

***Trinity United Church of Christ  
600 Main Street  
Berlin, Pennsylvania  
A Place Where Life and Faith Meet!***

## ***Welcome to Trinity Church!***

***Seventeenth Sunday After Pentecost***

***World Wide Communion Sunday***

***October 1, 2017***

This morning we join with Christians all around the world to celebrate the sacrament of Holy Communion the centerpiece of our Christian faith. Throughout its history the Church has kept at the center of its life and worship not only the preaching of the Word of God but also the celebration of the Lord's Supper. In this celebration, the Church follows the example and command given by Jesus Himself during His last supper with His disciples. It acts in His name and seeks His presence, believing that in the celebration Christ renews His fellowship with His people, strengthens their faith and hope, communicates to them the power of His death and resurrection, and thus enables them to present themselves afresh, within the membership of His body, as a living sacrifice devoted thus by Him more wholly to His service.

Immediately after Pentecost the Church "devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers" [Acts 2:42]. A glad realization of the presence of the risen Jesus in their midst seems to have marked "breaking of bread" at a common meal.

In early American tradition, many churches celebrated Holy Communion only four times a year. This was necessitated because the ordained pastor rode a circuit and was only present once a quarter in each local parish. It was upon the arrival of the pastor that all funerals, weddings, and baptisms would proceed along with a service to celebrate Holy Communion. When the past would return the next quarter the same pattern would follow once again. Hence, why Holy Communion was only celebrated infrequently. Luther and the early Church Reformers celebrated Holy Communion weekly and in some cases daily depending on their situation.

Today we celebrate Jesus in our midst and with all who claim Jesus as Lord and Savior at His Table. He is the host and we are His invited guests. Come, for all things are prepared and we are invited to partake of His gifts of grace and mercy.

The Order of Worship this morning comes from the Book of Worship – Evangelical & Reformed Church of which Trinity is a historical member.

Prelude Mrs. Brant, piano and Dr. Williams, organ  
***Holy, Holy, Holy*** – arr. Dan Miller

The Light of Christ Acolyte  
*The Acolyte brings the Light of Christ into our worship.*

The Saints in Action Terry Luteri

\*Hymn of Praise: No. 21 ***Stand Up and Bless the Lord***

\*The Solemn Declaration

The Exhortation

Confession of Sin

*Beloved in the Lord; let us draw near with a true heart, and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to grant us forgiveness.*

**Almighty and most merciful God our heavenly Father;  
we humble ourselves before thee, under a deep sense of our  
unworthiness and guilt.**

**We have grievously sinned against Thee,  
in thought, in word, and in deed.**

**We have come short of Thy glory, we have broken Thy  
commandments, and turned aside every  
one of us from the way of life.**

**Yet now, O most merciful Father, hear us when we call upon  
Thee with penitent hearts;**

**and for the sake of Thy Son, Jesus Christ,  
have mercy upon us. Pardon our sins; take away our guilt,  
and grant us Thy peace.**

**Purify us, by the inspiration of Thy Holy Spirit, from all inward  
uncleanness; and make us able and willing to serve Thee in  
newness of life, to the glory of Thy holy Name; through Jesus  
Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Kyrie

Responsively Sung

Lord, have mercy upon us.

**Lord, have mercy upon us.**

Christ, have mercy upon us.

**Christ, have mercy upon us.**

Lord, have mercy upon us.

**Lord, have mercy upon us.**

Assurance of Pardon

Praise

O Lord, open thou my lips.

**And my mouth shall show forth Thy praise.**

\*Hymn of Praise: No. 268

***God, Our Father, We Adore Thee***

\*Collect

Epistle Lesson

2 Corinthians 5:6-10

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Psalter

Psalms 25:1-10

<sup>1</sup> To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.

<sup>2</sup> **O my God, in you I trust;**

**let me not be put to shame;**

**let not my enemies exult over me.**

<sup>3</sup> Indeed, none who wait for you shall be put to shame;  
they shall be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous.

<sup>4</sup> **Make me to know your ways, O Lord;**

**teach me your paths.**

<sup>5</sup> Lead me in your truth and teach me,  
for you are the God of my salvation;  
for you I wait all the day long.

