STAFF

Pastors: David Salyer (Pastor)

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Holl (Church Fellowship), Sarah Salyer (Nursery)

WIC VACANCIES: (Vice President), (Secretary), (Missions/Outreach). Please contact Kacia Hughett if you would be willing to serve as the leader of one of these areas.

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.



August 31st, 2025

The Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

Prelude

Announcements

GOD SUMMONS US TO WORSHIP

Call to Worship

Psalm 66:1-5 "Only A Holy God"

†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

Almighty and everlasting God, always more ready to hear than we to pray and to give more than we either desire or deserve, pour down upon us the abundance of Your mercy, forgiving those things of which our conscience is afraid and giving us those good things that we are not worthy to ask, except through the merits and mediation of Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

†Congregational Singing

"How Deep The Father's Love For Us"

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 "Holy, Holy, Holy"

GOD SPEAKS TO US IN HIS WORD

Old Testament Reading
Psalm 27:4-6
Epistle Reading
1 Peter 2:1-5
†Gospel Reading
Luke 14:15-24
†Profession of Faith
The Colossian Hymn
Sermon
Pastor David Salyer

"Worship is Sacrifice" Sermon Series: Biblical Worship

Offertory †Doxology

#625 (a cappella)

†Prayer of the Church

...let us pray to the Lord:

Lord, have mercy.

...through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

†The Lord's Prayer

Taught by Our Lord and trusting in His promises, we are bold to pray:

Our Father who art in Heaven...

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 "We Will Feast In The House Of Zion"

GOD SENDS US INTO THE WORLD

†Commission and Benediction †Congregational Response Postlude

#628 IV "Threefold Amen"

Worship Leader: Pastor David Salyer Nursery Volunteer: Rachel Goodbrake

CHURCH LIFE

Sunday, August 31st - The Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

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

Sunday, September 7th - The Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

9:00 a.m. . . . Sunday School 10:30 a.m. . . . Worship Service 3:00 p.m. . . . Youth Group Monday, September 8

5:30 p.m.. . . . Session Meeting

- ◆ Sunday School Classes for Children and Adults are set to resume Sunday, September 7th at 9:00 a.m., including a second class for adults.
- ◆ Share the Arrows Women's Conference- Oct. 11, 2025 Dallas, TX Join a group of TPC women, hear from the boldest, most steadfast Christian voices of our day, and leave feeling fully equipped to tackle the lies and obstacles the world throws at us. Interested? Speak to Kristin Holl.
- ◆ Fall Study Options | There will be two options for adults on Sundays, and the same classes will be offered again on Wednesday evenings at 6:30 pm in hopes of providing multiple opportunities to attend. We will have a study on the book Devotional Classics (led by Julie Lefeber) and a study called One Another in Psalms (led by Pastor Dave). Childcare will be provided on Wednesdays at Trinity, and the Devotional classics study will meet at the LeFeber's home on Wednesdays.
- ◆ Financial Report: Budgeted need each week: \$4,392.91. Budgeted need year-to-date: \$149,358.94. Received 8/24: \$2,453.24. Received year-to-date: \$134,415.73.
- ◆ September Birthdays: (9) Katherine (Kate) Hajda 2016, (18) Nathan LeFeber, (20) Annie Hooton, (21) Zane Johnson 2010, (26) Lori Wimmer, (29) Jason Remm, Charis Wood 2006

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

- ◆ That God would open doors for ministry to UNK students.
- ◆ Presbytery: Reformed University Fellowship UNL (Campus Pastor Josh Kruntorad).
- ♦ Missions: Chuck and Nancy Larsen Water4Haiti
- ◆For our mothers with newly born children: Megan Holl (Moses James born 8/5), Bethany Remm (Brooklynn Grace born 7/28).
- ◆For our expectant mother, Kristin Holl.