

Ways...

Ways to Fellowship:

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

On September 28 there will be no Sunday School at Trinity. On that day we will have a joint service with Preemption Church at 1030 am, followed by a potluck. It will be at Camp Milan.

October 25, will be the Pastor's Taco Supper from 12 to 5 pm in the side parking lot at Trinity. More details will be coming.

Ways to Serve:

Creative Crafters every Wednesday at 9 am.

Volunteers are always needed for the Food Pantry. Next date is October 20 from 9 to 11 am and October 23 from 3 to 6 pm. We can use hygiene and personal items. Canned green beans and canned soup can be brought in the third Sunday of September. All donations are greatly appreciated.

Ways to Volunteer:

Bingo will be October 17 at 130 pm at Crosstown Square, Silvis.

Volunteers are needed.

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

Ways to Grow/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.myvanco.co/L-ZASN>.

Preemption Church has a meal every Wednesday from 5 to 6 pm. You can eat there or carry out. It is freewill offering

Trinity United Methodist Church

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WELCOME / ANNOUNCEMENTS Liturgist

PRELUDE AND RECEIVING OF THE LIGHT

***CALL TO WORSHIP** Liturgist

Leader: When we are surrounded on every side, wondering which way is up and which way is down...

People: Help us, God, for the glory of your name.

Leader: When we question which way to go and how to follow God's path for us...

People: Help us, God, for the glory of your name.

Leader: When we find our rest in God and long for others to know the sweet peace of God's embrace...

People: Help us, God, for the glory of your name.

Leader: Today, as we gather for worship, may we come ready to listen and discern God's help that meets us right where we are.

People: Help us, God, to receive your help and to extend your help to our neighbors, all for the glory of your name.

***OPENING HYMN** 130 God Will Take Care of You (All v.)

***WORSHIP HYMN.** 77 How Great Thou Art (All v.)

***OPENING PRAYER**

Loving and Gracious God Holy one of Israel tender one to all who call upon you with repentant and believing hearts: bless us, we pray, with your presence this day, teach the little ones who have gathered to learn your ways, inspire those who seek your wisdom, energize those who are exhausted, comfort those who grieve, and strengthen those who are weak, indeed, O God, fill all of our hearts with your praise and lead us in holiness and righteousness in this hour and in the hours to come, we ask it in Jesus' name. Amen.

CHILDREN'S TIME Cynthia E. Rosales

SHARING JOYS & CONCERNS Liturgist

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Pastor J. Angel Rosales

The Lord's Prayer #895

SERVING THE LORD WITH OUR TITHES & OFFERINGS Pastor

***DOXOLOGY** #95 Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow

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

Gracious Lord, all that we have comes from your hand, today we present our tithes and offerings with gratitude, use them for your glory, to bless your people, and to advance your Kingdom, in Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

We believe in the God of love, Creator of heaven and earth, we believe in Jesus Christ, His Son, our Savior, who shows us the way of faith, hope, and love, we believe in the Holy Spirit, who strengthens and guides us each day, in this faith we offer our lives, our gifts, and our offerings for the glory of God and the service of His kingdom, Amen.

HYMN ILLUMINATION. 600 Wonderful Words of Life (All v.)

SCRIPTURE Ephesians 5:8-9

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

People: Thanks be to God.

PREACHING Pastor J. Angel Rosales

MESSAGE TITLE "Shine"

PRAYER Pastor J. Angel Rosales

***CLOSING HYMN** 601 Thy Word Is a Lamp (All v.)

***BENEDICTION:** Pastor J. Angel Rosale

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

From the Pastor Meditation during the week!

Personal Study: Shine

Main Text: Ephesians 5:8–9

Introduction: From Darkness to Light

- We once walked in spiritual darkness; in Christ, we are now light.
- Light is not just something we receive, but we **are light in the Lord**.

Additional Scriptures:

- 1 Peter 2:9 – “But you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light.”
- John 8:12 – “I am the light of the world. He who follows Me shall not walk in darkness but have the light of life.”

Reflection:

Think about your life before knowing Christ. How were your days, decisions, and relationships?

Questions for Meditation:

1. Can I recognize moments when I lived in “darkness”?
 2. How has Christ transformed me since then?
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1. Remember Our Past

"For you were once darkness..." (Ephesians 5:8a)

Complementary Scripture:

- Romans 13:12 – “The night is far spent; the day is at hand. Therefore, let us cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armor of light.”

Reflection:

Identify areas of your life where you may still act as if you were in darkness.

Questions:

1. What habits or attitudes should I leave behind?
 2. How can I thank God for bringing me out of darkness?
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2. Affirm Our Present Identity

“...but now you are light in the Lord.” (v.8b)

Complementary Scripture:

- Matthew 5:14–16 – “You are the light of the world... Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.”

Reflection:

Your identity does not depend on what you do, but on who you are in Christ.

Questions:

1. Am I aware that I am light in the Lord?
 2. How can I reflect that light at home, work, and in my community?
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3. Walk According to the Light

"Walk as children of light." (v.8c)

Complementary Scripture:

- Colossians 1:10 – "...that you may walk worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing Him, being fruitful in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God."

Reflection:

Walking in the light means consistency, integrity, and living with coherence every day.

Questions:

1. In which areas of my life do I need to reflect Christ's light more?
 2. What changes can I make this week to live more as a child of light?
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4. The Fruit of the Light

"...for the fruit of the Spirit is in all goodness, righteousness, and truth." (v.9)

Complementary Scripture:

- Galatians 5:22–23 – "But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control."

Reflection:

The fruit of light is seen in our goodness, righteousness, and truth. It's not just about rules, but a transformed heart.

Questions:

1. What fruit of the light can I cultivate this week?
 2. How can I impact others with the light God has placed in me?
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Conclusion and Application

- God has called us from darkness into the light.
- We are children of light and must **walk as such**.
- Our testimony illuminates others so they may glorify the Father.

Final Reflection Questions:

1. Am I reflecting Christ's light in my daily life?
2. What can I do this week to "shine" brighter for Him?

