

LORD's Day Service of Worship and Covenant Renewal – August 11, 2024

Preparation for Worship: 1 Corinthians 12:3; 1 John 4:2-3

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

- * *Entrance Hymn* Songbook, #1
Opening Acclamation
- * *Call to Worship* Psalm 44:3-8
- Minister: Grace, mercy and peace to you, from God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
- Congregation: Amen!**
- Minister: Our help is in the Name of the Lord!
- Congregation: Who made heaven and earth!**
- Minister: O Lord, open our lips,
- Congregation: And our mouth shall show forth Your praise.**
- * *Hymn* Trinity Hymnal, #129
Fairest Lord Jesus

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

Confession of Sin

If we say that we have fellowship with God, and walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin. If we confess our sins, God, Who is faithful and just, will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Hymn of Confession Trinity Hymnal, #409
Before Thee, God, Who Knowest All

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

God of love, it is Your will that we love You with all our heart, soul, mind and strength, and our neighbor as ourselves; but we confess that our affections turn away from You: from purity to lust, from freedom to slavery, from compassion to indifference, from fulness to emptiness. Have mercy on us. Order our lives by Your sacred Word. Holy Spirit, make Your commandments the joy of our hearts. Conform us to the image of the beloved Son, Jesus, that we may shine before the world to Your glory. 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: Truly it is proper, right and our bound duty, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks unto You, O Lord, holy Father, Almighty, everlasting God, Creator of the light and source of life, Who has made us in Your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord. 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, singing:

- * *Sanctus* Songbook, #79
- Hymn* Songbook, #13
At the Name of Jesus

Let us pray: **Grant to us, Lord, we pray, the spirit to think and do always those things that are right, that we, who cannot exist without You, may by You be enabled to live according to Your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen!**

Old Testament Lesson Isaiah 11:1-10
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

Epistle Lesson 1 John 3:24 – 4:6
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

* *Gospel Lesson* Matthew 7:15-29
The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.
Praise to you, O Christ!

Sermon “Discerning the Spirits”

* *Hymn* Psalter, #54B
By Your Name, O God, Now Save Me

* *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

We Confess Our Faith in the Triune, Incarnate God

* *Hymn* Songbook, #131
Who Shall the Lord's Elect Condemn?

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

- * *The Lord's Commission of Us* Matthew 28:19-20
* *We Receive God's Blessing, His Good Word to Us* 2 Corinthians 13:14
* *We bless the Lord, lifting hands and voices to Him* Psalter, #72D
Blessed Be the LORD

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

(2 Corinthians 9:6-11)



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The Tree of Life

In the Bible, trees are given to man for food and medicine as well as beauty and shade. Trees are an emblem of God's glory in the world and so are fitting symbols of God's people. We can flourish "like a tree planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in its season, and its leaf does not wither" (Psalm 1:3). The growth of the kingdom is likened to a rising, spreading tree (Ezek. 17; Matt. 13:31-32). Adam's fall severed us from access to the Tree of Life, but united to Christ we again have access to its life-giving fruit (Rev. 22:2). The Tree of Life is a symbol of Jesus. The time between Pentecost and Advent is called Trinity Season. The color green is used to symbolize life, growth, and the maturation of Jesus' kingdom.