

Love God. Love People. Love Fort Worth.

Words for Reflection

There is no neutral ground in the universe: every square inch, every split second, is claimed by God and counterclaimed by Satan.

– C. S. Lewis

The difference between God and us is that God never thinks He's us. – John Goldingay

The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the works of the devil.

– 1 John 3:8

The face of the Judge is marked with infinite compassion and infinite suffering. His hands and feet are torn by spikes driven in by violent blows. His brow is pierced by the crown of thorns, and his expression bears the tokens of utmost humiliation. The judgment has already happened. It has taken place in his own body. The Son of God has borne it all himself. The Judge who is to come has given himself to be judged in our place, "to save us all from Satan's power when we were gone astray."

– Fleming Rutledge

Order of Worship

The Fifth Sunday after Epiphany — February 9, 2025 —

The LORD Calls Us

God invites and calls us into His presence to worship Him. He enters into our busy lives to speak to us.

The Call to Worship

God has gone up with a shout, **the LORD with the sound of a trumpet.** Sing praises to God, sing praises! **Sing praises to our King, sing praises!** For God is the King of all the earth; **sing praises with a psalm!** —Psalm 47:5-7 ESV

Hymn of Praise | All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

We sing praises to God and proclaim through song the good news of what He has done in Jesus' death and resurrection. Some songs might be initially unfamiliar, but we believe the rich, true, beautiful words of these hymns will make their way into your heart.

All hail the power of Jesus' name! Let angels prostrate fall; Bring forth the royal diadem, And crown Him Lord of all. Bring forth the royal diadem, And crown Him Lord of all.

Ye chosen seed of Israel's race, Ye ransomed from the fall, Hail Him Who saves you by His grace, And crown Him Lord of all. Hail Him Who saves you by His grace, And crown Him Lord of all.

Let every kindred, every tribe On this terrestrial ball To Him all majesty ascribe, And crown Him Lord of all. To Him all majesty ascribe, And crown Him Lord of all.

O that with yonder sacred throng We at His feet may fall We'll join the everlasting song, And crown Him Lord of all. We'll join the everlasting song, And crown Him Lord of all.

Words: Edward Perronet & John Rippon; Music: Oliver Holden

Opening Prayer & Lord's Prayer

We ask for God to be present among us and conclude with the prayer that Jesus taught his disciples to pray.

Our Father, Who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy Kingdom come, Thy 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 Thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Doxology

Doxology means "glory words." We lift our voices and our hands to give God glory for who He is and all that He has done.

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

The LORD Cleanses Us

God cleanses and restores us through Jesus' death and resurrection. We fight the temptation to hide our sin and instead acknowledge it openly to God, but we do so in light of the grace that is ours in Jesus.

Confession of Sin

Our Father in Heaven,

We thank You that Your Son is the True King who holds all authority in heaven and on earth. We praise You that he has come to proclaim liberty to the captives and to set at liberty those who are oppressed. Yet, Lord, we confess the ways we often remain indifferent to his rule and cling to our own independence. We pray that You would forgive us through his death and resurrection, and enable us by Your Spirit to rejoice that the kingdom of God has come upon us. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Forgiveness

Since therefore the children share in flesh and blood, he himself likewise partook of the same things, that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, and deliver all those who through fear of death were subject to lifelong slavery.

—Hebrews 2:14-15 ESV

Hymn of Response | Come Ye Souls, by Sin Afflicted

We respond in thanks and praise for God's redemptive work in Christ.

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; Blessed 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.

Look to Jesus; look to Jesus; look to Jesus Mercy flows through Him alone.

Words: Joseph Swain (alt Twit); Music: Kevin Twit

Confession of Faith | The Heidelberg Catechism #1

We join the church in history by confessing this basic statement of what Christians believe.

Q. What is your only comfort in life and in death?

A. 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.

The LORD Converses with Us

God speaks to us by His Word, and we respond with prayer, gratitude, and offerings.

The Old Testament Lesson

Exodus 8:16-19

God speaks to us by His Word.

8:16 Then the LORD said to Moses, "Say to Aaron, 'Stretch out your staff and strike the dust of the earth, so that it may become gnats in all the land of Egypt.'" 17 And they did so. Aaron stretched out his hand with his staff and struck the dust of the earth, and there were gnats on man and beast. All the dust of the earth became gnats in all the land of Egypt. 18 The magicians tried by their secret arts to produce gnats, but they could not. So there were gnats on man and beast. 19 Then the magicians said to Pharaoh, "This is the finger of God." But Pharaoh's heart was hardened, and he would not listen to them, as the LORD had said.

Reader: The Word of the Lord. **People: Thanks be to God.**

The Offering

In gratitude, we offer our gifts to God.

