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## ***“Heritage Sunday”***

***Holy Trinity Lutheran Church  
&  
Trinity United Church of Christ  
Berlin, Pennsylvania***

***Sunday Morning Worship Service  
Holy Communion  
Trinity United Church of Christ  
October 5, 2025***

***“Please silence your cell phone”***

## **Preludes**

**Voluntary on “Slane” – Jason Payne**  
**Prelude on “Kelvingrove” – Jason Payne**

## **Greeting and Announcements**

**Trinity & Holy Trinity Lutheran Bells Combined**  
**“A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”**

### **Call to Confession:**

The holy One says: Why spend money on what does not satisfy? Why spend your wages and still be hungry? Listen to me and do what I say, and you will enjoy the best food of all. Listen to me my children, and come to me, come to me and you will have life.

### **Confession:**

**Almighty God, our Father, you have created us for life together: We confess that we have turned from your will. We have not loved each other as you have commanded. We have taken much and given little. Forgive us of our sins. Strengthen us in love that we may serve as a faithful people and live together in peace. Thru Jesus Christ our Lord.**

### **Silent Confession**

#### **Assurance of Pardon:**

If you repent and believe in God’s redeeming mercy, your sins are forgiven. Trust in God’s promises and begin anew your life with God and all people. Amen

#### **\*The Affirmation of Faith**

We believe in one God,  
the Father almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all things visible and invisible.

We believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the Only Begotten Son of God,  
born of the Father before all ages.  
God from God, Light from Light,

#### **The Nicene Creed**

true God from true God,  
begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father;  
through him all things were made.  
For us men and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven,  
and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary,  
and became man.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate,  
he suffered death and was buried,  
and rose again on the third day  
in accordance with the Scriptures.  
He ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory  
to judge the living and the dead  
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.  
we confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins  
and we look forward to the resurrection of the dead  
and the life of the world to come.

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 grateful people, blessed in many ways. We offer to you some of our gifts, we pray that your will is done. Father God, we pray for this world, the things we don't understand, we pray that your presence brings a peace that only you can. We pray for our lands and homes, we ask that your Spirit fills them, that our towns and schools by

places that do your will. That we all live for your glory. It is with our Faith that we lift to you our prayer list. We pray that you heal and comfort body, mind, and spirit. We pray that you find the lost and we welcome them home. We are grateful most of all for Jesus Christ our Savior. His sacrifice is our greatest hope. We offer to you the prayer he first taught to us.

**The Lord's Prayer** (using debts and debtors)

**Holy Trinity Lutheran Church Choir & Members From Trinity**  
**"Simple Gifts"**

**The Old Testament Scripture**  
**Habakkuk Chapter 2:1-4**

- 1 I will stand at my watch post  
and station myself on the rampart;  
I will keep watch to see what he will say to me  
and what he[a] will answer concerning my complaint.
- 2 Then the Lord answered me and said:  
Write the vision;  
make it plain on tablets,  
so that a runner may read it.
- 3 For there is still a vision for the appointed time;  
it speaks of the end and does not lie.  
If it seems to tarry, wait for it;  
it will surely come; it will not delay.
- 4 Look at the proud!  
Their spirit is not right in them,  
but the righteous live by their faithfulness.

**The New Testament Scripture**  
**Second Timothy Chapter 1:1-14**

- 1 Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, for the sake of the promise of life that is in Christ Jesus,
- 2 To Timothy, my beloved child:  
Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

## **Thanksgiving and Encouragement**

**3** I am grateful to God—whom I worship with a clear conscience, as my ancestors did—when I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day.

**4** Recalling your tears, I long to see you so that I may be filled with joy.

**5** I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that lived first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, lives in you.

**6** For this reason I remind you to rekindle the gift of God that is within you through the laying on of my hands,

**7** for God did not give us a spirit of cowardice but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline.

**8** Do not be ashamed, then, of the testimony about our Lord or of me his prisoner, but join with me in suffering for the gospel, in the power of God,

**9** who saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works but according to his own purpose and grace, and this grace was given to us in Christ Jesus before the ages began,

**10** but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Savior Jesus Christ, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel.

**11** For this gospel I was appointed a herald and an apostle and a teacher,

**12** and for this reason I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know the one in whom I have put my trust, and I am sure that he is able to guard until that day the deposit I have entrusted to him.

**13** Hold to the standard of sound teaching that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus.

**14** Guard the good deposit entrusted to you, with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us.

## **The Gospel of Jesus Christ**

### **Luke Chapter 17:5-10**

**5** The apostles said to the Lord, “Increase our faith!”

**6** The Lord replied, “If you had faith the size of a [d] mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, ‘Be uprooted and planted in the sea,’ and it would obey you.

7 “Who among you would say to your slave who has just come in from plowing or tending sheep in the field, ‘Come here at once and take your place at the table’?”

8 Would you not rather say to him, ‘Prepare supper for me; put on your apron and serve me while I eat and drink; later you may eat and drink’?”

