ADVENT CHRISTMAS EPIPHANY LENT EASTER PENTECOST **ORDINARY TIME**

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2025

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

TRINITY
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Preparation for Worship

To all who are spiritually weary and seek rest;
to all who mourn and long for comfort;
to all who struggle and desire victory;
to all who sin and need a Savior;
to all who are strangers and want fellowship;
to all who hunger and thirst after righteousness; and to all who will come,
this church opens wide her doors and offers welcome in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.

God Calls Us to Worship | Genesis 2:7; Psalm 100:3-4

The LORD God formed the man of dust from the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living creature.

It is God who made us,
and we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

Enter his courts with thanksgiving.

And his courts with praise.

Wonderful Merciful Savior

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Wonderful, merciful Savior,
Precious, Redeemer and Friend,
Who would have thought that a Lamb,
Could rescue the souls of men?
Oh You rescue the souls of men

You are the One that we praise.
You are the One we adore.
You give the healing and grace,
Our hearts always hunger for;
Oh, our hearts always hunger for.

Counselor, Comforter, Keeper,
Spirit we long to embrace,
You offer hope when our hearts,
Have hopelessly lost the way;
Oh, we hopelessly lost the way.

Almighty, infinite Father,
Faithfully loving Your own;
Here in our weakness You find us,
Falling before Your throne;
Oh we're falling before Your throne.

We Listen to God's Word | Leviticus 19:1–2; Hosea 11:1-4

We Confess Our Sins

This is the message we have heard from Him and proclaim to you,
that God is light, and in Him is no darkness at all.
If we say we have fellowship with Him while we walk in darkness,
we lie and do not practice the truth.
But if we walk in the light, as He is in the light,
we have fellowship with one another,
and the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from all sin.
If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves,
and the truth is not in us.
If we confess our sins,
He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins
and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.
If we say we have not sinned,
we make Him a liar, and His word is not in us.
O Lord, have mercy upon us and forgive our sins.

SILENT CONFESSION *Please pause for a moment of silent confession.*

We Hear Words of Assurance and Pardon | Colossians 1:13-14

He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the Kingdom of His beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

Friends, believe the good news of the Gospel: in Jesus Christ know that you're forgiven and be at peace.

Thanks be to God!

Come Ye Souls by Sin Afflicted

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Come ye souls by sin afflicted,
Bowed with fruitless sorrow down;
By the broken law convicted,
Through the cross, behold the crown;
Look to Jesus; look to Jesus; look to Jesus;
Mercy flows through Him alone.

Take His easy yoke and wear it;
Love will make your obedience sweet;
Christ will give you strength to bear it,
While His grace shall guide your feet
Safe to glory, safe to glory, safe to glory,
Where His ransomed captives meet.

Blessed are the eyes that see Him,
Blest the ears that hear His voice;
Blessèd are the souls that trust Him,
And in Him alone rejoice;
His commandments, His commandments, His commandments
Then become their happy choice.

Sweet as home to pilgrims weary,
Light to newly opened eyes,
Like full springs in deserts dreary,
Is the rest the cross supplies;
All who taste it, all who taste it, all who taste it
Shall to rest immortal rise.

We Ask for God's Help

We Welcome New Members

Rachel and Dan Lynam, Avonlea, Callie, Ellianna, and Beatrix
Bridgette and Jeff Young
Alex Dupree
Amanda and Kevin Brown, Kaylee, Kendall, and Kenzie
Ellen King
Donna and Todd Jackson
Susan Myers
Kenda and Dee Williams
Becky and Sean Roberts, Emily, Adeline, Olivia
Garrett Kennedy
Maleah Fernandez

Baptism

Kaylee Brown
Kendall Brown
Kenzie Brown
Olivia Roberts

First communion

Kaylee Brown
Kendall Brown
Olivia Roberts

We Confess Our Faith | Philippians 2:5-11

Have this mind among yourselves,
which is yours in Christ Jesus,
who, though He was in the form of God,
did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped,
but emptied Himself,
by taking the form of a servant,
being born in the likeness of men.
And being found in human form,
He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death,
even death on a cross.
Therefore God has highly exalted Him
and bestowed on Him the name that is above every name,
so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

We Greet Others with Peace | John 14:27

Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid.

The peace of the Lord be with you always.
And also with you!

> ***TrinityKids:*** *During the Greeting of Peace, children 5 & under may be dismissed to walk to TrinityKids. Nursing mothers are welcome to use the Nursing Mothers' room at the back of Trinity Hall, where the service can be viewed on the monitor.*

We Are Changed By God's Word | Ephesians 5:1–7

[1] Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children. [2] And walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

[3] But sexual immorality and all impurity or covetousness must not even be named among you, as is proper among saints. [4] Let there be no filthiness nor foolish talk nor crude joking, which are out of place, but instead let there be thanksgiving. [5] For you may be sure of this, that everyone who is sexually immoral or impure, or who is covetous (that is, an idolater), has no inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and God. [6] Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these things the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience. [7] Therefore do not become partners with them; (ESV)

This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

“Imitate God in Love” | Rev. Dr. Blake Altman

Sermon in a Sentence: Because we are God’s beloved children in Christ, we are called to walk in His self giving love and put away every counterfeit love that distorts the gospel and destroys community.

