



**Fourth Sunday of Easter
Good Shepherd Sunday**

April 25, 2021

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

Music of Preparation

Rhosymedre – Ralph Vaugh Williams

***Easter Hymn: No. 212**

O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus

***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 3:16-24

¹⁶By this we know love, that he laid down his life for us, and we ought to lay down our lives for the brothers. ¹⁷But if anyone has the world's goods and sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against him, how does God's love abide in him? ¹⁸Little children, let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in truth.

¹⁹By this we shall know that we are of the truth and reassure our heart before him; ²⁰for whenever our heart condemns us, God is greater than our heart, and he knows everything. ²¹Beloved, if our heart does not condemn us, we have confidence before God; ²²and whatever we ask we receive from him, because we keep his commandments and do what pleases him. ²³And this is his commandment, that we believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us.

²⁴Whoever keeps his commandments abides in God, and God in him. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit whom he has given us.

Blessing and Dismissal of Children to Sunday School

Gospel Acclamation: No. 468 *The King of Love My Shepherd

***The Gospel for Good Shepherd Sunday St. John 10:11-18**

¹¹ I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. ¹² He who is a hired hand and not a shepherd, who does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and flees, and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. ¹³ He flees because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep. ¹⁴ I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, ¹⁵ just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for the sheep. ¹⁶ And I have other sheep that are not of this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. ¹⁷ For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life that I may take it up again. ¹⁸ No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down, and I have authority to take it up again. This charge I have received from my Father.”

***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.

Deep Love

The Saints in Action

***Hymn of Dismissal: No. 286**

Blest Be the Tie That Binds

***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 – Fifth 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 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 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 eliminated. Pastor Dave explained that he is using the standard imposed on the school district for gatherings as his standard for suggesting when to reconsider the Sunday schedule. It is our hope that by fall we will be able to reconsider and ask the congregation for their approval of a Sunday schedule.

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 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!

A Big Thank You from Audrey Twombly for all the cards and wishes celebrating her 90th birthday!!! Pretty sure you made her day, nicely done!

Giving From 4/18/2021

	Rec	Budget	Over/Under
General	\$2335.00	\$2434.93	-\$99.93
Ben	\$180.00	\$213.46	-\$33.46
Maint	\$220.00	\$163.46	\$56.54
Total	\$2735.00	\$2811.85	-\$76.85

Benevolence includes Food Pantry of \$10

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, 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, Bob Murphy, Grace Pritts, 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

Hearing Amplifiers

Recycling Boxes for Bulletins

These Days – Devotional

Assisting in Worship

Sound: Terry Luteri, David Saylor

The Flowers on the altar in memory and in honor of her great-grandparents and grandparents by Michele Romesberg

Today's Bulletin is dedicated as a birthday remembrance (April 26th) for her grandfather, Daniel Weighley, Sr., by Craig, Amanda, Knox & Tatum Stiffler.

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