

LORD's Day Service of Worship and Covenant Renewal – October 20, 2024

Preparation for Worship: *Psalm 34:17,19,22*

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

* Entrance Hymn

Doxology

* Call to Worship

Psalm 9:1-2

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 LORD is gracious and full of compassion, slow to anger and great in mercy,

Congregation: The LORD is good to all, and His tender mercies are over all His works.

Minister: All Your works shall praise You, O LORD, and Your saints shall bless You.

Congregation: They shall speak of the glory of Your kingdom, and talk of Your power,

Minister: To make known to the sons of men His mighty acts, and the glorious majesty of His kingdom.

Congregation: Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and Your dominion endures throughout all generations

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, #9A

I Now Will Give Whole-hearted Thanks to Thee, LORD

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

Call to Confession

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

But if we confess our sins, God, Who is faithful and just, will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

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

Almighty and most merciful Father, we have erred and strayed from Your ways like lost sheep; we have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts; we have transgressed Your holy laws and left undone what we should have done, and we have done things we should not have done. O Lord, have mercy upon us; spare those who confess their faults; restore those who repent, according to Your promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesus our Lord; and grant, O merciful Father, for His sake, that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous and sober life to the glory of Your holy Name. Amen!

(Silent prayer)

Assurance of Pardon

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

Songbook, #122

O Lord God of My Salvation

Let us pray: **Almighty and everlasting God, in Christ You have revealed Your glory among the nations: Preserve the works of Your mercy, that Your Church throughout the world may persevere with steadfast faith in the confession of Your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen!**

Old Testament Lesson

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

Job 35 – 36:25

Epistle Lesson

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

Revelation 1:4-6

* *Gospel Lesson*

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Praise to you, O Christ!

Matthew 16:21-27

Sermon

“Elihu's Third and Fourth Speeches to Job”

* *Hymn*

Psalter, #57B

O Be Exalted High, O God!

* *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

We Confess Our Faith in the Triune, Incarnate God

* Hymn Songbook, #32
I Know that My Redeemer Lives

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

* *The Lord's Commission of Us* 2 Corinthians 13:11
* *We Receive God's Blessing, His Good Word to Us* 2 Corinthians 13:14
* *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);
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.