

LORD's Day Service – September 24, 2023

Preparation for Worship: *Proverbs 4:7*

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

* *Entrance* Songbook, #1
Opening Acclamation

* *Call to Worship* Proverbs 9:1-6, 10-11; Romans 11:33

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* Songbook, #14
Be Thou My Vision

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

Call to Confession 1 Samuel 13:13-14

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

O Lord, great and awesome God, who keeps His covenant and mercy with those who love Him and with those who keep His commandments, we have sinned and committed iniquity, we have done wickedly and rebelled, even by departing from Your precepts and Your judgments... We have not obeyed the voice of the LORD our God to walk in His laws...therefore the curse and the oath written in the Law of Moses the servant of God have been poured out on us, because we have sinned against Him...O Lord, according to all Your righteousness, I pray, let Your anger and Your fury be turned away...we do not present our supplications before You because of our righteous deeds, but because of Your great mercies. O Lord, hear! O Lord, forgive! O Lord, listen and act! Do not delay for Your own sake, my God, for Your people are called by Your name. Amen!
(from Daniel 9)

(Silent prayer)

Assurance of Pardon Isaiah 11:1-5

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, #119J
Thy Hands Created Me; Make Wise

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 live and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen!**

Old Testament Lesson Job 2:1-10; 28:12-28;
Deuteronomy 4:5-8
Thanks be to God!

Epistle Lesson James 1:1-8; 3:13-18
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

* *Gospel Lesson* Matthew 7:21-29
The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.
Praise to you, O Christ!

Sermon "Spiritual Resistance Training, Wisdom"

* *Hymn* Psalter, #119Q
Judgment I Have Done and Justice

* *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 Matthew 26:26-30

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* Ephesians 5:15-17
- * *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

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)

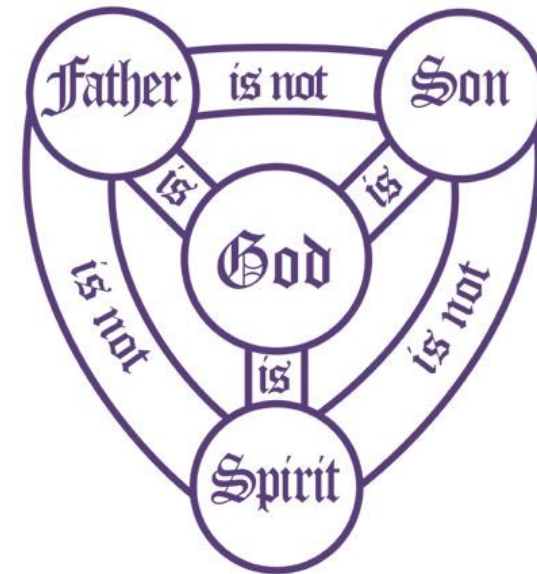
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The Christian doctrine of the Trinity holds that God is one God, but three coeternal consubstantial persons—the Father, the Son (Jesus Christ), and the Holy Spirit. The three Persons are distinct, yet are one God, the same in substance; co-equal in 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.