



Trinity Presbyterian Church

Gathering in the Name of the Triune God

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

September 27, 2015



No symbol can adequately comprehend the richness of the reality and abundant life of our Triune God. This shield depicts something of the Unity in Trinity and Trinity in Unity that is the living and true God in whom we trust. At the center is *Deus* (Latin for "God"). Reading out from the center along the three spokes, the unity of the Godhead is represented: *Deus est Pater* = God is the Father and the Father is God; *Deus est Filius* = God is the Son and the Son is God; *Deus est Spiritus Sanctus* = God is the Holy Spirit and the Holy Spirit is God. Reading around the circumference of the circle, the distinctions between the Persons are noted: *Pater non est Filius* = The Father is not the Son; *Filius non est Spiritus Sanctus* = The Son is not the Holy Spirit; *Spiritus Sanctus no est Pater* = The Holy Spirit is not the Father.

Lord's Day Service – September 27, 2015

Welcome & Announcements

Entrance – God Calls Us to Worship

Silent Preparation

* *Call to Worship*

Revelation 4

Pastor: Let us rise and worship God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

* *Hymn of Praise*

Trinity Hymnal, #90
O God, We Praise Thee

Purification – We Confess Our Sins to God

O most merciful God, since you have given your only begotten Son to die for me, have mercy on me, and for his sake grant me remission of all my sins; and by your Holy Spirit increase in me true knowledge of you and of your will, and true obedience to your Word, that by your grace I may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ my Lord. Amen!

(Silent, personal confession of sin)

Now lift up your heads, 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: It is truly right and our greatest joy to give you thanks and praise, eternal God, our creator, provider, redeemer, our Lord and holy Father, ruler of the universe. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with angels and archangels and with all the faithful of every time and place, who forever sing to the glory of your Name.

* *Hymn of Preparation*

Trinity Hymnal, #42
Round the Lord in Glory Seated

*** Prayer**

Almighty Father, whose blessed Son before his passion prayed for his disciples that they might be one, as you and he are one: Grant that your Church, being bound together in love and obedience to you, may be united in one body by the one Spirit, that the world may believe in him whom you have sent, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.
Amen!

Old Testament Lesson

Exodus 18:13-27

Pastor: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

New Testament Lesson

Acts 15:1-33; 16:4-5

Pastor: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

*** Gospel Lesson**

Mark 14:53-65; 15:1

Pastor: The Gospel of our Lord Jesus.

People: Praise to you, O Christ!

Sermon

"Of Church Councils"

Tribute – We Offer Ourselves through Tithes

*** Hymn of Consecration**

Psalter, #89B

Who with the LORD Can Be Compared

*** 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

Matthew 26:26-30

We Confess Our Faith in the Triune, Incarnate God

Creed (inside hymnal cover)

*** Hymn of Thanksgiving**

Psalter, #133A

Behold How Good a Thing It Is

Benediction – God Commissions & Blesses Us

*** The Lord's Commission of Us**

Ephesians 4:2-4

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

Ephesians 3:20-21

*** 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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Sermon Notes – September 27, 2015

"Of Church Councils"

1. Should there be greater assemblies of the Church beyond the local congregations? A. *For the better _____, and further _____ of the Church, there can be such assemblies, commonly called councils. It is within the Christ-given power of the elders of the particular churches, to convene such assemblies as _____ as they judge it expedient for the good of the Church (Acts 15:2,4,6).*
2. What do such assemblies and councils do? A. *They act as a higher _____ of the Church: to determine controversies of faith and cases of conscience; to give directions for the better ordering of the public worship of God and government of His Church; to receive and authoritatively settle complaints about poor administration in particular churches. (Acts 15:2,4,6,19,24,27-31; 1 Co 6:1)*
3. Is the work of Church councils normative, ie made the standard for the churches? A. *All assemblies or councils, since the Apostles' times may err, and many have erred. Therefore they are not to be made the rule of _____ or _____, but are to be used as a help in both. (Ep 2:20; Acts 17:11; 2 Co 1:24; 1 Co 2:5)*
4. What is the jurisdiction of Church councils? A. *Ministers who gather in council are not to stray from their _____ ecclesiastical sphere. They are not to meddle in partisan politics unless the situation is extraordinary, and even then they must remember their _____ and only express themselves in great humility. (Lu 12:13-14; Jn 18:36; 1 Co 5:12)*

Announcements

Sunday School

Sunday School will begin at 11:20. Sarah Greenwald will be reporting on her mission trip to Mexico. There will be no Sunday School next week, to better enable you to participate in the Life Chain.

Scripture Memory

Scripture memory for this week, Ephesians 3:20-21, and review 3:14-19

- 20 *Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us,*
- 21 *to Him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus to all generations, world without end. Amen.*

WIC Activities

Women's study tomorrow night, September 28th, 7 pm. They will watch the last session of the video series: *Peacemaking Women*.

Prayer Meeting

This Thursday night 7:30 pm at the church.

Life Chain

Life Chain is next Sunday afternoon, Oct 4, 2-3:30 pm. Deacon Reich is coordinating this community witness for our congregation. We would like more participation. First-timers especially welcome. With the recent video exposure of Planned Parenthood, we pray that the conscience of many will be pricked and quickened by the Holy Spirit.

Upcoming Events

- October 17 – "Gunsmoke" See insert!
- October 31 – Reformation Celebration. Details coming soon.

Set-up Teams

Please note some team dates have changed and are out of the usual order.

Next Week

October 4 Team 4 J Pennington,* Eternick, K Hummel, Jens, Kelling

Following Weeks:

October 11 Team 5 Reich*, D'Alessio, Leskinen, Piquette, Ruchti
October 18 Team 1 Dykema*, Burie, N Greenwald, Hammer, Zitzke
October 25 Team 2 D Greenwald*, Dietzel, B Dykema, Nagle, N Pennington
November 1 Team 4 J Pennington,* Eternick, K Hummel, Jens, Kelling
November 8 Team 3 J Hummel,* D Dykema, Nader, Seaman
November 15 Team 5 Reich*, D'Alessio, Leskinen, Piquette, Ruchti