<sup>6</sup> **Remember your mercy, O Lord, and your steadfast  
love, for they have been from of old.**

<sup>7</sup> Remember not the sins of my youth or my  
transgressions; according to your steadfast love remember  
me, for the sake of your goodness, O Lord!

<sup>8</sup> **Good and upright is the Lord;**

**therefore he instructs sinners in the way.**

<sup>9</sup> He leads the humble in what is right,  
and teaches the humble his way.

<sup>10</sup> **All the paths of the Lord are steadfast love and  
faithfulness, for those who keep his covenant and his  
testimonies.**

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy  
Spirit. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever  
shall be, world without end. Amen.**

\*Gospel Lesson Selected from John 14:1-3, 6, 15, 23

Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. <sup>2</sup>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? <sup>3</sup>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.

<sup>6</sup>Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.

<sup>15</sup>"If you love me, you will keep my commandments.

<sup>23</sup>Jesus answered him, "If anyone loves me, he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him.

The Word of God for the People of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

\*Affirmation of Faith: Hymnal Insert

***The Apostles' Creed***

Proclamation of God's Word

Rev'd Dr. David Alan Williams

***Come Home!***

Offertory

***Behold the Lamb***

Chancel Choir

\*Presentation of Gifts: No. 625

***The Doxology*** – Old 100<sup>th</sup>

\*Prayer of Dedication

\*The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord be with you.

**And with thy spirit.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up unto the Lord.**

Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God.

**It is meet and right so to do.**

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty. . . joining in the song of the Cherubim and Seraphim:

\*The Seraphic Hymn



The Consecration, Epiclesis, and Intercessions

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

Agnus Dei

O Christ, thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world,  
**Have mercy upon us.**

O Christ, thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world,  
**Have mercy upon us.**

O Christ, thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world,  
**Grant us thy peace. Amen.**

The Sharing of the Bread and Cup

*We invite all who come confessing Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior and who have been baptized in the Triune Name of God to this the Lord's Table.*

*The Bread and Cup will be passed in the pews this morning.  
Please wait to receive until directed by the pastor.*

Thanksgiving

\*Hymn of Dismissal: Bulletin Page 12

***O Lord, Now Let Thy Servant***

\*Dismissal with Blessing

\*Postlude

**The Rejoicing**

Handel

*\* Those who are able are invited to stand.*

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

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

*Church Secretary: Cathy Gaudlip*

*Organist: Cynthia Brant*

*Chancel Choir Director: Linda Gallick*

*Handbells: Jeanne Hillegas*

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***9:00 a.m. to 12 Noon***

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## **Assisting in Morning Worship**

**Acolyte:** Cora Wright

**Nursery:** Missy Miller

**Lector:** Alivia Coughenour

**Sound:** Tyler Gindlesperger, David Saylor

**Greeters:** F- Rus, Jenna, Vesper, Truitt, Callum & Revere Ogburn  
B- Mandy Cooper

**Ushers:** Ken Miller, Russ Hillegas

**Youth Usher:** Abby Broadwater

**Chancel Flowers** are given to the glory of God and in honor of Al & Joyce Knotts' wedding anniversary on October 10th.

**Where You May Find. . .**

**The Nursery:** *On the lower level there is an attended nursery for children ages 5 and under.*

**At the Sanctuary Entrances. . .**

Large Print Bulletins

Recycling Boxes for Bulletins

Note Cards

*These Days* – Devotional

Hearing Amplifiers

**Record of Our Faithfulness – Worship: 99      Sunday School: 34**

**Those Remembered in prayer:** God's guidance and protection for Armed Forces, Katie Ansell, Ben Bagnall, Chris Blubaugh, Roy Bucher, Basil Constantino, Claudine Coughenour, Tammy Coughenour, Pastor Frank Demmy, Dorothy Doyle, John Durst, Charlie Fisher, Bob Glotfelty, Keith Hemminger, Richard Hillegas, Melanie Lane, Teresa Lemens, Debbie Luteri, Jack McKenna, Wayne Potter, Mary Sarver, Hazel Saylor, Lois Saylor, Joyce Ditzler Schrock, Darla Shaulis, John Shonko, Michael Sines, Cody Smith, Gary Smith, Linda Smith, Andrea Spano, Izzy Strong, Bob & Carolyn Stutzman, Brenda Swank, Joyce Twombly, Adeline Vieregge, Jodi Walker, Harry Watkins, Nancy Weighley, those who are shut-in and requiring special care.