Children are now dismissed for TrinityKids (4 years old - 2nd Grade). After the sermon, their teachers will return them to worship where they will come to you or you may meet them in the Galveston foyer.

The Prayers of the People

We lift up our requests to God knowing that He hears us when we pray.

Vocational Prayer Focus: Law & Law Enforcement Church Prayer Focus: All Saints Presbyterian Church Mission Prayer Focus: DASH Network

The Reading of the Word

God speaks to us by His Word.

11:14 Now he was casting out a demon that was mute. When the demon had gone out, the mute man spoke, and the people marveled. 15 But some of them said, "He casts out demons by Beelzebul, the prince of demons," 16 while others, to test him, kept seeking from him a sign from heaven. 17 But he, knowing their thoughts, said to them, "Every kingdom divided against itself is laid waste, and a divided household falls. 18 And if Satan also is divided against himself, how will his kingdom stand? For you say that I cast out demons by Beelzebul. 19 And if I cast out demons by Beelzebul, by whom do your sons cast them out? Therefore they will be your judges. 20 But if it is by the finger of God that I cast out demons, then the kingdom of God has come upon you. 21 When a strong man, fully armed, guards his own palace, his goods are safe; 22 but when one stronger than he attacks him and overcomes him, he takes away his armor in which he trusted and divides his spoil. 23 Whoever is not with me is against me, and whoever does not gather with me scatters.

24 "When the unclean spirit has gone out of a person, it passes through waterless places seeking rest, and finding none it says, 'I will return to my house from which I came.' 25 And when it comes, it finds the house swept and put in order. 26 Then it goes and brings seven other spirits more evil than itself, and they enter and dwell there. And the last state of that person is worse than the first."

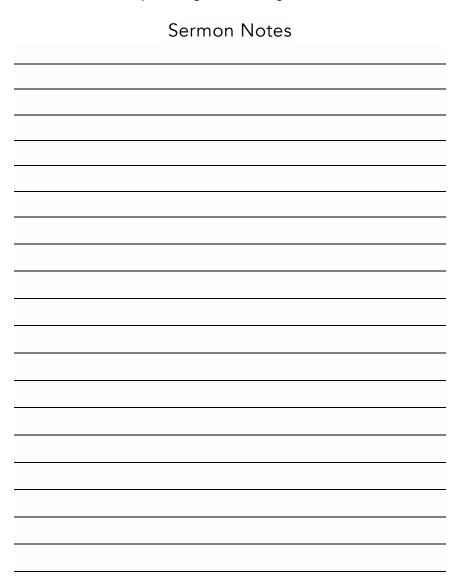
27 As he said these things, a woman in the crowd raised her voice and said to him, "Blessed is the womb that bore you, and the breasts at which you nursed!" 28 But he said, "Blessed rather are those who hear the word of God and keep it!"

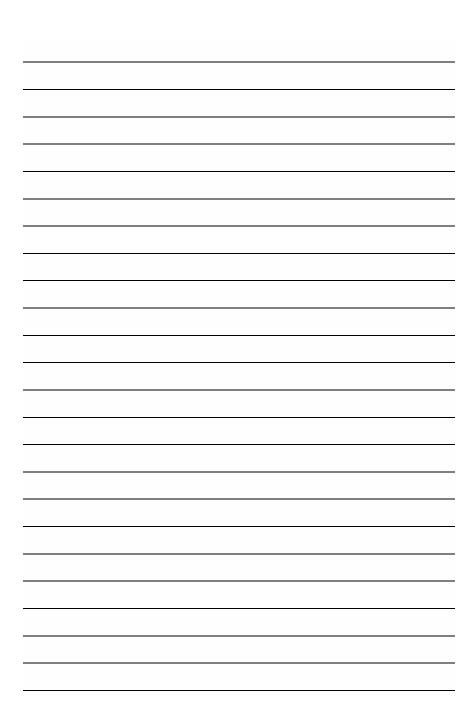
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The Preaching of the Word

Pastor Brian Davis

Good News for Everyone: The Gospel According to Luke "Responding to the King's Power"





The LORD Communes with Us

God invites us to feast with Him at His Table.

The Celebration of Holy Communion

Communion (also called the Lord's Supper or the Eucharist) is the family meal of baptized Christians. It's not a meal for good people. It's a meal for desperate people who trust in Jesus alone for salvation, who are at peace with God and with their neighbor, and who seek strength and grace to live more faithfully with Jesus. You will be invited to come forward. If you are not a Christian, or if you are not prepared to share in this meal today, we encourage you to use the prayers printed below and spend this time in reflection or prayer.

Children who have not received their first communion are welcome to come forward with their families. We invite children who are ready to make a public profession of faith in Christ to arrange a meeting with the elders, and thus become "communicants" at the Lord's Table.

