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"O God of our salvation, the hope of all the ends of the earth" - Psalm 65:5



Welcome to Trinity Presbyterian Church

July 25, 2021 – Ninth 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.

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 Isaiah 55)

“Come, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters;
and he who has no money, come, buy and eat!
Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price.
**Why should we spend our money for that which is not bread,
and our labor for that which does not satisfy?**
Listen diligently to me, and eat what is good,
and delight yourselves in rich food.
Incline your ear, and come to me; hear,
that your soul may live.

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

Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy

Words: J. Hart.

Come, ye sinners, poor and needy,
Weak and wounded, sick and sore.
Jesus ready stands to save you,
Full of pity, love, and power.

Chorus

We will arise and go to Jesus,
He will embrace us in his arms;
In the arms of our dear Savior,
O, there are ten thousand charms.

Come, ye thirsty, come and welcome;
God's free bounty glorify;
True belief and true repentance,
every grace that brings you nigh.

Come, ye weary, heavy laden,
Lost and ruined by the fall;
If you tarry till you're better,
You will never come at all.

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.

Statement of Faith – Heidelberg Catechism Q&A 1

Christian, what is your only comfort in life and in death?

That I am not my own, but belong— body and soul, in life and in death— to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood, and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil.

He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven; in fact, all things must work together for my salvation.

Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him. Amen.

Psalm 126

Words & Music: Isaac Wardell.

Our mouths, they were filled
Filled with laughter.
Our tongues, they were loosed,
Loosed with joy.
Restore us, O Lord!
Restore us, O Lord!

Chorus

Although we are weeping,
Lord, help us keep sowing
The seeds of Your Kingdom
For the day You will reap them!
Your sheaves we will carry;
Lord, please do not tarry!
All those who sow weeping
Will go out with songs of joy!

The nations will say,
He has done great things!
The nations will sing
Songs of joy!
Restore us, O Lord!
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More information can be found in our Life at Trinity e-newsletter.

Announcements

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.

Prayers of the People (from Psalm 23)

Our Shepherd and Lord, we rejoice in your care for us, and that you have proven your love over and over again, most clearly and resoundingly in the provision of our savior Jesus, who walked through the valley of the shadow of death for us so that we do not go there alone. We are grateful that you guide our hearts in truth and righteousness as we seek to live for you and your name's sake, because we are weak and sinful and cannot find our way alone. We live with abundance and know that you delight in providing for our needs. We take a moment to name our blessings, recognize your provisions, and thank you for them.

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

And yet, Gracious Father, the world can be a fearful place. Things in our lives, in our relationships, and in our world shake our confidence, fill us with anxiety, and lead us to doubt. Help us to remember that Jesus felt what we feel, suffered pain, loss, betrayal, and death, but now sits at your right hand, interceding for us and delighting to answer our prayers. We take a moment to name our fears and concerns, laying them at our Good Shepherd's feet.

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

Lord, we look to the day when things will be made right, when tears are dried, when sickness is gone, pain ends, and everything becomes new again. Until that day, make us faithful servants, spreading your beauty and grace from this place to the hurting, poor, and lost, for the good of the world. We take a moment to rejoice that while we live here and now you promise rest for the weary, and that we have a true home for eternity, where Jesus our Savior and Shepherd reigns.

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 - Psalm 88

¹ O LORD, God of my salvation,
I cry out day and night before you.

² Let my prayer come before you;
incline your ear to my cry!

³ For my soul is full of troubles,
and my life draws near to Sheol.

⁴ I am counted among those who go down to the pit;
I am a man who has no strength,

⁵ like one set loose among the dead,
like the slain that lie in the grave,
like those whom you remember no more,
for they are cut off from your hand.

⁶ You have put me in the depths of the pit,
in the regions dark and deep.

