

THE HALLEL PSALMS

The LORD's
Mercy
& Grace



PSALM 116-117



TRINITY
Presbyterian Church

ORDER OF WORSHIP | May 18, 2025

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.

Goodness Of God

CALL TO WORSHIP | Psalm 18:1-6 (ESV)

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

I love you, O Lord, my strength. The Lord is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer, my God, my rock, in whom I take refuge, my shield, and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold. I call upon the Lord, who is worthy to be praised, and I am saved from my enemies. The cords of death encompassed me; the torrents of destruction assailed me; the cords of Sheol entangled me; the snares of death confronted me. In my distress I called upon the Lord; to my God I cried for help. From his temple he heard my voice, and my cry to him reached his ears.

PRAYER OF ADORATION & CONFESSION

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 | Joel 2:32 (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.

Everyone who calls on the name of the LORD shall be saved.

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 His church and the kingdom of God.

All Hail The Power Of Jesus Name

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.

A Thousand Hallelujahs

Just As Good

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 Heidelberg Catechism:

Q. 31. Why is he called “Christ,” meaning “anointed”?

A. Because he has been ordained by God the Father and has been anointed with the Holy Spirit to be our chief prophet and teacher who fully reveals to us the secret counsel and will of God concerning our deliverance; our only high priest who has delivered us by the one sacrifice of his body, and who continually pleads our cause with the Father; and our eternal king who governs us by his Word and Spirit, and who guards us and keeps us in the freedom he has won for us.

Q. 32. But why are you called a Christian?

A. Because by faith I am a member of Christ and so I share in his anointing. I am anointed to confess his name, to present myself to him as a living sacrifice of thanks, to strive with a free conscience against sin and the devil in this life, and afterward to reign with Christ over all creation for eternity.

KIDS’ WORSHIP & COMMUNITY KIDS’ DISMISSAL (Infants - 5th Graders)

Please see your child’s check-in name tag for class assignment.

GREETING

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING & INTERCESSION

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, *Founding & Teaching Pastor*

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.

Abide

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.

SCRIPTURE PASSAGE & SERMON OUTLINE

Proclamation of God's Word

Text: Psalm 116-117 (ESV)

Title: The LORD's Mercy & Grace

Teacher: Tim Rice

116:1 I love the Lord, because he has heard my voice and my pleas for mercy. 2 Because he inclined his ear to me, therefore I will call on him as long as I live. 3 The snares of death encompassed me; the pangs of Sheol laid hold on me; I suffered distress and anguish. 4 Then I called on the name of the Lord: "O Lord, I pray, deliver my soul!" 5 Gracious is the Lord, and righteous; our God is merciful. 6 The Lord preserves the simple; when I was brought low, he saved me. 7 Return, O my soul, to your rest; for the Lord has dealt bountifully with you. 8 For you have delivered my soul from death, my eyes from tears, my feet from stumbling; 9 I will walk before the Lord in the land of the living. 10 I believed, even when I spoke: "I am greatly afflicted"; 11 I said in my alarm, "All mankind are liars." 12 What shall I render to the Lord for all his benefits to me? 13 I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord, 14 I will pay my vows to the Lord in the presence of all his people. 15 Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints. 16 O Lord, I am your servant; I am your servant, the son of your maidservant. You have loosed my bonds. 17 I will offer to you the sacrifice of thanksgiving and call on the name of the Lord. 18 I will pay my vows to the Lord in the presence of all his people, 19 in the courts of the house of the Lord, in your midst, O Jerusalem. Praise the Lord! ... 117:1 Praise the Lord, all nations! Extol him, all peoples! 2 For great is his steadfast love toward us, and the faithfulness of the Lord endures forever. Praise the Lord!

INTRO: Often, Medieval paintings had a skull somewhere in frame ...

A LOOMING THREAT

What is more threatening than death? And why is it so overwhelming?

THE ONLY DELIVERER

How did this psalmist look at the LORD's grace in the midst of his fears?

