

WORSHIP SPOTLIGHT

Why do we have three scripture readings?

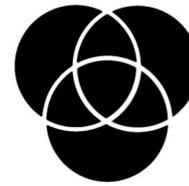
The Scriptures abound with commands for God's people to read His Word out loud when they gather (Ex. 24:7; Deut. 31:11; Josh. 8:34; 2 Kings 23:2; Neh. 8,9,13; etc). The Jews of Jesus' day devoted much of their synagogue service to the systematic reading of the Law and the Prophets (Acts 13:15, 27). Jesus announced the beginning of his ministry while participating in such a reading (Luke 4:16). The Apostle Paul commanded the churches to read his letters aloud (Col. 4:16) and he exhorted Timothy: "devote yourself to the public reading of Scripture," (1 Tim. 4:13).

Since most people in the ancient world were illiterate and manuscripts were costly and rare, if God's people were to know his Word, it would have to be read aloud at their assemblies. The Bible was written with that reality in mind. The Spirit-inspired authors employed techniques and structures designed to make their writing pleasing to the ear and easier to follow as it was read. Though we have unprecedented access to the Scriptures now, if we are not also reading them aloud in Church we are not fully hearing them as intended.

For these reasons, Christians have historically followed Israel's example by reading aloud from multiple portions of Scripture during gathered worship. Most often portions from the Old Testament, the Epistles, and the Gospels are read. At Trinity we choose three readings that correspond to one another. For example: the Old Testament reading may be a prophecy whose fulfillment is shown in the Gospel, the meaning of which is expounded upon in the Epistle.

There are many benefits to this discipline. We are learning to interpret Scripture with Scripture. We are showing that the whole Bible tells one grand story fulfilled in Jesus. By devoting our time and attention to its reading, we acknowledge the authority and centrality of the Bible for our faith.

The week's scripture readings are made available in advance (website and e-mail). Take time to read and meditate upon them before Sunday morning. You will reap great rewards for your understanding of, and participation in the Lord's Service on Sunday.



TRINITY

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

August 27th, 2023

The Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Prelude

Announcements

GOD SUMMONS US TO WORSHIP

Call to Worship

Psalm 113:1-3

†Congregational Singing

"Come People of the Risen King"

†Responsive Scriptures

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Our help is in the name of the Lord

Who made heaven and earth.

†Collect

Almighty and merciful God, by Your gift alone Your faithful people render true and laudable service. Help us steadfastly to live in this life according to Your promises and finally attain Your heavenly glory; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

†Congregational Singing

"Every Promise"

GOD SANCTIFIES US TO HIMSELF

Call to Confession

Hebrews 10:19-22

Silent Confession

Corporate Prayer of Confession

Psalm 51

Have mercy on me, O God

according to your steadfast love;

according to your abundant mercy

blot out my transgressions.

For I know my transgressions,

Worship Leader: Pastor Chad Anderson
Nursery Volunteers: Karen Salyer, Carol Holl

CHURCH LIFE

Sunday, August 27th - The Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost
9:00 a.m. . . . Sunday School
10:30 a.m. . . . Worship Service

- ❖ **Sunday School** classes for adults and children resume August 27th. Adults will be studying the history and theology of worship. Children's classes will study the same texts as the morning's sermon. Classes are held at 9:00 a.m. each Sunday.
- ❖ **Youth Group will be taking a break** for about a month. There will be no Youth Group July 30th through Labor Day weekend. Youth Group will resume Sunday, September 10th.
- ❖ **Financial Report:** Budgeted need each week: \$3,952.93. Budgeted need year-to-date: \$134,399.62. Received 8/20: \$2,966.54. Received year-to-date: \$129,730.72.
- ❖ **August Birthdays:** (27) Josiah Wood 2008
- ❖ **September Birthdays:** (9) Katherine (Kate) Hajda 2016, (14) Myra Williams 2018, (17) Beatrice Rodgers 2013, (18) Nathan LeFeber, (20) Annie Hooton, (21) Zane Johnson 2010, Sam Lanka, (29) Charis Wood 2006

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PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

- ❖ That God would keep us from division and grant us unity in the Spirit for the sake of the Gospel.
- ❖ **Presbytery:** Grace Church Fremont (Pastor Kyle McClellan).
- ❖ **Missions:** John and Terri - MTW Middle East
- ❖ For our new and expecting mothers and their children: Megan Holl, Bethany Remm (Julia Rose born 4/6).

STAFF

Pastors: Chad Anderson (Senior), David Salyer (Associate)
Elders: Michael Freitag, David Holl, Tory Hooton, Jordan Hughett, David Lano
Deacons: Josh Goodbrake (Offering and Service), Josiah Holl (Mercy), Micah Holl, Sam Lanka (Facilities), Doug Sykes (Chair)
WIC: Annie Hooton (President), Sarah Salyer (Secretary), Jen Zimmerman (Missions / Outreach), Karen Salyer (Kitchen), Kacia Hughett (Nursery), Julie LeFeber (Servant Support), Deborah Anderson (Women's Fellowship), Julie LeFeber & Carol Holl (Church Fellowship)
Youth Group: Eric Wood
Custodian: Charis Wood

and my sin is ever before me.

Against you, you only, have I sinned

and done what is evil in your sight,

Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean;

wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

Create in me a clean heart, O God,

and renew a right spirit within me.

Cast me not away from your presence,

and take not your Holy Spirit from me.

Restore to me the joy of your salvation,

and uphold me with a willing spirit.

†Assurance of Forgiveness

†Congregational Singing

“Alleluia! Sing to Jesus”

GOD SPEAKS TO US IN HIS WORD

Old Testament Reading

Genesis 25:21-34

Epistle Reading

Romans 9:6-13

†Gospel Reading

Matthew 4:1-4

†Profession of Faith

Heidelberg Catechism Q1

Sermon

Pastor David Salyer

“Esau and Jacob: The Older Shall Serve the Younger”

Sermon Series: Genesis

Offertory

†Doxology

#625 (a cappella)

†Prayer of Dedication

GOD STRENGTHENS US AT HIS TABLE

All who are baptized and trust in Jesus Christ are invited to share the Lord's Supper. Baptized children are welcomed to the Supper once they have been admitted by the Elders.

If you do not trust in Jesus, please allow the bread and cup to pass you by. If you desire to follow Jesus and share in His Feast, please speak with one of our pastors after the service.

The outer ring contains wine. All other cups contain grape juice. Take your portion, pass the rest to your neighbor, and then eat and drink as soon as you desire.

During the passing of the cup, we encourage you to offer words of blessing to your neighbors such as: “May the Peace of Christ be with you” (Jn. 14:27), and the response: “And also with you.”

Declaration of God's Invitation and Promises

Prayers and Distribution

†Congregational Singing

“All Glory Be to Christ”

GOD SENDS US INTO THE WORLD

†Commission and Benediction

†Congregational Response

#628 IV “Threefold Amen”

Postlude