THE KINGDOM

PARABLE OF THE SOWER MATTHEW 13:1-11 | 18-23



ORDER OF WORSHIP | Sunday, August 11, 2019

Listening devices are available for the hearing impaired. Please speak with a greeter or visit the sound booth upstairs for a listening device.

SONG OF GATHERING & PREPARATION

The people of God always sang as they ascended the hill in Jerusalem up to the temple to worship (see Psalms 120-134). We, as well, prepare our hearts, minds and bodies for worship by singing about the God we serve.

Build My Life

CALL TO WORSHIP | Jeremiah 17:5-8 (ESV)

We read God's Word, the Bible, together. It reveals to us who God is and what He expects of us.

Thus says the LORD: "Cursed is the man who trusts in man and makes flesh his strength, whose heart turns away from the LORD. He is like a shrub in the desert, and shall not see any good come. He shall dwell in the parched places of the wilderness, in an uninhabited salt land. Blessed is the man who trusts in the LORD, whose trust is the LORD. He is like a tree planted by water, that sends out its roots by the stream, and does not fear when heat comes, for its leaves remain green, and is not anxious in the year of drought, for it does not cease to bear fruit."

PRAYER OF ADORATION & CONFESSION | Chad McLeod

We pray together praising God for who He really is (Adoration) and admitting our inability to live up to what He expects of us (Confession).

ASSURANCE OF PARDON | John 15:1-2, 4-5, 8 (ESV)

We read God's Word together and are reminded that mercy and grace are freely given to all who have faith in Jesus Christ.

"I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. Every branch in me that does not bear fruit he takes away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes, that it may bear more fruit. ... Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me. I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing. ... By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples."

WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

We respond to the good news of God's mercy and grace for us in Jesus by giving generously to the work of this church and the kingdom of God.

Upon A Life

PRAISE & CELEBRATION

Our response to God's free grace is celebratory worship. We express our praise to God for who He is and what He has done for us.

Because He Lives (Amen)

Great Are You Lord

CONFESSION OF FAITH

As an expression of our faith in Jesus Christ in solidarity with his people, we declare the substance of what we believe.

From the New City Catechism:

Q. 31. What do we believe by true faith?

A. Everything taught to us in the gospel. The Apostles' Creed expresses what we believe in these words: We believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from there he will come to judge the living and the dead. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

KIDS' WORSHIP & COMMUNITY KIDS DISMISSAL

Infants - Fifth Grade are dismissed. Please see your child's check-in name tag for class assignment.

GREETING

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING & INTERCESSION | Chad McLeod

We express in prayer our gratitude to God for what He has done and ask Him to continue to act for our good and the good of others in our community and world.

PROCLAMATION OF GOD'S WORD | Tim Rice, Lead Pastor & Director of Church Planting

A small portion of God's Word is explained to us and applied to our lives and circumstances.

SONG OF RESPONSE

We respond to the good news of God's mercy and grace by singing again of His goodness and greatness.

Is He Worthy

BENEDICTION

Because the hand of God's wrath was raised against Jesus, we now receive the hand of God's blessing as we are sent out to live our lives to the glory of God.

May the LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make His face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the LORD turn His face toward you and give you His peace, both now and forevermore. Amen.

A city transformed: Loved by God the Father, saved by Jesus His Son, empowered by His Spirit, called by God to reach our city with His love.

SCRIPTURE PASSAGE & SERMON OUTLINE

Proclamation of God's Word

Text: Matthew 13:1-11, 18-23 (ESV) Title: Parable of the Sower Teacher: Tim Rice

¹That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. ²And great crowds gathered about him, so that he got into a boat and sat down. And the whole crowd stood on the beach. ³ And he told them many things in parables, saying: "A sower went out to sow. 4 And as he sowed, some seeds fell along the path, and the birds came and devoured them. ⁵ Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and immediately they sprang up, since they had no depth of soil, ⁶ but when the sun rose they were scorched. And since they had no root, they withered away. ⁷ Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. 8 Other seeds fell on good soil and produced grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. ⁹ He who has ears, let him hear." ¹⁰ Then the disciples came and said to him, "Why do you speak to them in parables?" ¹¹ And he answered them, "To you it has been given to know the secrets of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it has not been given." ... ¹⁸ "Hear then the parable of the sower: 19 When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what has been sown in his heart. This is what was sown along the path. ²⁰ As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy, ²¹ yet he has no root in himself, but endures for a while, and when tribulation or persecution arises on account of the word, immediately he falls away. ²² As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the deceitfulness of riches choke the word, and it proves unfruitful. ²³ As for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it. He indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty."

