LORD's Day Service of Worship and Covenant Renewal - September 22, 2024

Preparation for Worship: Psalm 4:6-8

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

* Entrance Hymn Songbook, #1

Opening Acclamation

* Call to Worship Psalm 96:1-4

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: 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, #96A

O Sing a New Song to the LORD

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

Call to Confession

If we say that we have fellowship with God, and walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin. If we confess our sins, God, Who is faithful and just, will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

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.

Most merciful God, I confess to You that I am by nature sinful and unclean, and that I have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed; not only in outward transgressions, but also in secret thoughts and desires that I am not able to understand, but which are all known to You. For this reason, I flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring and receiving Your grace, through my Lord Jesus Christ. Amen! (Silent prayer)

Assurance of Pardon Psalm 107:1-2

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, through Jesus Christ Your only Son our Lord. For he is the great High Priest, Who has loosed us from our sins and has made us to be a royal priesthood unto You, our God and Father. 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 and singing:

* Sanctus Songbook, #79

Hymn Trinity Hymnal, #42
Round the Lord in Glory Seated

Let us pray: Grant us, Lord, not to be anxious about earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to hold fast to those that shall endure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen!

Epistle Lesson James 1:27; 2:8, 9

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

Old Testament Lesson Job 29-30

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

* Hymn Songbook, #30

He Changeth the Times and Seasons

* Gospel Lesson Matthew 9:18, 23-26

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Praise to you, O Christ!

Sermon "Job Tells the Proverb of His Life, Past and Present"

* Hymn Psalter, #22C

Be Not Far Off for Grief Is Near

* 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

* Hvmn

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.

Psalm 112:1, 5, 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);
- 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.