**Trinity Youth Ringers** will practice today, following worship.

**Communion** will be celebrated TODAY, **October 1st.**

**Neighbors in Need** offering will be collected TODAY, **October 1st**. Envelopes are available in the pamphlet racks at each Sanctuary entrance.

**Shanksville Ministerium is sponsoring a CROP WALK** TODAY, **October 1**. Registration is at St. Paul's Lutheran, Buckstown beginning at 1:30 PM followed by the walk at 2 PM. Total distance is 5 miles, but you may stop at half way point. Monies raised go to Church World Service.

**Operation Christmas Child** "Kick off" is TODAY, with our first "Jingle Sunday," and will continue through October. Children will collect change, after children's time, to help cover the cost of shoebox items and shipping costs. Please, remember to bring your change for this worthy cause! We will place boxes at the entrances for donated items, as well shoe boxes. If you would like to pack your own, there will be shoeboxes and brochures at each entrance. If you've knitted a doll in the past or would like to make other items, that would be great! Monetary donations are also appreciated. Just mark your envelope "Operation Christmas Child" and place in the offering plate. All donated items, money and packed shoe boxes are due no later than Sunday, October 29th. We will hold our "Packing Party" after worship on **November 5th**. It's always a fun time and a light Subway lunch will be provided. Feel free to bring a snack, dessert or drink. If you have any questions please see or contact Missy Miller (233-5946) or Amanda Custer (267-6347).

**Holy Trinity Lutheran Church Caregivers' Support Group** invites you to join them October 2 at 6:30 PM (first Monday of each month). Information will be presented by Alzheimer's Association SW PA Regional Office on how to develop a support system and talk about coping, feelings, needs, concerns and also the community resources available to you. You can also visit [alz.org/pa](http://alz.org/pa) to learn more. If you have questions about the meeting, contact [deborahcook@hotmail.com](mailto:deborahcook@hotmail.com).

**Budget Committee** will meet Tuesday, **October 3rd** at 6:30 PM.

**Pastor Dave's Installation Service** will be held Sunday, **October 8th**, beginning at 3 PM. Rev'd Dr. Steven D. Pierce will be the guest preacher. There will be "toe tapping music," music for brass and organ, powerful preaching, and wonderful fellowship following the service.

**November newsletter items** are due on or before Monday, **October 9th**.

**Consistory** will meet **October 9th** at 7 PM.

**Berlin Community Blood Drive** will be held at the Berlin Borough Building multi-purpose room, North Street, on Monday October 9 from 12:30 PM to 6 PM.

**Secret Pal Reveal Party** will be held **October 13th**, at 6:30 PM. Children Pals are asked to bring a covered dish (one per child). Contact Bobbi Robertson if you cannot attend. Sign-up sheets for the next round of Secret Pals may be found in your newsletter, or in the pamphlet racks at each Sanctuary entrance.

**HUGS & KISSES** will hold a **Pumpkin Painting Party** on **October 14** at 6:30 PM. Each youth should bring their own pumpkin, a drink and a snack.

**HUGS & KISSES** will hold a **Pot Luck** meal following worship on Sunday, October 15th. Mark your calendars and plan to join us for a delicious meal!

**Trinity Ladies** will meet **October 17th** at 6 PM. We'll make toys to pack in the OCC boxes. Crochet needles and yarn are needed. We invite those who are experienced in crocheting to join in the fun. Those wishing to learn, we will have a demonstrator to teach some basic stitches. Other projects will also be going on, so please don't think we've forgotten the rest of you. Please come and enjoy an evening of fellowship and serving the Lord!