9 Do you thank the slave for doing what was commanded?”

10 So you also, when you have done all that you were ordered to do, say, ‘We are worthless slaves; we have done only what we ought to have done!’ ”

**Message**  
**Pastor Dave Creamer**  
**“How Big Is A Mustard Seed”**

**\*Hymn No. 323**

**Let Us Break Bread Together**

**Sacrament of Communion**

Jesus said: I am the bread of life. You who come to me shall not hunger; you who believe in me shall never thirst.

**In company with all who hunger for spiritual food, we come to this table to know the risen Christ in the sharing of this life-giving bread.**

**\*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!**

**“Come, All Things Are Ready”**

**\*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. 345**

**Blessed Assurance**

**\*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      Leaning On the Everlasting Arms – Jason Payne**

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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, Rhonda Brown,  
Ray Coleman, Susan Constantino, Tammy Coughenour,  
Eric Custer, Tracy Dickey, Wilma Durst, Jeff Gavel,  
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, Richard Lilliston,  
Jim Little, Blair and Phylis Lyons, Judy McCullen, Larry McCullen,  
Joyce Miller, Robert "Lee" Miller, Carl (Edison) Paul,  
Kathy Picking, Easton Pritts, Larry Pritts, Brian Robb,  
James Robb, Brett Sarver, Karol Saylor, Tammie Saylor,  
Nancy Schrock, Curt Shaulis, Missy Shaulis, Phyllis Stoy,

Dawn Edmiston-Strasser, Larry Tinkey, Patsy and Dave Titus,  
Robin Walker, Nancy Weighley, Gerald Zorn

**Holy Trinity Family & Friends in our Thoughts & Prayers:**

**PRAYERS REQUESTED:**

|                |                       |                    |
|----------------|-----------------------|--------------------|
| Sherri Will    | Earl Shawley          | Robin Walker       |
| Keith Deeter   | Tracy Dickey          | Hayley Noakes      |
| Brenda Leister | Eleanor Cober         | David Titus        |
| Karol Saylor   | Jeff Moore            | Rocky Ohler        |
| Sandy Shober   | Robert Harkcom        | Spencer Pfenninger |
| Mandy Bowman   | Connie (Flick) Cooney |                    |
| Harold Knupp   | Doug Harkcom          | Dutchie Zorn       |
| Joyce Waydo    | Maria Mowry           | Don Gardner        |
| Gavin Daily    |                       |                    |

**The Saints In Action**

Today- Heritage Sunday

10:30 a.m. Worship

Holy Communion

Potluck Following Worship – Fellowship Hall

Tuesday – Consistory Budget Meeting 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday - Bell Practice – 6:30 p.m.

Next Sunday – 18<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost

9:00 a.m. Worship

10:10 a.m. Sunday School

**Giving From 09/28/2025**

|                | Rec       | Budget    | Over/Under |
|----------------|-----------|-----------|------------|
| <b>General</b> | \$1625.00 | \$3155.58 | -\$1530.58 |
| <b>Ben</b>     | \$135.00  | \$182.69  | -\$47.69   |
| <b>Maint</b>   | \$140.00  | \$163.46  | -\$23.46   |
| <b>Mem</b>     | \$0       |           |            |
| <b>Total</b>   | \$1900.00 | \$3501.73 | -\$1601.73 |

Not included in Benevolence were Donations to Food Pantry of \$25.

**Worship Attendance: 74**

**Sunday School: 22**

***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:*** Lori Gindlesperger, Chris King

***Ushers:*** Lori Gindlesperger, Jeanne Hillegas

***Acolytes:*** Colton Custer

***Organ:*** Jean Ann Darr

***Flowers on the altar are in memory of*** Charles and Mary Esther Smith by Nancy Bittner & Family

***Special Flowers on the altar are in memory of*** Taylor M. Landis by Bill & Barb Landis and brother Drew

***Special Flowers on the altar are in celebration*** of the anniversary of Craig and Amy Saylor by Karol Saylor

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

*Pastor Dave Creamer*

*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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**Heritage Sunday – Today!**

Holy Trinity Lutheran church will be joining us at 10:30 in worshipping Heritage Sunday and holy communion. Following the worship service, we will all be partaking in a “covered dish” potluck in fellowship hall. Please join us!

**Thank you from Karol Saylor**

Karol would like to thank everyone for the cards, calls and concerns as she recovered from her dancing mishap. And a special thank you to Pastor Dave for his visit when she returned home. It all meant a lot to her.

**Sunday School**

Adult Sunday School is currently doing an in-depth study on the book of Daniel. Come join us as we discover prophecy yet to be fulfilled. The class begins at 10:10 am in the Fellowship Hall and is led by Sue Coughenour.

**Hugs & Kisses**

October TBD – Yard/Leaf cleanup for homebound

Hugs and Kisses will be having a ham, potatoes, and green bean soup sale after church on October 19th. One quart of soup and 6 dinner rolls for \$10. Please sign up at the Vine St entrance.