*Note about communion wine: We serve wine during communion. If you'd prefer non-alcoholic grape juice, please indicate by pointing at the tray.

Pastor:	The Lord be with you.
People:	And also with you.
Pastor:	Lift up your hearts!
People:	We lift them up to the Lord.
Pastor:	Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People:	It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Words of Institution

Pastor:	Let us proclaim the mystery of the faith:
People:	Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.
	Hallelujah!
Pastor:	Christ, our Passover, has been sacrificed for us.
	Hallelujah!
People:	Therefore, let us keep the feast.
Pastor:	The gifts of God for the people of God.

Prayers During Communion

A prayer for those searching for truth:

Lord Jesus, you claim to be the way, the truth, and the life. If what you claim is true, please guide me, teach me, and open to me the reality of who you are. Give me the ability to follow you no matter what it might cost me. Give me an understanding for you that is coherent, convincing, and leads to the life that you promise. Amen.

A prayer of belief:

Lord Jesus, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever believed, but through you, I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared hope. I thank you for paying my debt, bearing my punishment on the cross and offering forgiveness and new life. Knowing that you have been raised from the dead and are now representing me at the Father's right hand in heaven, I turn from my sins and receive you as my savior. Amen.

A prayer for those struggling against sin:

Lord Jesus, give me the ability to see in you the fulfillment of all my needs and desires, and help me to turn from every false source of satisfaction to feed on you, the true and living bread. Enable me to lay aside the sin that clings so closely to me, and run with perseverance the race that you have set before me, looking only to you, the author and perfecter of my faith. Amen.

A prayer for covenant children who have not yet made a profession of faith:

Lord Jesus, thank you for giving me the opportunity to grow up in a Christian family where I am surrounded by the good news of the gospel. Help me to grow in my understanding of who you are and what you have done for me on the cross. Help me learn what it means for me to turn from my sins and trust in you alone for my salvation. Teach me what it means to follow you as one of your disciples. Amen.

Hymns for Communion

Be Unto Your Name We are a moment, You are forever Lord of the Ages, God before time We are a vapor, You are eternal Love everlasting, reigning on high

Holy, holy, Lord God Almighty Worthy is the Lamb who was slain Highest praises, honor and glory Be unto Your name, be unto Your name

We are the broken, You are the healer Jesus, Redeemer, mighty to save You are the love song we'll sing forever Bowing before You, blessing Your name (Chorus)

Words & Music: Gary Sadler & Lynn DeShazo

Redeemed, Restored, Forgiven Once on a dreary mountain We wandered far and wide, Far from the cleansing fountain Far from the pierced side But Jesus sought and found us And washed our guilt away With cords of love He bound us To be His own today

Redeemed, restored, forgiven Through Jesus' precious blood Heirs of His home in heaven Oh, praise our pardoning God

Dear Lord receive the glory Of each recovered soul Oh who can tell the story Of love that made us whole? Not ours, not ours, the merit Be Yours alone the praise And ours a thankful spirit To serve You all our days (Chorus)

Now keep us, holy Savior In Your true love and fear And grant us by Your favor The grace to persevere Till in Your new creation When Earth meets Heaven's shore We find our full salvation And praise You evermore (Chorus)

Words & Music: Matthew Smith & Jeff Pardo; based in part on text by Henry W. Baker

Life at Trinity

The LORD Commissions Us

God blesses us and sends us out to be a part of His mission to Fort Worth & the world.

Departing Hymn | Hail to the Lord's Anointed

We respond in faith and song.

*Children are invited to come to the front to lead & sing. Parents are also welcome.

Hail to the Lord's anointed, great David's greater Son! Hail in the time appointed, His reign on earth begun!

He comes to break oppression, to set the captive free, To take away transgression, and rule in equity. *(Chorus)*

He comes with comfort speedy to those who suffer wrong, To help the poor and needy, and bid the weak be strong.

To give them songs for sighing, their darkness turn to light, Whose souls, condemned and dying, are precious in His sight. (Chorus)

He shall come down like showers upon the fruitful earth, Love, joy, and hope, like flowers, spring in His path to birth.

The tide of time shall never His covenant remove. His Name shall stand forever, That Name to us is Love. (Chorus)

Words: James Montgomery; Music: Sandra McCracken

The Benediction

God sends us out with his blessing. A benediction is not a prayer. We don't bow our heads. We lift them up and even lift up our hands to receive his blessing as we are sent out as participants in His mission to Fort Worth.

The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the LORD lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.

-Numbers 6:24-26 ESV

The Sending

The people of God are sent into the world to love God, love people, and love Fort Worth.

Pastor: Let us go forth to serve Fort Worth and the world as those who love our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

People: Thanks be to God!

Announcements

Christian Formation

Join us in the Fellowship Hall at 10am for an in-depth look at the Ten Commandments. Over the next 11 weeks, we'll take a look at the prologue and each commandment to learn more about God's character and what it looks like to live well in the world He created.