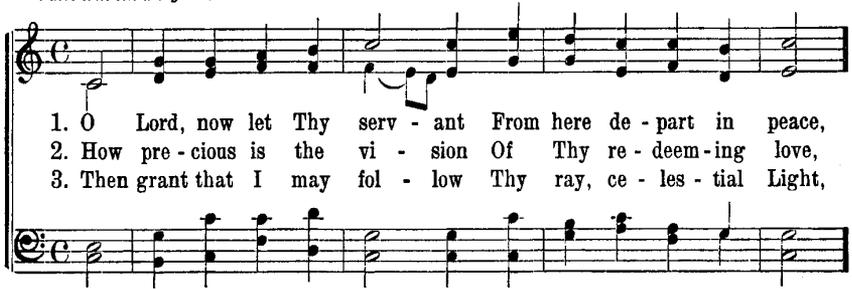
**New Sunday School Study** – Sue Coughenour will lead a new Young Adult Study entitled “The Good and Beautiful God” beginning October 22nd. In the study we’ll discover how well our ideas about God and how He works in our lives match up to what Jesus himself, revealed about God. Class will meet at 9 AM in the parsonage basement and is open to anyone wishing a deeper relationship with God. Contact Sue at 267-3332 or [suecough@hotmail.com](mailto:suecough@hotmail.com) **prior to October 22**, so materials may be ordered.

## O LORD, NOW LET THY SERVANT

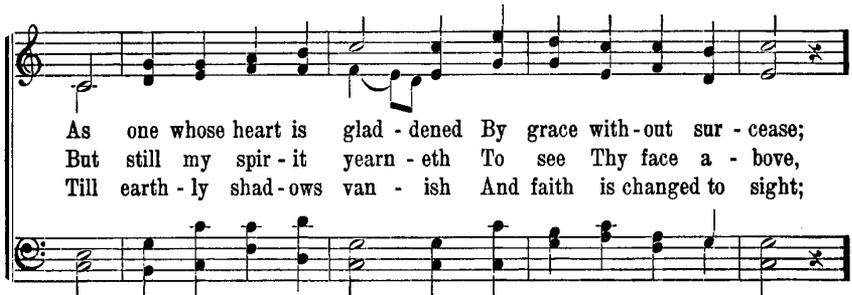
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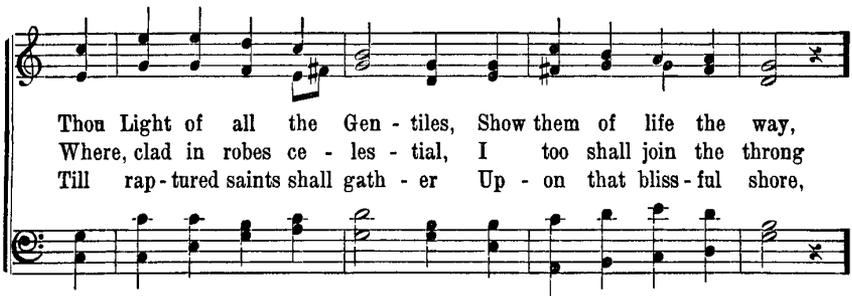
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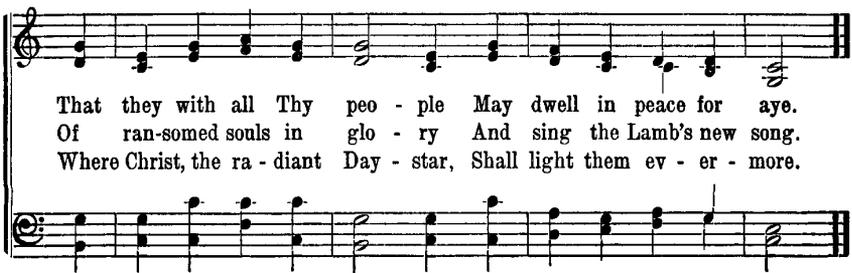
1. O Lord, now let Thy serv - ant From here de - part in peace,  
2. How pre - cious is the vi - sion Of Thy re - deem - ing love,  
3. Then grant that I may fol - low Thy ray, ce - les - tial Light,



As one whose heart is glad - dened By grace with - out sur - cease;  
But still my spir - it yearn - eth To see Thy face a - bove,  
Till earth - ly shad - ows van - ish And faith is changed to sight;



Thou Light of all the Gen - tiles, Show them of life the way,  
Where, clad in robes ce - les - tial, I too shall join the throng  
Till rap - tured saints shall gath - er Up - on that bliss - ful shore,



That they with all Thy peo - ple May dwell in peace for aye.  
Of ran - somed souls in glo - ry And sing the Lamb's new song.  
Where Christ, the ra - diant Day - star, Shall light them ev - er - more.