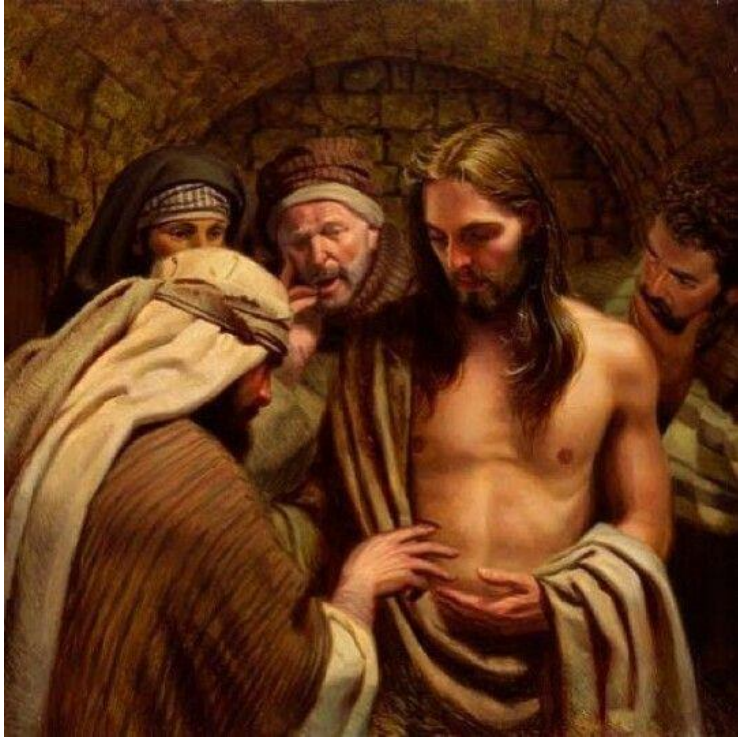


*The Second Sunday of Easter*  
*April 11, 2021*



**Trinity United Church of Christ, Berlin**

*If you are spiritually weary and in search of rest,  
if you are mourning and you long for comfort,  
if you are struggling and you desire victory,  
if you recognize that you are a sinner and need a Savior,  
God welcomes you here in the name of Christ.  
To the stranger in need of fellowship,  
to those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,  
and to whoever will come,  
this congregation opens wide its doors  
and welcomes all in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.*

## Morning Prayer and Sermon

### Prelude Saints in Action

#### Call to Worship

*Christ is risen.  
God is alive...  
Hope is alive....  
Joy is alive...  
Love is alive...  
We are alive...because....*

*Christ is risen.  
P: Christ is risen, indeed.*

\*Hymn: No. 216

Christ Arose

**Call to Confession**  
Let us confess our sins.

#### Confession of Sins

Almighty and most merciful Father,  
**we have erred and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against thy holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done, and we have done those things which we ought not to have done. But Thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us. Spare those, O God, who confess their sins. Restore thou those who are penitent, according to thy promises declared unto humankind in Christ Jesus our Lord. And grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake, that we may hereafter live a godly,**

**righteous, and sober life, to the glory of thy holy Name.  
Amen.**

## **Kyrie**

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**

Hear the good news, it is for you and for all.

Whatever you have done, whatever you have failed to do,

Whoever you are, whoever you wish you were but are not:

You are accepted, you are welcomed.

You are forgiven.

In the love of Jesus Christ, you are loved forever.

Thanks be to God!

## **Blessing of the Children** (Dismissal of the children)

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

### **The Word of God**

#### **Acts 4:32-35**

- **4:32** Now the whole group of those who believe were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common.

- **4:33** With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all.
- **4:34** There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold.
- **4:35** They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

***\*John 20:19-31***

- **20:19** When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you."
- **20:20** After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord.
- **20:21** Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you."
- **20:22** When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit."
- **20:23** "If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."
- **20:24** But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came.
- **20:25** So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark

of the nails in his hands and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.”

- **20:26** A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.”
- **20:27** The he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.”
- **20:28** Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!”
- **20:29** Jesus said to him, “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.”
- **20:30** Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book.
- **20:31** But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

**This is the word of God for the people of God.**

***P: Thanks be to God***

Proclamation of God’s Word

**“Doubt”**

**Terry Luteri**

**\*The Apostles' Creed**

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**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.**

**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.**

**\*Hymn: No. 220**

**He Lives!**

**\*Dismissal with Blessing**

“The LORD bless you and keep you;  
The LORD make His face shine upon you,  
And be gracious to you;  
The LORD lift up His countenance upon you,  
And give you peace.”  
(Number 6:24-26)  
Amen

**\*Going Forth  
Postlude**

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## This Week at Trinity

**Monday 6:00 p.m. Brownies – Fellowship Hall**

**Wed. 6:30 p.m. Handbell Rehearsal**

**Next Sunday – 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter**

**8:00 a.m. Worship**

**9:30 a.m. Worship**

**9:45 a.m. Sunday School**

**Sunday School** continues today at 9:45 a.m. Children will begin in the sanctuary and then be dismissed to class with a blessing from Pastor.

### Giving From 4/4/2021

	Rec	Budget	Over/Under
<b>General</b>	\$5115.00	\$2434.93	\$2680.07
<b>Ben</b>	\$250.00	\$213.46	\$36.54
<b>Maint</b>	\$275.00	\$163.46	\$111.54
<b>Total</b>	\$5640.00	\$2811.85	\$2828.15

Benevolence includes Food Pantry of \$15.00; OGHS Offering of \$100.00.

Thank you to everyone who has donated to the Organ Fund. With additional funds from the Memorial and Bequest Funds, the Organ has been paid in full.

### ***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:** Jim Darr, Tyler Gindlesperger

***The Flowers on the altar*** in honor of our children by Larry & Gale Hay

### **Those Remembered in prayer:**

God's guidance and protection for Armed Forces.

### **Shut Ins:**

Roy Bucher, Helen Diest, Mary Forespring, Fae Hetrick, 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, Tom Logston, Larry McCullen, Bayley Mull, Bob Murphy, Tyler Seifert, Dwight Smith, Robin & Lynn Walker, Harry Watkins, Heather Weighley, Nancy Weighley, John Will, Karen Will, Kimberly Kay Roos Zimmerman.

A special thank you from Robin Zimmerman:

Dear Friends and Family,

You have all been amazing! I have been able to spend some facetime on the phone with her and she was able to read several of the wonderful, heartfelt cards and postcards to me. We laughed and cried over several and have been uplifted. Your love and caring have been poured out through these messages. My words cannot thank you enough. Please continue if you can. Again, the address is Kim Roos, 444 Windwood Lake Dr., Cape Girardeau MO 63701.



**Look who is turning 90 years young on April 26<sup>th</sup>!!**

**“Lewis Berkley”**

Lewis is unable to join his church family to celebrate this special occasion! Let’s shower him with cards to let him know we are thinking of him and wishing him a very special 90<sup>th</sup> birthday!!! His address is 1430 Salco Rd, Berlin PA 15530. Shhhhhhh! It’s a secret and he will be so surprised!!!

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