



The Gospel
Makes a
Difference

"He who calls you is faithful; he will surely do it." –1 Thessalonians 5:24



Welcome to Trinity Presbyterian Church

November 21, 2021 – Twenty-sixth Sunday after Pentecost

To Our Guests:

Visiting a church can be an intimidating experience, especially in this time of a pandemic! We are glad that you are here, and we hope to remove as much of that awkwardness as we can from your visit to Trinity.

Our Sunday service usually lasts about an hour and fifteen minutes, and this bulletin is designed to help you navigate it. There are short paragraphs on the following pages to explain each part. The goal of the service is to help each of us to see Jesus more clearly and understand more fully how he makes a difference in our lives. Our hope is that every part of the service is accessible to you, whether you've spent years in the church or you've never been to a church service in your life.

If you are new to Trinity or just visiting, we would love to meet you! If you can, please hang around for a few minutes after the service so we can get to know you. If you have any questions about Trinity, Pastor Geoff Ziegler would enjoy hearing from you (you can email him at geoff@trinityhinsdale.com).

Our weekly e-newsletter is full of information about Trinity events and ways to get involved in our church life. To find out more information about our church or sign up for our e-newsletter, visit our website, www.trinityhinsdale.com.

Sunday School Classroom Locations

Downstairs Classrooms (Signs at doorways):

Nursery 0-3

4 year olds - Kindergarten Sunday School

1st - 3rd grade Sunday School

3rd floor Boardroom:

4th - 6th grade Sunday School

Chapel:

Youth and Adult Sunday School

Adults and children over 2 involved in any children's ministry must be masked. If you are dropping off or picking up children downstairs, please wear a mask.

Welcome

Silent Prayer

Call to Worship:

The primary actor in Christian worship is not us. It's God. He is the one who has forgiven us and lovingly enables us to worship him. The Call to Worship reminds us that no matter what our economic or social status is, no matter how much we have failed or how inadequate we might feel, God welcomes us to draw near.

Call to Worship (from Matthew 11)

Jesus says to us, "Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.

Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you. **And also with you!**
Come, let us worship our God!

Jesus, What a Friend of Sinners

Words: John Wilbur Chapman. Music: Rowland Hugh Prichard.

Jesus! What a friend for sinners!
Jesus! Lover of my soul;
Friends may fail me, foes assail me,
He, my Savior makes me whole.

Chorus

Hallelujah! What a Savior!
Hallelujah! What a friend!
Saving, helping, keeping, loving,
He is with me to the end.

Jesus! What a strength in weakness!
Let me hide myself in Him;
Tempted, tried, and sometimes failing
He, my strength, my victory wins.

Jesus! What a help in sorrow!
While the billows over me roll,
Even when my heart is breaking,
He, my comfort, helps my soul.

Jesus! What a guide and keeper!
While the tempest still is high,
Storms about me, night over takes me,
He, my pilot hears my cry.

Jesus! I do now receive Him,
More than all in Him I find;
He has granted me forgiveness,
I am His, and He is mine.

At the heart of worship is the confession of what is true: "You are worthy, our Lord and God, to receive honor and power." As we together confess historic creeds and catechisms, we unite with churches throughout the world and throughout the ages in declaring the greatness of our God.

Confession of Faith (from Luther's Small Catechism)

What do you believe about the Holy Spirit and the church?

I believe that I cannot by my own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to Him; but the Holy Spirit has called me by the Gospel, enlightened me with His gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith.

In the same way He calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian church on earth, and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith. In this Christian church He daily and richly forgives all my sins and the sins of all believers. On the Last Day He will raise me and all the dead, and give eternal life to me and all believers in Christ.

This is most certainly true.

It Is Well with My Soul

Words & Music: Philip Bliss.

When peace, like a river, attendeth my way,
When sorrows like sea billows roll;
Whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say:
"It is well, it is well with my soul."

Chorus

It is well with my soul
It is well, it is well, with my soul!

Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come,
Let this blest assurance control,
That Christ has regarded my helpless estate
And has shed his own blood for my soul.