Intro: Have you ever been cited for failing to produce?

THE LORD IS FRUITFUL

How has God designed us to be fruitful in faithfulness to Him?

PESTERED, ROOTLESS & CHOKED

What happens when we break God's good design?

THE GRAIN THAT DIES BEARS FRUIT Why is Jesus fruitful?

YOU CAN PRAY WITH US ...

- 1. Worship the LORD for how fruitful He is in all that He has created and does. Praise Him, Father, Son and Holy Spirit for His generous, fruitful heart and for all the ways He has designed us in His likeness.
- 2. How have you lived pursuing the fruit of other kings rather than Jesus? Confess your disloyalty to Jesus, asking Him to forgive you and to change your heart to love His kingdom most.
- 3. Give thanks to Jesus for His work to give us new life by His Grace. Read John 12:24, and thank Him for His fruitfulness by His death the grain of wheat that bears fruit because it dies.
- 4. Who do you know that is fruitful for Jesus? Pray for them, asking the Lord to sustain them and to help them spread the good news of Jesus to others still.
- 5. Ask the Holy Spirit to bear in you the fruit of His love and character. Read Colossians 1:10-14 and pray for a faithful heart to "bear fruit in every good work."

WELCOME TO TRINITY!

We're so glad you are here. Please place completed tear-off in offering plate.

Name (Please Print) Gender

Male
Female

Spouse

Children (Include DOB for Children's Ministry)

Address

City/State

Country/Zip

Phone

E-mail Address

□ First-Time Visitor □ Regular Attendee

□ Member □ College Student

Update my contact information

I would like to receive:

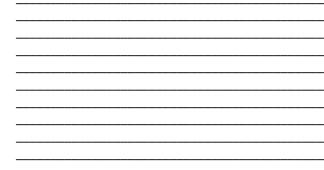
□ Worship Folder & Announcement Emails

I would like information about:

 $\hfill\square$ Community Group

- $\hfill\square$ New Member Class
- □ Women's Bible Study
- Student Ministry
 Volunteering
- Children's Ministry
- □ Men's Ministry
- □ _____

Prayer How can our staff pray for you?



Community Bible Reading

<u>joincbr.com</u>

August 12 - 17, 2019

(3-year plan: read blue passages | 1-year plan: read all)

Monday	John 21 Nehemiah 7	Deuteronomy 7 Ezekiel 29
Tuesday	1 John 1 Nehemiah 8	Deuteronomy 8 Ezekiel 30
Wednesday	1 John 2 Nehemiah 9	Deuteronomy 9 Ezekiel 31
Thursday	1 John 3 Nehemiah 10	Deuteronomy 10 Ezekiel 32
Friday	1 John 4 Nehemiah 11	Deuteronomy 11 Ezekiel 33
Saturday	Psalm 85	Psalm 33 Psalm 131

Scripture Memory for the Week:

Matthew 13:16-17 (ESV)

¹⁶ But blessed are your eyes, for they see, and your ears, for they hear. ¹⁷ For truly, I say to you, many prophets and righteous people longed to see what you see, and did not see it, and to hear what you hear, and did not hear it.

Communication

Register for events at trinitylakeland.org/events



Move-Up Sunday August 18 Contact Callie or Krissa with questions.



<u>Trinity Women's Coffee</u> August 24, 9:00a Contact <u>Deanna Bayless</u> to RSVP.



2019 Men's Retreat September 19-22 Contact Luke Wolfe for more information.

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