

## Ways....

### **Ways to Fellowship:**

Sunday 8 am, Sunday School. Join us for refreshments after service

### **Ways to Serve:**

Creative Crafters, Wednesdays at 9 am.

Food Pantry, September 15, 9-11 am and September 18, 3-6 pm. Volunteers needed. Green Beans and Canned Soup can be brought in the third Sunday of September. October items will be in the Bulletin.

### **Ways to Volunteer:**

Nurture Meeting, September 2 at 515 pm. NOTE NEW TIME.

**Acolytes and liturgists and ushers are needed, please prayerfully consider volunteering.**

Next Bingo will be September 18 at 130 pm at Crosstown Square, Silvis. Volunteers and donations for prizes are needed. September 13, Trustees Meeting, 930 am, Finance Meeting, 10 am and Council Meeting, 1030 am.

**Volunteers are needed for FB live and music.**

### **Ways to Grow and Learn:**

Each One Reach One.

### **Ways to Pray:**

Prayer crosses in the sanctuary and by the Fellowship Hall. Join the Prayer Team. (Notified by call-em-all).

### **Ways to Give:**

In person during service, mail or drop off your offering in the office during office hours or online at

<http://secure.mvanco.com/L-ZASN>.

**Preemption Church has a meal every Wednesday from 5 to 6 pm. You can eat there or carry out. Free will offering**

## **Trinity United Methodist Church**

August 31, 2025

**Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost, Year C**



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**LITURGIST:** Pam Pearson  
**WELCOME / ANNOUNCEMENTS** Liturgist  
**PRELUDE AND RECEIVING OF THE LIGHT** Kathy Bolander

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP** Liturgist

Liturgist: Children of God, when we witness the needs of strangers and listen to the struggles of our friends, remember:

**People: Let mutual love continue.**

Liturgist: When we hear the struggles of those in prison and recognize the suffering of people near and far, remember:

**People: Let mutual love continue.**

Liturgist: When temptations to hoard more money, more power, and more influence surround us on every side, remember:

**People: Let mutual love continue.**

Liturgist: As we gather for worship, remember: God is here among us, surrounding us with love and forming us to live in love everywhere we go.

**People: We choose to cooperate with God's love today and every day so that mutual love will continue wherever we go and whatever we do. Amen.**

**\*OPENING HYMN** 539 O Spirit of the Living God (All v.)

**\*WORSHIP HYMN** 170 O How I Love Jesus (All v.)

**\*OPENING PRAYER** (IN UNISON)

In the face of all our realities: We are the people who heal each other, who grow strong together, who name the truth, who know what it means to live in community, moving toward a common dream for a new heaven and a new earth, In the power of the love of God our Creator, the company of Jesus Christ, and the leading of the Holy Spirit, Amen.

**CHILDREN'S TIME** Cynthia E. Rosales

**SHARING JOYS & CONCERNS** Liturgist  
**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE** Pastor, J. Angel Rosales

**The Lord's Prayer** UMH pg. 895  
**SERVING THE LORD WITH OUR TITHES & OFFERINGS** Pastor  
**\*DOXOLOGY** UMH pg. 95 Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow

**\*PRAY OF DEDICATION** (IN UNISON)

Faithful and Unchanging God, in a world that shifts and sways, you remain our firm foundation. You have called us into a life of mutual love, teaching us to serve, to welcome, and to give with generous hearts. Bless these gifts we offer today, that they may extend your love to those who hunger, who seek justice, and who long for hope. Shape us into a people whose generosity reflects your own, that through our giving, we may proclaim your unshakable kingdom. In the name of Jesus Christ, our constant and faithful guide. Amen

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

We believe in God, who loves us and seeks us with grace.

We believe in Jesus Christ, who died and rose to give us new life.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, who helps us live with love and holiness.

We are called to follow Christ, serve others, and grow in faith. **Amen.**

**HYMN ILLUMINATION** Goodness Of God (Video on You Tube)  
3 minutes

**SCRIPTURE** John 3:16

**PREACHING** Pastor, J. Angel Rosales

**Pastor:** This is the Word of God for the People of God.

**People:** *Thanks be to God.*

**MESSAGE TITLE** "Is the Cross Worth It for You?"

**PRAYER** Pastor, J. Angel Rosales

**\*CLOSING HYMN** 378 Amazing Grace (v. 1 & 2)

**\*BENEDICTION:** Pastor, J. Angel Rosales

**\*At this sign, please stand as you are able.**

## From the Pastor, Meditation during the week!

Bible Study: The Love of Christ in Our Lives

**Main Verse:** John 3:16

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### Introduction

- Human love is limited, but Christ's love is eternal, perfect, and transforming.
- **Opening question:** *If you could describe Christ's love in one word, what would it be?*

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### 1. Christ's Love is Unconditional

#### Verses:

- Romans 5:8 – *"But God demonstrates His own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us."*
- Jeremiah 31:3 – *"I have loved you with an everlasting love."*

#### Discussion questions:

1. What does it mean that Christ loved us while we were still sinners?
2. Why do we sometimes think we need to earn God's love?

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### 2. Christ's Love is Sacrificial

#### Verses:

- John 15:13 – *"Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends."*
- Ephesians 5:2 – *"Christ loved us and gave Himself up for us."*

#### Discussion questions:

1. How is Christ's love different from the love the world offers?
2. What sacrifices can we make today to love others like Christ?

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### 3. Christ's Love is Transforming

#### Verses:

- 2 Corinthians 5:17 – *"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!"*
- Galatians 2:20 – *"I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me."*

#### Discussion questions:

1. How has Christ's love transformed your personal life?
2. What areas of your life still need to be changed by His love?

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### 4. Christ's Love is Unbreakable

#### Verses:

- Romans 8:38-39 – *"Nothing... will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord."*
- John 10:28-29 – *"No one will snatch them out of my hand."*

#### Discussion questions:

1. What life situations sometimes make us doubt God's love?
  2. How can we remind ourselves daily that His love is secure and eternal?
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## 5. Christ's Love Calls Us to Love Others

### Verses:

- John 13:34-35 – *“By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.”*
- 1 Corinthians 13:4-7 – *Love is patient, love is kind...*

### Discussion questions:

1. What does it mean to show Christ's love at home, school, or work?
2. What obstacles do we face when trying to love others as Christ commands?

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### Conclusion & Challenge

- Christ's love saves us, transforms us, and secures us.
- That same love sends us out to love others.

**Final verse:** 1 John 4:19 – *“We love because He first loved us.”*

### Weekly Challenge:

- Pray daily thanking God for His love.
- Look for a practical way to show Christ's love this week (forgive someone, help someone, encourage someone).

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### Closing Prayer:

“Lord, thank You for Your perfect and eternal love. Help us to live each day remembering that nothing can separate us from You. Teach us to love others with the same love You have shown us. In Jesus' name, Amen.”