## LORD's Day Service of Worship and Covenant Renewal – September 15, 2024

Preparation for Worship: Proverbs 9:10

| Entrance -  | – God Calls Us into His presence; we respond with praise  |
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| * Entrance Hymn   | Doxology  |
| * Call to Worship   | Psalm 135:1-4   |
| Minister:   | Grace, mercy and peace to you, from God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.  |
| Congregation:<br>Minister:                                | Amen!<br>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, #135B<br>Hallelujah! Praise the LORD's Name!   |
| <u>Purifica</u>   | ation – God Cleanses Us; we confess our sins to Him   |
| Call to Confession  | 1 Samuel 13:13, Jeremiah 4:22, 5:1-4  |
| Hymn of Confession  | Psalter, #15<br>LORD, in Thy Tent Who Will Abide with Thee  |
| Let us kneel befor  | re the Lord our God and humbly confess our sins unto Him.   |
| wisdom in our lin<br>thoughts and in<br>and the evil we l | y, we confess that we have sinned against You, opposing Your<br>ves and breaking Your law. We have denied Your goodness in our<br>failing to do good to others. We repent of the evil that enslaves us,<br>have done. Forgive, restore and strengthen us through our Savior<br>at we may abide in Your love and serve only Your will. Amen! |
| Assurance of Pardo  | n Psalm 130:4   |
|   | merciful Lord grant you absolution and remission of all your sins, true ndment of life, and the grace and consolation of His Holy Spirit.   |
| Thanks be to Go   | d! 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!  |

We lift them up to the Lord!

Congregation:

| 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<br>and in all places give thanks unto You, O Lord, holy Father, Almighty, everlasting<br>God, Creator of the light and source of life, Who has made us in Your image, and<br>called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord. Therefore, with angels and archangels<br>and all the company of heaven, and with the Church on earth, we praise and magnify<br>Your glorious Name, evermore praising You, singing: |  |  |  |
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| * Sanctus   | Songbook, #79                                      |  |  |
| Hymn  | Songbook, #38 (1, 2, 5)<br>Immortal, Invisible     |  |  |
| Let us pray: O God, because without You we are not able to please You, mercifully grant that Your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen!   |  |  |  |
| Old Testament Lessor<br>The Word of the Lo<br>Thanks be to God  | rd.  |  |  |
| * Hymn  | Songbook, #14 (v 1, 2)<br>Be Thou My Vision        |  |  |
| <i>Epistle Lesson</i><br>The Word of the Lo<br><b>Thanks be to God</b>  |  |  |  |
| * Gospel Lesson Matthew 7:24-<br>The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.<br>Praise to you, O Christ!   |  |  |  |
| Sermon  | "In Praise of Wisdom: Where can wisdom be found?"  |  |  |
| * Hymn  | Songbook, #30<br>He Changeth the Times and Seasons |  |  |
| * 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<br>Sacrament of the Lord's Supper  |  |  |  |
|   | We Confess Our Faith in the Triune, Incarnate God  |  |  |

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
\* We Receive God's Blessing, His Good Word to Us
\* 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);
- 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.