



Trinity Presbyterian Church

Gathering in the Name of the Triune God

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

February 21, 2016



The simple, unadorned cross reminds us of God the Son's climactic act of service for humanity. He allowed his arms to be stretched out on the cross bar, and with his feet they were nailed to the tree. Thus he voluntarily gave himself up to death for the sins of his people. Paul tells us that the Gospel is *"the message of the cross...to us who are being saved is the power of God"* (1 Co 1:18).

The color used in the sanctuary in anticipation of Easter is purple or violet. These colors symbolize both the pain and suffering leading up to the crucifixion of Jesus as well as the suffering of humanity and the world under sin. But purple is also the color of royalty, and so anticipates through the suffering and death of Jesus the coming resurrection and hope of newness that will be celebrated in the Resurrection on Easter Sunday.

Lord's Day Service – February 21, 2016

Welcome & Announcements

Entrance – God Calls Us to Worship

Silent Preparation

** Call to Worship*

Psalm 146:5-10

Pastor: In the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit!
People: Amen! *Mt 28:19*
 Pastor: The Lord be with you!
People: And also with you! *Ruth 2:4*
 Pastor: I will say of the Lord, "He is my refuge and my fortress;
People: My God, in Him will I trust."
 Pastor: For He shall give His angels charge over you,
People: To keep you in all your ways. *Ps 91:2,11*
 Pastor: Our help is in the name of Yahweh,
People: Who made heaven and earth. *Ps 124:8*

** Hymn of Praise*

Psalter, #110
Jehovah to My Lord Has Said

Purification – We Confess Our Sins to God

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid, cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your glorious Name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen!

The Ten Commandments

Trinity Hymnal, **page ix; response, page xiv**

(Silent, personal confession of sin)

Arise 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.

Thanks be to God! Our sins are forgiven in Jesus' name. AMEN!

Ascension – God Consecrates Us by His Word

Pastor: Lift up your hearts!
People: We lift them up to the Lord! *Ps 86:4, Lam 3:41*
 Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God!
People: It is proper and right to do so! *Psalm 92:1*

Pastor: Truly it is good, right and beneficial that we should give thanks to you at all times and in every place, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord; who was in every way tempted as we are, yet did not sin; by whose grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer unto ourselves, but unto him who died for us and rose again. 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, #181
O Dearest Jesus, What Law Hast Thou Broken

* **Prayer**
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!

Old Testament Lesson Deut 6:4-9; Lev 19:9-18; Ps 110:1-2
Pastor: The Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God!

New Testament Lesson Romans 12:9, 13; 13:8-14
Pastor: The Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God!

* **Gospel Lesson** Mark 12:28 – 13:2
Pastor: The Gospel of our Lord Jesus.
People: Praise to you, O Christ!

Sermon "Not Far from the Kingdom of God or Far from the Kingdom of God"

Tribute – We Offer Ourselves through Tithes

* **Hymn of Consecration** Psalter, #179
Ah, Holy Jesus, How Hast Thou Offended (1st tune)

* **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, #280
I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord (1st tune)

Benediction – God Commissions & Blesses Us

* **The Lord's Commission of Us** Mark 12:30-31

* **We Receive God's Blessing, His Good Word to Us** Numbers 6:24-26

* **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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Sermon Notes – February 21, 2016

"Not Far from the Kingdom of God or Far from the Kingdom of God"

Text: Mark 12:28--13:2

1. *You are not far from the kingdom of God; take the next step to enter it.*
 - A. The _____ and the Law & what this scribe is lacking (12:28-34)
 - B. The _____ of the Christ (Anointed King) & how is David's Lord also his son? (12:35-37)
2. *You are far from the kingdom of God. Beware of such...these will receive greater condemnation*
 - A. The King warns us about oppressing _____ & associating with those who do (12:38-40)
 - B. An example of how such oppression can look & the *greater condemnation* (12:41--13:2)

Announcements

Sunday School

Sunday School will meet in the sanctuary at 11:30 am to discuss ch 8 of *The Kingdom and the Power*: "The People of the Kingdom". Prepare for next week's lesson by reading ch 9 and answering the questions that will be sent.

Scripture Memory.

This week review 2 Corinthians 5:14-21.

- 14 *For the love of Christ compels us, because we judge thus: that if One died for all, then all died;*
- 15 *and He died for all, that those who live should live no longer for themselves, but for Him who died for them and rose again.*
- 16 *Therefore, from now on, we regard no one according to the flesh. Even though we have known Christ according to the flesh, yet now we know Him thus no longer.*
- 17 *Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.*
- 18 *Now all things are of God, who has reconciled us to Himself through Jesus Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation,*
- 19 *that is, that God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not imputing their trespasses to them, and has committed to us the word of reconciliation.*
- 20 *Now then, we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were pleading through us: we implore you on Christ's behalf, be reconciled to God.*
- 21 *For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.*

WIC Activities

- Ladies Bible Study will meet tomorrow at 7 pm to discuss Hebrews 6.
- 2016 PCA Women's Conference, April 8-9 in Naperville, IL. Discounted early registration ends February 29th.
- Save the date: March 19, 12:30-4 pm, Bridal shower luncheon for Jessica Kraczek and Jessie Dykema.

Prayer Meeting

Prayer meeting this Thursday, 7 pm at the church.

Set-up Teams

Next Week

February 28 Team 5 Reich*, D'Alessio, Leskinen, Piquette, Ruchti

Following Weeks:

March 6 Team 1 Dykema*, Burie, N Greenwald, Hammer, Zitzke
March 13 Team 2 Greenwald, D*, Dietzel, B Dykema, Nagle, N Pennington
March 20 Team 3 J Hummel,* D Dykema, Nader, S Pennington, Seaman
March 27 Team 4 J Pennington,* Eternick, K Hummel, Jens, Kelling