⁷ Your wrath lies heavy upon me,
and you overwhelm me with all your waves. Selah

⁸ You have caused my companions to shun me;
you have made me a horror to them.
I am shut in so that I cannot escape;

⁹ my eye grows dim through sorrow.
Every day I call upon you, O LORD;
I spread out my hands to you.

¹⁰ Do you work wonders for the dead?
Do the departed rise up to praise you? Selah

¹¹ Is your steadfast love declared in the grave,
or your faithfulness in Abaddon?

¹² Are your wonders known in the darkness,
or your righteousness in the land of forgetfulness?

¹³ But I, O LORD, cry to you;
in the morning my prayer comes before you.

¹⁴ O LORD, why do you cast my soul away?
Why do you hide your face from me?

¹⁵ Afflicted and close to death from my youth up,
I suffer your terrors; I am helpless.

¹⁶ Your wrath has swept over me;
your dreadful assaults destroy me.

¹⁷ They surround me like a flood all day long;
they close in on me together.

¹⁸ You have caused my beloved and my friend to shun me;
my companions have become darkness.

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

Children 3 and 4 years old 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.

Pastor Nick Owens

Sermon – "When Darkness Veils His Face"

"If we have never sought, we seek Thee now;
Thine eyes burn through the dark, our only stars;
We must have sight of thorn-pricks on Thy brow,
We must have Thee, O Jesus of the Scars.

The other gods were strong; but Thou wast weak;
They rode, but Thou didst stumble to a throne;
But to our wounds only God's wounds can speak,
And not a god has wounds, but Thou alone."

– Edward Shillito, "Jesus of the Scars"

Confession of Sin:

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 - Luke 1:68-69, 79

⁶⁸ "Praise be to the Lord, the God of Israel, because he has come to his people and redeemed them.

⁶⁹ He has raised up a horn of salvation for us in the house of his servant David...

⁷⁹ to shine on those living in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the path of peace."

Brothers and Sisters, Jesus Christ, the light of the world has come into the world to bring life and wholeness to all who hope and trust in him. In him you are forgiven. **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.

We Will Feast in the House of Zion

Words & Music: Sandra McCracken

Chorus

We will feast in the house of Zion.
We will sing with our hearts restored.
He has done great things, we will say together,
We will feast and weep no more.

We will not be burned by the fire.
He is the Lord, our God.
We are not consumed by the flood.
Upheld, protected, gathered up.

In the dark of night, before the dawn,
My soul, be not afraid.
For the promised morning, oh, how long?
Oh, God of Jacob, be my strength!

Every vow we've broken and betrayed,
You are the Faithful one.
And from the garden to the grave
Bind us together, bring shalom!

Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavn'ly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Jesus, I Come

Music by Greg Thompson; Words by William True Sleeper

Out of my bondage, sorrow and night,
Jesus, I come; Jesus I come.

Into Thy freedom, gladness and light,
Jesus, I come to Thee.

Out of my sickness into Thy health,
Out of my wanting and into Thy wealth,
Out of my sin and into Thyself,
Jesus, I come to Thee.

Out of my shameful failure and loss,
Jesus, I come; Jesus, I come.

Into the glorious gain of Thy cross,
Jesus, I come to Thee.

Out of earth's sorrows into Thy balm,
Out of life's storms and into Thy calm,
Out of distress into jubilant psalm,
Jesus, I come to Thee.

Out of unrest and arrogant pride,
Jesus, I come; Jesus, I come.

Into Thy blessed will to abide,
Jesus, I come to Thee.

Out of myself to dwell in Thy love,
Out of despair into raptures above,
Upward forever on wings like a dove,
Jesus, I come to Thee.

Out of the fear and dread of the tomb,
Jesus, I come; Jesus, I come.

Into the joy and light of Thy home,
Jesus, I come to Thee.

Out of the depths of ruin untold,
Into the peace of Thy sheltering fold,
Ever Thy glorious face to behold,
Jesus, I come to Thee.

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:

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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 • Hinsdale West • Lisle/Woodridge
Western Springs North • Western Springs South • 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.