

building God's Church...blessing our community
THE LORD'S DAY
SEPTEMBER 10, 2023

REFLECTION & PREPARATION

*CALL TO WORSHIP	FROM	1	KINGS	8:57	⁷ -6
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May the LORD our God be with us, as He was with our fathers; may He not leave us or forsake us.

May He incline our hearts to Himself, to walk in all His ways and to keep His commandments.

May the LORD our God day and night maintain the cause of His people, so that all the peoples of the earth may know that the LORD is God.

Let our hearts be wholly devoted to the LORD our God, to walk in His statutes and to keep His commandments.

*GLORIA PATRI

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost: as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen.

*INVOCATION

*HYMN OF PRAISE	
	No. 108
*HYMN OF JOYFUL WORSHIP	O FOR A THOUSAND TONGUES TO SING

*Confession of Faith......The Apostles Creed¹

I 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 Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell²; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sits on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from there he shall come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic³ Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. AMEN.

SCRIPTURE READING......JOHN 7

HYMN OF ADORATIONHE WILL HOLD ME FAST

Words: Ada Habershon Music: Matt Merker

When I fear my faith will fail, Christ will hold me fast When the tempter would prevail, He will hold me fast I could never keep my hold Through life's fearful path For my love is often cold, He must hold me fast

> He will hold me fast He will hold me fast For my Savior loves me so He will hold me fast

Those He saves are His delight, Christ will hold me fast Precious in His holy sight, He will hold me fast He'll not let my soul be lost, His promises shall last Bought by Him at such a cost, He will hold me fast

For my life He bled and died, Christ will hold me fast
Justice has been satisfied, He will hold me fast
Raised with Him to endless life, He will hold me fast
Till our faith is turned to sight, When he comes at last

¹ Although not written by the apostles, the Apostles' Creed is a concise summary of their teachings. It originated in the 2nd century and developed into its present form by the 6th century. 2 By referring to Jesus' descent into hell, the Christian embraces three truths. First, we acknowledge the reality of Jesus' suffering 33 years of temptation. Second, he received the full sentence of hell on behalf of his people while on the cross. Thirdly, he experienced the reign of death by remaining in the tomb after the crucifixion. 3 The term catholic refers to the church universal, knowing no racial, economic, or geographic barriers.

CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN

Yours, O Lord, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the victory and the majesty,

for all that is in the heavens and in the earth is yours.

Yours is the kingdom, 0 Lord, and you are exalted as head above all.

Both riches and honor come from you, and you rule over all.

We confess that we often believe that we are in charge of our lives rather than trusting in your gracious provision.

For we are strangers before you and sojourners;

this world is not our home.

Yet, we confess our reluctance to trust you

and the work to which you call us -

to freely give of ourselves and live as your servants on earth.

Lord our God, all that we have and all that we are comes from you.

Forgive us for prioritizing our personal kingdoms

over and above your heavenly Kingdom.

Father, have mercy on us.

Free us from the bondage and banality of serving ourselves.

Save us from presuming that we know your will completely.

Lead us, guide us, direct us, hold us up, keep us, teach us,

and let us not go wrong.

Please silently confess your sin before the LORD.

"There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus."

*HYMN OF ASSURANCEHIS LOVE CAN NEVER FAIL

WORDS: E.S. HALL MUSIC: CHRISTOPHER MINER

I do not ask to see the way my feet will have to tread; But only that my soul may feed upon the living Bread. 'Tis better far that I should walk by faith close to His side; I may not know the way I go, But oh, I know my Guide.

> His love can never fail, His love can never fail, My soul is satisfied to know His love can never fail. My soul is satisfied to know His love can never fail.

And if my feet would go astray, they cannot, for I know That Jesus guides my falt'ring steps, as joyfully I go. And tho' I may not see His face, my faith is strong and clear, That in each hour of sore distress my Savior will be near.

I will not fear, tho' darkness come abroad o'er all the land, If I may only feel the touch of His own loving hand.

And tho' I tremble when I think how weak I am, and frail, My soul is satisfied to know His love can never fail.

