looking for an energetic person to join our team. We need a part-time person for kitchen aid; washing dishes, preparing coolers to send out, helping with food and also with clean up. The hours would be 7:00 am to 1:00 pm. For more information on the position please contact Lori at 814-443-2787.

**Laurel Highlands Chorale** announces their upcoming 2021 Spring Mini Concert. This concert will include old time favorites chosen to brighten your day and uplift your spirits. Considering the current COVID virus situation, there will be a few changes to make everyone attending feel comfortable. There will be a maximum number of seats available for each concert. No tickets will be sold prior to the concert or at the door. Instead, a call must be placed to reserve your desired date and time; payment will be collected upon entry. Masks will be worn at the discretion of the attendee.

Concert dates are Sunday, May 16<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 & 6:00 pm and Monday, May 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm at the Somerset Church of the Brethren, 606 Berlin Plank Rd., Somerset. Admission is \$5, payable at the door. Reservations must be made prior to the concert on a first call, first served basis. Contact Dorene Friedline at 814-926-3610 or 814-442-0460 for reservations or questions.

## Giving From 4/25/2021

	Rec	Budget	Over/Under
<b>General</b>	\$2133.00	\$2434.93	-\$301.93
<b>Ben</b>	\$148.00	\$213.46	-\$65.46
<b>Maint</b>	\$240.00	\$163.46	\$76.54
<b>Total</b>	\$2521.00	\$2811.85	-\$290.85

Benevolence includes Food Pantry of \$20

### Those Remembered in prayer:

God's guidance and protection for Armed Forces.

### **Shut Ins:**

Roy Bucher, Helen Diest, Mary Forespring, Cynthia Kelly, Lois Krause, Deb Luteri, Lois Saylor, Dirkje Stellingwerf.

### **Healing Concerns:**

Mark Amyot, Donnie Baxter, Lindsey Stotler Cioci, Pam Crooks, Rev. Charlie Dunn, John Durst, Susan Durst, Wilma Durst, Eric Emerick, Jane Fisher, Linda Gallick, Janet Gindlesperger, Kathryn Grimm, Brenda Leister, Larry McCullen, Bayley Mull, Tyler Seifert, Dwight Smith, Robin Walker, Heather Weighley, Nancy Weighley, John Will, Karen Will, Kimberly Kay Roos Zimmerman.

Once again, we ask that you contact us if someone needs to be removed from the list or information updated. Thank you for your assistance.

### ***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  
*These Days* – Devotional

Hearing Amplifiers

**Assisting in Worship**

**Sound:** Tyler Gindlesperger, Alan Brick

***The Flowers on the altar*** in honor of our children, Vesper, Truitt, Callum and Revere Ogburn by Ruston & Jenna Ogburn.

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***A Place Where Life and Faith Meet!***

***The Whole Congregation in Ministry and Assisted by***

*Pastor: Rev'd Dr. David A. Williams*

*Secretary: Pam Bush*

*Chancel Choir Director Emeritus: Linda Gallick*

*Handbells: Jeanne Hillegas and Margie Zorn*

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