



Trinity Presbyterian Church

Gathering in the Name of the Triune God

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

March 16, 2014

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.

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Lord's Day Service – Second Sunday in Lent March 16, 2014

Entrance – God Calls Us to Worship

Welcome & Announcements

Silent Preparation

*** Call to Worship**

Ephesians 1:18-23; 2:11-22

Minister: Let us stand and worship God...in the Name of the Father,
and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit!

People: Amen!

Matt 28:19

Minister: The Lord be with you!

People: And also with you!

Ruth 2:4

Minister: Our help is in the Name of Yahweh,

People: Who made heaven and earth.

Ps 124:8

Minister: One thing I have desired of the LORD, that will I seek:

**People: That I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of
my life,**

Minister: To behold the beauty of the LORD,

People: And to inquire in His temple.

Ps 27:4

Minister: O Lord, open our lips

People: And our mouth shall show forth your praise.

Ps 15:15

*** Hymn of Praise**

Trinity Hymnal, #304

Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty

Purification – We Confess Our Sins to God

Minister: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near to God our Father with an honest heart by kneeling and confessing our sins, asking him to forgive us for Christ's sake.

People: Almighty God, you are rich in mercy to all those who call upon you; hear me as I come to you humbly confessing my sins, and imploring your mercy and forgiveness. I have broken your wise and gracious laws by my deeds and by my words, and by the sinful affections of my heart. I confess before you my disobedience and ingratitude, my pride and willfulness, and all my failures and shortcomings toward you and toward others. Have mercy upon me, most merciful Father; and of your great goodness grant that I may hereafter serve and please you in newness of life; grant me this, I pray, through the mediation of Jesus Christ our Lord. 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: 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 good, right and beneficial that we should give thanks to you at all times and in every place, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God. You graciously invite your people to cleanse their hearts and prepare with joy for the Easter feast. Renew our zeal in faith and life, and bring us to the fullness of grace that belongs to us as the children of God. 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* Trinity Hymnal, #301
My People, Give Ear

* *Prayer*

Minister: Let us pray to the Lord.

People: **O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy: Be gracious to all who have gone astray from your ways, and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of your Word, Jesus Christ your Son; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.**

* *Lesson from the Old Testament* Psalm 78:1-4; Isaiah 6:1-13

Minister: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

* *Lesson from the New Testament* Mark 4:1-20

Minister: This is the Gospel of our Lord Jesus.

People: **Praise be to you, O Christ.**

Sermon "The Parable of the Soils & the Seed – Hearing the Word"

Tribute – We Offer Ourselves through Tithes

* *Hymn of Consecration* Psalter, #34B
O Come, My Sons

* *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 John 6:48-65

We Confess Our Faith in the Triune, Incarnate God Creed

* *Hymn of Thanksgiving* *Lift High the Cross* (see insert)

Benediction – God Commissions & Blesses Us

* *The Lord's Commission of Us* James 1:18 , 21-27

* *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* *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)

Sermon Notes – March 16, 2014

"The Parable of the Soils & the Seed -- Hearing the Word" Text: Mark 4:1-20

1. Jesus teaches the multitude by telling them the parable of the sower & the seed (1-9)
2. Jesus explains to His disciples why He uses parables (10-12)
 - A. Parables are intentionally _____ .
 - B. Parables are reserved for times of _____ (Ps 78; Isa 6:9-12).
3. Jesus explains the parable of the seed to His disciples (13-20)
 - A. What has happened to the soil, to _____? (Isa 6:13)
 - B. The soils are not necessarily _____ characterizations of people.

Announcements

Sunday School

Sunday School will meet today at 11:30 in the Sanctuary.

Heidelberg Catechism Review - Part 2 Deliverance: Lord's Day 11, God the Son

- Q 29. *Why is the Son of God called "Jesus," meaning "savior"?*
A. Because he saves us from our sins, and because salvation should not be sought and cannot be found in anyone else.
- Q 30. *Do those who look for their salvation in saints, in themselves, or elsewhere really believe in the only savior Jesus?*
A. No. Although they boast of being his, by their actions they deny the only savior, Jesus. Either Jesus is not a perfect savior, or those who in true faith accept this savior have in him all they need for their salvation..

Scripture Memory of the Week This week memorize John 14:1-2 and review Jn 3:14-21.

- 1, "Let not your heart be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in Me.
- 2, "In My Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you."

Mid-week Bible Study

Wednesday evening 7 pm, March 19th, Pastor will continue the study of eschatology, with a second lesson from Matthew 24:35ff. We will also compare Mt 24:30 with Acts 1:9-11.

Ladies Study

The ladies will meet Monday, March 24 at 7pm to discuss Lesson 6 from the study book.

Men's Forum

Men's forum will meet, Sunday night, March 30th at 7 pm.

LAMP Theological Seminary is preparing for its next course on The Doctrine of Man which will begin the week of March 30. This course teaches what we need to know about the creation and fall of man. The course covers predestination, election and reprobation, with consideration of both Reformed and Arminian views. For more information about the course, fees, or schedule, please contact Rev. Bill Acker at billacker@jacobsowellgb.org.

Set-up Teams

Teams should arrive at 9:00 am Sunday mornings. If your family cannot set-up on your assigned week, please swap with another family; both team leaders should be notified of the change.

NEXT WEEK:

Team 3 March 23 J Pennington*, Cox, K Hummel, Nader, N Pennington

FOLLOWING WEEKS:

Team 4 March 30 S Reich*, Burie, Gerth, Hammer

Team 1 April 6 K Dykema*, D Dykema, Greenwald, Jens, Kelling, Zitzke

Team 2 April 13 J Hummel*, Dietzel, B Dykema, Nagle, Ruchti