Winter Conference

Please join us for our Winter Conference, "Attending to God in an Age of Distraction" with Alan Noble on February 28 – March 1. We will have one session Friday night at 7pm and two Saturday, ending at 12pm. Nursery and childcare is available Saturday. **Please see the Church Center app for details and registration.**

DASH Apartments

Trinity is helping DASH Network prepare and furnish two apartments in their new building to support immigrant families seeking asylum in our city. Please consider volunteering for cleaning, painting, or move-in day on Saturday, March 8. Also, we will need several items for furnishing and supplying these homes. You can donate new or gentlyused items. Learn more and sign up to help in the Church Center app or email Miranda (mirandaholland@att.net). Also, we will be welcoming the whole DASH family to our church home for an International Night of Worship on Saturday, March 29. This is a beautiful evening celebrating the global church and worshipping our Lord along the sojourners in our city. It's a great event for your whole family to attend!

Men's Spring Bible Study

Join us as we study Revelation this Spring. We have a Wednesday study from 12 -1pm (lunch provided) and a Thursday study from 6:30-7:30am (coffee provided) – both are in the Fellowship Hall. Please register in the Church Center app.

Women's Spring Bible Study

Many of us studied the messy women of Jesus's genealogy and how their stories fit into God's Big Story. Join us this Spring as we look at "the rest of the story" by studying Revelation. The morning study meets in the Fellowship Hall at Trinity from 9:30-11am. Childcare is provided. The evening study meets Wednesdays at Becky Burt's home, 7-8:30pm.

Young Adult Lunches

Trinity Young Adults is a group for post-undergrad, in grad school, career, single, or young marrieds. Come join us weekly after the second service for lunch. **We gather as a group at the back of the sanctuary around 12:30pm and decide together where to go to lunch.** Details about other ongoing young adult events are in the Church Center app or contact: Jack (jacksonkassing@gmail.com) or Rebecca (rebecca.boswell17@gmail.com).

To the Parents of Young Children

Welcome! We are so glad you are here. We believe the church is for all people, even children, and we want Trinity to be a church where children are both seen and heard. So don't worry if your children wiggle in the pews or make a little noise! We invite you to keep your children in our service and help them understand what is going on, sing the songs with you, and participate in worship. Children learn how to worship by imitating you. We say parts of our worship service every week in order to help our non-reading children to participate, and we have children's bulletins available in the back. There are also ages, stages, and times when it might not be best for your children to be in worship. We have a nursery program that is set up to handle children from birth to 4 years old, and a TrinityKids program during the sermon for children 4 years old through 2nd grade. We also have a nursing mothers' room available off of the Fellowship Hall (basement level) if you need to nurse or change a diaper! All nursery volunteers have been through both background checks and Ministry Safe training. Parents often check their children out of the nursery and/or TrinityKids prior to Communion so that they can help lead us in our departing hymn.

The Liturgy

Our order of worship may be new to you. Every worship service in every church has a structure. We want to be intentional about ours as it is a real back-and-forth conversation between us and God. He calls us to worship, and then we respond and move through the different elements of the service. We have both spontaneous, personal prayers as well as ancient, printed prayers. Please look over the service beforehand to see what we will hear and say along the way.

Welcome Notepads

At some point during service, a welcome pad will be passed down your row. We would love for you to fill it out and pass it to the person on your right, so that we will have record of your visit. We promise we won't spam you.

Lost and Found

If you have misplaced something, please check our Lost & Found. It is located in a cabinet behind the Information Desk in the Fellowship Hall.

Online Giving

If you'd prefer to give online as either a one-time gift or as a recurring gift, you may do so through our website:

<u>www.trinitypresfw.org/give</u>. Giving is seen only by the Deacon & the team in charge of counting the offering for that particular day and by our Church Administrator.

Church Office Hours

Our office is closed on Mondays and open Tuesday through Friday 9am – 4pm.

Christian Formation Classes/Rooms:

- 4s Room 116
- 5s/Kindergarten Room 214
- 1st/2nd Grades Room 215
- 3rd/4th Grades Room 217
- 5th/6th Grades Room 219
- Middle School Room 220
- High School Room 221
- Adult FH (Ten Commandments)

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Trinity Presbyterian Church

Our Mission

Trinity exists to embrace, embody, and extend the redemptive message of Jesus to the people and places of Fort Worth and beyond.

Our Core Commitments

Trinity is a gospel-centered church committed to following Jesus by...

- Worshipping God together through historic liturgy that is rich, accessible, and emotionally honest
- Striving to know and be known in our life together
- Engaging in formative spiritual practices
- Extending the welcome of the gospel in word and deed
- Serving our city

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