LORD's Day Service of Worship and Covenant Renewal – September 8, 2024

Preparation for Worship: Psalm 104:5-9, 24, 32, 35

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

* Entrance Hymn Doxology

* Call to Worship Psalm 66:1-7

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 Psalter, #66C

All Earth to God Raise Joyful Song!

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

Call to Confession Matthew 23:23-24

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.

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 Psalm 32:1, 2, 5

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, #119X

Before Thee Let My Cry Come Near

Let us pray: Grant us, O Lord, to trust in You with all our hearts; for as You always resist the proud who confide in their own strength, so You never forsake those who make their boast of Your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen!

Old Testament Lesson Job 25-27

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

Epistle Lesson Revelation 4:1-8; 20:11-15

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

* Gospel Lesson Luke 11:35-46

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Praise to you, O Christ!

Sermon "Can man be righteous before God - Till I die I will not put away
my integrity from me" – Job Answers Bildad's Third Speech

* Hymn Psalter, #19B

* 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, #17
By the Sea of Crystal

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

* The Lord's Commission of Us

Hebrews 10:23-25

* 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 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:

- Have been baptized in the name of the Triune God (Matt 28:18-20);
- 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.