SERMON......EPHESIANS 1:1-2

SHEPHERDING PRAYERRE WOODY WATFORD

¹ Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, To the saints who are in Ephesus, and are faithful in Christ Jesus:

 $^{^{\}rm 2}$ Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

SERMON NOTES

EXPECT THE UNEXPECTED

EPHESIANS 1:1-2

AUTHOR

RECIPIENTS

GREETING

Verses: Augustus Toplady, 1772 Music & Additional Words: Doublas Plank, 2011

Now why this fear and unbelief? Has not the Father put to grief His spotless Son for us? And will the righteous Judge of men Condemn me for that debt of sin Now canceled at the cross?

> Jesus, all my trust is in Your blood Jesus, You've rescued us Through Your great love

Complete atonement You have made And by Your death have fully paid

The debt Your people owed No wrath remains for us to face

We're sheltered by Your saving grace And sprinkled with Your blood

How sweet the sound of saving grace How sweet the sound of saving grace Christ died for me

Be still my soul and know this peace The merits of your great high priest Have bought your liberty Rely then on His precious blood Don't fear your banishment from God Since Jesus sets you free

THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

A WORD ABOUT COMMUNION AT TRINITY:

This is a time for all people to seek the Lord. For Christians, Communion is a time to meet with their Savior by faith, to be strengthened and renewed by Him as they eat bread and drink juice. All baptized Christians who trust in Christ alone as their Savior and Lord, belong to a church that embraces the gospel, are at peace with their fellow neighbor, and seek strength and grace to live more faithfully to Christ, are invited to participate. If you are not a Christian, or if you are not prepared to share in this meal, we encourage you to spend this time in prayer and to consider more deeply your relationship to Jesus Christ. We also ask that children who have not yet publicly professed their faith in Christ refrain from partaking until doing so.

Our communion bread is gluten free

*BENEDICTION

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BULLETIN BOARD

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY RESUMES SEPT. 12

Trinity's Men's Bible study will begin meeting again on Tuesday, September 12 at 6:30 am in the room next to the kitchen. For more information, talk with Steve Hawley.

PRAYER MEETINGS ON WEDNESDAY EVENINGS

Join us at church on Wednesdays at 6:30 pm for a time of prayer for our congregation, our community, our outreach and more.

SIGN UP TO HELP PREPARE FOR COMMUNION

Looking for a way to serve the church? One Sunday each month, we need volunteers to take a few minutes out of their morning to get the bread and juice trays ready for communion. Please consider helping with this important part of our worship service - a new sign-up sheet is on the information table.

REMEMBERING IN PRAYER THIS WEEK

Ministry Partner: Aaron & Rachel Halbert - serving with MTW in Honduras

Our Troops: pray for Hunter Warren who is stationed at Eglin Air Force Base in FL and all of our troops and

their chaplains around the world

Church of the week: Point Hope Presbyterian, Daniel Island - Rob Hamby, church planter

TRINITY FAMILY

Susan Ulmer: recovering from kidney surgery

Herb Tait: healing for broken arm after surgery was ruled out. Pray for peace and comfort for Mrs. Betty.

Joe Junquet: continued healing of his nerves

Melonie Anderson: recovering from surgery after badly broken wrist **Theresa Hickson:** clear diagnosis of cause for ongoing respiratory issues

Claudia Wilkes: for her kidney function to continue at 25 percent to avoid dialysis

Lawton Porter: ongoing therapy

Linda Wells: neuropathy, improved stamina Christie Churchwell: relief from headaches

THIS WEEK @ TRINITY

STAFF

John Mark Patrick, Pastor Dr. Sam Lambrecht, Families w/ Students Susan Ulmer, Women's Ministry Deborah Finkelstein, Pianist Karen Ford. Administrative Assistant

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Michael Salley Alan Ulmer Woody Watford	Les Carter Jeff Folk Wayne Walling Jeff Watford

DEACON ASSISTANTS

Larry Adicks, Terri Morrell, Lyle Polson

	CAL	ENDAR
Sun 9/10	8:45am 9:30am 10:30am	PRAYER SUNDAY SCHOOL MORNING WORSHIP
TUES 9/12	6:30 ам	MEN'S BIBLE STUDY
WED 9/13	6:30рм	PRAYER
Sun 9/17	8:45am 9:30am 10:30am	PRAYER SUNDAY SCHOOL MORNING WORSHIP

	TRINITY READING TOGETHER					
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	
Joshua 1	Joshua 2	Joshua 3	Joshua 4-5	Joshua 6	Joshua 7	

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