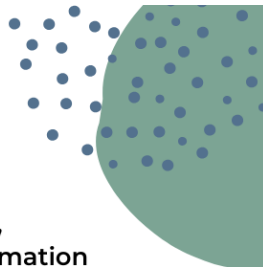
WHAT FOLLOWS?

How did this believer respond to all that the LORD had done to rescue Him?

YOU CAN PRAY WITH US ...

1. Worship the LORD, the Great I AM, who is the Living God. Praise Him, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, that He is able to deliver His people from death, and seal within us life eternal.
2. How have you lived either naive about death or haunted by its shadow? Confess your frailty to Jesus, and your participation in the sin of Adam, asking Him to forgive you and secure you as only He can.
3. Give thanks to Jesus for His work to save us. Thank Him for entering our state of shame and death (through His Incarnation and atoning death) to get us out by His resurrection power and grace.
4. Who do you know that lives in the shadow of death, and yet with fear? Pray for them, asking the Lord to help them see their genuine vulnerability in their own power, but that they could find hope in Jesus.
5. Ask the Holy Spirit to bear in you His fruit of love and joy. Pray that as the Spirit seals to you Jesus' grace, you would be buoyant in the face of death and that your love for Jesus and others would grow.

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Scan the code to be added to our database, weekly announcement emails and for information on areas where you can serve at Trinity. Contact **Theresa Riggs** at theresa@trinitylakeland.org for other ways to get connected.



Student Ministry Luncheon

May 18, 12p

Contact Brown Peterson for details.



Retirees Prayer Luncheon

June 5, 12p

Contact John Tucker at jtuckerdc@gmail.com for details.



Guatemala Mission Trip

June 7-13

Please pray for the team, smooth logistics, safe travel, and for hearts—both theirs and those they'll meet.



2nd Sunday Women's Prayer Gathering

June 8, 9:15a

Contact Laura McCaulley for details.

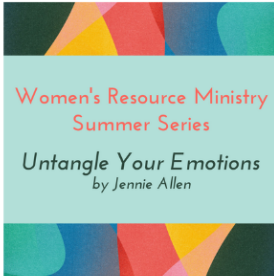


High School Summer Camp

June 9-14

Contact Brown Peterson for details.

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Women's Ministry Summer Series

June 11, 25 & July 9, 23

Contact Laura McCaulley for details.

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VBS - True North

June 16-20

Contact Callie Sandman for details.

Scan the code to volunteer.



FRAT Bootcamp (Rising 6th Graders)

June 16-20

Contact Brown Peterson for details.

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Service Times



Starting May 25
1 SERVICE at 10:00a

Resume **2 SERVICES**
August 10
at 9a & 10:30a

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you may have.

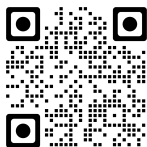


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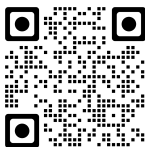


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Community Bible Reading

communitybiblereading.org

May 19-24, 2025

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

Monday	Galatians 2 1 Chronicles 21	Leviticus 9 Jeremiah 25
Tuesday	Galatians 3 1 Chronicles 22	Leviticus 10 Jeremiah 26
Wednesday	Galatians 4 1 Chronicles 23	Leviticus 11 Jeremiah 27
Thursday	Galatians 5 1 Chronicles 24	Leviticus 12 Jeremiah 28
Friday	Galatians 6 1 Chronicles 25	Leviticus 13 Jeremiah 29
Saturday	Psalm 73	Psalm 21 Psalm 119:97-112

Scripture Memory for the Week:

Psalms 116:6-7 (ESV)

6 The Lord preserves the simple; when I was brought low, he saved me. 7 Return,
O my soul, to your rest; for the Lord has dealt bountifully with you.

Office Hours:

Monday - Thursday | 8:30a - 5:00p & **Friday** | 8:30a-12:00p

Sunday Worship | 8:45a & 10:30a

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Mission

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.