I. _____ God as Beloved Children (vv. 1–2)

II. _____ Counterfeit Loves (vv. 3–7)

III. _____ to Root and Fruit (vv. 1–7)

We Give Regularly, Joyfully, and Sacrificially

"Before the Throne of God Above," arr. Phillip Keveren

There are six ways to give at Trinity:
1. Online: ***give.trinityowasso.com***
2. Church Center app
3. Text "trinityowasso" to 77977
4. Offering basket during worship
5. Mail your gift to the church office
6. Stock and cash gifts through a foundation like the PCA Foundation, ***pcafoundation.com***

> *Please take a moment to fill out the Trinity Connect Card & place it in the offering basket when it is passed down the aisle. If you miss the offering basket, please leave your Connect Card in the basket at the Connect Center in the lobby.*
> ***If you have children in TrinityKids, please go pick them up at this time.***

We Celebrate Holy Communion

The Lord be with you.
And with your spirit.
Lift up your hearts!
We lift them up to the Lord!
Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.
It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

It is right and good and a joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks unto You, O Lord, Holy Father, Almighty, Everlasting God. Therefore, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify Your glorious name; evermore praising You, and singing:

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him all creatures here below; Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Before the Throne of God Above 277

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Before the throne of God above,
I have a strong and perfect plea,
a great High Priest whose name is Love,
who ever lives and pleads for me.
My name is graven on his hands,
my name is written on his heart.
I know that while in heav'n he stands,
no tongue can bid me thence depart,
no tongue can bid me thence depart.

When Satan tempts me to despair
and tells me of the guilt within,
upward I look and see him there,
who made an end to all my sin.
Because the sinless Savior died,
my sinful soul is counted free;
for God, the just, is satisfied
to look on him and pardon me,
to look on him and pardon me.

Behold him there, the risen Lamb,
my perfect, spotless righteousness,
the great unchangeable I AM,
the King of glory and of grace!
One with himself I cannot die.
My soul is purchased by his blood!
My life is hid with Christ on high,
with Christ, my Savior and my God,
with Christ, my Savior and my God.

It Was Finished Upon That Cross

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How I love the voice of Jesus
On the cross of Calvary
He declares His work is finished
He has spoken this hope to me
Though the sun had ceased its shining
Though the war appeared as lost
Christ had triumphed over evil
It was finished upon that cross

Now the curse it has been broken
Jesus paid the price for me
Full, the pardon He has offered
Great, the welcome that I receive
Boldly I approach my Father
Clothed in Jesus' righteousness
There is no more guilt to carry
It was finished upon that cross

Death was once my great opponent
Fear once had a hold on me
But the Son who died to save us
Rose that we would be free indeed!
Free from every plan of darkness
Free to live and free to love
Death is dead and Christ is risen!
It was finished upon that cross

Onward to eternal glory
To my Saviour and my God
I rejoice in Jesus' victory
It was finished upon that cross
It was finished upon that cross
It was finished upon that cross

God Sends Us Out With His Good Word | Ephesians 3:20–21

Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

We Go Into The World For His Glory

Let us go forth in joyful service to the Kingdom of our Lord Jesus Christ, as we love our neighbors, our city, and the world.

Thanks be to God!

Questions for Community Groups and Families:

1. Paul begins with the indicative: "You are beloved children." How does starting with identity in Christ protect us from both legalism (trying to earn God's love) and license (abusing God's love)? In what areas of your life do you feel tempted toward one or the other?

2. Paul warns us against counterfeit loves — immorality, greed, crude speech — and contrasts them with the self giving love of Christ. Which counterfeit love most tempts you with a false promise (intimacy, security, or belonging)? How can the gospel reorient your desires toward Christ as the true fulfillment?

3. Pastor Blake used the image: "Don't staple fruit on a dead tree." What would it practically look like in your life this week to cultivate the healthy root of justification (resting in God's verdict) in order to see the fruit of sanctification (holiness and love) grow naturally?

CHILDREN'S QUESTIONS:

1. God calls us His "beloved children." How do you know God loves you? Who showed that love most clearly?

2. Paul says some "loves" are fake (like greed or selfishness). Can you think of something that seems nice at first but really isn't good? How is Jesus' love different?

3. Walking means living every day. What is one way you could "walk in love" at school or at home this week — maybe in how you share, speak kindly, or help someone?

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WE ARE SO GLAD YOU'RE HERE!
We want you to be a part of us. We communicate all of our midweek activities through Church Center, and that's where you can join Bible studies, community groups, find out about events, and participate in group chats and prayer.

There's a lot going on at Trinity- ***Download the Church Center App today so you can join in!***

FILL OUT A CONNECT CARD
Let us know how to pray for you and get you the information you seek.

TRINITY KIDS | Babies - 5th Grade
Sundays 10:30AM & Special Events
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TRINITY YOUTH | 6th Grade - Sr. High
Sundays | 10:30AM
Wed | 6-8PM Youth Group @The Grove

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TRINITY MEN | Bible Studies, Small Groups, & Events.

ADULT DISCIPLESHIP CLASSES
Sundays 10:30AM: Exodus, From Bondage to Worship: God Redeems and Dwells with His People with Rev. Mark Kuiper

SERVING OPPORTUNITIES
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Assistive Listening Systems now available at the sound booth!

Grow in Community:

Community Group Potluck:
TODAY at the Altman Home; full details under "Signups" tab in Church Center

ROOTED New Members' Class:
September 28; signups available in Church Center

Trinity Women:
September 22: Fireside Fellowship; signups on Church Center
October 25: Hills and Plains Presbytery Women's Retreat; Early Bird registration deadline is 9/27

Trinity Youth:
Sept. 10: Family Night at Trinity Hall

Trinity Kids:
October 8: Exploring God's Word

Trinity Men:
September 27: Golf Scramble at La Fortune Park Golf Course; signups on Church Center

October 17-18: Campout at Nowakowski Farm; signups now available on Church Center

Deacon on Duty this Sunday: Justin Burns

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