

**August 3, 2025**

## *Welcome to Trinity! We are glad to have you worship with us this morning!*

Our ultimate purpose in life is to glorify God and enjoy him forever. One of the greatest ways we can do this is to worship God corporately with God's people. At TPC we plan a worship service that is God-centered, God-directed, God-glorifying, anchored in the historical richness of tradition and is understandable by today's culture. This worship service seeks to focus on the majesty and grace of God through the use of the Scriptures, hymns (new & old), the sacraments, and prayer.

What follows is a liturgy or plan for our worship service. It seeks to tell the story of the gospel of grace. We are called by God into his presence to worship him alone. We remember the holiness and majesty of God and so we recognize our need of cleansing because of our sin. We remember the perfect provision God has made for us through Jesus Christ and his atoning death on the cross. We respond with thanksgiving. We are instructed by God through his Word. We commune with him through the Lord's Supper. And we are sent out with God's blessing.

As we worship God together through this re-enactment of the gospel, we pray that we will all grow in our knowledge of and love for the Lord, for one another, and in our desire to serve him in all we do.

### *Children in the service*

We believe God calls us to nurture and disciple our children in the faith. One of the ways we do this is through corporate worship. So, children are welcome to be with the congregation during the entire service. A room for nursing mothers is available on the north side of the sanctuary. The foyer can be used for children who are crying or need some extra attention. There are speakers enabling you to hear the service in both locations. A nursery is available (when staffing is available) off the main hallway for children from birth through three years of age.

### *Standing and sitting*

During parts of the service the congregation is asked to stand (indicated by the † in the bulletin). However, we understand that some are not able to stand for various reasons, and we hope that you will feel free to remain seated.

### *Giving*

Our members and regular attenders contribute financially to the Lord's work in and through our church. Visitors should feel no obligation to give. If you do not own a Bible or know someone who does not own a Bible, please accept a free copy of the Scriptures to take with you. You can find one at the Welcome Center in the foyer.

# ***WE PREPARE TO WORSHIP OUR GOD & KING***

**PRELUDE**

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**TIME OF QUIET PREPARATION**

## ***GOD CALLS US INTO HIS PRESENCE TO WORSHIP & WE RESPOND***

**†THE CALL TO WORSHIP**

*Psalm 145:1-3, 10 - I will extol you, my God and King, and bless your name forever and ever. Every day I will bless you and praise your name forever and ever. Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised, and his greatness is unsearchable...All your works shall give thanks to you, O LORD, and all your saints shall bless you!*

**†HYMN OF ADORATION & PRAISE**

*O Worship the King - #2*

**†INVOCATION**

# **WE ARE REMINDED OF OUR NEED FOR CLEANSING & GOD'S PROVISION FOR US IN CHRIST**

## **SCRIPTURE READING**

*Romans 2:4 - Or do you presume on the riches of [God's] kindness and forbearance and patience, not knowing that God's kindness is meant to lead you to repentance?*

## **CONFESSION OF SIN**

### **Corporately**

*Our God and King, our gracious Father in heaven, if we were to count the ways you have been kind and forbearing and patient with us, we would be counting for all eternity. You are gracious and merciful and longsuffering with us. And in return we have sinned against you with our words, in our thoughts, and in our actions. We have failed to do what you tell us to do. We have done things you have told us not to do. Please forgive us. Make your kindness move us to true repentance and greater faith. Cleanse us completely through the work of the Holy Spirit. Renew in us a desire and ability to love and obey you.*

### **Silently**

## **DECLARATION OF OUR ASSURANCE OF GRACE**

*Psalm 139:1-10 (p. 521)*

## **†HYMN OF RESPONSE**

*He Will Hold Me Fast, bulletin, p. 7*

**WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE  
& ARE INSTRUCTED BY HIS WORD**

**CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER**

*Elder Mark Nyman*

**THE LORD'S PRAYER**

*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, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.*

**SCRIPTURE READING**

*Joel (pp. 760-763)*

**SERMON**

*Summer in the Minor Prophets - Joel*

*Reverend Chris Harper*

## ***WE COMMUNE WITH GOD THROUGH THE LORD'S SUPPER***

*For further explanation of The Lord's Supper, please refer to the last page of this bulletin. All bread is gluten-free.*