### **Veterans Sunday**

If there are any changes or additions to the veterans or those currently serving in the military, please contact Sheron Engleka at 814-267-4166 by October 19th. Thank you for your service.

### **Church World Services Disaster Kits**

Is an ongoing (year-round) ministry mission. As we now make way for Operation Christmas child as our October mission, always keep the need for disaster kits in mind as disasters do not have an expiration date.

### **Operation Christmas Child**

The month of October is our opportunity to collect donations in the form of items and monetary donations for shipping costs. Last year we packed over 150 boxes from our church alone, which were combined with other churches and the communities surrounding us. The boxes were then transferred to the Berlin Brethren church for distribution to the shipping center in Baltimore. We will have jingle cans available for your monetary contributions and boxes for you to take home to pack beginning next Sunday. Please consider participating in this worthwhile Christmas project.

### **Trinity Ladies Lunch - Tomorrow**

Our next meeting (luncheon) will be on Monday, October 6<sup>th</sup> at Cup of Soul at 11:30 a.m.

### **JB Schrock Community Park Update & Events**

Thank you for supporting your local playground!

Our summer program wraps up on August 15, but the park remains open for family fun and rentals! Over 1,500 kids visited this summer, including local daycares. We've had a blast with daily crafts, themed activities, and a wonderful team, headed by Miss Kristi and our teen staff from CareerLink/Tableland. The free summer food program was also a big success!

We're planning several fundraisers to support: Ongoing maintenance; New security cameras; Summer programming & improvements.

### **Community Bingo Nights**

@ Borough Building – \$25 for 20 games

Doors Open: 6 PM | Games Start: 7 PM

Dates: Sept 19 • Oct 10 • Nov 7 • Dec 12

Food and drinks available for purchase

### **Chili Cook-off**

Date: October 25

More details are coming soon!

**RADA Cutlery Fundraiser**-Shop online:

<https://bit.ly/RadaCutleryFundraiser>

Stay Connected:

Facebook: [facebook.com/jbschrockplayground](https://facebook.com/jbschrockplayground)

Email: [jbschrockplayground@gmail.com](mailto:jbschrockplayground@gmail.com)

(Contact: Linda Karchner, President)

**Berlin Area Historical Society** presents “Pioneer Day” at Humble House (Log House) on October 11, 2025, from 2:00 to 6:00 p.m.

A variety of food will be provided by six local churches. Food may be purchased and eaten on-site or as take-out. Food will include ham pot pie, beef noodle soup, pigs in the blanket, sauerkraut, hot Italian sandwiches, apple dumplings, gobs, pumpkin rolls and beverages.

Demonstrations will be held inside and outside the Humble House. Everyone is welcome to attend this event.

### **Living Waters**

The LW Board met on Sunday, September 21. The date has been set for Fall Workday - Saturday, October 25 9:00. The property committee will be planning several projects. Everyone is invited and lunch will be provided.

**Pastoral Care:** For those in need of pastoral care please contact, Dave Creamer, Pastor for Trinity at 814-777-2280. If Dave is not available, please contact Pam Bush at 541-990-0832 or Jay Shaffer at 814-483-0398

**A Special Thank you** to Pastor Bob Keplinger and Pastor Dave Creamer as well as the Trinity and Holy Trinity Bell Ringers & Choir

**TUCC Ringers**

Carol Tataleba  
Jean Ann Darr  
Deb Boyer  
Amanda Custer  
Lori Gindlesperger  
Barb Landis  
Ann Slifco  
Alissa Glotfelty  
Sharon Engleka  
Amy Clark  
Colton Custer  
Carrie Croner  
Bob Brown  
Cohen Clark

**HTLC Ringers**

Tim Clites  
David Custer  
  
Kayla Custer  
Carolyn Rastrelli  
Barb Pyle  
Lacee Landis  
Wesley Landis  
Garrett Waydo  
Nita Richards  
Lana Keplinger

Directors: Jeanne Hillegas and Maria Mowry

**Holy Trinity Lutheran Choir & TUCB Members**

Director – Maria Mowry  
Pianist – Lorraine Woida

**HTLC Choir**

Lana Keplinger  
Arlene Shawley  
Esther Mowry  
Patti Ohler  
Connie Slope  
Larry Shober  
Rocky Ohler  
Lee Woida  
James Mowry

**TUCB Members**

Ann Slifco  
Bob Brown  
Allison Zimmerman  
Allen Strasser

And to all who have participated in this combined service celebrating our heritage. We look forward to sharing some fellowship time and potluck following the worship service.



Heritage Sunday is based on our common heritage beginning in 1777 when both congregations built one building for both congregations to share.

And we give thanks for the place of our rich tradition  
among the churches which comprise the Body of Christ.

With all your people throughout creation,  
give us a new vision, new love, new wisdom,  
and fresh understanding,  
that we may serve you more fully;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

**Thank You for Joining Us  
Have a Blessed Week Ahead**