#### LORD's Day Service – September 10, 2023

Preparation for Worship: Hebrews 11:13, 39-40

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

* Entrance	Gloria Patri		
* Call to Worship	Psalm 100		
Minister: Congregation: Minister: Congregation: Minister: Congregation: Minister: Congregation:	<ul> <li>Grace to you and peace, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.</li> <li>Amen!</li> <li>Our help is in the Name of the Lord!</li> <li>Who made heaven and earth!</li> <li>The eyes of all look expectantly to You,</li> <li>And You give them their food in due season.</li> <li>You open Your hand</li> <li>And satisfy the desire of every living thing.</li> </ul>		
* Hymn	Trinity Hymnal, #1 All People that on Earth Do Dwell		
Purification - God Cleanses Us; we confess our sins to Him			
Call to Confession	1 Peter 3:8-9		
Let us kneel before the Lord our God and corporately confess our sins unto Him.			
We acknowledge our wickedness, O LORD, and the iniquity of our fathers, for we			

have sinned against You. Do not abhor us, for Your Name's sake; Do not disgrace the throne of Your glory. Remember, do not break Your covenant with us, O LORD our God. Therefore we will wait for You. For Jesus' sake, have mercy upon us. We ask this in His Name. Amen! (from Jer 14:20-22) (Silent prayer)

#### Assurance of Pardon

1 Peter 1:1-3

Almighty and merciful Lord forgive you of all your sins, and grant you true repentance, amendment of life, with grace and comfort 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, holy Father, Almighty, everlasting God; Therefore, with angels and archangels and all the host of heaven and with Your Church on earth, we praise and magnify Your glorious Name, singing:

Sanctus

Songbook, #79

Hymn

Psalter, #1A How Blessed the Man Who Does Not Walk

Let us pray: O gracious God, we remember before You, Your servant and apostle James, first among the twelve to suffer martyrdom for the name of Jesus Christ; and we pray that You will pour out upon the leaders of Your church that spirit of self-denying service by which alone they may have true authority among Your people; through Jesus Christ our Lord, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen!

Old Testament Lesson The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God!	Genesis 49:1-33			
Epistle Lesson The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God!	Acts 12:1-19			
* Gospel Lesson The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. <b>Praise to you, O Christ!</b>	Luke 1:1-4; John 16:12-20			
Sermon	"Introduction to the Epistle of James" – Part 2			
* Hymn	Trinity Hymnal, #619 Almighty God, Thy Lofty Throne			
* Dedication of Tithes & Offerings	1 Chronicles 29:10-17			
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	Mark 14:22-26			

We Confess Our Faith in the Triune, Incarnate God

\* Hymn

Songbook, #86 The Son of God Goes Forth to War

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

* The Lord's Commission of Us	1 Peter 2:11-12
* 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

## 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 basket at the rear of the church. (2 Corinthians 9:6-11)

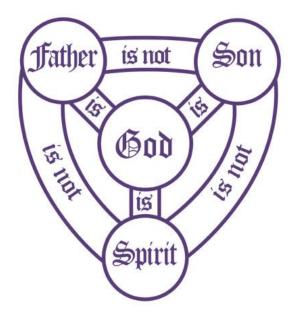
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The Christian doctrine of the Trinity holds that God is one God, but three coeternal consubstantial persons—the Father, the Son (Jesus Christ), and the Holy Spirit. The three Persons are distinct, yet are one God, the same in substance; co-equal in essence, nature, power, action, will, and glory. As stated in the Athanasian Creed, the Father is uncreated, the Son is uncreated, and the Holy Spirit is uncreated, and all three are eternal without beginning. "The Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit" are not names for different parts of God, but one name for God because three persons exist in God as one entity. They cannot be separate from one another. Each person is understood as having the identical essence or nature, not merely similar natures.