### **THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

### **PRAYER OF CONSECRATION**

### **DISTRIBUTION OF THE BREAD**

### **DISTRIBUTION OF THE WINE**

### **†HYMN OF THANKSGIVING**

*Let Thy Blood in Mercy Poured - #429*

## ***GOD SENDS US OUT WITH HIS BLESSING***

### **†BENEDICTION**

### **†DOXOLOGY**

*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.*

*(We conclude our service recognizing that all that we have belongs to the Lord, and we give praise to the one from whom all blessings flow, including, but not limited to, our financial resources. We do not take an offering during our worship service. If you would like to give to the Lord's work you can do so in the plates in the back of the sanctuary, or through the "Giving" page on our website.)*

### **POSTLUDE**

# He Will Hold Me Fast

Words: Verses 1-2, Ada Habershon (1861-1918); Verse 3, Matt Merker

Music: Matt Merker

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1. When I fear my faith will fail, Christ will hold me fast;  
 2. Those He saves are His de-light, Christ will hold me fast;  
 3. For my life He bled and died, Christ will hold me fast;

A A/C# D D E A

When the tempt - er would pre - vail, He will hold me fast.  
 Pre - cious in his ho - ly sight, He will hold me fast.  
 Just - ice has been sat - is - fied; He will hold me fast.

F#m E A D D C# F#m

I could nev - er keep my hold Through life's fear - ful path;  
 He'll not let my soul be lost; His Prom - is - es shall last;  
 Raised with Him to end - less life, He will hold me fast

F#m E A D D E A

For my love is oft - en cold; He must hold me fast.  
 Bought by Him at such a cost, He will hold me fast.  
 'Till our faith is turned to sight, When He comes at last!

Bm7 A/C# D E F#m F#m E/G# A

He will hold me fast, He will hold me fast;

A Bm7 A/C# D D E A

For my Sa - vior loves me so, He will hold me fast.

# Summer in the Minor Prophets

## Joel

August 3, 2025

Reverend Chris Harper

### I. What was going on?

1. The man
2. The date
3. The context

### II. What was Joel's message?

1. Present distress (1:1-2:17)
  - (A) Description of invasion (1:2-7)
  - (B) Call to lament (1:8-20)
  - (C) Description of invasion (2:1-11)
  - (D) Call to repent (2:12-17)
2. Future deliverance (2:18-3:21)
  - (A) Promise of deliverance & restoration, so rejoice (2:18-27)
  - (B) Promise of the Holy Spirit (2:28-32)
  - (C) Promise of judgment on the nations (3:1-16)
  - (D) Promise of peace for God's people in the presence of the Lord (3:17-21)

### III. How does Joel's message apply today?

1. Repentance is necessary
  - (A) What it is
  - (B) When we do it
  - (C) Result of it
2. Take seriously the day of the Lord
3. True hope is a real thing



