

LORD's Day Service of Worship and Covenant Renewal – August 25, 2024

Preparation for Worship: *Psalm 73:11-14*

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

* *Entrance Hymn* *Gloria Patri*

* *Call to Worship* *Psalm 117*

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, #3 (2nd tune)*
From All That Dwell Below the Skies

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

Reading of the Law

And God spoke all these words, saying: I am the LORD your God, Who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage.

You shall have no other gods before Me. You shall not make for yourself a carved image. You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain. Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. Honor your father and mother, that your days may be long upon the land which the LORD your God is giving you. You shall not murder. You shall not commit adultery. You shall not steal. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor. You shall not covet.

Response to God's Law *Trinity Hymnal, #xiv*
Lord, Have Mercy Upon Use

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

LORD God of heaven, great and awesome God, You keep covenant and mercy with those who love You and observe Your commandments. Please let Your ear be attentive that You may hear the prayer of Your servants, confessing our sins against You. We have acted very corruptly against You, and have not kept the commandments, the statutes, nor the ordinances which You command us. Yet You commanded Your servant Moses, 'If we return to You, and keep Your commandments and do them, You will gather us' and make us the chosen dwelling place for Your name. You have redeemed us by Your great power. O Lord, please be attentive to the prayer of your servants, and grant us mercy in Your sight. We ask this in the name of Jesus. Amen. (from Nehemiah 1) *(Silent prayer)*

Prayer Response *Trinity Hymnal, # xiv*
Hear Our Prayer, O Lord

Assurance of Pardon *John 14:21*

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 *Psalter, #73A (tune: Ps 90C, St Catherine)*
God's Surely Good to Israel

Let us pray: **Grant, O merciful God, that Your Church, being gathered together in unity by Your Holy Spirit, may show forth Your power among all peoples, to the glory of Your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen!**

Old Testament Lesson *Job 21*
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

Epistle Lesson *Romans 11:33-36*
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

* *Gospel Lesson* *Matthew 9:9-13*
The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.
Praise to you, O Christ!

Sermon *"Job Answers Zophar: Can anyone teach God knowledge, since He judges..."*

* *Hymn* *Psalter, #73B (tune: Ps 90C, St Catherine)*
Then Surely I Have Toiled in Vain

* *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*

Proverbs 11:9

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

Numbers 6:24-26

* *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.