

Lord's Day Service April 7, 2013

Prelude – We silently prepare our hearts to worship our Lord.

Entrance – God Calls Us to Worship

*** Call to Worship**

John 20:24-31; Psalm 63:1-5,
Selection 30, Trinity Hymnal, page 629

*** Hymn of Praise**

Trinity Hymnal, #73
O Love of God, How Strong and True

*** Salutation & Responsive Scripture**

Minister: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People: He is risen indeed! Luke 24:6, 34

Minister: This is the day which the Lord has made

People: We will rejoice and be glad in it. Psalm 118:24

Minister: Thanks be to God,

People: Who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ 1 Cor. 15:57

Minister: Since then you are risen with Christ, seek those things
which are above

People: Where Christ is, sitting at the right hand of God. Colossians 3:1

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.

Minister: The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit

People: A broken and contrite heart, O God, You will not despise. Psalm 51:15,17

Minister: Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

Purification – We Confess Our Sins to God

Heavenly Father, you are holy, righteous, gracious and loving. We acknowledge that You have appointed death to be the wages of sin. We confess that we are sinners, being conceived in sin and by nature children of wrath. In sinful pride we have displeased and dishonored You. You are the King of all the world and Your laws are holy, just and good. But we have denied You our due subjection and obedience, being unruly and self-willed, serving the things of the flesh, and making provision for its lusts. We have sinned secretly and openly, in thought and in deed, ignorantly and presumptuously; and all of our sin we have committed in Your sight. But for the glory of Your mercy You have sent Your Son to save us from our sin. You have promised us forgiveness of sin through His blood, if we believe in Him, and by true repentance turn unto You. Lord have mercy upon us, in the Name of Jesus. 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 2:4

Minister: Lift up your hearts! Psalm 86:4

People: 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 salutary, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks to You O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Therefore with angels and archangels and all the company of heaven, and with the Church on earth, we laud and magnify Your glorious Name, evermore praising You and singing:

*** Doxology** Unto God Almighty (see insert)

*** Hymn of Preparation** Trinity Hymnal, #460
Love Divine (second tune)

*** Prayer**

Almighty and everlasting God, who in the Paschal mystery established the new covenant of reconciliation: Grant that all who have been reborn into the fellowship of Christ's Body may show forth in their lives what they profess by their faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

*** Lesson from the Old Testament** Deuteronomy 7:6-9

Minister: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

*** Lesson from the New Testament** 1 John 4:4-16

Minister: This is the Gospel of our Lord Jesus.

People: Praise be to you, O Christ.

Sermon "God Is Love"

Tribute – We Offer Ourselves through Tithes

*** Hymn of Consecration** Trinity Hymnal, #127
Let Us Love, and Sing, and Wonder

***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 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

We Confess Our Faith in the Triune, Incarnate God Creed (inside hymnal cover)

* *Hymn of Thanksgiving* Trinity Hymnal, #69
Lord, with Glowing Heart I'd Praise Thee

Benediction – God Commissions & Blesses Us

* *The Lord's Commission of Us* 1 Corinthians 13:4-7

* *We Receive God's Blessing, His Good Word to Us* 2 Corinthians 13:14

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

* *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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Gathering in the Name of the Triune God

A Southeastern Wisconsin PCA (Presbyterian Church of America) church.

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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 – April 7, 2013

"God is Love" Text: 1 Jn 4:7-12

1. *Beloved, let us love one another, for love is of God...* (4:7-8, 11-12)
 - A. _____ love comes from God, and the only way to be _____ loving is to know God

 - B. Knowing God produces love because love is an outflow of God's own inner _____
 - 1) Saying *God is love* assumes God is _____

 - 2) Saying *God is love* isn't the same as saying love is God

2. *In this the love of God was manifested toward us...* (4:9-10)
 - A. God's love is unveiled in the _____ life of Jesus

 - B. God's love for us is _____ to our love for Him

 - C. God's love produces an *ought* or _____ in us

Announcements

Singing Practice

Following fellowship break we will have singing practice in the sanctuary.

Westminster Shorter Catechism Review

Catechism for this week:

- Q.30. *How does the Spirit apply to us the redemption purchased by Christ?*
A. The Spirit applieth to us the redemption purchased by Christ, by working faith in us, and thereby uniting us to Christ in our effectual calling.
- Q.31. *What is effectual calling?*
A. Effectual calling is the work of God's Spirit, whereby, convincing us of our sin and misery, enlightening our minds in the knowledge of Christ, and renewing our wills, he does persuade and enable us to embrace Jesus Christ, freely offered to us in the gospel.

Ladies Study

Study will meet next Tuesday, April 9th, 7 pm in the church basement. Be prepared to discuss chapter 6 of *The True Woman*, by Susan Hunt.

Fellowship Meal

We will have a Fellowship Meal next Sunday after the morning services. Each family should bring a main dish to share. In addition, Teams 1, 2 & 4 should bring a side dish of salad and bread; Teams 3 & 5 bring a dessert. Team 3 is on dinner set-up, kitchen management & clean-up.

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:

Team 4 April 14 J Pennington*, Dietzel, Nader, Nagle, N Pennington

FOLLOWING WEEKS:

Team 5 April 21 S Reich*, Burie, Gerth, Hammer
Team 1 April 28 Kingsley*, Cotey, K Hummel, Jens, Markert
Team 2 May 5 Dykema*, Greenwald, Kelling, Ruchti
Team 3 May 12 J Hummel*, Cox, B Dykema, D Dykema, Zitzke