## **Prayer Journal for August 3, 2025**

### ***A list of praises and prayer concerns within the TPC community.***

- He changes times and seasons; he removes kings and sets up kings; he gives wisdom to the wise and knowledge to those who have understanding.
- Praise God that John Yeager was able to return home from the hospital. Pray for continued strength and peace as he and his wife adjust to recent health changes. Pray for Tary as she continues to care for her parents in Wyoming. She has felt upheld by the prayers of this congregation. Pray for wisdom and clarity about the timing of her return home to Minnesota.
- Praise God for Dave Montalvo's steady recovery and increasing strength. Give thanks for an encouraging consultation with his hand surgeon, who said surgery is not needed at this time and will follow up in October. Pray for continued healing and a smooth transition back to work.
- Praise the Lord for the Trinity visitors who have been visiting Mayo patient Cathy Wells while her husband is away and she recovers from surgery. Continue to pray for healing of her shoulder and for successful PT/OT so she can return home at the end of August.
- Pray for Philip Goetz and Elsie (December) as they prepare for their wedding. Give thanks for the marriage of Parker and Greta Blezek. Continue to pray for this couple as they begin marriage together, and also support Greta's father as he goes through treatment for cancer.
- Continue to pray for Andrea Van Wyk (due in September), Rebecca Schwen (November), Jenny Knutson (December), and others in their earlier months of pregnancy. Please continue to pray for Andrea Van Wyk and the baby she is carrying as she has placenta previa. It is a fairly unusual case and could become serious if she were to go into labor unexpectedly. Please pray for the condition to resolve prior to when it is time for her to deliver. Pray for her doctors to have great wisdom and discernment. Pray also for those grieving the loss of a child and for those longing for children, that they would know the Lord's comfort and peace.
- Ask God to prepare the hearts of our Children's Ministry volunteers for a fruitful year of service beginning in September when our Sunday School and fall worship schedule begins. Also pray that God would raise up the next generation to love and serve him faithfully and courageously.
- Pray for those with ongoing or new medical needs, including Kent and Larina Brobst, Gail DeBoer, Steve and Gail DeFoster, and Elizabeth Runyon. Continue to pray for baby Alex, grandson of Keith and Ramie Phillips, as he continues to experience seizures despite medication increases. Pray for wisdom for his doctors as they adjust his treatment, and for peace and strength for his parents, Brooke and Spencer as they care for him. Also pray for Andy & Debbie Vaughn's 8 year old granddaughter, Kenna, has been having some health issues recently and was diagnosed as having seizures. An MRI scan has revealed either a congenital issue or a low-grade type of brain cancer. Please pray for Kenna, her parents (Abbie and Pat), and for Andy and Debbie as they walk through this very difficult season.
- Pray also for those battling cancer including Allison King and Phoebe Dumond. Pray for continued health, strength, and minimal side effects for Phoebe as she begins long-term oral treatment and monitoring.
- Pray for peace and stability along the Cambodia–Thailand border, where recent tensions have affected local communities. Ask the Lord to protect MTW missionaries serving in Cambodia and to use this time to open hearts to the gospel. Pray for wisdom for government leaders and for the church in Cambodia to be a light in the midst of uncertainty.
- Pray for Living Hope Church, a church in our presbytery and their pastor, Wayne Reed. Ask the Lord to grant Pastor Reed strength and relief from ongoing migraines. Pray also for encouragement and care for their aging members. In addition, give thanks for the many toddlers and babies in their church family, with more on the way. Pray for the young parents as they raise their children in the faith, and for the church's ministry to support and disciple them well.

*\*E-mail reports from our Global Partners are available on the Trinity web page. Please send prayer requests to [office@trinityrochester.org](mailto:office@trinityrochester.org) by Wednesday afternoon.*

## Important Dates and Times For Today, This Week, and This Month

### Today @ Trinity

**Deacon Open/Close:** Joe Bennett/Steve DeBoer

**Communion Prep:** Joe & Susanna Bennett

**Greeters:** *Volunteer needed*

**Audio/Visual:** Hannah Stumpf

**Nursery:** Jacqui Balt/Daniel DeFoster

**Instrumentalist:** Adrian Keister

**Coffee Fellowship:** Susanna Bennett

Dupont Ministry Update

*Looking for ways to serve at Trinity? Scan the QR code to view our current volunteer needs (communion prep, greeters, nursery, & mercy meals) and complete the interest form.*



### This Week @ Trinity

August 5 Park Meet-up

August 8 L'Abri Friday Night Lecture

### Coming Up @ Trinity


August 14-17 Crow Creek Trip

August 19 Park Meet-up

September 7 Fall Worship Schedule Begins

September 7 Sunday School for all Ages

## **Important Announcements For You**

- Join us after the worship service today for a ministry update from the Dupont family.
- This month's Ministry Spotlight features our Christian Education & Youth Ministry. Learn more about upcoming fall classes, youth programs, available resources, and specific ways to support these ministries through prayer. Brochures have been placed in your church mailbox.
- The L'Abri Friday Night Lecture series are held at the L'Abri House each Friday night at 7:30pm during August and September. For more details and the full schedule, scan the QR code to visit the L'Abri website. 
- Got extras from your garden, trees, or chickens? Share the goodness with your Trinity family! Bring your overflow to church on Sunday to share with others. If you bring perishables, please check back before you leave and take home anything unclaimed. Questions? Contact [trinitylife@trinityrochester.org](mailto:trinitylife@trinityrochester.org)
- Summer's not over yet—there's still time to join us at the park! Our Summer Park Meet-ups continue on select Tuesday mornings through August. The final two gatherings will be on August 5 at Cascade Lake Playground/Beach and August 19 at North Meadow Playground in Stewartville, from 9:30–11:30am. Each location offers green space, playgrounds, trails, and spots to picnic—perfect for letting the kids burn off some energy while parents connect. Come for part of the time or stay and enjoy lunch together. Questions? Contact Megan Odegaard [msmegan000@gmail.com](mailto:msmegan000@gmail.com).