My sin, O the bliss of this glorious thought!
My sin, not in part, but the whole,
Is nailed to the cross and I bear it no more
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!

O Lord, haste the day when the faith shall be sight,
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll,
The trump shall resound and the Lord shall descend,
"Even so" it is well with my soul.

Greeting One Another

Ann Powers

More information can be found in our Life at Trinity e-newsletter.

Prayer is one of the primary ways we fulfill our calling to love God and neighbor. We are given the privilege of asking our gracious God to care for the needs of each other and the world around us. And as we pray together, we reorient ourselves to the greatness of our God, learning to depend on him in expectant hope.

Announcements

Prayers of the People

Most merciful and faithful God, we come to you this morning resting in your abundant grace and love. We know we bring nothing to add to our status in your eyes. You have brought us into your family as your children through the unlimited love and good plan you have had for us from eternity, and we worship you. We bow with gratitude for the work you've begun in us, looking forward to the day we will fully reflect your character, because you are faithful and will do it. We recognize with grateful hearts the bounty you have showered on us - friends, family, security, our daily bread, and much more. Father, we are thankful.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Most loving and faithful Savior, we want to live in deep fellowship with you but are continually distracted. Help us live our lives with a true understanding of our eternal purpose, so that we can see past the temporary things of this life. Give us clarity and energy for the pursuit of your priorities in our lives and for this world, showing grace and mercy to the lost, the hurting, and the discouraged. We ask you to make us instruments of justice for the oppressed, motivated by your loving example. In all things, we pray that your kingdom would come, and your will be done. Jesus, we worship you.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Most caring and tender Spirit, we pray that you would give us hearts that are tuned to your work in our lives, that we would grow individually and as a family in the fruits of your spirit, showing love, generosity, and gratitude. We ask that you would build in us healthy spiritual habits and routines that protect us from the distractions we are naturally drawn to. Please help us pray according to the will of our Father, and that it would become second nature to us, not a dull responsibility. Holy Spirit, we long for your work in us.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

And with churches throughout the world we pray together, as your Son taught us to pray, saying:

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name.

Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread,

and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For yours is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

At the very heart of worship is not our speech, but God's. We express our loving faith in God first and foremost by listening carefully to him.

Scripture Reading - 1 Thessalonians 5:8-28 (NIV)

⁸ But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, putting on faith and love as a breastplate, and the hope of salvation as a helmet. ⁹ For God did not appoint us to suffer wrath but to receive salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ. ¹⁰ He died for us so that, whether we are awake or asleep, we may live together with him. ¹¹ Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing.

¹² Now we ask you, brothers and sisters, to acknowledge those who work hard among you, who care for you in the Lord and who admonish you. ¹³ Hold them in the highest regard in love because of their work. Live in peace with each other. ¹⁴ And we urge you, brothers and sisters, warn those who are idle and disruptive, encourage the disheartened, help the weak, be patient with everyone. ¹⁵ Make sure that nobody pays back wrong for wrong, but always strive to do what is good for each other and for everyone else.

¹⁶ Rejoice always, ¹⁷ pray continually, ¹⁸ give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.

¹⁹ Do not quench the Spirit. ²⁰ Do not treat prophecies with contempt ²¹ but test them all; hold on to what is good, ²² reject every kind of evil.

²³ May God himself, the God of peace, sanctify you through and through. May your whole spirit, soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. ²⁴ The one who calls you is faithful, and he will do it.

²⁵ Brothers and sisters, pray for us. ²⁶ Greet all God's people with a holy kiss. ²⁷ I charge you before the Lord to have this letter read to all the brothers and sisters.

²⁸ The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

Children 3 - 1st grade will be dismissed for our Children's Church program after the Scripture Reading. If this will be your child's first week in Children's Church, please accompany your child to the room so you can see where we have Children's Church and meet this week's teachers. Masks are needed for all children attending.

Our loving Father welcomes us into his presence to confess how we have sinned against him and our neighbors. This allows us to speak about our sin truthfully, both publicly and privately.

