LORD's Day Service - March 31, 2024 - Easter Sunday

Preparation for Worship: Job 19:25-26; 1 Corinthians 15:3-4

Entrance – God Calls Us into His presence; we respond with praise

* Entrance Hymn Trinity Hymnal, #206

Low in the Grave He Lay

* Call to Worship Psalm 118:11-24

Minister: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Congregation: The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Minister: Grace, mercy, and peace be with you, from God the Father, Son, and

Holy Spirit.

Congregation: Amen!

* Hymn Trinity Hymnal, #198

Jesus Christ Is Risen Todav

Purification - God Cleanses Us; we confess our sins to Him

Call to Confession 1 John 1:8-9

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

But if we confess our sins, God, Who is faithful and just, will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Let us kneel before the Lord our God and corporately confess our sins unto Him.

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 prayer)

Assurance of Pardon

The Almighty and merciful Lord grant you absolution and remission of all your sins, true repentance, amendment of life, and the grace and consolation of His Holy Spirit.

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

Ascension - God Consecrates us by His Word; we listen & offer ourselves to Him

Minister: The Lord be with you.

Congregation: And also with you.

Minister: Lift up your hearts!

Congregation: We lift them up to the Lord!

Minister: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God!

Congregation: It is proper and right to do so!

Minister: It is right to praise and thank You, Almighty God, for the acts of love by which You have redeemed us through Your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. But chiefly are we

bound to praise Thee for the glorious resurrection of Thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for He is the very Paschal Lamb, Who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world; Who by His death has destroyed death, and by His rising to life again has won for us everlasting life. Therefore, with angels and archangels and with all Your church in heaven and on earth, we laud and magnify Your glorious Name, evermore praising You, singing:

* Sanctus Songbook, #79

First Gospel Lesson Luke 24:1-12

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Praise to you, O Christ!

Hymn Trinity Hymnal, #199
Welcome, Happy Morning!

Let us pray: Almighty God, Who for our redemption did give Your only-begotten Son to the death of the cross, and by His glorious resurrection has delivered us from the power of our enemy: Grant us so to die daily to sin, that we may evermore live with Him in the joy of His resurrection; through the same, Your Son, Christ our Lord, Who lives and reigns with Thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen!

Old Testament Lesson Genesis 2:7 – 3:15

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

Epistle Lesson Romans 1:1-7; Hebrews 2:9-11,14; The Word of the Lord. 1.10-12

Thanks be to God!

* Second Gospel Lesson Luke 24:13-48

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. **Praise to you, O Christ!**

* Hymn Songbook, #4-5 (vs 1-3)
Alleluia! Alleluia!

Sermon "The Resurrection Night Lesson: Christ in All the Scriptures"

* Hymn Songbook, #32

I Know that My Redeemer Lives

* Dedication of Tithes & Offerings

Prayers of the Church Petitions & the Lord's Prayer

Peace - God Communes with us; we eat with joy at His Table

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

Hymn Songbook, #5 (vs 4-6)
Alleluia! Alleluia!

* Hymn

Songbook, in front pocket The Day Is Past and Gone

Dismissal - God Commissions & Blesses Us; we go out to serve Him

* The Lord's Commission of Us

Philippians 3:10

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

Hebrews 13:20-21

* We bless the Lord, lifting hands and voices to Him

Psalter, #72D

Announcements

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);
- 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 wood box on the rear wall of the sanctuary.

(2 Corinthians 9:6-11)



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March 31, 2024 Easter Sunday



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.