

## LORD's Day Service – September 17, 2023

Preparation for Worship: *Psalm 66:10-12*

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

\* *Entrance* Gloria Patri

\* *Call to Worship* Psalm 66:1-4

Minister: Grace to you and peace, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**Congregation: Amen!**

Minister: Our help is in the Name of the Lord!

**Congregation: Who made heaven and earth!**

Minister: The eyes of all look expectantly to You,

**Congregation: And You give them their food in due season.**

Minister: You open Your hand

**Congregation: And satisfy the desire of every living thing.**

\* *Hymn* Psalter, #66C  
*All Earth to God Raise Joyful Song!*

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

*Call to Confession* Psalm 66:18

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

**Have mercy upon me, O God, according to Your lovingkindness; according to the multitude of Your tender mercies, blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin. For I acknowledge my transgressions, and my sin is always before me. We confide in Your grace and mercy through Christ, Your Son, our Lord and Savior Amen!** (from Psalm 51)

(*Silent prayer*)

*Assurance of Pardon* Psalm 66:19-20

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, #4A  
*Give Thou an Answer When I Call*

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 Lesson* Job 1:1-22  
The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God!**

*Epistle Lesson* James 1:1-8; 5:10-11  
The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God!**

\* *Gospel Lesson* Matthew 5:10-12  
The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.  
**Praise to you, O Christ!**

*Sermon* "Trials & Tests; Steadfastness & Maturity"

\* *Hymn* Psalter, #3  
*O LORD, How Are My Foes Increased*

\* *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* 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

*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 1:6-9
- \* *We Receive God's Blessing, His Good Word to Us* Jude 24-25
- \* *We bless the Lord, lifting hands and voices to Him* Psalter, #72D

**Announcements**

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**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.

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*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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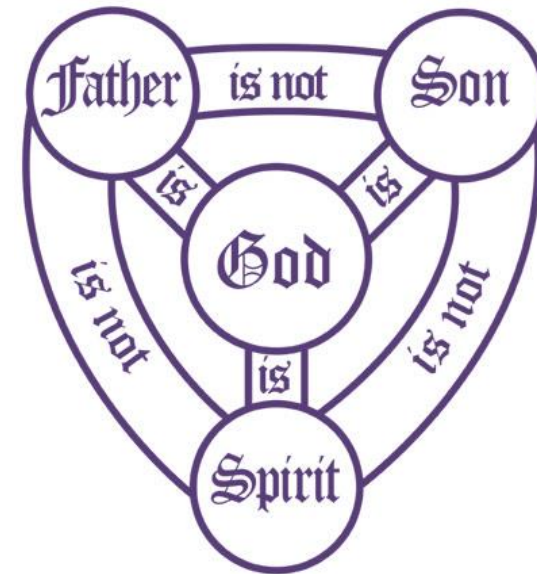
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*Gathering in the Name of the Triune God*

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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.