

Prayer for Comfort

“Be merciful to me, Lord, for I am in distress; my eyes grow weak with sorrow, my soul and body with grief” (Psalm 31:9)
My heart is broken, my mind exhausted. I cry out to you and hardly know what to ask. All I can do is tell you how I feel and ask you to “keep track of all my sorrows... collect all my tears in your bottle... and record each one in your book” as I pour them out to you (Psalm 56:8)

Amen

***Summer 2021 – Wisdom for Life
Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
July 18, 2021***

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

Prelude

Abide with Me – arr. Diane Bish
It Is Well – arr. John Ness Beck

*The Doxology

*Invitation to Confession

*Corporate Confession

O God,

you have shown us the way of life
through your Son, Jesus Christ.

We confess with shame our slowness to learn of him,
our failure to follow him, and our reluctance to bear the cross.
Have mercy on us, Lord, and forgive us.

We confess the poverty of our worship,
our neglect of fellowship and of the means of grace,
our hesitating witness for Christ,
our evasion of responsibilities in our service,
our imperfect stewardship of your gifts.

Have mercy on us, Lord, and forgive us. Amen.

*Word of Pardon

*Hymn of Praise: No. 26

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

The Psalter

Psalm 23

1 The LORD *is* my shepherd; **I shall not want.**

2 He maketh me to lie down in green pastures:
He leadeth me beside the still waters.

3 He restoreth my soul:
**He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his
name's sake.**

4 Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of
death,
**I will fear no evil: for thou *art* with me;
Thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.**

5 Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine
enemies:

Thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.

⁶ Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life:

And I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

Pastoral Prayer

Epistle Lesson

2 Corinthians 1:3-10

³ Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort, ⁴ who comforts us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to comfort those who are in any affliction, with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God. ⁵ For as we share abundantly in Christ's sufferings, so through Christ we share abundantly in comfort too. ⁶ If we are afflicted, it is for your comfort and salvation; and if we are comforted, it is for your comfort, which you experience when you patiently endure the same sufferings that we suffer. ⁷ Our hope for you is unshaken, for we know that as you share in our sufferings, you will also share in our comfort.

⁸ For we do not want you to be unaware, brothers, of the affliction we experienced in Asia. For we were so utterly burdened beyond our strength that we despaired of life itself. ⁹ Indeed, we felt that we had received the sentence of death. But that was to make us rely not on ourselves but on God who raises the dead. ¹⁰ He delivered us from such a deadly peril, and he will deliver us. On him we have set our hope that he will deliver us again. ¹¹ You also must help us by prayer, so that many will give thanks on our behalf for the blessing granted us through the prayers of many.

***Gospel Hymn: No. 358**

I Am Thine, O Lord

***Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ**

St. John 14:1-6

“Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. ² In my Father's house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? ³ And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also. ⁴ And you know the way to where I am going.” ⁵ Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” ⁶ Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.

When You Are Beyond Comfort

Prayer of Intercession

Lord’s Prayer [using **debts** and **debtors**]

***Song of Commitment: No. 493**

It Is Well with My Soul

***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 Basket of Flowers are given by Al and Joyce Knotts in memory of their daughter, Kathy Jo Brant.

The Flowers on the Altar are given by Bob and Colleen Glotfelty in memory of Lucas Daniel Hayman and for the comfort of the Hayman and Custer Families.

Vacation Bible School will be August 9th through Friday August 13th here at Trinity. This year we will be exploring the story of “Moses!” 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.

Church Picnic – is today at 12:30 p.m. If you would like to play “Dirty Bingo” at the picnic, please bring a \$5.00 gift to share as a prize for the game.

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.

Parking on Sunday. . .A gentle reminder, please only park on the lower 4 parking slots in front of the Market on Sunday morning. We appreciate Scott allowing us to park there. The other Sunday when the Market opened many of the slots nearly up to the entrance were filled with cars from Trinity worshippers. We are welcome to use the lot behind the old bank, you may park behind the church, or on Vine and Fletcher Streets.

JOIN US as we are guided through the land of the Bible in a video series with renowned teacher and historian Ray Vander Laan. Filmed on location in the Middle East, it transforms your understanding of God and how the land and culture of the Hebrew people shaped their story. The Adult Sunday School class meets immediately following worship service every Sunday at 10:10, during the regular Sunday School time.

Tom Calvert

Save the Date – Sunday, October 31 Trinity will celebrate the dedication of our new Allen Designer Organ with the “designer” Mr. Rudolph Lucente as our Musical Artist. PD is calling this concert “The Reformation of Rudy!” Mr. Lucente is the former director of music for the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Philadelphia. The concert promises to be of “Spooktacular” proportions! The concert is sponsored by the Allen Organ Company and the Music Emporium, Altoona. Please invite your friends to join us in the afternoon [time to be announced] for a joyful sound of music.

Thank You Notes

Dear Trinity Family,

Thank you for your prayers and cards during my recovery. God heard your prayers and my recovery couldn't have gone smoother or more quickly. I'm very grateful to all. – Sue Coughenhourer

Dear Church Family,

Thank you to all who sent me birthday cards. The cards are so pretty, inspirational, uplifting, complimentary and quite a few have 80 in them. I won't forget this birthday. I don't know how I got to 80 so fast. Oh well, it's only a number. Life is what we make it = One day at a time, have a good attitude, and live each day to the fullest. I really appreciated your efforts, kind thoughts and wishes. God bless all of you!

Sincerely,
Ruth Elaine

Giving From 7/11/2021

	Rec	Budget	Over/Under
General	2,676.00	\$2434.93	\$241.07
Ben	\$340.00	\$213.46	\$126.54
Maint	\$135.00	\$163.46	-\$28.46
Total	3,151.00	\$2811.85	\$339.15

Benevolence includes Food Pantry of \$30.00.

Worship Attendance: 68

Sunday School: 16

Sound: Jim Darr and Tom Croner

Those Remembered in prayer:

God's guidance and protection for Armed Forces.

The Family and Friends of Lucas Daniel Hayman in their sorrow.

Shut Ins:

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

Healing Concerns:

Mark Amyot, Donnie Baxter, Lindsey Stotler Cioci, Tammy Coughenour, Pam Crooks, John Durst, Susan Durst, Wilma Durst, Jane Fisher, Linda Gallick, Kathryn Grimm, Larry McCullen, Bayley Mull, Glenda Paul Family, Nancy Schrock, Tyler Seifert, Dwight Smith, Avis Specht, Robin Walker, Heather Weighley, Nancy Weighley, John Will, Karen Will, Eileen LaBute Zeplin, Kimberly Kay Roos Zimmerman

The Saints In Action

TODAY:

12:30 p.m. Church Picnic at the Grove

Next Sunday – July 25th

9:00 a.m. Worship

10:10 a.m. Sunday School

The Whole Congregation in Ministry and Assisted by

Pastor: Rev'd Dr. David A. Williams

Church Secretary: Pam Bush

Financial Secretary: Renee Gindlesperger

Chancel Choir Director Emeritus: Linda Gallick

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