# Lord's Day Service February 17, 2013

### Prelude

We silently prepare our hearts to worship our Lord — We appreciate the sounds of friends greeting each other and the words of welcome that are exchanged. They are evidence of the love and care we have for one another. However, when the musical prelude begins, we ask that our conversations be brought to a close and our attention turned to some quiet meditation in preparation to worship our Lord.

# **Entrance – God Calls Us to Worship**

\* Call to Worship

Psalm 97, Selection 48

Trinity Hymnal, page 643

\* Hymn of Praise

Trinity Hymnal, #1

All People that on Earth Do Dwell

## \* Salutation & Responsive Scripture

Minister: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the

Holy Spirit!

People: Amen!

Matthew 28:19

Minister: O Lord, open our lips

People: And our mouth shall show forth your praise.

Psalm 51:15

Minister: I will say of the Lord, "He is my refuge and my fortress;

People: My God, in Him will I trust."

Minister: For He shall give His angels charge over you,

People: To keep you in all your ways. Psalm 91:2, 11

Minister: Our help is in the name of Yahweh,

People: Who made heaven and earth. Psalm 124:8

Minister: If we say that we have no sin.

People: We deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us;

Minister: But if we confess our sins.

People: God is faithful and just to forgive our sins, and to 1 John 1:8, 9

cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

# Purification - We Confess Our Sins to God

Most merciful God, who are of purer eyes than to behold iniquity, and has promised forgiveness to all those who confess and forsake their sins; We come before You in a humble sense of our own unworthiness, acknowledging our manifold transgressions of Your righteous laws. But, O gracious Father, Who desires not the death of a sinner, look upon us in mercy, and forgive us all our transgressions. Make us deeply sensible of the great evil of them; and work in us a hearty contrition; that we may obtain forgiveness at Your hands, Who are ever ready to receive humble and penitent sinners; for the sake of Your Son Jesus Christ, our only Savior and Redeemer. Amen.

(Silent prayers of confession are offered.)

Minister: Now lift up your heads and hear the good news! God, our heavenly

Father, has had mercy on us. He has given His only Son to die for us,

and for His sake forgives us of all our sins.

People: Thanks be to God! Our sins are forgiven in Jesus' name. Amen.

# Ascension - God Consecrates Us by His Word

Minister: The Lord be with you!

People:And also with you!Ruth 2:4Minister:Lift up your hearts!Psalm 86:4People:We lift them up to the Lord!Lam 3:41

Minister: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God!

**People:** It is proper and right to do so! Psalm 92:1

Minister: Truly, it is proper, right, and our duty that we should at all times, and in

all places, give praise to You O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting King. Therefore, with angels and archangels and all the company of heaven, and with the Church on earth, we praise and magnify Your glorious Name, evermore praising You and singing:

\* Hymn of Preparation

Psalter, #51D

God. Be Merciful to Me

\* Prayer

Almighty God, whose blessed Son was led by the Spirit to be tempted by satan: Come quickly to help us who are assaulted by many temptations; and, as you know the weaknesses of each of us, let each one find you mighty to save; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

### \* Lesson from the Old Testament

Psalm 32

Minister: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

### \* Lesson from the New Testament

1 John 1:1 - 2:2

Minister: This is the Gospel of our Lord Jesus.

People: Praise be to you, O Christ.

Sermon "The Gospel Message: the Word of

Life was manifested - God is Light"

# <u>Tribute – We Offer Ourselves through Tithes</u>

\* Hymn of Consecration

Trinity Hymnal, **#56**O Splendor of God's Glory Bright

\*Presentation & Dedication of Tithes & Offerings

Prayers of the Church

Requests & Lord's Prayer

# Peace - We Commune with God

Words of the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Mark 14:22-26

We Confess Our Faith in the Triune, Incarnate God

**Creed** (inside hymnal cover)

\* Hymn of Thanksgiving

Trinity Hymnal, **#223** *Arise, My Soul, Arise* 

# **Benediction – God Commissions & Blesses Us**

\* The Lord's Commission of Us

Matthew 5:14-16

\* We Receive God's Blessing, His Good Word to Us

Jude 24-25

\* We Bless the LORD, Lifting Our Hands and Voices to Him

Gloria Patri

\* Threefold Amen & Postlude

### LORD'S SUPPER

We observe Communion, or the Lord's Supper, weekly in our midst.

We believe it is worthily received by those who:

- 1. Have been baptized in the name of the Triune God (Matt 28:18-20);
- 2. Do profess faith in the Lord Jesus Christ as the Son of God, and Savior of sinners, and do rest upon Him alone for salvation as He is offered in the Gospel (Ro 10:9-10);
- 3. Do live in humble reliance upon the grace of the Holy Spirit and endeavor to live as becomes the followers of Jesus Christ (Gal 5:16-26); and
- 4. Are communing members in good standing in an evangelical church (1 Cor 10:1-6)

If these things are all true, we rejoice with you and invite you to commune with us at the Lord's Supper. If any of these are not true of you, we ask that you refrain. We invite you to speak to one of the Elders if you have doubts or questions regarding any of these beliefs, or if you are interested in learning more about Trinity.

