



***Third Sunday of Easter  
Morning Prayer and Sermon  
April 18, 2021***

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

**Music of Preparation**

*Highland Cathedral* – C. Callahan

**\*Easter Hymn: No. 227**

*Thine Is the Glory*

**\*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 3:1-7**

See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him. <sup>2</sup>Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is. <sup>3</sup>And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure.

<sup>4</sup>Everyone who makes a practice of sinning also practices lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. <sup>5</sup>You know that he appeared in order to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. <sup>6</sup>No one who abides in him keeps on sinning; no one who keeps on sinning has either seen him or known him. <sup>7</sup>Little children, let no one deceive you. Whoever practices righteousness is righteous, as he is righteous.

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

**\*Praise: No. 216**

*Christ Arose!*

**\*The Easter Gospel**

St. Luke 24:36b-48

<sup>36</sup>As they were talking about these things, Jesus himself stood among them, and said to them, "Peace to you!" <sup>37</sup>But they were startled and frightened and thought they saw a spirit. <sup>38</sup>And he said to them, "Why are you troubled, and why do doubts arise in

your hearts? <sup>39</sup> See my hands and my feet, that it is I myself. Touch me, and see. For a spirit does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.” <sup>40</sup> And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. <sup>41</sup> And while they still disbelieved for joy and were marveling, he said to them, “Have you anything here to eat?” <sup>42</sup> They gave him a piece of broiled fish, <sup>43</sup> and he took it and ate before them.

<sup>44</sup> Then he said to them, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled.” <sup>45</sup> Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, <sup>46</sup> and said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, <sup>47</sup> and that repentance for<sup>3</sup> the forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. <sup>48</sup> You are witnesses of these things.

### **\*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.**

Proclamation of God’s Word

“PD”

***Deep Walk***

## The Saints in Action

\*Hymn of Dismissal: No. 463     *Precious Lord, Take My Hand*

\*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 – Fourth Sunday of Easter

8:00 a.m. Worship

9:30 a.m. Worship

9:45 a.m. Sunday School

**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 2 persons 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 in July? A date will be reserved either July 11 or July 18 on the Grove calendar for us. Let Tom Calvert or one of the HUGS & KISSES moms know your opinion.

**Sunday Worship and Sunday School** – it was discussed at Consistory this past week about our current schedule and it will remain until restrictions are lifted. We hope that by fall we may return to a single Sunday worship experience.

**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.

Thank you from the **Children's Aid Society Foundation**: The church congregations of our communities consist of caring and concerned supporters of both our services and our children. Your generosity and prayers are helping our children succeed by becoming healthy, happy, and responsible young people. From the bottom of our hearts, we sincerely thank you. Without all the great people of Laurel Highlands and specifically our church friends, we could not provide all we do for the children. We are truly blessed. Thank you again for all of your support and generosity.

**Thank you** for your Generous Response for the two special offerings during March. *One Great Hour of Sharing* received \$720.00 and the *Penn West Medical Debt Challenge* received \$1,265.00. The Conference asked each church for a goal of \$250.00. Your leadership gift helps the conference retire over \$125,000 of medical debt. THANK YOU, Trinity!

### **Holy Trinity Quilters & Knotters**

The number of quilters and knotters has greatly declined since COVID. There is a tremendous need for items to be completed but not enough hands to do it. We are looking for anyone willing to volunteer their time on Tuesdays at 9:00 AM. A delicious lunch is part of the package. No experience needed!

Blessings, Nita Richards & Carolyn Rastrelli  
HTELC, Secretaries  
Holy Trinity Lutheran Church

**Welcome Anna Mabel Hillegas** born April 1<sup>st</sup> ....8 lbs., 19 inches to Rebecca and Kyle! Congratulations!!!!

## Giving From 4/11/2021

|                | Rec       | Budget    | Over/Under |
|----------------|-----------|-----------|------------|
| <b>General</b> | \$2520.00 | \$2434.93 | \$85.07    |
| <b>Ben</b>     | \$293.00  | \$213.46  | \$79.54    |
| <b>Maint</b>   | \$175.00  | \$163.46  | \$11.54    |
| <b>Total</b>   | \$2988.00 | \$2811.85 | \$176.15   |

Benevolence includes Food Pantry of \$15; Debt Relief \$50

### 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, Terry Coslic, Pam Crooks, John Durst, Susan Durst, Wilma Durst, Eric Emerick, Jane Fisher, Linda Gallick, Janet Gindlesperger, Kathryn Grimm, Brenda Leister, Larry McCullen, Bayley Mull, Bob Murphy, Grace Pritts, Tyler Seifert, Dwight Smith, Robin & Lynn Walker, Harry Watkins, 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:** Lori Gindlesperger, Russ Hillegas

***The Flowers on the altar*** in memory of Kenneth and Mary Beeghly, and Frank, Helen and Bradley Boburchock by Robert and Lois Boburchock & Family

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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*

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