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, Servant Support), Kacia Hughett (Vice President,

Nursery), Sarah Salyer (Secretary, Christian Growth), Jen Zimmerman

 $(Missions/Outreach),\ Lori\ Wimmer\ (Kitchen),\ Kristin\ Holl\ (Women's\ Events),$

Karen Salyer (Church Fellowship)

Youth Group: Eric Wood

Custodian: Charis Wood, Charlotte Hajda

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.



November 19th, 2023

The Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost

Prelude

Announcements

GOD SUMMONS US TO WORSHIP

Call to Worship

Psalm 66:1-5 "Song of Moses"

†Congregational Singing

†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

O Lord, so rule and govern our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that, ever mindful of the end of all things and the day of Your just judgment, we may be stirred up to holiness of living here and dwell with You forever hereafter; 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

#195 "Nothing But the Blood"

GOD SANCTIFIES US TO HIMSELF

Call to Confession

Psalm 66:16-20

Silent Confession

Corporate Confession

Almighty and merciful God, we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against your holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; and we have done those things which we ought not to have done. O Lord, have mercy upon us. Spare those who confess their faults. Restore those who are penitent, according to your promises declared to the world in Jesus Christ, our Lord. And grant, for his sake, that we may live a holy, just, and humble life to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

†Assurance of Forgiveness

†Congregational Singing #12 "Holy God, We Praise Thy Name"

GOD SPEAKS TO US IN HIS WORD

Old Testament Reading Exodus 14:13-14, 21-31
Epistle Reading 1 Corinthians 10:1-6
†Gospel Reading Matthew 3:13-17
†Profession of Faith The Colossian Hymn
Sermon Pastor Chad Anderson

"Passing Through the Waters of Judgement" Sermon Series: Exodus

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, 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 "Yet Not I But Through Christ in Me"

GOD SENDS US INTO THE WORLD

†Commission and Benediction

†Congregational Response #628 IV "Threefold Amen" Postlude

Worship Leader: Elder Tory Hooton
Nursery Volunteers: Anne and Miabelle Lano

CHURCH LIFE

Sunday, November 19th - The Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost

9:00 a.m. . . . Sunday School

10:30 a.m. . . . Worship Service

After service . . . Church Council Meeting (Session, Diaconate, WIC)

3:00 p.m. . . . Youth Group

Wednesday, November 22nd

7:00 p.m. . . . Small Groups - All Ages @ Church

- **♦ Small Groups** This week's meeting (11/22) will be All Ages meeting at 7:00 p.m. at church.
- ❖ There will be a fellowship meal on Nov 26th after the worship service. After the meal we will be hanging the greens for the Christmas season. Please bring a main dish and a side or dessert to share. Serving Team #3 will be in charge of serving: Hooton, J. Holl, LeFeber, C. Larsen, D. Holl, Lanka, J. Hajda, L. Salyer, Brock, L. Williams, Reiter, Gibbons, Parish. Note: being on the list in no way obligates you to attend or serve at Fellowship Meals, but is, rather, a way to include everyone in the invitation and give opportunities to serve for those willing and able to do so.
- The Youth group is studying Ephesians for the remainder of the year. There will be no meeting Nov. 26th, Thanksgiving weekend, then they will meet three more weeks before breaking for the New Year.
- Financial Report: Budgeted need each week: \$3,952.93. Budgeted need year-to-date: \$173,928.92. Received 10/29: \$4,813.93. Received year-to-date: \$171,739.91.
- ❖ November Birthdays: (22) James Hooton 2015, (24) Evelyn Salyer 2011, (26) Tory Hooton, Lisa Hajda, (29) Knox Johnson 2011
- ❖ December Birthdays: (4) Joshua Sykes 2004, (5) Megan Holl, (6) Becky Parish, (13) Steven Lano 2015, (14) Don Bates, (20) Chuck Larsen, (25) Doug Sykes, (27) Rosalind Rodgers 2016, (29) Janet Irlmeier, Sarah Salyer

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PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

- ❖That God would protect our pastors, elders and their families from the strategic attacks of Satan and grant them many years of fruitful ministry in Christ.
- ❖Presbytery: The work of all our churches in the Platte Valley Presbytery.
- ♦ Missions: PCA Mission to North America (MNA) Church Planters and Families.
- For our new and expecting mothers and their children: Megan Holl.