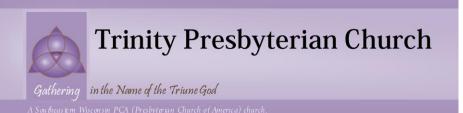
Though collections are not ordinarily taken during a service, giving is a vital element of worship. Tithes and offerings may be placed in the basket at the rear of the church. (2 Corinthians 9:6-11)

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**February 17, 2013** 

# JESUS IS RISEN! HE IS RISEN INDEED!

In the name of the risen and reigning Lord Jesus Christ welcome: to all who hunger and thirst after righteousness; to all who are spiritually weary and seek rest; to all who mourn and long for comfort; to all who struggle and desire hope; to all who sin and need a Savior; to all who are strangers and yearn for fellowship; and to whomever will come.

We assemble together each Lord's Day as a gathering of God's children with each other, but primarily, as a meeting of the triune God with His chosen people. God is present with us by His omnipresence but, much more intimately, as the faithful covenant Savior. Christ is the Mediator by whom alone we can come unto God. He is the head of the church. He rules over public worship. In corporate worship – when God meets with His people, Christ with His bride, the Spirit with His temple – we receive God's grace through the Word and sacrament, and we respond to Him with thanksgiving, faith, and love.

# Sermon Notes – February 17, 2013

# "The Gospel Message: the Word of Life was manifested– God is Light" Text: 1 Jn 1:1--2:2

| 1. | Of the message that the Word of life was manifested |                            |          |  |
|----|---|----------------------------|----------|--|
|    | A.  | A confession about         | _ (1:1)  |  |
|    | В.  | A confession about (1:1-2) |          |  |
|    | C.  | A confession about the     | (1:2-5a) |  |
| 2. | Of the message that God is light                    |                            |          |  |
|    | A.  | A confession about         | (1:5)    |  |
|    | В.  | A confession about         | (1:6-7)  |  |
|    | C.  | A confession about (1:8f)  |          |  |

### **Announcements**

### **Worship Service**

Please note new responses in the worship order under the Salutation.

### **Singing Practice**

We will have Psalm and hymn singing after our fellowship break today.

### Westminster Shorter Catechism Review

Catechism for this week:

- Q.15. What was the sin whereby our first parents fell from the estate wherein they were created?
- A. The sin whereby our first parents fell from the estate wherein they were created, was their eating the forbidden fruit.
- Q.16. Did all mankind fall in Adam's first transgression?
- A. The covenant being made with Adam, not only for himself, but for his posterity; all mankind, descending from him by ordinary generation, sinned in him, and fell with him, in his first transgression.

### **Ladies Study**

The women of the church will meet on Tuesday, February 26<sup>th</sup>, 7 pm at the church. Be prepared to discuss chapter 3 of *The True Woman*, by Susan Hunt.

### **Hospitality Reminder**

Hebrews 13:2, *Do not forget to entertain strangers, for by so doing some have unwittingly entertained angels*. Rahab, the widow at Zarephath, the Shunemite woman – these are examples of some who entertained strangers, human messengers and servants of God. Abraham, Lot and others actually entertained supernatural messengers, angels. The point is not to keep on the lookout for angels. The point is that we should be ready and faithful to show compassion and kindness to strangers. In entertaining strangers of the body of Christ, Jesus says we are actually welcoming Him (Mt 25:34-36). Israel was unique in the world. God required Israel to show kindness to strangers in order to show forth His grace to sinners. We are all born estranged from God due to our sin, yet He treats strangers with grace, mercy, and patience, and He expects His people to do the same, thus revealing Himself in our daily actions.

## **Set-up Teams**

Set-up teams should arrive at 9:00 am Sunday mornings. If your family cannot set-up on your assigned week, please swap with another family and notify both team leaders (\*).

#### **NEXT WEEK:**

| February 24      | Dykema*, Greenwald, Kelling, Ruchti                |  |  |  |
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| FOLLOWING WEEKS: |  |  |  |  |
| March 3          | J Hummel*, Cox, B Dykema, D Dykema, Zitzke         |  |  |  |
| March 10         | J Pennington*, Dietzel, Nader, Nagle, N Pennington |  |  |  |
| March 17         | S Reich*, Burie, Gerth, Hammer                     |  |  |  |
| March 24         | Kingsley*, Cotey, K Hummel, Jens, Markert          |  |  |  |
|                  | March 3<br>March 10<br>March 17                    |  |  |  |