

Lord's Day Service

October 7, 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**

Isaiah 55:1-5

*** Hymn of Praise**

Trinity Hymnal, #239
The Mighty God, the Lord

*** 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.**

Psalm 124:8

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

O Lord, great and awesome God, who keeps His covenant and mercy with those who love Him, and with those who keep His commandments, we have sinned and committed iniquity. We have done wickedly and rebelled, even by departing from Your precepts and Your judgments. O Lord, righteousness belongs to You, but to us shame of face. To the Lord our God belong mercy and forgiveness, though we have rebelled against You. Now therefore, our God, hear the prayer of Your servants, and our supplications. Incline Your ear and hear; open Your eyes and see our desolations. We do not present our supplications before You because of our righteous deeds, but because of Your great mercies. O Lord, hear! O Lord, forgive! O Lord, listen and act! 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 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, #50B
O Ye, My People, Hear

*** Prayer**

Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray, and to give more than we either desire or deserve: Pour upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask, except through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ our Savior; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

*** Lesson from the Old Testament**

2 Kings 16:1-20

*** Lesson from the New Testament**

Hebrews 8:1-6; 9:19-24

Sermon

“The Decline of Judah, the Rise of Empire
& the Reign of Christ – Part 2”

Tribute – We Offer Ourselves through Tithes

*** Hymn of Consecration**

Trinity Hymnal, #621
Great King of Nations

***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

Luke 22:14-20

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

*** Hymn of Thanksgiving**

Psalter, #33A (6 stanzas)
You Righteous, Praise the LORD with Joy

Benediction – God Commissions & Blesses Us

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

Matthew 28:18-20

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

Hebrews 13:20-21

*** 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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Gathering in the Name of the Triune God

A Southern 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 – October 7, 2012

The Decline of Judah, the Rise of Empire & the Reign of Christ, pt 2 Text: 2 Kings 16

Intro: Warnings from the Apostasy of Ahaz & the Temptations of Empire

1. Ahaz is *unfaithful to Yahweh by encouraging moral _____ in Judah* (2 Ch 28:19)
 - A. He is unlike *righteous David* and a reproach to the lineage of Messiah (1-2)
 - B. He is unreasonably like the idolatrous *kings of Israel* having no instigation (3; 2 Ch 28:2)
 - C. He is like the heathen imitating their *abominations*, dedicating his son to idols (3b)
 - D. He is unlike his father Jotham in that he sacrifices at *high places* (4)
2. Ahaz is *continually unfaithful to Yahweh* in trusting _____ to save him, while rejecting the prophetic Word of God (5-9; 2 Ch 28:19-21; Isa 7)
3. Ahaz is *increasingly unfaithful to Yahweh* in changing the _____ of religion and worship (2 Ch 28:22)
 - A. Ahaz is another Jeroboam in setting up an _____ altar, an alternative worship in place of the copies of the true, heavenly things (10-16; Ex 25:9,40; 40:16; Dt 18:9-13)
 - B. Ahaz, like Cain the architect of the city of man, devises his own *will-worship*, changing the temple décor simply to _____ (17-20; 2 Ch 28:23-25; Col 2:23).

Announcements

Sunday School

Sunday School will be held in the sanctuary after the fellowship break. The lesson will be an overview of Micah, "Who is Like Yahweh?" (cp 7:18). We are to be *good* like God in His communicable attributes: *to do justly, to love mercy...* (6:8). Micah prophesied to Judah and Israel in the days of *Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah, kings of Judah*.

Scripture Memory

Scripture memory text: Galatians 5:13-26. This week review v 13-18 and memorize v 19-21a:

Now the works of the flesh are evident, which are: adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lewdness, idolatry, sorcery, hatred, contentions, jealousies, outbursts of wrath, selfish ambitions, dissensions, heresies, envy, murders, drunkenness, revelries, and the like;

Christ said, *By their fruits ye shall know them. Do men gather grapes of thorns, or figs of thistles? So every good tree brings forth good fruit, but an evil tree brings forth evil fruit (Mt 7:16). Luther writes: " Sometimes it happens that the saints do fall, and perform the lusts of the flesh, as David and Peter did. But although these sins were great and heinous, they were not committed of contempt of God but of infirmity and weakness. Moreover they did not obstinately continue in their sin, but repented."*

Life Chain

The annual Milwaukee Area Life Chain will be held this afternoon, 2-3:30pm. Come stand for life. We will be at the same location as last year.

Ladies Study

The ladies of the church will meet for Bible Study this Tuesday, October 9th, 7 pm at the church. Be prepared to discuss Lesson 9 from "Paul's Letters to Maturing Churches."

Fellowship Meal

Fellowship meal next Sunday will have an Oktoberfest theme highlighting German cuisine. Please note change in what to bring: **Every family should bring a main dish** to share. In addition, Teams 1, 2, & 5 bring a side dish of salad or bread; and Teams 3 & 4 bring a dessert. Team 5 Kitchen duty.

Bluegrass Concert

Wednesday night, October 17, 7 PM the Winton's and the Burie's will be in concert at the church. Admission is free but a free-will offering will be taken. Public is welcome. Invite your friends, neighbors, relatives and enemies. More information is available at www.theburiefamily.com and www.thewintonsbluegrass.com.

Lessons & Carols

Lessons & Carols Service, Sunday night, December 23.

Teen Snow Camp

Cold Fusion Snow Camp 2013 is a winter weekend camp, Jan 18-20, 2013, for teens and leaders of OPC and PCA churches in WI. See flyer on back table for more info. Pastor Kyle Ferguson of Cornerstone church coordinates this event.

Set-up Teams

Set-up teams should arrive at 9:00 am Sunday mornings. If your family cannot help with set-up on your assigned week, please swap with another family and notify both team leaders (*).

NEXT WEEK:

Team 3 October 14 J Hummel*, Cox, B Dykema, D Dykema, Zitzke

FOLLOWING WEEKS:

Team 4 October 21 J Pennington*, Dietzel, Nader, Nagle, N Pennington

Team 5 October 28 S Reich*, Burie, Gerth

Team 1 November 4 Kingsley*, Cotey, K Hummel, Markert

Team 2 November 11 Dykema*, Greenwald, Jens, Kelling, Ruchti