# August Verse of the Month:

...Return to the LORD your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love; and he relents over disaster.

Joel 2:13

*The entire Trinity family is encouraged to memorize the Verse of the Month together as we seek to grow in our knowledge of and love for God.*

## **A Big Picture View of TPC – Our Purpose-Plan-Principles**

### **Purpose** – Why does TPC exist – what is our purpose?

Our purpose is to make mature, grace-filled disciples of Christ who are growing in their knowledge and love for God, for people, and in their desire and ability to serve in the kingdom of God for God's glory.

- Matthew 28 - the great commission to the church → make disciples
- Matthew 22 - the great commandment to the church → love God and love people
- Ephesians 4 - equipping the saints for ministry and building up the body in love

### **Plan** – How will TPC accomplish our purpose of making mature, grace-filled disciples of Christ?

- (1) We plan to help people grow in knowledge and love for God by:
  - having weekly worship that is God-centered, God-directed, God-glorifying; is anchored in the historical richness of tradition; is understandable by today's culture; presents the grace of God; focuses on the Word, sacraments, and prayer
  - providing an education program for adults and children
- (2) We plan to help people grow in knowledge and love for others by:
  - encouraging gospel-centered community through small groups and fellowship opportunities
- (3) We plan to help people grow in their desire and ability to serve in the kingdom of God by:
  - equipping/training people to serve inside and outside TPC
  - providing opportunities for people to serve on committees and ministries inside TPC
  - sending people to serve in the kingdom of God with organizations/ministries outside TPC

### **Principles** – What are the things most important to us?

- (1) *Scripture* - We are committed to the inerrant Word of God, which is inspired by the Holy Spirit, is the revelation of God's truth, and is infallible, authoritative, and trustworthy in all matters of faith and practice.
- (2) *Grace* - We are committed to the gospel of God's amazing grace as the foundation of all we do at TPC and as the primary motivation for growing into mature disciples.
- (3) *Reformed Theology* - We are committed to the reformed faith as it is articulated in the Westminster Confession of Faith & Catechisms and to teaching that is a warm and winsome demonstration of it.
- (4) *Missions* - We are committed to the gospel going out into every aspect of culture, locally and globally.
- (5) *Discipleship* - We are committed to a life-long process of growing in Christian maturity and Christ-likeness.
- (6) *Fellowship* - We are committed to building community within the church by demonstrating God's love for us in our love for each other.
- (7) *Welcoming* - We are committed to being a welcoming community - open and welcoming to both Christians and non-Christians - to the convinced and to the skeptic.
- (8) *Growing* - We are committed to being a growing community - internally as members of TPC grow both numerically and in Christ-likeness and externally as we see churches planted in SE MN for God's glory.

## **THE LORD'S SUPPER**

*We invite to the Lord's Table all those who are baptized disciples of Jesus Christ and are under the authority of Christ and His body, the Church. By eating the bread and drinking the wine with us as a visitor, you are acknowledging to the elders of this local church that you are in covenant with God and an active member of a congregation in which the gospel is faithfully confessed, taught, and believed. You also acknowledge that you are a sinner, without hope except in the sovereign mercy of God, and that you are trusting in Jesus Christ alone for salvation. The Lord's Supper is a sacrament of bread & wine. For those who prefer, grape juice is provided in the tinted cups at the center of the communion trays. If you have any questions about participating, please speak with one of the elders before or after the service.*

### **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. Grant that I might be unafraid of the cost of following you as I consider the reasons for doing so. Give me an understanding of you that is clear, convincing, and that leads to the life you promise. Amen.*

### **PRAYER FOR THOSE DESIRING TO TRUST IN JESUS CHRIST FOR THE FIRST TIME**

*Lord Jesus, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever before believed. And I know that through you I am more loved & accepted than I ever dared hope. I thank you for paying my debt, bearing my punishment on the cross, and providing forgiveness and new life. Knowing that you have been raised from the dead, I turn from my sins and receive you as my Savior and Lord and desire to live a life of loving and serving you. Amen.*



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