Community Confession of Sin

Good News of the Gospel - 1 Peter 1:3-7

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Because of his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you. You are being guarded by God's power through faith for a salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last time. You rejoice in this, even though now for a short time, if necessary, you suffer grief in various trials so that the proven character of your faith—more valuable than gold which, though perishable, is refined by fire—may result in praise, glory, and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ.

Brothers and sisters who have confessed your sins and have trusted in Christ, you have been born again into a living and everlasting hope through Christ Jesus, and God is guarding your faith until his Son returns. **Thanks be to God!**

The Lord's Supper

God welcomes us to his table, promising to nourish believers spiritually in Christ through these signs of his loving commitment to us, his church. All baptized believers in Christ are invited to participate in this family meal and have their faith strengthened. If you have not yet professed your faith in Christ, we ask that you instead use this period as a time of reflection and prayer. We invite you to use any of the prayers printed below.

Prayer for Those Searching for Truth

Lord God, I don't really know who you are. Please show yourself to me. The Bible says that Jesus is the way, the truth, and the life. If this is true, please help me to see this and accept Jesus as your Son, no matter what that might cost me. Help me to know you.

Prayer of Belief and Repentance

Lord Jesus Christ, I confess to you that I am deeply sinful and desperately need your help. I believe what you have said in your Word: that you love me and have died for me to bring me back home to God. I turn from my old way of life, from being my own master, and I place my trust in you. You are now my king. You are now my savior who has forgiven me. I promise to follow you wherever you lead me.

Prayer for Those Overcome By Doubt and Sin

Lord God, I'm no longer sure that I believe in you or that any of this is real. And I realize that my life doesn't reflect a faith in you. I feel like something is missing, but I don't know what to do. Please have mercy on me and lead me back to you.

Abide with Me

Words: Henry Lyte and Justin Smith. Music: Justin Smith.

Abide with me; fast falls the eventide;
The darkness deepens; Lord with me abide.
When other helpers fail and comforts flee,
Help of the helpless, abide with me.

Thou on my head in early youth didst smile;
And, though rebellious, and perverse meanwhile,
Thou hast not left me, though I oft left Thee,
On to the close Lord, abide with me.

I need Thy presence every passing hour.
What but Thy grace can foil the tempter's power? Who,
like Thyself my guide and stay can be?
Through cloud and sunshine, abide with me.

I fear no foe with Thee at hand to bless
Ills have no weight; tears lose their bitterness
Where is thy sting death? Where grave thy victory?
I triumph still. Abide with me.

Hold Thou Thy cross before my closing eyes;
Shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies.
Heaven's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee;
In life, in death, Lord, abide with me.

Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise Him all creatures here below
Praise Him above ye heav'nly host
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Your Labor Is Not in Vain

Words & Music: Paul Zach, Wendell Kimbrough and Isaac Wardell.

Your labor is not in vain
Though the ground underneath you is cursed and stained.
Your planting and reaping are never the same,
But your labor is not in vain.

Your labor is not unknown
Though the rocks they cry out and the sea it may groan.
The place of your toil may not seem like a home,
But your labor is not unknown.

Chorus

For I am with you, I am with you.
I am with you, I am with you
For I have called you,
Called you by name.
Your labor is not in vain.

The vineyards you plant will bear fruit;
The fields will sing out and rejoice with the truth,
For all that is old will at last be made new;
The vineyards you plant will bear fruit.

The houses you labored to build
Will finally with laughter and joy be filled.
The serpent that hurts and destroys shall be killed,
And all that is broken be healed.

*Just as we gather for worship
at God's initiative, so also do
we finish our time with God's
Word. Together we hear and
receive God's blessing upon us
as we go and seek to worship
him in our lives throughout the
week.*

Benediction

Musicians:

Nick Owens – acoustic guitar
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Community Groups

Community groups are one of the chief ways we team up to care for each other and seek the good of our neighborhoods. We currently meet in the following locations:

Downers Grove • Elmhurst • Hinsdale East • Western Springs North • Wheaton/Glen Ellyn

For more information about our ongoing ministries and community life, subscribe to our e-newsletter at www.trinityhinsdale.com, or you can email us with any questions at office@trinityhinsdale.com.

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