

Lord's Day Service

May 13, 2012

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**

Psalms 69, Selections 33 & 34
Trinity Hymnal, p. 632

*** Hymn of Praise**

Psalter, #91A
Who with God Most High Finds Shelter

*** Salutation & Responsive Scripture**

Minister: He is risen!
People: He is risen indeed! *Luke 24:6, 34*
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. *Psalms 124:8*
Minister: The eyes of all look expectantly to You,
People: And You give them their food in due season.
Minister: You open Your hand
People: And satisfy the desire of every living thing. *Psalms 145:15-16*
Minister: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of
the Holy Spirit!
People: Amen! *Matthew 28:19*

Purification – We Confess Our Sins to God

Almighty Father, Lord of life and death: in raising Jesus from the grave, you shattered the power of sin and death. We confess that we have yielded to sinful thoughts of doubt, fear, and evil desire. We have also sinned against You in word and deed. Have mercy upon us, O God, for You have given Your Son to be the Savior of the world. Accept us in Your beloved Son, who was made a curse for us, and was raised for our justification. Having raised up Your Servant Jesus, You have sent Him to bless us, in turning away every one of us from our iniquities. According to the multitude of Your mercies, do away our offenses and cleanse us from our sins. We believe your promise of forgiveness of sin through His blood; help our unbelief. Help us to trust your power to change our lives and make us new, that we may know the joy of abundant life given in Jesus Christ, the risen 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! *Psalms 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 so to do! *Psalms 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, #37A
Have No Disturbing Thoughts

*** Prayer**

Almighty and everlasting God, who in the Pashal 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**

1 Kings 19:1-21

*** Lesson from the New Testament**

Romans 9:1-6; 11:1-11, 25-27

Sermon

"Preaching the Gospel, Starting a Fight"

Tribute – We Offer Ourselves through Tithes

*** Hymn of Consecration**

Psalter, #37C
The Little that the Righteous Has

***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

Sermon Notes – May 13, 2012

"Preaching the Gospel, Starting a Fight" Text: 1 Kings 19:1-21

1. The covenant renewal that was _____
 - A. Ahab's response and Jezebel's _____ (v 1, 2)
 - B. Elijah: not _____ out of fear but frustration and a sense of failure (v 3-8)

2. The court of Yahweh: Elijah's _____ against Israel & Yahweh's agreement
 - A. Elijah formally accuses Israel of breaking Yahweh's covenant (v 9-14; Ro 9:1-5)
 - B. Yahweh's judgment: *two swords & a prophet*; and His mercy: *7000 reserved* (v 15-18; Ro 11:2-4)

3. The calling of Elisha, who will be another _____ against Israel (v 19-21)

Announcements

Fellowship Meal

Our fellowship meal today is also a farewell to the Santarelli family as they move to Illinois this week. Please join us downstairs following the worship service.

Sunday School

No Sunday School today. Pastor's next lesson will be an overview of Ezra & Nehemiah.

Monday: Ezra 1 & 3
Tuesday: Ezra 6
Wednesday: Nehemiah 1-2
Thursday: Nehemiah 9
Friday: Nehemiah 13

Men's Forum

Men's Forum will meet at the church tonight, 7 pm. Nathan Pennington will lead a discussion on "Preparedness for Civil Instability."

Scripture Memory

Our text is Matthew 5:1-12. This week review v 1-8 and memorize v 9:

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.

Notes: Jesus may have had Ps 34:12-16 in mind when He gave this beatitude. The Son of God is the Peacemaker, *having made peace through the blood of His cross* (Col 1:20). In being conformed to His image we are to be peacemakers by testifying of God's peace through Jesus. However, if we are faithful to preach the gospel, the whole counsel of God, it will cause conflict (Mt 5:44-45). It is the gospel of peace which we believe, which we proclaim, but this gospel cuts and divides like a sword: *Do not think that I came to bring peace on earth. I did not come to bring peace but a sword* (Mt 10:34f). The gospel is offensive to sinners, but we don't need to be, nor should we be. *If it is possible, as much as depends on you, live peaceably with all men* (Ro 12:18).

Ladies Study

On May 22nd at 7 pm at the church, we will begin a new study, "Paul's Letters to Maturing Churches: Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians and 1 & 2 Thessalonians." Please contact Barb Hummel by Tuesday, May 15th to order a study guide.

Set-up Teams

Set-up teams should arrive at 9:00 am Sunday mornings. If unavailable on your assigned week, please swap with another family and notify both team leaders (*).

NEXT WEEK:

Team 2 May 20 K Dykema*, Greenwald, Jens, Kelling, Rucht

FOLLOWING WEEKS:

Team 3 May 27 J Hummel*, Cox, B Dykema, D Dykema, Zitzke
Team 4 June 3 J Pennington*, Dietzel, Nader, Nagle, N Pennington
Team 5 June 10 S Reich*, Burie, Gerth, Reynoso
Team 1 June 17 Kingsley*, Cotey, K Hummel, Markert